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Ticket pickup limited for BU students

By Brad Briggs
Reporter

Tickets for Saturday's football game against Texas A&M are going fast, and now there is extra incentive for students to get their tickets before gameday.

Tickets won't be available free-of-charge for students on Saturday.

If students do decide to pick up tickets at Floyd Casey Stadium, they will be able to purchase a regular-priced one at the ticket office.

The athletics marketing department expects a large crowd for the highly anticipated game against the No. 22 Aggies.

An announcement notifying students of the changes and ticket office hours was sent in a campus wide e-mail Monday.

"We're extending our hours in the Bill Daniel Student Center

on Thursday," said Kevin Huffine, assistant director of marketing and promotions.

"We're expecting a pretty big crowd," he said.

Students can also pick up tickets at Floyd Casey Stadium from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday.

Lines were long at the Student Ticket Office Tuesday.

"I just wanted to make sure I got a ticket," said Dallas freshman Vanessa Musharaf.

Other students said they were made aware of limited ticket availability through the e-mail.

"It doesn't really bother me that we have to get it beforehand," Dallas sophomore Alan Viosca said. "That's just part of it, and it's convenient too."

Many students said they were

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Kelly Moore/Lariat staff

Sweet night on campus

Laura Nazzario, 4, digs for candy while her brother, David, 10, waits his turn outside Edmond, Okla., freshman Abbey Schwada's room in South

Russell Residence Hall. Schwada is one of many students who dealt out treats yesterday for Campus Living and Learning's Family Treat Night.

BSM shows off Global Village

Nations across world represented as part of Missions Week

By Kori Chappell
Reporter

At least 10 countries, including U.S. organizations that work all over the world, were represented Tuesday afternoon in the Global Village in Fountain Mall.

As part of Missions Week sponsored by Baptist Student Ministries, missionaries from all

over came to share experiences and spread information about how students can get involved.

"This is a way for students to step out of the bubble," said Jaelyn Jensen, a Dubuque, Iowa, sophomore.

Participants said the purpose of the event was to help give students direction for when they graduate.

"We really want students to see where their life is leading them," Nadine Maalouf, a Fort Worth junior, said. "It helps students realize what all they

can do with their different majors. They hope to bring a reality factor to everything students are involved in now with their major and show them how they can connect with the rest of the world."

Some of the missionaries were Baylor graduates, like Carol Robertson, who now works in West Africa.

"It's been a great place to raise a family," Robertson said.

She and her husband met at Baylor and were married in Miller Chapel. Both of their children

graduated from Baylor

The Robertsons said their main goal is to make for villagers an oral Bible in different African languages. They've translated hundreds of stories with the help of villagers who have been teaching them the language since July 1979 when they arrived, Robertson said.

"I'm getting to do something I was born to do," he said. "And that's nice."

Nate Sprinkle and his wife

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Kristina Bateman/Lariat staff

Faith Kirby, a Central Asian missionary, explains her work Tuesday to Meagan Farber, a Truett Seminary student from Blue Springs, Mo.

Perry calls Bell 'liberal' on tour

By Kelley Shannon
The Associated Press

LUFKIN – Working to whip up conservative support in East Texas, Republican Gov. Rick Perry lumped Washington liberals and Democratic opponent Chris Bell together Tuesday for criticism during a tour through the region.

Perry talked up his efforts to fight crime along the Texas-Mexico border, including sending National Guard troops there even before President Bush asked them to go.

He said again that he'll ask the Legislature for \$100 million to sustain border crime-fighting programs.

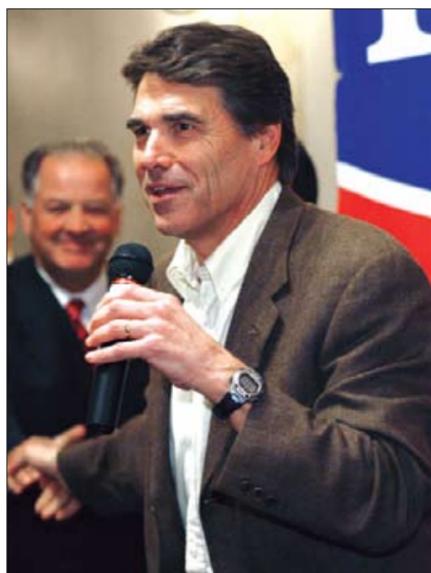
Perry said that as a congressman Bell voted against using military troops to patrol the border and for making it

harder to deport illegal immigrants.

"If that isn't bad enough, Mr. Bell showed how liberal he is when he voted in support of allowing United Nations election monitors to oversee elections in America," Perry told supporters in Lufkin. "Explain that one to the folks in East Texas."

Some congressional Democrats tried to get U.N. election monitors involved in the 2004 election to avoid the irregularities that occurred in the Bush-Gore campaign of 2000. After the U.N. rejected the request, Bell voted against barring the use of funds to request the U.N. monitors, Bell spokesman Jason Stanford said.

"With votes like that, it's no wonder that Chris Bell isn't running on his record," Perry said, livening up the crowd



Texas Gov. Rick Perry, foreground, takes the hand of Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview, center, as he speaks to supporters Tuesday in Longview. Perry compared Democratic gubernatorial nominee Chris Bell to liberal politicians on Washington, D.C.

Associated Press

with another jab.

"Another day, another silly, pathetic attack from a failed governor," Bell responded in an e-mailed statement from Stanford. "Rick Perry is so worried about this election he can't stop

attacking me. If he worried this much about doing a good job as governor, he wouldn't be in this mess."

One Perry supporter, 48-

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Flame protection leads to facial injury

By Christine M. Tamer
Staff writer

After attempting to squelch the eternal flame, a student now has a broken nose and is taking the issue to Judicial Affairs.

Virginia Beach, Va., junior Justin Brown said he was hit in the face with a lacrosse stick by a group of freshmen Thursday morning at Fountain Mall.

"I had two one-liter bottles of water, and I figured that while the freshmen were distracted I would come from the other side and try to extinguish the flame," Brown said. "The group of freshmen was big enough to block my momentum and then, wham, I was hit right on the ridge (of my nose)."

On Tuesday, after he fully realized the severity of his injuries, Brown said he decided that he would take the issue to Judi-

cial Affairs.

In an e-mail interview, Chamber homecoming chairman Andrew Morris, a Tulsa junior, said the incident was an unintentional.

"From the information I have been able to gather throughout the day, a student was accidentally hit on Thursday," Morris said. "From the Chambermen that were present and I have spoken to, I have gathered that the incident was obviously an accident. Chamber members immediately confiscated the lacrosse stick to ensure the safety of all students present."

Brown said he later went to the emergency room where they told him he had a broken nose.

"I am feeling OK now," Brown said. "My nose is still bruised, and my doctors said it will take

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Overweight elevator may be at fault in death of Ohio State freshman

By Doug Whiteman
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Twenty-four people had crowded onto a dormitory elevator before it pinned and killed an Ohio State University freshman, exceeding its weight capacity by as much as 1,100 pounds, a fire official said.

The count came from a medic who interviewed survivors after the Friday night accident, said Doug Smith, a battalion chief for the Columbus Division of Fire.

He said the elevator had a capacity of 2,500 pounds.

"If you take the average freshman college kid, you'd probably average their weight somewhere between 140 and 150 (pounds),

so without a doubt it probably exceeded the weight," Smith said.

However, authorities have not concluded that the extra weight caused the elevator to malfunction, and the case remains under investigation.

"We can't speculate or draw any conclusions at this point until we have all the facts," Ohio

State spokeswoman Shelly Hoffman said.

Andrew Polakowski was the last person to enter the elevator on Stradley Hall's third floor when it began to descend with the doors open, campus police said.

Polakowski, 18, of Erie, Pa., was pinned when he tried to escape through a gap between the

top of the elevator and the third floor, police said.

Polakowski had chest and abdominal injuries and died of asphyxia, Franklin County Coroner Bradley Lewis said.

The state Department of Commerce released documents showing the elevator had passed every safety test conducted by Otis Elevator Co. going back to

2003, including the most recent one, conducted July 24

Some students said they have had minor problems with elevators in the 11-floor dormitory, which has more than 400 residents.

University President Karen Holbrook told school officials to arrange for an independent review of all dormitory elevators.

Christian leadership means knowing your destination

"If you do not know where you are going, every road will get you nowhere." —Henry Kissinger

I found this out the hard way. I, like every other Baylor student, got lost in downtown Waco the other day as I was rushing to a meeting I was already late for. Going the wrong way on a one-way street makes for an interesting experience.

I thought I knew where I was going, but clearly I was mistaken. Because I had never been to this location before, I had no visual landmarks to guide my spontaneous and somewhat dangerous changes in direction. Consequently,

I had no vision or plan as to

how I should reach my destination.

Perhaps the most difficult aspect of leadership is rallying others behind a common cause. An organization without a vision is destined for failure. In contrast, an organization that passionately and actively fulfills a vision has the capacity to truly change lives. This is why it is so important to build and develop meaningful relationships with those around you.

As your external vice president, my vision for this year is already yielding positive results for the Baylor-Waco community. The Beyond Leadership Community Summit has produced a Community Involvement

point of view

BY ALLAN MARSHALL



Council to discuss meaningful community involvement, recreation and tourism of Waco and employment opportunities for current and future students. The council will commence in late October in hopes of linking Baylor students with the Waco community. This is an exciting opportunity for Baylor students to take the initiative and to impact the surrounding com-

munity in a positive way.

Alumni Mentor Program is another program showing signs of future success. The program is designed to connect Baylor students with local alumni in their particular field of study.

This is just one way for Baylor students to build meaningful relationships with not only former students but Waco community leaders as well.

These mentors will help Baylor students craft and develop a vision of their own — a vision for 10, 20 or even 30 years down the road.

I stated earlier this semester that my goal for this year is not just to develop students of service but to develop young leaders

dedicated to a life of service. As a Christian institution of higher learning, we have the responsibility to serve physically, emotionally and most importantly, spiritually. Unfortunately, our society is full of hypocrites who proclaim the Good News of the gospel, yet live a polar opposite lifestyle.

To effectively serve others spiritually, we must maintain a lifestyle consistent with the faith we profess. We represent Baylor and the standard it upholds. Furthermore, we represent Christ. Quite simply, we are called to a higher moral standard.

What sets you apart? When others look at you do they see Christ? To effectively serve oth-

ers, we have to maintain our Christian witness in a dark and sinful world. We must be excellent in our spiritual walks.

Visions are not the result of mediocrity. An effective vision requires excellence. Visions require time, patience and a good support system. So, spend time reflecting about ways to change your world, learn patience, surround yourself with a strong group of Christian individuals, and most importantly, be excellent.

If you keep reaching for change, others will eventually grab on. Keep reaching and be excellent!

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Editorial Adopting abroad neglects U.S. orphans

You hear about it all the time on *Entertainment Tonight* or CNN. Celebrities are going overseas and adopting some of the millions of orphaned children.

While it's very philanthropic of Madonna and Angelina Jolie to adopt children from Africa and Asia, what about the hundreds of thousands of orphans who are awaiting adoption in group homes and the foster care system in the United States?

It seems like to these people in the public eye, and the thousands of non-famous people who adopt abroad each year, American children just aren't worth the hassle to adopt.

Some believe adopting internationally is easier than adopting within the U.S.; there is always the risk that a U.S. birth mother will change her mind and decide not to give up her child, or the paperwork will become overwhelming or the adoption denied.

This doesn't excuse the fact that, according to the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute, 120,000 children are waiting to be adopted in the U.S.

The Donaldson Institute estimated that last year, 23,000 orphans were adopted from overseas, but only about 13,000 American orphans were adopted by nonrelatives (the total number of adopted children by their birth parents or relatives is 52,000).

Also, an overwhelming majority of children in group homes and foster care are minorities: 60 percent are



black or Hispanic.

Those who adopt American orphans, in general, show a preference toward adopting children and infants who are of their same race.

But deciding which child deserves a loving and supportive home shouldn't be decided by race. It's also unfortunate that the vast majority of adopting parents want infants because it is most like having their own child.

The institute's studies revealed that once a child reaches age 8, the child has a better chance of remaining in foster

care until he or she become an adult than being adopted. The result of this is that the number of children waiting to be adopted is 2.5 times greater than the number of those who are adopted. This isn't just a problem with American orphans; international orphans also are less likely to be adopted as they get older.

The Child Welfare League of America estimates that children who remain in foster care or group homes in America are four times more likely to develop serious psychiatric disorders, and

in 30 percent of these cases, the child receives no treatment for it.

The general public needs to wake up and realize that the growing orphan crisis in the world doesn't just take place in far-away lands like China and Russia. There are thousands of children living in America, who despite their age or race, are deserving of a good home and the opportunity to lead fulfilling, successful lives.

All they're looking for is a chance not to get lost in the system, and it's up to us to provide that for them.

Republican political language casts negative light on 'liberal' label

The first time I was called a member of the "media elite," I was driving a 10-year-old minivan with close to 200,000 miles on it. I was many things. Elite wasn't one of them.

That episode, many years back, was one of my earliest lessons in the Republican Party's preternatural brilliance in the use of political language. From "family values" to "culture of life," to "death tax" to "Patriot Act" to "No Child Left Behind," the party has demonstrated a phraseological agility that jargon-bound Democrats can only envy. "Social Security lockbox," anyone?

Some might argue that what the GOP has really mastered is the language of obfuscation and misdirection, a willingness to unmoor words from their

meanings — as in its shameless attempts in recent years to co-opt the language of the civil rights movement as a weapon against affirmative action. Good point.

But the truth of the language is not what I'm here to talk about. Its efficacy is.

Consider the party's masterpiece. Of all the terms it has arrogated unto itself (values, tradition, patriotism) and all those it has used to jab the competition (secular, culture wars, moral relativism), its best work is embodied in one word: liberal.

Truth is, we're all pretty liberal — at least if you're using the word as historically defined. It's hard to imagine even Rush Limbaugh or Ann Coulter coming out in favor of racial segre-

point of view

BY LEONARD PITTS



gation, child labor or male-only workplaces. To the degree the word no longer evokes the fight against those things and connotes moral squishiness and effete elitism instead, Republicans have been astoundingly successful in deconstructing it, rebranding it, making it unusable.

If you're a word person, you watch this with a sense of appalled wonder and ask, Is anybody else seeing this?

Geoffrey Nunberg is. He's a

linguist at UC Berkeley and the author of a new book on political language, *Talking Right: How Conservatives Turned Liberalism Into a Tax-Raising, Latte-Drinking, Sushi-Eating, Volvo-Driving, New York Times-Reading, Body-Piercing, Hollywood-Loving, Left-Wing Freak Show*.

In a nutshell, he told me in a telephone interview, the GOP has learned to deftly exploit a "bogus populism, the invention of the red-blue divide as the crucial division in American life." Democrats, meantime, are left looking for "word magic" of their own, failing to understand that it's not the words per se that have the power but the deeper narrative of hopes and fears they represent.

Liberal is the perfect example, having been transmuted from a

perfectly viable political ideology into a sort of birth defect. Indeed, the word is used now in much the same way as a certain racial epithet: to mark not simply political disagreement but native, irreparable deficiencies. The N-word becomes the L-word.

"I think that's right," Nunberg said. "That formula's been extended to those two terms, those two 'unspeakable' terms. The N-word really is unspeakable. The L-word, they sort of pretend that it is. It's been going on for 25 years now, and it's really become a word that denotes not a political philosophy but this self-indulgent, effete lifestyle. It's become ... if you're not born in it, it goes very deep in the bone."

Thus, liberal becomes "a

word that ... you don't have to say anything more than that. It carries its own moral weight."

So where are the Democrats' words? Their narrative? It's an urgent question waiting for an urgent answer.

Granted, the party stands to make major gains in next month's elections, but those will not be votes for Democrats so much as votes against Mark Foley, Iraq and Republican hubris in general. As such, they might produce a majority but not a mandate. For that to happen, Democrats must first figure out two things: what they believe in and how to express it.

Say what you will about them, but the Republicans already know.

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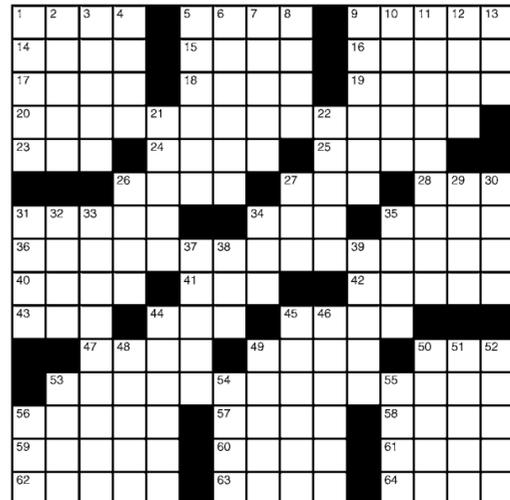
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Coal plant protesters organize hunger strike

By Lizza Lopez
Reporter

A hunger strike has been organized to protest the increase of Texas coal plant permits from 7 to 19.

The strike will mark the one-year anniversary of Gov. Rick Perry's Executive Order to fast-track power plants due to increased energy needs.

Karen Hadden, executive director of the Sustainable Energy and Economic Development (SEED) Coalition, is part of the group leading the hunger strike in Austin.

"We are prepared to go as long as it takes with this strike," Hadden said. "We want more attention from Governor Perry and hope legislators will look at a moratorium on the permits for coal plants."

Hadden said Texas has now proposed more plants than any other state.

Eleven of the 16 proposed plants are based out of Dallas'

TXU electricity plant.

"We can utilize wind energy and solar energy in Texas because we have a wealth for both," Hadden said. "Nonpolluting renewable resources are the energy of the future."

Dr. Mary Darden, president of Keep Waco Green, said that Texas is number one for solar energy production and number two for wind energy production in the nation.

At one time, wind was the major source of power for pumping water, grinding grain and transporting goods by sailing ships.

Present day applications of wind power include water pumping and the generation of electricity.

"Both are viable and affordable energy sources," Darden said. "There are certainly a number of better choices for alternative technologies."

Darden and Hadden agree that a better, cleaner alternative to coal is the integrated gasification combined cycle. This kind

of coal plant is 70 to 90 percent cleaner than the kind of plant proposed for Texas, but it's also more expensive.

"It's all about profit," Hadden said. "Cleaner technologies for these proposed plants cost about 20 percent more than coal. Our health is at risk due to their profit money."

Darden said coal plants produce mercury, a highly toxic chemical.

"Mercury has been identified as causing birth defects, autism in children, as well as a number of disorders and diseases, including cancer," Darden said.

Hadden became opposed to coal-fired plants when she became aware of the effects mercury has on the environment.

"This is a moral issue," Hadden said. "I am a former teacher and a mother. Our children are truly at risk and there is no excuse to add more mercury in our water waste."

Dr. Bryan Brooks, director of the ecotoxicology research laboratory at Baylor, said mercury

from these plants is deposited in the landscape in the form of rainfall.

"The main concern is fish are accumulating high levels of mercury," Brooks said. "Consumption can lead to health effects in humans that can impact the nervous system, especially in children."

According to TXU's Reliable Texas Power web site, the addition of the Tradinghouse plant in McLennan County will generate more jobs in the area.

The construction of the new facility is expected to raise county employment by an average of 8,368 positions per year during the construction phase, the web site said.

The construction of the facility is also expected to result in more than \$5.7 billion in spending within McLennan County, the web site said.

Hadden said she hopes that the hunger strike will motivate politicians to look into other alternatives that will ultimately pull mercury out of the ecosys-

tem.

"I have asked on several occasions to meet with Governor Perry," Hadden said. "I received a form listing the number of various legislators."

"I don't want to meet with legislators. I want to meet with Governor Perry."

Hadden said many of those who are in favor of coal-fired plants are misinformed and have not done much research on the topic.

Darden concurred and added that finances have a lot to do with the preference for coal-fired plants.

"As with many corporations, money is the top priority," Darden said. "It's up to us as consumers to hold these companies accountable and to insist that whatever form of energy they produce has minimal damage to people."

Individuals who wish to become a part of the strike can register on www.stopthecoal-plant.org and can do it for as little as one day.

BEAR BRIEFS

Nonprofit job fair

Baylor Career Services is partnering with the School of Social Work and Baptist Student Ministries to host a Non-profit job fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Movie screening

Come view the movie *School Ties* and discuss religious tensions between the Jewish and Christian communities. The event, hosted by OneBU, is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday in Bennett Auditorium.

Campus wide prayer

Alpha Lambda Omega Christian Sorority Inc. will host a campus-wide prayer session at 5 p.m. Thursday at Fountain Mall.

To submit a bear brief, e-mail Lariat@baylor.edu.

Race affects insurance claims

By Rukmini Callimachi
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS—The Littles and the Kitchens watched helplessly as Hurricane Katrina battered their homes. Both families waited patiently for an insurance adjuster to settle their losses. And both were sorely disappointed with the outcome.

Then, their paths diverged. Richard and Cindy Little, a white couple living in a predominantly white neighborhood, filed a complaint with the Louisiana Department of Insurance. Eventually, they won full reimbursement for their repairs.

Doretha and Roy Kitchens, a black couple living in New Orleans' overwhelmingly black Lower Ninth Ward, simply gave up and took what their insurer gave them.

They didn't know they could appeal to the state.

Though poor and minority neighborhoods suffered the brunt of Katrina's fury, residents living in white neighborhoods have been three times as likely as homeowners in black neigh-

borhoods to seek state help in resolving insurance disputes, according to an Associated Press computer analysis.

The analysis of Louisiana's insurance complaints settled in the first year after Katrina highlights a cold, hard truth: People of color and modest means, who often need the most help after a major disaster, are disconnected from the government institutions that can provide it or distrustful of those in power.

"The blacks didn't complain 'cause they got tired," said Doretha Kitchens, 58, who recalls numerous phone calls to her insurer that often ended with her being put on hold. Ultimately, she accepted her insurer's offer of about \$34,000 for damages that actually total more than \$120,000.

The insurance industry and state regulators say they made special efforts to reach out to poor and minority neighborhoods to inform them of options.

But their ad appeals on local radio did little to inform the thousands of mostly black

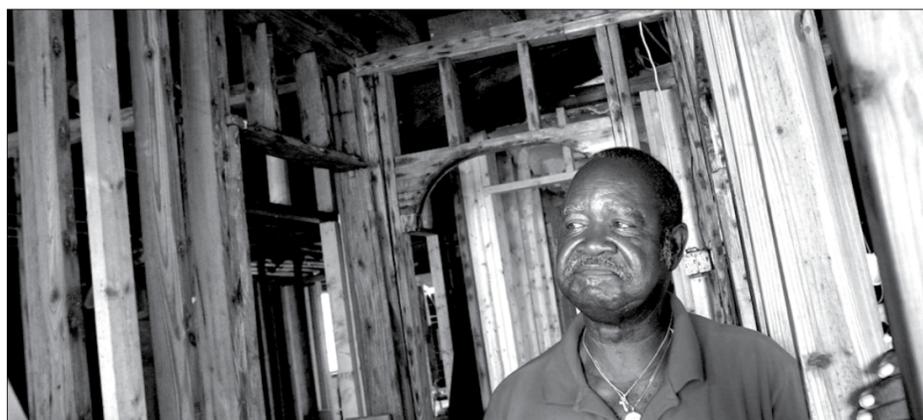
residents who were displaced to Houston. And giving a toll free number for help didn't help poor minorities who stayed behind with no telephone or cell service.

"The message doesn't get to everyone," Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon said.

In Louisiana, more than 8,000 residents have filed Katrina-related complaints with the state insurance office. Using open records law, AP obtained the files of more than 3,000 complaints that have already been settled and analyzed the outcomes by the demographics of the victims' current zip code neighborhood.

Nearly 75 percent of the settled cases were filed by residents currently living in predominantly white neighborhoods. Just 25 percent were filed by households in majority-black zip codes, the analysis found.

Donelon, the insurance commissioner, said his department made an extra effort to reach as many people as possible and let them know the agency was



Associated Press

Standing Aug. 30 in the gutted hull of his home in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, LA., 75-year-old Aloyd Edinburg, 75, takes a break from working to talk about his experience with his insurance company in aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Edinburg recovered \$35,000 from his insurer, out of a policy of \$85,000.

willing to press their case with insurers. State workers crisscrossed the state, using mobile complaint centers, user-friendly Web sites and advertisements on television and radio.

That message, however, never reached the water-stained stoop of Doretha Kitchens' house, which was enveloped in a 9-foot wave of muddy water. For months, she had no access to computer, radio or TV and

couldn't hear the state agency's messages.

Kitchens also didn't know she could appeal Allstate Corp.'s settlement offer to the state. Her husband, she said, simply lost faith that anyone would help.

At first, Richard and Cindy Little didn't fare much better.

When their insurer agreed to pay only two-thirds of the cost of the repairs to their home, the Littles used their savings to cov-

er the cost of the construction—then began battling Allstate, the state's No. 2 insurer, over the final settlement.

Eventually, their efforts paid off, but they acknowledge the fight wasn't easy.

"It's kind of scary to think of fighting a big corporation," Richard Little said. "I can see how people with not as much money, education, take what's given them."

Purchasing term papers online doesn't pay

By Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz
McClatchy Newspapers

For students too bored, too busy or too burdened to write their own term papers, it's tempting to turn to the Web for a little help.

As teachers wise up to the popular cut-and-paste method of Internet plagiarizing and the use of myriad online essay banks, some students determined to outsource their papers are taking a more unusual route: paying for custom jobs.

For as little as \$9.95 per page if you give advance notice, to as much as \$44.95 per page for same-day delivery, dozens of Web sites offer to write your paper for you, guaranteeing original, unplagiarized essays they say are written by professionals with master's degrees or PhDs.

Buying custom papers is clearly cheating. But beyond the obvious ethical problems, can a custom-written paper even get you a good grade?

It didn't for a 19-year-old DePaul University junior who told RedEye, an edition of the Chi-

cago Tribune, he paid \$80 for a custom 12-page paper on ancient Israel the fall semester of his sophomore year. He ordered it from a Web site four days before it was due in his religion class.

The student, who asked that his name not be published because he didn't want people to know he cheated, received the paper in his e-mail inbox the morning it was due. He looked it over, deemed it OK and handed it in as is.

And then he got an F. "It was such a waste of money," the student said. "I'm never going to do that again."

RedEye had a similar experience. To test the quality of custom term-paper services, RedEye purchased two-page papers from three different Web sites on the following assignment: Discuss the themes of marriage and money in Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*.

Loyola University English professor Thomas Kaminski, who suggested the topic because it's one he would assign, graded the finished products at

RedEye's request.

He was not impressed.

Only one of the papers — from customresearchpapers.us — addressed the topic, but it was so poorly written that Kaminski said he'd give it a D, and then only if he were feeling generous.

The other two papers — from termpaperrelief.com and nonplagiarized-termpapers.com — were so off-topic that Kaminski said he'd be suspicious and give the student the dreaded "Come see me."

Adding to the insult, one of the papers was found to be largely plagiarized once it was run through Turnitin, software designed to catch plagiarism. Turnitin did not detect plagiarism in the other two papers.

Perhaps the poor results shouldn't come as a surprise.

"Would you trust the claims of firms that engage in fraud and deception?" Tim Dodd, executive director of the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke University, said.

Representatives from the three Web sites did not respond

to repeated requests for comment on the story once RedEye identified itself as a newspaper, but explanations on their Web sites insist they are merely helping students manage their time, overcome writer's block and avoid failing.

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Academics, of course, say that's hokey and doubt many students are shelling out cash for custom papers — though the prevalence of Web sites offering the service suggests there is some demand.

Much more common is for students to copy information already available on the Internet and pass it off as their own, a practice both easy to execute and easy to catch with Google or systems like Turnitin, which is used in about 6,000 academic institutions around the world

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New CPR classes offered

By Grace Maalouf
Reporter

The campus recreation department will hold CPR and first aid training classes for all students, faculty and staff on Nov. 2 and 4.

The classes were held last fall but halted for the spring semester because protocol for teaching and emergency care methods changed, said Ben Robert, assistant coordinator for student life facilities.

"There were 28 studies done in 13 different countries around the world, and all the science was brought together to create new protocols to increase the chance of survival for victims," Roberts said.

The classes will incorporate the new methods, such as changes in chest compression and breath recommendations. Robert said that previous methods of care split victims into age groups of infant, child and adult to administer chest compressions and breaths.

The current style recommends 30 compressions and two breaths for everyone, regardless of age, he said.

Robert trained about 180 people last year in the classes and will teach the sessions again this semester.

He said the training is important because the emergencies it deals with are widespread.

"If you've watched the news lately, you've seen several, even high-school age kids who've had heart attacks and died at sporting events," Robert said.

He said there's no age factor in heart attacks, although people used to believe one existed.

"It can happen to anyone, anytime," Robert said.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Students walk by a defibrillator located near the entrance of Moody Library on Tuesday. There are 29 portable defibrillators located currently on campus, according to Baylor's risk management department.

"And the only way someone is going to survive is quick action."

Robert said the vital aim in emergency care is to keep the blood flowing until professional help arrives, and the classes will prepare students to deal with those situations.

Students who complete the classes will get a certification from the American Heart Association, which will be good for two years.

Kevin Nguyen, a Houston senior who's been CPR trained and certified since eighth grade, said the training is important because it helps people know how to act under pressure.

"A lot of people try to mimic what they see on TV, and in real

life, it's not the same protocol," Nguyen said.

He said since Baylor is growing, having more people trained in emergency care means less risk to people on campus.

"It helps to have anyone know how to do it," Nguyen said.

Both classes teach participants how to use automated external defibrillators, portable devices that jump-start heartbeats during a heart attack.

Chris Sutherland, an occupational health and safety specialist at Baylor's risk management department, said there are currently 29 portable defibrillators on campus.

He said there are two located at the Ferrell Special Events Center, two at the McLane Stu-

dent Life Center, two at Floyd Casey Stadium, three at the law school and several others in campus buildings.

"Most of them are donated," Sutherland said. "A few (departments) took the initiative to purchase their own."

The Hankamer School of Business purchased three portable defibrillators over the summer and added them to their building, Sutherland said.

Robert said the campus recreation department will only charge the cost of materials for the courses.

The basic CPR class Nov. 2 will cost \$10 and the first aid class Nov. 4 will cost \$20.

Each class has a maximum enrollment of 24 people.

Financial aid gap increases with prices

Tuition rates raised average of 6 percent at public universities

By Justin Pope
The Associated Press

College price increases slowed this year but they again topped inflation, and financial aid isn't keeping pace, a new report says.

Tuition and fees at public four-year colleges rose \$344, or 6.3 percent, to an average of \$5,836 for the 2006-07 academic year, according to the College Board's annual "Trends in College Pricing" report, released Tuesday.

Accounting for inflation, prices rose just 2.4 percent — the lowest rise in six years, and the third straight time the gap between prices and overall inflation has narrowed.

Tuition and fees at private four-year colleges rose 5.9 percent overall, to \$22,218.

The news that price increases are getting smaller is tempered by the fact that this decade has been a period of an extraordinary increases in college costs. Published prices are up 35 percent in five years — the largest increase of any five-year period in the 30 years covered in the report.

That's coupled with the reality that grant aid isn't covering the price increases.

For the 62 percent of full-time undergraduates who receive grant aid, the average net cost of a four-year public school rose 8 percent to \$2,700, the report said.

"There is some good news: There's a lot of aid out there that is helping students," said Sandy Baum, senior policy analyst at

the College Board.

"But there are real notes of caution about ... the failure of grant aid to keep up with the rise in prices."

The best news came for people at the nation's public two-year colleges, which educate nearly half of American college students.

There, tuition and fees rose just 4.1 percent to \$2,272. The increase was limited by California, which is home to more than a fifth of the nation's two-year public college students and lowered tuition and fees 12 percent this year.

Elsewhere, prices rose 5.1 percent.

Accounting for financial aid, however, the average net cost nationally for two-year public college students declined, and is less than \$100.

"We're seeing more students who would generally have gone to the state university coming to the community college because of the issue of pricing," said Wilfredo Nieves, president of Middlesex Community College in Connecticut, who spoke at the announcement.

At four-year public schools, adding room and board to tuition and fees makes the college prices average \$12,796. At private colleges, the price is \$30,367.

The cost increases at state schools are baffling to many students and parents, given the relative health of the economy and state finances.

After several years of sharp cuts, state spending on higher education has been rising again nationally.

The problem is that more people are enrolling, so there is less and less to spend per student.

Fox uses disease as campaign for stem cells

By Jake Coyle
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The symptoms of Parkinson's disease that all but ended Michael J. Fox's acting career are making him a powerfully vulnerable campaign pitchman for five Democrats who support stem cell research.

In 30-second TV ads for Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin, who is running for the Senate in Maryland, Sen. candidate Claire McCaskill in Missouri and Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle, Fox shakes and rocks as he



Fox

directly addresses the camera, making no effort to hide the effects of his disease.

In the McCaskill ad, which has been viewed by more than 1 million people on YouTube.com, Fox tells voters, "What you do in Missouri matters to millions of Americans. Americans like me." Fox was considering appear-

ing with several political candidates who support stem cell research around the country.

Celebrities have a long history of supporting political candidates.

But there's no question that Fox, who campaigned for John Kerry in the 2004 presidential race, is uniquely suited as a spokesman for embryonic stem cell research, which some scientists believe could aid in discovering treatments or cures to Parkinson's and other diseases.

"The reason that he's powerful is that he's comparatively young," says Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director for the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center.

"As a result, a lot of people in that age range can look at him and say, 'If that can happen to him, it can happen to me.'"

Jamieson notes that the issue of stem cell research has the potential to be an advantage to Democrats in the upcoming midterm elections since polls have shown the majority of Americans favor some form of stem cell research.

The risk, she adds, is that the ads could appear as using Fox's hopes for a cure for politi-

cal gain, as some claimed was the case when the paralyzed actor Christopher Reeve lobbied for stem cell research before his death in 2004.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive disorder of the central nervous system that leaves patients increasingly unable to control their movements.

In his ads, Fox shows a remarkable nakedness that recalls Dick Clark's appearance last Dec. 31 on ABC's "New Year's Rockin' Eve," displaying the effects of his debilitating stroke a year prior.

Fox was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 1991 and revealed his condition publicly in 1998.

In 2000, the "Spin City" and "Back to the Future" star quit full-time acting because of his symptoms and founded the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, which has raised millions of dollars.

He has since acted sporadically in smaller roles, such as in a several-episode guest appearance earlier this year on ABC's "Boston Legal," playing a business tycoon with cancer.

For that role and others, Fox generally has sought to control

his movements, though his illness was evident.

He told The Associated Press in January that one long scene was physically taxing and that because of Parkinson's disease, he "can't show up with a game plan."

In the same interview, Fox said he felt sympathy for Clark, who received a mixed reaction for his New Year's appearance.

Similarly, some have criticized Fox's ads as exploitive. Conservative radio commentator Rush Limbaugh claimed Fox was "either off his medication or acting" during the ad.

Others defend Fox's aggressive campaigning for a Parkinson's cure.

Dr. John Boockvar, a neurosurgeon and assistant professor at Weill Cornell Medical Center at New York's Presbyterian Hospital, rejected Limbaugh's claims claim that Fox was acting "ludicrous."

Boockvar said those with Parkinson's have "on" and "off" spells.

"If there is one single disease that has the highest potential for benefit from stem cell research," Boockvar said Tuesday, "it's Parkinson's."

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Outdoor living now learning experience at Baylor

By Ashley Stocker
Reporter

Life is an adventure. Baylor students will soon be able to live the adventure in the Outdoor Adventure Living and Learning Center for students.

Students enrolled in the outdoor adventure program will participate in classes applying adventure to academic theory. They'll participate in weekend activities and social events, as well as a semester-long service project. Students will also have the opportunity to attend evening seminars and discussion groups with faculty and staff.

The program will be available to sophomores, and juniors

will fill leadership positions. However, during the first year, upperclassmen may also apply.

The idea for the program came from observing the community of students that developed within the outdoor activities program, said Rishi Sriram, associate director for housing administration and academic initiatives.

"It provides a great opportunity for students, whether majoring in the field or not, to develop a community with common interest," Sriram said.

Kelli McMahan said she saw potential for the program as the outdoor adventure coordinator.

"Students with differing majors would come climb the rock

together, but they would also go to meals together and take trips together," McMahan said.

Providing like-minded students an opportunity for personal growth, intellectual stimulation and leadership skills through outdoor adventure experiences is the primary goal of the Outdoor Adventure Living and Learning Center, according to its mission statement.

This program has great potential, Tintop senior Sky Toney said. It could also serve to raise awareness of the outdoor community on campus.

"If I can participate in the form of a community leader or a graduate student, I will," Toney said.

Upperclassman who want to be trip leaders in the Outdoor Adventure Living and Learning Center must be accepted by the Baylor work-study program. These students will work for the campus recreation department and lead trips.

The program will also offer certifications students might need later in life.

"Our desire is to provide students with both the trips and the equipment they need to get certified in many fields," Sriram said.

With the intention of starting small, the outdoor adventure Living and Learning Center hopes to fill 30 spots in their program for next year. Students

will live in a North Village Residential Community.

"North Village was chosen for its wonderful facilities as well as its location close to the (McLane) Student Life Center, so students can easily walk back and forth," Sriram said.

Housed in North Village, the program will be the fourth Living and Learning Center on campus, allowing students with common interests to work together to enhance every part of their college experience.

"By default we are a tight-knit community. I believe this program will foster even more unity among our groups," Toney said.

Based on the other programs already active on campus, this

program model is in the company of the Engineering and Computer Science Living and Learning Center in the North Village Residential Community, the Honors College Living and Learning Center in Alexander and Memorial halls and Leadership Living-Learning Center in Allen and Dawson halls.

The establishment of this new program is a partnership between Campus Living and Learning, human performance and recreation programs and Baylor's departments of campus recreation and health.

Applications for the program are due Nov. 6 and can be downloaded at www.baylor.edu/campusrec/oa/llc/.

Journalist released by Gaza gunman

By Karin Laub
The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An Associated Press photographer was released Tuesday after a harrowing day in the hands of Palestinian gunmen who abducted him at gunpoint in Gaza — the latest in a string of kidnappings of foreigners in the chaotic area.

Emilio Morenatti was brought before midnight to the office of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas by Fatah officials. It was not immediately clear who kidnapped him, though officials said he was taken by criminals.

The government and main Palestinian groups denounced the abduction. No demands were made for his release.

The 37-year-old Morenatti looked fatigued after his ordeal. He said he was unharmed.

"I'm tired but happy to have come back because there were very anguished moments," said Morenatti.

He said the kidnappers kept him in a small room, where he was held for about four hours during which he was visited by masked men. Later he was put in a car dressed as a woman.

"They put a bag on my head and they dressed me up as a woman, as a woman in a long veil," the photographer added.

Tom Curley, AP's president and chief executive officer, said, "The Associated Press is relieved that Emilio has been released, apparently unharmed. The security of our journalists is always our top concern."

"We appreciate the assistance offered by so many people in obtaining his release, especially Palestinian and Spanish officials."

"It is crucial, however, that journalists such as Emilio be able to freely report the news in areas of conflict."

"We will be investigating what happened to assure that he and others can continue their important work," Curley said.

Morenatti's family in Spain rejoiced at news of his release.

"We were all sitting around together and when we heard the news we yelled with joy and then we opened a bottle of rioja (wine) to celebrate," Miguel Angel Morenatti, a brother of the photographer, told the AP.

"I managed to talk with Emilio for about 15 seconds and he told me that he was well both physically and mentally. The most important thing is that he is safe and free."

Morenatti was seized as he headed out of his Gaza City apartment for an AP car, where Majed Hamdan, an AP driver and translator, was waiting.

Hamdan said four gunmen grabbed his keys and cell phone and told him to turn away, pressing a gun to his head and threatening to harm him if he moved.

They took Morenatti, shoving him into a white Volkswagen Golf and driving off, Hamdan said.

Hours later, Morenatti was turned over to Fatah forces.

Abbas is not in Gaza, but his office is a safe Fatah stronghold in the territory, which is in the throes of a sometimes violent power struggle between Abbas' Fatah and the militant Islamic Hamas, which is in charge of the Palestinian government.

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'Consistency' Bears' newest battle cry

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports Editor

As the Baylor football team (4-4, 3-1) enters its game against No. 22 Texas A&M University on Saturday, the Bears know they have room for improvement in all phases of the game.

While the offense, defense and special teams have all played well at times this season, inconsistency has kept the team from reaching its full potential.

After a disappointing 1-3 start in the nonconference schedule, during which the offense averaged just 310.5 yards and 22.2 points, there was concern that Offensive Coordinator Lee Hays' new "Bear Raid" offensive scheme was keeping the Bears, whose defense performed well in the losses, from winning games.

But the Bears' offense is now averaging 25.9 points per game and the team has rushed out to a 3-1 Big 12 record by sweeping all three Big 12 North opponents.

Unfortunately for the Bears, the improvement in the offense has been met by some defensive struggles.

Since the completion of the Bears' nonconference schedule, the team's points allowed per game has increased from 17.8 to 25.4, including a game against in-state rival University of Texas during which the Bears allowed 63 points.

Despite rough patches, the offense and defense have been the strength of the team at different times this season. Consistency in the special teams, however, has been a constant struggle.

The Baylor kicking and punting games have been above par, and Baylor returners have had some success this season, but the unit has also fumbled

the ball six times. The Baylor punt coverage has also been suspect and its kickoff coverage ranks last in the Big 12.

Head Coach Guy Morriss said he's been happy with each phase at times this season, but he'd like to see more consistency in each.

"One problem I have with (the Kansas) game, and basically all eight that we've played, I still don't think we've played our best football yet," he said. "I think that we've almost underachieved really to this point."

The Bears' three Big 12 wins are the most Baylor has had in a single season since it joined the Big 12 in 1996, but Morriss said he wants his program to improve to the point that it expects to beat those types of teams.

With a 4-4 record, the Bears, whose motto all season has been "bowl game or bust," still need to find two more wins to become eligible for post-season play.

Morriss, whose high expectations have yet to be met, said he knows his team will need to play better in its last four contests to achieve this goal.

"To me, it's time for us to try to play a complete football game, all three phases, for four quarters," he said. "We haven't done that yet, and if there's anything I've been most disappointed in, it's probably that."

Heading into its matchup with Texas A&M, the Baylor offense seems to finally be hitting its stride. In the Bears' last three games, they've scored 34, 31 and 36 points have averaged 396.3 yards per game, including 328.7 yards through the air.

Offensive coordinator Lee Hays said he likes the production, but the team is still doing things to slow itself down.



Melea Burke/Lariat staff

Waco Freshman Carl Sims tries to evade defenders in the first quarter Saturday against the University of Kansas. Even after the 36-35 win over the Jayhawks, players and coaches said Baylor has yet to play its best football this season.

"Consistency is the key," he said. "On Saturday, we finally knocked out the penalties and some of those things, but we still had three turnovers.

"We have to eliminate the turnovers."

The Baylor defense, which was the team's saving grace for much of the early season, has gone through a lull in the Bears' last three games.

After holding the Kansas State Wildcats to three points, the Bears have given up 31 to Colorado, 63 to Texas and 35 to Kansas. Their biggest weakness recently has been an inability to stop

the run. Colorado racked up 276 yards on the ground, Texas accrued 162 yards and Kansas rushed for 284.

Since Texas A&M has the best rush offense in the Big 12, Defensive Coordinator Bill Bradley will have his work cut out for him to shut down the Aggie attack.

"(A&M's) running game is totally different than what Kansas had," Bradley said. "We are going to work on it as hard as we can this week.

"It's hard for me to stand here and say I'm not so sure A&M isn't close to being the best team in the Big 12, of-

fensively speaking anyway."

The Bears offense, defense and special teams will all try to put things together this weekend against the Aggies. With their rivals coming to town, if the Bears aren't able to play a complete game, it won't be for lack of motivation.

"We are looking forward to playing (A&M)," senior quarterback Shawn Bell said. "We're both 3-1 in the Big 12.

"This is a big game for us because we are looking for more than just beating Texas A&M. We are trying to get to the post season."

Lady Bears qualify for Big 12 tourney

By Allie Cook
Reporter

Despite losing its last two games against the University of Colorado and the University of Kansas, the women's soccer team qualified for the Big 12 Conference Championships this week for the first time since 2001.

Livermore, Calif., junior Rose Zapata said "playing with heart" has made the difference for the team this season.

"(We've played) with intensity, giving 100 percent and for the love of the game," Zapata said.

The top eight teams in the conference advance to the Big 12 Championships each year. Because Iowa State University and Texas Tech University lost matches this week, both teams dropped out of the top eight in the Big 12. Fortunately for the Lady Bears, this secured Baylor's spot in the conference tournament.

"I like the fact that we get the opportunity to be there," Zapata said. "I think we've deserved to be there in the past, but this year we worked real hard to get there."

Kingwood senior Missy McConnell said it was about time for this team to get this far.

"It's been way too long," McConnell said. "We've always had

the talent — it's just been a matter of getting it done."

McConnell said qualifying is especially sweet for her as a senior since this will be her last year on the team.

"It's neat that none of us have been there before," McConnell said. "And it kind of prolongs playing soccer (for me)."

This also marks the first time the team has made it to the conference championships since head Coach George Van Linder came to Baylor in 2003.

"This is what (the coaching staff) came here to do — to turn the program around," Van Linder said. "Now the boat's at least headed in the right direction."

Van Linder said that goal was more difficult than he'd imagined when first coming to Baylor. Having coached for Southern Methodist University until 2003, he was used to making it to the post season every year.

"We're a little frustrated it's taken this long to get here," Van Linder said. "But we wouldn't want it to take any longer."

Van Linder attributed the difficulties of the past few years to various factors. The most obvious, however, was having a younger team.

"This year we've got some players who have gone through tough years of feeling the pains



Courtesy Photo

Junior defender Megan Sherrell uses her body to block a Jayhawk volley Friday in Kansas. The Bears went on to lose the contest 1-0.

of losses," Van Linder said. "It's been an educational process for them, and now they realize what they can do."

Van Linder and the team have hopes of rebuilding a previously stellar program. He said that in 1998 the women's soccer team was the first Baylor team ever to win a Big 12 championship.

"We take a lot of pride in being the first," Van Linder said. "Now we want to restore the road to glory."

Zapata said it's been hard on the team the past few years to face criticism from fans and other athletes.

"I think we'll (get) more sup-

port from Baylor now," Zapata said. "I feel like they'll recognize us as a Division I sport."

Van Linder called the team's last two losses to Colorado and Kansas "a disappointment, but not a disaster."

While it would have been nice to have gained momentum from those games before going into the tournament, Van Linder said, he and the team are just grateful to have made it.

Their next goal: the NCAA Championships.

"It's going to be tough, but we can do it," Zapata said. "But it's been hard all season, so why stop here?"

Ban on bets forces some to fold tourney hopes

By Adam Goldman
and Ryan Nakashi
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Observers say the recently enacted U.S. law that bans gambling online could cut into the number of entrants to the planet's richest card game — the World Series of Poker.

The number of players in the tournament, run by Harrah's Entertainment Inc., has ballooned thanks largely to the online game. In 2003, a mere 839 participants took part when accountant Chris MoneyMaker emerged from a \$40 Internet tournament and went on to win the \$2.5 million grand prize. This year, 8,773 players gambled for part of an \$82.5 million prize pool and more than half are estimated to have won tournaments over the Web to play.

With the law banning banks from processing Internet gambling transfers set to be enforced before next year's tournament, the well of poker players is expected to dry up.

"It's going to affect the average player most dramatically. And those players are the ones that have kind of filled the ranks," said Michael Bolcere, president of the Poker Players Alliance, a 130,000-member group that fought the legislation.

"The hardcore ones will find somewhere, they won't care whether it's regulated," said Bol-

cerk. "That's what a prohibition does. It drives everything underground."

Mike Sexton, who hosts the popular World Poker Tour on the Travel Channel, said the ban would hurt what has become considered a sport.

"I wouldn't say it would put poker in a death spiral but in the long run it will hurt the growth of poker," Sexton said. "The World Series of Poker is going to be devastated over this."

Casino operators, however, were holding out hope.

"Poker's enormous popularity won't be changed," said Alan Feldman, spokesman for MGM Mirage Inc.

The number of poker tables in Las Vegas has surged from 142 in 2003 to 405 in 2006, with many citing the growth to Internet players seeking to test their skills on the felt.

Organizers for the World Series of Poker, televised by Walt Disney Co.'s ESPN, also said they were not daunted by the new law. Before the legislation was enacted, ESPN, which has covered the tournament since 1993, signed on to cover it through 2010.

"We're planning to accommodate a larger field than we ever had before," tournament spokesman Gary Thompson said. "But whether or not we'll have a larger field, nobody really knows."

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Senses Fail fans: Anticipate maturity on new album

By Stephen Cortez
Contributor

Senses Fail brings its traditional screamo-rock stylings to *Still Searching*, the band's second full-length album.

ALBUMREVIEW

From the opening moments of "The Rapture" to the epic closing of "The Priest and the Matador," vocalist Buddy Nielson takes you on an emotional rollercoaster with soul-searching reflections on the past year of his life that included bouts with depression and alcoholism.

While these may seem like depressing topics to write about, they show a good deal of maturation in Nielson's lyrics. The tracks on *Still Searching* have honesty and substance to them, as opposed to previous topics like pyromania and chainsaws.

The band's growth is present musically as well as lyrically. Senses Fail's first album, *Let It Enfold You* of 2004, certainly had its moments, but never lent itself to be taken seriously.

Senses Fail certainly maintains its Taking Back Sunday-esque charm, but the tracks maintain intelligent style and digress from being unbearably catchy. There is even a guitar solo, a revolution-

ary musical nuance the band had yet to utilize.

"Can't Be Saved" toes the ballad line but composes itself with enough thrashing guitar to save face.

"Calling All Cars," the first single off the album, has music video written all over it, but one or two commercialized songs can be excused. I restrain from being as forgiving with "Lost and Found."

Although it falls in the middle of the album, "Shark Attack" is where things start to get interesting. The guitars kick you in the face from the beginning and only accelerate. The drumming on this track is flawless.

"All The Best Cowboys Have Daddy Issues" is set in motion by a brief electronic segment reminiscent of Nine Inch Nails and proceeds to be one of *Still Searching*'s more intelligent tracks. Lyrically and musically, everything about this song is solid.

The album closes with a lot of build-up for "The Priest and the Matador" where Nielson leaves everything out on the emotional playing field, even if it is a little drawn out.

While every step that Senses Fail has taken here is in the right direction, the band never had a very high ceiling.

The lyrics are honest and heartfelt; even so, it is not difficult to improve



Buddy Nielson (from left), Dan Trapp (sitting), Garrett Zablocki, Heath Saraceno and Mike Glita are the members of Senses Fail. The band released its second full-length album, *Still Searching*, on Oct. 10.

Vagrant Records

upon songs about digging up ex-girlfriends.

The vocals are well organized, but the harsh reality is that Nielson's range was never great and never will be.

Still Searching sounds like a whole

new revolution from Senses Fail. New listeners will be introduced to the band with its best work, while faithful fans will be able to appreciate the maturation of what used to be an average rock band.

The album has its hiccups, and the band will eternally stutter with its inherent shortcomings.

Regardless, the final product is a well-rounded release.

Grade: B



MCT

Sarah Jessica Parker participates in a meet and greet on Sept. 16 at Macy's Union Square in San Francisco to promote her new perfume Lovely.

Perfume industry gets doused with celebrity scents

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — You didn't think Gwyneth, Hilary and the Desperate Housewives were going to let J.Lo, Britney and the Olsen twins be the only stars to have all the glory at retail fragrance counters, did you?

So, here comes the next wave of celebrity-branded fragrances: They include *Desperate Housewives'* Forbidden Fruit, which, of course, features a wisteria note; Derek Jeter's Driven by Avon; With Love ... Hilary Duff; Estee Lauder Pleasures by Gwyneth Paltrow; and Dianoché by Daisy Fuentes. And Jennifer Lopez's Live Luxe is the singer-actress' fourth.

Even raunchy rockers Kiss have fragrances — Kiss for Him and Kiss for Her.

Out of the top 100 women's fragrances last year, 9 percent were celebrity scents, totaling \$150 million in sales. If you add celebrity-endorsed fragrances to that number, it more than doubles to \$355 million.

So if you're a celebrity, how do you decide what exactly makes your scent different from the rest?

Nineteen-year-old Duff, who said she was flattered Elizabeth Arden cosmetics (who also produced Britney Spears' top-selling fragrance) came to her, said she knew more what she didn't want it to smell like — sickeningly sweet. And she wanted to come up with the scent herself as much as possible.

"I like to be hands on with everything that I do," she said. "I had all of the control that I wanted, and I love the end result."

But if girlie isn't for you, at the other end of the spectrum is novelist Danielle Steel with her floral-Oriental signature fragrance. When it came time to develop her own perfume, she borrowed themes from her books.

"One of the things I find exciting, which I never really thought of with perfume ... is that they create a whole world for it. It's like a character," she said.

Steel said she also likes the strong associations that consumers develop with a particular smell, which is, again, similar to when they relate to a character.

"I used a hairspray last year that I hadn't used since I was 15, but I was back in a time warp when I smelled that smell. It's so true of perfume, too," she said.

But Steel said she also realizes that people also are buying into the aspirational lives of cer-

tain celebrities.

"Like with Sarah Jessica Parker's Lovely, I'm sure there's some subliminal connection that if you put it on you'll look like her," she said.

Beauty analyst Karen Grant of The NDP Group, a market research company, said there seems to be a new celebrity perfume everyday, but there's still room in the market because usually star-studded scents, unlike designer fragrances or ones from major beauty companies, are targeted to a very specific customer, not intending to be on shelves forever.

When The NPD Group does consumer tests, they sometimes don't tell scent samplers the name of the fragrance. With celebrity perfumes, testers often said they like it — until they learned the star's name, Grant

said. It works the other way, too. Even if a perfume is rated so-so, it'll do well in retail if the star is very likable.

Desperate Housewives is a different case. Instead of Forbidden Fruit being based on any one person, the fragrance tries to bottle the sexy themes of the show.

"The classic yet curvaceous bottle that houses the juice is shaped slightly like a ripe, delicious apple with a fiery red cap. The bottle is sophisticated and sexy to encapsulate the passion and beauty behind the Forbidden Fruit theme," according to perfume maker Coty.

Duff, however, said she didn't want to be so closely linked to the packaging.

"My face isn't on the bottle or the box, but it's very personal," she said.



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Students line up Tuesday to get their tickets at the Student Ticket Office located in the Bill Daniel Student Center in anticipation of a crowded Floyd Casey Stadium on Saturday.

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acting on rumors and just common sense that tickets for the "Battle on the Brazos" would be a hot commodity.

"I'm glad I came to get my ticket because I would have been kind of mad if I didn't know about this before," Fort Worth sophomore Kyle Bolton said.

According to Nick Joos, associate athletic director for communications, tickets are going fast and it's hard to say how many are still available. He said

the Big 12 allots up to 4,000 tickets on game day for visiting team fans and the university wants to reduce long lines at the game.

"We don't want to turn fans away at the game and ruin the experience for them," he said.

Joos said the university wants to give students every opportunity to get their tickets, but said it would be a lot more convenient for them to do it before Saturday. He said the changes would be only for the game this weekend.

"I understand doing it for a big game like this, but not every game," Viosca said.

"Sometimes students don't want to have to plan ahead of time to go to the game."

Joos said he hopes the change would be better for everyone and students would plan ahead and get their tickets in advance.

"We want as many fans dressed in green and gold as possible," he said.

The extended hours for Thursday are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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year-old electrician Charles Thomson in Nacogdoches, said immigration and border security are key issues to voters in this region because illegal immigrants are flooding local institutions, like the jail.

"We're getting invaded here in East Texas," he said. Illegal immigrants, he said, are "not paying taxes, and we're trying to support all these guys coming in."

In an interview on his campaign bus, Perry again said that he is concentrating on border

security right now rather than immigration reform because immigration laws can't be effectively changed until the border is under control.

Perry was visiting a region that once was known as yellow-dog Democratic territory but in recent years has been a mixed vote.

Bell also campaigned in East Texas on Tuesday, visiting Tyler.

"It's a pretty conservative part of the world up here," Perry said in an interview on his campaign bus. "They want government to do a few things, but do

those things very well."

Near Perry's event in Nacogdoches, a couple of opponents hoisted a large sign that said, "Had enough? Vote Democratic."

Perry, who also faces independent candidates Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman and Libertarian James Werner in the Nov. 7 election, told supporters he is proud of the school property tax cut bill he signed into law and of his record at creating jobs.

Aside from his dig at Bell, Perry didn't mention his opponents by name at his public

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two to three weeks to heal."

Brown said he hopes to figure out exactly what happened as soon as possible.

"This is a great tradition, but no one deserves to be hit in the face with anything for the sake of tradition," he said.

Chamber members were present at the flame with freshmen at all times Wednesday through Friday to ensure the safety of all students present, Morris said.

Baylor police were also requested and present at the flame during the majority of homecoming, Morris said.

While Brown does not know who hit him, he has a particular suspect in mind.

A Facebook.com group was created named, "Touch the flame, Get hit in the face with a lacrosse stick," Brown said.

As of Tuesday, the group no longer existed.

The Facebook group had an "unnamed hero" who Brown believes was responsible for

hitting him with the lacrosse stick.

"I actually got a random invite to this group," Brown said. "I asked the person who sent it to me why I got it, and they said 'random selection.'"

Brown said that he believes actions always have consequences.

"Be aware of the decision that you make, even if you think they are only minor, they can have major consequences," Brown said.

"The tradition is not to black and blue anyone who comes near the flame who isn't a freshman."

Brown said his attempt to extinguish the flame was "not worth it."

"We need to keep the tradition, but keep it safe," he said.

There are "no specific rules" regarding the protection of the flame, Morris said.

"Chamber encourages all students present to use simple common sense," he said. "Chamber members are instructed to step in anytime a

situation may be dangerous. Safety is always our top priority for all students present."

According to the Student Handbook, "Any student who (a) states an intent or desire to harm himself, herself or another, or (b) attempts to harm himself, herself or another, or (c) harms himself, herself or another may not live in university residential facilities or participate in university academic programs until cleared to do so by the Associate Dean for Judicial and Legal Student Services in accordance with the clearance procedure."

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have lived in South Asia for about 3 1/2 years and own a media development company while serving as missionaries. Sprinkle said they got back to the states just a few weeks ago.

"We're going to be the missionaries in residence," Sprinkle said.

"We'll stay through the middle of the summer."

He said they plan to return to South Asia after their residence at Baylor.

On the other side of the missions fields are organizations that keep in contact with students and missionaries overseas, such as Bridges to Peace, which focuses on Israel.

"They try to be a blessing to Jewish people from a Christian perspective," said Mark Anthony, a George W. Truett Theo-

logical Seminary student who works with the organization.

Anthony said the organization does many projects, such as food, dental and personal connections.

He said the BSM has many more opportunities than this throughout missions week to get plugged in, including seminars and meetings with missionaries from all over the world.

events, although he said, "Texans understand that anger is not an agenda for our future and attacking a leader doesn't make you a leader."

In an interview, he made a rare reference to Friedman, the comedian and author, who has cast himself as the anti-politician.

"Unlike Kinky, I don't think this is an easy job. I think it does matter that you have experience," Perry said.

"With all this experience, where the hell has it gotten us?" Friedman, campaigning in Houston outside an early vot-

ing place, responded. "People can open their eyes and see how valuable his experience has been for Texas, what it's done for the crime wave in Houston, what it's done for education, the environment."

"And that's not even talking about how the lottery's been robbed by these guys with fountain pens that we call politicians."

He said Perry previously has been "doing a stealth attack" on him and viewed the governor's acknowledgment of him as "a great sign."

He said he was encouraged

that early voting turnout in the state's big cities appeared to be ahead of the pace of four years ago in the last governor's race when less than 30 percent of registered voters went to the polls.

Friedman believes a large voter turnout is key to his success.

If the turnout trend continued, Friedman, raising his arms above his shoulders, shouted: "Get ready for an a-- kicking four years!"

Associated Press Writer Michael Graczyk in Houston contributed to this story.

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