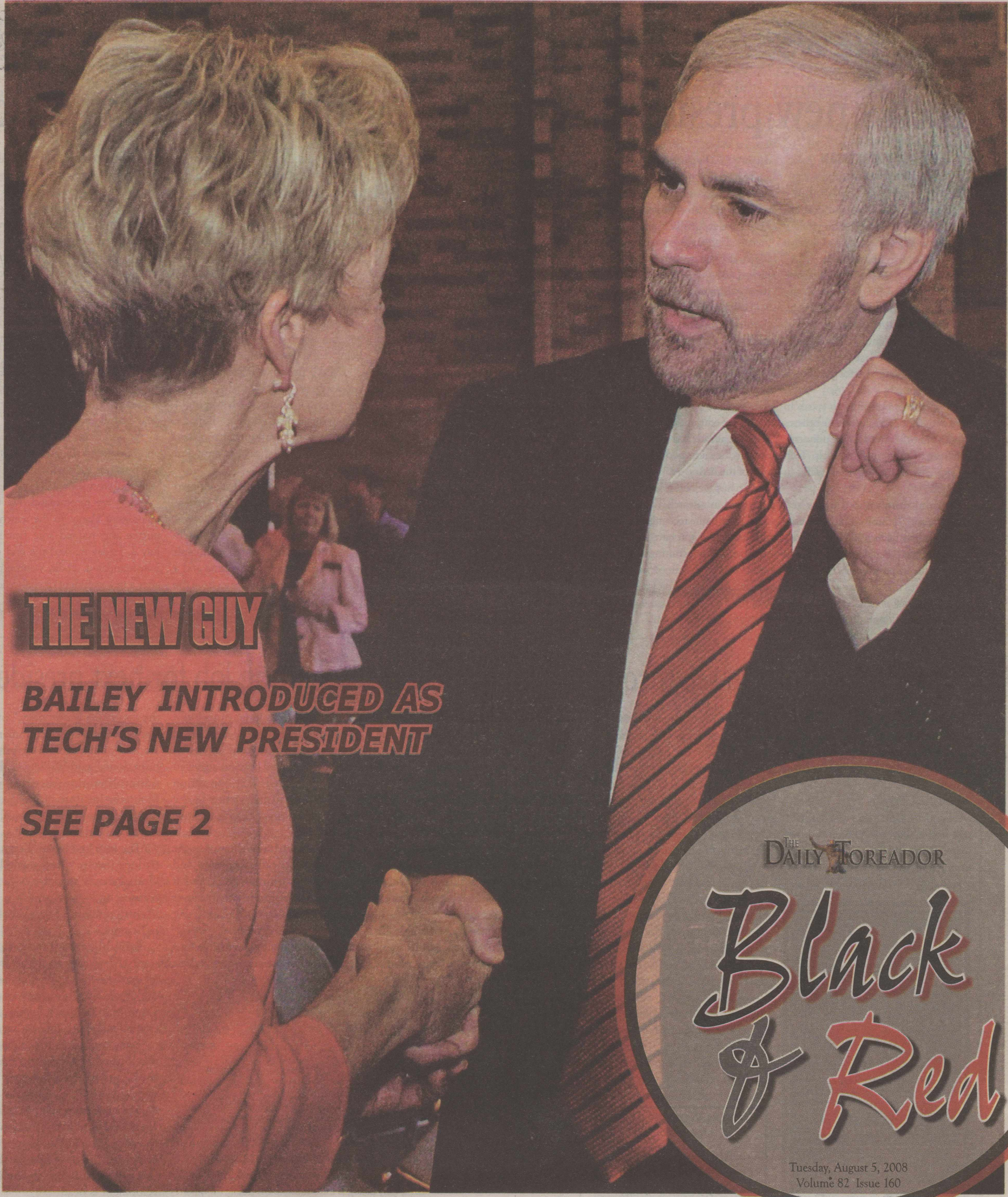


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# Tech's new president, Guy Bailey, officially takes office

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With warm greetings and enthusiasm about Texas Tech, the university's new President, Guy Bailey, may have won the Tech community over.

Bailey was officially introduced to the public for the first time Monday morning at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

During the introduction, Bailey, Tech's 15th president, made his future plans for the university clear while expressing his excitement for the upcoming school year.

With the opportunity to speak in front of the public, Bailey said he believes opportunities lie ahead for the university that have the potential to help Tech become one of the best universities in the country.

"I think (the opportunities are) huge," he said. "I think, as Tech moves to tier 1 status, you'll find all of its supporters very excited. People support things that they have a passion for. They'll support programs that we grow and develop as their passions as well."

Bailey's fundraising background in-

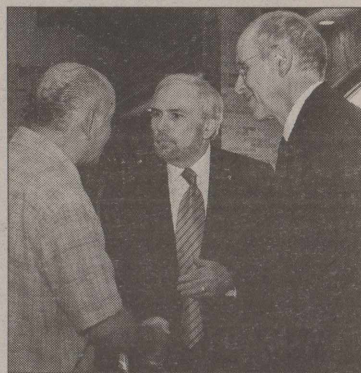
cludes a \$200 million capital campaign and \$10 million in administrative savings when he was chancellor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. During his tenure at UMKC, enrollment also increased by 40 percent. Approximately \$175 million in construction also was approved with public and private funding partnerships during his term there.

Bailey said Tech is in a prime position to accomplish many goals, which is why he wanted to become its president.

During his speech, Bailey expressed the potential Tech has by stating it is the "greatest opportunity in America for higher education."

Tech already has many of the tools it needs, he said, to take the next step as one of the nation's top universities.

"It has well-established doctoral programs in research," Bailey said. "It has a great name recognition. Those are the key things. You have to have a state-wide scope (for recruiting students). You have to have well-defined, well-developed research in doctoral programs and then you need a lot of recognition. This is a highly visible institution."



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**THOMAS BARKER, PROFESSOR of English and Director of Technical Communication, shakes hands with Guy Bailey and Chancellor Kent Hance during a reception welcoming Bailey as Texas Tech president Monday morning inside the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.**

Bob Stafford, head of the search committee that chose Bailey and a member of the Board of Regents, said he thinks Bailey and his wife, Tech alumna Jan Tillery Bailey, will fit in well with the culture of Tech and Lubbock.

"I think he understands Texas,"

Stafford said. "His wife understands Lubbock. She grew up here. So I think he can start with a running start with all those things because I know his credentials are very good."

Since he officially took the position Friday, Bailey has wasted no time in establishing a connection with students.

Throughout his career, Bailey said he always has strived for a connection with students. He said he and his wife will aim for that same connection by being in the classroom.

"You'll find that I spend a lot of times with students," he said. "You'll see me around on campus. My wife and I will eventually teach classes. I think the key thing is students want to have access to you. You'll find that you a great deal of access to me."

Over the years, Bailey has authored approximately 100 books and articles. Along with his background in education and teaching, Bailey attained his bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University of Alabama and a doctorate in English linguistics from the University of Tennessee.

Although he aims to build relation-

ships with students, Bailey has already made good impressions with some students since his arrival on campus.

"The feedback that I've gotten back from our Student Government President, Lee Bobbitt, and our Student Regent, Kelli Stumbo, has been very, very positive," said Michael Shonrock, vice president of students affairs. "The feedback I get back from my colleagues and other places — like UMKC, UT at San Antonio — is he's very thoughtful about students. He's already asked about helping out moving people into the residence halls and attending a lot of student functions already. That's the great deal about that."

As president, Bailey said his first priorities are to fill vacant faculty and staff positions, such as the provost, which William Marcy soon will leave vacant.

Bailey was recommended by Chancellor Kent Hance to the search committee and named sole finalist on July 2. Friday marked the end of the state-mandated, 21-day waiting period after a new president or chancellor of a university is named.

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## No time for Bush to see through three nuclear deals, leaving job for next president

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is rushing the clock and running out of time as he tries to stare down nuclear threats on three fronts.

Bush has seen Iran ignore a weekend deadline to say whether it will haggle with the U.S. and others worried that Iran is racing toward the bomb. And he has just days to decide whether to reward another adversary,

North Korea, for inconclusive steps to get rid of weapons it already has.

Iran's non-answer highlights that Bush has run out of time to see through either deal and another with nuclear-armed India. That means the next U.S. president will have to pick up the pieces, and possibly change the terms of any deals.

Bush, traveling Tuesday to South Korea, will be on the spot to explain his next move with the inscrutable North. Pyongyang expects Bush to remove it from the U.S. list of terror-sponsoring countries as soon as next weekend, as promised when the North blew up its nuclear cooling tower in June. Bush will insist that the North first agree to international terms for checking up on its disarmament work.

Whenever it comes, the reward is almost sure to be the last act for the Bush administration in stop-

and-start bartering with the Stalinist regime that has given Bush political heartburn on the right.

That second-term gambit, like the offer to Iran, would buy off nations Bush once called part of an "axis of evil" in the interest of reducing or containing the spread of nuclear weapons.

He will leave office without any clear payoff, beyond the good will of other nations pleased at the softening of tone and tactics.

Bush's administration also offered India novel cooperation in developing civilian nuclear energy

that critics say would let India build up its nuclear arsenal and spoil global efforts to stop the spread of atomic weapons. The deal survived what had seemed fatal opposition in India only to fall victim to the election-shortened U.S. legislative calendar.

All three situations show what the administration calls flexibility and its critics call tunnel vision, and it is an open question whether, if ever closed, the deals would really lower the risk of nuclear war.

"Although it may be possible for a new U.S. administration to repudiate

the disastrous Bush policy," of case-by-case dealmaking, "a tremendous amount of damage will already have been done," said William C. Potter, nonproliferation director at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. He said the India deal is the worst of the three.

The Iran and North Korea negotiations involve offers made by the United States together with other nations, and a new president is not likely to pull out of those coalitions right away.

Republican John McCain is somewhat skeptical of the Iran offer but says he would pursue both diplomacy and punitive sanctions. Democrat Barack Obama would expand talks with Iran on merits.

Iran, though it has no nuclear weapons and claims it isn't seeking them, has received the most attention.

Six major world powers agreed Monday to seek new sanctions after the country failed to respond to an offer intended to defuse the dispute over where its fast-track nuclear development is headed.

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## Tech chose as one of the best universities in the West

BY MIA WALTERS  
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One company took a look at Texas Tech and made a decision: The university's 30,000 students could've done worse.

The Princeton Review, a New York-based educational services company, chose Texas Tech as one of the best colleges in the western United States for 2009.

"We are, in my opinion, and have been for some time one of the very best (universities) in the nation," said Tech Chancellor Kent Hance, "and it thrilled me that The Princeton Review recognized what I have known for quite some time. It ties in with my motto for Texas Tech: 'It's more than a great education.'"

Every year, The Princeton Review identifies schools that it considers to be the best in the country, said Jeanne Krier, a spokesperson for the company. There are 632 colleges that received regional designations like Tech's, including 120 in the West.

Krier said it is special for a school to be chosen by The Princeton Review because there are about 2,500 four-year

colleges in the United States, which means one out of every five schools receives an honorary title from the company.

The Princeton Review's college evaluation process has many steps, and, before it is chosen, a school must first be seen as academically outstanding to the National College Advisory Board, she said, which is 25 college advisers across the country who make suggestions about the schools. Also, a representative of the company visits and evaluates about 50 campuses per year.

"The third thing they do is they try a real balance of schools from different states — large schools and small ones, men's colleges, women's colleges and so forth — so it gives a prospective applicant a nice variety of great schools to consider," Krier said.

A large part of the evaluation process involves student surveys that are done online and on paper then distributed on campus, she said. These surveys give officials an insight into how students feel about their campus life.

The schools that were chosen as the best in their respective regions are not

ranked from first to last but grouped as a whole.

"The Princeton Review does not rank schools normally, and we do that for a very important reason," Krier said. "We really don't think you can ever say there is a best school, one single best school, in the country. And ranking has become something that we think people sometimes pay a little too much attention to and will not help someone know if that school is the best school for them."

Hance said he thinks the student surveys are an integral part of the evaluation process.

"The students are the consumers and students know whether they are getting a good education," he said. "They know the conditions of the campus, what kinds of professors they have. Some people take a discount of anything that asks the students, but the students are very smart and very wise about the university and they're consumer savvy. If they're getting a good deal and a good education they'll say so. To me it means more than any other group."

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## Incoming medical students attend initiation ceremony

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The future practitioners of health care just received their white coats.

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's incoming Class of 2012 participated in the 12th Annual White Coat Ceremony on Friday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre.

The purpose of the White Coat Ceremony is to emphasize to students the importance of both professionalism and humanism in the field of medicine, according to the ceremony's program.

At the event, first-year medical students individually took the stage and received their doctoral white coats. The students also received gold lapel pins that feature a heart-shaped stethoscope, which represents humanism in medicine, according to the ceremony's program.

"The white coat ceremony for Texas Tech coincides with the first day of medical school and it's very symbolic," said Steven Berk, dean of the School of Medicine at Tech. "Putting on the white coat is a symbol for the medical students of a commitment to professionalism, a commitment to life-long study, and a commit-

ment to being an excellent physician."

The ceremony is significant at Tech because the students will start to see patients within two weeks of receiving their coats, he said. Some universities conduct the ceremony during the students' third year, but, since students at Tech start to see patients almost immediately, it is important to have the ceremony early in their careers.

"The other significance (of the ceremony) is the students made their own oath," Berk said. "Together in small groups they came up with an oath of what they want to say and what they want to commit to just beginning medical school."

The oath stresses the principles of teamwork, respect, compassion and humility. The students collectively recited their oath on stage at the end of the ceremony.

The Class of 2012 is made up of 140 students who received their undergraduate degrees from universities across the country, Berk said.

The first White Coat Ceremony occurred at Columbia University in New York City and involved the Class of 1993. Tech first adopted this ceremony tradition with the Class of 2001.

Karl Kashfi, a member of the Class of 2012, said he's excited about the opportunity to come to Tech and pursue his career in the medical profession.

"I've wanted to go into health care ever since I was young," he said. "I've put so much effort into studying and pursuing the experiences that will prepare me to become a physician, and I'm just glad that I'm here and I feel really honored."

Kashfi said the reason he chose to pursue his medical degree at Tech was because of the "laid back" atmosphere of both Lubbock and the university.

"The quality of life here is very good and it's a really friendly environment," he said. "That is what really drew me in."

Maham Rahimi, another member of the Class of 2012, said the reason he chose to leave Southern Methodist University in Dallas and continue his studies at Tech was because of the size of the West Texas market.

"There are not many hospitals in West Texas and I think that and Lubbock's size will give me more opportunities to help people," he said. "Compared to busy cities like Dallas, I think I'll get better training here."

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## Obama proposes tapping oil stockpiles

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Barack Obama put forward a broad energy plan Monday designed to end U.S. reliance on imported oil within 10 years and shore up his standing amid a tightening White House race and high-anxiety over gas prices.

Obama's new proposal, though, includes two significant reversals of positions he has taken in the past: He had steadfastly fought the idea of limited new offshore drilling and was against tapping the nation's emergency oil stockpile to relieve pump prices that have stubbornly hovered around \$4 a gallon.

Not only did Obama push for drawing from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, he also reiterated his changing position on offshore drilling — first revealed last Friday — suggesting that he could live with it if done in an environmentally sound way and as part of a bipartisan energy

compromise.

In a speech in Michigan, the Democratic presidential nominee in waiting also endorsed long-term work on hybrid cars and renewable energy sources.

"Breaking our oil addiction is one of the greatest challenges our generation will ever face," the Illinois Democrat told a supportive audience as he embarked on a week to focus on energy issues. "It will take nothing less than a complete transformation of our economy," he said.

Presumed Republican nominee Sen. John McCain, speaking in Pennsylvania, again advocated more oil drilling off the U.S. coast. "Anybody who says that we can achieve energy independence without using and increasing these existing energy resources either doesn't have the experience to understand the challenge that we face or isn't giving the American people some straight talk," he said.

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# Gay animals prove legislators should spend more time at zoo

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It is always interesting to see what we can learn from lower animals. This month's issue of *Scientific American Mind* contains a particularly interesting article about the phenomenon of animal homosexuality. Animal homosexuality has been documented in as many as 1,500 species, including insects. While I have long been peripherally aware of the evidence documenting homosexual behavior between other species, I was not aware that it existed to this extent.

The article details two male chinstrap penguins, Silo and Roy, who met in Manhattan's Central Park

Zoo, coupled and proceeded to mate. When they found they were unable to bear offspring, they nudged a rock into their nests and treated it as if it were an egg. One of the zookeepers observed this and took an egg from another pair of penguins who were unable to care for it and placed it in Silo and Roy's nest, who hatched and raised the baby penguin.

This week, Massachusetts voted to allow out-of-state couples marriage rights. Earlier this summer, California legalized gay marriage for state residents and out-of-state partners alike. Examples from biology, like the penguins, and studies in pre-natal conditions should confirm what anyone who has ever thought about the issue

already knows: Human homosexuality is not a simple life choice.

Yet the states of Massachusetts and California may have gone too far. A state should allow its own citizens to marry in whatever manner it sees fit, but by marrying non-residents, they create legal complications that other states will be forced to deal with. It's a rude prospect, if nothing else.

Exporting these marriages may only succeed in drawing attention to the flawed policies of other states. Suing the state they reside in may allow newly

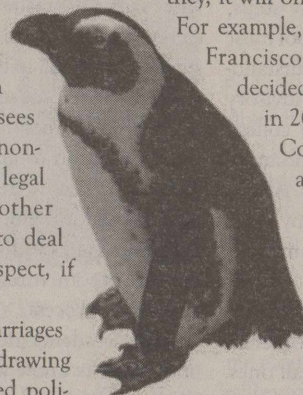
married gay couples to fight the good fight. Unfortunately, they will almost certainly achieve nothing, and should they, it will only be a pyrrhic victory.

For example, when the city of San Francisco broke state law and decided to marry homosexuals in 2004, the state Supreme Court had to intervene, and many felt as if their laws and their values were under attack.

Gays and lesbians should not be fighting losing battles with opponents of same-sex marriages, thus provoking defensive posturing, but should rather be in the business

of convincing their opponents of the validity of their cause.

Meanwhile, some in Texas are upholding the sanctity of marriage by making it harder to get divorced. State Rep. Warren Chisum is sponsoring a bill (for the second time) in which it will take couples two years to divorce unless they attend state-sponsored marriage counseling. It is difficult to see how the state's interest is better served keeping people married against their will rather than allowing gays and lesbians to adopt from the state's crowded foster care system. Perhaps legislators should spend more time at the zoo and less time tampering with people's freedom to contract.



# National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance needs to learn to laugh at itself

BY KEVIN DORAN  
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Before we had YouTube, we had commercials. In fact, commercials have been a valuable resource for YouTube, serving as great pieces of nostalgia to check out for 30 seconds.

With both media, it's a simple concept: If you can't make me laugh in 30 seconds, you're not worthy of my attention. If you do, I will consider looking into more of your work, be it clicking on related videos and possibly leaving a positive comment, or searching far and wide for the nearest Sonic Drive-In.

It's the reason I may not watch this year's Summer X Games, but I will watch Darkmane break a vase and shout "I just pretended that belonged to Brian Deegan!" every time his masked face graces a TV. And,

in a brilliant nod to viral marketing, the X Games people have been making the Darkmane videos appear as though they're viral videos made by Darkmane himself.

It's also the reason I will change the channel every time I see Sarah MacLachlan, because as much as I love puppies, I really would rather not have a commercial make me feel like a bad person because I'm sitting on my ass while they're suffering. Sorry, puppies. I just can't deal with that kind of guilt when I'm trying to watch *I Love the New Millennium* and remembering that, oh yeah, 9/11 happened in 2001, the same year Memento came out!

That's why it's so disheartening to me that Subway's hilarious commercial, which may or may not make fun of fat people and/or fast food burger restaurants, has faced

protest from a bunch of humorless fat people. Before I continue, allow me to explain that I'm allowed to make fun of fat people as much as I want because I've been made fun of for being a fat person since at least the seventh grade.

The commercial insinuates that fat people have low self-esteem and are likely to lose their boyfriends. This is a lazy stereotype. But who gives a crap? If you're fat, it's probably because of your own inaction. And don't pull the "glandular problem" card, because a University of Kentucky report released earlier this year says that it's unlikely that would cause excess weight.

The National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance (NAAFA) thinks fat people are unfairly discriminated against. They probably are discriminated against. But is it

so unfair that the Civil Rights Act should include "weight" as a category? That kind of activism does nothing but take away from everything black civil rights activists like Martin Luther King did, heroically and deservedly. Who's their MLK? William Howard Taft?

If you want to get to the bottom of fat discrimination, maybe you should start at the playgrounds. Every day, children are unfairly targeting fat kids with dodgeballs and refusing to pick them for their teams until all the fit kids are taken.

I had the good fortune of going back to Philly last weekend and having a few drinks with my best friends from grade school, the ones who would often make fun of me for being fat. That's right ~ I went so far as to be friends with the people who made fun of me. Whatever NAAFA's

equivalent of an "Uncle Tom" is ... that's me, I guess.

As always, some old memories came up, and my friend Sean later told me that my other friend had a lot of respect for me because I could take a joke even when it was directed at me. It was deeply encouraging.

It's amazing how far a sense of humor goes. If you can't laugh at yourself, you need a better one. And if you don't have a good sense of humor, nobody wants to be friends with you. And then you actually will have lower self-esteem and a lack of boyfriends/girlfriends.

If NAAFA wants to be taken seriously, it's got to learn not to take itself so seriously. And as anyone will tell you, fat people are supposed to be jolly. Fortunately for me and my friends, that's one stereotype that held up.

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# Teenage driving habits provide cautionary examples for older students

BY BRIDGET DE STEFANO  
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As the fall semester approaches and thousands of students prepare to jump in their cars and flock to Lubbock from across the state, they may find it in their best interest to consider the lessons learned from younger drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 4,842 teenage passengers between the ages of 16 and 20 years old were killed in motor vehicle accidents during 2006. Of those, 58 percent of victims were not wearing seat belts.

Cpl. John Gonzalez, a Lubbock safety educator with the Texas Department of Public Safety, said high school and college students have a lot more in common when it comes to poor driving habits than many might realize.

He said everyday choices — such as wearing one's seat belt and going the speed limit — can greatly impact the safety of drivers.

Young drivers are the least likely to buckle up and wear seat belts correctly, Gonzalez said.

Teenagers complain about the discomfort and annoyances from wearing seat belts, Gonzalez said, but when it saves their life they will be thankful.

Seat belts are designed to go across the chest and hips, which are some of the strongest areas on the human body, he said. Seat belts hold the body in place during an accident and protect internal organs from injury.

If worn incorrectly — for example, under one's arm or only around the waist — seat belts could seriously harm motorists, Gonzalez said, and are capable of severing a limb or paralyzing them from the waist down.

In terms of fatalities from car accidents involving high school students, he said, Lubbock experienced the "deadliest time" between October 2006 and February 2007.

During that time, car accidents claimed the lives of about 10 students in the Lubbock area, Gonzalez said. The majority of these victims were ejected from the car because they were not wearing seat belts.

Driving over the speed limit is another factor involved in fatal car crashes among younger drivers, according to a NHTSA report.

Inexperienced drivers tend to ignore the speed limit more than any other age group, Gonzalez said.

Media portrayals, he said, including car racing movies and video games, have contributed to reckless driving behaviors among young adults.

Gonzalez said it gives a "false ideology" about responsible driving and what a person's car is capable of doing.

Teenagers tend to have an attitude that they will not get hurt and do not have to abide by the law, he said.

Also, distractions in the vehicle — such as cell phones, CDs, iPods, navigation systems and DVD players, not to mention other passengers — often are at least partially responsible for car accidents that involve teenaged drivers, according to a NHTSA report.

Researchers and graduate students in the Texas Tech Department of Psychology plan to conduct a study in August about human driving behaviors that will investigate driver awareness along common driving routes in Lubbock.

Jeff Dressel, the study's supervisor, said he is specializing his research in the area of cell-phone use while driving.

Studies show that drivers who talk on cell phones are four times more likely to be involved in an accident, he said.

Many people believe that the act of holding a phone or dialing a number while driving is the main danger, Dressel said, but, in actuality, it is the subsequent conversation that distracts and narrows the visual field of a driver. Also, the person with whom a driver is speaking through the phone may not be aware of traffic con-



Photo by Coleman Morefield

A motorist rounds Memorial Circle on Monday at Texas Tech's campus.

ditions surrounding the driver, he said.

"Until you get into an accident," Dressel said, "you're always going to think that you're doing fine."

Instead of being a distraction to a driver, Dressel said, passengers who are not driving could serve as a "second set of eyes" for the driver. They also may be more considerate of the driving conditions by altering the tone and subject matter of the conversation.

According to the NHTSA report, teen drivers recognize the dangerous behaviors passengers can impose on the driver, but lack the confidence or strategies for keep-

ing their passengers under control.

Driving requires "responsibility and common sense," Gonzalez said, as well as defensive driving techniques.

Regardless of how well a person thinks they drive, he said, one can never know the actions or emotions of the drivers next to them.

Gonzalez said he encourages drivers of all ages to take defensive driving classes every three years to refresh their driving abilities.

"Driving is a continual, educational purpose," he said, "because our driving habits have to change with time."

## Morgan Freeman seriously injured in car crash

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Oscar-winning actor Morgan Freeman was hospitalized in serious condition Monday after the car he was driving left a rural road in the Mississippi Delta and flipped several times.

Freeman, 71, was airlifted to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, Tenn., about 90 miles north of the accident in rural Tallahatchie County. Hospital spokeswoman Kathy Stringer said Freeman was in serious condition but declined to discuss his injuries.

Clay McFerrin, editor of Sun Sentinel in Charleston, said he arrived at the accident scene on Mississippi Highway 32 soon after it happened about 5 miles west of Charleston, not far from where Freeman owns a home with his wife. The accident occurred shortly before midnight Sunday.

"They had to use the jaws of life to extract him from the vehicle,"

McFerrin said. "He was lucid, conscious. He was talking, joking with some of the rescue workers at one point."

McFerrin said it appeared that Freeman's car was airborne when it left the highway and landed in a ditch.

Bill Lockett, Freeman's business partner in a blues club, told The Commercial Appeal in Memphis, Tenn., that the actor suffered a broken arm and had other injuries.

Freeman, who won an Oscar for his role in "Million Dollar Baby," is among the stars in "The Dark Knight," now in theaters. His screen credits also include "Driving Miss Daisy."

Bystanders converged on the accident scene trying to get a glimpse of the actor, McFerrin said.

When one person tried to snap a photo with a cell phone camera, Freeman joked, "no freebies, no

freebies," McFerrin said.

Mississippi Highway Patrol spokesman Sgt. Ben Williams said Freeman was driving a 1997 Nissan Maxima that belonged to Demaris Meyer of Memphis when the car ran off the road and overturned several times.

"There's no indication that either alcohol or drugs were involved," Williams said. He said both Freeman and Meyer were wearing seat belts. The woman's condition was not immediately available.

Freeman was born in Memphis, Tenn., but spent much of his childhood in the Mississippi Delta. He is a co-owner of the Ground Zero Blues Club in Clarksdale.

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# New Internet search engine shows great promise, bad images

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Tissues have always had their poster boy Kleenex. And for years now, the word "google" has been synonymous to "use Internet search engine." But what if we had googled for the last time and there's no back button to save us? Enter Cuil.

Cuil (pronounced "cool") is a \$33 million search engine launched last Sunday by ex-Google employees. With an index that is claimed to be three times the size of Google's and promises to analyze the content of the Internet while not invading user privacy, we may be cuil-ing soon.

There's only one way to settle this. Two windows. Google vs. Cuil. Make sure your computer has enough battery. It's going to be intense.

Google has a boring white start screen with its name above a yawn-inducing search bar. Cuil is the antithesis of boring. It slaps you in the face with a black page shrouded in darkness contrasting with cool grey and blue letters. It's not only sleek, but sexy.

While Google results are a lackluster list, Cuil breaks all Internet search engine molds. It uses a magazine format to show three columns of hits, each with a small image and a paragraph of information. A helpful widget sits in the top right-hand corner to

predict your next search.

But what is style without substance? Of course, as everyone's knee-jerk reaction should be, I ran searches on myself.

Google gave me a link to a Chuck Norris column I wrote and some other more esteemed Sujay Kumars around the world. Sujay Kumar Pramanik takes the cake by cracking the top ten hits with his use of an ultra-cute baby picture on Facebook.

Cuiling myself gave me row-natkinson.com. Cuil seems to have analyzed me and found that I was a Mr. Bean Fan. Thirteen years ago. Scanning more results, I saw many Chuck Norris Web sites. Apparently, mentioning Chuck's name once tattoos it to your soul forever.

Index-wise, Google had a measly 48,100 results on me compared to

Daily Illini." Googling my editor returned results relevant to Andrew's writing and blogging.

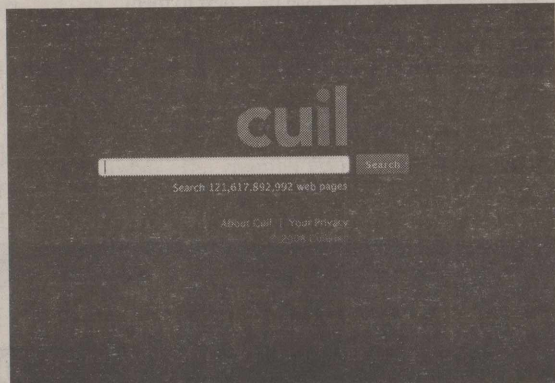
Cuil's results were equally relevant. The images, not so much.

Two of the hits were accompanied by images of an extremely hairy, lumberjack-esque bearded,

naked man, reclining and sitting up in a lawn chair (NOTE: This was all done with Cuil's Safe Search feature on, variations on capitalization inexplicably changed the position of the naked man that popped up, and I'm 97 percent sure said naked

man is not Andrew Mason).

Cuil's only been out for a week, while we've been googling for 10 years. There will be some kinks. But make no mistake, I will have no part of a search engine that hurls a naked lumberjack into my face every time I cuil my boss.



Screenshot of www.cuil.com, which many believe will be the next Google. Just watch out for those naked lumberjacks.

Cuil's 176,770. But after clicking to display page five of Cuil's results, I was unexpectedly told "we didn't find any results."

Realizing that searching by my own name proved nothing, I decided to refine my search with something both more specific and significant: "Andrew Mason

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## US pulls out 93-58 win against Hammon, Russia

HAINING, China (AP) — Seeing Becky Hammon on the Russian side was exactly what the Americans needed.

Diana Taurasi scored 21 points and the United States pulled away in the second half, beating the Russians 93-58 Monday night in the FIBA Diamond Ball tournament.

In a much-hyped matchup against her native country, Hammon scored 10 points, but her adopted team was no match for the Americans. This was the first meeting between the U.S. and Russia since the Russians beat the Americans in the 2006 world championship semifinals.

"She made her choice, and that was up to her," U.S. co-captain Katie Smith said. "We're here to represent our country. We have a nice rivalry with Russia with or without her. It's always been a battle whether she's here or not; we'll always bring our best."

Sylvia Fowles and the U.S. team came out focused and showed flashes of the dominance that has helped them win three straight Olympic gold medals. They got easy uncontested shots on the offensive end while defensively containing Russia.

Hammon wasn't in the 29-player

pool used to select the U.S. Olympic team. So she chose another option: playing for Russia.

"It's not an issue anymore; we're playing against Russia now and it's 12 people," U.S. coach Anne Donovan said. "Anyone who puts that uniform on is our opposition. There is no individual that we look at or highlight."

A South Dakota native, Hammon competes for a Russian club team during the winter and became a naturalized citizen there. Since she hadn't played for the United States in any major FIBA-sanctioned international events, she was allowed to compete for Russia in the Olympics, which begin Friday.

Even though she was wearing a Russian uniform, Hammon had her eyes closed and her hand over her heart during "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"I think the pre-game was worse than anything," Hammon said. "Once the ball went up, it was just another basketball game."

Hammon entered the game midway through the first quarter as she is still learning the Russian system after only three practices with the team. She missed her first two shots before

hitting a 3-pointer to start the second quarter and make it 17-13.

Then the Americans went on a 26-6 run to close the half and put the game away. Taurasi scored seven points during the spurt, including a 3-pointer for a 20-point lead. The Americans extended the advantage to 43-19 at the break.

"We did a good job of putting 40 minutes together," Taurasi said. "We took a step closer to what we are trying to accomplish."

The United States went up by 30 on Katie Smith's 3-pointer early in the third quarter, and Russia got no closer than 19 the rest of the game.

Fowles added 15 for the USA, and Tatiana Shchegoleva led Russia with 14 points.

Up next for the United States is rival Australia in what could be a preview of the Olympic gold medal game.

"We expect it to be a great game and look forward to it," Donovan said.

Russia will face Mali in the fifth place game.

If the United States and Russia meet again in the Olympics, it will be on a much bigger stage with most likely a medal at stake.

## Texans back Brown returns to practice

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Texans running back Chris Brown returned to practice Monday after sitting out last week with a sore back.

The 6-foot-3, 235-pound Brown, who signed with Houston as a free agent in March, is expected to back up Ahman Green this season. Brown rushed for 462 yards and five touchdowns last year for Tennessee and missed four games with injuries.

Brown took a painkilling injection last week and said his back felt fine after Monday's workout.

"Everything held up great," Brown said. "Hopefully, I can just build on that."

When Brown got hurt, the Texans signed Mike Bell, who was cut by Denver. Bell sat out Texans' practice on Monday with a sore hamstring.

Houston coach Gary Kubiak watched Brown closely Monday and cut his schedule short by six plays as a precaution.

"I think we got through clean," Kubiak said. "We'll see how he reacts."

The Texans have been practicing outdoors in the mornings and inside in the afternoons since

training camp began. Kubiak said he would probably hold Brown out of practices on the artificial turf, but he was hoping Brown would be ready to play in Saturday's preseason opener against Denver.

Brown took about 15 snaps on Monday and got the contact he wanted to test his back.

"You don't know until you start taking hits how it's really going to react," he said. "No issues, no flare-up. It didn't bother me at all."

Brown was eager to see how his back felt Tuesday.

"Hopefully, I'll have no more problems from here on out," Brown said. "That'll probably be the biggest thing, when I wake up tomorrow morning. Hopefully, it won't be stiff and I'll be all right."

Houston averaged 99 rushing yards per game last season, 22nd in the league. Green missed all but six games with a knee injury, but he's healthy again.

For now, Brown said he's content with a reserve role.

"As long as we're winning, everybody's going to be happy with whatever role they have," Brown said. "I've played in running-back-by-committee roles before. Whoever gets hot, that's who it's going to be."



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