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Record-breaking rainfall allows for resumed use of fireworks

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Firework ban lifted, still not allowed in city limits

By **DANIELLE NOVY**
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock's sky will be sparkling a little brighter this Fourth of July thanks to a nearly unprecedented lack of restrictions concerning the use of fireworks.

Bill McCay, county commissioner for Precinct No. 1, said the commission decided not to ban fireworks in Lubbock County because of the recent rainfall.

The commission must check with the Texas Forest Service each June to determine whether there is high risk for fires within county lines, McCay said. The commission is required to make the annual decision to either allow or ban fireworks by June 15.

"This year, because of all the rain, bottle rockets and rockets with fins are allowed (in Lubbock County)," McCay said. "Still, fireworks are not allowed anywhere within the city limits of Lubbock ... (They are only) allowed in the unincorporated areas

of Lubbock County."

Tommy Boyd, the area sales manager for Lubbock's TNT Fireworks, said his business works closely with the county commissioners, and TNT Fireworks voluntarily decided not to sell bottle rockets last year.

Boyd said the fact that Lubbockites can use bottle rockets within the county presents TNT with the perfect opportunity to deplete its rocket supply and sell more fireworks.

A spokesman from Lubbock's W. A. Wildman Fireworks said his wholesale business already has seen a boost in overall sales — a shift he attributes to the absence of firework restrictions.

"The biggest sales will start this weekend and continue through the Fourth of July," he said.

With the promise of more fireworks this Fourth of July, the spokesman said exercising common sense will be key.

While he said he would not recommend shooting off fireworks in the middle of a field or near a house, he feels good judgement can usher in a safe, fun holiday.

"Most of the time the bans are



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BECAUSE OF HEAVY rainfall this year, the Lubbock County Commissioners office decided to lift the ban on fireworks within Lubbock County but outside Lubbock City limits.



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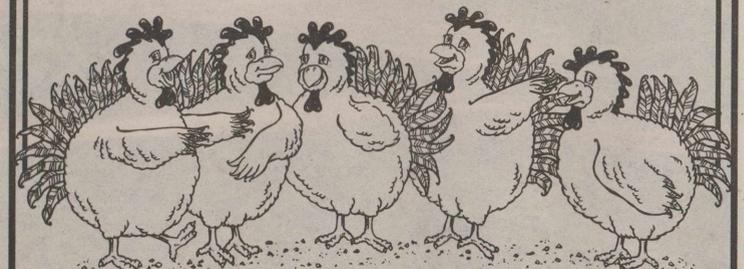
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Tech Board of Regents announces new chairmen

By ALEX YBARRA
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The Texas Tech Board of Regents elected F. Scott Dueser to replace J. Frank Miller III as the board's chairman and Larry K. Anders as the board's vice chairman at a teleconference Thursday.

Dueser replaces Miller, who assumed the position May 11, 2007, and died of a heart attack June 1 in Dallas.

"We will all miss Frank (Miller III)," Dueser said during the teleconference. "We were all looking forward to working with Frank in this position. Little did I know that I would ever be in this position. To honor Frank I will continue his vision and his enthusiasm that he had after becoming chairman of the board."

(It's an exciting part in history in the current state of Texas Tech.)

— LARRY ANDERS
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According to a press release, Dueser has been on the board since Jan. 26, 2004. He graduated from Tech in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in finance and accounting. He remains chairman of the board of First National Bank of Abilene and president and chief executive officer of First Financial Bankshares Inc.

Vice chairman Anders has served on the board since March 21, 2005. He is chairman and majority owner of the Dallas-based independent investment advisory and financial services firm Summit Alliance Cos.

He said he anticipated great accomplishments before Miller's death and will try to continue what Miller began.

"It is bittersweet that we have to be talking about this again," Anders

said. "I was also looking forward to serving with Frank and being a part of his leadership. I know if Frank were here he would tell us we have work at hand and we need to carry on."

Anders said he thinks the board of regents will catapult Tech to new heights.

"It's an exciting part in history in the current state of Texas Tech," he said. "We have an excellent opportunity to take the system and part of institutions to an extraordinarily high level."

Both Dueser and Anders will serve two-year terms.

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not as warranted as the county thinks they are," he said.

Boyd said he had a few suggestions make this Fourth of July a positive experience.

"People need to be aware," he said. "You need a way to put out a fire — like a shovel or bucket of sand. Also, if you shoot fireworks, you need to not only be careful but pick up your trash, too."

Firework safety is enforced by both the Texas Department of Insurance and the Office of the State Marshal.

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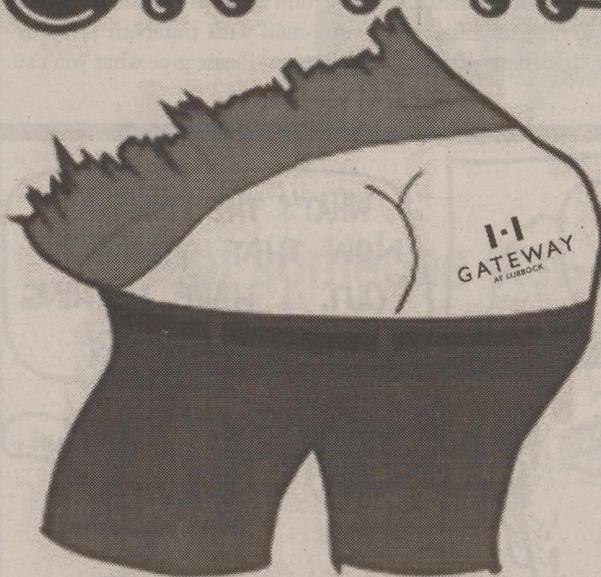
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Mommy Edwards — fighting the battles her husband can't

Political discourse, while often harsh, becomes increasingly so as it nears election time. When one is involved in the political arena, regardless of the capacity, he or she is an open target for harsh and sometimes cruel criticism. Unfortunately, Democratic-presidential-hopeful John Edwards' family is having a difficult time dealing with this fact.

Ann Coulter, a pundit who is well known for being caustic, received a call from John Edwards' wife, Elizabeth Edwards, while on MSNBC's *Hardball with Chris Matthews* Tuesday. Elizabeth Edwards called to ask Coulter to stop the personal attacks against her husband. *The Associated Press* reports Coulter as saying, "If I'm going to say anything about John Edwards in the future, I'll just wish he had been killed

Cole Shooter



in a terrorist assassination plot," alluding to remarks made by Bill Maher. The host of "Realtime with Bill Maher" suggested in March, "people wouldn't be dying needlessly if Vice President Dick Cheney had been killed in an insurgent attack in Afghanistan."

"The things (Coulter) has said over the years, not just about John but about other candidates, lowers the political dialogue at precisely the time we need to raise it," Elizabeth Edwards said. "It debases political

dialogue ... It drives people away from the process. We can't have a debate about issues if you're using this kind of language." After Elizabeth Edwards' supposedly heartfelt plea for the corrosive conservative to end her criticism of John Edwards, Coulter asked why her husband didn't just call in himself.

It's quite simple to feign nobility when in the position Elizabeth Edwards put herself in. While it may not look great to the public that John Edwards might have "Mommy Edwards" fight his battles, it still gains him much-needed publicity and has the possibility of gaining some sympathy, even if the result is minimal. According to *The Hill*, the John Edwards campaign released an e-mail with Elizabeth Edwards' synopsis: "Please give what you can

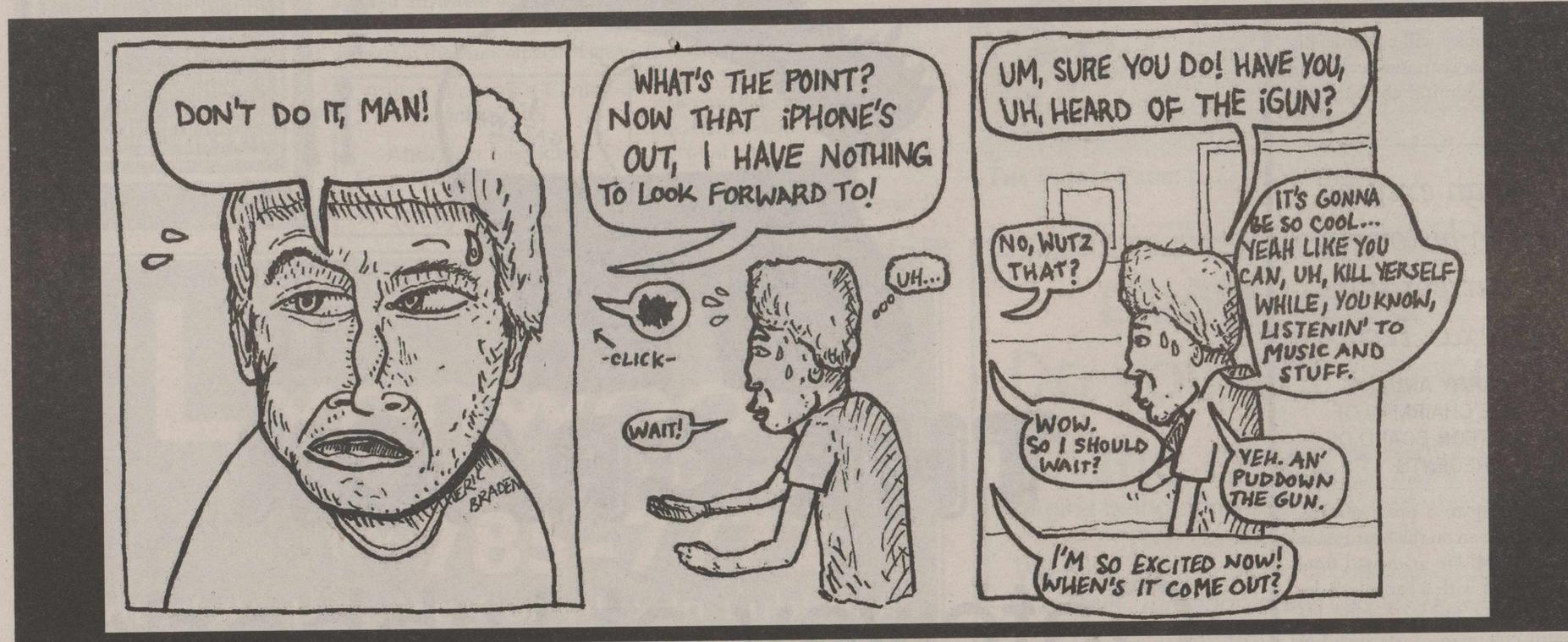
right now to help raise the dialogue and show that Ann Coulter-style politics will never carry the day." This comes from the same campaign that attempted to raise money earlier this year through a movement dubbed "Coulter Cash."

Ultimately, there was nothing noble in what Elizabeth Edwards did. Either she seriously had a problem with the things Coulter was saying about her husband, in which case the entire family isn't cut out for anything remotely controversial, or she did it as an attention-grabbing ploy at sympathy and publicity. With consideration of the campaign e-mail and subsequent appearances by John Edwards on the subject, it's blatantly obvious the latter is true.

Luckily, in John Edwards and Coulter's adversarial relationship,

the publicity goes both ways. If a person already has an opinion toward either of these political figures, publicity will only bring that person to more warmly accept either John Edwards or Coulter because of their disdain for the other. Each can use the publicity, even if John Edwards needs it more urgently to continue his political career. On the subject of taking the moral high ground however, the real winner is Coulter. While Elizabeth Edwards feigned sincerity on her husband's behalf for political benefit, Coulter remained steady on her disdain for John Edwards. That act is far nobler than lobbying on political deceit.

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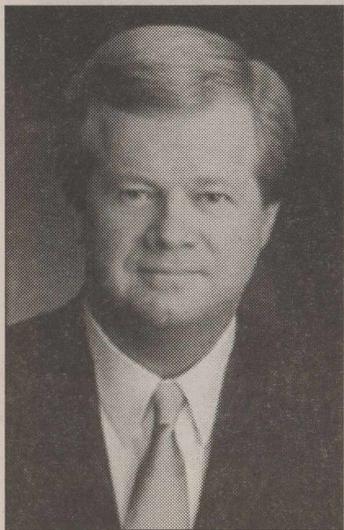
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Baldwin is sole finalist for HSC presidency

BY ALEX YBARRA
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Chancellor Kent Hance named Dr. John C. Baldwin the sole finalist for the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center presidency Thursday.

Baldwin will replace interim president Bernhard T. Mitemeyer beginning July 19. Mitemeyer became president July 1 after Dr. M. Roy Wilson left Tech to become chancellor at the Univer-



BALDWIN

sity of Colorado at Denver.

"The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, a regionally and nationally pre-eminent institution, has greatly honored me with this opportunity," Baldwin said in a press release. "The responsibility to lead this great university, in its many components, is an exciting prospect."

Hance pieced together an advisory committee to conduct a national search for a new president that included regents Windy Sitton and Mark Griffin.

Baldwin, a native of McKinney, brings an extensive resume back to his home state. He is currently the professor of surgery at Harvard University and president and chief executive officer of the Immune Disease Institute.

He graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree from Harvard University in 1971 and received his medical degree

from the Stanford School of Medicine in 1975. He completed his residency training at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

He was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society as a junior. He was head of surgical programs at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He served as the dean of Dartmouth Medical School and as the school's associate provost for health affairs.

"Of all the people that have ever worked at Texas Tech," Hance said, "from the chancellor to the lowest paid employees, on paper, this is the most qualified person that we've ever had."

Aside from Baldwin's resume, Hance said Baldwin's political connections can help improve the Health Sciences Center in different areas. He said Baldwin's roommate at Harvard University was current Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-NY.

Griffin said he does not expect Baldwin to leave Tech anytime in the near future.

"This isn't a two-year deal or three-year deal, and he's off to somewhere else," Griffin said. "I think he's willing to make the commitment here for an extended period of time to get this med school where we want it to be."

He said Baldwin impressed him during a personal interview when he explained research remains a key to education today.

"(Medical education) is a different way," he said, "and (Baldwin) says research has to be a vital component today to provide (students) with the most up to date and incisive education and informational opportunities to be able to treat patients."

Sitton said Baldwin will make an immediate impact that many schools can acknowledge.

"There is no question in my mind that he is going to take our med school, not maybe to the next level but maybe two or three levels up," Sitton said. "That's our hope. He is a national and international hire."

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Look before leaping onto Apple's phone bandwagon

NEW YORK (AP) — The most eagerly awaited cell phone ever is upon us Friday. Should you resist the iPhone's breathless hype, or take the plunge?

Unless you're already standing in line outside an Apple or AT&T store, or are prepared to mug one of the first customers to come out after the 6 p.m. launch, the answer, at least for now, will have to be "let me think about it for a week or two."

The level of hype and demand for Apple Inc.'s phone is reminiscent of the debut of the PlayStation 3 game console in November, when minor riots broke out at some electronics stores. However, eBay prices for resold PS3s quickly fell, and two months later the console was in ample supply.

Apparently, much of the initial demand came from people who weren't really interested in getting them for themselves, but counted on being able to sell them to people who were.

It's quite possible that the iPhone will be subject to the same demand bubble. Check with the stores a month from now: If they have iPhones in stock, the bloom may be off the rose.

Hype aside, the iPhone is a radical design, a sliver of a device with a

3.5-inch glass screen and very few buttons. The iPhone differs by being designed to be touched with the fingertips rather than a stylus, making it a greater departure from the PC experience. (There have been several expensive phones with large touch screens before, generally using Windows Mobile software.)

The iPhone does e-mail, Web browsing, music and videos. It comes in two models — \$499 for a 4-gigabyte version and \$599 for 8 gigabytes of memory — and requires a two-year contract with San Antonio-based AT&T Inc., the exclusive service provider.

That's the basics. Here's a breakdown of who might want to consider an iPhone and who shouldn't:

— The music listener — Possibly. The big screen will make it easy to navigate a large music collection. A feature called Cover Flow shows your album covers like they're pages of an open book. However, the storage capacity is smaller than today's full-size iPods. The 4-gigabyte version fits about 800 songs, the 8-gigabyte version 1,800. The memory is not upgradable or expandable with external cards, so the 8-gig version is probably the one to get. Apple puts the battery life at 24 hours of audio playback, which is good.

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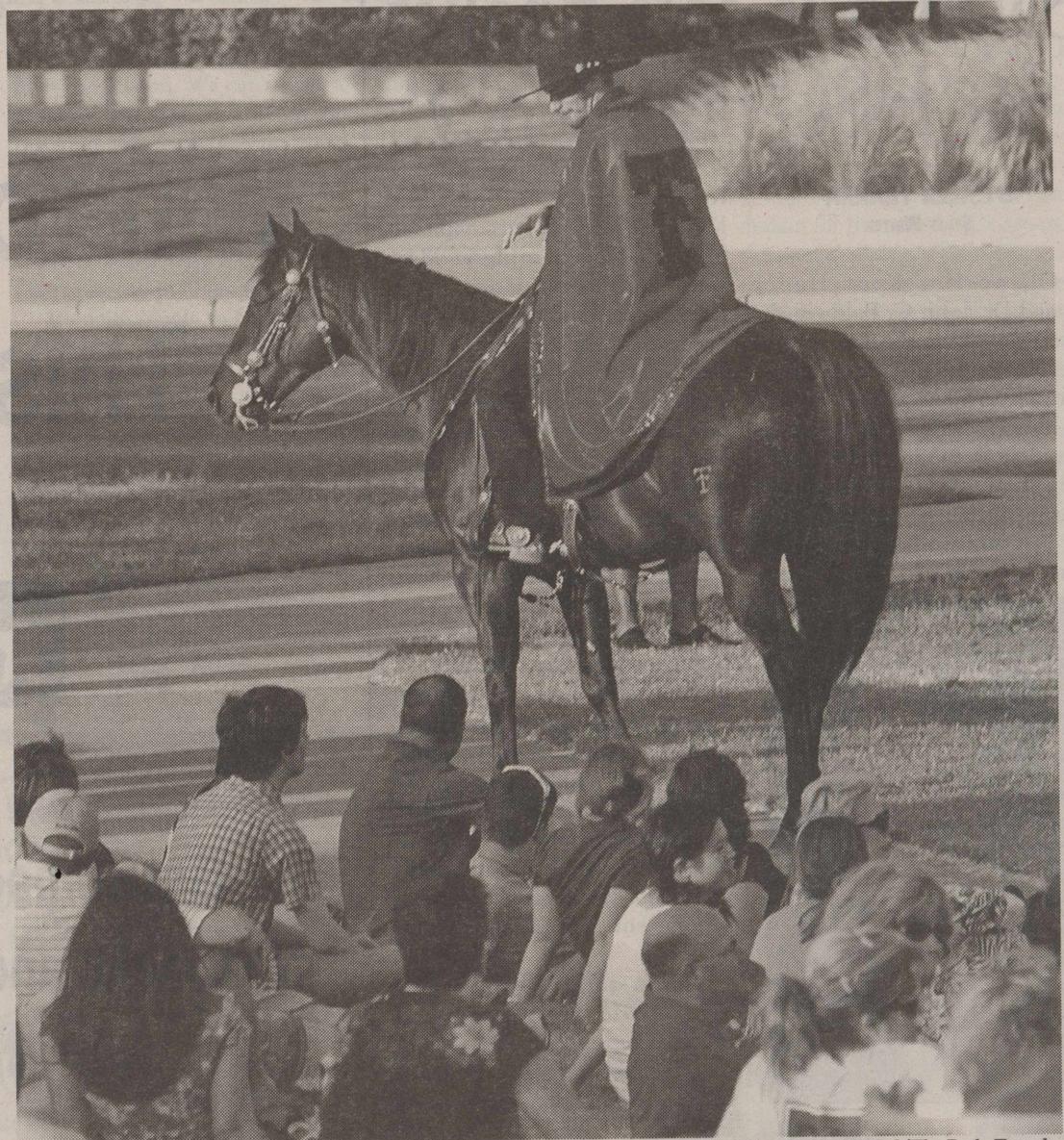


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AMA says gaming not real addiction

CHICAGO (AP) — The American Medical Association on Wednesday backed off calling excessive video-game playing a formal psychiatric addiction, saying instead that more research is needed.

A report prepared for the AMA's annual policy meeting had sought to strongly encourage that video-game addiction be included in a widely used diagnostic manual of psychiatric illnesses.

AMA delegates instead adopted a watered-down measure declaring that while overuse of video games and online games can be a problem for children and adults, calling it a formal addiction would be premature.

"While more study is needed

on the addictive potential of video games, the AMA remains concerned about the behavioral, health and societal effects of video game and Internet overuse," said Dr. Ronald Davis, AMA's president. "We urge parents to closely monitor children's use of video games and the Internet."

Despite a lack of scientific proof, Jacob Schulist, 14, of Hales Corners, Wis., says he's certain he was addicted to video games.

Until about two months ago, when he discovered a support group called On-Line Gamers Anonymous, Jacob said he played online fantasy video games for 10 hours straight some days.

He said his habit got so severe

that he quit spending time with family and friends.

"My grades were horrible, I failed the entire first semester" this past school year because of excessive video-game playing, he said. "It's like they're your life."

Delegates voted to have the AMA encourage more research on the issue, including seeking studies on what amount of video-game playing and other "screen time" is appropriate for children.

Under the new policy, the AMA also will send the revised video-game measure to the American Psychiatric Association, asking it to consider the full report in its diagnostic manual; the next edition is to be completed in 2012.

'Sicko' a bad prescription for U.S. health crisis

There's an old joke that goes, "Doctor, Doctor! It hurts when I do this!" to which the Doctor responds, "Don't do that!" Michael Moore's latest film, "Sicko," perfectly embodies that mantra. In all the ailments of health care Moore portrays, he leaves us with only a half-written prescription to get well.

The beginning of the film introduces us to dozens of health-care horror stories. Moore presents audiences with a man who sliced off two fingers in a woodworking accident and then had to choose which finger to keep, either his ring finger for \$12,000 or his middle finger for \$60,000. Moore interviews a woman whose insurance company failed to pay for her ambulance trip to the Emergency Room because she failed to authorize it with the insurance company although she was unconscious at the time of her accident.

Each one these stories galvanizes Moore's indictment of the health-care industry, and I'm sure they're just the tip of the iceberg. Reforms are needed, but Moore contends those can't happen because lobbyists for the health-care industry heavily influence Congress.

Therefore Moore takes us on trips to Canada, England and France to showcase their health-care solutions. It's in his showcase of these other systems that the film ultimately fails.

Each one of these countries is mired in bureaucracy.

Britain's National Health Service is drowning in debt. The hospital visited in the film, Hammersmith Hospital, is one of the worst spenders in all of the U.K., according to a 2005 report by the London-based *Evening Standard*.

Moore practically defies the French public-health system for providing such extravagances as government workers to help out new mothers — including doing their laundry — and three months paid vacation for those recovering from serious illnesses. I half expected the movie screen to flash with "Le magnifique!" as Moore tells the audience he wants to renounce his "freedom fries."

However, there is no mention by Moore of the outrageous taxes paid by the French public. Those in the highest tax bracket can expect to pay nearly 65 percent of their

Trey Caliva



income to the government after the value-added tax is factored in. There's also no mention of the 2005 riots in which thousands of disillusioned youth burned the suburbs of Paris because of perceived social problems and unemployment, which is mostly because of cost incurred by taxes and labor laws employers must follow.

Among the worst farce in the movie is Moore's trip to Cuba. He takes several 9/11 workers who were unable to receive costly medical treatment in the United States to a Cuban hospital where Moore asked "for the same treatment a Cuban would receive." Let us remember, though, that despite the heartwarming implications Moore makes about Cuba being a benevolent country, it's still run by a dictator. No film crew is allowed to film in Cuba without strict government approval. Of course Fidel Castro's government is going to make sure they receive the best possible care.

Stunts like that lower the quality of Moore's films to the level of a second-rate magic show. His smoke-and-mirrors tricks subtly hide the truth from the audience while

shocking them into his viewpoint.

In the end, the answer Moore desires is for socialized health care in the United States. Yet, he provides no direction for which this could be achieved. Even after he attacks Congress for being in health-care industry's pocketbook — including Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y. — he expects this to actually happen? Moore provides examples of countries whose populations are dramatically smaller than that of the United States, but he provides no point of reference for the cost the United States would incur if the French, Canadian or British system was implemented.

That's not to say the movie isn't enjoyable. In a summer in which we're supposed to turn to "Evan Almighty" and "Shrek 3" for laughs, "Sicko" manages to hit the funny bone those films missed.

Moore's grandiose journey to Cuba with 9/11 rescue workers in tow and his short tribute to Clinton are two of the most outrageously funny moments I've seen in a movie theater this year.

As a comedy and chronicle of health-care horror stories, "Sicko" is a resounding success. The film fails, though, where it ultimately should succeed: in answering its own questions.

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Bush exhorts people to commit to exercise, improve their eating habits

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, an avid mountain bike rider, says rigorous exercise is great for the mind and body.

Asked in a network broadcast interview about people who say they're too busy to exercise regularly, Bush said, "I don't buy that. I think you set priorities in life, and if exercise is one of your priorities, then you do it."

"I'm amazed at how young I feel," Bush, 60, told CBS's "The Early Show" in an interview broadcast Thursday.

The president, who regularly goes mountain biking, said "I wisely have

convinced a bunch of youngsters here in the White House and Washington to ride with me."

He also said he was heartened by the advance of women's athletics in the United States. "I'm a big backer of Title IX," Bush said of the federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federal funded education programs.

"I think the progress, though, has been startling from the day when there were hardly any women's team," said the president, once a part owner of the Texas Rangers of the American League.

He said a fitness culture "starts with families" and said "I exercise a lot because it's good for my mind and it's good for my soul."

"I also think we spend a lot of money in the education system. We ought to insist on better food," Bush said. "A lot of the dietary problems are what people eat. Our obesity problem is not just an exercise problem, but a bad diet."

"I feel great," he said, "and I think most 60-year-olds feel good if they take care of their body and be careful of what they put in their body."

Park takes the lead at Women's U.S. Open

SOUTHERN PINES, N.C. (AP) — Michelle Wie was in good company at the U.S. Women's Open, but in the worst way.

In a rugged start to the biggest event in women's golf, the 17-year-old from Hawaii continued her free fall Thursday by hitting only four fairways and matching her highest score ever in this championship with an 82.

"I know I'm a better player than

this," Wie said.

Perhaps even more shocking was the player one shot worse — Karrie Webb, a seven-time major champion who won the U.S. Women's Open the last time it was played at Pine Needles in 2001. Webb failed to make a birdie, had only seven pars and walked off with an 83, her highest score ever on the LPGA Tour.

"I have no excuses. I'm not that kind of player," Webb said. "Do you think I had any idea I'd shoot 83? It was a terrible round, one of the worst days of my career."

Angela Park was among seven players from the early starters who broke par, leading the way with a 3-under 68. The 18-year-old rookie birdied her first three holes and was 4 under for most of the round until hitting into the pines on the tough 17th hole, pitching out and missing her 25-foot par putt.

It was the second straight major Park was atop the leaderboard after one round. She was tied for the lead at the LPGA Championship three weeks ago, and eventually finished fifth.

TIPPIN' IT



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KENNY DURBIN, A senior business management major from Dallas, attempts to block Mark Jistel, a senior accounting major from Austin during the intramural sand volleyball finals at Urbanovsky Park Monday evening

Rogers lifts Tigers past Rangers

DETROIT (AP) — Back on the mound in Detroit, Kenny Rogers gave the Tigers another lift.

Rogers allowed one run over six innings in his first home start since shoulder surgery, leading the

Tigers over the Texas Rangers 5-2 Thursday.

Rogers (2-0) missed the first 12 weeks of the season after surgery to remove a blood clot from his throwing shoulder. When the left-hander returned last week, he gave up two hits in six shutout innings at Atlanta.

This time, he allowed four hits, struck out three and walked one as Detroit stopped a two-game losing streak and remained a half-game ahead of Cleveland in the AL Central. It was his first start at Comerica Park since Oct. 22, when he pitched eight scoreless innings to win Game 2 of the World Series — the Tigers' only victory against St. Louis.

Chad Durbin pitched the eighth, and Todd Jones finished with a perfect ninth for his 19th save in 23 chances, completing a seven-hitter.

Gary Sheffield hit a two-run homer, his team-high 18th, in the seventh off reliever Scott Feldman. Carlos Guillen had a two-run single in the fifth to extend his hitting streak to a career-best 14 games and his string of games with an RBI to 11.

Kevin Millwood (4-7) gave up three runs, five hits and six walks in six innings, striking out six.

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Office of Chris Benoit's doctor raided by DEA

ATLANTA (AP) — Federal drug agents and sheriff's officials raided the office of pro wrestler Chris Benoit's personal physician in search of records and other items, authorities said Thursday.

The raid at Dr. Phil Astin's office in Carrollton began Wednesday night and concluded early Thursday, said agent Chualo Truesdell, a spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Administration in Atlanta. The search warrant had been obtained in connection with the Benoit investigation, he said.

Hours before the raid, Astin told The Associated Press he had treated Benoit for low testosterone levels, which he said likely originated from previous steroid use.

No arrests were made and Truesdell was unable to say what was seized. He said records were among the items being sought, but he could not be more specific.

Astin did not return repeated calls to his cell phone from The Associated Press on Thursday.

Astin prescribed testosterone for Benoit, a longtime friend, in the past but would not say what, if any, medications he prescribed when Benoit visited his office Friday.

Benoit strangled his wife and

smothered son during the weekend, placing Bibles next to their bodies, before hanging himself on the cable of a weight-machine in his home. No motive was offered for the killings, which were discovered Monday.

Anabolic steroids were found in Benoit's home, leading officials to wonder whether the drugs played a role in the slayings. Some experts believe steroids cause paranoia, depression and violent outbursts known as "roid rage."

Fayette County District Attorney Scott Ballard said in a statement Thursday that he could not immediately comment on the raid.

Also Thursday, Ballard told the AP that 10 empty beer cans were found in a trash can in the Benoit home. An empty wine bottle was found a few feet from where Benoit hanged himself, Ballard said.

It could take several weeks for toxicology tests to be completed on Benoit to see what medications, if any, were in his system.

In the days before the killings, Benoit and his wife argued over whether he should stay home more to take care of their mentally retarded 7-year-old son, according to an attorney for the WWE wrestling league.

Thomas hits 500th homer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Frank Thomas hit his 500th home run Thursday, routinely putting his head down as he rounded the bases while joining one of baseball's most elite clubs.

The Toronto slugger became the 21st major leaguer to reach the career mark, a milestone that has always meant an eventual spot in the Hall of Fame.

Thomas hit a three-run shot in the first inning, connecting against Minnesota's Carlos Silva and sending a 1-2 pitch an estimated 396 feet into the left-field stands.

The Metrodome crowd responded with a standing ovation for the two-time AL MVP. Thomas made little display while taking his home run trot as Toronto players spilled out of the dugout to congratulate him.

That Thomas did it in the Me-

trodome was fitting. He hit his first career home run at the ballpark against Gary Wayne while with the Chicago White Sox on Aug. 28, 1990. Thomas has 16 homers overall at the stadium.

The 39-year-old Thomas is in his first season with the Blue Jays. He played last year in Oakland.

Next on Thomas' ascent on the career home run list are Eddie Murray (504), Mel Ott (511) and Ernie Banks and Eddie Mathews (512 each). Also within reach of 500 this year are Alex Rodriguez, Jim Thome and Manny Ramirez.

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Chinese military has special unit to counter biochemical, nuclear threats during Olympics

BEIJING (AP) — China's military has established a special unit for next year's Olympics that is trained to counter threats such as terror attacks, state media reported Thursday.

The Chinese government has released some details of its little-publicized security preparations in recent weeks, including reports of drills testing police readiness in handling dirty bomb attacks and hostage situations.

The People's Liberation Army unit will help police with preventing or handle any attack, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. The unit will also be responsible for air protection of all arenas and maritime safety of coastal venues.

"It is international practice for military forces to participate in security for Olympic Games," Tian Yixiang, a senior PLA officer in charge of the military bureau at the

Olympic security command center, was quoted as saying by Xinhua. "The equipment and defense abilities of the military security unit for the Beijing Olympics will exceed those in the Athens Games," Tian said.

State media has reported that plans drawn up in 2005 allocated \$300 million for security, only about 20 percent of the amount spent for the 2004 Athens Games.

Liu Shaowu, head of security of the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games, said in April that organizers had kept security costs low by relying on domestic providers for surveillance systems and other necessary equipment.

Leipheimer to lead Discovery Channel team

AUSTIN (AP) — Levi Leipheimer will lead the Discovery Channel cycling team at the Tour de France, taking over the spot once held by Lance Armstrong.

Leipheimer, who has finished in the top 10 three times in five Tour de France races, headlines a nine-man roster. The squad aims to win at least one stage and hopes Alberto Contador can capture top honors for best young rider.

"This is, of course, a lot to ask of one team but I think it is possible given the amount of talent we have on our roster," team director Johan Bruyneel said Thursday.

Last year was the Discovery's first race without Armstrong, who retired in 2005 after winning a record seventh straight Tour de France. Discovery finished eighth in the team standings. Jose Acevedo, who didn't return to the team, was the top finisher at 19th.

Leipheimer, winner of the Tour of California, believes this is his year to "be a true contender at the Tour de France."

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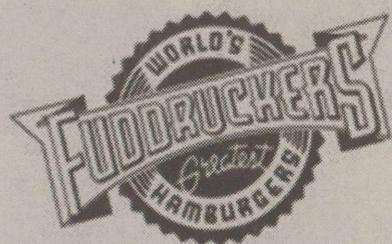
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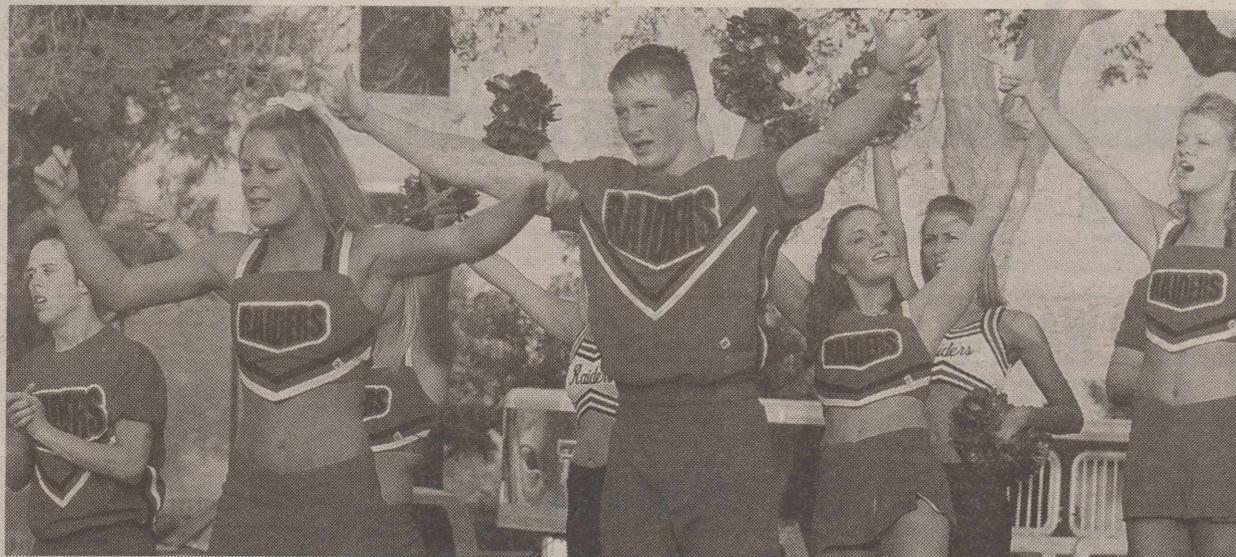
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Federer wins 50th straight tennis match

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Roger Federer won his 50th straight match on grass, needing only 11 minutes Thursday to complete his 6-2, 7-5, 6-1 victory over 18-year-old Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina to reach the third round at Wimbledon.

The four-time defending champion, who will next face Marat Safin, had led 2-0 in the third set before rain halted play Wednesday. When they resumed, the top-ranked Swiss finished off del Potro, winning three straight games before Del Potro held serve in the sixth game.

"It was done quickly like I was hoping, but I was ready to go five sets in case," said Federer, who broke the Argentine five times and saved the only break point he faced.

The No. 1-seeded Federer, trying to become only the second man in the Open era to win five straight titles at the All England Club, finished with 33 winners and made only 23 errors — one less than Del Potro.

"Fifty is a great number to achieve," said Federer, who is trying to match Bjorn Borg's streak of Wimbledon titles. "I'm delighted about that but I haven't won the tournament.

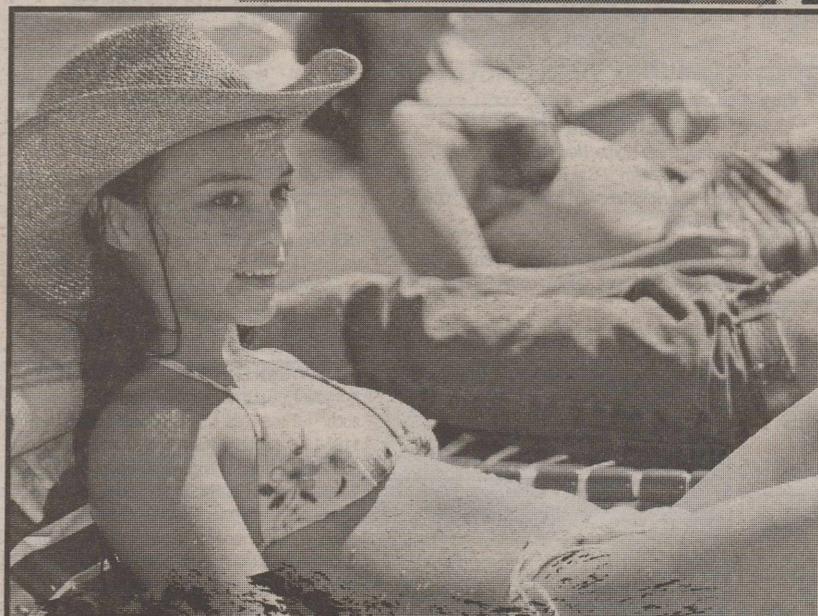
Two-time Grand Slam champion Safin beat Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi of Pakistan 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (4) to advance.

"He's always a player who can upset anybody on any day. I hope he's not going to have one of those crazy good days against me," said Federer, who edged Safin 6-4 in the third set at last year's grass-court warmup at Halle, Germany. "I feel like I will have to step it up if I want to beat him."

Federer said skipping this year's Halle tournament has not hurt his play, but he did admit to feeling slightly under the weather.

"I have a bit of throat thing going on, but not much," Federer said.

Three-time champion Venus Williams, wearing white spandex shorts instead of a usual skirt or dress, beat Hana Sromova of the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-2 to reach the third round in the women's draw.



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- Private bathrooms
- Fully-furnished apartments
- Full-size washer & dryer
- Cable with HBO included
- All black kitchen appliances
- Private patio or balcony



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