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Toxic research ban extended to A&M

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The U.S. Centers for Disease Control will not allow Texas A&M University to resume research into some toxic disease agents because of poor safety practices, shoddy record-keeping and a lack of proper training at campus labs.

The Atlanta-based CDC sent an 18-member inspection team to the school for five days in July, a month after the CDC expanded an order that had limited work on some toxic disease agents.

NATION

Adventurer Fossett's plane missing

MINDEN, Nev. (AP) — Millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett, who has cheated death time and again in his successful pursuit of aviation records, was missing Tuesday after taking off in a single-engine plane the day before to scout locations for a land-speed record, officials said. Teams searched a broad swath of rugged terrain in western Nevada near the ranch where he took off, but searchers had little to go on because he apparently didn't file a flight plan.

WORLD

China denies hacking accusations

BEIJING (AP) — China on Tuesday denied a report that its military had hacked into Pentagon computers, saying the allegations were "groundless" and that Beijing was opposed to cybercrime.

The Financial Times, citing unnamed officials, reported Monday that the People's Liberation Army hacked into a computer system in the office of Defense Secretary Robert Gates in June. The attack forced officials to take down the network for more than a week, the report said.

"Some people make groundless accusations against China" that its military attacked the Pentagon, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said at a regular news briefing.

DEATH TOLL

3741

U.S. Military deaths in
Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

WEATHER

Today



PARTLY
CLOUDY
HIGH 88
LOW 65

Thursday



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CLOUDY
HIGH 92
LOW 69

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Tech employee charged with sexual assault

By MAGGIE KIELY
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A Texas Tech employee remained in jail Tuesday after being charged with sexual assault with a child.

According to a Lubbock County booking sheet, Barry Todd Smith, an employee of the Tech Accounts Payable and Travel Services department, was arrested Friday.

According to a police report, Lubbock police were called to the 3600 block of 21st Street in reference to an incident of incestuous sexual assault. Smith was ar-

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rested soon afterward.

Debra Crowder, managing director of the Accounts Payable and Travel Services department, said she could not disclose any information about the incident.

"All I know is he was here Friday, and

now he's not," she said.

The university does not have a specific policy on dealing with employees who are accused of committing criminal acts, said Sally Post, director of news bureau and broadcasting at Tech.

Smith's arraignment is still pending, and his bond is set for \$500,000.

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BARRY TODD SMITH

Human case of West Nile diagnosed in Lubbock

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The Lubbock Health Department diagnosed the year's first human case of West Nile Virus in Lubbock Friday.

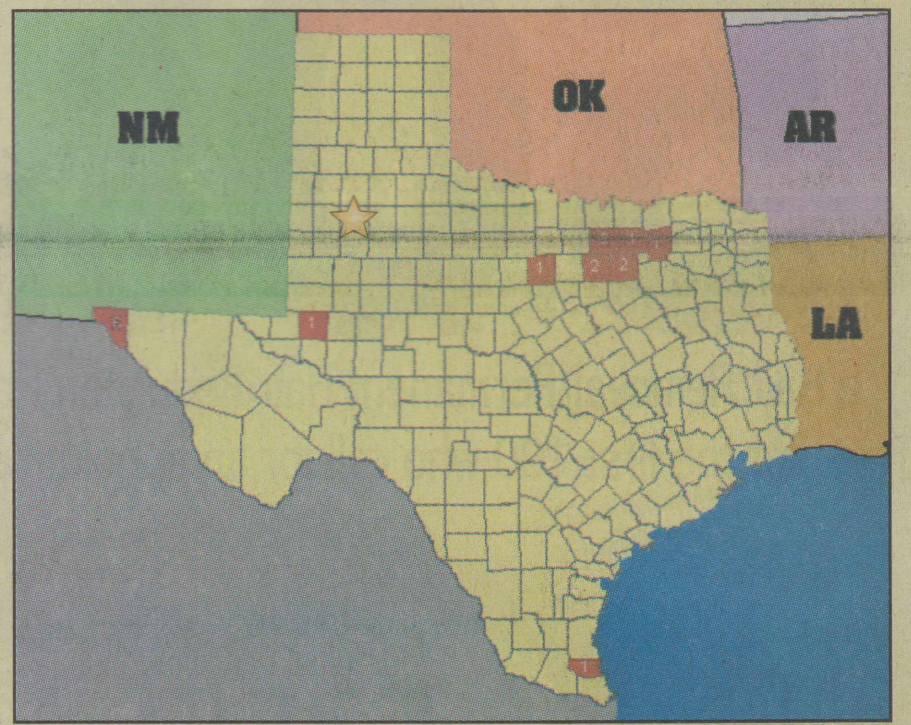
West Nile Virus mainly affects birds, but it can affect humans, horses and some other mammals, according to an alert on the City of Lubbock Web site, www.ci.lubbock.tx.us. The disease is transmitted to people through bites from infected mosquitoes; it cannot be transmitted from bird to person, horse to person or person to person.

"It's what we refer to as 'endemic,'" said Rick West, vector control coordinator for the Lubbock Health Department. "It exists in nature in birds. Mosquitoes with a certain preference for birds keep the cycle going in the bird population. When a

will develop West Nile fever — the headache, fever and rash," said Ron Warner, an assistant professor in Family and Community Medicine. "Of those 10, one may develop the West Nile neural-invasive disease."

This form of the disease is more serious, West said.

"Neural-invasive West Nile can lead to encephalitis and meningitis," he said. "If you're in a weakened condition,



U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DISEASE MAPS

THE MAP SHOWS cumulative 2007 data as of 3 a.m. Aug. 28. Red is positive test results; yellow is no positive test results. Counties in yellow either did not perform surveillance or did not report any positive test results from their surveillance to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

your immune

system's just not up to it. It may take several months to get over it."

The encephalitis and meningitis usually

appear in older people with the neural-invasive form of West Nile, Warner said. Younger people often develop an acute paralysis similar to polio.

Tigi Ward, the public health coordinator for surveillance at the Lubbock Health Department, said death also is a possibility.

"Those individuals with other health concerns, perhaps the elderly or those who are more frail, could develop a more serious form of the disease," she said. "Yes, they could die."

If a person does not die, he or she

could have lasting effects, Warner said.

"If you get the severe forms, it doesn't go away quickly," he said. "You may have lingering issues with movement, concentration or other mental activities. It's not something to be taken lightly."

Symptoms of West Nile Virus range from mild to severe and include fever, weakness, nausea, eye pain, muscle aches, rash and swollen glands, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, www.cdc.gov/. Elderly people or people with weakened immune systems are at a greater risk for severe symptoms. Approximately 80 percent of infected people will not show any symptoms.

The Lubbock Health Department currently is

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Officials say Bush unlikely to order more troop cuts this year

By MATTHEW LEE
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's senior advisers on Iraq have recommended he stand by his current war strategy, and he is unlikely to order more than a symbolic cut in troops before the end of the year, administration officials told The Associated Press Tuesday.

The recommendations from the military commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, and U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker come despite independent government findings Tuesday that Baghdad has not met most of the political, military and economic markers set by Congress.

Bush appears set on maintaining the central elements of the policy he announced in January, one senior administration offi-

cial said after discussions with participants in Bush's briefings during his surprise visit to an air base in Iraq on Monday.

Although the addition of 30,000 troops and the focus on increasing security in Baghdad would not be permanent, Bush is inclined to give it more time in hopes of extending military gains in Baghdad and the formerly restive Anbar province, officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity to describe decisions coming as part of the White House report on Iraq due to Congress next week.

The plan they described is fraught with political risk. While Republican leaders on Tuesday suggested the GOP may be willing to support keeping troops in the region through spring, it is unclear whether rank-and-file party members who face tough elections next year will be willing to follow their lead.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell told reporters he would like to ensure a long-term U.S. presence in the Middle East to fight al-Qaida and deter aggression from Iran.

"And I hope that this reaction to Iraq and the highly politicized nature of dealing with Iraq this year doesn't end up in a situation where we just bring all the troops back home and thereby expose us, once again, to the kind of attacks we've had here in the homeland or on American facilities," said McConnell, R-Ky.

With Monday's back-to-back review sessions in Iraq, Bush has now heard from all the military chiefs, diplomats and other advisers he planned to consult before making a widely anticipated report to Congress by Sept. 15. Petraeus and Crocker are

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Tech, Covenant family therapy program focuses on child illness

By ADAM YOUNG
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Officials at Texas Tech and Covenant Children's Hospital said they have been successful in providing psychological therapy and counseling to families of children with chronic diseases since joining forces in 2005.

More than 300 families have participated in the family-therapy treatment program since the partnership between Covenant and Tech was established, said Georgia Godfrey, coordinator for college development and external relations in the College of Human Sciences.

The program contributes to the College of Human Sciences' Marriage and Family Therapy Program by providing students with research, teaching and interaction with clients.

"They interact with the families and help them as they go through these critical times to make it a sup-

portive atmosphere," Godfrey said. According to a College of Human Sciences press release, providing family therapy to seriously ill children and their families consistently enhances medical outcomes and increases overall mental health for adolescent patients and their family members.

Graduate students in the Marriage and Family Therapy Program, along with full-time staff at Covenant, provide the therapy to patients as part of the family-therapy program.

Melanie Oblender, chief of staff for Covenant Children's Hospital, said the family-therapy program offers the parents and children who have been diagnosed with a life threatening, chronic disease psychological therapy to help cope with the situation.

"When the kids come back for appointments or are in the hospital, the therapists goes to the room and meets with the parents and or the child and tries to give them a little

psychological support to get them through this," she said.

Being diagnosed and treated for a chronic illness can be a traumatic experience for a child, Oblender said.

"From the child's point of view, if they're old enough, they know there's a possibility they could die, and that is stressful," she said. "They have very little control over anything, and I tell them what medicines they're going to take and when they can or cannot play with their friends."

Though 70 to 75 percent of all children with cancer can be cured, Oblender said "the fact that we're saving these kids is important," but ensuring that children have recovered psychologically also is a priority.

"The goal of treating them isn't to just have live bodies at the end," she said. "The goal of treating these kids is to allow them to reach their full potential."

Though every child must realize

the purpose of uncomfortable treatments, the treatment is sometimes as traumatic as the initial illness, Oblender said.

"We screw with their minds, and they're basically under our control," she said. "We do painful things to them rather routinely. These kids, if we're not careful, are going to have a lot of post-traumatic stress disorder and a lot of depression and that's going to impact them in their ability to take their place in society."

She said family therapy has proven to be successful in some areas traditional medicine has not.

"As a physician, I can deal with the medical part," Oblender said, "but we need to deal with the whole family part in order to get everybody through this successfully."

Along with children, the program focuses on the children's parents, who, Oblender said, are often young, married couples in need of psychological therapy and counseling.

"They're usually not wealthy people because they're just starting out in life, and treating your kid for cancer can be a real burden," she said. "Where do they stay when they're up here and who's going to take care of the other kids while they're up in the hospital?"

While the program began exclusively in the oncology unit, Oblender said it has expanded to the pediatric intensive care unit, and now has a fetal-loss support group for parents who have lost an infant.

"I think that it's going to get bigger," she said. "Both the university and Covenant Health System feel that this has been a whopping success and our patients and our families feel that way."

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Officials say Taliban kidnapper among nearly 40 militants killed

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan forces said Tuesday that they killed a Taliban commander behind the kidnapping of South Korean church workers, less than a week after the hostages were let go under a deal seen as a propaganda coup for the hard-line Islamic militia.

A Taliban spokesman denied any of its commanders was killed, and accused the government of exaggerating the group's battlefield losses. Afghan and U.S.-led coalition forces said at least 39 suspected insurgents had been killed in several clashes since Monday.

The Taliban commander, Mullah Mateen, was killed along with 16 other militants in fighting late Monday and early Tuesday in the central province of Ghazni, where the insurgents seized 23 South Koreans on July 19, said Ghazni Deputy Gov. Kazim Allayar and a senior police officer.

Ghazni has seen several military operations since the captives' release Aug. 29 and Aug. 30, possibly reflecting a desire by the Afghan government to assert its authority on the rebellious region following the abductions.

Allayar said Mateen played a key role in the kidnapping, including telephone negotiations with the government in the early days of the crisis. He said another Taliban leader also wanted for the abduction, Mullah Abdullah Jan, remained at large.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi said seven insurgents were killed in the overnight clash, and described all of them as ordinary fighters. He said the Taliban did not have a commander called Mullah Mateen.

In the past, Afghan authorities have often made claims to have

killed local Taliban commanders that turned out to be wrong. At the same time, Taliban spokesman have played down or lied about their battlefield losses.

Two of the Korean hostages were slain soon after the kidnapping. Two women were released later during the Taliban's negotiations with South Korea, and the remaining 19 were freed after Seoul repeated a long-standing commitment to withdraw its 200 soldiers here by year's end and prevent Christian missionaries from traveling to Afghanistan.

The two women freed Aug. 13 spoke about their captivity during a news conference Tuesday, appearing in hospital gowns at a news conference held at a hospital south of Seoul where the 21 survivors are receiving medical treatment.

One of the women, Kim Kyung-ja, mentioned how some Taliban fighters, wearing masks, carried machine guns and a video camera. "I'm still scared of cameras," she told the crowd of journalists, which included many still and television photographers.

The session ended abruptly when a pale-looking Kim suddenly called for a doctor.

Earlier, she and her companion, Kim Gina, told of their fear during their 26 days in captivity. "We thought we might be killed when we were moved to another location at night," Kim Gina said.

The hostages have said they were separated into small groups, and Kim Gina said her group, which included Kim Kyung-ja, was moved 15 to 16 times before the two were freed.

She said that group also included 29-year-old Shim Sung-min, one of the two men slain by the insurgents.

"Sung-Min said, 'Don't worry, it will be OK,'" Kim recalled. "He put us at ease."

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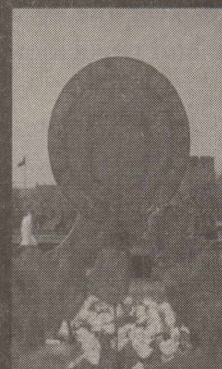
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Lifeguard rescues 2-foot sand shark from swimmers

NEW YORK (AP) — When a Coney Island lifeguard spied a shark near an upset group of swimmers, he did what he thought was right: He rescued the fish.

Marisu Mironescu, 39, said he was prompted to action Monday after seeing about 75 to 100 people circling the 2-foot sand shark off the beach and "bugging out."

"They were holding onto it and some people were actually hitting him, smacking his face," said Mironescu. "Well, I wasn't going to let them hurt the poor thing."

He grabbed the largely harmless shark in his arms and carried it, backstroking out to sea, where he let it go. "He was making believe like he's dead, then he wriggled his whole body and tried to bite me," Mironescu said.

"We had a little bit of a punctuation mark at the end of summer with 'Jaws' junior showing up and frightening people," said Adrian Benepe, the city Parks Commissioner.

The rescue ended a holiday weekend that began with another city shark scare Saturday, when a 5-foot thresher shark washed up on Rockaway Beach, sending hundreds of swimmers out of the water. About 10 blocks of the beach were also closed down for hours on Labor Day weekend.

Man charged with extorting \$20,000 from his mom

NORTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. (AP) — A man has been charged with extorting more than \$20,000 from his elderly mother by repeatedly threatening to kidnap her beloved cat and demanding ransom, police said.

Garry Lamar, 47, was arrested Friday and released on \$200 bail. He has been ordered to stay away from his 78-year-old mother, Mary Lamar Grancher.

He started threatening to kidnap his the cat just over a year ago, after his mother kicked him out of her home, accusing him of abuse, North Kingstown Police Sgt. Daniel Ormond said.

"This isn't just a family cat," Ormond said. "She actually called this cat her companion since she lived alone."

During the past year, Lamar allegedly kidnapped the cat once and made kidnapping threats on an almost weekly basis, Ormond said. Police don't believe the cat was harmed but are continuing to investigate.

Grancher made at least two dozen payments totaling more than \$20,000 in cash and checks to her son. Authorities are still sorting through her financial records to determine the precise amount.

A phone listing for Lamar couldn't be located. Court officials said Tuesday it was unclear whether he had an attorney.

Peeper sues police to get back pornographic movies

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP) — A man recently jailed for secretly videotaping a woman and a teenage girl has sued a police department for the return of his massive porn collection taken during the investigation.

Dennis Saunders, 59, filed suit against San Rafael police in Marin County Superior Court after the department refused to give back some 500 pornographic movies and 250 magazines his lawyer described as unrelated to the peeping case.

"There's absolutely no legal foundation for them withholding perfectly legal adult-oriented material," Tiburon attorney Jon Rankin said.

The video collection alone was likely worth at least \$10,000, Rankin said.

Saunders was arrested in 2002 and charged with taping the 45-year-old woman and 16-year-old girl in their bedrooms and bathrooms at an apartment complex where he worked. He was convicted of 48 misdemeanors and sentenced to more than eight years in jail, but was released last month with credit for good behavior.

A lawyer representing the city said authorities wanted direction from a judge on whether it would be "lawful or appropriate" to return the material to Saunders, who has a history of peeping-related arrests dating back to 1979.

"If the court orders us to give it back to him, we will give it back to him," city lawyer Thomas Bertrand said.

Serial crank caller ties up 911 lines in San Francisco

VALLEJO, Calif. (AP) — A serial crank caller using a donated cell phone has plagued 911 with nearly 2,000 fake emergency calls over the past six months, tying up dispatchers and sending police and firefighters on wild goose chases, authorities said.

A man identifying himself as Nomar has reported himself the victim of everything from a drug overdose and a possible heart attack to robbery and attempted suicide. Officials said they didn't know why nearly all the false emergencies he calls in purportedly take place in Vallejo, a city of about 100,000 along the waters north of San Francisco Bay.

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Tech Police Department announces changes to parking, bus routes at home football games

By **ADAM YOUNG**
STAFF WRITER

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Red Raider football fans will see a few alterations to on-campus parking and bus routes this season.

Col. Gordon Hoffman of the Texas Tech Police Department said the approximately 35 buses used during and after football games will run a single route beginning this week when Tech faces the University of Texas at El Paso.

The bus route will run in a circuit from the west commuter parking lots, through campus

and to the Jones AT&T Stadium. Hoffman said during past football seasons, two different bus routes were operated, each running in a different direction.

"This way the bus traffic remains the same throughout the game, and it may not be as confusing to the patrons," he said.

The alterations to the bus routes were made to accommodate various changes on-campus.

"It was really a situation we had no control over, and that's

the reason we had to make a significant change in the route," Hoffman said. "Some of its because of the construction on the freeway."

Parking will be prohibited along the north side of the Marsha Sharp Freeway, including in the medians and on the north side of Fourth Street from just west of Boston Avenue to east of University Avenue, according to the University Parking Services Web site, www.depts.ttu.edu/parking/.

"We had originally planned on bringing them in the Drive of Champions where it goes into the Brownfield Highway, but that's go-

ing to be blocked," Hoffman said.

Vehicles will not be permitted to park in any area between Fourth Street and Second Street and between Santa Fe Drive and University Avenue.

Hoffman said students who live on campus and have parking permits can park in their usual residence hall parking spaces while other students must purchase football parking permits to park on campus.

"They're going to have to have a permit to get to any reserve lot," he said. "Our officers will be screening for those permits."

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McCain gets tough questions from N.H. students on age, conservatism

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — An unflinching John McCain was told Tuesday by New Hampshire high school students he might be too old to be president and too conservative to be respected.

McCain, the Arizona senator whose presidential bid has stumbled through the summer, countered the Concord High School students with humor.

"Thanks for the question, you little jerk," McCain joked back to one student who asked the 71-year-old about his age. "You're drafted."

McCain's two-day trip to New Hampshire launches his fall campaign for the GOP nomination. During a morning visit with students, he explained why he was not shrinking from his support for a temporary increase of troops in Iraq and why students

should pay attention.

"If this war continues much longer, there will be people in this audience who will serve in the military, who also may be going over there (in Iraq) or to Afghanistan," McCain told the high school students.

"Thanks for the question you little jerk. You're drafted."

— **SEN. JOHN MCCAIN**
JOKINGLY ADDRESSING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

He said the students should watch the upcoming report on Iraq from Gen. David Petraeus.

"It may be a seminal debate. It may be one of the most important debates in history and it may directly affect your lives," he warned. "He's going to say: Whether it was or was not in the beginning, if we lose Iraq, it will be part of this struggle against radical, Islamic extremism because al-Qaida will take over and the area will deteriorate into chaos and destruction."

But during a town hall-style meeting, students were more interested in pushing McCain on the environment, his support for gay rights and even his age.

"If elected, you'd be older than Ronald Reagan, making you the oldest president. Do you ever worry you might die in office or get Alzheimer's or some other disease that might affect your judgment?" one student asked.

The audience groaned; McCain

slid into a joke.

"I think it was one of my sons that alleged I'm getting to the point I hide my own Easter eggs," McCain said to laughter. "When you saw my 95-year-old mother (on a video introduction), you saw the kind of genes I have."

He said he's a hard campaigner and his age won't be an issue.

Another student pushed him on gay rights; McCain repeated his pledge to oppose discrimination but support for traditional marriage.

"I came here looking to see a good leader," 16-year-old William Sleaster told McCain, earning himself boos from his classmates. "I don't."

McCain, a veteran of such candid exchanges in New Hampshire, smoothly pushed forward and told the crowd not to disrespect its peer.

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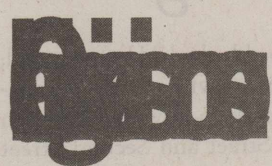
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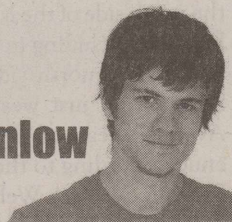
Global warming tempts many as a noble and stylish offering; the ability to hold a self-righteous contempt and spread pessimism about our future as humans.

Global warming is the most politicized issue on a global scale. It represents the latest assault against capitalism and pressures us to feel guilty about our lifestyles. Science never has been divorced from politics, and it is no coincidence the global warming topic itself is exploited by some parties and touted as a hoax by others.

Current climatologists are unable to predict the weather more than a week in advance, yet somehow these same climatologists presume they can predict the future of our planet by up to 100 years.

What can we tell from the media coverage on global warming? Global warming is not new. Since 1895, the media has alternated between global cooling and warming scares during four separate time periods. From 1895 until the 1930s, the media warned us of a coming ice

Josh Brownlow



age. From the late 1920s until the 1960s, they incited fear of global warming. From the 1950s until the 1970s, they warned us again about an ice age. Modern global warming is the fourth attempt to promote devastating climate change.

Global warming, in its current form, was introduced in 1988 as a theory by James Hansen, Ph.D, who currently heads NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York City.

Does carbon dioxide drive the global temperature? No. CO₂ is a naturally occurring gas necessary for life. I mention CO₂ is necessary for life because it helps provide the Earth's greenhouse effect. Exactly 95 percent of all greenhouse gases

come from water vapor; 4.72 percent come from volcanoes, decaying plants, animal activity and oceanic-biological activity.

Humans account for .28 percent of the greenhouse gases. You are responsible for one-quarter of 1 percent of the greenhouse effect, which is a good thing, something that is necessary for life. Consider the Earth is more than 4.53 billions years old; CO₂ is not new to the Earth. The Earth's average temperature has risen a little less than 1 degree Celsius during the past century.

Although almost half of this warming occurred before 1940, greenhouse gas emissions began to rise substantially only after the 1950s. During the past 400,000 years, there have been a series of ice ages lasting 100,000 years. These periods consistently are followed by warm periods lasting about 10,000 years. Historically, we are currently at the tail end of a warm period.

OK, so if driving my sport utility vehicle doesn't cause global warm-

ing, what does? We know very little about the factors that contribute to global warming and cooling. The following factors all affect our planet's temperature: solar irradiance, linear contrails, aerosol cloud and direct effect, black carbon on snow and stratospheric water vapor from methane. You don't often hear about these. Think about why.

Do scientists agree humans are responsible for global warming? Absolutely not: 56 percent of scientists believe we affect the climate, 30 percent do not and 14 percent have no opinion, according to the National Center for Policy Analysis. This is not science; science is not a consensus.

I still do not believe you; polar bears are dying, and we are all going to die from hurricanes and coastal floods. It's a good myth and a great way to convince people to join the church of global warming, however you haven't looked at the science.

In the 1950s, the polar bear population was 5,000, today it is more than 25,000. Of the 14

distinct polar bear species, 12 are thriving. Sea levels have risen since the Earth came out of the last ice age; 17,000 years ago, sea levels rose four-sixteenths of an inch annually, 14,000 years ago eight-sixteenths of an inch, 9,000 years ago four-sixteenths of an inch and 7,500 years ago to present: our sea levels are rising at one-sixteenth of an inch annually, far lower than the historic average.

Concerning hurricanes, neither the strength nor the frequency has increased. To the degree temperature makes any difference, historical record indicates a warmer climate results in weaker hurricanes, while cooler temperatures produce more powerful storms. Dying because of global warming should be the least of your worries.

In the 1920s, there were more than 485,000 deaths to weather-related events, in the 1950s 211,000, in the 1980s 66,000, and from the years 2000 to 2004, 19,000 deaths. See the trend?

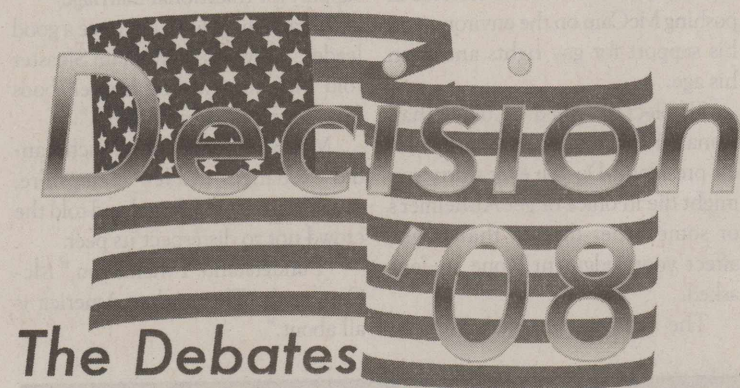
There is literally a wealth of

information on global warming, and I do not have the column space to discuss it all. The theory of global warming is what it is: a theory. Not even a scientific theory; it is an idea that humans are destroying humanity and the planet, which can only be curbed by an assault on our lifestyles.

While global warming may not be supported by science, it should not be confused with pollution. Efforts to improve our world as a whole through cleaner emissions, safe business operations and transportation should be recognized as healthy for the human environment. Both humans and the environment can live together in harmony.

We obviously should not go out of our way to damage the Earth, but neither should we buy into the hysteria and doomsday currently represented by global warming.

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Second-tier be damned ... I heart Huckabee

Trey Caliva



Finding a genuine human being among a field of politicians is like finding an Aggie fan among the players of the Texas Tech football team.

Many of the nominees in the 2008 presidential race appear so manicured — quite literally in John Edwards' case — it's impossible to find a sincere personality. Their speeches are littered with lofty goals and high ambitions, and they rarely come down to earth to talk to us ordinary human beings.

Larger-than-life figures, such as Hillary Clinton and Rudy Giuliani, impose such monstrous shadows over us we can't help but be awed by them. Perhaps that's why former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is an appealing candidate. He comes across as a real person, flesh and blood, instead of a walking political advertisement.

If the preceding statement is true, it would provide a great explanation as to why Huckabee finished second in the Iowa Straw Poll in August. Truth be told, the poll, which Giuliani and John McCain didn't campaign for, lacks the broad competition of a full-blown election. The poll does succeed, however, in giving a fair representation of how well a candidate can connect with people.

Following the straw poll, Huckabee is acquiring a more prominent profile among the blogosphere and receiving more coverage from leading newspapers — in addition to his notable appearances on "The Daily Show," "The Colbert Report" and "Real Time with Bill Maher."

It is largely because of this increased publicity that Huckabee — although still considered a second-tier candidate below Giuliani, McCain and Mitt Romney — gradually is improving his position among national Republicans as well. Huckabee's key hurdle with mainstream Republicans remains his position on some key issues.

At the top of that list is Huckabee's support of FairTax, a grassroots initiative to replace the federal tax code with a 23 percent sales tax. In the Iowa Straw Poll debate, Huckabee said, "I absolutely support the FairTax." He added, "(That's) what the FairTax does: it ends the underground

economy. No more illegals, no more gamblers, prostitutes, pimps and dope dealers will be able to escape the tax code." Fiscal conservatives don't like FairTax, but Huckabee — as is generally the case with any piece of his platform — is able to convince Americans why it would work.

Other candidates, specifically those in the top-tier, rely on style over substance. As the campaign wears on, however, maintaining presence alone becomes increasingly difficult. Yet, candidates like Huckabee, who have a great set of ideas, progressively can share and spread those ideas among voters.

It is ultimately through interaction with voters Huckabee succeeds. In a speech at the Iowa Straw Poll, which was televised on C-SPAN, Huckabee clearly engaged those in attendance by speaking to them as real people instead of just votes. Not only does Huckabee give speeches as though he were talking to you personally, he is able to answer tough questions with ease.

My favorite Huckabee quotes usually come when his pro-life position is questioned. When asked why he'd sign legislation outlawing abortion, except in cases of rape or incest, on "Meet the Press,"

Huckabee responded with, "I always am going to err on the side of life. I believe life is precious." While most candidates would be content to end their answer there, Huckabee continued. "Life begins at conception," Huckabee said, "but it doesn't end at birth ... I think that real pro-life people need to be concerned about affordable housing, safe neighborhoods, access to a college education. That, for me, is what pro-life has to mean."

Straight answers separate Huckabee from the pack, but his personality distances him. Maybe it's the Baptist minister inside of him, or maybe it's the ambition and idealism.

The Washington Post ran a story about Huckabee Friday, and when asked about his party, Huckabee told *The Post*, "I'm so tired of thinking our goal is to beat Democrats. No. Our goal is to lift up America. And if we lift up America, people will elect us." If Huckabee gets the nomination, Republicans have a great chance to do exactly that.

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Sen. Craig's scandal just one more in series of politicians' lewd conduct

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(U-WIRE) STORRS, Conn. — This past week, it was revealed Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho) pleaded guilty to a charge of lewd conduct. It finally caught the savage media's eye that he readily admitted being accountable for the criminal activity he was accused of Craig has attempted swift back peddling. But, his whole situation is transparent.

He is now arguing that he only entered a guilty plea because he wanted to accelerate the process

and put the situation behind him. Additionally, he claims that the officer got the wrong idea about his actions. He released a statement saying, "At the time of this incident, I complained to the police that they were misconstruing my actions. I was not involved in any inappropriate conduct. I should have had the advice of counsel in resolving this matter. In hindsight, I should not have pled guilty. I was trying to handle this matter myself quickly and expeditiously."

The lawmaker was arrested in a stall at the Minneapolis-St.

Paul International Airport by a police officer who was there checking out the validity behind claims that these lavatories were turning into bathrooms of the Midwest. The officer was sitting on the toilet, mid-stakeout, as he watched Craig peek into his compartment and make several gestures indicating what he wanted to occur, and then he sat in the stall next to him. Craig then tapped his foot underneath the divider separating the two and this astute member of the law enforcement agency referred to his handbook and recognized

this "as a signal used by persons wishing to engage in lewd conduct." As if the tapping wasn't enough, Craig then touched the police officer's foot with his shoe and then "proceeded to swipe his hand under the stall divider several times."

On face it doesn't seem like the senator did too much. He was just looking for a little human contact while he relieved himself. He even said, "[he] has a wide stance when going to the bathroom." But this may be the case; the fact that he was in a place known for freak sexual acts

and abnormal fetishes makes it just a bit suspicious. That he was making gestures normally used by those who would like to partake in such activities is even more condemning and then the fact that he actually plead guilty to the charge is, well, the definition of condemnation.

His motives behind not fighting the charge could vary. He could have been trying to just keep himself out of the limelight. If he had challenged the charges an investigation would have ensued that surely would have made headlines earlier and all the alleged facts would have been marched through a courtroom. Instead he got his case quickly off the docket, and now we are left with just reports to sift through for truth.

Maybe he really was innocent — as far from the truth as that sounds. The sentence was only a small fine, but it's still hard to get away from the reality that he had to have known this would have surfaced at some point, and he was going to look bad no matter what came forward. Guilty or not guilty, he was involved in a very sketchy situation that involved some very shady sexual intentions. What is even more distressing is that he is not the first national politician to be caught up in a scandal of this ilk.

More and more it seems like Congress is a brotherhood of

sexual deviants and social miscreants with desires that can only be satiated in airport bathrooms and by young interns. This isn't even the first time Craig has been fingered as possibly having an unusual hobby. According to a New York Times article, Craig had to deny rumors in 1982 "that he was under investigation as part of a federal probe into allegations that lawmakers on Capitol Hill had sexual relationships with congressional pages." The page theme carried through to the Mark Foley scandal that was the flavor of the month earlier this year. In a separate matter, Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) was implicated when authorities turned up his phone number in the records of an escort service that is alleged to deliver more promiscuous ladies of the night.

What scares me is we could have a government that is known for being a pack of sex freaks and weirdos. These are the people who are making the decisions in our country, and it's going to get to the point where we are going to assume that when they are not filibustering or rewriting constitutions they are off at highway rest stops meeting "friends." The stereotype of a politician being dirty has always been prevalent but the recent occurrences take it to another level. It's only a matter of time before one of them appears on "To Catch a Predator."

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Felix hits Central America, Henriette roars into California

CABO SAN LUCAS, Mexico (AP) — Felix walloped Central America's remote Miskito coastline and Henriette slammed into resorts on the tip of Baja California as a record-setting hurricane season got even wilder Tuesday with twin storms making landfall on the same day.

While weakening rapidly, Felix's rains posed a danger to inland villages lying in flood-prone mountain valleys and to urban shantytowns susceptible to mudslides.

Felix roared ashore before dawn as a Category 5 storm along Nicaragua's remote northeast corner — an isolated, swampy jungle where people get around mainly by canoe. The 160 mph winds peeled roofs off shelters and a police station, knocked down electric poles and stripped humble homes to a few walls.

"The metal roofs are coming off like straight razors and flying against the trees and homes," Lumberto Campbell, a local official in Puerto Cabezas, near Felix's landfall, told Radio Ya shortly before his phone line went dead.

Emergency official Samuel Perez said most of the port's buildings were damaged and the dock was destroyed, although there were no reports of deaths.

Rafsanjani chosen to head powerful clerical body in Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Hashemi Rafsanjani, a former president and longtime Machiavellian figure in Iranian politics, was picked Tuesday to head a powerful clerical body — another defeat for the current president's hard-line faction.

Rafsanjani's election as chairman of the Assembly of Experts means the charismatic cleric will oversee the secretive body that chooses or dismisses the Islamic Republic's ultimate authority, its supreme leader.

The election focuses new attention on Rafsanjani, a complex figure who at various times has been viewed more as hard-liner and at other times as a pragmatist. It also is sure to strengthen his image, tarnished by his loss to Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in the 2005 presidential runoff when he was viewed as arrogant and out of touch with the lives of ordinary Iranians.

Rafsanjani, who is considered more moderate than Ahmadinejad, brokered the deal that made Ayatollah Ali Khamenei supreme leader in 1989. It is unclear if the 73-year-old Rafsanjani has ambitions for the post himself someday or prefers the role of behind-the-scenes kingmaker. Khamenei is 68.

A wealthy man, Rafsanjani controls a multimillion dollar family business empire, one of Iran's largest, and is believed to oppose Ahmadinejad's populist economic policies.

Archaeologists discover ancient insect remnants in Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — Archaeologists digging in northern Israel have discovered evidence of a 3,000-year-old beekeeping industry, including remnants of ancient honeycombs, beeswax and what they believe are the oldest intact beehives ever found.

The findings in the ruins of the city of Rehov this summer include 30 intact hives dating to around 900 B.C., archaeologist Amihai Mazar of Jerusalem's Hebrew University told The Associated Press. He said it offers unique evidence that an advanced honey industry existed in the Holy Land at the time of the Bible.

Beekeeping was widely practiced in the ancient world, where honey used for medicinal and religious purposes as well as for food, and beeswax was used to make molds for metal and to create surfaces to write on. While bees and beekeeping are depicted in ancient artwork, nothing similar to the Rehov hives has ever been found before, Mazar said.

The beehives, made of straw and unbaked clay, have a hole at one end to allow the bees in and out and a lid on the other end to allow beekeepers access to the honeycombs inside. They were found in orderly rows, three high, in a room that could have accommodated around 100 hives, Mazar said.

The Bible repeatedly refers to Israel as a "land of milk and honey," but that's believed to refer to honey made from dates and figs — there is no mention of honeybee cultivation. But the new find shows that the Holy Land was home to a highly developed beekeeping industry nearly 3,000 years ago.

Lawmakers return to face nation-wide issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like many schoolchildren, members of Congress were back at their desks Tuesday after a summer break. Unlike the students, lawmakers will immediately face major tests: on Iraq, children's health care, a home mortgage crisis and the budget.

The Senate reconvened at noon EDT and started work on a military construction and veterans spending bill. The first voted wasn't scheduled until 5 p.m., so few senators were on the floor. The House was scheduled to reconvene at 2 p.m.

Minutes after the session opened, several dozen anti-war protesters were escorted by police from the spectators' gallery after standing silently as Majority Leader Harry Reid brought up the subject of Iraq. Three wore T-shirts of the group Iraq Veterans Against the War.

Republicans returned relieved that Idaho Sen. Larry Craig decided to resign at month's end rather than prolong a scandal over his arrest in a men's room sex sting.

Democrats, meanwhile, were divided over the next step to take on Iraq. This month could be pivotal to the mission's future.

Thompson to preview candidacy and ad during debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — As a veteran actor, Fred Dalton Thompson knows something about entering a stage. It's all about the build up. The former Tennessee senator plans to announce his official entry into the Republican presidential contest on Thursday. But he'll pique interest first on Wednesday with an ad aired during a GOP presidential debate from New Hampshire that Thompson will otherwise skip.

By then he will have taped an appearance on NBC's "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," which will air about an hour after the debate ends in many U.S. households. Come midnight, he'll post a 15-minute video announcement on his official Web site.

The face time with Leno and the debate ad on the Fox network are the coquettish moves of a candidate who has already proven his aptitude using the media, from television to the Internet. While his main rivals — Rudy Giuliani, Mitt Romney and John McCain — parry debate questions, Thompson will pretty much control his own message.

Thompson aides want as many eyes on the Web video as possible. The debate ad and a follow-up commercial on Thursday will instruct viewers to go online and get their undiluted message straight from the candidate.

"We think one of the strongest weapons this campaign has is Fred Thompson's ability to connect directly with the public," said Todd Harris, Thompson's communications director. "We want to drive as much traffic as possible to the Web site."

GM sales up, but Ford, Toyota fall in uncertain market

DETROIT (AP) — After a dismal start to summer, August looked a little brighter for the auto industry despite continuing concern over high gas prices and turbulence in the housing and financial markets.

U.S. sales were flat compared with last August, but that was better than the 12 percent decline the industry saw in July. The annualized sales rate for August was 16.3 million vehicles, the first time that number topped 16 million vehicles since May, according to Autodata Corp. The rate shows what sales would be if they continued at the same pace for the full year.

"It's a solid month against a subpar industry," Paul Ballew, General Motors Corp.'s top sales analyst, told investors and reporters in a conference call.

Still, Ballew said the industry is being hit by economic uncertainty. High gasoline prices and declining home values have caused people to delay auto purchases or exit the market altogether, he said. Lending standards for auto customers also may be tightening, although there's little evidence of that so far, he said.

That uncertainty could give the companies a stronger argument in contract talks with the United Auto Workers to cut what domestic automakers say is about a \$25-per-hour labor cost gap with its main Japanese competitors. Contracts between the UAW and Ford Motor Co., GM and Chrysler LLC expire on Sept. 14.

Lewis' telethon raises \$64 million

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Showman Jerry Lewis raised nearly \$64 million on Monday during his annual Labor Day Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association, topping last year's event by \$3 million.

"We did it. We did it. I got my buck more. And more. We can go shopping," a jubilant Lewis said as the tote board topped \$63.7 million for his 42nd telethon. Last year's record was \$61 million.

As in the past, the International Association of Fire Fighters anchored the donations from local fill-the-boot drives with \$25.2 million, eclipsing last year's \$23.5 million.

"Whoa, whoa firefighters. They're all my heroes — every firefighter you see," Lewis said.

Harold Schaitberger, the union's general president, replied, "Jerry, you care about them and we care about you. We'll be with you every year."

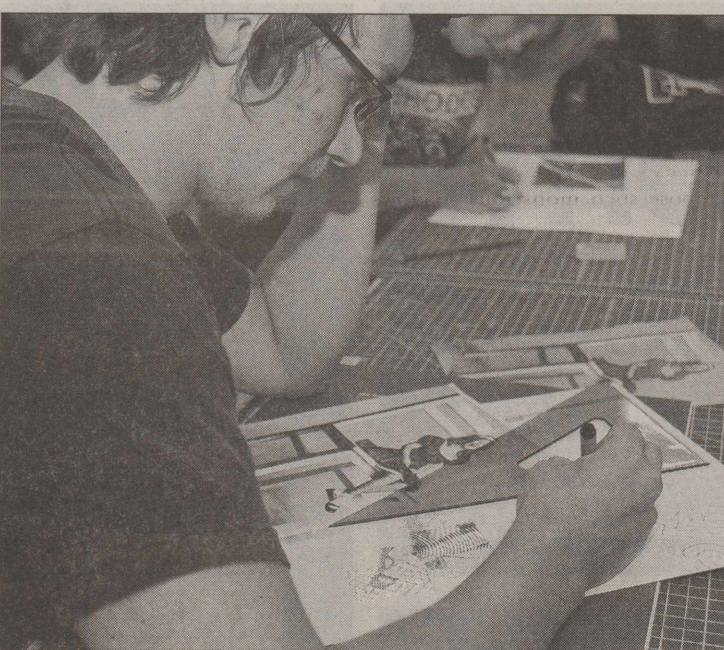
Lewis, who has conquered both age and illness to anchor every telethon for more than half of his 81 years, showed no signs of slowing as he asked for pledges on Monday. While he spent many of the final hours of the 21 1/2-hour show behind a desk, his forays on stage to greet guests were spry and witty.

"We'll be here every year as long as I'm breathing in and

out," Lewis said. The telecast has raised \$1.46 billion to fight the disease since it began in 1966 on a single television station in New York City. This year's telecast was carried by 190 stations in the United States and Canada and carried worldwide on the Internet.

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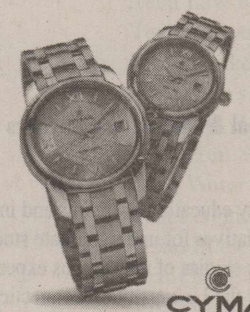
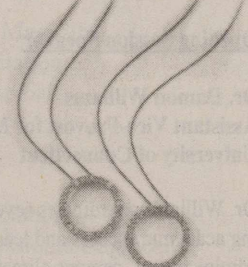
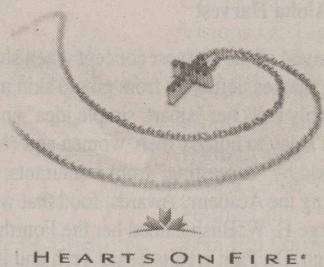
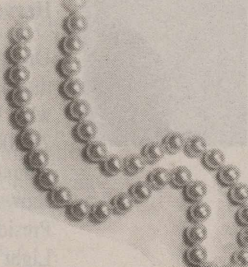
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West Nile

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not testing for West Nile Virus, Ward said. Most health-care providers can do blood or spinal fluid tests to determine if an individual is infected.

West said a simple way to remember how to prevent mosquitoes is to

remember the four D's: Dusk and morning — the times mosquitoes are most active; Dress appropriately — long sleeves and pants; Drain the water around your area; and DEET — the active ingredient in many mosquito repellents that is most effective at keeping them away.

"Just use common sense," West said. "There's been an overabundance of moisture this year. Don't

go looking for trouble if you don't have to."

Because West Nile is most prominent in the bird population, finding dead birds is a sign of possible West Nile Virus in the area. Lubbock residents are asked to report any dead birds to the City's Mosquito Hotline: (806) 775-3110.

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Ways to prevent West Nile Virus

- When you are outdoors, use insect repellent containing an EPA-registered active ingredient. Follow the directions on the package.
- Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Use insect repellent, and wear long sleeves and pants at these times.
- Good screens on your windows and door will help keep mosquitoes out.
- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly. Keep children's pools empty and on their sides when not in use.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/wnv_factsheet.htm

7 states to file primary calendar flouting GOP rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michigan officially crashed the early primary party on Tuesday, setting up showdowns with both political parties while likely pushing the presidential nomination calendar closer to 2007.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a bill Tuesday moving both of Michigan's presidential primaries to Jan. 15. Michigan's move threatens to set off a chain reaction that could force Iowa and New Hampshire to reschedule their contests even earlier than anticipated, perhaps in the first week in January 2008 or even December 2007.

"While political maneuvering will no doubt continue, our move to January 15 is final," Granholm said in a statement.

The national parties have tried to impose discipline on the rogue states. On the Republican side, the early voting states risk losing half

their delegates to the convention next summer for scheduling contests before Feb. 5, though some are banking that whoever wins the GOP nomination will eventually restore the delegates.

Democrats have experienced similar problems, but party officials hoped they had stopped the mad dash to move up by threatening to strip Florida of all its convention delegates for scheduling a primary on Jan. 29 and convincing the major Democratic candidates to campaign only in the party-approved early states.

Michigan, in moving up its primary, faces a similar penalty from the Democratic National Committee.

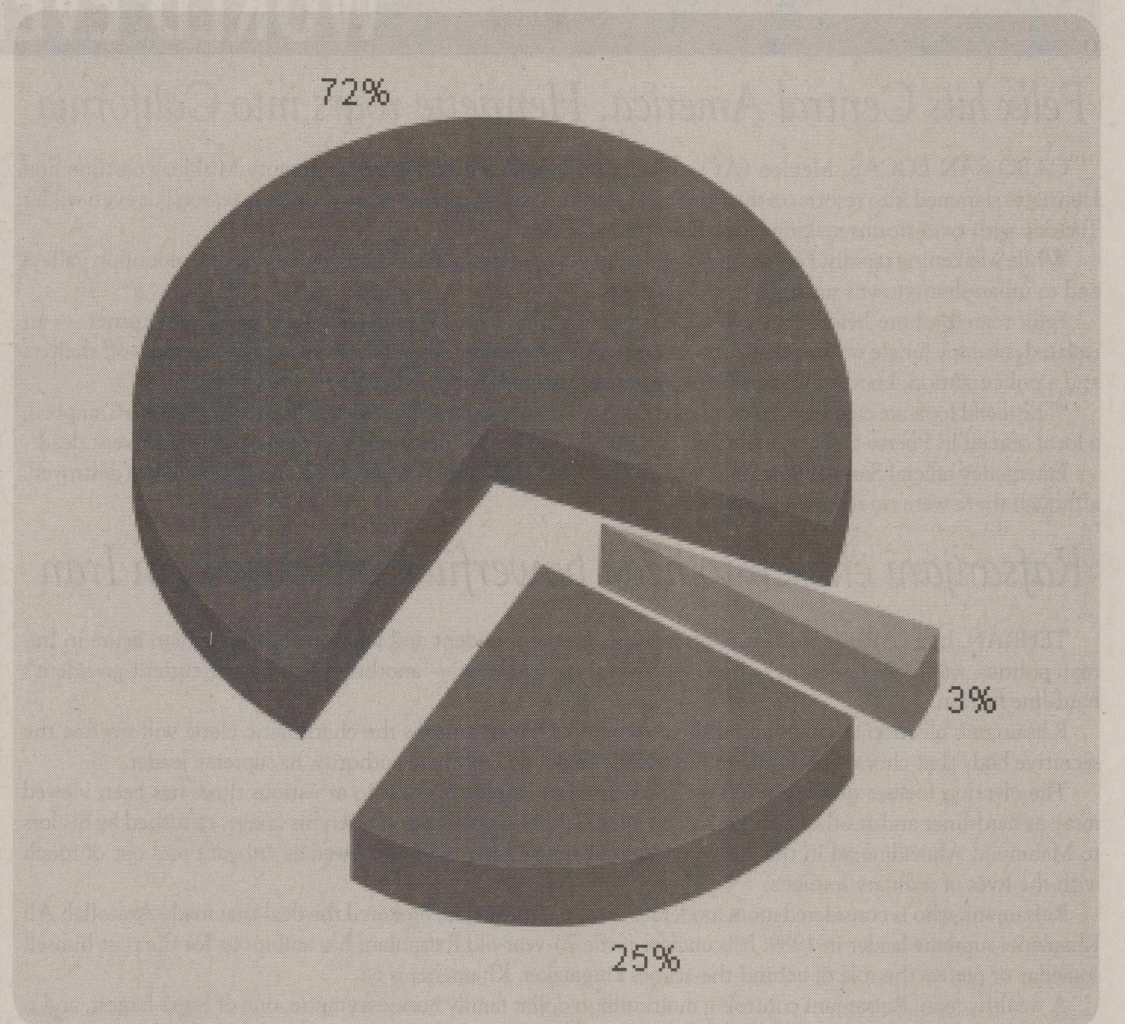
Tuesday was the deadline for states to submit to the Republican National Committee the date and format of their primaries or caucuses. It might not turn out to be much of a deadline because some states are continuing to jockey for earlier votes.

Michigan was among at least seven states signaling their intention to flout Republican rules by scheduling presidential primaries or caucuses before Feb. 5.

New Hampshire, initially scheduled to hold its primary Jan. 22, did not submit a date because the state is waiting to see when others schedule their votes, said David Scanlan, New Hampshire's deputy secretary of state. State law requires New Hampshire to hold its primary at least seven days before any other primary.

Iowa scheduled its caucuses for Jan. 14 and South Carolina set its GOP primary for Jan. 19. But both states reserved the right to reschedule if they are leapfrogged. Wyoming plans to hold county conventions to choose delegates on Jan. 5, and Nevada scheduled caucuses for Jan. 19, party officials said.

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to testify before Congress on their recommendations next week.

The United States would be hard-pressed to maintain the cur-

rent level of 160,000 troops in Iraq indefinitely, but Bush is not expected to order more than a slight cut before the end of the year, officials said.

Bush himself suggested that modest troop cuts may be possible if military successes continue, but he

gave no timeline or specific numbers. Options beyond a symbolic cut this year include cutting the tour of duty for troops in Iraq from 15 months back to the traditional 12 months, one official said. If adopted, that change would not come before the spring.

A Pentagon official said Petraeus has not specifically recommended trimming tours by three months. Bush's troop increase will end by default in April or May, when one of the added brigades is slated to leave, unless Bush makes other changes to hold the number steady.

Republican support could hinge on Petraeus' testimony next week. If he can convince lawmakers that the security gains won in recent months are substantial and point toward a bigger trend, GOP members might be more likely to hold out until next spring. They also might be more easily persuaded if Bush promises some small troop drawdowns by the end of the year, as was suggested to the White House by Sen. John Warner of Virginia, an influential Republican on security matters.

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., returning from a weekend trip to Iraq, said Tuesday a small round of troop withdrawals might be the ticket to forcing political progress in Iraq. The position was a new one for the senator, who faces a tough election next year.

"I think the unmistakable message has to be sent to the Shiite leadership that there is no blank check for Iraq," Coleman told reporters on a conference call.

Also Tuesday, the Government Accountability Office, Congress' investigative and auditing arm, reported that Iraq has failed to meet 11 of its 18 political and security goals.

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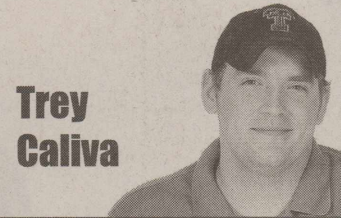
During the summer, Microsoft extended its campus agreement with Texas Tech to include Microsoft Office 2007. While the release came without fanfare, it's an important release for Tech students. It's safe to say most Tech students probably use Microsoft Word at least once a week. We also use PowerPoint for class presentations and Outlook to keep our calendar and check our e-mail. So a new release of these frequently used programs should warrant at least a passing look from Tech students.

Microsoft Office debuted Nov. 30 in conjunction with Windows Vista, the newest version of Microsoft's operating system. Unfortunately, the simultaneous release meant Windows Vista overshadowed Office 2007.

I found this to be quite disheartening, especially after actually using both products. Where Windows Vista was a valiant — and futile — attempt by Microsoft to equal the slick interface and stability of Apple's Mac OS X, Office 2007 is an entire reinvention of the product line.

While Office 2007 flew under the radar of most people, that doesn't mean it's not a good product. In fact, it has allowed Microsoft to quietly produce the most advanced, user-friendly and best-looking office suite ever created.

As any longtime user of Office knows, it's not a product featuring large upgrades in code or giant leaps in technology. Thankfully though, that trend has changed with Office 2007. The biggest upgrade to Office comes in the form of what Microsoft calls, "The Ribbon," which replaces the menu-driven Office of the past. Instead of your typical File, Edit,



Trey Caliva

View, Tools, etc., the "Ribbon" contains a list of tabs across the top of the screen based on what you want to do. When you first open a Microsoft Word document, you'll be greeted with a Home, Insert, Page Layout, References, Mailings, Review and View in "the Ribbon." Many of the items and features of Word, Excel and PowerPoint that were solely available to power users — or those with how-to books in hand — now are readily accessible to anyone with a mouse and an idea. It is especially useful for new users of the software.

Most notable to any college student is the ease with which you can now insert footnotes, cite sources, create bibliographies and create captions for pictures in your Word document.

The Ribbon tab now contains proofreading tools, comments and introduces a new feature to Word called Tracking, which gives you the ability to view

three simultaneous versions of the document you're working on. This new view — dubbed "Tri-pane" by Microsoft — shows your current document and any text or objects you've deleted, inserted or moved since your last revision. Another great feature of "the Ribbon" is the inclusion

of contextual tabs that change based on what you're doing. For example, when you insert a picture into Word using the "Insert" tab, a new set of tabs opens up to assist you. This allows even a novice user to command advanced picture tools once relegated to submenus. The entire process of a changeable bar at the top of the screen adapting itself to the current task is a little scary at first, especially if you're a long-time user of Microsoft products. Let's face it: Microsoft isn't exactly known for its stable software and ease of use.

It takes a small leap of faith, but "The Ribbon" actually works.

Among other welcome additions to Word is the ability to edit text or objects on the fly. For example, one of my biggest pet peeves in Word 2003 occurred when you needed to change the size or font of a certain area of text. You would have to highlight the text and then go into the Font menu either through right-clicking on the text or going into the Format menu. In Word 2007, you right-click your text and a small context box appears which can change the font, font size, style and color — all of which will show your changes immediately instead of having to wait until after you click OK.

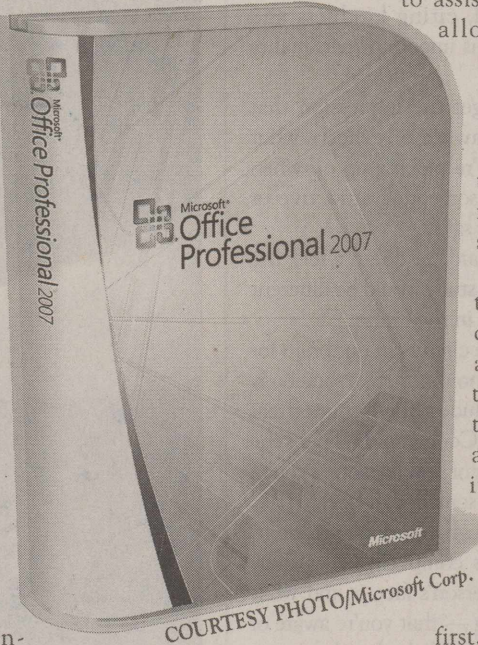
Another handy feature included with Word is a running word count. In Word 2003, the word count could be placed in a toolbar

on the screen but would need to be manually updated. Word 2007 integrates word count into the bottom left of the status bar and updates as you type. It's certainly a welcome addition for those of us who write papers — or columns — requiring a word limit.

Many features in Office 2007 may feel new, but they've always been there. They're just much easier to access now.

In the second portion of this review, which will appear in Friday's edition of The Daily Toreador, I'll talk about the other programs offered with Office 2007 and what I feel is the greatest addition to Microsoft's Office suite.

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Iowa State U. study: Less-masculine men more likely to date long-term

By EMILY BISHOP
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(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — Who are women more likely to have a long-term relationship with? Would it be the man with a masculine face, or the guy with a less masculine-looking face and is less likely to cheat?

A recent study done by researchers at Durham University and the University of St. Andrews revealed that females find males whose faces have masculine qualities to be inapt long-term partners and males who have more feminine faces to be more apt and good partners.

Eric Cooper, associate professor of psychology, said the results of the survey are not surprising to him.

"In addition to what they've found in that study, we've also found that more masculine-appearing faces are considered more attractive as the female is close to ovulation," Cooper said. "When she's far from ovulation, more feminine faces are preferred."

David Slykhuus, junior in kinesiology, had mixed thoughts on the study.

"I would say, knowing all my friends and their relationship status, it could go both ways," Slykhuus said. "I have a lot of friends that are feminine and masculine [qualities] that are in relationships."

Jordan Hager, senior in computer engineering, agreed with the study's results.

"More feminine [males] are probably looking for long-term relationships

ships and that's why girls end up with them," Hager said. "The more masculine men are trying to be the alpha male and don't like to be in long-term relationships."

Samantha Pedersen, freshmen in preprofessional health programs, said the findings of the study were unexpected to her.

"I would've thought masculine [males] would be more long-term," Pedersen said.

Cooper said characteristics of more masculine male faces include deep-set eyes, square chins and big muscles in the cheeks, called masseter muscles, which correlate with big muscles in the rest of the body.

Cooper pointed out that celebrities such as Brad Pitt and Robert Redford have larger masseter muscles.

Tips Cooper offered for men to appear more masculine are to do "things that make one appear more masculine" and to try not to shave for a couple days, sporting a "couple days' growth of a beard."

"Attractiveness in males is going to vary with the amount of testosterone the male has," Cooper said.

Because those with less masculine faces seem more nurturing to children, less likely to be violent and less likely to commit adultery, women prefer to have long-term relationships with them, Cooper said.

Cooper said the ideal is that the male has an optimal testosterone level between the two extremes.

Cooper said high-testosterone males have more short-term mating

opportunities. However, he said, low-testosterone males may be more successful in securing a marriage partner.

"I think [for] the guy at the bar who's trying to go for a one-night stand, it's better to be a high-masculine male than the low-masculine male in that circumstance," Cooper said.

Physical features aren't the only thing people look for in a mate, Cooper said, citing kindness and intelligence as important personality qualities.

"I don't get the impression that people are aware of exactly what features they're picking up on when they decide someone's attractive or not," Cooper said.

Cooper said he doesn't feel the results of the study would be different if done again in the future.

"We have circuits in our brain for determining how attractive somebody is. That includes how symmetrical your face is," Cooper said. "That's the best predictor of how attractive you're going to find somebody's face."

Even though you don't realize it, your brain is computing how symmetrical a person's face is and what it's producing — that you're aware of — is this feeling of whether the person is attractive or not, Cooper said.

"It's neurocircuits that were determined by evolution, because animals that choose mates wisely reproduced more than animals that didn't, and we're just the product of those animals that were successful (at) reproducing," Cooper said.

Gere and Theron bash Bush at film festival

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Richard Gere and Charlize Theron added their voices to a chorus of stars taking swipes at the Bush administration at the Venice Film Festival.

"How did we elect Bush twice?" Gere asked rhetorically while promoting his new film, "The Hunting Party."

In the film, Gere plays a reporter determined to track down Radovan Karadzic — who has

been hiding for more than a decade and is charged with genocide and crimes against humanity for his role as an alleged architect of the Bosnian war.

"What's interesting to me is how do the bad people among us end up our leaders?" the 58-year-old actor said at a news conference Monday.

In "The Valley of Elah," Theron plays a New Mexico detective drawn into the case of a U.S.

soldier who disappears just days after returning from a tour of duty in Iraq.

"The decision-making process for going into Iraq was very hastily done, and I think the facts weren't there, and I just don't think you go to war for those reasons," Theron, 32, told Associated Press Television in an interview. "I think the thing that upset me most was the manipulation that our government did towards our people, manipulating them to believe that if they weren't for the war, they weren't patriotic."

George Clooney has said he made "Syriana" and "Good Night, and Good Luck" out of anger for being considered a traitor for questioning the decision to go to war. He told reporters at Venice last week that he believes Americans are now in the process of fixing the mistakes of the last few years.

The film festival ends Saturday with the awarding of the top Golden Lion prize.

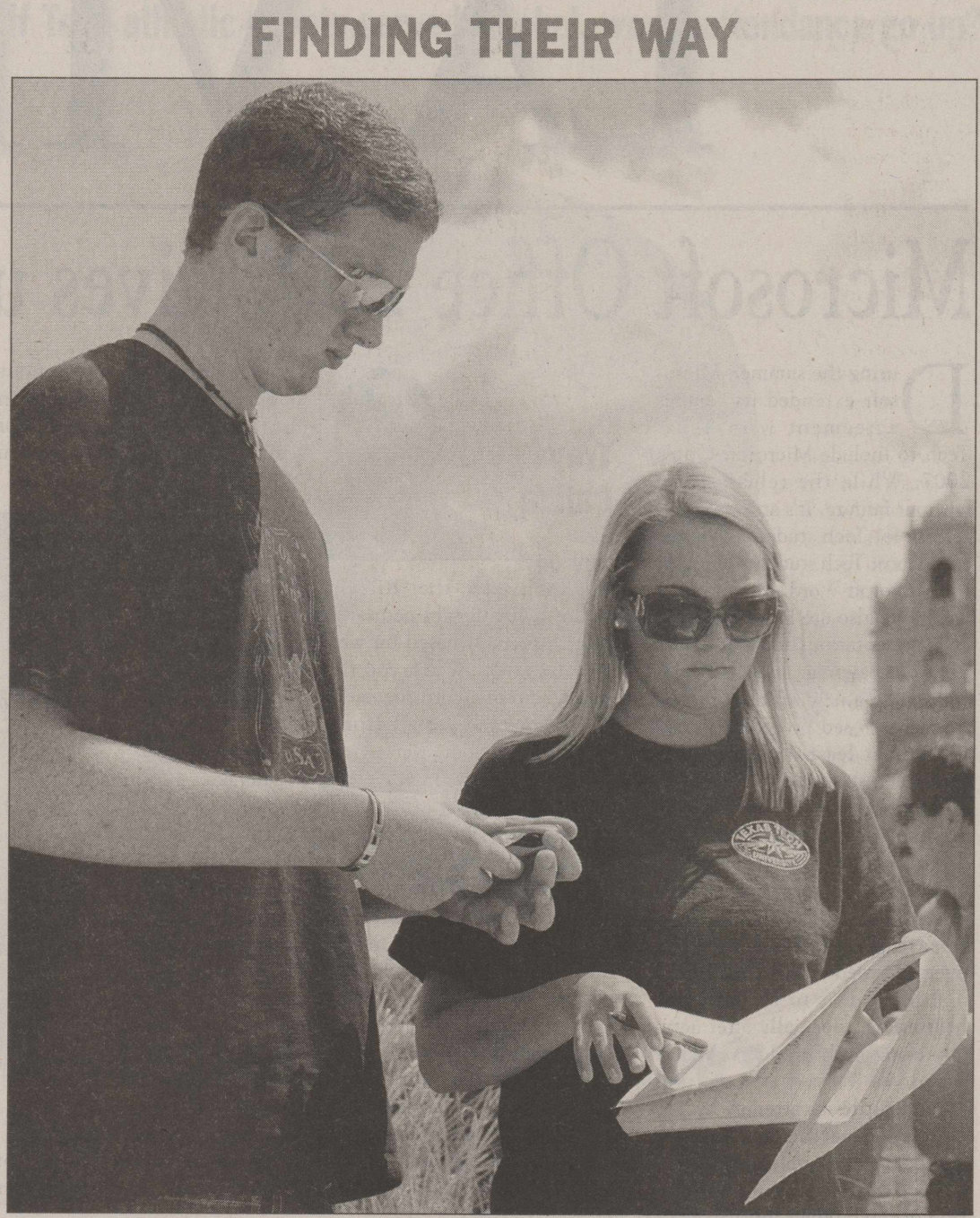


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By MEREDITH HARVIE
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(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, S.C. — If you haven't seen the footage of Miss Teen South Carolina totally flubbing her question in the pageant, run, don't walk, to the nearest computer and look it up on YouTube. It's painful, but hilarious. As I watched her start blabbering about Iraq and such, all I could think was, "poor thing, she'll never live this down. Unfortunately for Miss Teen South Carolina, we live in a high-tech computer age. Your most embarrassing moments can be caught on a camera phone or digital camera and be splashed across the front pages of YouTube and Facebook.

And do I even need to say the names Pamela Anderson and Paris Hilton to remind people that certain things never need to be filmed?

It is more important than ever to be conscious of how you present

yourself. There are a few things to keep in mind.

Be aware of who's around. If it's a group of your closest friends, you can be more assured that embarrassing videos won't get put up on the Internet. They may be sent to everyone you know, but at least you'll be saved worldwide humiliation.

If you're ever on a JumboTron, don't do something stupid. That is guaranteed to go up on the Internet faster than you can walk to your car.

Don't ever film a proposal. There's an entire site dedicated to proposals where the girl said "no." Now not only are you humiliated, but probably the biggest rejection of your life is now caught and broadcast for the entire world to see. Ouch.

Taking your clothes off in public places will get you posted on the Internet. You wouldn't think that people would need to be reminded of this, but it continues to happen. If tequila makes your clothes come off, perhaps you should pass on

the margaritas the next time you go out.

Watch your mouth. "Is this chicken or fish?" "Not right now chief, I'm in the zone." "This is me being serious!" You think you're asking a simple question, letting off a little steam, or joking around. In fact you're being filmed by your best friends who intend on making a good joke out of you. Always watch your mouth. Even if you think there's no one filming, you don't know that.

Bless her heart; Miss Teen South Carolina didn't have a chance. The minute she started stuttering, the minute she mentioned South Africa, the minute the words "education such as ..." came out of her mouth, she was destined to be posted on YouTube. She will now join the ranks of many others who got their most embarrassing moments broadcast on the World Wide Web.

But hey, at least she got a chance to redeem herself on the Today Show.

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Crown New England Super Bowl champs Brown's spin sign of scary time for Texas

Football season finally has arrived, so — not surprisingly — my first list of rants and predictions revolves around the gridiron:

No. 1. It was hard to gather anything from the Texas Tech-SMU game, and we won't really be able to start forming an opinion of the season until Sept. 22 in Stillwater, Okla., against Oklahoma State. As far as I am concerned, that game is the difference between a season record of 7-5 and 8-4. The Missouri game will provide a look at a possible 9-3, and a home game against the Texas A&M Aggies makes a 10-win season within the realm of possibility. Still, the OSU game likely will be the difference between improvement in the win column and another 7-win regular season.

No. 2. Saturday was a monumental day in the sport. The Appalachian State Mountaineers upset was, as I'm sure you've heard, the greatest upset in college football history. This is the kind of game you will tell your kids about in 20 years. The other comment I'd like to make about the game is this: How hard is it to kick an extra point? Michigan coach Lloyd Carr had 17 minutes on the clock, down by five points and he's going for two. Tal's Law No. 1: Do NOT go for two until you absolutely have to.

No. 3. My prediction is USC over West Virginia this year for the National Championship. Louisville vs. WVU will be the biggest game of the year, but I love West Virginia's running back Steve Slaton and quarterback Pat White too much to leave them out of my champion predictions. One



Brett Talley

more prediction: Colt Brennan will win the Heisman by leading Hawai'i to an undefeated season.

No. 4. Like my picks? Here are two more: New England Patriots over St. Louis Rams (yeah, you read that right ... Rams) in the Super Bowl. I probably shouldn't make a pick based solely on one player, but running back Stephen Jackson is this year's LaDanian Tomlinson, as I think he will amass more than 2200 total yards and at least 25 touchdowns. Combine him with Marc Bulger, Torry Holt and Isaac Bruce, and the Rams' offense will be one of the best in the league. As for the Pats, the hosts of "Pardon the Interruption" told me they were going to be good.

No. 5. Speaking of picks, the AFC has to be the easiest conference in which to pick playoff teams in years. This "pick six" is easier than taking back one of Drew Bledsoe's bad decisions: Pats, Baltimore Ravens, Indianapolis Colts, Denver Broncos, San Diego Chargers and Cincinnati Bengals.

A lot of people think the AFC is far and away the better conference, but past these six teams, the talent of the league drops off dramatically. Yes, the top four in the AFC may be better than any team in the NFC, but at least the NFC will be much more

competitive. Seriously, nine or 10 teams could make a run at the post-season. When the Arizona Cardinals, who haven't made the playoffs since 1998, have a shot, you know any team has a chance.

No. 6. On a random note, I think something interesting has developed in the world of bathroom-reading material. From age 16 to 19 years old, I read almost every word of every *Sports Illustrated* printed, and I most-assuredly read every Rick Reilly column. However, a new phenomenon has developed in the form of wireless Internet. The Web site ESPN.com, numerous blogs, as well as www.facebook.com, recently have taken a large cut of the time I guiltily feel I owe *Sports Illustrated* simply out of loyalty. Please tell me there is someone out there who feels the guilt like I do.

No. 7. Let it be known I despise the Yankees and feel they are all that is wrong with sport. However, the fact they have taken over the Wild Card and solidified their position as the favorite in that race is probably best for baseball. People watch the Yankees, and when people watch, baseball wins. I just happen to love it when people watch, baseball wins and the Yankees lose in the ALCS.

No. 8. One final note, congratulations to the Lubbock Western Little League. It was an absolute joy to watch the team play and just as exciting to see the effect they had on this town. Job well done.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Texas players tried to say all the right things after an unsettling win over Arkansas State: Glad to be 1-0. Moving on. Nothing but little problems that can be fixed.

Toss in the cliché about how teams improve the most between the first and second games and maybe everything will be all right by the time No. 19 TCU comes to town Saturday.

But here's a little fact about the No. 7 Longhorns that won't make their fans feel any better: In coach Mack Brown's first nine seasons, Texas lost the second game four times. In three of those Texas was ranked No. 6 or higher.

Gulp. And listening to Brown this week won't lift their spirits.

Brown was in full spin mode during his Monday news conference, talking about how Texas can't get too arrogant to appreciate close wins and noting the Longhorns lost 16 players to the NFL the last two seasons.

The first part is a bit of a surprise from a coach who 10 years into the job says he now understands the mind-set of rabid fans who demand perfection.

Texas, with its tradition, facilities and 2005 national championship, is the very definition of arrogant. Nearly getting upset by the lowly Indians doesn't sit well in Austin.

(No, it's not as bad as losing to Appalachian State. But Texas can be thankful Michigan lost, keeping the "What in the world ...?" spotlight off the Longhorns.)

The second part — talking about departed players — frankly sounds like an excuse. Even if that wasn't Brown's intent, it came across as a coach trying to lower expectations.

Brown's point was that he's trying to find out who the leaders on the team are. That's troubling.

How about Colt McCoy, the super-cool third-year sophomore quarterback? Or Limas Sweed, the senior wide receiver who is all but unstoppable catching passes and getting to the end zone?

How about senior defensive tackle Frank Okam, senior offensive tackle Tony Hills or any one of the 13 other junior and senior starters throughout the lineup?

Brown has said this team is young, but every starter on defense is a junior or senior.

"We have not been an emotional offense," Brown said. "I would like to see that more."

McCoy sure looked like a fiery leader when he rallied Texas to beat Oklahoma, Nebraska, Texas Tech and Iowa last season.

Brown and his staff noted that unlike the NFL, colleges don't get preseason games to work out the kinks. That's what Arkansas State is supposed to do, not scare the pants off of the players, coaches and 84,000 fans at the stadium.

The win was so unimpressive

that Texas dropped three spots in The Associated Press poll. It also made everyone in burnt orange nervous about playing the Horned Frogs, a team that has won 11 games three of the last four seasons and is itching to be the latest BCS buster.

"We'll have to play a lot better this weekend to have a chance to win," Brown said.

Two key areas must improve: the running game and the secondary.

Tailback Jamaal Charles managed to grind out 112 yards but couldn't score on four straight runs in the third quarter from the Arkansas State 3-yard line. Short-yardage running was a weak spot last season and Brown was disappointed it didn't look better in the first game.

On defense, the revamped secondary gave up 259 yards passing to a team that typically runs the ball. Brown hinted there might be some changes in the secondary come Saturday.

Obviously, the season isn't lost, but it is a bit scarier than it was a few days ago. Win 10 games or more and the Big 12, and nobody's going to care about a close call against Arkansas State way back in the first week.

But if leaders don't emerge, if the running game can't pick up crucial yards against Oklahoma and the defense looks just as confused against Texas Tech, the Longhorns could be in for a long season.

Chicago Cubs sale process moving slower than expected well-heeled investors lined up

CHICAGO (AP) — Five months after Tribune Co. announced plans to sell the Chicago Cubs, the first-place ballclub is making much more noise on the field than its corporate owners have been about the slow-moving sale process.

But whether the Cubs make the playoffs or even manage to capture their first World Series in 99 years, an emerging lineup of deep-pocketed bidders has put Tribune in strong position to net a record sale price for the franchise.

Tribune put the team and historic Wrigley Field on the block in April,

saying it would sell the team after the season and intended to do so by the end of the year. But its bankers have yet to send out detailed financial information to prospective bidders and are not expected to do so until mid-September, jeopardizing that timetable.

A source familiar with the sale process said there's no chance of the sale being completed this year, with a more realistic target now baseball's opening day in spring 2008. The source, who declined to be identified out of concern of disrupting the process, said "five or six legitimate groups" have emerged as

would-be buyers, but declined to give details.

Tribune, which is in the process of going private in an \$8.2 billion buyout being led by real estate magnate Sam Zell, isn't talking about dates, names or numbers. A spokesman for the media conglomerate, Gary Weitman, said the company doesn't want the process to be

a distraction to the season.

"We'd like to get the sale done as soon as possible after the baseball season ends," Weitman said. "But I can't and wouldn't predict what the timing will be."

Currently, the Cubs are clinging to a slim — and rare — lead in the National League Central Division

and trying to get to the World Series for the first time since 1945.

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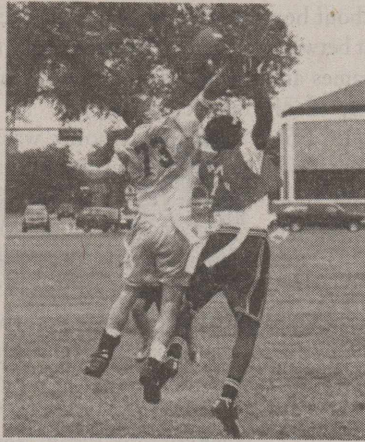
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Looking Forward: Fall Softball is on the horizon!!! Sign-ups will run from Tuesday, September 18th thru Thursday, September 20th. We will offer Co-Recreational, Men's and Women's divisions. If you have questions, please call the Intramural Office at 742-2945 or stop by Room 203 in the Student Recreation Center.

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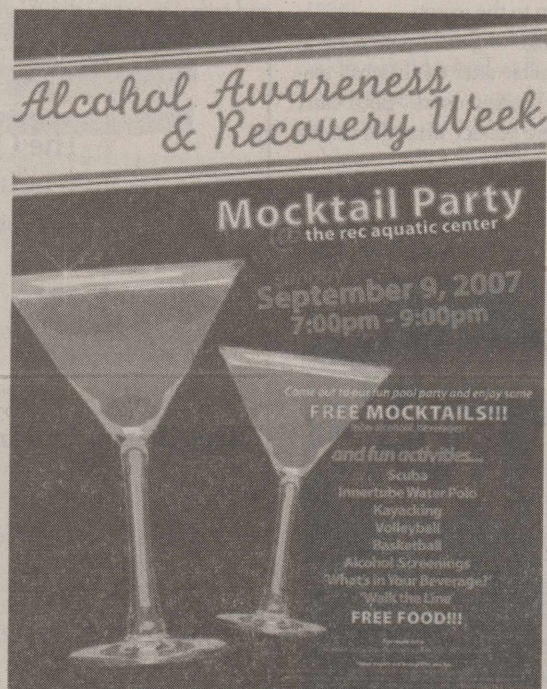
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Kimaiyo receives another year, reunites with Kipyego

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

When All-American senior Irene Kimaiyo was granted a fifth year of eligibility from the NCAA for an injury she suffered three years ago, her friend and teammate Sally Kipyego breathed a sigh of relief.

"The fact that we have Irene back is huge for us," Kipyego said. "We really thought we lost Irene, and we thought we lost a little power, but now Irene is right there with me, and the team will be much better."

Kipyego said Kimaiyo's talent and competitiveness give her the opportunity to polish her running ability during races.

"She's strong when it comes to distances," Kipyego said of Kimaiyo. "She's always there with me, so she pushes me and gives me the strength to do it. It's perfect because she's stronger than me in long runs and everything so she helps me do that."

Kipyego won all six races she participated in last season, including her win at nationals when she became Texas Tech's first cross-country individual champion at the NCAA championships in November.

Kimaiyo placed at least 10th in all

six races last season, and her eighth-place finish at nationals made Tech the only school in 2006 to finish with two runners in the top ten.

Tech coach Jon Murray said his team has a chance to eclipse last season's sixth-place finish at nationals with the return of Kimaiyo and

that had two in the top ten. Having (Kimaiyo and Kipyego) is great."

Kimaiyo and Kipyego not only help the team as a whole, but they feed-off one another more than anything else, Murray said.

"They work well together," Murray said. "It's a unique situation there.

They both want to do well. They're both competitive. They're both really good. On most teams, Irene would be a great No. 1 runner, and she happens to be our No. 2."

Murray said Kimaiyo will continue to thrive as Tech's second runner behind Kipyego.

"I think Sally helps Irene, in one, that she helps take a little bit of the pressure off of her and lets her do her race," Murray said. "She also helps push her in workouts we have. She's always working hard to stay up there with her, and that allows Irene to be better."

Kimaiyo said she hopes to improve from her 2006 campaign.

"I am looking at doing great at nationals and finishing top five if possible," Kimaiyo said. "Right now it's hard to predict because we

need five people to make the team, and we have top four from last year, and we have the freshmen to fill out the fifth person."

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TEXAS TECH'S CROSS country runners Sally Kipyego and Kevin Chelimo run through campus while training for the 2007 season

Kipyego.

"Having Irene back, that's just a one-two punch that's basically better than anyone in the country," he said. "We're the only school in the nation

L.A.'S TIME



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TEXAS TECH'S L.A. Reed breaks away from a defender during a kickoff return against SMU Monday at Gerald J. Ford Stadium.

AP POLL: TOP 25 COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parenthesis, records through Monday, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

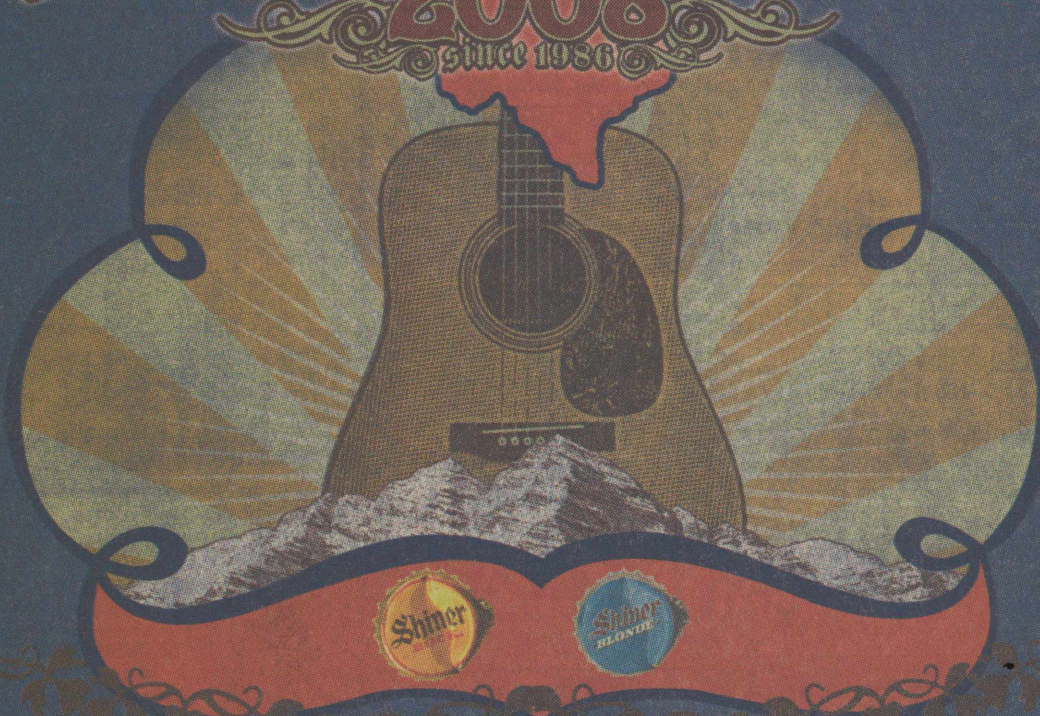
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2.	LSU (5)	1-0	1,542	2	15.	Rutgers	1-0	659	16
3.	West Virginia (1)	1-0	1,449	3	16.	Nebraska	1-0	541	20
4.	Florida	1-0	1,346	6	17.	Auburn	1-0	519	18
5.	Oklahoma	1-0	1,275	8	18.	Arkansas	1-0	450	21
6.	Wisconsin	1-0	1,275	7	19.	TCU	1-0	384	22
7.	Texas	1-0	1,221	4	20.	Hawaii	1-0	335	23
8.	Louisville	1-0	1,152	10	21.	Georgia Tech	1-0	278	—
9.	Virginia Tech	1-0	1,085	9	22.	Boise St.	1-0	267	24
10.	California	1-0	1,080	12	23.	Texas A&M	1-0	217	25
11.	Georgia	1-0	959	13	24.	Tennessee	0-1	210	15
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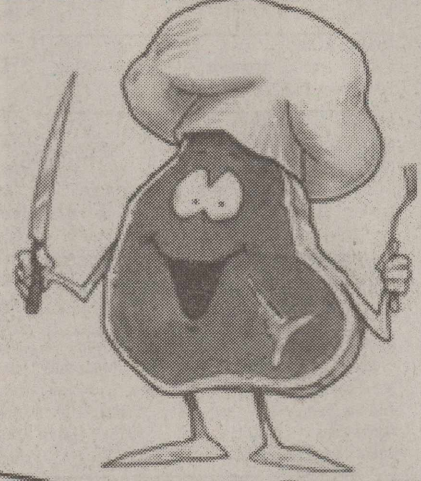
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