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STATE

3 evolution critics to help review curriculum

AUSTIN (AP) — State Board of Education members have chosen six panelists to review a draft of new science curriculum standards for Texas public school students, including three critics of evolution. The critics include authors, a professor and an official in a national group that promotes an explanation of the origin of life similar to creationism.

Three other committee members are veteran science professors from major Texas universities — the University of Texas at Austin, Texas Tech University and Southern Methodist University.

NATION

California wildfires nearly fully surrounded

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Firefighters neared full containment Thursday of the smoldering remnants of deadly Southern California wildfires that destroyed more than 50 homes and forced thousands of residents to flee.

The notorious Santa Ana winds continued to diminish, but weather remained a concern because of low humidity. Forecasters said warnings of conditions creating critically dry vegetation would be in effect in many areas until Friday night.

WORLD

Suspected US missile strike in Pakistan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP) — An intelligence officer and villager say a missile believed fired from a U.S. drone has hit a house in northwest Pakistan. There was no word on casualties.

Villager Javed Massod said he saw a number of unmanned planes in the sky before a missile struck the house just after noon Thursday in Kini Guram village in South Waziristan.

The U.S. military and the CIA operate drones in the region that have carried more than 12 strikes against suspected militant targets since August.

An intelligence official confirmed a missile had struck a house in the village, but gave no details.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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FEMA denies request for flood damage

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

The Federal Emergency Management Agency denied Lubbock County and the surrounding region federal aid for damages sustained during the flooding and heavy rains that occurred Sept. 11.

Pam Moon, the director of accounting for the city of Lubbock, said the region failed to meet one of FEMA's two requirements set by the agency for the State of Texas to receive federal aid.

"We weren't surprised," he said. "We're just now getting notification a month after the flood. Usually if FEMA is going to respond, it only takes a couple of days. The timing of this was bad too. Hurricane Ike hit Texas the same day."

Lubbock County and the surrounding region would have needed \$26 million for damages sustained to public property.

Moon said Lubbock County sought to

combine its damage costs with other communities and counties in hopes of reaching the \$26 million threshold, but the damages were mostly isolated to Lubbock County.

"FEMA looks for widespread damages," she said.

Lubbock County, as well as the communities of Buffalo Springs and Ransom Canyon, combined their damages for a total of \$4.556 million.

The region did meet FEMA's second requirement for Texas, Moon said, which is to sustain damage to public property in excess of \$3 per person in the affected region.

Earl Armstrong, a FEMA Region VI public affairs officer, said Texas is under the authority of FEMA's Region VI office, which in addition to Texas, oversees Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

"We did a preliminary damage assessment in the Lubbock area," he said. "These assessment teams always include someone from FEMA,



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FLOODING FROM RAIN over the week filled many local parks. Lubbock's war veterans memorial flooded with rain water Friday afternoon.

someone from the state government and someone from the local government. They concluded that there just was not enough damage to show that the situation was beyond their capacity."

Moon said the next step for Lubbock is to

figure out a way for local government to pay for the damages sustained Sept. 11.

"We're looking into every option for funding right now," she said. "We're also exploring whether or not we are eligible for some state grants."

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OLD ALLEGIANCE

By **ALEX YBARRA**
STAFF WRITER

Growing up in West Texas with his miniature Texas Tech football gear and his dad having played for Tech, Texas A&M's Ryan Tannehill had dreams of being quarterback for Mike Leach's Red Raider offense.

Even with all that in his past, Tannehill, who played quarterback at Big Spring High School, ended up going a different direction by playing football for Texas A&M in College Station.

"I grew up a Tech fan, sadly," said the redshirt freshman, whose Aggies face Tech at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kyle Field. "Right now I'm not proud of it, but it is what it is. Used to go about four to five games a year up there, not anymore though."

Coming out of high school, Tannehill was recruited by schools like A&M, TCU, Houston and UTEP, but he never received a look from Tech, making this weekend's game all the more meaningful.

"They didn't recruit me at all," he said. "So hopefully we can put up some big numbers on them this week."

Tannehill's father played for Tech from 1986-1988, where he was converted from quarterback to receiver. In an eerily similar situation, the 6-foot-4, 204-pound Tannehill followed the same path,

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Aggies' leading receiver grew up Tech fan, awaits matchup

COURTESY OF TEXAS A & M ATHLETICS

President Baldwin addresses Health Sciences Center



PHOTO BY SAM GRENIER/The Daily Treador

JOHN C. BALDWIN, president of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, awards Vaughan Lee, associate professor in the Department of Cell Biology and Biochemistry, with a presidential award Thursday in the Academic Classroom building.

View a related video at www.dailytreador.com

By **JON VANDERLAAN**
STAFF WRITER

Dr. John Baldwin, president of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, gave his State of the University address Thursday, stressing progress in teaching, clinical care and research at the center.

Baldwin, who assumed the HSC president position in August 2007, said the center will continue with a stronger emphasis on research because the other areas are doing well.

"Clearly, we're headed in the direction of much stronger recognition for research efforts," he said. "We've always had good researchers, but (research is) our biggest area for potential improvement."

Baldwin said the HSC increased research expenditures 18 percent in the last year, bringing the total to \$25 million, and increased National Institute of Health research money by 51 percent.

The center received 3,000 applications for 140 spots available in the school of medicine, he said, which makes the school competitive. Recently admitted students to the school had record-high GPAs and MCAT scores.

"(This makes them) indistinguishable from any other Texas medical school," Baldwin said, "and for that matter, really in the top ranking nationally in terms of quality of incoming students."

During his presentation, Baldwin said in a time when 50 million Americans are without health insurance, the university is fortunate to be involved in pursuits essential to the public.

The School of Allied Health Sciences boasted a 97-percent pass rate, he said, and 100 percent of those graduates found employment. The School of

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Stocks shoot higher as volatility continues

By **TIM PARADIS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street turned in another stunning finish Thursday and extended its unprecedented streak of volatility — this time, to the upside — as investors spent a fractious session again struggling with fears about a recession but giving in to a last-hour wave of buying. The Dow Jones industrials ended up 400 points, after falling 380 early in the session.

It is clear that investors are reacting in the extreme to any negative economic news, including disappointing numbers Thursday on industrial production that sent stocks skidding. But traders are also responding to the market's own dynamics, and when there was no late-session plunge, as there was on Wednesday, buyers piled in before the close.

Analysts expect this extraordinary volatility to continue, and warned that just as Monday's huge 936-point surge in the Dow was overdone, there was little reason to trust that Thursday's gains would hold.

A rise in shares of Yahoo Inc. over renewed speculation it could cement a deal with one-time suitor Microsoft Corp. helped push the technology-laden Nasdaq composite index up more than 5 percent. Meanwhile, another sharp drop in oil prices helped make consumer discretionary stocks more attractive.

Stocks spent much of the session seeking a direction after Wednesday's steep dive, which took the Dow down 733 points in response to a stream of bad economic news that underscored the likelihood that the country is either in a recession or will be in one — and that a downturn could be severe. There was little news Thursday to counter

those fears, but there were plenty of gyrations in stock prices and the major indexes.

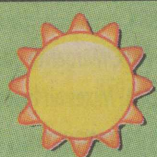
"We're going to continue to see volatility. You're not going to see 50-point ranges, you're going to see two-three-four hundred point ranges," said Woody Dorsey, president of Market Semiotics, a financial forecasting firm in Castleton, Vt.

Indeed, the Dow changed directions 75 times in Thursday's session.

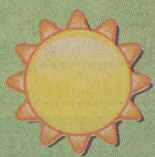
Investors initially appeared cheered by a better-than-expected reading from the Labor Department on consumer prices. The flat reading on September's Consumer Price Index compares with August's 0.1 percent decline, which was the first in nearly two years. The core index, which eliminates often volatile food and energy prices, rose 0.1 percent. Economists had been expecting CPI would rise to 0.1 percent and that core CPI would increase 0.2 percent.



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Firefox's beta outstanding, reign of Chrome remains

Never content with offering the minimum, Mozilla continues to refine its offerings. Nightly revisions are an expected sight when browsing Mozilla's FTP servers for just about all of their products, including Camino, Thunderbird and the all-important Firefox. However, when compared to these consistent nocturnal packages, a notably more significant release has come around for Mozilla's browser champion.

This special little parcel is what they call the Firefox 3.1 Beta 1 build.

In a word, this beta is awesome — freaking awesome.

Frankly, I'm surprised this isn't the final release of the so-called FF3.1. It's no secret browsers are now fighting a battle of speed, rendering engines and shrunken memory footprints.

If you weren't a Firefox user before this third iteration, then you probably wouldn't know how much it has improved. Leaving the browser open for more than a half hour will no longer result in the application snatching up precious system resources like a hungry, hungry hippo, nor will web pages



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randomly choose not to display. Needless to say, Firefox 3 was a welcome overhaul of the application.

But it still wasn't the speediest browser out there. WebKit-based browsers like Safari and the recently released Chrome are, without reservation, kicking the crap out of Firefox and Internet Explorer. In Fact, IE7 is just about the slowest thing out there. If Firefox was the browser equivalent of the Millennium Falcon in terms of speed, IE7 would be a tree strapped to a brick wall. Unfortunately for Mozilla and Microsoft, Chrome is undeniably faster than both.

FF3.1 is what many might call a "changing of the tide." The beta release utilizes the new Gecko 1.9.1 layout engine and provides for the optional use of the new, optimized JavaScript engine known as Trace-

Monkey, which, according to Mozilla, will make it as much as 40-times faster. This, however, isn't empirically certifiable by merely poking around the Internet. To go with just a "feeling," this zoological combination of the new Gecko and TraceMonkey engines provides a noticeably faster browsing experience.

A simultaneous comparison of FF3 and FF3.1 would probably provide a more definitive answer, but I'm not the sort of fellow who can afford multiple and identical computer systems just for running comparisons of Web browsers. According to a CNET article, FF3.1's TraceMonkey smokes the latest Firefox 3.0.3 release in the SunSpider benchmark tests by a score of 2787.6 milliseconds to 5446.6 milliseconds.

Yowza.

Regardless, it's easy to see that this beta release is incredibly swift and can handle rendering on multiple dense Web sites in numerous tabs much faster than can FF3.

Speaking of tabs, there's a new feature Mozilla has implemented. With a plethora of tabs open (i.e. more than two), pressing the Ctrl

and Tab keys will open a preview overlay that allows a more graphical interface for choosing what you've got open. This, obviously, is pretty sweet, albeit not the first time offered in a Web browser.

Also in the beta are an impressive amount of improvements under the hood. New support for video and audio, HTML5-specific tags provide support of Ogg Vorbis and Theora content. If you don't know what those are, then this probably won't affect you since this is more a developer-oriented feature. The new beta also has other abilities pertaining to developer specifics: information to the Geolocation API, perform SVG transforms

and much more that would be better served by reading through the release notes.

Returning to what most people would care about, the new version includes an incremental improvement of the Smart Location Bar. The "Awesome Bar," as most others call it, now has a filtering function through URLs, tagged locations and page titles. Using special characters like "^" and "*" can filter searches by bookmarks, history or special searches with "+" functioning like an "AND."

Believe it or not, this makes the Awesome Bar even more awesome

and makes Web browsing just about 800-times easier.

Memory usage also seems slightly more reasonable. Consumption now flatlines within minutes of a page loading while consistently running on 20,000 to 30,000 kilobytes less than FF3. However, leaving the application open or browsing with numerous, complex Web sites open will still result in memory leaks ending in ridiculous usage well beyond 250,000 KB and, regardless of what's open, still can't compete with Chrome.

Despite the fact that FF3.1 isn't an official, stable release from Mozilla, I still consider it as a viable upgrade.

Despite the lack of certain ostensibly promised features, like private browsing and session management, I'm going to be using this beta instead of the stable 3.0.3 version.

And I plan to have absolutely no qualms about it.

But, just for the sake of pure speed and Web standards compliance, I'll still be sticking with Google's Chrome.

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Ohio University's texting alert system could create telephone line traffic jam

By WESLEY LOWERY
THE POST (OHIO U.)

Trying to send a text message to more than 4,000 students during an emergency would be like wedging Columbus traffic into Athens, according to a new report.

"Just imagine taking rush hour traffic from downtown Columbus and putting it in Athens," said Patrick Traynor, an assistant professor of computer science at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Traynor said Ohio University's emergency text message alert system would clog phone lines and potentially keep students and faculty from placing and receiving phone calls. Traynor released a report in September outlining faults with emergency text alert systems.

Assistant Vice President for Safety and Risk Management David Hopka said there is "a lot of reason for a lack of optimism" in text message alerts, but added that he is "cautiously optimistic" about OU's system.

OU made the system available to faculty members and students

last winter as part of the emergency notification plan.

The service notifies participants via text message in the event of an emergency. Students and faculty can sign up for the messages at www.ohio.edu/emergency by providing their phone number and service provider.

According to Sean O'Malley, OU's Information Technology communications manager, a total of 4,855 people were registered for the program as of Oct. 7. Of these, 4,247 are students, while 608 are faculty members, said O'Malley.

"Phone networks, especially cellular phone networks, have a small network and very small outreach potential," Traynor said, "The system may possibly prevent people from dialing 911 in the event of an emergency because there are not enough cellular resources on a college campus."

Traynor also said emergency text alerts are inefficient because increased cellular use could prevent students from receiving messages until hours later.

"It is like trying to send a text message on New Year's Eve," said

Traynor. "Because everyone is using their phones, text messages take hours or days if they are received at all."

While Hopka acknowledged multiple reasons that a message may not reach a student, he said the IT department is working to correct these issues.

"I am very pleased with what our tests have shown," said Hopka.

OU's text message system has been tested twice, once in September 2007, and again in May 2008. According to O'Malley, only 403 recipients responded to the May test, as opposed to 1,154 in the first test.

Despite the drop-off in participation, O'Malley said that the results of both tests were consistent.

"We've gotten very similar results from both tests so far," said O'Malley, "We plan on doing another test later this quarter."

During the initial test, 80 percent of respondents said they received the message within six minutes, while an additional 10 percent received the message within half an hour.

It's like trying to send a text message on New Year's Eve.

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Cyclists, environmentalists to pedal for greener acres, sip wine

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Outdoor Pursuits Center is offering students a greener way to celebrate Grape Day.

The OPC will hold a student-led bicycle ride Saturday morning to the Llano Estacado Winery's 15th annual Grape Day celebration.

"We're encouraging students to enjoy human-powered activities in a natural environment and reducing our carbon footprint by biking," said Jordan Messerer, assistant director for recreational sports.

Student bikers will leave the OPC at 9:30 a.m. and travel 12 miles to the winery, a trip Messerer said should last about 90 minutes.

Kenny Williams, a senior marketing and management major from Dallas, will be leading the student riders to the winery, which will include food and wine tasting live music, and watching the Raiders play the Aggies on a 6-by-8-foot screen.

Williams said the route is easy, and beginners can definitely handle the ride. He encourages students who do not have a bike to take advantage of the bike rentals offered in the OPC.

He and Messerer said there are still bikes available for rent at the OPC, located outside the north entrance of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Bike rentals are \$15 and admission

into the Grape Day celebration is \$5, which includes one glass of wine and a commemorative wine glass, according to the winery's Web Site.

Messerer said he hopes students looking for something new will try biking, an activity he feels is a great way to have fun close to home.

"To be comfortable where you live," Messerer said, "is to know what exists around you."

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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Money is the root of all good

There is perhaps no greater-used cliché regarding money than that it is the “root of all evil.”

The volatile financial calamity of this past month might tempt us to agree with this statement more strongly.

Yet what if this is not actually the case? What if money is, contrarily, the root of all good?

I ascribe largely to libertarianism and the economic philosophy of Ayn Rand. I credit them fully with many of the ideas expressed here. (Academic integrity for the win.)

So what is money, anyway?

When you think of money now, you might first think of the greenbacks in your wallet. I encourage you to read what those strips of paper say, though. You'll find the words “Federal Reserve Note” emblazoned on the top.

Every dollar of currency in circulation is a representation of debt. The Federal Reserve Bank creates money and lends it at a certain interest rate to banks, which in turn lend it to individuals and businesses. Federal Reserve notes

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comfort or simply to make more money. It gives purpose to struggle and motivates achievement.

Capitalism itself is built upon the principle that the private pursuit of wealth is the impetus behind the advancement of mankind. Gaining wealth requires the creation of a product or service that society needs, and those with the best product or service succeed. This competition leads to better goods as time goes on, thereby improving society as a whole.

Some say money corrupts. Yet it only corrupts those who do not earn it or do not appreciate the effort required to do so. To such people money can never bring purpose or happiness, because purpose was never behind its acquisition. Money does not corrupt such individuals, it is such individuals who corrupt their money.

You might ask why — if money is the root of all good — we find ourselves in the current situation. It is because we have built our economy largely on false wealth: credit. This is possible because we have chosen to back our currency not by any-

thing concrete (gold, silver, or other commodities), but by faith.

We have chosen to fabricate money built not on actual production, but expected production, and to treat that fabrication as genuine. This house of cards is now crashing down upon us.

Wealth, when substantiated by genuine effort and represented by a substance of real value such as gold, enables a society to flourish through the competitive striving of those who pursue it. Money, when understood and treated in this fashion, truly is the root of all good.

It should not be taboo for you to proclaim that ultimately you are here at college to learn how to make money. The pursuit of wealth is at the heart of the American Dream. Never be ashamed to love money or the pursuit thereof, but never forget what it truly embodies, or else we allow it to become the root of evil once again.

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Election more about image than issues

By MARIAM BEARS
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Every time the presidential election rolls around, the airwaves are filled with promises, viewpoints, angles, choices, claims and changes we're supposed to see if we check a box by a person's name.

I wonder if platforms even matter for this election. Does a candidate actually need to take a stand? The politically correct answer would be yes. For this election, however, it can get a bit tricky.

It seems that this election has become a glorified beauty pageant. A candidate is made up to seem like beacon of light in a time of darkness. The person is up for show in debates, running through rehearsed lines and arguments formulated not by the candidate, but rather a team of experts trained in political rhetoric.

This rhetoric has less and less to do with a message and more to do with the utilization of money, wit and the media to mold the opinion of those untrained in the art of persuasion. After all, it's not what you say but how you say it that matters.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Hawai'i recorded the lowest voter turnout for the 2000 election.

Only half of all eligible voters in Hawai'i are even registered, with much less actually voting.

When voters are asked why they aren't participating in the democratic process in Hawai'i, the most frequently cited response is, “It doesn't matter, Obama will carry the state.”

As a graduate of Punahou School, Obama certainly does have an advantage over McCain in his home state. Yet, when you're considering who to vote for, you should try to look beyond this fact and trite political rhetoric.

Though this election resembles a beauty pageant at times, the rhetoric and promises aren't always false, even though it's hard to tell when it's not. As they say, the shepherd always tries to convince the sheep that his interests and theirs are the same.

Both candidates will make promises of change to make our country a better place. And perhaps they'll kiss a few babies on the forehead and appeal to the crowds with the illustrious “I'm one of you” speech. Throw in a line for world peace and we're set.

For voters, the key to this election, a national beauty pageant pitting John McCain against Barack Obama in the final Q&A, is being able to sift through all the rhetoric and empty promise and find what's important: truth.

McCain, Obama both repugnant candidates

By JUSTIN SPAILD
IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

With under a month left until election day, there is one thing I want: a reset button. Basically, these candidates stink no matter which way you lean. I, for one, wish I could go back and push more of my fellow caucusgoers to elect a more formidable candidate to run this country. Here are some really sad facts:

There is no question that both Obama and McCain could easily get their parties to vote with them on any issues, just because that is the political system. In Congress, it is mainly about falling in line with the rest of the party, not constituents' demands. It is also no question that George W. Bush is as popular as kicking a puppy, with a job approval rating of 26.8 percent.

According to realclearpolitics.com, Congress has an even lower approval rating: 16.8 percent. I realize that Sens. McCain and Obama are only a small fraction of Congress and are not the only reasons for this low approval rating, but I still want to know why we should elect either of these men from such a lousy Congress. If Congress is so bad that they make it look like George Bush is doing a decent job, should we even consider putting a member of it into the White House? Really, we

should not elect either. I mean, 16.8 percent — that's low.

Let's take a look at exactly how low. A Gallup poll in 1999 showed that 20 percent of Americans believed that the sun revolves around the Earth. So essentially, more Americans then believed that the sun revolves around the Earth than now approve of the job that Congressional members, including John McCain and Barack Obama, are doing.

Now that leap is a pretty big one to make, but it really puts in perspective just how bad this Congress is. It's not just about job approval ratings that indicate neither Obama nor McCain is fit to lead. It is also in their policies.

Obama has done the best job ever of running a campaign. He has gone the furthest anyone has ever gone in politics doing just about as little as possible. He gets away with just beating the hope and change battle drums and doing nothing else.

Obama was sworn into the Senate on Jan. 4, 2005 and has only served 144 days in the Senate. This is actually an overstatement, due to the fact that, instead of actually fighting for change on the Senate floor, Obama has been out campaigning for his own glory since Feb.

12, 2007. I will give him credit though: He has voted more than McCain has during the race.

The first problem is that Obama is the great appeaser. He tells people exactly what they want to hear and is babied by the media. We don't need a president who is going to baby us; we need one who is going to lead us. If Obama was really committed to changing things, then he needs to lead by example and get down there on the Senate floor, where he is in the majority, and do work. Until he does that, he will be hope for change and nothing more.

There are also issues with his policies, too. While we are throwing out the Constitution and bailing out every single company that made awful choices, we can't possibly afford more spending. If you look at what Obama is pushing in his first term, not only would he match the current president in spending, but he would in fact outspend it. He claims to reach across party lines, but is there one bill out there in which the great uniter has reached across the aisle to work with Republicans? There is also the question of Iraq, for those of you who still pay attention to that.

Obama was originally against the troop surge, until he found out it worked. You can't find out what he said about it on his Web site, only that

he opposes the war. Frankly, Obama is unqualified and not tough enough to make the hard decisions that the president has to make, but I'm sure Europe would still love to have him. That is more than fine.

My friends, let's not forget John McCain in all this mess. A man whose social security number is in the single digits and who calls himself a maverick.

McCain has recently changed his stance on issues like drilling, taxes and many others just to make conservatives happy. As much as I like most of what the new McCain is saying, I'm not fooled. He is still for big-budget government and, on some issues, wants to start nannying us as well. He has basically all but quit doing the job we all pay him to do. Really, there is not much bad to say about the man, but not enough good to actually have him be president.

I am really down because it is the first time I ever get to vote, and basically my two choices stink bad enough to make a buzzard puke. Is there a better candidate of the two? Yes, but frankly that does not mean much. This is what we have to live with, and you know, they will look good when compared to the Bush administration. Now the only questions I have left, and I know are echoed by many, is this: Can I still vote for Romney?

Unfamiliar territory: Indonesia sparks our curiosity

By JUDITH TULKOFF
CAMPUS TIMES (U. ROCHESTER)

Picture this: a young woman sits on a rickshaw pushed by a man wearing a conical straw hat. In her right hand she holds a bag of banana leaves and in her left a cell phone. This image is most evocative of Indonesia, the place where I lived for two-and-a-half months this summer studying the Indonesian language.

During my time there, I grew to expect the unexpected and saw many examples of contrast — like the traditional woman with the cell phone — coexisting beautifully.

Many people do not know a lot about this nation of islands. Therefore, let me begin by answering a few questions I was commonly asked about this fascinating land.

No, Indonesians do not use chopsticks. They use their hands or — thanks to Dutch colonialism — forks and spoons. Yes, the national language really is called “Indonesian.” And no, Indonesians do not use toilet paper. OK, so no one actually asked me about the toilet paper, but it is a reality I

needed to share.

Indonesia is both the third largest democracy as well as the world's largest Muslim majority country — a major contradiction in the eyes of those who question whether Islam and democracy can truly coexist. Indonesia has even beaten the United States and many other “advanced” countries in already electing a female president. And while many women don't headscarves, there is a high level of female empowerment.

In fact, Indonesian females have a reputation for being the more capable sex. And in major Indonesian cities, it is common to see women in traditional Muslim attire socializing with women in miniskirts, just one demonstration of the mutual tolerance between the religious and the secular.

To slip in a few more generalizations, Indonesians tend to have a soft-spoken yet entirely intrusive demeanor. Their culture commands the utmost politeness, encouraging an avoidance of confrontation or strong displays of emotion in public. Yet Indonesians contrast this convention by not hesitating to say things that could easily offend someone — particularly someone who is used to

the cultural norms of the West.

For example, while it is taboo to embarrass someone in public, Indonesians will not hesitate to ask perfect strangers personal questions such as, “Why do you not yet have children?” or “Have you been gaining weight?”

Even the foods seem to reflect a sort of culinary contradiction. The durian, an immensely popular fruit in Indonesia was once described by British explorer Lord Wallace as tasting like a mixture of “cream-cheese, onion-sauce, sherry-wine and other incongruous dishes.”

When tasted, this pungent fruit

may elicit feelings of intense passion or the utmost revulsion. It is used in many desserts yet is banned from most hotels and buses due to its overpowering smell.

Yet another culinary contrast comes in the form of a sweet, innocent-looking dessert pastry — dough stuffed tightly with unexpected fillings such as hot peppers and fish.

I initially tried to avoid these exotic treats, but after some time in Indonesia, I finally dug in and tasted, for myself, the deliciousness of contradiction.

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TYLER NEVES, A junior art major from Snyder, works on a metal sculpture Wednesday in the Art building.

U. Maryland SGA considers anti-Juicy Campus bill

By MICHAEL LEMAIRE
THE DIAMONDBACK (U. MARYLAND)

When Student Government Association Greek Community Legislator Gabi Band initially proposed a bill condemning gossip website Juicy Campus, he thought the bill would pass without contentious debate.

But last night the bill that passed through the second round of deliberations was markedly different from the one Band initially introduced.

"I didn't think the bill was going to be as contentious, I thought it would be a faux pas to say anything in favor of the website considering the website has caused so many problems throughout the country," Band said.

Juicy Campus trumpets its goals and privacy policy on its home page saying, "This is the place to spill the juice about all the crazy stuff going on at your campus. It's totally anonymous - no registration, login, or e-mail verification required."

As the website has spread virally, it has become a hot-button issue on the University of Maryland campus and in the SGA. Other student groups and the Greek community have rallied to have the bill banned, and the majority of the SGA wishes

to add its voice to the growing chorus of detractors. But other members, while agreeing the website has been used negatively, believe the website can serve a positive purpose.

The title of the bill when introduced read "A Resolution Condemning the Website Juicycampus.com." But after being vetted by the Campus Affairs Committee last week, the phrase "Negative Use of" was put in front of "the Website."

In addition to the name change, two clauses Band said were integral to the bill's meaning were cut. One read, "WHEREAS other organizations are already exploring legal action that can be taken against the website," and another read "WHEREAS such a detrimental website should be barred from having a University of Maryland account, if not completely terminated."

SGA Senior Vice President and Chair of the Campus Affairs Committee Joanna Calabrese said the

committee's amendments were made under the assumption that the bill violated the First Amendment, which she recently learned is not the case.

"We were uninformed," Calabrese explained. "We were working under the assumption that the First Amendment argument would kill the bill. We all hate the website; we were just concerned that if we didn't change the wording that people would assume we were taking legal action."

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Tech chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha thinks pink, encourages breast cancer awareness



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AT ZETA TAU Alpha's Think Pink Night Thursday, Dr. Catherine Ronaghan from the Arrington Comprehensive Breast Center demonstrates how to properly conduct a self-breast exam.

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha hosted the 15th annual Think Pink Night on Thursday in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Breast cancer survivor and co-author of "Norides at Noon," Jennifer Johnson, spoke to audience members about the importance of breast cancer awareness and education.

"I want these girls to know," said the Zeta alumna, "that while it's rare, young girls do get breast cancer."

Johnson was diagnosed with breast cancer when she was 27 years old and said doctors were able to catch the disease early, thanks to her history with Zeta, whose philanthropic contribution is breast cancer awareness and education.

"I knew to do breast self-exams because of Zeta," she said.

Johnson said at the time she was diagnosed, she was also pregnant with her first child, making the situation much more frightening.

After having a mastectomy, going through chemotherapy and safely delivering a healthy baby, Johnson said inspiration to write the book stemmed from a lack of resources for others who find themselves in her situation.

"I was really disappointed," she said, "with the lack of information about young women and cancer."

Johnson's book, "Norides at Noon: The Personal Stories of Four Women 'Too Young' for Breast Cancer," was published in 2005. Johnson co-wrote the book with three friends who were also diagnosed with breast cancer as young women.

Johnson said the book was a positive way for the four friends to deal with a difficult situation.

As a Zeta member, Johnson said she spent time in college raising awareness by passing out breast self-exam shelter cards, never imagining that she herself might be diagnosed with the disease.

It wasn't until three months before her diagnosis that she realized breast cancer was a possibility for young women.

"I was delivering roses to survivors at Race for the Cure," she said, "and I saw very young women who had survived." Ashley Etheridge, community service chair for the sorority, said breast cancer awareness and education is something near and dear to the hearts of its members.

"The reason I'm a Zeta is because of this," said Brittni McGinnis, a member and senior public relations major from Mesquite. "My grandma had breast cancer so I know it's important."

Zeta members performed a "Hats Off to Breast Health" skit to dispel breast cancer myths and discourage audience members from making excuses for avoiding breast self-exams.

Members wanted to take the event to a different location to bolster attendance.

Bethany Hatch, a Zeta member and junior advertising major from El Paso, said the group has raised more than \$60,000 for the cause in the past two years.

Dr. Catherine Ronaghan, a local supporter, donned the stage wearing prosthetic breasts to demonstrate a breast self-exam and answer questions concerning breast health.

Ronaghan said the most common cancer among women is breast cancer and that the average woman diagnosed with breast cancer lives for 11 months.

"As soon as you have breasts," she said, "check them every month."

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Sherman, Aggies facing No. 7 Tech with realistic expectations

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Coaches are a realistic breed of people, and Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman is no exception.

With the hole Texas A&M has dug this season, his honesty helps the team more than it hurts it.

"I told the guys our backs are so far up against the wall that we've got splinters up our butts," said Sherman, whose team plays Texas Tech at 11 a.m. Saturday in College Station. "We need to fight our way out of this thing. That's the only way we can do it."

Several days after Texas A&M defeated Texas to end the regular season in 2007, Sherman was hired to restore prominence to the traditional program. He was the offensive line coach from 1989 to 1993 and in 1995 to 1996 under former Aggie coach R.C. Slocum.

Sherman left College Station in 1996 to become an assistant coach for the NFL's Green Bay Packers, where he eventually was head coach from 2000 to 2005 before taking another assistant coaching position with the Houston Texans.

Sherman said he remembers some moments against Tech during his previous stint in College Station, such as fans throwing tortillas on the field.

"I hate to see that wasted food on the field like that," Sherman said. "Other than that, I remember throwing an interception and (former Tech linebacker) Zach Thomas picking it off for a touchdown, and then having played that same player in the NFL and him doing the same thing."

Texas A&M (2-4, 0-2 in Big 12 Conference play) has lost 10 of the

last 13 meetings against No. 7 Tech (6-0, 2-0), but when these two teams meet at Kyle Field the games can go either way. Since 1990, nine of the last 10 meetings have been decided by seven points or less.

The last time Tech visited Kyle Field in 2006, more than 85,000 fans left the game stunned. Tech quarterback Graham Harell hit receiver Robert Johnson in the corner of the end zone to seal a 31-27 victory with 26 seconds remaining. And in 2007, Tech pounded the Aggies, winning 35-7 at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock.

So this year, how does first-year Texas A&M defensive coordinator Joe Kines plan on shutting down an offense that scores 46.3 points per game and averages 556.3 scrimmage yards per game?

"Pray for maybe a torrential downpour," said Kines, who was defensive coordinator for Alabama in Tech's 13-10 loss in the 2006 Cotton Bowl. "If it rained about 14 inches in the first quarter, that'd probably slow it down a little bit."

Defensively, the Aggies are last in scoring defense, rushing defense, turnover margin and opponent third down conversion percentage in the Big 12. However, Texas A&M is first in pass defense, but that's mainly because teams have run so much against them, the unit has only seen 140 pass plays.

Tech coach Mike Leach said he always looks forward to Kyle Field every other year because of the experience and enthusiasm that takes place.

For Tech receiver Eric Morris, it's not that he shows no respect for the tradition of the Texas A&M Aggies, he just doesn't support the ideas as much as some people.



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MIKE GOODSON AND the Aggies will attempt to turn around their season against the Red Raiders Saturday in College Station.

"I've never been a real big fan of it," Morris said. "There's a lot of them when they come marching in before the games, I guess the ROTC. I don't know what it is, really - the fake army, which I don't know if that's a good thing to say."

Leading the Aggies at quarterback this year has been sophomore

quarterback Jerrod Johnson, who has taken over for senior quarterback Stephen McGee on several occasions. McGee is struggling to get back on the field after straining his shoulder in the second game of the season.

The Aggies two straight losses to begin conference play is a first for Texas A&M, and Sherman said Aggie fans should see the difference in seasons to come.

"I'm disappointed for the A&M fans that come to Kyle Field and don't go home with a win, driving back to Beaumont or Austin or Corpus Christi and their Aggies haven't won," he said. "I hope when they look at it they'll see guys coaching hard and playing hard and trying to do the right things, even though we've made our share of mistakes for a season already."

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Cross country sends 20 athletes to Arkansas for Chile Pepper Festival

By KAYLA PARHAM
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The Texas Tech cross country team has plans to spice up its weekend.

The Red Raiders are heading to the 20th annual Chile Pepper Festival on Oct. 18 in Fayetteville, Ark.

Tech coach Jon Murray said he plans to use the Chile Pepper Festival to work on different strategies for the Big 12 Conference Championship in two weeks.

"It's a good competition," he said. "There's almost 40 teams in the men and women's races, so if they could be in a big competition, go up there and have some success, build some confidence and get ready for conference."

Murray said having Tech's top runner back will help tremendously.

This will be, two-time de-

fending national champion, Sally Kipyego's debut meet in this year's cross country season. Kipyego won the last two Chile Pepper Festival meets.

Asia Diaz said the team—who is ranked No. 29 and are the returning meet champions—is looking to close the gap between athletes in preparation for the Big 12 meet.

"I think we are going to use this meet to see where we are as a team as a whole," she said, "and kind of try to move back up there in the ranks because we kind of fell back down. If we beat a few teams there, we will be able to move up."

The Tech women is send-

ing 10 athletes to the meet such as Kipyego, Diaz, Lillian Badaru, Gladys Kipsang, Michelle Guzman, Chep Boit, Addison LeMaster, Brintney Green, Katherine Priebe and Kayla Sayegh.

The women's team will face No. 10 Arkansas along with Big 12 teams, Texas, Texas A&M, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

The men's team returns to Fayetteville looking to place higher than last year's eighth place team finish.

Murray said he wants the men's team to compete well and aim to finish in the Top 10.

The Red Raider men's team will send Gilbert Limo, Cory Higgins, Logan Culotta, Jake Szot, Nathan Milles, Zach Dawson, James Rodriguez, Jeremy Kight, Aaron Greer and David Boston.

Cory Higgins said after coming to the Chile Pepper Festival for several years, he expects the Red Raiders will do well on the simple course.

"I think we are going to use this meet to see where we are as a team as a whole."

ASIA DIAZ
CROSS COUNTRY
RUNNER

"We're trying to get a good team effort in," he said. "Have everyone run well at the same time so we can try to get that struggle over. That is what we are going to have to do at (the Big 12) Conference to have everybody run their best

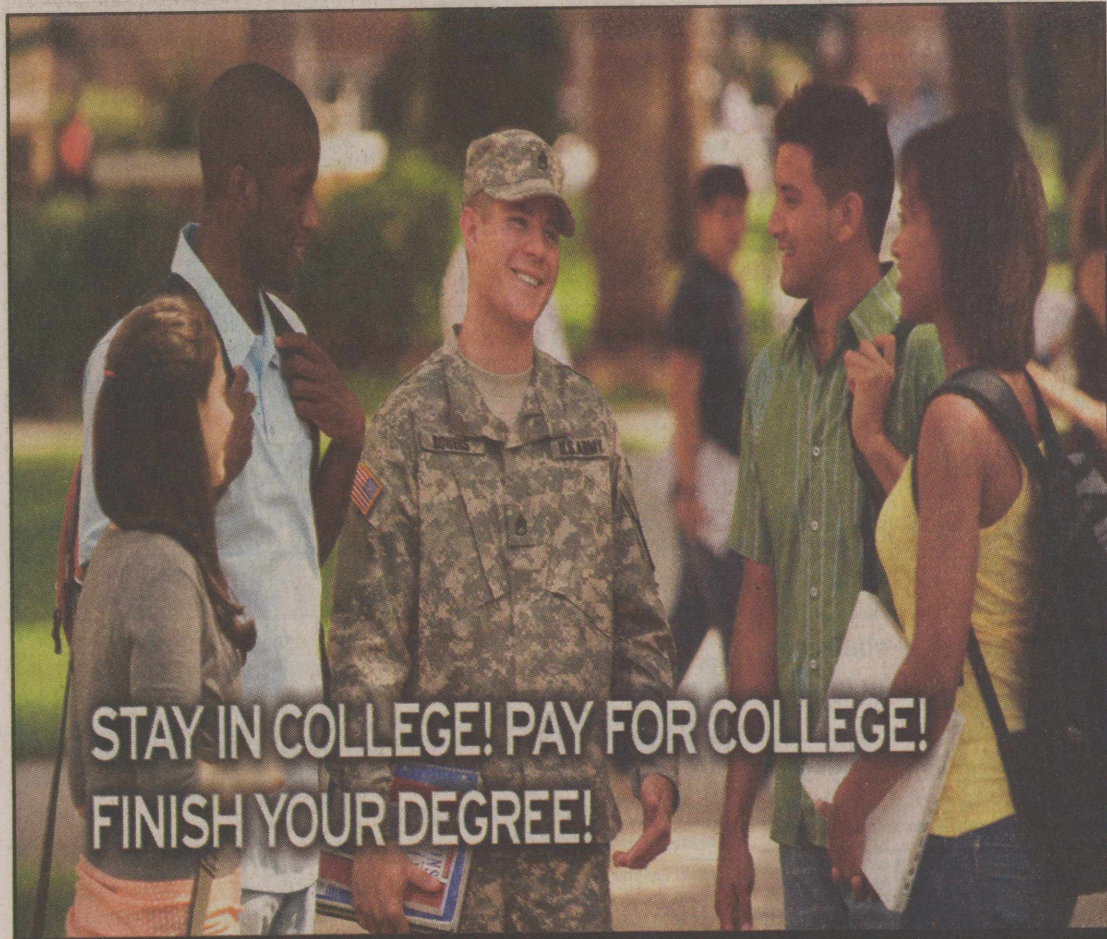
at the same time."

Both Diaz and Higgins said the teams are trying to close the gap between the first five runners.

Tech will compete against No. 20 Texas A&M, Baylor, Nebraska and Oklahoma, along with Division II schools, No. 2 Abilene Christian and No. 3 Harding.

The men will race the 10K at 9:45 a.m. and the women will race the 6K at 10:30 a.m.

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FOR ONLY \$10 AT THE DOOR
STUDENTS \$5
BUSINESS \$100

Saturday, Oct. 18
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19
1 to 4 p.m.

OPEN
TO
GENERAL PUBLIC

Drink Specials

Mon: German & British
Pint Special

Tue: Whisky River
Drink Specials

Wed: All-American
Micro brew Specials

Thu: White Lightning
Top shelf liquors on
special

Fri, Sat & Sun:
3.00 Wells
3.00 Domestic



2412 Broadway
744-4677

Mon. - Sat.
11am - 2am

Sunday
2pm - 2am

New Big Screen TV's
and Nintendo Wii

Live music Tue, Wed & Sat.
Never a cover.

Lunch Specials

Mon:
\$2 Cheese &
Pepperoni Pizza
6-inch
8-11 p.m.

Tue:

Buy 1 Get 1 Free Burgers 5-9
does not include specialty burgers

LIVE!! John Sprott
Never a cover!

Wed:

5-9pm
Soft
Tacos
99¢ Plain Brown
Wrapper
Live!