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Election '08

Main Early Voting Site:

McLennan County
Elections
Administration Office
Records Building
214 North Fourth Street,
Suite 300
Waco, Texas 76701

Branch Early Voting Sites:

Robinson City Hall
111 W. Lyndale Ave.
Robinson, TX 76706

City of Waco's
Multi-Purpose Community
1020 Elm St.
Waco, Texas 76704

Lacy Lakeview Civic
Center
503 E. Craven Ave.
Waco, Texas 76705

First Assembly of God
Church
6701 Bosque Blvd.
Waco, Texas 76710

Polling times:

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Oct. 25
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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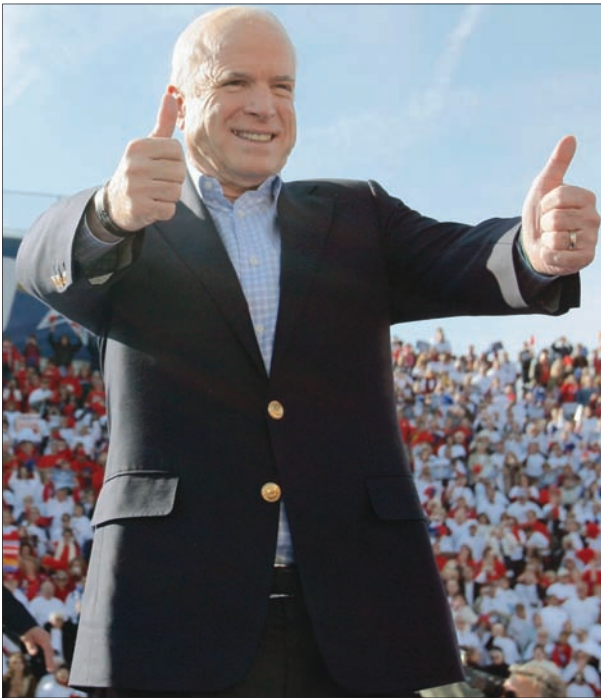
Oct. 27 to Oct. 31
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Sprinting toward the finish line



Associated Press Photos

(Left) Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., waves to the crowd after speaking at a rally in the Canton Memorial Civic Center in Canton, Ohio, Monday. Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., acknowledges the cheers of supporters during a campaign rally Wednesday at Green High School in Green, Ohio.



(Left) Voters wait in line inside a vacant store next to the elections office in Decatur, Ga., on Thursday. Some waited in line as long as three hours at this location to cast an early ballot. Thomas Dahan (left) with the help of technician Tom Mattia Jr., take part in an inspection of a sampling of approximately 3,500 voting machines to be used in the upcoming elections, Friday in Philadelphia.

McLennan County early voting increases by approximately 23% since the 2004 election

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff Writer

The first week of early voting in McLennan County revealed a robust increase in voter turnout relative to the same time frame in 2004.

As of Sunday, registered voters had cast 25,338 ballots since early voting began Oct. 20, marking a 23-percent increase from the 19,428 ballots cast in the first week in 2004, according to reports from the county's elections office. In total, there were 39,550 early votes in 2004. These numbers, which include returned absentee ballots, reflect higher voter turnout patterns across Texas.

The Houston Chronicle reported that 15 of the state's most populous counties drew 156,417 more voters on the first day of early voting this year than on the same day in 2004. Texas is one of 34 states that offers early voting, which ends at 7 p.m. Friday in McLennan County.

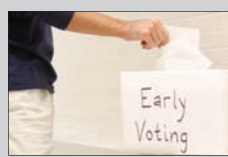
In the final week leading up to the election, the two candidates are focusing on a handful of battleground states, including Pennsylvania, Colorado and Florida. Both Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama were in Ohio Monday, making final attempts at luring voters in the highly contested state.

In McLennan County, Kathy Van Wolfe, the

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Countdown
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Early Voting Deadline
Friday
Polls Close at 7 p.m.

Exhibition brings artists to campus

By Jennifer Sutton
Reporter

Baylor art students have the opportunity to benefit from art exhibits and gallery talks, where they can hear artists' first-hand accounts of their works and careers.

Baylor's Martin Museum of Art in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center holds art exhibitions that display the works of artists from all over the world.

Currently, the works of Armin Mersmann and Richard Ash are being exhibited until Nov. 18.

"The primary mission of our museum is to be a teaching museum, so we want these exhibits to serve as valuable teaching tools to support our curriculum in

the department of art, to support what we teach," said Karin Gilliam, director of the Martin Museum. "Drawings like this, I think, are going to appeal to a wide, wide audience both on campus and in the community."

Armin Mersmann, Midland Center for the Arts Museum School manager and exhibit preparator, came to campus to discuss his artistic style with students, in his exhibit "Drawing in Circles."

He stayed for three days to speak and visit classes in the art department.

Mersmann told students at a lecture a week ago that he did not look at the work of current artists for two years.

Instead, Mersmann trusted



Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff

Bastrop junior Katie Sweaney observes Richard Ash III prints that are on display in the Martin Museum of Art Monday afternoon. Ash, along with the art of Armin Mersmann, are on display at the museum until Nov. 18.

his own artistic instinct to create work.

Art professors, however, usually recommend that students look at what art is currently being produced in order to find inspiration.

"The way he approaches

things contradicts what our teachers tell us. There is a different way of going about things," Atlanta senior Jessie Cole said.

Mersmann said that having a museum on campus is fantastic

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Fulbright draws record number of applicants

By Alex Maxwell
Reporter

This semester Baylor University had a record number of students apply for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, with a total of 20 students completing the application process. The deadline for students to apply for the program was Oct. 20. The program provides government-funded grants for graduate study, research, or English-teaching assistantships abroad.

The Fulbright Program is designed to increase mutual

understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Currently, the program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.

The application process is an extensive process that requires a lot of work on the student's behalf. The application includes stages such as basic education information, awards, language proficiency, two essays, professor recommendations and a project proposal.

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Kelli Boesel/Lariat Staff

Up in flames

Three floors and the roof of the vacant Sanger Avenue Elementary school were engulfed in flames Friday night. Vittles Restaurant on 23rd Street and the Townhouse Hotel on 17th Street and Washington Avenue, both vacant buildings, also suffered fire damage in separate incidents. The fires are still under investigation and no cause has been determined.

Obama assassination plot foiled

By Lara Jakes Jordan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Federal agents have broken up a plot by two neo-Nazi skinheads to assassinate Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama and shoot or decapitate 102 black people, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives said Monday.

In court records unsealed Monday, federal agents said they disrupted plans to rob a gun store and target a predominantly African-American high school in a murder

spree that was to begin in Tennessee. Agents said the skinheads did not identify the school by name.

Jim Cavanaugh, special agent in charge of ATF's Nashville field office, said the two men planned to shoot 88 black people and decapitate another 14. The numbers 88 and 14 are symbolic in the white supremacist community.

The men also sought to go on a national killing spree, with Obama as its final target, Cavanaugh told The Associated Press.

"They said that would be

their last, final act - that they would attempt to kill Sen. Obama," Cavanaugh said. "They didn't believe they would be able to do it, but that they would get killed trying."

An Obama spokeswoman traveling with the senator in Pennsylvania had no immediate comment.

The men, Daniel Cowart, 20, of Bells, Tenn., and Paul Schlesselman, 18, of West Helena, Ark., are being held without bond. Agents seized a rifle, a sawed-off shotgun and three pistols from the men when they were arrest-

ed. Authorities alleged the two men were preparing to break into a gun shop to steal more.

Attorney Joe Byrd, who has been hired to represent Cowart, did not immediately return a call seeking comment Monday.

Cowart and Schlesselman are charged with possessing an unregistered firearm, conspiring to steal firearms from a federally licensed gun dealer, and threatening a candidate for president.

The investigation is continuing, and more charges are possible, Cavanaugh said.

Balancing work, play possible for game addicts

As far as video games are concerned, I had a relatively normal childhood. Born in the late '80s I missed out on "Pong" but was smack-dab in the middle of the Nintendo era. I grew up on all three versions of "Mario," "Duck Hunt" and "Tetris."

As a child, I had never showed signs of obsessive behavior — where video games were concerned.

I grew up with Nintendo and only dabbled in PlayStation. Soon I forgot the joy of playing the virtual games and only occasionally pick up a controller at a friend's house.

In high school, I tried again

to get interested in video games when my brother bought an X-Box and the first "Halo" came out. After being slaughtered hundreds of times by my too-eager brother, I gave up on video games. Needless to say, I like to win.

When the Nintendo Wii came out in 2005, I was interested in the new game technology but hardly enough to invest in it.

Earlier this year, a new roommate moved into my apartment and with her came a Wii. Interested in the games, my friends and I soon began to play "Mario Kart" with her steering wheel controls, "Guitar Hero III: Leg-

point of view

BY KELLI BOESEL



ends of Rock," "The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess" and "Wii Sports." Little did I know that this harmless fun could turn into a dark obsession.

I should have seen the signs in my personality that could lead to a Wii addiction. I am slightly obsessive compulsive, have a strong addiction to caffeine in

the forms of coffee and never-ending cans of soda, I'm a perfectionist and I have a one-track mind.

It started with "Mario Kart." Fascinated with the new cars, characters and racetracks I was determined to beat the game. I sat on the couch for hours at a time playing each race, desperate to win. I was angry when friends wanted to play. I neglected sleep, homework and a social life.

My day started and ended with the Wii. I only stopped when many hands were so cramped and tired they couldn't function properly and the TV started to look blurry because I

had been staring at it too long. I was hooked.

Once I beat "Mario Kart," I lost interest in the game and moved on to "Guitar Hero." The cycle repeated itself.

After my grades slumped and I lost sense of reality, I realized I had a problem. The Wii was consuming my life.

Slowly, I was able to wean myself away from the box. Everyday when I sit in my living room I have to tell myself not to play the games. It's a growing process with a lot of pain — mostly in my hands — and self-control.

I want to share my time as a Wii addict to share what I have

learned from Wii.

First, no matter what, fire in "Mario Kart" always leads to your death. Second, your pinky is your weakest finger when playing "Guitar Hero." Thirdly, your Wii bowling score doesn't accurately reflect real bowling scores. Finally, in "Zelda," if you spin your character around in a circle you will get physically sick.

The most important thing to know is a balanced between work and play is the key to happiness.

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Editorial

Image of average 'hockey mom' tainted by clothes

People may be used to hearing about the ridiculous amounts of money celebrities spend on name brands and accessories, but recently the attention has turned to the price of Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin's new wardrobe.

The Republican National Committee recently spent \$150,000 on clothes for Palin, her husband and even her infant son, according to financial disclosure statements published on www.politico.com.

During a time of economic crisis, when many Americans have lost or are in danger of losing their jobs, the committee's shopping spree can only be described as appalling. To dress Palin, a candidate who has been saying the American people need to reduce frivolous spending, in designer clothing goes against the image that Palin is trying to sell.

The committee had a field day, especially at Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue, where they spent more than \$125,000 to dress Palin and her family. Even though Palin isn't doing the shopping herself, she is choosing to wear the expensive clothes that are provided for her. She wore Valentino at the Republican National Convention and have been seen in Tahari and Cole Haan. As a

potential leader of the country, Palin should be following her own advice and making the change she suggests the American people make in this economically unstable time.

It's understandable that Palin would want to present herself well during all the appearances she has to make for the campaign. A vice presidential candidate should appear clean and put-together. But the image she has presented by wearing designer instead of generic clothing negatively affects the image the McCain/Palin campaign has been building since she was nominated in September.

The campaign has tried to appeal to the masses by painting Palin as an average "hockey mom." She is supposed to be a normal American, to whom all people can relate. She has used terms such as "Joe six-pack" and the most recent "Joe the plumber" to show her connection to the working class. This shopping spree takes away the believability of that connection.

An article on The Huffington Post last week said that the median salary of an American plumber, to whom Palin has said she relates to so well, is \$37,514, according to mysalary.com. The amount of money spent on Palin's wardrobe is more than four



times that.

The article also said \$150,000, which was spent on Palin's clothes in one month, is more than the average American household spends on clothes in 80 years, using figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. If Palin claims to relate to the people, she should outfit herself in clothes that normal people can afford, too.

In an article in The New York Times, a spokeswoman for Palin said a third of the clothes were returned right after the Republican National Convention and

John McCain said the rest will be given to charity. This sounds like a good attempt to excuse the purchases the Republican National Committee made for Palin, but the committee should have spent the money more wisely in the first place.

A \$2,500 Valentino jacket is not going to be useful to people who are trying to figure out how they're going to pay their rent or keep their electricity on. Instead of using the funds to dress Palin and her family, the committee should have spent the money on things more directly affect-

ing the campaign, such as more campaign ads in the highly competitive swing states.

Though Republican National Committee shouldn't have spent this much money on clothes, McCain, Obama and Biden are not judged based on the price of their suits, and Palin shouldn't be judged solely by her clothing, either.

Voters should look at each candidate's stance on bigger issues instead of how much they spent on a wardrobe. This is the future of America, not a fashion show.

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Sprinklers should water lawns, not students and concrete

Can I just say how nice it is to be walking to class in the middle of the afternoon and have the Baylor watering system give me a shower? It's a refreshing thing, to have the water spray me and give me that freshly watered feel.

I guess being watered like I am part of the lawn should make me feel good, almost like I am one with nature. But try as I might I just can't help thinking that I am not, nor have I ever been, a plant. Despite this fact, Baylor seems to be under the misconception that I am a plant and therefore will need to be watered every afternoon as I walk across campus.

It is exceptionally useful to be soaked through on the days that I have my computer with me. Let

me tell you, my electronics just love the water. To be honest, they probably love it more than I do.

I mean, whose iPod doesn't appreciate a nice bath every once in a while? I know mine does. Its flickering screen and refusal to play music lets me know just how much it loves its bath time. It loves it almost as much as it would love a nice dip in the pool or a good spin through the washing machine.

It is especially nice to have the water block off all routes to the building I need to get into. Usually, my options are running through the water or walking around the building to find a dry entrance. Especially in the areas around North Village Residential

point of view

BY JENNIFER SUTTON



Community and the Dutton Avenue Office and Parking Facility where the water blocks off every direct route and forms puddles and mud everywhere. But, unfortunately, when you're in a hurry, getting wet is the only way.

It would be one thing if it were only the grass getting watered, but the sprinklers aren't aimed that well. They soak everything: grass, cars, sidewalks and even

the bear trail along with the people on it. You name it, it's fair game.

Don't get me wrong, I love playing in the rain with my friends when I need a good study break. However, it is fairly easy to look outside and see that it is raining. You have a chance to prepare yourself for the possibility of getting wet.

I don't get angry at the rain because I know that it is nature and nature is a force to be reckoned with. Well, apparently the sprinkler system is a force to be reckoned with as well.

And have I mentioned that I am a clumsy person? I don't need anything but my own two feet to trip myself. So add a

bunch of water and mud to the mix, and I am just a bucket of clumsy giggles for your amusement. Seriously, feel free to laugh when you see me slip in the mud. I expect nothing less.

I guess we can add this to the list of reasons why Baylor's incessant lawn watering is helpful; it really adds to the students' amusement factor.

There is nothing better than sitting in an ice-cold classroom trying to dry off while the other students and professor look at you like your crazy for not taking the time to remove your clothes before showering.

Not to mention, the sprinkler system saves students on water bills, because, face it, who

needs multiple showers each day? It almost seems pointless to shower at home when you have already been showered at school three times.

Believe me, I can shower on my own. I do not need help.

There needs to be some posted time schedule for watering the lawns so that students will know that there is a possibility of getting wet and prepare accordingly. It is ridiculous to go from class to class and have the sprinkler system catch you multiple times.

It is a waste to continually water the students, they will not benefit from it.

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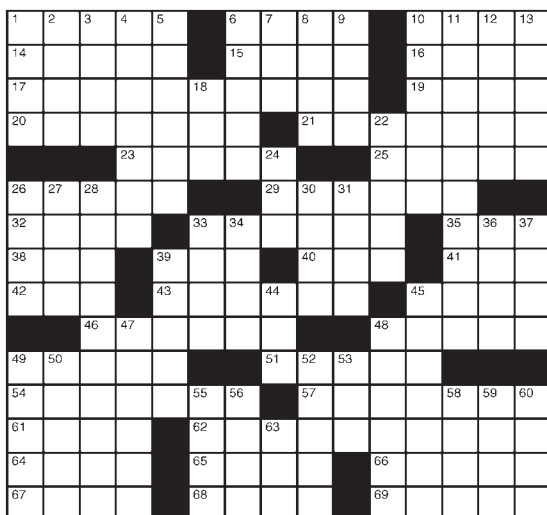
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By John Underwood
New York, NY

10/28/08

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ONE campaign visits campus

By Jillian Henderson
Reporter

One is no longer just a number, now it's a cause.

The ONE campaign is an advocacy and humanitarian organization raising awareness on the issues of global poverty.

The ONE Campaign bus will be on campus from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at Fountain Mall. Interim President David Garland will be at the campaign's bus to talk at 11:30 a.m., and Bruiser will be there at 1:30 p.m. in support of the campaign.

The bus will have staff from Washington, D.C., St. Louis junior Justin Kralemann said. This charter bus has been all over the country, making stops at the Democratic and Republican National conventions, the United Nations, and at the United States capitol.

The campaign is a conglomeration of over 2.4 million individuals from all over America, uniting under one cause: poverty.

The ONE Campus Challenge is "designed to allow students to use their creativity to spread ONE's message of ending extreme poverty," according to the campaign's Web site.

The reason for the ONE campaign is to get students on their

feet and into action on the issues of poverty and disease. It gives college students the chance to be involved in helping rid the world of poverty.

"The ONE campaign is a campaign to make poverty history" said Justin Kralemann, St. Louis, Mo. junior. "It's people from all walks of life; from stay-at-home moms to college students to rock stars with one voice to fight against poverty."

According to the ONE Campaign Web site, www.one.org, ONE is a nonpartisan group fighting against the global AIDS epidemic and extreme poverty.

ONE works with communities, colleges and churches across the United States in its campaign against global poverty.

Members of the ONE Campaign, widely known for their ONE T-shirts and white wristbands, are advocates for the world's poor.

The members of the organization frequently attend town hall meetings, speeches, rallies, and diner stops to educate voters and talk to candidates about their proposals to help save lives from AIDS and malaria.

The goal is to increase access to clean water and to give more children a chance to get a basic education.

"Baylor has been very active

in the ONE Campus Challenge," said Chandler Smith, press assistant for the ONE Campaign. "We are excited to be in Waco and to get more students involved. We're excited to get Waco students involved. We're leaving it to students to use creativity to engage others and get them involved in the fight against poverty."

The issues the ONE campaign deals with are not just small issues, but the issues that the current presidential candidates are dealing with right now.

"As a result of this grassroots mobilization and policy-level interaction, both senators McCain and Obama are releasing plans that address ONE's core issues," according to a ONE Campaign press release.

The ONE campaign strives to educate others about poverty and the effects it has on society, according to the campaign's Web site.

The campaign allows students from all over the world to creatively spread the message and information about poverty.

"The goal is to enable college students to get active, to educate them about global poverty and malaria and to get students to realize that they do have a sense of power here," Fort Worth sophomore Alex Schmidt said.



Sarah Morris/Lariat Staff

Practice makes perfect

Brian Zator, guest marimba player from Texas A&M University, warms up before the Baylor Woodwind Quintet concert Monday. Zator is a Baylor Alumn and currently is the assistant professor of Music and director of percussion at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

FBI agent to educate students about cyberspace security threats

By Kirsten Johnson
Reporter

Silent but deadly. Most security threats in cyberspace and to technology occur without warning.

The end of October signals the end of National Cyber Security Awareness Month as well. This does not mean, however, that active awareness should stop now.

"Education is the key concern right now," Baylor Information Security Analyst Derek Tonkin said. "We have come to a point where the attack vectors are changing so rapidly that it is difficult to develop security software that is up-to-date. The best defense is to be an intelligent user."

One way ITS specialists raise awareness amongst the Baylor community is through the Bear-Aware program.

ITS will host the last events of BearAware 2008 this week. A Rock Band competition and PC Health Fair II will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Winners of the competition will receive prizes.

Also, during this time, ITS professionals will be available to complete security assessments for personal computers.

The final speaker of the Bear-Aware series, Chris Thompson an FBI Special Agent in the Cyber Crimes Division, will address the issue of network security in his presentation, "Cyber Trends and Law Enforcement."

Thompson will speak at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in 103 Cashion Academic Center. Speakers have focused on issues of system security, data security, identity theft and network security.

There are steps that end users can take to help enhance security.

Baylor Information Technology Services aims to inform students, faculty and staff of techniques to increase security.

"The purpose is to raise awareness of the need to use safe computer practices," Tonkin said. "This includes how to back-up data, not just through a USB drive, but a real hard drive. Also, the need to maintain anti-virus updates for Windows, Mac and even iTunes, which all affect the security since they're connected to the Internet."

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Tonkin is one of the three individuals involved in the organization of Bear-Aware events.

His colleagues include Baylor Information Security Officer Jon D. Allen and Information Security Analyst Adam Sealey.

"We're working on promoting awareness on more of a year-round scale," Sealey said. "Security measures are important not just from the technological side, but also from the privacy aspect. People need to pay attention and manage what information they put online."

The ITS Web site provides

For more information, visit the ITS page on the Baylor Web site.

Officials say FEMA 'insensitive' after Ike

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas officials are angry with FEMA's response to Hurricane Ike victims in southeast Texas, accusing the agency Monday of insensitivity and foot-dragging in providing trailers and money.

"It's a tragedy, what's going on down there," Jack Colley, the state's director of emergency management, told the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee during a hearing on hurricane recovery.

Colley said he believes FEMA should be removed from the federal Department of Homeland Security and placed under the president.

"They have been extremely insensitive, in our opinion, to the concept that somebody cannot drive 100 miles a day to keep their job," said Kevin Hamby, general counsel of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. "They don't seem to care much if we lose these communities down there."

He said that more than six weeks after the hurricane, less than 200 trailers are available for people to live in on their property while their homes are being repaired.

Hamby said that Federal Emergency Management Administration officials had promised 300 trailers a week.

The state agency estimates that 3,000 to 6,000 trailers are needed.

While the federal agency has offered to pay for displaced residents to stay in hotels and motels, few rooms are available in the hard-hit area.

FEMA spokesman Simon Chabel disagreed with the assertions made at the hearing, saying the agency is acting quickly and responding "in a way that's compassionate."

"We've put out more than \$250 million paid to help people find temporary housing," he

said.

He said that there are 262 mobile homes currently occupied and another 350 are awaiting connections like sewer and power hookups.

Nearly 19,000 people have been interviewed so far in Texas, and of those more than 6,000 have found housing, he said.

FEMA helped 1,600 find a rental and 1,723 were approved for a mobile home.

"We're working as quickly as we can to help them put their lives back together," he said.

Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, said a FEMA official said last week that anyone living in a tent or a car is there by choice, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Monday online editions.


"(That remark) just flies in the face of hundreds of families, working families, that are down there trying to save their only asset — and everything they own was in that home — and work that job and protect what is left of their lives," Williams said. "It's amazing to me that a federal official could be so uninformed and so insensitive."

Williams said the lack of transitional housing in Orange County and other parts of the Golden Triangle threatens \$15 billion worth of refinery and chemical plant expansion.

Williams also accused FEMA of "running out the clock" on deciding whether it will continue reimbursements for debris removal.

He said the agency's practice of granting 30-day extensions leaves local officials in limbo as they wait to hear if they can continue to pay contractors to clear debris.

Chabel said FEMA is evaluating a request that came last week from the governor for an 18-month extension of FEMA offering 100 percent reimbursement for debris removal instead of the standard 75 percent.




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Tom Price (R)

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Matthew Eilers (L)

Justice, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4

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Rex Davis (R)

Richard Ferguson (D)

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Danny Volcik (R)

Joe Mashek (D)

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county's elections administrator, said she is hoping for a higher turnout than the 79,671 residents who voted for a presidential candidate in 2004.

"This election has been bringing out more voters. We expect even more on election day, but we're hoping to get most people voting early so that maybe the lines won't be so bad," Van Wolfe said.

Van Wolfe said that voters should remember to avoid wearing any campaign-related clothing or items, such as stickers or buttons, within 100 feet of the polling site.

John Cullar, chair of the McLennan County Democratic Party, said he was pleased to see such high numbers. He said volunteers encouraged voters to show up early to avoid long lines on Election Day. Cullar also credited a more activated Democratic base for the higher turnout.

"I think the bigger explanation is that people are very excited about this race. I think this is reflective of high enthusiasm, especially among Democrats," Cullar said. "In 2000 and 2004, someone who people around here considered the 'hometown boy' was at the top



Shanna Taylor/Lariat Staff

... And break!

The Zeta Tau Alpha intramural volleyball team huddles up for a time out during their last set against Chi Omega in the McLane Student Life Center Monday afternoon. ZTA came up just short of a victory in the set giving the match to XO.

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"It wasn't so much a lengthy process. It was more of a concern to be perfect and concise with every little word," said Waco senior applicant Alex Nix. Nix said that she was warned that she might do up to 20 drafts for each of her essays.

According to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program guide there are three stages in selection.

The first is the National Screening Committee, which meets in November and December to decide which students should be further considered.

Those applicants are then recommended to the Fulbright Commissions/U.S. Embassies Abroad committee. After that the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board makes the final selection.

Students applying for the program are responsible for creating a program or project that will help to advance the

Fulbright Program's aim of promoting mutual understanding among nations through engagement in the host community.

According to Dr. Elizabeth Vardaman, associate dean for Special Programs of the College for Arts and Sciences, there were workshops offered throughout the semester that informed students about the Fulbright Program, but the best advertising comes from students who are awarded the grant.

Vardaman serves as the Baylor campus representative for Fulbright program.

She is responsible for helping students manage their application process.

Another applicant, Robert Kent, a Dallas senior, said that he had talked to Vardaman for a few years and discussed the possibility of pursuing the Fulbright program.

He decided in July to begin the application process.

"I got really interested in the program because of the combination of service and learning," said Kent. "It's also a good chance to learn about the culture and region of another country."

Kent applied for a country where he said he hopes to work in the future.

According to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program guide the U.S. Student Fulbright Program is designed to give recent college graduates opportunities for personal and career development and international experience.

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by then-Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas.

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State sponsors the program.

In the last three years Baylor has had 10 students accepted into the program. The program lasts eight to 10 months.

Nix said she hopes that with all the effort that it proves fruitful in the end.

"It was a stressful process, but rewarding," she said.



Associated Press

Benjamin Littell, 4, who became impatient while waiting with his mother to vote, starts to erase the sign set out at city hall for absentee voters Monday, in Portland, Maine. The election may be a week off, but voting is well under way in Maine as absentee ballots pour into town and city halls across the state.

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and that it adds to the experience of the students and to the art department as a whole.

"Baylor should take pride in their faculty and what they produce as artists. It was amazing," Mersmann said.

Karl Umlauf, professor of art and artist-in-residence, said that the museum chooses which artists to exhibit based on their quality, range in work and variety of work created.

"We try to get the best artists we can here to be leading examples of what artists can and will do. We hope it will reflect on our students and give them a good example for their careers and lifetime of creativity," Umlauf said.

According to Umlauf, the Martin Museum of Art can have up to 12 artists exhibited throughout a

year, enabling it to show a variety of what artists are creating around the country and world.

Mersmann said that having facilities such as the Martin Museum on campus for the students is an important part of learning.

"They can get a wider view by seeing art from around the country," Mersmann said. "It is a wonderful addition to the art department to have those kind of things."

Sarah Gillespie, a senior from Colorado Springs, Colo., said that she appreciated having the opportunity to hear the artist discuss his work first-hand.

"It was fascinating to hear Mersmann talk about his work process, the time it took to make his work so intricately detailed," Gillespie said. "I think it's a really good thing for an artist to come and talk about his works in the presence of the works."

Gillespie said that she thinks that the museum is important because it broadens students' horizons.

"It lets them see what's new and happening in the world of art," Gillespie said.

Richard Ash, professor in the art department of Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, will be giving a galley talk on his exhibit "Prints 1997-2007" at 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 17.

Ash's works have been exhibited across the United States.

"His work and Armin's work are extremely coveted between museums and collectors," Gilliam said.

The exhibits began Oct. 21 and will continue through Nov. 18 and is free and open to everyone.

Christina Kruse contributed to this story.

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First half not enough; Bears fall 32-20 to NU

By Garrett Turner
Sports Writer

The sun rose on Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb., Saturday only to cast a shadow over Baylor in a 32-20 loss to the University of Nebraska.

The sun set on the Midwest horizon and on the hopes for a first bowl game appearance in 14 years for the Bears.

At 3-5, the Baylor Bears have four games remaining in the season. These four games are against the Big 12 Conference's elite, arguably the best conference in the nation. On top of tough conference play, three out of the four games are against the top 15 teams in the nation — the University of Missouri at No. 14, University of Texas at No. 1 and No. 6 Texas Tech University.

After the deflating loss against Nebraska, gaining momentum for the ending stretch will be tough.

"It's real tough, because we came down here to win," sophomore running back Jay Finley said. "To come back with anything less is a disappointment."

Baylor went into halftime with a lead and the offense primed, but then wasn't able to execute as an offense, putting the pressure all on the defense. Accord-



Vanessa Skocz/ Daily Nebraskan

Baylor's Robert Griffin tries to escape the grasp of Nebraska's Glen Cody during a 32-20 loss at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb. Griffin had 99 rushing yards in the first quarter, but the blackshirt defense keyed him in the second half.

ing to junior free safety Jordan Lake, this loss was particularly tough to handle.

"There are no words to explain it. We thought we were in a good

position to get a chance to win the game at halftime, and as a defense if we don't let them score then we win." Lake said.

The Bears' offense took com-

second quarter, the momentum was on the Bears' side. The tide switched as the offense sputtered, special teams faltered and the Husker offense, given short field situations, scored on the defense even though it seemed to be strong in the first quarter.

"To get down there and stalemate, it stings you a little bit," head coach Art Briles said. "You've got to understand there's going to be good and bad series and you've got to overcome the bad ones."

After the missed field goal, the Husker offense scored to make it 24-20 at the end of the third quarter. With a full quarter left to overcome a four-point deficit, the Bears last quarter offensive series consisted of two punts, a failed fourth down conversion and a safety. However, according to junior linebacker Joe Pawelek, the loss didn't fall completely on the offense's shoulders. To him, the third quarter missed field goal was just another opportunity for the defense to step up because they still had something — the lead.

"We were still up at the time," Pawelek said. "We're winning the game, and if they don't score, then we get to leave here with the victory."

NFL investigating steroid use

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Six to eight players are under investigation by the NFL for violating the league's drug policy by taking a weight-loss diuretic that is considered a masking agent for steroids.

A person familiar with the case provided the number of players involved Monday, saying estimates of a higher figure were untrue. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the players are appealing the findings.

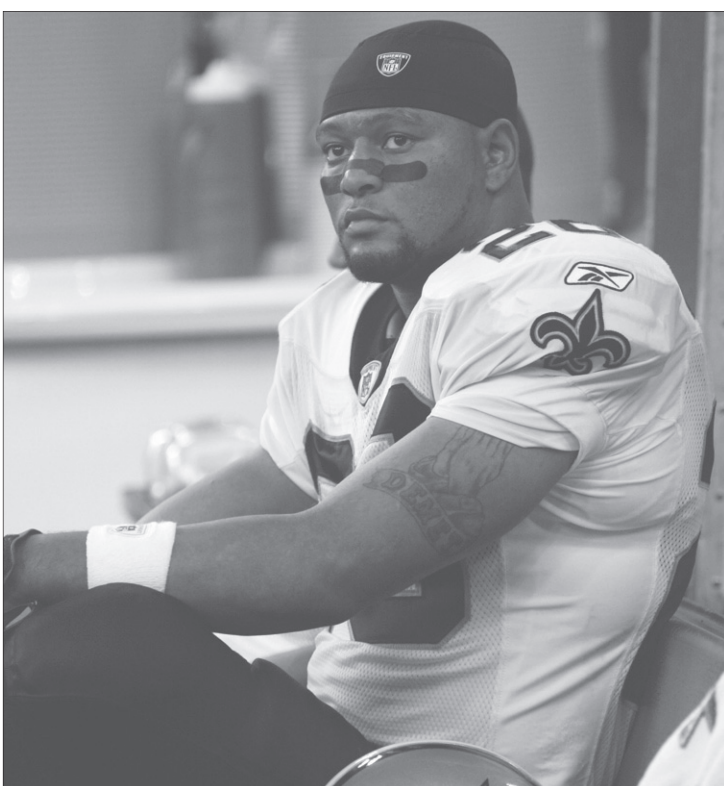
The Denver TV station Fox 31 reported last week that six to 10 players had tested positive for Bumetanide, a pill that decreases the amount of water retained in the body by increasing urination. It causes the kidneys to get rid of unneeded water and salt from the body into the urine. Other reports put the number of cases as high as 18.

New Orleans running back Deuce McAllister confirmed Sunday after the Saints 37-32 win over San Diego in London that he is one of the players being investigated although he stopped short of saying he had tested positive.

"We've been kind of going through this process for a while," McAllister said. "I guess you guys just found out about it

at this point. But whatever happens, that's what's going to happen. We've hired counsel. He's going to do his job to kind of put the case together and however the NFL rules, that's the way it will be."

Defensive end Will Smith of the Saints and defensive tackles Kevin Williams and Pat Williams of the Vikings also have been identified in various reports. None of those reports has been confirmed.



Associated Press

New Orleans running back Deuce McAllister sits on the bench against the Indianapolis Colts. Saints veterans Will Smith and McAllister reportedly are among several players who have violated the NFL steroids policy.



Christina Kruse/ Lariat Staff

Bears fall to KSU

Baylor's Katie Sanders rests during a pause against Kansas State. The Bears jumped to a 2-0 lead, but lost the final three games.

Sports briefs

Equestrian upsets No. 4 South Carolina 15-5

The No. 6 Baylor equestrian team advanced to 5-1 this weekend when it upset No. 4 University of South Carolina 15-5 at the Willis Family Equestrian Center. Kim Marlowe (Reining), Lindsay Douglas (Western Horsemanship) and freshman Lisa Goldman (Equitation) earned MVP honors for the Bears. The win was Baylor's first against South Carolina.

Soccer loses to Kansas, MU

The Baylor soccer team lost 1-0 against the Kansas Jayhawks Sunday at the Jayhawk Soccer Complex. Kansas' lone goal came in the 8th minute when Monica Dolinsky's free kick from 27 yards out found the back of the net. Gianna Quintana had eight saves for the Bears.

Baylor also fell victim to No. 20 University of Missouri Friday in Columbia, Mo., by a score of 2-0.

Men's tennis opens strong

The Baylor men's tennis team advanced four singles players and three doubles teams out of opening day in the 2008 Wilson/International Tennis Association South Central Region Championships at the George P. Mitchell Tennis Center in College Station. Dominik Mueller, Attila Bucko and Jordan Rux each won their matches.

Women's tennis advances six in regional tournament

The Baylor women's tennis team advanced six singles players and two doubles teams in the Wilson/ITA Southwest Regional at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center in Fort Worth. Lenka Broosova, Taylor Ormond, Jelena Stanivuk, Csilla Borsanyi and Karolina Filipiak advanced with wins.

Men's golf ready for 2008 Intercollegiate Tournament

Three ranked teams, including No. 17 Baylor, will compete in the 2008 Baylor Intercollegiate Tournament Monday and Tuesday at Royal Oaks Country Club in Dallas. The 54-hole event features 12 teams from across the nation, including the University of Arkansas and Brigham Young University.

Volleyball loses to No. 13 Kansas State in Five Sets

Baylor lost to No. 13 Kansas State University in a five-set match. Allison King led the team in digs with 21.

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