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STATE

Hutchinson moves nearly \$8 million

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican primary rival of Gov. Rick Perry next year, revealed Thursday she has transferred \$7.9 million from her federal campaign account into her state fund, giving her an early money lead over Perry.

Perry, meanwhile, reported raising \$4.7 million in the last half of 2008 and having \$6.6 million in campaign cash on hand at the end of December.

Both politicians had to report their fundraising activity Thursday to the Texas Ethics Commission. Their hefty totals show that an election showdown between the two in 2010 would be a big-spending, hard-hitting affair.

NATION

Moored boat sinks from Alaska rig; 14 evacuated

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A moored boat sank after bumping into an oil rig platform Thursday, spilling some of the vessel's diesel fuel into the Cook Inlet and forcing 14 people to evacuate from the rig.

The Coast Guard said it received a mayday call early Thursday from the captain of the Monarch, an oil supply vessel. The captain reported that the 166-foot vessel was taking on water at the Granite Point platform, which is owned by Chevron Corp.

WORLD

Iran president: 'Not feasible' for Israel to live

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A top Israeli envoy delivered his country's stance on a cease-fire agreement in Gaza to Egyptian mediators trying to seal a truce on Thursday. The Iranian president said the fighting showed Israel's continued existence in the region is "not feasible."

The development came as the U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon pressed Israel on a cease-fire, and Gulf leaders gathered in Saudi Arabia to discuss the conflict.

Meanwhile, Israeli troops pushed deeper into densely populated Gaza City on the 20th day of the offensive to rout out Hamas militants. Israeli tanks shelled the crowded downtown, sending terrified residents fleeing for cover.

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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Democrats propose \$825 billion stimulus bill

By ANDREW TAYLOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats unveiled an \$825 billion economic recovery bill Thursday, unprecedented in its scale and reach, that would provide an enormous infusion of public spending in hopes of kick-starting the sagging economy.

The legislation — two-thirds spending and one-third tax cuts — would provide help for the poor and unemployed and hand out huge grants for local schools and state governments, among its many provisions.

President-elect Barack Obama said it would fulfill his promise of creating or preserving more than 3 million jobs. But Republicans

calculated that would equal as much as \$275,000 per job.

Virtually everyone living in the United States would be affected by the plan. A \$500 tax cut would reach 95 percent of workers and \$1,000 for working couples. First-time home buyers purchasing homes between Jan. 1 and June 30 would get a \$7,500 tax credit, and local school districts would be spared severe cuts as state and local governments budgets collapse — to the tune of \$120 billion over the next two years. States would get \$87 billion worth of help with their Medicaid budgets over the next two years.

But there's also money for fresh sod for the National Mall and millions of \$40 coupons to help people adapt their old televisions for digital signals, raising questions about how

efficient the legislation would be in creating jobs. Even bill drafters such as Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey, D-Wis., admits that much of the money won't flow into the economy immediately.

And Obey says more may be required. "This product may in fact undershoot the mark," Obey told reporters.

Whatever doubts there may be about how effective the plan would be, it's on a fast track through Congress in hopes of reaching Obama's desk within a month.

"It is about job creation," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said. "It is about clean, efficient energy in America to transform our economy through investments in science and technology. ... It is about modernizing

our roads, bridges; education for the 21st century; tax cuts that make work pay and create jobs."

At the same time, the measure helps the poor, unemployed and people who have lost their health insurance. Food stamp allotments would increase 13 percent, or about \$20 a month, while the unemployed would see their benefits extended and increased by \$25 a week.

People who lost their jobs after Sept. 1, 2008, could have the government pay almost two-thirds of their health insurance premiums under the COBRA law. Poorer people who have been fired recently could get health coverage through the Medicaid program.

The measure also contains about \$90 billion for traditional infrastructure projects such as road and bridge

repair and construction, modernizing federal buildings, clean water and flood control projects, and rail and mass transit construction.

That failed to impress Terence O'Sullivan, general president of the Laborers International Union of North America, who said it "falls far short."

And AARP complained that the measure doesn't do much for senior citizens.

Pelosi seems proudest of the measure's investments in renewable energy and science, including \$32 billion to upgrade the nation's electrical distribution system, more than \$20 billion in tax cuts to promote the development of alternatives to oil, and billions more to make public housing, federal buildings and modest-income homes more energy efficient.

It's not my fault

Educators study source, effects of self-handicapping

By TINA L. ARONS
FEATURES EDITOR

No one told me to turn in my scholarship application. The roads were icy. My friends made me drink one too many, and I had a hangover.

People attempt to lower expectations by deflecting blame from themselves with excuses, according to the research study "Handicapping: The Effects of Its Source and Frequency." Psychologists have studied this "self-handicapping" behavior for more than 30 years.

"We all engage in behavior to impress others," said James C. McElroy, an Iowa State University business management professor who authored the study. "Self-handicapping is when someone comes up with an excuse to put up barriers before something happens."

The excuse is not internal, he

said. It often deals with a situation or condition, such as weather or a death in the family, where the person has no control.

McElroy studied the source and frequency of self-handicapping with his colleague Michael Crant of Notre Dame and concluded that people who exhibited the behavior multiple times often were viewed as "winners."

According to the study, 246 adults evaluated the behavior of characters in workplace anecdotes, and participant's views of a character became more negative after the second time the person cited a handicap.

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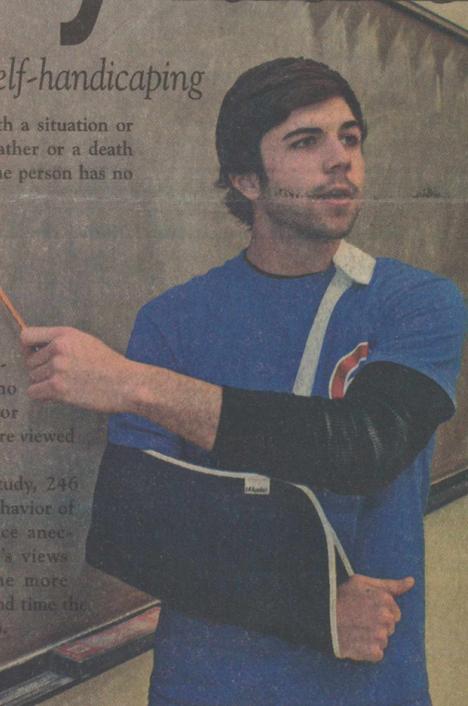


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Plane crashes into river; 155 survive

By DAVID B. CARUSO and
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NEW YORK (AP) — A cool-headed pilot maneuvered his crippled jetliner over New York City and ditched it in the frigid Hudson River on Thursday, and all 155 on board were pulled to safety as the plane slowly sank. It was, the governor said, "a miracle on the Hudson."

One victim suffered two broken legs, a paramedic said, but there were no other reports of serious injuries.

The US Airways Airbus A320 bound for Charlotte, N.C., struck a flock of birds just after takeoff minutes earlier at LaGuardia Airport, apparently disabling the engines.

The pilot, identified as Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger III of Danville, Calif., "was phenomenal," passenger Joe Hart said. "He landed it — I tell you what — the impact wasn't a whole lot more than a rear-end (collision). It threw you into the seat ahead of you."

"Both engines cut out and he actually floated it into the river," he added.

In a city still wounded from the aerial attack on the World Trade Center, authorities were quick to assure the public that terrorism wasn't involved.

Tech administrators prepare for Texas legislature decisions

By JON VANDERLAAN
NEWS EDITOR

As the Texas Legislative season comes into full swing, Texas Tech administrators are looking to Austin to see what kind of funding the university will receive.

The 81st Texas Legislative Session, which began Tuesday, faces a tough budget year because of the economic downturn.

Tech system Chancellor Kent Hance said the biggest issue for the coming year is the budget.

Re-regulating tuition has been discussed as a possible piece of legislation during the session to cap the continually rising tuition prices.

Hance said the state would need to provide Tech with more money if tuition was re-regulated or the university would face mass layoffs.

"If they give us enough money, then that's fine," he said.

Senator Robert Duncan, Lubbock senator and recently elected president pro-tem of the Texas

Senate, said tuition was deregulated in the first place because Texas universities were not able to achieve international research status without additional revenue.

Because re-regulation of tuition could inhibit growth of the universities, he said, the state would need to provide money to the universities to offset the lost revenue.



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However, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs predicted Monday the state will bring in \$77.1 billion during 2010-2011, about \$9 billion less than 2008-2009. Duncan said one of his priorities would remain focused on higher education, but universities may not receive as much as they previously hoped.

"When we have budget restrictions due to an economic downturn, we have to be cautious," he said.

Delwin Jones, a representative

for Lubbock County in the Texas House of Representatives, said the decrease in revenue would affect funding everywhere, not just higher education. But the representative said higher education is one of his top priorities, too.

Duncan declined to say whether he supported deregulation of tuition.

"It's not a black and white question because there are a lot of different variables that go into the debate," he said.

While a straight regulation of tuition may not be the answer, Duncan said, incentive plans for universities that do not raise tuition or other plans to offset problems deregulation has caused may work.

Hance said the students and faculty would suffer if tuition was regulated and no additional money given to universities.

The idea most likely will not pass, he said, because the state is not committed to making up the difference.

Duncan said Tech was the only Texas university that did not raise tuition for the 2008-2009 school year.

House Bill 3015, which deregulated tuition in Texas, passed Sept. 1, 2003.

Another issue in discussion for Texas universities during this legislation is the elimination or revision of House Bill 588, which establishes that the top 10 percent of students in their graduating high school classes will be automatically admitted into any Texas state school.

Duncan said the bill was enacted to override the initial decision of Hopwood v. Texas which stated the University of Texas Law School could legally impose racial preferences during admissions, according to a copy of the case at Center for Individual Rights Web site. The case later was overturned.

"The top 10 percent rule has outlived its usefulness," he said.

The University of Texas opposed the bill when it passed, Duncan said, and still is pushing to revise or abolish the law.

A repeal of the law does not have enough momentum to pass, he said, but revision of the law conceivably could happen.

Hance said it is hard to determine whether repealing or revising the bill would help or hurt Tech, but he does not foresee a major impact.

Tech has complied with the law since the bill was passed, he said, and about 25 percent of students at Tech were in the top 10 percent of their graduating classes.

The University of Texas claims about 65 percent to 70 percent of their students were in the Top 10 percent of their class, Hance said.

Flagship status also is an issue that has been debated between Tech and the University of Texas at El Paso, San Antonio, Dallas, Arlington as well as the University of North Texas and the University of Houston.

Duncan said the term "tier-one"

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Woman arrested, accused of lying to receive charity

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Tips from a crime line led Lubbock police to arrest a woman Wednesday for allegedly making a false report to a peace officer.

Rachel Sue Benites, 48, also allegedly was lying to receive charity in the form of money and small appliances.

Benites reported Jan. 5 that her home was burglarized while she was receiving cancer treatments at a local hospital. She reported several items were stolen, such as an end table, television, DVD player, pots, pans and a stove.

She appeared on a broadcast of a local television station, asking for help from the community. There was a large response from the community, resulting in many donations ranging from appliances to cash.

City Bank and citizens of Lubbock rallied together to collect donations of both items and money to assist Benites. The money that was donated was put into a City Bank account for her.

Capt. Greg Stevens of the Lubbock

Police Department said tips from a crime line first indicated that Benites was running a scam. Officers investigated the tips, and Stevens said they quickly discovered what had happened.

The anonymous tips and investigation revealed that Benites sold the items from her home, and then filed a fake police report claiming that \$1,935 of property was stolen.

Once the account was set up in her name, he said, there was no way to legally freeze the account.

She was arrested and charged with a Class B misdemeanor for giving a false report to a peace officer.

Stevens said detectives will file a report against her as quickly as possible to make the bank account inaccessible to her.

She was able to make enough sizeable withdrawals from the account before her arrest to make her actions eligible to



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become a felony, he said. "The bank had no legal standing to stop her," Stevens said.

The police department is working on filing felony charges on the basis of "theft by deception," Stevens said, which he hopes end in the hands of the District Attorney's office.

Attorneys from County Court 1, who would handle the case, were out of town and were not immediately available for comment.

Lubbock police advised citizens in a press conference Wednesday afternoon to make no further contributions to the account opened for Benites. Because the bank is still unable to freeze this account, Stevens said he wanted citizens to be warned.

The pending theft case still is yet to be filed, and a court date has not been set.

The police department is attempting to return as much of the donated property as possible, and residents can claim any donated property from the department.

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School of Medicine students accomplish perfect pass rate

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Texas Tech's School of Medicine students achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the first part of a three-part exam that evaluates what medical students have learned in their second, third and intern years of medical school.

The entire class that entered the school in 2006 passed part one of the United States Medical Licensing Examination, which tests students on how well they can apply basic but important concepts of science to the practice of medicine.

Rich Whitworth, a student in the distinguished class, said receiving the 100 percent pass rate is a "great achievement."

"It hasn't been done very often," he said. "We're extremely proud to have accomplished it and set the bar high for classes below us."

Step one of the USMLE is taken between the second and third year of medical school and tests students on basic science like anatomy, physiology, biochemistry and the science behind the medicine, Whitworth said. Step two is taken after the third year but before graduation, and step three is taken during the intern year. Both steps two and three include more testing material over clinical science—scenarios that the students potentially could encounter in their careers, he said.

Dr. Steven Berk, dean of the School of Medicine, said he believes Tech's medical school is one of the best in the nation. In addition to the 270 faculty members who all have a role in teaching students through lectures, small groups and early clinical training, over 100 community physicians volunteer their time at the Health Sciences Center, Berk said.

Because of the success of this class, the learning environment and the average 3.7 GPA of medical students, both Berk and Whitworth said they hope more students apply to and enroll in Tech's medical school.

Berk said he would like to see students who are accepted into multiple medical schools come to Tech. All medical students will take the USMLE, he said, and if the 100 percent pass rate was a one-time

occurrence, it would not mean as much. The goal now is to maintain the standard. Whitworth, who hopes to enter into emergency medicine, said he studied for about six weeks prior to the exam for about ten hours per day.

The Comprehensive Basic Science Exam, a national practice exam, is given to the students three times during their second year, Berk said. In addition, Tech's medical faculty — who are familiar with the USMLE — are formatting their tests to look like the USMLE.

Berk said the school also is using an "integrated curriculum" to ensure all information is presented in the best and most logical way. He also noted that in addition to basic science, students must learn all the new medical information as it becomes available and be able to figure out scenarios that could come up in a professional career.

Whitworth said he believes Tech's medical school is "trending up," and he would like to see every class after

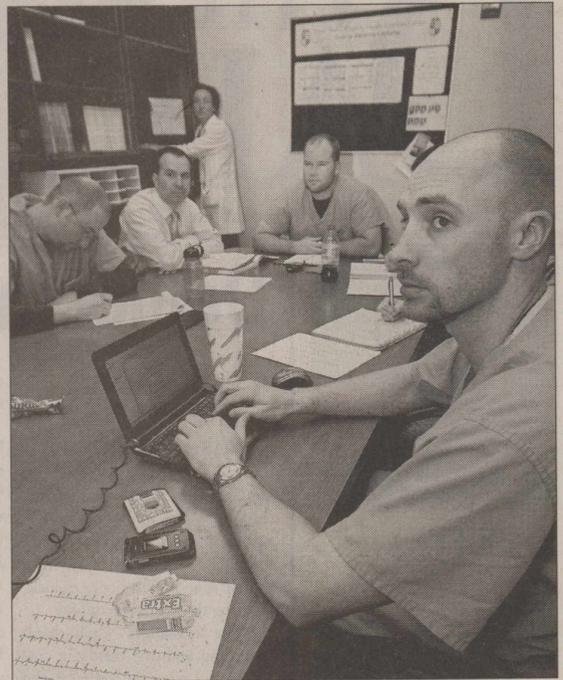


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ERIC MARTIN, A third year medical student from Abilene, participates in a lecture for a Master Clinical Educator class Tuesday at the Health Sciences Center.

him continue the 100 percent pass rate.

"I want to see Texas Tech at the top forever," Whitworth said.

Berk said the USMLE is the "gold standard" of evaluating what medical students have learned. Most people think it is the best way to evaluate students, he said, and others think it is the only way.

Both the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States and the National Board of Medical Examiners sponsor the multi-part exam, according to the USMLE Web site. Students have about six to eight hours to complete the exam, according to Berk, and Whitworth referred to the exam as an "all day adventure."

The medical students' pass rate is a continuing trend of increasing success, Berk said. The pass rate for step one was 82 percent in 2005, 85 percent in 2006 and 90 percent in 2007, and the national pass rate for the USMLE was about 92 percent.

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Economic crisis pressures Russia's ruling tandem

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev has twice rebuked the government led by his predecessor Vladimir Putin in the past couple of weeks, raising questions of whether a rift is developing between the powerful former Kremlin leader and the man he chose to replace him.

On both occasions, Medvedev criticized the government for not doing enough to help industry and business cope with the global financial crisis, which has hit Russia hard.

"The planned measures are being fulfilled slower than we counted on and, most important, slower than the current situation demands," Medvedev said during a visit Sunday to an engine plant outside Moscow with government ministers.

Two weeks earlier, Medvedev characterized the government's anti-crisis program as "well-balanced but not ideal."

But political analysts played down the idea of a rift, saying the remarks are more a sign of the growing economic pressures. Putin remains the far more powerful figure and Medvedev is too

weak to challenge him even if he wanted to, analysts said.

"A revolt by Medvedev is impossible," said Olga Kryshтанovskaya, a sociologist who studies the Russian political elite. Medvedev's televised criticism of Putin's government was meant only to reassure the population that more would be done to relieve their economic pain, she said.

"This is not an act of rebellion against Putin," Kryshтанovskaya said. "It's populism, directed at ordinary people."

Since Medvedev became president in May, he and Putin as prime minister have formed what has come to be called a ruling tandem. Medvedev, 43, usually defers to Putin, although he is showing more assertiveness as he grows into the job.

Putin left open the possibility of a return to the presidency when he stepped down after serving the two consecutive terms allowed under Russia's constitution. In his choice of Medvedev as successor, the 56-year-old Putin selected someone whose loyalty was unquestioned and who could be

counted on to do his bidding.

In the months since Medvedev took over, the global financial crisis and a steep drop in oil prices have taken a toll on Russia's resource-based economy, slowing growth and sending unemployment higher. That has put Russia's leaders under tremendous pressure as they try to prevent an explosion of social protest that could threaten their rule.

If economic pressure increases further, there is a potential for tension between Medvedev and Putin, especially if they tried to pass the blame onto each other. But it is more likely the two leaders will close ranks rather than grow apart and one of Putin's deputies could take the fall if needed.

In the past, the prime minister would be forced to take the blame for failed policies, but Putin's deputies are now more suited for this role. The finance minister, who also has the rank of deputy prime minister, is already serving as a lightning rod for criticism coming from the communists.

EPA finds toxins throughout Columbia Basin

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency said in a report Thursday that toxins remain at levels harmful to people, fish and wildlife throughout the Northwest, despite decades-long cleanups.

The agency said Thursday that pollutants such as fire retardants, mercury and compounds related to DDT remain at unacceptable levels in the air, water and soil of the Columbia Basin, which includes most of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, plus small parts of Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and Canada.

Although bald eagles and ospreys

have rebounded from the effects of DDT over the past 20 years, mercury and flame retardants are increasing in fish and wildlife, said Elin Miller, the EPA's administrator for the Northwest region.

"We need to up the ante to increase toxic reduction efforts once we understand these sources better," she said in a teleconference from Seattle.

The agency's report is the first of its kind in the nation, and was compiled from existing data over two years in conjunction with state and federal agencies, Indian tribes and environmental groups.

"The Columbia River Basin, one of the world's great river basins, is contaminated with many toxic contaminants, some of which are moving through the food web," the report said. "These toxins in the air, water and soil threaten the health of people, fish, and wildlife inhabiting the Basin."

Hot spots include the Spokane River in Washington state, the Willamette River in Oregon and the Lower Columbia between the two states.

One fire retardant in particular is showing up in increasing amounts in fish, the report said.

Legislature

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was overused, and the discussion is more about the coveted flagship status.

The University of Texas and Texas A&M University are flagship schools mainly because of the Permanent University Fund and their age, he said, but there is a consensus among the legislature that the state is in need

of more national research schools.

A possible solution could be a goal-oriented program that could allow universities to get extra state funding when they reach a certain endowment amount or a number of other benchmarks, Duncan said.

Tech is uniquely situated in this discussion, he said, because the university system includes a medical school, law school and agricultural school.

The Texas legislature meets twice per year, but Duncan said that is a positive thing for universities.

Tech, as well as other universities, is forced to plan ahead and will run less of a risk of overspending, he said.

The Texas legislature, which meets once every two years, will adjourn its 140-day session June 1. »jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

7 states sue over Bush health-worker rule

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Seven states sued the federal government Thursday over a new rule that expands protections for doctors and other health care workers who refuse to participate in abortions and other medical procedures because of religious or moral objections.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal filed the lawsuit in federal court in Hartford on behalf of the states.

The rule, issued by the Bush administration last month and set to take effect Tuesday, would trump state laws protecting women's access to birth control, reproductive health services and emergency contraception.

Blumenthal said the regulations "are flawed and defective" and would "unconstitutionally and unconscionably interfere with women's health care rights."

Under long-standing federal law,

the rule "shrouds the term abortion in new and unnecessary ambiguity," he said, and encourages medical providers to define it themselves and deny patients contraception, including emergency contraception for rape victims.

At stake are billions of dollars in federal public health money received annually by the states. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services could order a return of all HHS funds from state and local governments that violate the regulation.

Rebecca Ayer, director of media affairs for the department, said the agency has not yet reviewed the lawsuits and will respond to them in court.

"The department followed appropriate procedures to put the regulation in place and the regulation is fully supported by law," Ayer said.

Under long-standing federal law,

institutions may not discriminate against individuals who refuse to perform abortions or provide a referral for one. The administration has said the new rule is intended to ensure that federal funds don't flow to providers who violate those laws.

"Doctors and other health care providers should not be forced to choose between good professional standing and violating their conscience," HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt said last month when the rule was issued.

President-elect Barack Obama's transition team has said he will deal with "all eleventh-hour regulations" once he is president.

While campaigning in August, Obama criticized the proposal: "This proposed regulation complicates, rather than clarifies the law. It raises troubling issues about access to basic health care for women, particularly access to contraceptives," he said.

Top Afghan army general killed in chopper crash

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A top Afghan army general was killed Thursday in a helicopter crash in western Afghanistan, and two British troops died in a blast in

the country's south, officials said.

Gen. Fazaludin Sayar was one of the Afghan army's four regional commanders, in charge of the entire west of the country.

His Mi-17 helicopter hit bad weather in the morning and went down in the Adraskan district of Herat province, the ministry said in a statement. All 12 others aboard were also killed, the statement said. The helicopter had been headed to neighboring Farah province.

All of the bodies were brought to Herat, the provincial capital, said Rauf Ahmadi, a police spokesman.

A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, claimed militants shot down the helicopter in a phone call to an AP reporter in southern Afghanistan.

But Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi denied the claim, saying the area of the crash has no insurgent activity.

The helicopter was flying low because of bad weather when it hit a mountain, Ahmadi said.

Following years of neglect, the Afghan army's aging helicopters are in bad shape.

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Report: NKorea's Kim taps 3rd son as successor

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Il has visited factories as part of his push to develop the economy, the North's official news agency said Friday amid media speculation that he has named his youngest son to succeed him as head of the Stalinist nation.

But another report said his eldest son was poised to step in as a figurehead, reflecting uncertainty over who will succeed Kim, who turns 67 next month.

Rumors have swirled for years that Kim would nominate one of his three sons as a successor, following the tradition begun when he inherited the leadership from his father, North Korea's founder Kim Il Sung.

Analysis: Divisions complicate Gaza truce efforts

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Sealing a lasting peace between Israel and Hamas over Gaza will mean overcoming a dizzying array of splits — the Palestinians are deeply divided politically, Arab countries are feuding and Iran is firing off heated rhetoric at Israel.

Adding to the complexity, multiple mediators are trying to untangle the strands, while the United States has largely stood on the sidelines with the administration of President George W. Bush in its final days and President-elect Barack Obama not yet sworn in.

The difficulty is that so many different parties will have to agree to make any deal work and that is complicating the task of clearing the obstacles from the path to a cease-fire.

Venezuela seeks investments from Big Oil

CABIMAS, Venezuela (AP) — Squeezed by slumping crude prices, Venezuela is reaching out to the multinational oil companies it once demonized as imperialist profiteers.

Venezuela is soliciting bids from the world's major oil companies to extract heavy crude from vast deposits in its Orinoco River region. Despite President Hugo Chavez's criticism of U.S.-style capitalism, it has become clear that state-owned Petroleos de Venezuela SA needs both the cash and expertise of Big Oil.

These international oil companies have made windfall profits in recent years, but analysts doubt many will want to invest again given Chavez's history of seizing foreign stakes in Venezuela's oil.

Opposition leader detained in Sudan

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Authorities detained an opposition leader who urged Sudan's president to surrender to the International Criminal Court to face charges of genocide in Darfur, his son said Thursday.

Security agents came to the family home just before midnight Wednesday and asked Hassan Turabi to come with them, said his son, Siddique Turabi. An aide to Turabi, Bashir Adam Rahma, was also taken in for questioning, the son said.

"The security officer, very politely, asked him to come with them," Siddique Turabi told The Associated Press. "I think this is related to my father's comments about the International Criminal Court."

Last Ethiopian troops leave Somalia's capital

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — The last Ethiopian troops left Somalia's capital on Thursday after a two-year deployment and Islamist militiamen took control of the bases, fueling fears they could try to expand their power in this lawless Horn of Africa nation.

Ethiopia's prime minister said he could not predict what would happen when his troops leave Somalia completely, but he expected the extremist Islamic group, al-Shabab, and others to try to seize control.

Al-Shabab, which the U.S. considers a terrorist organization with links to al-Qaida, says it wants to establish an Islamic state in Somalia.

DHS commits \$50 million for impact of border fence

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — The Department of Homeland Security will allocate as much as \$50 million for projects to mitigate the environmental impact of the border fence.

The agency signed an agreement with the Department of the Interior on Wednesday to set aside those funds for projects that Interior determines will blunt or begin to make up for the environmental damage caused by the fence.

Seventeen of the 21 fence sections in the Valley will affect wildlife management areas or national wildlife refuges, 14 of them directly.

"Today's signing of this memorandum of agreement demonstrates that our commitment is not only words, but actual resources which have been set aside to allow DOI to mitigate the impact of our border security efforts in environmentally sensitive areas," Customs and Border Protection Commissioner W. Ralph Basham said in a statement released Thursday.

The plan released for the Rio Grande Valley, for example, noted that government contractors would clear about 508 acres of land in the lower Valley. The plan also acknowledged that the fence "will likely impact wildlife movement, access to traditional water sources, and potential for gene flow" because some of the species cross the border into Mexico to mate.

The environmental consequences of building 670 miles of pedestrian fence and vehicle barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border sparked some of the hottest opposition to the project.

"It's about time," said Julie Hillrichs, spokeswoman for the Texas

Concerns addressed about plans to expand West Loop

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Lubbock citizens met Thursday evening at the Elk's Lodge on Milwaukee Avenue to address their concerns about a Texas Department of Transportation plan to give West Loop 289 several upgrades.

Steve Warren, the director of transportation planning and development for TxDOT's Lubbock office, hosted the Meeting of Affected Property Owners and explained TxDOT's proposed plans for the West Loop, a state highway.

Other TxDOT engineers were available to address concerns with citizens before and after Warren spoke.

"Our plan is to stay ahead of the curve of congestion," Warren said. "Loop 289, the Marsha Sharp Freeway and I-27 are important parts of it. The West Loop was last updated back in the 1960s. It's time to improve accessibility and mobility in the area."

Warren walked the 20-person crowd through TxDOT's plans and said the potential construction probably would be done piece-by-piece.

Overall, the entire project would cost \$20 million and would include expanding the West Loop from four lanes to six lanes — three lanes in both directions — in addition to removing, reconstructing and reversing the on- and off-ramps southbound on the West loop from Fourth Street to 34th Street.

Also included in the plans is expanding 19th Street from four lanes to six lanes underneath the West Loop and improving the drainage in the area.

The cloverleaf at 19th Street and the West Loop will remain as it is, he said.

"We looked at several options regarding the cloverleaf and determined that it's best we keep it," Warren said.

If all goes according to plan, he said, initial construction will begin this summer.

Warren said the first phase of the proposed project would be to reconstruct the

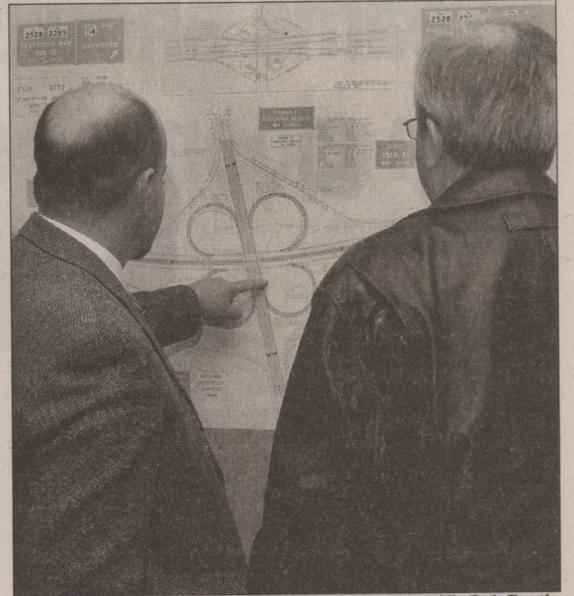


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STEVE WARREN, DIRECTOR of transportation planning and development for TxDOT's Lubbock District (left), speaks with Lubbock resident Bobby Yates about proposed changes to Loop 289 at a public meeting Thursday at the Elk's Lodge off Milwaukee Ave.

on- and off-ramps on southbound Loop 289 after TxDOT can finalize their plans for bids in May and begin construction in the summer and be completed before the 2009-2010 school year begins.

"We will ask for initial funding this summer," he said. "We just don't have the funding at this time to do the whole project."

The residents' primary concerns were how construction would affect traffic in the area and how long construction would last.

Warren said no time table has been set except for the first phase of the project citing funding as the reason all of the construc-

tion could not occur simultaneously.

Warren said TxDOT has no plans to relocate any local residents or businesses in the area.

Residents generally agreed the meeting put to rest questions they wanted to ask since learning the West Loop may undergo new construction.

"I came to see if (TxDOT) would keep the cloverleaf," said Lilly Romero, a Lubbock citizen. "The meeting was informative but I'm really disappointed they're planning all this construction and keeping the cloverleaf."

Loop 289 runs from a point on Interstate 27 and completes a loop inside the City of Lubbock, according to TxDOT's Web site. It spans about 26 miles and was constructed in 1955.

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Dreams shouldn't die with gloomy economy

By **ALYSON MURPHY**
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Students striving to find that perfect job in 2009 are facing the disconcerting realization that they will be graduating into a weakened economy with increasing unemployment and no fast fix to resolve the recession.

Financial troubles have people with decades of experience being laid off, which means the unemployed will begin vying for the same job opportunities as students come May.

According to an article on CNNMoney.com, an additional 2 million jobs could be shed in addition to the 2.6 million last year.

What then can a student do, with only a diploma to speak of, in order to ensure that he or she has the skills necessary to set him or her apart from other individuals that may have the real world experience in excess that the student lacks?

Students entering the workforce this year, amid oaths to lose weight or quit smoking, should say "screw you, recession" and refuse to allow their dreams to be buried underneath the burden of financial woes.

Instead of applying for every and any possible job, take the time to research ways to better yourself, and in turn, your resume.

Instead of looking at the job search as an impossible feat, look

at the fledgling options as the opportunity to creatively explore other paths that you would never dare consider.

There is no denying that jobs are scarce, and more than likely, the competition is overly experienced.

Can't find the job as a writer promised by your journalism degree? Try joining a nonprofit and then blogging online about the experience.

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Is your accounting degree getting lost behind resumes touting 20 years of experience? Take a year to try your hand in sales or marketing. Speak to a local firm about the possibility of creating your own internship.

Burned out on the idea that your English degree is worthless without an MFA program to back you up? Try your hand at writing for a Web site or work in a local library. Finally

give yourself the time to write that best seller you always dreamed of.

The ruthless truth is that our economy is crumbling, and job opportunities are slim, so take a year to volunteer or work in global service.

Try out a career that always interested you but never fit in with a prospective major. No matter how thankless the unpaid internship may be or how far-fetched a certain career path may seem, a unique experience gained will set one resume apart from the mass of ordinary, run of the mill summer jobs.

Confidence, creativity and a willingness to take risks are valuable skills in almost any field, and the job crisis may be the perfect opportunity to prove that a person has the dexterity and determination to accomplish anything no matter how difficult or obscure the task.

Students should go into the job market of 2009 flexible and up for anything. Take each day one at a time, jump hurdle after hurdle, try something new.

Live this year not as if the financial world is falling apart but instead avow to build the life you always envisioned from the bottom up.

The pencil-pushing jobs will be there in droves when our economy finally rights itself. Explore your options, test your limitations.

The job you choose come May need not be your greatest aspiration but will prove to be a mere stepping stone into all your dreams.

Finding hope in ourselves, not in President-elect Obama

By **PATRICK ZABAWA**
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While people on all sides of the political spectrum will debate the positives and negatives of Obama's election, one especially negative consequence of the election has already happened: a reduction in activism.

Obama supporters, including those here at the University, can no longer be heard calling for mass social change. Instead, they're all busy scampering around and trying to find a ride to inauguration while turning a blind eye to what they can do in the present to change the world around them. Sure Obama has been elected, but with a failing economy, the nation's problems worsening and resources stretched thin, the right kind of activism is needed now more than ever.

Sadly, it seems that, on a national scale, those who didn't support Obama have realized this more than those who did. New York Times Columnist Nicholas Kristof recently discovered that conservatives are doing more good than liberals. He cites Arthur Brooks, author of "Who Really Cares," a book about who donates to charities, as stating that conservatives give more money to charity than liberals, give blood and volunteer more frequently. While liberals are relying on Obama to fix what's wrong with the country, conservatives are turning to someone other than the government — themselves.

Activism will be even more important during Obama's presidency because whether or not the

government will be able to get things done is a huge question for the Obama administration. As the nation's deficit approached \$1.2 trillion even before Obama's planned stimulus spending, many legislators — including those in his own party — are growing concerned about money, something the government doesn't seem to have much of right now.

Last Thursday, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., warned that, "The combination of the retiring baby boom generation, rising health care costs and inadequate revenues will explode deficits to clearly unsustainable levels." The government's excessive borrowing to fill in the nation's deficit has also caught the ire of Lou Crandall, the chief economist at Wrightson ICAP, which analyzes Treasury financing trends. About the nation's rising debt, she stated, "There's a time bomb in there somewhere, but we don't know exactly where on the calendar it's planted."

Concerns about the deficit may especially weaken Obama's chances of getting programs such as health care reform passed. Obama has recently raised the possibility of waiting for the Bush tax cuts for the rich to expire instead of repealing them immediately. The funds were supposed to be used to pay for universal health coverage. This concerned Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., whose words about Obama's health care plan perfectly convey the attitude of many of those in Congress. "It's going to be very problematic to me unless they can tell me how it's going to be paid for."

With less of a chance that taxpayer money will be able to support those in

needs, activism is needed to solve the problems the government can't. Even here in Ann Arbor, there are causes in need of aid — take for example the Whitmore Lake Health Clinic, just thirteen miles north of Ann Arbor. The clinic was started by University of Michigan Medical School residents over thirty-five years ago and serves especially those who are uninsured or underinsured.

But today the clinic is struggling to stay afloat, as it owes hundreds of thousands in unpaid bills, including \$125,000 in taxes to the Internal Revenue Service. Because it serves the poor, it desperately needs donations to survive. And while donations to the Obama campaign may or may not bring about universal health coverage sometime down the road, a donation to the Whitmore Lake Health Clinic will definitely make a difference in the lives of the 1,600 patients who visit the clinic each year.

With ever-increasing national problems and the decreasing likelihood that Obama will be able to have a significant effect on them, seldom has there ever been a greater need for activism on campus. Americans, including those at the University, can't afford to hedge their bets on the Obama administration in the same way they hedged their bets on the stock market this past decade. It is Americans themselves who can provide the hope that they wish for the world.

Students at the University have even greater opportunities than most to make changes with so many charities and service organizations right here on campus. Now is not the time to break from activism because of Obama's victory — now is the time to bring hope to the world and be "the change you can believe in" yourself.

Despite poor ratings, George W. Bush was an effective president

By **ALEXANDER PHERSON**
DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

The left wing of America has little sympathy for President George W. Bush and the extraordinary nature of the challenges he faced.

When Bush came into office, he was expecting his presidency to hinge on perennial issues like tax reform and education reform. Indeed, he had good reason to think so. After the fall of the Soviet Union, political scientists were predicting a cooling-off period in international relations that could last for several decades. No one could have remotely predicted a war on terror coming as early as it did.

After Sept. 11, Bush made the bold move to break with the status quo and confront the problems in the Middle East head-on. For over 50 years, American foreign policy had consisted of "appeasing" local sovereigns — a policy that ignored the budding problems in the region. Bush reversed that trend.

Over time, Bush's campaign in the Middle East came to be associated almost exclusively with the war in Iraq. In particular, it became associated with its failures — and especially the long duration of the war. At long last, success is on the horizon. Thanks to the surge, which is a credit to Bush's humility and grit, Iraq is on the mend. And despite vocal retorts to the contrary (America "standing alone" and all that), our image around the world

remains in good shape.

Critics declared the Bush Doctrine defunct long before it had a chance to succeed. For those opposed to war of any kind, no explanation justified our intervention. The thought of denying "human rights" to — gasp — terrorists was simply unimaginable.

Of course, our pursuit of stability in the region has been far from orderly or perfect. But there is nothing if not nobility in overthrowing a fascist dictator to spread democracy. And that's what we did.

As for our methods — wiretapping, Guantanamo — Bush did just what the Founding Fathers would have wanted. Regardless of what the Supreme Court may think, the president has expanded powers during wartime. Beyond initial support, he should not have to genuflect to Congress to get every measure passed. On the contrary, the Constitution was built on an expectation of antagonism between the branches, which is reflected in the separation of powers structure.

Bush stood up to our enemies at a time when cracking down on anyone — even terrorists — was thought to be "intolerant." He had the wisdom to intuit that the war on terror was a war of good against evil. Certainly, the fact that the media kept mentioning the death count in Iraq did nothing to help public perception about the war. (The most recent reports indicate that fewer people died in combat under Clinton than Bush.) But had Obama been president on Sept. 11, I doubt that things would be for the better. Saddam Hussein would probably still be piling women and children into mass graves.

Bush's greatest achievement will always be his dedication to the war. And indeed, I think history will look on him kindly for this. As for the rest of his agenda, his record is a mixed bag. Bush ran as a moderate — "compassionate" — conservative. In his inaugural address in 2001, he griped about the partisan divide in government: "Year after year

in Washington, budget debates seem to come down to an old, tired argument — on one side, those who want more government, regardless of the cost; on the other, those who want less government, regardless of the need."

Bush's agenda would remain remarkably bipartisan. Many of his policies, from his drug entitlement program, to his abandonment of education reform, to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief earned him disrepute in the Republican Party. So did his unwavering commitment to Iraq and of course, the bailout.

Yet despite these facts, Bush remains an incorrigible right-winger in the popular imagination. I suppose he was doomed to such a fate. "W" was never someone who liberals were likely to accept into their circle. He's not an intellectual in the classical sense, and he doesn't use the lofty rhetoric that's become expected in politics. He's deeply religious. He lacks the airs of most Ivy Leaguers. He's funny in a "gotcha" kind of way — as opposed to a brainy way.

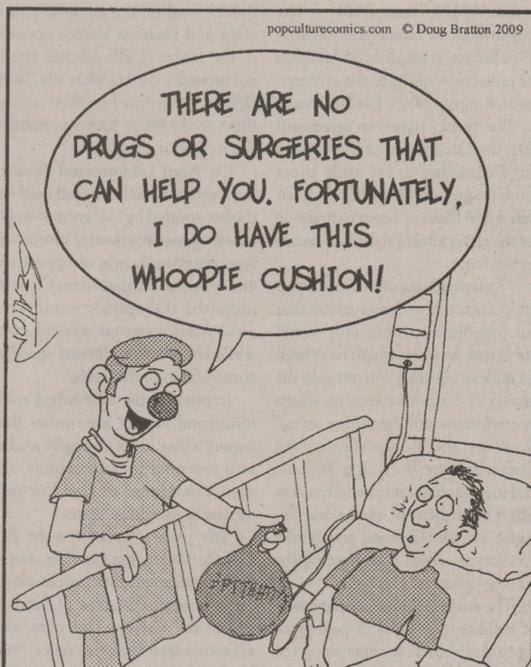
And what's wrong with that? Personally, I'd rather be governed by a man who's in touch with himself than one who's wrapped up in egghead ideas that don't work. On this point, I have to agree with William F. Buckley Jr., who said that he'd

rather entrust the government of the United States to the first 400 people listed in the Boston telephone book than to the faculty of Harvard University.

Many make the gross mistake of assuming that so-called "intellectuals" are infallible. Whether that

perception will change in the next four years is anyone's guess. But I am inclined to believe that history will vindicate George W. Bush, and people will come to see that he was before his time — standing against convention. Anyway, that is my hope.

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Patch Adams just doesn't understand that laughter isn't always the best medicine.

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Upcoming video games for 2009 show promise

Last week, I spent some time focusing on the greatness of video games released in 2008. With titles like "Grand Theft Auto IV," "Metal Gear Solid 4" and "Dead Space," it was a fantastic year.

But 2009 doesn't look like it's going to slouch either.

Disregarding games that probably won't be out this year (sorry "Duke Nukem Forever" and "Alan Wake." And boy I wish you'd hurry onto my PC, "Diablo III"), these are some of the most highly anticipated games of 2009.

"Halo Wars"

Admit it. I had most of you at "Halo." While "Halo Wars" takes things in an entirely different direction for the series, the real-time strategy gameplay is coming from Ensemble Studios — the same people behind the acclaimed

**Britton
Peele**



"Age of Empires" series.

"Halo: ODST"

Again with the "Halo." While this could be called an expansion pack for "Halo 3," it should still be packed with content, including a full-fledged campaign. The only catch is you won't be playing as Master Chief this time.

"Grand Theft Auto IV: Lost and Damned"

Making a strong case for the importance of downloadable content, this Xbox 360 exclusive expansion (the first of two, sup-

posedly) puts the player in the role of a biker from a gang that made only a brief appearance in the original game.

It will add new missions, vehicles and music to the already stellar "GTA IV" experience.

"Heavy Rain"

This PlayStation 3 exclusive is set to take storytelling in games to bold new places with jaw-dropping visuals and innovative gameplay. If "Heavy Rain" is really all it promises to be, it should be quite an experience.

"Resident Evil 5"

You can just say, "It's more of what that 'Resident Evil 4' game did," and people will be sold. Throw in improved controls and co-op gameplay, and this could be the best "Resident Evil" title yet.

"Bionic Commando"

Reviving an old classic, "Bionic Commando" looks to combine stellar action with death-defying acrobatics and fun-filled multiplayer.

"Street Fighter IV"

Another classic revival, "Street Fighter IV" takes everything that makes "Street Fighter 2" a fan-favorite and makes it better. So far, the results look like a fighting fan's wet dream.

"F.E.A.R. 2: Project Origin"

The original "F.E.A.R." could best be described as "The Ring" meets "The Matrix"

with intense slow-motion action and a very creepy plot. Weaker players may not want to play this one in the dark.

"Brutal Legend"

The newest project from legendary game designer Tim Schafer, "Brutal Legend" tells the highly fantasized story of a roadie turned rock god while battling demons and features the voice of Jack Black.

"Wii Sports Resort"

This title makes the list not for the game itself as much for the hardware it's poised to ship with. "Wii Sports Resort" will surely please the millions of "Wii Sports" addicts everywhere with new games like "Fencing" and "Jet Ski" races, but all gamers can get excited about the "Wii Motion Plus" peripheral that will drastically enhance the Wii Remote's capabilities.

"Killzone 2"

Known as the PS3's "tour de force," "Killzone 2" has a lot to live up to. But with outstanding graphics, explosive first-person gameplay, and solid multiplayer, Sony may have finally found a game that can come close to being called a "Halo" killer.

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Northeastern U. study shows black murders up

BY ROB TOKANEL
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Northeastern University professors recently completed a study revealing a sharp increase in the number of homicides among young black males in the period between 2000 and 2007.

Overall homicide levels in the United States have been subject to only minimal fluctuation, but homicides of young victims and perpetrators, especially those involving young black males, have risen dramatically, according to the study.

Since 2000, the number of murders involving juvenile, African American males as victims rose by 31 percent and the number of them as perpetrators rose by 43 percent. The number of those homicides for the same demographic involving

a gun rose about 50 percent.

James Alan Fox, a Northeastern criminology professor and one of the authors of the study, said the reason for the jump is largely due to decreased federal funding since the late 1990s, when crime levels were much lower.

"What's happened is we've seen significant cuts in budgets for prevention in crime control," Fox said. "Police resources, after school programs, sports programs; at the federal level, a variety of programs have been cut in half in recent years."

In Boston, the percentage of white homicide offenders between the ages of 14 and 24 dropped 40 percent since 2000. Conversely, the number of black offenders of the same age rose from 36 in the two-year period of 2001 to 2002 to 64 in 2006 to 2007, a 78 percent increase.

"In Boston, we have a fairly large

increase partially because we've been so successful in the past, which makes these numbers look poor," Fox said. "We're victims of our own success to some extent, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't act fast."

Sophomore undecided major Paola Santana said she thinks the disproportionate amount of young black males committing murder stems from poor educational systems and a lack of guidance in poverty-stricken areas.

"There are a lot of low income families that are black, and it's not that they don't know any better, it's that their circumstances don't teach them any better," she said. "They find themselves in situations that pressure them into gangs and drugs, and all of that stuff leads to violence."

In the study, which was supported by the Law and Justice Statistics Program of

the American Statistical Association and the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Fox cites possible explanations for the decline in federal funding as a result of the decrease in crime in the late 1990s and the shifting of security priorities in the years following the attacks on September 11.

"Funding that previously had gone to local law enforcement efforts in traditionally high crime neighborhoods was shifted over to homeland security, so police were asked to do more with less," he said. "Although it's reasonable to invest in anti-terror efforts, it shouldn't be at the expense of traditional anti-crime measures."

For instance, the study reports that the number of police officers per 1,000 citizens has dropped 8.5 percent since 2000 in cities that have populations

Biologists launch DNA initiative to save lizards

BY CHILTON TIPPIN
DAILY SKIFF (TEXAS CHRISTIAN U.)

The fate of the Texas horned lizard might rest in its DNA.

Texas Christian University Biology department faculty members Amanda Hale and Dean Williams said they plan to use horned lizard DNA samples from across the state to generate DNA fingerprints and form patterns mapping their population structures.

The Texas horned lizard used to roam freely on campus, but since the 1980s, there has been a decrease in sightings, Hale said. It has been on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department threatened list since 1967, according to the organization's Web site.

Senior biology major Cory Leach said the biologists launched the DNA research initiative last summer in hopes of curbing the lizard's decline.

Leach helped with gathering horned lizard field samples and in the lab.

Williams said the horned lizard has practically disappeared east of Interstate 35.

Factors of the horned lizard population decline pointed out by Hale, Williams and the members of the Texas Horned Lizard Watch program include collection for pet trade, habitat loss, climate change, spread of the imported red fire ant and environmental contaminants.

"So are horned lizards from Abilene

genetically similar to horned lizards in El Paso, or how are they different?" Hale said. "How do the horned lizards from down near Austin compare to those in the panhandle?"

Answering questions like these will give biologists a better idea of how to draft a plan to reintroduce horned lizards to places where they have disappeared, Hale said.

Williams said the genetic work creates a map of how the horned lizards move across the landscape.

Understanding horned lizard movements and their DNA can determine whether or not lizards located in different parts of the state may be used to repopulate areas where they have disappeared or become endangered, Williams said. It enables conservationists to make informed decisions on which populations would be more conducive for restocking the varied areas of the state, Williams said.

"We can detect whether populations have crashed recently, and if they have very low genetic diversity, you wouldn't want to use those populations as restocking sources," Williams said.

Williams said in order to amass sufficient samples for their DNA work, they have paired with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department training volunteers to gather the needed cell samples. A kit sent to volunteers includes such tools as a guitar pick to pry open the mouth and swabs for cell samples.

Whiners

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The negative feeling did not occur if the character's handicap was presented by another person, McElroy said.

"I think any manager probably does not care for people they perceive as whiners," said David Kraus, director of Texas Tech's University Career Services. "It gets old."

Kraus, who has had experience working with students and hiring staff, said most managers would prefer a better attitude.

Employees who are perceived as "constant complainers" and

"excuse makers" are going to be given less responsibility, he said, because their bosses will not have faith in their abilities.

For students entering the job market, he said no employer expects perfection. However, they do expect an attitude of "I don't know if I can do it, but I'd like to try."

"Attitude and spirit speaks volumes," Kraus said.

Jim Brown, director of human resource services at Tech, said he has noticed three negative impressions self-handicapping behavior causes during his experience working with personnel.

"I think a manager or supervisors could view it as an employee's

inability to take ownership for their actions," he said. "It could be viewed as somewhat manipulative. The employee would be viewed as lacking in self-confidence."

Brown said an employer may not be aware that employees exhibit self-handicapping behavior.

"There is a certain amount of recognition that has to go on," he said. "There would have to be a pattern between heavy-duty assignments and absenteeism before deadline. An employer may not know or even recognize what the employee is doing unless they are an aware supervisor and they are aware of the patterns of behaviors."

Employees should to recognize

and address self-handicapping tendencies and work with professionals to change their communication patterns, Brown said, because self-deprecating behavior may be "detrimental to a person's long-term career."

Much more could be learned by additional studies of different self-handicapping aspects, McElroy said. His study did not examine how self-handicapping works with existing relationships or how frequently people self-handicap.

"Handicapping is a risky strategy," McElroy said. "You don't want to do it too often."

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9 AM	Sesame Street			Divorce	Payne	Regis & Kelly
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10 AM	Word			The Morning Show	Cosby	Bonnie Hunt Show
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1 PM	Real Moms			The Doctors	Guiding Light	Judge Jeannie
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2 PM	Betw. Lion			Reading	Inside	Ellen DeGeneres
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Tech men to take on No. 11 Texas

By ALEX YBARRA
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Last season the Texas Longhorns rolled into Lubbock as one of the hottest teams in the nation.

On an eight game winning streak, they were ranked fifth in the nation and had won 11 of their last 12, including a 26-point blow-out of Texas Tech in Austin.

But then, Tech snuck in the picture and pulled off one of its annual home upsets, defeating Texas 83-80 to climb back to a .500 conference record.

It was a "welcome to college basketball" moment for true freshman point guard John Roberson.

"It was all new to me," he said. "That was the best game I've ever been in, so hopefully we can knock them off again."

A few days before though, Tech lost by an embarrassing 44 points to Texas A&M in College Station. The Aggies' margin of victory and playing at home provided all the venom the Red Raiders needed to poison UT's hot streak.

Now the Longhorns are under similar duress, except they are not at home.

After losing two of its last three games, No. 11 Texas will try to regain its footing against Tech 3 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena, where the Red Raiders are 9-1 this season.

Coach Rick Barnes' Longhorns (12-4, 1-1 in Big 12 Conference

play) got blown out 78-63 by their nemesis, No. 6 Oklahoma in Norman, Okla. on Monday, laying to rest any speculation as to who is the best team in the Big 12.

Roberson said he understands the loss to Oklahoma could make Texas hungrier, but Tech (10-6, 0-1) has its own source of motivation following a tightly-contested loss to Baylor in Waco Jan. 10.

"We're coming off a loss too, so I mean we're gonna be hunting them just as much as they're hunting us," said Roberson, who averages 14.4 points and 6.1 assists per game. "So we just gotta come out and just stick to our game plan and execute, so we should be good."

If Tech wants to pull off another upset it will need to finish the game off, which is something the Red Raiders could not accomplish against Baylor. In the last five minutes, Tech's defense gave way, allowing the Bears to grab crucial offensive rebounds that helped them pull away.

Against Texas, limiting the effectiveness of guard AJ Abrams (17.8 points per game) and the athletic, versatile Damion James (14.7 points, 8.3 rebounds per game) is imperative for the Red Raiders. With forward Gary Johnson averaging 10 points off the bench and center Connor Atchley's ability to play inside and out, this could be Tech's most difficult team to match up with so far this season.

Freshman center Robert Le-



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador
TEXAS TECH'S JOHN Roberson hopes to lead the Red Raiders to an upset over No. 11 Texas at 3 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

wowski said finding a way to win the rebounding battle may be a little easier for Tech with the return of forwards Trevor Cook and Damir Suljagic.

"Obviously, we're continuing to work on defense," he said. "The Baylor game was a big step

up on defense. We did it really well for most of the game, there was a few let downs in rebounding and stuff like that. I had a few slip ups. That's something we work on every day, defense and rebounding."

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Track collides with ranked teams at Tech Invitational

By ADAM WADSWORTH
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It is the first meet of the season, and the Texas Tech track team already has its first test.

With opponents such as a No. 14 Baylor men's team and a No. 21 TCU women's team attending, the Texas Tech Invitational at 6 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center promises to be some exciting events.

Tech coach Wes Kitley said they are expecting about 600 or 700 athletes from across the state to participate.

Some of the highlights include Baylor's two-time defending national champion 4x400 meter relay and eight-time national champion distance runner Sally Kipyego from Tech.

Baylor coach Todd Harbour said he is excited for the meet and for the chance to see where his team stands before tougher competition rolls around.

"We've got some pretty good quarter-milers that we're bringing up and some pretty good sprinters," he said. "We've got some pretty good athletes."

The Bears return a total of 12 All-Americans between the men's and women's teams and are eager to improve their preseason rankings. Harbour said the Baylor women are especially eager, considering they begin the season unranked after finishing No. 15 last year.

The Red Raiders enter their first meet of the season with their highest preseason rankings in school history.

While they are excited about the national attention, Kitley said he is not too worried about the rankings at this point because the team has not even competed in a meet yet.

He also said he thought the women's team might be a little underrated.

"Probably our women with Sally having her last indoor, we're probably better than ninth," Kitley said. "I think that's not giving us quite as much respect as we should have."

Kipyego, who is on her last year of eligibility, could feasibly attain a ninth national

title. Kitley said that the women's biggest strengths are probably distance with Kipyego and throws with Patience Knight and D'Andra Carter.

As far as the men's team is concerned, Kitley said they are very well rounded and much more mature than the very young team that Tech fielded last year. In addition to the former freshmen and sophomores stepping in to fill the leadership roles, a Top-5 recruiting class helps the Red Raiders out.

Junior Omoghan Osaghae is one of the athletes Kitley said has stepped up to lead the team this season. Osaghae said the team's

first big step will be winning the Big 12 Conference Championship.

"Everybody in here has enough talent to be where they are, either here or better," said Osaghae, who competes in the hurdles. "We've just got to keep staying on them and pushing them."

Even though it could technically affect the rankings, both Tech and Baylor will use the event to test strategy and rest up players.

"We just got them back a week ago," Harbour said. "So we're just still trying to get them back in shape — run off some of the Christmas turkey."

Kitley said if an athlete is even remotely injured then that team member will sit out this meet to rest and ensure he or she is healthy and ready to go when the bigger meets come around.

The Texas Tech Invitational will be one of the last times fans will be able to see Kipyego run for Tech, as this is the only event at home this season.

Kitley said one of the things he wanted to do this season was appreciate Sally's running more.

"Unfortunately our sport is not football or basketball," he said, "so a lot of people just don't see her."

Kipyego is running in the distance medley at 7 p.m., and Knight is throwing shot put at 10 a.m. Saturday. Running events, including the defending champion Baylor 4x400 relay team, will take place on a rolling schedule starting at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Tech has shot to end road losing streak against Kansas

By ADAM COLEMAN
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The Lady Raiders want to erase the 11-game losing streak against Big 12 Conference teams on the road.

But the Big 12 is not making it any easier.

After a 67-56 loss to No. 8 Texas A&M Tuesday in College Station, Texas Tech (10-5, 1-1 in Big 12 play) will stay on the road to face Kansas (12-3, 1-1) in Lawrence, Kan.

There are eight Big 12 teams undefeated at home this season.

The Jayhawks are one of them. "I think you see that across the conference," Tech assistant coach Kelly Curry said. "They're very tough at home. You look at some of their scorers — basically the close games they've had are the losses that have been on the road. It's a tough place to play."

One game that was not close was Kansas' Big 12 opener at No. 14 Kansas State.

The Jayhawks took a 72-39 loss to K-State in a game that had Kansas down 18 at the break before being outscored 15 in the second half.

However, Kansas bounced back for a 75-58 win against Missouri to mark the Jayhawks' 10th-straight win at home dating back to last season.

With only four teams with at least one loss at home this season, no team is undefeated on the road and at neutral sites simultaneously.

The only team without a win on the road or at a neutral site is Tech.

"Every Big 12 team is trying to defend their home court," Tech forward Jordan Murphree said. "It's going to be hard going anywhere."

But the Lady Raiders were on the cusp of their second-straight win over a Top-10 team Tuesday.

Tech was down 53-51 in the second half, but A&M's Danielle Gant scored eight-straight points to seal the win, extending Tech's losing streak.

Murphree said the loss was encouraging, considering A&M is the defending Big 12 Tournament champion and once again, a Top-10 team.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador
JORDAN MURPHREE AND Texas Tech have an 11-game road losing streak in Big 12 play.

But Curry said Kansas is no pushover.

The Jayhawks feature junior guard Danielle McCray, who has scored in double figures in 13 of the 15 games this season. Scoring 17.7 points a game, McCray is third in the conference in

scoring behind two of its biggest names — Oklahoma State's Andrea Riley and Colorado's Brittany Spears.

The good news for Tech is, historically, the Lady Raiders do well against Kansas.

Tech leads the all-time series 11-3 and the Lady Raiders have a nine-game winning streak at the Allen Fieldhouse.

The last time they visited Kansas was on Jan. 31, 2007, coming away with a close 66-65 win. Tech beat the Jayhawks in Lubbock last year 65-61.

Realizing McCray's talent, Tech center Dominic Seals said it is important to prevent her from getting on a roll.

"We have to stop their guards from penetrating in the paint," she said. "They have good-sized post players that are physical and strong. We have to match their toughness, go head and block out, rebound, do the best things to make us win."

Seals, who said she sprained her ankles against A&M, hopes the losing streak on the road ends in Kansas.

However, she was quick to point out that it is a long Big 12 season.

"It'll be a big win, but we still have to go to Baylor, we have to go to OU," Seals said. "We still have to go to other places. It'll be a big win just to break that losing streak."

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Young accepts Rangers' plan to move him to 3B

Michael Young will accept the Texas Rangers' decision to move him to third base, even though the five-time All-Star shortstop initially asked to be traded and still doesn't agree with the plan.

"In an effort not to let this thing drag out and move forward with the

task at hand, which is playing winning baseball, I have decided to put an end to this and start bearing down on playing third base," Young said Thursday. "My focus isn't playing for any (other) team."

Young said during a conference call that he knew a trade was unlikely

and that another position switch seemed inevitable.

"I didn't see much of a point in letting this drag on," he said. "The last thing I want to do, especially in mid-January, is have my focus on anything other than being ready for spring training."

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Florida's Harvin jumps to NFL, Spikes returns

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Florida star Percy Harvin is taking his speed, elusiveness and durability concerns to the NFL.

The junior playmaker said Thursday he is leaving school early to turn pro, but Gators linebacker Brandon Spikes will return for his senior season.

Both players announced their intentions hours before the deadline for underclassmen to declare for the NFL draft.

Even without Harvin, the Gators likely will be the preseason favorite to win a third national championship

in four years. But there's little doubt Florida will miss its do-it-all receiver.

A 5-foot-11, 195-pound dynamo from Virginia Beach, Va., Harvin led the team in receiving and was second in rushing. He caught 40 passes for 644 yards and seven touchdowns, and ran for 660 yards and 10 scores.

He missed five games in three years because of injury and was limited in several more, an issue that could keep him from being a top 10 pick in April.

When healthy, though, Harvin looked like the fastest — maybe even the most talented — player on the field.

He scored at least once in 15 consecutive games, the longest streak in the nation, and burned defenses while lining up at receiver, running back and even quarterback.

"Percy is the most dynamic player I've ever coached and can change the game on any given play," Gators coach Urban Meyer said. "He has the best first step I've ever seen and his ability to plant his foot and go is unmatched. Percy is a relentless competitor who wants to win. We wish him the best of luck and we look forward to having him around our program."

USC QB Sanchez to enter NFL draft

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mark Sanchez made his own call.

Coming off a record-setting Rose Bowl, the Southern California quarterback will skip his senior season to enter the NFL draft — going against the advice of coach Pete Carroll.

Sanchez, a fourth-year junior, announced his plans at a campus news conference Thursday, the deadline for underclassmen to declare for the draft.

The past three stars who played quarterback at USC under Carroll

stayed for their senior seasons, and the former NFL coach thought Sanchez should do the same.

Carroll tried to convince Sanchez that another year of college experience would help him in the pro game, but Sanchez said he had carefully weighed all the considerations before deciding to leave.

"It has been my dream since I was just a little kid to play in the NFL and thanks to this great academic institution and football program, I have the opportunity

to realize that dream," said Sanchez, dapperly dressed in a business suit.

"It was with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to this university. But I can't tell you how excited I am for this dream to come true."

Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart, along with John David Booty, all returned for their final year of eligibility with the Trojans. Palmer was the first overall pick in the 2002 NFL draft and Leinart was selected 10th in 2005.

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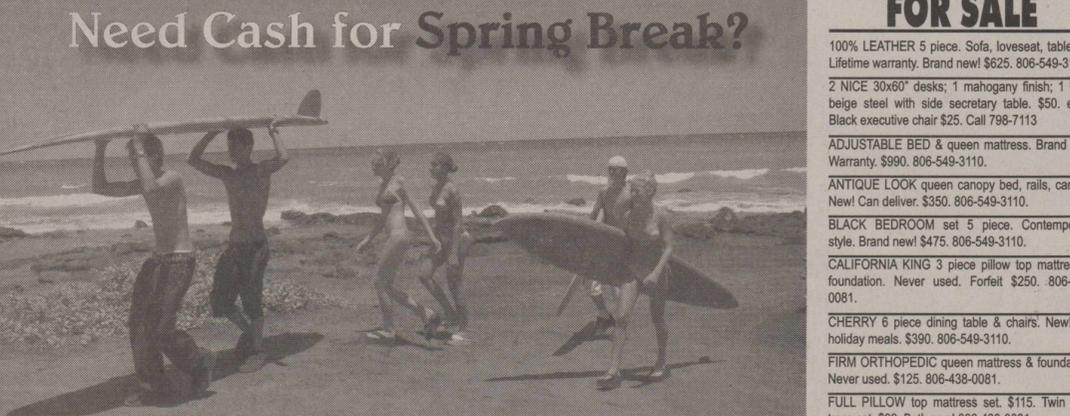


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McBath, Vasquez prepare for East-West Shrine Game

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Safety Darcel McBath and offensive lineman Louis Vasquez can get a head start by impressing scouts before Pro Day this weekend.

McBath and Vasquez will play in the East-West Shrine Game at 3 p.m. Saturday at Robertson Stadium in Houston. The game will be televised on ESPN2.

The two have been in Houston this week getting acquainted with scouts, players from other schools and the community.

McBath and Vasquez will play on the West team along with other college standouts such as Boise State's Ian Johnson, Oklahoma's Manuel Johnson and Rice's Jarrett Dillard.

They will be playing against players such as Missouri's Chase Daniel, Nebraska's Marlon Lucky and Wisconsin's Matt Shaughnessy on the East team.

Gene Stallings, former Texas A&M and Dallas Cowboys coach, will lead the West team. Bobby Ross, former San Diego Chargers and Detroit Lions coach, leads the East team.

McBath said one of the things players on both teams have been doing is visiting patients in the Shriners Hospital for Children, which is what this weekend's game is for. He said the game helps raise money to go toward helping the children in the hospital.

McBath said he also has been meeting players from other conferences and some players he saw on the field this season, as OU safety Lendy Holmes is his roommate.

"Kids from all over the country," McBath said. "Talk to a lot of guys from the Big 10 (Conference), Pac-10, USC guys and some Cal guys and, of course Big 12. We've all been kinda hanging out and having fun this week."

McBath said the East-West Shrine Game presents an opportunity to showcase his talents in front



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S DARCEL McBath will play on the West team in the East West Shrine Game at 3 p.m. Saturday in Houston.

of scouts before Tech's Pro Day.

He said he has not had too many detailed talks with scouts, but he is looking forward to the opportunity to play in the NFL considering it has been a long-time dream of his.

The safety who played alongside McBath all season, Daniel Charbonnet, also is making an attempt at the NFL. In preparation, he is training with Competitive Edge Sports in Atlanta.

Both will not be forgotten by Texas Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill, who said it would be unwise for scouts to overlook McBath or Charbonnet.

"I think they'll both be really good players wherever they go," he said. "The scouts have to make their own decision, and I think they're not very smart if they don't take those two guys on their football

team."

McBath left Tech with seven interceptions in his senior season — good for third in the nation.

Vasquez, who was not available for comment, was a part of an offensive line that allowed 13 sacks on the year, which was fourth in the nation.

As far as his other teammates declaring for the 2009 NFL Draft, McBath said Michael Crabtree made the right decision considering he's already accomplished a lot at the collegiate level.

He also said he was not surprised by Brandon Williams declaring for the NFL Draft, saying he is a great defensive lineman with a lot of potential.

"That kind of a decision is a personal one," McBath said, "and he made the right decision for him."

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Yankees' spending has shown World Series can't be bought

Landry Locker



The stock market is not the only place feeling the effects of the bad economy.

Most Major League Baseball owners have been reluctant to spend money on high-price free agents this off-season. As usual the only exception to this reluctance is the New York Yankees.

The Yankees have spent over \$400 million this off-season with hopes of bringing a World Series to the Bronx for the first time since 2000.

The one thing the Yankees have shown during the past eight MLB off seasons is they are willing to spend money, but that money has not produced the desired results.

Last season the Tampa Bay Rays made the World Series with a payroll nearly \$200 million less than the Bronx Bombers with a team composed of young homegrown talent.

While the Yankees have been trying to buy championships, they have forgotten what made them so successful in the late 1990s.

The core of the Yankee dynasty in the late 1990s consisted of players developed in the Yankee farm system and middle line free agents, not big name free agents like Jason Giambi, Gary Sheffield and Johnny Damon.

In fact, since the Yankees broke the bank by signing Jason Giambi in 2001, they have endured nothing but disappointment every October.

Andy Pettite, Mariano Rivera, Bernie Williams, Jorge Posada and Derek Jeter were the core of the Yankee dynasty, and were all developed by the team.

The other Yankee heroes in the '90s included middle line free agents such as Chuck Knoblauch, Paul O'Neil and Scott Brosius to name a few.

As soon as George Steinbrenner began signing big name free agents such as Giambi (2001), Carl Pavano (2004) and Johnny Damon (2005), the Yankees have not won a championship; while spending nearly \$100 million more than any other team in baseball.

Many teams have shown resentment toward the Yankees for signing prized free agent Mark Teixeira to an eight-year contract worth \$180 million just weeks after spending nearly \$300 million on free agent pitchers CC Sabathia and AJ Burnett.

It appears that a lot of people around the league are already crowning the Yankees as World Series champions, but the Yankees have already proven that money can't buy success.

The American League East is the toughest division in baseball by far. The defending American league champions Tampa Bay Rays have an entire payroll that is less than Teixeira's salary.

Although New York has spent the most money over the years, a large portion of the Yankees' free agents have been major disappointments.

Carl Pavano, Johnny Damon and Gary Sheffield are just three examples of

the many free agent flops that have worn pin stripes.

You have to wonder if CC Sabathia could be another name added to that list eventually. While Sabathia has endured great success during the regular season, his ERA in the post season is over eight, and he has a career postseason record of 2-3.

AJ Burnett, once a promising young talent has endured the most success in contract years. Is he going to be able to handle the pressure in New York?

Teixeira is a great all-around player. However, does Teixeira in the line-up make the Yankees any better than last season?

I say no, especially when you factor in Jason Giambi and Bobby Abreu will not be playing in New York this season.

The Red Sox have dominated the division in recent years. The Rays are a young team coming off a World Series appearance, and they are only going to get better. The Yankees can spend all the money in the world, but success is not guaranteed, and they have proven that over the years.

Before baseball fans crown the Yankees champions, they might need to change their focus from a parade in the Bronx in October to actually making the playoffs first.

Just like the Dallas Cowboys proved this season and the Yankees have proven time and time again during the new millennium, championships aren't won on paper.

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Tennessee Titans' Jim Schwartz to coach Detroit Lions

DETROIT (AP)—Jim Schwartz insisted he loves challenges.

Well, he's got one.

The Detroit Lions, the NFL's first 0-16 team, agreed Thursday on a four-year deal with Schwartz to make him their next coach.

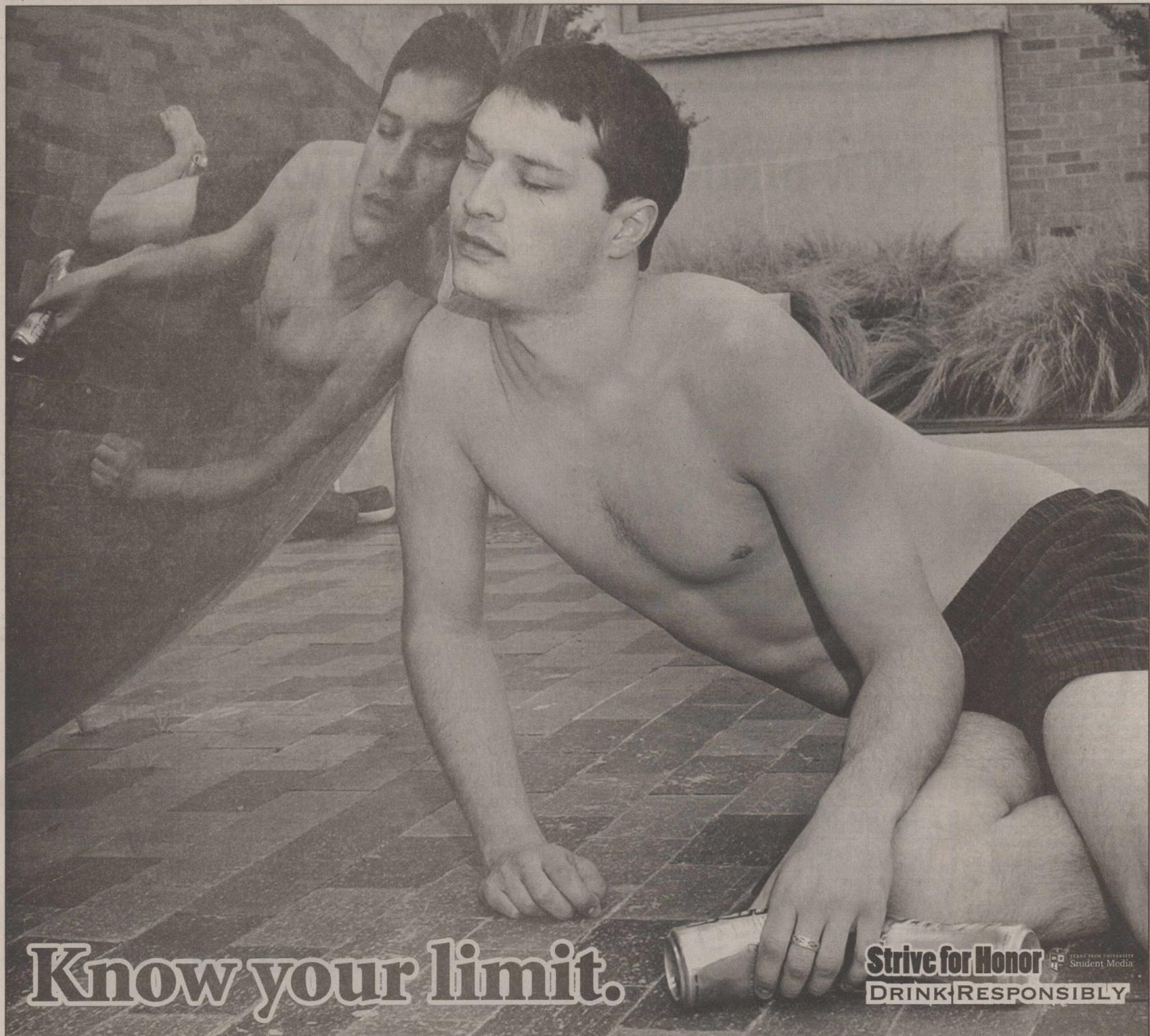
The former Tennessee Titans defensive coordinator will be introduced at a Friday news conference

at Ford Field, where Detroit lost its home games last year by an average of 21.4 points to break another dubious league record.

The 42-year-old Schwartz just finished his eighth season as the Titans' defensive coordinator and his 10th on their staff. He interviewed for a second time with the Lions on Monday.

"After an extensive search that in-

cluded several highly qualified coaches, we are thrilled that Jim Schwartz will become our team's head coach," team president Tom Lewand said in a statement. "(General manager) Martin (Mayhew) and I believe that Jim's qualifications and vision will lead this organization on the field toward our goal of becoming a championship football team."



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