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Inmate recaptured after slipping from squad

ROSHARON (AP) — A 65-year-old prison inmate was caught Wednesday about an hour after he was noticed missing from a work squad at a prison in Rosharon, south of Houston.

Leon David Lee was found by tracking dogs from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Stringfellow Unit about two miles from where he was last seen about 9:15 a.m., agency spokeswoman Michelle Lyons said.

Lee has been locked up since July 2003 on a 25-year term from Galveston County for indecency with a child.

NATION

Marine officers disciplined for slayings

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — A major general and two senior officers have been disciplined for their roles in investigating the deaths of 24 Iraqi civilians in the town of Haditha in 2005; the Marine Corps said Wednesday.

Maj. Gen. Richard A. Huck, former commanding general of the 2nd Marine Division, has received a letter of censure from the secretary of the Navy for the "actions he took and failed to take" in response to the killings.

WORLD

Germany: Plot targeted U.S. facilities

BERLIN (AP) — Three militants from an Islamic group linked to al-Qaida were planning "massive" bomb attacks against Americans in Germany when an elite antiterrorist unit raided their small-town hideout after months of police surveillance, officials said Wednesday. Prosecutors said the suspects — two German converts and a Turkish citizen sharing a "profound hatred of U.S. citizens" — had military-style detonators and enough material to make bombs more powerful than those that killed 191 people in Madrid in 2004 and 52 commuters in London two years ago.

DEATH TOLL

3750

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Independent study: Iraqi security forces not ready

By ANNE FLAHERTY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraq's security forces will be unable to take control of the country in the next 18 months, and Baghdad's national police force is so rife with corruption it should be scrapped entirely, according to a new independent assessment.

The study, led by retired Marine Corps Gen. James Jones, is a sweeping and detailed look at Iraq's security forces that will factor heavily into Congress' upcoming debate on the war. Republicans see success by the Iraqi forces as critical to bringing U.S. troops home, while an increasing number of Democrats say the U.S. should stop training and equipping such units altogether.

The 20-member panel of mostly retired senior military and police officers concludes that Iraq's military, in particular its army, shows the most promise of becoming a viable, independent security force with time. But the group predicts an adequate logistics system to support these ground forces is at least another two years away.

The report also offers a scathing

assessment of Iraq's Interior Ministry and recommends scrapping Iraq's national police force, which it describes as dysfunctional and infiltrated by militias.

Overall, Iraqi security forces "have the potential to help reduce sectarian violence, but ultimately the ISF will reflect the society from which they are drawn," according to the report, a copy of which was

obtained by The Associated Press. "Political reconciliation is the key to ending sectarian violence in Iraq."

The United States has spent \$19.2 billion on developing Iraq's forces, and plans to spend \$5.5 billion more next year. According to Jones' study, the Iraqi military

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Apple unveils new iPods, lowers iPhone price

By MAY WONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple Inc. slashed the price of the iPhone by \$200 Wednesday — a rare move for the company that typically discounts only older products. It also updated its iPod media players, introducing a model with a touch-screen and other iPhone features.

The 8-gigabyte iPhone will be \$399 — \$200 cheaper than the same model when it went on sale in June. The 4-gigabyte iPhone, which sold for \$399, will be phased out. By comparison, the new touch-screen iPods will start at \$299.

Analysts said the price drop would definitely boost sales, possibly allowing Apple to achieve its self-proclaimed goal of selling 1 million iPhones by the end of September.

But they also questioned the move, which is not consistent with Apple's standard marketing practice of lowering prices during a product's second or third update. Apple also typically keeps the price the same but adds new features and storage when a product is upgraded.

Apple stock dropped more than 5 percent after the price drop was announced, losing \$7.40 to close at \$136.76.

"It will absolutely help sales — but at what cost?" asked Tim Beyers, an analyst at The Motley Fool research and investment group. "People who bought the iPhone weeks or months ago must really be annoyed, and with good reason they might think twice about being the first to buy future Apple products. This smacks a little of desperation, and it's very unlike Apple."

Also Wednesday, CEO Steve Jobs unveiled updated iPods, including the version with a touch-sensitive screen, wireless Internet access and a Web browser. Unlike an iPhone, it can't make or receive phone calls.

The iPod Touch allows users to download songs wirelessly, and, eventually, will let people sample and buy digital tunes from any Starbucks in the United States that offers Wi-Fi Internet access.

The iPod Touch is less than a third of an inch thick and can be used for storing photos, music, videos and other digital data. It features the same 3.5-inch, touch-screen display as the iPhone, on which light finger touches allow the user to scroll through menus, and two fingers are used to resize pictures.

The iPod Touch also has built-in wireless Internet access and the Safari Web browser. The iPhone, which runs on AT&T Inc.'s cellular network, also supports Wi-Fi.

An 8-gigabyte iPod Touch will cost \$299. A 16-gigabyte version will cost \$399. It will be shipped worldwide starting later this month.

People using the iTunes Wi-Fi store will be able to download songs for the same price as the regular store, which charges 99 cents per song.

Starting in October, the Starbucks icon will light up on the iPod Touch whenever a user nears a Starbucks coffee shop that has Wi-Fi access. Users can then download the song that's playing in the shop or get a list of the 10 most recent songs played.

The Starbucks partnership begins at 600 stores in New York and Seattle on Oct. 2. In November, it will be available at 350 stores in the San Francisco Bay Area, and by the end of next year it will be in all Starbucks with Wi-Fi nationwide.



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Apple Inc.

Plane carrying nuclear weapons flies over U.S.

By PAULINE JELINEK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A B-52 bomber was mistakenly armed with six nuclear warheads and flown for more than three hours across several states last week, prompting an Air Force investigation and the firing of one commander, Pentagon officials said Wednesday.

Rep. Ike Skelton, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, called the mishandling of the weapons "deeply disturbing" and said the committee would press the military for details. Rep. Edward J. Markey, a senior member of the Homeland Security committee, said it was "absolutely inexcusable."

"Nothing like this has ever been reported before and we have been assured for decades that it was impossible," said Markey, D-Mass., co-chair of the House task force on nonproliferation.

The plane was carrying Advanced Cruise Missiles from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., to Barksdale Air Force Base, La., on Aug. 30, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of a Defense Department policy not to confirm information on nuclear weapons.

The missiles, which are being decommissioned, were mounted onto pylons on the bomber's wings and it is unclear why the warheads had not been removed beforehand.

The Air Combat Command

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Texas Tech employee to plead not guilty to sexual assault charges

By MAGGIE KIELY
STAFF WRITER

Barry Todd Smith, a Texas Tech employee charged with incestuous sexual assault with a child, was still booked in the Lubbock County jail as of Wednesday.

Smith filed an Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus on Wednesday, petitioning the amount of his bail bond.

According to the application document, Smith "is entitled to be admitted to bail and can secure bail in a reasonable amount, but that bail has heretofore been set by the Magistrate Court in the amount of \$500,000, and that amount is unreasonable and is in effect a denial of bail."

Chuck Lanehart, the attorney representing Smith, said he and Smith would ask for about a \$50,000 bond.

"It's unreasonable because he is innocent, he is not a flight risk and he is not a danger to the community," Lanehart said.

As of Wednesday, he said Smith's arraignment had not yet been scheduled.

"He will enter a plea of not guilty," Lanehart said.

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Ethics panel refuses to dismiss complaint against Sen. Craig

By DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — To the dismay of fellow Republicans, Sen. Larry Craig launched a determined drive to save his seat on Wednesday, vowing to stay in office if allowed to withdraw his guilty plea in a men's room sex sting.

Craig's campaign suffered an instant setback, however, when the ethics committee refused to set aside a complaint lodged against him. "Pending Sen. Craig's resignation, the committee will continue to review this matter," the committee's senior senators wrote.

The decision to deploy his legal team marked a reversal of his pledge to resign on Sept. 30, and raised the possibility of a protracted legal and political struggle, much of it playing out in public, with

gay sex at its core.

"I thought he made the correct decision, the difficult but correct decision to resign" over the weekend, said Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky after he and Craig spoke by telephone. "That would still be my view today."

Craig made no public statements during the day, although he met privately in Boise with Idaho Gov. C.L. Otter, who has the authority to fill any vacancy in the state's Senate delegation.

"We are proceeding based on the assumption that there is going to be a transition at the end of the month," said Jon Hanian, Otter's spokesman. "The senator's staff is going to work with ours to that end."

But McConnell heard something different when he talked with his longtime Senate colleague. He said Craig had told him he now intended to

remain in Congress if he is permitted to withdraw his guilty plea by Sept. 30. "If he is unable to have that disposed of prior to Sept. 30, it is his intention to resign from the Senate as he expressed last Saturday," he said.

The GOP leader spoke hours after Craig's attorney, Stanley Brand, asked the ethics committee not to investigate a complaint because events were "wholly unrelated" to official duties.

Committee action eventually would lead the Senate down a path of dealing with "a host of minor misdemeanors and transgressions," Brand added in a letter that was hand-delivered.

In a written reply several hours later, the panel's chairman and senior Republican wrote that Senate rules give the committee authority to investigate lawmakers who engage in "improper conduct, which may reflect upon the Senate."

DeLeon receives award for advocating education

By **MAGGIE KIELY**
STAFF WRITER

Linda DeLeon, city councilwoman for District 1, recently was awarded the second annual Texas Tech Robert L. Duncan Community Champion Award.

Janie Ramirez, chair of the Back to School Fiesta Day, said the Robert L. Duncan Community Champion Award is presented to individuals or businesses that go above and beyond in promoting education in the community.

DeLeon received the award for her persistent service to the Lubbock Independent School District, Ramirez said.

"She was actually a school board member of the Lubbock Independent

School District for 18 years," she said. "She mobilized so many people to get involved with education from the Lubbock community."

DeLeon said she did not expect to be entered into the running for the award.

"When they called me and said someone had submitted my name for consideration, I had no idea," she said. "It was a total surprise."

Ramirez said she believes DeLeon has offered a voice to many minority families in her district.

"Cavazos Middle School is where it is because of her," she said. "The plans were to locate it somewhere else; by championing education for her district, she was able to get it where it is."

DeLeon said she believes it was crucial Cavazos middle school, located on

N. University, be built in a minority area in to insure that students of all ethnic backgrounds are offered a good education.

Rosa Gallegos, senior administrator for the Cross Cultural Center, said students would have been taken by bus to a middle school in South Lubbock had Cavazos middle school not been built where it is.

"It makes it difficult for students who are used to going to a minority school," she said. "There wasn't another junior high in that area."

Nominations for potential recipients of the award were sent in from members of the community, and a committee reviewed the nominations.

Gallegos said DeLeon was chosen as a parent and education advocate, not as a city councilwoman.

"In looking at the information that was sent," she said, "a lot of (the decision) was based on the fact that she has been an advocate for education for years; that what was what really chipped in her favor."

The Community Champion Award was established in 2006 and awarded to Senator Duncan for his contributions to education.

Ramirez said the award was established to add more prestige to the Back to School Fiesta Day and was named after Duncan since he was the first recipient.

DeLeon said while she is not on the LISD school board, she still works constantly toward bettering education.

"I know that in city government, education has to be our focal point," she said.

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COUNCILWOMAN LINDA DELEON receives an award for outstanding achievement in education throughout the community.

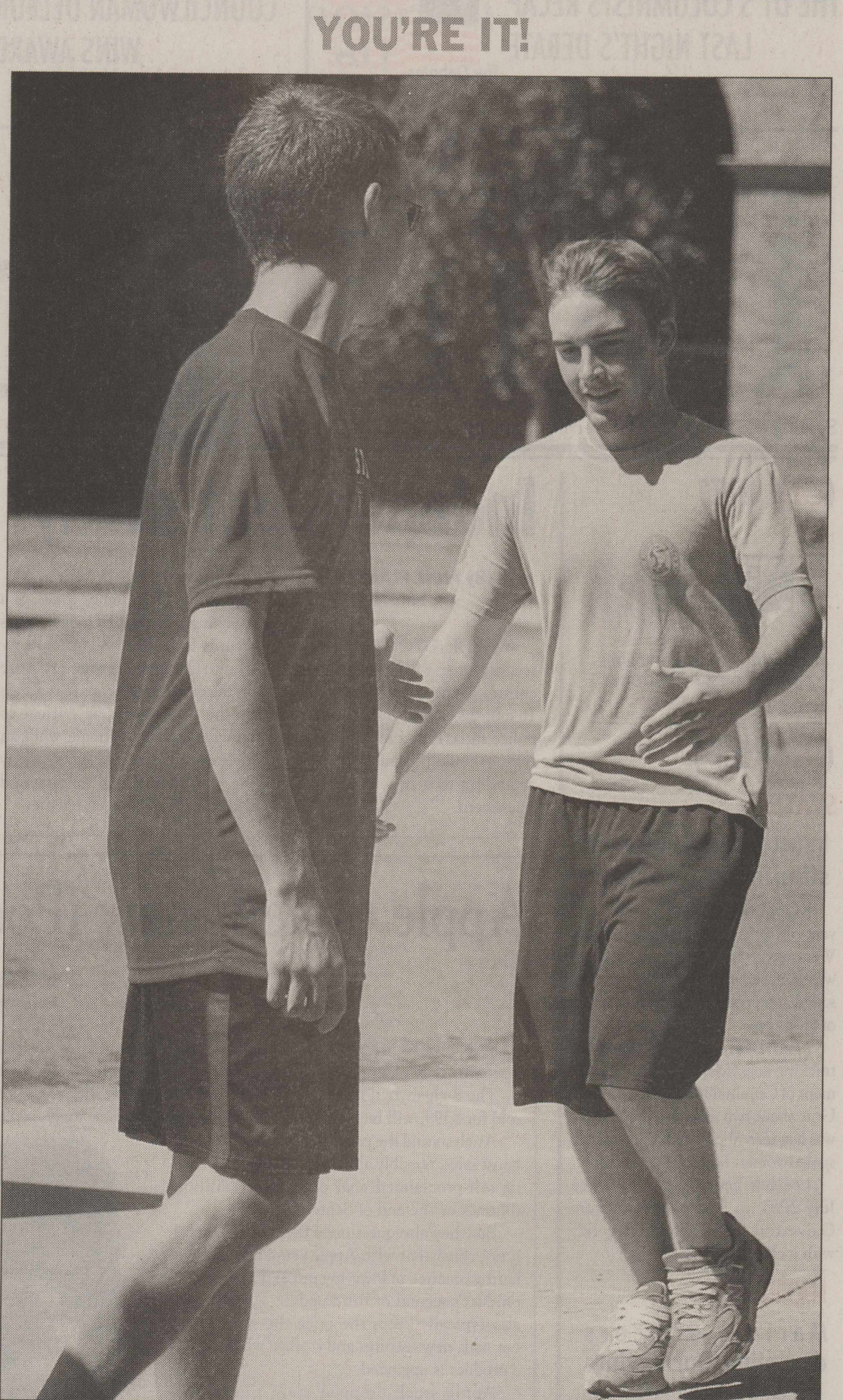


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JUSTIN HADDOCK, A junior mechanical engineering major from Pampa, holds his hand out to be tagged by Justin Jones, a sophomore business major from Midland, after his jog Wednesday afternoon around the Exercise Science center outside the key for their jogging class.

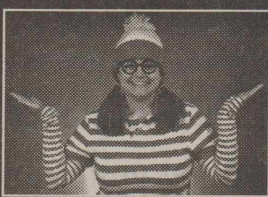
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comprises more than 152,000 service members operating under the Defense Ministry, while the Interior Ministry oversees some 194,000 civilian security personnel, including police and border control.

The review is one of several

studies that Congress commissioned in May, when it agreed to fund the war for several more months but demanded that the Bush administration and outside groups assess U.S. progress in the four-year war.

Jones, a former commander of U.S. troops in Europe and former Marine Corps commandant, is scheduled to testify before Congress on Thursday. Defense Secretary

Robert Gates and other officials have already been briefed on the study, officials said last week.

A senior Pentagon official said Wednesday that the military does not believe the Iraqi national police should be disbanded but acknowledges that getting the Iraqi army up to speed will take a while.

"We've always recognized that this was a long-term project," Pentagon spokesman Geoff Mor-

rell said Wednesday. "Getting the Iraqi army on its feet and capable of defending the borders of the country independently is not an overnight project." He added: "It is our belief that this will come to fruition. It's going to take some time to happen."

Several lawmakers — many of whom face tough elections next year — said they would be unswayed by the Jones report and other independent assessments. Congress would fare better by finding a bipartisan solution that would bring troops home, they say.

"No matter what these reports suggest or what Congress infers from them, it is clear that it is time to develop a post-surge strategy," wrote 13 lawmakers, including three Republicans, on Wednesday to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md.

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Former county judge retires from HSC

By GLENYS BOLLS
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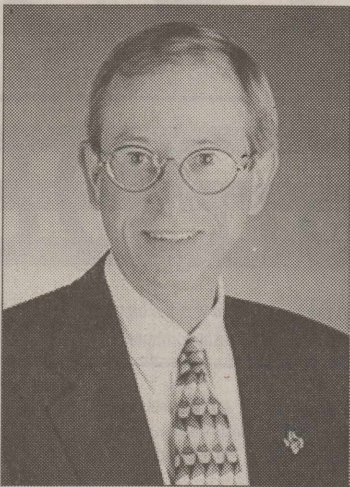
The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's managing director of Telemedicine, Don McBeath, retired Friday after the Health Sciences Center eliminated his job.

"There was a reorganization in our department," McBeath said. "The position I held was eliminated in the budget. Rather than seek out other opportunities that may have been available, I decided to retire."

Debbie Voyles, the director of Telemedicine, said she enjoyed the years she worked with McBeath.

"We started at about the same time," she said. "He helped me to learn about the Health Sciences Center. He was very social; he always got along with people. He was always looking for ways to help rural West Texas."

Before coming to the Health Sciences Center almost nine years



DON MCBEATH

ago, McBeath worked as a Lubbock County judge for eight years and as an office administrator in the Lubbock District Attorney's office for 10 years.

He said he is ready to take a break after a hectic career life.

"I've got a lot of projects around the house I want to work on," he

said. "I'm going to slow down the pace for sure."

Voyles said she was sad to see McBeath leave.

"He brought lots of exposure to the university from his contacts when he was a county judge," she said. "Everywhere we went, everybody knew who Don McBeath was. It opened lots of doors for the university."

McBeath said he became eligible for retirement in July and decided that it was the best option for himself and his family.

"Eventually, you just reach a point where you want to do this," he said.

Despite being retired, McBeath said he will continue his involvement with health issues in West Texas.

"I'm still interested in rural and community health," he said. "I'll probably be doing similar things on a limited basis."

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Ag Dean retires after three decades at Tech

By ADAM YOUNG
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After 30 years with Texas Tech, the dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, Marvin Cepica, retired Friday.

The 63-year-old said he had worked with the university since 1977 and has contemplated retirement from his position for years.

"I've been planning on it about 40 years," Cepica said. "Actually I went one more year than I intended to just because I think some things needed to be accomplished in the college."

While Cepica was dean, the college saw extensive growth, including the dedication of the \$17 million Animal and Food Sciences building in 2006 and the college's endowment fund increasing to \$32 million, according to a College of Agricultural Sciences press release.

"I realized after becoming dean that there's a lot of support for Texas Tech and for our college," he said.

In the past three years, Cepica said the college has provided more distance courses and programs, and its faculty are now leading the university in the number of research hours per faculty member.

Norm Hopper, associate academic

dean in the College of Agricultural Sciences, said Cepica's abilities was one of the things that made him successful in the college.

"He's not one of these types of guys that will look at a situation that needs his attention, make a quick decision and run with it," he said. "At the same time, he's not the type of person that would just drag something out."

Hopper said Cepica's love for the college is something many will remember him for.

"He wanted this college to be the best college it could be," he said. "He wanted us to be outstanding in every way, accountable to the students, accountable to the faculty and the administration and alumni. His legacy is that he wanted the very best for this college."

Hopper said he and Cepica started working in the college around the same time more than 30 years ago.

According to the college's press release, Cepica began his career in agricultural sciences as a high school teacher in Graham and Dimmitt.

In 1977, he became a faculty member in the Department of Agricultural Education and Agricultural Engineering.

Cepicas said he served in several faculty and administrative capacities,

including professor, associate dean and executive associate dean for academic and student affairs.

Donna Weaver, assistant to the dean, said Cepica was dedicated to his work and students.

"He had an open-door policy, and students sought him out," she said. "There would be individuals coming back to town just to say 'hello' who were students of his years ago."

Cepica said he received his baccalaureate and master's degrees in Agricultural Education from Texas Tech in 1967 and earned a doctorate from Oklahoma State University in 1977.

According to a press release, Cepica won a Professional Agricultural Workers of Texas Education Award in 1996 and a Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Future Farmers of America in 2005.

While Cepica said he plans to continue involvement with the university, he does not anticipate teaching or working part-time in the future.

"I plan on earning the reputation of being one of Texas Tech and the college's best supporters," he said.

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Lawman says man who claimed to be Billy the Kid won't be exhumed

STEPHENVILLE (AP) — The body of a man who claimed to be the outlaw Billy the Kid will not be exhumed because of local resistance and questions over the grave's authenticity.

Steven Sederwall, former mayor of Capitan, N.M., and a retired federal officer, had petitioned Hamilton city officials in April for permission to exhume the body of Ollie "Brushy Bill" Roberts, who died in 1950.

Sederwall wanted to obtain DNA to compare blood samples taken from the workbench where the body of William Bonney, aka Billy the Kid, lay after he was shot in 1881 in Fort Sumner, N.M.

Sederwall said a longtime Hamilton resident told him that Roberts' grave had been moved from the back of the cemetery to the front. He said city officials, who had previously voted against

exhuming Roberts, refused to certify the gravesite.

Hamilton City Manager Bill Funderburk could not be reached for comment.

Sederwall said he suspects Roberts' actual grave is at the back of the cemetery and the one up front is "a tourist trap for them to sell their wares," referring to the Billy the Kid Museum in Hamilton. The back of the headstone, which is visible from the highway, contains a clear plastic cylinder full of museum fliers.

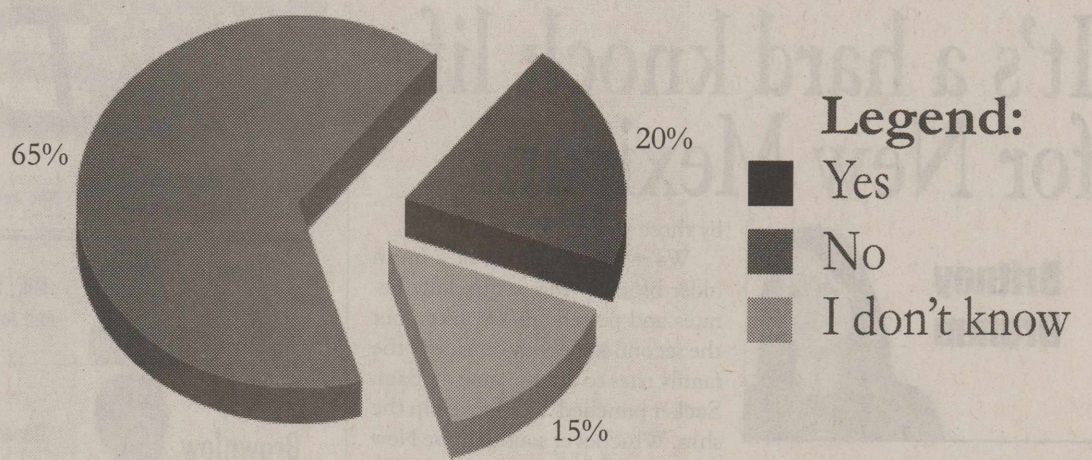
"I find it hard to believe that a pauper would get a front and center next to the highway gravesite," said Sederwall, who is investigating Bonney's jailhouse escape and the murder of two deputies during a courthouse shootout in 1881.

Sederwall said he found evidence

that Roberts' date of birth had been changed on the memorial stone from the date listed on the death certificate to match Billy the Kid's. His name had also been changed from what was written on the original stone.

DAILY POLL

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has ordered a command-wide stand down on Sept. 14 to review procedures, officials said. They said there was minimal risk to crews and the public because of safety features designed into the munitions.

In addition to the munitions squadron commander who was re-

lieved of his duties, crews involved with the mistaken load have been temporarily decertified for handling munitions, one official said.

The investigation is expected to take several weeks.

The incident was first reported by Military Times newspaper group.

"There is no more serious issue than the security and proper handling of nuclear weapons," Skelton said in a statement Wednesday.

"The American people, our friends, and our potential adversaries must be confident that the highest standards are in place when it comes to our nuclear arsenal."

Skelton, D-Mo., said his committee will pursue answers on the classified matter "to ensure that the Air Force and the Department of Defense address this particular incident and strengthen controls more generally."

Thompson makes his candidacy for president official

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Fred Thompson — veteran actor, former Republican senator — launched his bid for the presidency Hollywood style.

"I'm running for president of the United States," Thompson told Jay Leno in a taped appearance on NBC's "Tonight Show" airing Wednesday night.

Thompson called top opponents Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney formidable but added: "I think I will be, too" as he rejected the notion that he was getting into the race too late, only four months before voting begins.

"I don't think people are going to say, 'You know, that guy would make a

very good president but he just didn't get in soon enough," Thompson said as the studio audience laughed. Poking at his rivals who have been running since the year began, he added: "If you can't get your message out in a few months, you're probably not every going to get it out."

In a multi-phased campaign rollout, Thompson also is calling attention to his candidacy with a 30-second ad broadcast during a Republican debate in New Hampshire that he is not participating in. He also is explaining the rationale for his candidacy during a 15-minute Webcast on his campaign Internet site just after midnight.

"On the next president's watch,

our country will make decisions that will affect our lives and our families far into the future. We can't allow ourselves to become a weaker, less prosperous and more divided nation," Thompson says in the ad that will air on Fox News Channel.

Thompson, 65, enters a crowded GOP field and an extraordinarily fluid race four months before the first votes are cast. While Giuliani leads in national polls, Romney maintains an edge in the early voting states of Iowa and New Hampshire. Overall, Republican voters have expressed less satisfaction with their choices than Democrats, which Thompson sees as an opening for his candidacy.

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It's a hard knock life for New Mexicans

Britney Drumm



It's a hard knock life — for us. By us, I mean native New Mexicans. The true and noble sons (and daughters) born of the self-proclaimed “Land of Enchantment.”

From the minute I stepped foot on the Texas Tech campus — shyly surrounded by my posse of fellow Albuquerque/Rio Rancho friends and acquaintances — I have found a certain sort of disdain for my heritage from those of you lucky enough to be indigenous to the great, grand, loud and proud land of Texas.

Dare I badmouth the Lone Star State and its faithful inhabitants?

Don't think me so foolish. No, in fact, the tone you perhaps are imagining as you read this is one of shameful coveting. I find myself overcome with jealousy when I even think about the kind of pride inset within the very essence and spirit of a native Texan at birth.

I'm not really sure if many of you appreciate the kind of gift you have, being able to talk about your home state with a subtle tone of smugness and immense joy.

I envy you all (or ya'll, I suppose) for those elementary school days when you could walk in to a classroom full of your common fellows, all intrinsically aware of how utterly awesome you were to be born Texan.

I, on the other hand, at the simple age of six was taught the one simple truth New Mexicans wear like a badge: the complete contempt and shame of our home state. Walking around as a young child, on into middle school, and finally high school, there is a very real hatred for the state you are forced to call home. For those like me, physically born in Silver City, N.M., there's literally no escape for what you are: The Born-and-Raised New Mexican.

College searching, for me, consisted of anything and anywhere outside the state borders that also would be cheap enough for me to afford.

When asked by family members why I refused to go to the University of New Mexico — which offered me a full scholarship, known as the Lottery Scholarship, merely for going to high school in the state and getting decent-enough grades — I would reply very simply, “I would rather stick pins and needles into my eyeballs than go there.”

As proud as Texans are of the land mass they call home, by their very nature, New Mexicans are just as mortified of theirs. However, I have found throughout the years, and personally very recently, our sort of hate is the kind reserved only

by those within “the family.” We're like the mob, or a mean older brother who continually berates and pesters his kid sister, but the second somebody outside of the family tries to do the same — Bam. Sucker punched ... or kicked in the shin. Whichever sounds more New Mexican-like.

Whenever I meet a Texan and introduce myself as being from Albuquerque, nine times out of 10 that Texan will respond by saying, “Oh, I'm sorry.” They're so sorry for me growing up in a state that, most of the time, they don't even know.

“As proud as Texans are of the land mass they call home ... New Mexicans are just as mortified of theirs”

— BRITNEY DRUMM
DT COLUMNIST

All right, so you skied in Ruidoso one time. Good for you. Your family once took a vacation to the Carlsbad Caverns and White Sands, or spent time at Elephant Butte Lake during the summer — clearly you can now be a certified expert on the condition of the fifth largest state, by landmass, in America.

You come to us for recreation, food and culture — let us bad mouth ourselves in peace and keep your Texan pride to yourself. We get it ... you used to be a country. A Republic. Woo.

I like Texas; don't get me wrong. If I didn't like it, I wouldn't be spending four years here getting a Texan education — in Lubbock of all places. I hate to break it to you guys, but Lubbock isn't exactly a gem. In comparison, it makes Albuquerque look like the Beverly Hills of the Southwest, and truth be told, that city was not such a horrific place to grow up in, nor is it a place I cringe at the thought of returning to.

I love and miss the Rio Grande splitting the city in half and the Sandia Mountains, which was the only way I learned how to differentiate between east and west. Sunsets are better, green chile actually exists and hot air balloons from all over the world come there to fly.

I don't regret leaving for Texas in the slightest — but nor will I regret returning when my graduation day arrives.

The Land of Enchantment, indeed.

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Decision '08 Republican Debate Durham, N.H.

Check out last night's debate blog at <http://www.dailytoreador.com>

	Who won the debate?	Who lost the debate?	What was the biggest surprise?	What was the biggest disappointment?	What was the best quip?	What was the best quote?
Trey Caliva	Mike Huckabee and John McCain	Rudy Giuliani	The first vicious questions asked by Fox News' Chris Matthews	No one separated themselves from the rest of the candidates	"(on Fred Thompson) I think he's done a really good job playing my part on 'Law and Order'" - Rudy Giuliani	"(on the War in Iraq) That means if we make a mistake, we make it as a single country" - Mike Huckabee
Josh Brownlow	Duncan Hunter	John McCain	Ron Paul blaming the United States for the attacks on Sept. 11	Fred Thompson not being in attendance	"When Republicans get caught being immoral, they resign. When a Democrat do, they're made chairman of a committee" - Duncan Hunter	"The surge is working, sir, no, not apparently. It's working." - John McCain
Brian Ridley	Duncan Hunter	Sam Brownback	How little criticism there was of the Democratic nominees	John McCain defending his amnesty bill	"When Republicans get caught being immoral, they resign. When a Democrat do, they're made chairman of a committee" - Duncan Hunter	"Even if we lose elections we should not lose our honor, and that is more important to the Republican Party" - Mike Huckabee

Scandal, the average reader's entry buzz word

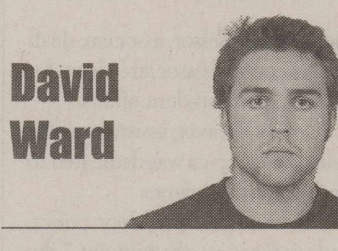
In my last article, I wrote about the exile of former top Bush aid, Karl Rove. The same day the article graced the pages of *The Daily Toreador*, Alberto Gonzales stepped down from his position as U.S. Attorney General.

I began pleading to the gods of political parody for a solid week of time to write a “Dredge Report, part two,” in which I planned to go into the ilk of which Gonzales and Rove were involved; yet the gods beseeched me.

We learned of Senator Larry Craig R-Idaho and his stall-room two-step.

There are no breaks for the opinions writer wanting to dig deep into the subject they wish to cover. Because, while there was an opportunity to expose Gonzales as an apparent Alzheimer's patient shifting into the position of Attorney General, we instead found ourselves with Craig, a backer of the Federal Marriage Amendment, hoping to get his feet wet in the “choice” of a homosexual lifestyle.

I should note Craig's lambasting of President Bill Clinton during his infamous scandal with Monica Lewinsky. According to reports from CBS, Craig was quoted on “Meet the Press” saying, “The American people already know that Bill Clinton is a bad boy — a naughty boy. I'm going to speak out for the citizens of my state, who in the majority think that Bill Clinton is probably



David Ward

even a nasty, bad, naughty boy.”

That might have been a telling sign of how fabulous Craig was.

Another example was when he was mulling over the idea of abandoning New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Craig told WAFF-TV in Baton Rouge, La., “Louisiana and New Orleans are the most corrupt governments in our country, and they always have been.”

Is this really what we should expect from Congress? Abandonment of one of our nations thriving cultural cities? (Though, ignoring New Orleans seems to be doing just fine.)

Are we, in fact, living in a DC Comics adapted Bizarro World?

It is very easy for me to stand and lambast Craig, yet there is hope that maybe this isn't solely Craig's fault. Perhaps he is not as corrupt as the 24-hour news channels have made him out to be. The readiness of the media to make their accusations on both sides may well have painted a very unfair description of a man who might have, as George from “Seinfeld” once said, “a staunch record of heterosexuality.”

Why are we not seeing the same calls from the inner sanctums of Congress to prosecute David Vitter, the man charged in fronting President

Clinton's indiscretions?

Shouldn't breaking the most sacred of bonds our country holds dear, an acrimonious and spiteful marriage causing one partner to venture away from their spouse and betray their trust, be given the same treatment?

Of course not. Out-of-wedlock betrayals are old hat, nothing spicy there.

Now throw in a disturbing list of instant messaging conversations to undergird congressional pages, a hooker, some meth, or glory hole advances and you've got yourself a grand and explosive headline sure to send bloggers on a linking rampage.

This brings me to my original point, former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

Here, we actually saw a man who perpetrated wrongdoing against the government. He violated the law for partisan reasons, destroyed the reputation he spent his entire life working on and became a ventriloquist dummy for an administration whose catch phrase was, “I don't recall.”

Were true democratic processes being implemented, we would have seen the calls for impeachment being fully acted out. Proceedings would have gotten underway before Gonzales had the chance to enter the private sector.

Robert Draper, in his book “Dead Certain: The Presidency of George W. Bush,” received a rare interview with the President and cited the internal power struggle from all corners. According to Draper, people would relay messages around the office instead of

coming together to come up with conclusions.

The *Washington Post* recounts from Draper's book that Rove was “freelancing, insinuating himself into the message world. ... Parachuting into Capitol Hill whenever it suited him.” That position is not necessarily bestowed upon a presidential adviser.

The *Post* also documented the inner bickering of staff members.

White House Advisor Ed Gillespie was given the task of carting messages throughout the higher offices of the staff. Gillespie told Draper, “I'm going crazy over here. I feel like a shuttle diplomat, going from office to office. No one will talk to each other.”

While these issues are pertinent and lend us much needed insight into the sheltered life of our President, we are instead being force-fed information about a Senator's hand grazing the underside of a bathroom stall.

Sadly, that is how the public wishes to consume its media, by focusing on scandals and crazed antics rather than policy and honesty. If we were conscious media consumers, we would seek out the honest truth about issues like the President's, rather than a Senator's toe-tapping in a bathroom.

Americans should view the more public-conscious legislation being passed that infringes on our rights and keep watchful eyes on an Administration who, illegally, does the same to us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

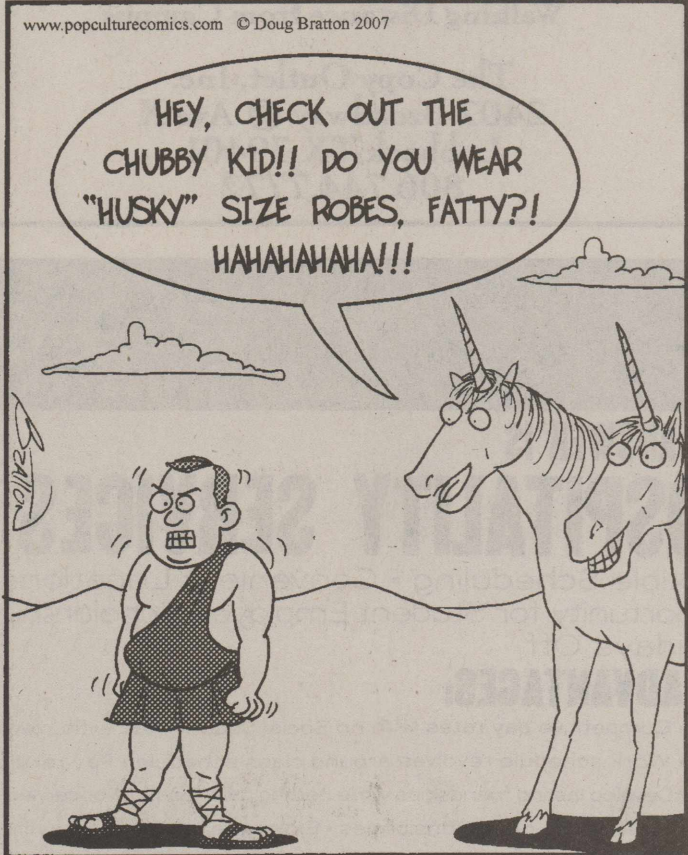
Before taking on a topic as complex as health care (DT, 9/4/07), columnist Cole Shooter should do more homework. Reading an opinion column by Walter Williams does not count as homework; Williams is not an expert on health care policy, so he borrows his own views from sources with an economic libertarian axe to grind.

A few points that Shooter might consider:

1. “Socialized health care” is merely a scare phrase. It is not the same as universal health insurance. All modern democracies, except the United States, have guaranteed health insurance. Only Britain has what could be called “socialized” health care.
2. Economists who really study health care do not believe that malpractice costs are a significant cause of the escalating cost of health care.
3. I cannot think of any proponent of universal insurance for the United States who uses Britain as a model.
4. Despite the real problem of waiting times in Canada and Britain, the quality of health care enjoyed by their citizens (ALL their citizens, unlike the U.S.) is as good or better than the care the United States enjoys.
5. With respect to life expectancy, infant mortality and other measures of the people's health, the United States lags behind ALL systems of universal health care in modern democracies. We are now 42nd in the world in life expectancy.
6. Health care in the United States, using any measure available, costs far more than systems with guaranteed universal health insurance.
7. Universal insurance need not be government owned and run. Look at Germany or Holland or Belgium or Japan or Australia or other models available for the U.S. to learn from.

Perhaps Mr. Shooter and the United States health care system might try it.

- Clarke E. Cochran, Professor of Political Science



Little Noah decided right then that if God ever destroyed the world by flood, and he had the only boat, no unicorns would be allowed on board.

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Former U.S. Advisor to share Iraq experiences at Tech

By **CHASE YORK**
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The former United States Senior Advisor of the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research will present "Eyewitness Iraq: Myths and Realities" at 5:30 p.m. today at the Texas Tech International Cultural Center.

John Agresto, author of "Mugged by Reality: The Liberation of Iraq and the Failure of Good Intentions," said he received his position as an American advisor to Iraqi higher education through a friend's referral.

"It just happened serendipitously," he said, "I didn't plan it."

Agresto received his bachelor's degree from Boston College and his Ph.D. from Cornell University.

He has taught at several universities such as Duke, The University of

Toronto and St. John's College, where he recently served as president. A former deputy head of the National Endowment for the Humanities, he runs his own educational consulting firm and authors books.

Agresto said he went to Iraq in Sept. 2003 and stayed for almost a year, where he was charged with the task of helping the Coalition Provisional Authority rebuild the higher education infrastructure in Iraq.

"We knew that if the universities were going to be rebuilt, Iraqis were going to have to rebuild them," he said.

The goal of the coalition was to offer Iraqis help and advice from American individuals who had experience in various fields of higher education, Agresto said.

The group worked to restore university libraries and helped create an

applications process to universities. "We had to figure out an admissions model," he said, "to get people to come in, rather than just saying 'my uncle's a friend of Saddam.'"

Agresto said three out of the 20 universities are doing well because they are in more peaceful regions of the country, but the great majority of universities are now religious schools.

He said looters made it difficult to make progress.

"Roaming gangs of criminals would go from hospitals, to universities, to schools, to museums and just strip everything they could to sell on the black market," he said. "What they couldn't sell, they burned. Books didn't bring much value, so most of the libraries were just burnt down."

Agresto said nothing was spared,

from desks and computers to toilet seats and the wiring from the walls.

"One of the big universities in Baghdad, within a duration of four hours, was nothing but a shell," he said. "They took everything out of it that they could move."

Agresto said he is unsure about Iraq's future educational system.

"I don't know that anything can be done right now," he said. "Except for supporting the universities in northern Iraq that are still safe and sound, there's not much that Americans or American universities can do. To be honest, they have bigger problems right now than to make sure the universities are teaching geometry."

In his presentation, Agresto will share insights from his experiences and his book.

He said he started writing his

book while in Iraq by recording for the Pentagon the events that occurred.

"I was a little peeved at the thought that I could write a few paragraphs to describe what I saw," he said. "So, I never wrote the paragraphs; I wrote the book instead."

Jane Bell, director of operations for the Tech International Cultural Center, said she is excited about the presentation.

"I am really impressed by this man and his book," she said. "I hope everyone who can attend the event will come because I think it is important to hear what's really going on in Iraq from an unbiased point of view."

Bell said Agresto's presentation will be followed by a reception and book signing. The event is free and open to the public.

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Teen kills mom with baseball bat

STEPHENVILLE, Texas (AP) — A teenager has been sentenced to 50 years in prison for beating his mother to death with an aluminum baseball bat.

Cody Roberson, 18, pleaded guilty to murder Tuesday and received a 50-year prison term. Roberson, who was 17 at the time of the crime, will be eligible for parole in 25 years after serving half of his sentence. His trial was to begin Monday.

As part of the plea deal, Roberson agreed to testify against anyone else who might be charged. His 15-year-old girlfriend was with him when Jana M. Roberson was killed inside the family's Stephenville home, but authorities previously said the girl was not a suspect.

Cody Roberson's attorney Heath Allen said investigators hired by the defense uncovered information that proves his client was not the only one involved.

District Attorney John Terrill said he is not sure if more charges will be filed.

Terrill said one reason he agreed to the plea deal was to protect the Roberson family from enduring a trial.

One night in January, Jana Roberson picked up her son and his girlfriend and brought them to the family's home, according to authorities. Within hours, something sparked the deadly dispute.

Roberson and his girlfriend then fled in his mother's vehicle, allegedly driving to Mineral Wells before returning to Stephenville, where Roberson dropped off the girl.

Roberson was arrested hours later in nearby Early after being chased by Brown County sheriff's deputies. The baseball bat used in the killing was found near Stephenville off a highway within days of the arrest.

Friends say Jana Roberson, 50, was deeply devoted to her troubled son, who had a history of family violence. In December, Roberson was arrested for assaulting his mother during a separate incident and was placed on probation.

Popcorn makers dropping chemical linked to lung ailment

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Four of the nation's biggest microwave popcorn makers are working to remove a flavoring chemical from their products linked to a lung ailment in popcorn plant workers while reassuring consumers about the safety of the snack.

Several of the companies discussed their plans Wednesday, a day after a leading lung research hospital warned that consumers also could be in danger from the buttery flavoring diacetyl.

The three companies that sell Orville Redenbacher, Act II, Pop Secret and Jolly Time microwave popcorn said they planned to change the recipes for their butter-flavored microwave popcorn to remove diacetyl.

The chemical diacetyl has been linked to cases of bronchiolitis obliterans, a rare life-threatening disease often called popcorn lung.

ConAgra Foods Inc., General Mills Inc. and the American Pop Corn Company all promised to make the change because of safety concerns. Together those companies accounted for more than 80 percent

of the market for microwave popcorn over the past 12 months, according to the research firm Information Resources Inc.

Last week, another popcorn manufacturer, Weaver Popcorn Co. of Indianapolis, said it would replace the butter flavoring ingredient because of consumer concern.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a consumer advocacy group, said the change is significant for workers who handle diacetyl and welcome for consumers even though the butter flavor may not present a significant risk for them.

"If the industry can get rid of the diacetyl, great. Why have any risk at all?" said Michael Jacobson, the nonprofit's executive director in Washington. "The real risk, the much bigger risk to consumers is the trans fat in popcorns."

The popcorn makers said consumers worried about diacetyl can buy varieties of microwave popcorn that are not butter flavored because those products don't contain diacetyl.

Diacetyl occurs naturally in foods such as butter, cheese and fruits, and the FDA has approved its use as a

flavor ingredient.

A pulmonary specialist at Denver's National Jewish Medical and Research Center had written to federal agencies to say doctors there believe they have the first case of a consumer who developed lung disease from the fumes of microwaving popcorn several times a day for years, according to reports Tuesday.

Dr. Cecile Rose sent the letter to federal health officials in July.

The Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association said that Rose's finding does not suggest a risk from eating microwave popcorn. The concern instead focuses on workers inhaling it in manufacturing settings — either in making the flavoring or adding it to food products ranging from popcorn to pound cakes.

The Washington, D.C.-based association has said several flavor manufacturers are either researching alternatives to diacetyl or are already marketing butter flavors free of the chemical.

ConAgra, which makes Orville Redenbacher and Act II popcorn, said it would make the change over the next year.

General Mills, which sells but doesn't make Pop Secret popcorn, said it planned to phase out diacetyl "soon," but company spokesman Tom Forsythe said he wasn't sure how quickly that could be done.

A spokeswoman for American Pop Corn, which makes Jolly Time, said the Sioux City, Iowa, company has been working on a new recipe without diacetyl for several months.

"Within the next 90 days, we will have it removed from all of our microwave popcorn products," spokeswoman Tracy Boever said.

The first government study to look at what fumes are produced by microwaving popcorn at home is due to be published as soon as this month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Wednesday.

The two-year study by EPA researchers was completed in late 2005 and has been under wraps since then, prompting critics to charge that the agency was protecting industry interests. But an EPA spokeswoman said the delay was due to a string of requirements including scientific review, submitting the report to in-

dustry and the time it took to get into a scientific journal.

EPA spokeswoman Suzanne Ackerman said the paper was recently accepted for publication as early as this month in a major scientific journal that she would not name.

The EPA denied a Freedom of Information request last fall from The Associated Press for the report, arguing it was a draft still under review. The agency has not yet answered an AP appeal of that rejection.

Ackerman confirmed that the study had been submitted to popcorn manufacturers ahead of its release. She said that was done to let companies make sure there were no competitive secrets in the report. EPA scientists signed nondisclosure agreements with industry in return for lists of ingredients the makers use in the popcorn and the packaging.

The report, titled "Emissions from Cooking Microwave Popcorn," is not a study of the health effects of diacetyl or any other fumes on consumers. Instead, it looks at exactly what gases including diacetyl are produced in what amount when consumers make microwave popcorn at home.

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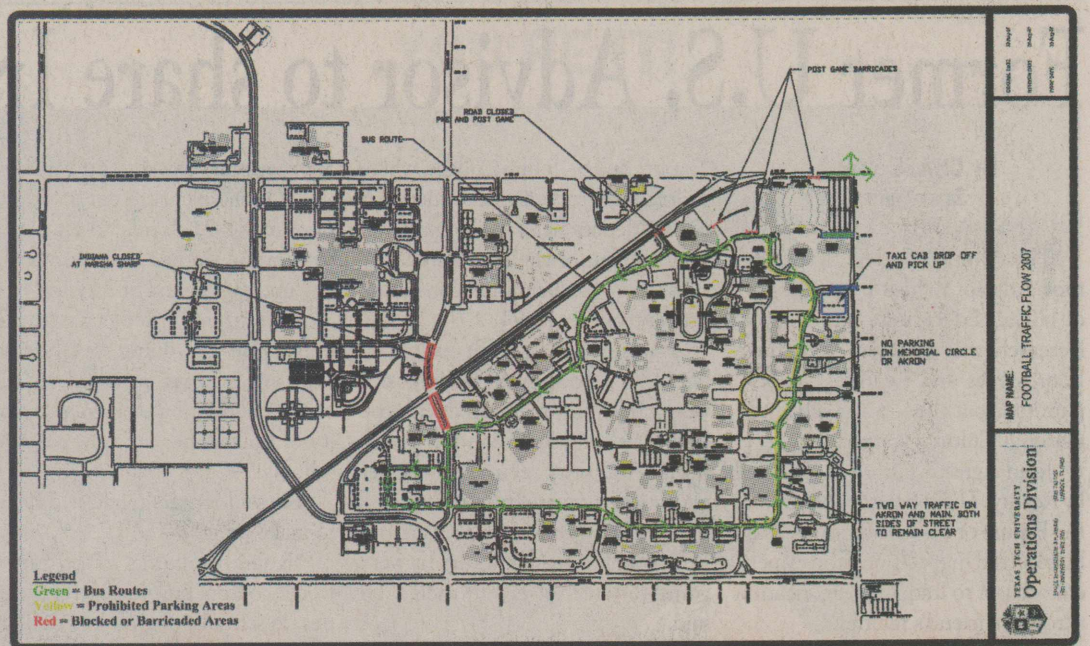
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MELANIE BARKER, A sophomore math major from Bulverde, follows Ashley Ferrar's, a junior chemistry major from Lake Jackson, feet during an exercise in their interpretations class, Wednesday afternoon in the Exercise Sciences building.



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THE ABOVE MAP shows the bus routes for the home football games for the 2007 season.

Study says Homeland Security Department failed to reach performance expectations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Homeland Security Department has failed to meet even half of its performance expectations in the four years it has been in existence, congressional auditors concluded in a draft report obtained by The Associated Press.

The department's primary mission is to prevent another terrorist attack and to minimize the damage should an attack take place. However, maritime security is the only area in which GAO auditors saw significant improvements, the report said.

The department has had success developing plans but has not always been able to carry out the programs, such as the department's efforts to identify places where people illegally enter the United States, the report said.

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In a July 20 letter to GAO Comptroller General David Walker, the department's undersecretary for management, Paul A. Schneider, accused the auditors of shifting "already nontransparent" performance measures during their evaluation.

Obama says he won't make Clinton's mistake

SAC CITY, Iowa (AP) — Democrat Barack Obama promised Wednesday an open process to enact universal health care, saying he has learned from the mistakes of rival Hillary Rodham Clinton's failed health care reform effort of 1993.

Obama said Clinton's effort as first lady failed largely because most of the planning was done in secret and there was little effort to build political support. That left the final product vulnerable to an assault from drug and insurance companies that eventually doomed the effort.

health care expansion evaporated and the effort was eventually dropped.

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"It was a closed process and not everybody understood what was taking place, so when the insurance companies and the drug companies started running those 'Harry and Louise' ads, nobody really knew what was what. That's why the American people have to be involved."

Obama said the lesson to be learned was to involve the American people in the effort. Without political support, no health care expansion can be approved, he said.

"We will convene an open process which the American people will be watching," Obama told about 50 people at an informal coffee. "What the president can do is shine a spotlight on the process and (involve) the American people and keep the pressure on and that is something that didn't happen. In many ways it didn't

After Clinton's plan was proposed, special interest groups ran the commercials, featuring a fictional couple worrying about losing their ability to pick their own doctors and warning that the government would take control of the health care system. Support for the

In another jab at Clinton — and rival John Edwards, Obama dismissed criticism about his lack of experience and argued that he has been responsible for more legislation if you combine his work in the Illinois legislature with his time in the U.S. Senate.

Edwards served one term as a senator from North Carolina. Clinton, the former first lady, has served in the U.S. Senate since January 2001.

Republicans, Ron Paul clash over Iraq war

DURHAM, N.H. (AP) — Republican presidential contenders voiced support for the Iraq war Wednesday night despite a warning from anti-war candidate Ron Paul that they risk dragging the party down to defeat in 2008.

on the debate stage when it came to the war, a politically unpopular conflict that has emerged as the dominant issue of the 2008 race for the presidency.

The debate unfolded several days before Gen. David Petraeus is scheduled to deliver an assessment of President Bush's decision to commit 30,000 additional combat troops to give the Iraqi government time to develop.

"Even if we lose elections, we should not lose our honor," shot back former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, "and that is more important to the Republican Party."

The issue flared near the end of a 90-minute encounter in which all eight men on stage welcomed former Sen. Fred Thompson to the race with barbed humor and pointed advice.

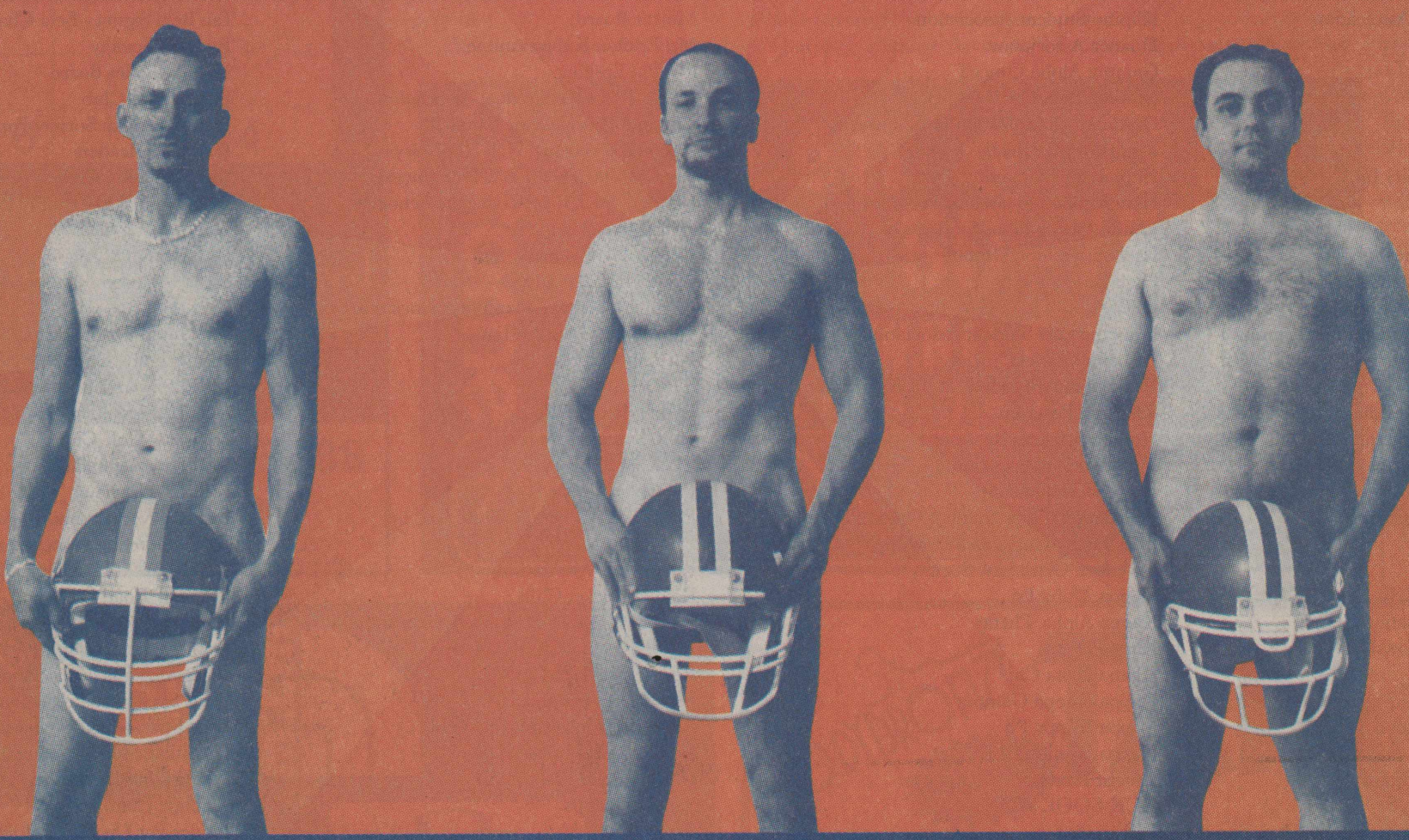
Sen. John McCain, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Giuliani were among those who stressed their support for the war, at times even competing to show their commitment.

Huckabee was in the majority, Paul very much in the minority

"This is a nomination you have to earn," said former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani. "Nobody's going to give it to you. Nobody's going to

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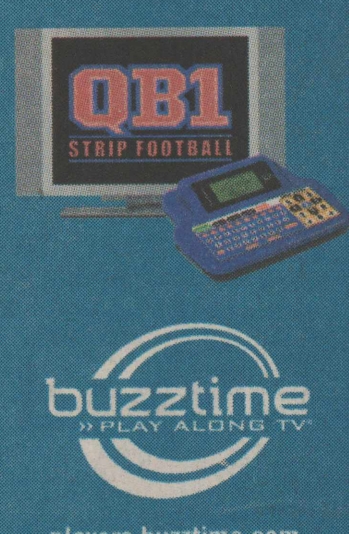
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Tech, UTEP deal with shortened work week before game

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

While the Texas Tech football team spent Labor Day winning its first game of 2007, UTEP was watching them.

After finishing their game with SMU, the Red Raiders traveled back to Lubbock for a late Tuesday practice.

The team is dealing with a quicker turn around than normal, with a short week of practice leading up to its game against UTEP this weekend.

Tech coach Mike Leach said he is unsure if being accustomed to a team could aid the Red Raiders in this short week of preparation.

"I don't know if it does or not," he said. "The trouble with those teams you're familiar with, they're familiar with you too. That's kind of an equalizer — don't know whether it's better with strangers or people you're familiar with."

Similar to Tech, UTEP(1-0) is coming off a 10-6 win at home against New Mexico Saturday,

This gave the Miners the chance to scout the Red Raiders for the upcoming match-up.

"Monday we all got together and watched the Texas Tech game," UTEP coach Mike Price said. "We had a barbecue in our (athletic training facility), kind of laid back, had a day of rest while we were working. I think its been an advantage to us more so than maybe Tech."

This week Tech's(1-0) practice schedule consists of a night practice, two regular practice days and a day off before the game.

Tech center Shawn Byrnes said the key to fast preparation is not getting sidetracked.

"I hope the whole team is not going to let it be a distraction," he said. "I don't think we'll let it be a problem."

Tech receiver Danny Amendola, who had a career-high 149 yards receiving Monday, said he is confident in the preparation for Tech going into the UTEP game.

"UTEP's a good team," he said. "We (have to) prepare fast,

four or five days. Coach will do a good job getting us ready for the game."

UTEP enters this game without a road win against a current Big 12 opponent since a 17-13 victory against Tech in 1956. The Red Raiders lead the series against the Miners 13-6-1.

UTEP is coming off a win where they generated 195 yards of offense, their lowest total under Price.

This is the first visit UTEP is making to Lubbock in nine years. In 1998, the last time Tech opened at home with UTEP, the Red Raiders won 35-3.

The Miners have won their first road game in each of the past two seasons.

"We're just excited to come to Lubbock to be honest with you," Price said. "It's a great football, college environment with a great stadium right on campus. We're thrilled to come up there, we really, really are."

Kickoff for the UTEP game is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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TEXAS TECH'S SHANNON Woods rushes for a touchdown against SMU Monday at Gerald J. Ford Stadium.

Top Texas Tech upsets this decade

With Michigan's defeat at the hands of Appalachian State fresh in the minds of sports fans everywhere, the time is right to look back on the best upsets in recent Texas Tech sports history.

Nov. 16, 2002 — The Kliff Kingsbury-led Red Raider football team erased all hope of No. 4 Texas Longhorns playing for the Big 12 and national championships. In his last home game as the first "Air Raid" quarterback, Kingsbury threw for 473 and six touchdowns to cap a prolific career at Texas Tech.

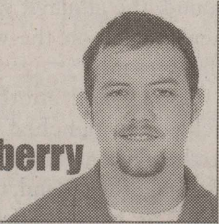
The contest began on a somber note for Tech as the Longhorns scored two touchdowns in the first quarter, a rushing touchdown by Cedric Benson and a pass by quarterback Chris Simms, both future NFL players. After Simms completed the pass, he ran by the Tech student section making the "Hook 'Em" sign with his hands.

It was all the inspiration the Red Raiders needed.

Senior Wes Welker made his own case for a future in the professional league, the current New England Patriots receiver, pulling in 14 catches for 160 yards against a stout Texas defense.

The Longhorns were the highest-

Eric Quisenberry



ranked team Tech had ever beaten.

Dec. 30, 2004 — Sonny Cumbie ended his collegiate football career in similar fashion to Kingsbury, leading the Tech offense to a 45-31 victory over No. 4 Cal in the 2004 Holiday Bowl. The Red Raiders came into the game ranked No. 21, leading few people to believe they could defeat a powerful Bears team led by future NFL draft selections quarterback Aaron Rodgers and tailbacks J.J. Arrington and Marshawn Lynch.

The Red Raiders showcased star power of their own, quarterback Sonny Cumbie passing for 520 yards and three touchdowns while tailback Taurean Henderson scored twice on the ground. Receivers Joel Filani and Trey Haverty each registered over 140 yards receiving.

Sept 29, 2006 — Tech soccer downs the 17th-ranked Missouri Tigers in

Columbia. This one will probably cause most people to scratch their heads, but it's more than worthy to make this list. In order to understand why this game is so important, it is crucial to know the recent background of the Tech soccer program — in the 2005 season, the Red Raiders failed to win a single conference game while posting a 1-18 overall mark.

Despite a strong recruiting class and a vastly-improved offense, it is safe to say that most followers of Tech soccer were not expecting much out of the women when they made the trip to Columbia, Mo., to face the Tigers. It was clear to see Tech was a much better team, but taking out a ranked opponent was simply too much to expect from a group with only one senior on the roster.

With that in mind, the 3-1 victory for the Red Raiders easily qualifies as one of the best upsets in recent Red Raider history. It boosted the team to a strong finish and an optimistic approach for the 2007 campaign — even without coach Neil McGuire, who left Tech in the offseason to take the head coaching

position at Cal.

Feb. 13, 2007 — Bob Knight's Red Raider basketball team defeat Texas A&M 77-75 in College Station. This game is only the cover story for the series of upsets Tech men's basketball pulled off last year, including back-to-back victories in the United Spirit Arena against top-five teams, taking down the both Kansas Jayhawks and Texas A&M Aggies in a four-day span.

The Red Raiders to beat the young, inexperienced Jayhawk team despite the difference in rankings.

The first victory against A&M surprised fans as well as the media, considering the poor match up Tech provided on paper against an Aggie team loaded with strong post players.

Lightning had struck once. When the Red Raiders traveled to College Station, they reminded everyone — just like Appalachian State did — that games are not played on paper.

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Arkansas St. coach says Big 12 acknowledged bad call in Texas win

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP)—Arkansas State coach Steve Roberts says the Big 12's coordinator of officials has acknowledged that the Indians' recovery of an onside kick was wrongly overturned in the final minute of No. 7 Texas' 21-13 victory.

"We got a confirmation ... (Tuesday) that they missed the call," Roberts said.

The Indians were flagged with 56 seconds left in Saturday's game for an improper formation. Texas recovered the second onside kick and ran out the clock.

Roberts said the game film showed the Indians had enough

players on both sides of the ball before the kick.

"There's nothing you can do about it now," Roberts said. "I don't have a reaction because a reaction's worthless."

Texas coach Mack Brown echoed similar sentiments.

"When you look at calls, some go for us, some go against us," Brown said. "You don't worry about them and move on."

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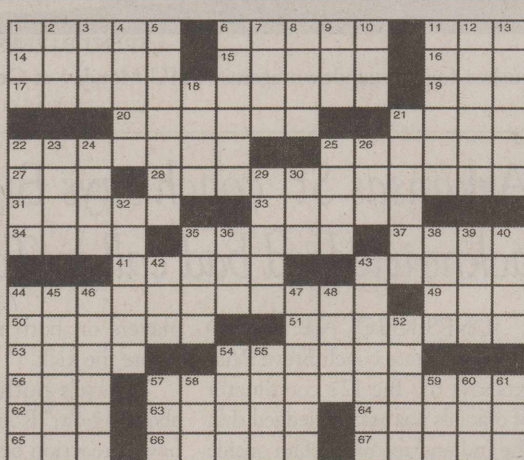
Men's CC looks to overcome Chelimo's absence



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THE TEXAS TECH men's cross country team will run at the Red Raider Jackrabbit Open Sept. 14.

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

With Kevin Chelimo's graduation, the Texas Tech men's cross country team hopes to fill his number-one position by committee this season.

Last year, Chelimo became Tech's first male cross country All-American and finished in the top five in four events. He now works as a student coach for the cross country team.

Junior Cory Higgins said he believes Chelimo's talent can only be replaced by a team effort.

"Kevin was ahead of everybody else, you can't just step in Kevin's role like that," Higgins said. "It takes a little bit more talent than a lot of people have. We've got new people who can really help us out. They'll help fill that gap, but it's going to be filled from the back, not the front."

The team began its season Aug. 31 in Canyon with a win at West Texas A&M University's Buffalo Stampede meet.

Higgins and John Means finished third and fourth, respectively, while Jake Szot, Zachery Quinones and Logan Culotta also placed in the top 10.

Coach Jon Murray said by sitting out veteran runners, he uses the first

meet of the season the same way a coach would utilize a preseason game in football or basketball.

"It gives me a chance to look at them without our top people," Murray said. "Sometimes our top people will overshadow them and cause them to get out of their game or out of their race."

Murray said he believes the race showed him a determined group of men that remained in shape over the summer.

"Definitely there is some great depth there because they all (finished so close)," Murray said. "They were just packed in there, so the competition for that fifth through seventh position, which are key, is going to be good."

The goal for the men is to reach a comfortable level with each other and get ready to run tough races each week, Murray said.

"It's just a matter of getting them together," he said. "They're real

young. They're really trying to build that experience for themselves."

Higgins said with Chelimo gone, and solid talent refueling the team, the men have an opportunity to build on last year's 10th place finish at the Big 12 Conference Championships.

"We look a lot stronger than last year so far," Higgins said. "We got a lot more guys running a lot better than previous years. We got a little bit weaker off the top as soon as we lost Kevin Chelimo. I think we should come out better at the end though."

The team continues to prepare for their annual home meet, the

Red Raider Jackrabbit Open, scheduled for Sept. 14.

The men won last year's Jackrabbit Open where four runners finished in the top 10, including Chelimo who placed third with a run of 24:19.27.

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2 Baylor athletes charged in woman's beating

WACO (AP) — Two Baylor University athletes are accused of beating a woman in a park.

Sophomore Latara Shanica Darrett, 19, a guard on the basketball team, and sophomore Ashlee Genae Cooper, 19, who plays volleyball, surrendered to police Tuesday and were arrested on misdemeanor charges of assault causing bodily injury, Waco police spokesman Steve Anderson said.

Darrett, of Chino, Calif., confronted a woman Aug. 8 in Cameron Park about an incident that happened earlier in the week, according to an arrest warrant affidavit.

During the argument, Cooper, of LaPlace, La., punched the woman in the face, and the victim allegedly pulled out a knife to defend herself but then put it on the ground, the affidavit said. Darrett then jumped on the woman, the affidavit said.

Cooper and another woman kicked and punched the victim in the face as she and Darrett fought on the ground, the affidavit said. The victim suffered bruises, scratches and a chipped tooth from the beating, police said.

The other woman allegedly involved in the beating has not been charged, but Anderson said police

could arrest more people.

Darrett and Cooper were released from jail Tuesday afternoon on personal recognizance bonds, Anderson said.

The Class A misdemeanor carries a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

Baylor spokeswoman Lori Scott Fogleman said basketball coach Kim Mulkey and volleyball coach Jim Barnes were not available for comment.

Fogleman said the law prohibits school officials from commenting about the case specifically. She said any discipline pertaining to athletic teams is handled by coaches.

Beebe's Big 12 commissioner title becomes permanent

DALLAS (AP) — Dan Beebe was hired as Big 12 Conference commissioner Wednesday with an eye toward reaching fans with newer technologies and making

new revenues.

Beebe was awarded the job permanently after taking the job in an interim role in July. The Big 12's chief operating officer since joining the conference in 2003, he emerged from a field of five finalists to become the third commissioner of the 12-year-old conference.

"We were impressed by his experience, his talents and his vision about how to take this conference to the next level," said Harvey Pearlman, the Big 12 board chairman and University of Nebraska chancellor.

Beebe replaces Kevin Weiberg, who held the post for nine years but left to take a job with the Big Ten Network. The network, a joint venture of the Big Ten Conference and Fox Cable Networks, covers Big Ten athletic and academic events.

Beebe said one of his challenges will be keeping the conference

on the technological edge of the way fans consume entertainment and keep track of their teams. He wouldn't say the Big 12 was inevitably headed toward its own network but left the door open.

"It will be interesting to see how other conferences do," Beebe said. "I think the jury's still out on what's going to take place."

Before Weiberg left, he helped close a television contract with ABC and ESPN through the 2015-16 academic year.

Beebe, who agreed to a five-year contract, spent 14 years running the Ohio Valley Conference before coming to the Big 12.

Beebe said he intends to talk to each school in the conference about revenue sharing but wouldn't reveal what any discussions might entail. The Big 12 generated \$106 million in revenue in 2006-07.

By comparison, the SEC split \$122 among 12 member schools.

"We do share the lion's share of our revenue equally," Beebe said. "There are portions we don't share equally, and to that extent, we'll have discussions."

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