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STATE Bell will have to contend with fellow Democrat

AUSTIN (AP) — Former gubernatorial contender Chris Bell, now running for the state Senate, failed to knock a fellow Democratic challenger off the November ballot Monday.
Bell went to court to argue that candidate Stephanie Simmons did not live in the Houston-area district long enough to qualify under state residency requirements. Simmons acknowledged she had voted outside the district in past elections but told the court she had lived in it since November.

NATION Wilmington becomes the first to go digital

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — With the flick of an 8-foot switch at midday Monday, this Southern city became the first market in the U.S. to make the change to digital-only broadcasting.
The switch wasn't really connected to anything, but it did serve as a centerpiece for a downtown ceremony at noon EDT marking the moment that commercial TV broadcasters voluntarily turned off their old-fashioned, inefficient analog signals.
The rest of the nation's full-power television stations won't be converting until Feb. 17, 2009, a date set by Congress.

WORLD Medvedev: Monitors to deploy to Georgia

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev pledged Monday to withdraw Russian troops from key areas of Georgia after 200 European Union monitors are deployed later this month, part of a revised cease-fire agreement to end conflict in the region.
Georgia President Mikhail Saakashvili countered by stressing that any final settlement with Russia must respect Georgia's territorial integrity.
Saakashvili was speaking alongside French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who flew to Tbilisi Monday after meeting with Medvedev in Moscow in an effort to salvage the cease-fire that ended last month's war between Russia and Georgia.

DEATH TOLL
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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began
SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Administrators endorse younger drinking age

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO
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They can vote. They can play the lottery. They can buy cigarettes.
They cannot buy a beer.
Presidents and chancellors from universities across the nation are being asked to sign the Amethyst Initiative, a movement urging elected officials to lower the drinking age to 18 years old.
Since its launch in July by former Middlebury College President John McCardell, administrators from 129 universities have signed the petition.
While many of the universities represented in the movement have relatively small enrollments, most are liberal arts colleges and many are prestigious universities such as Dartmouth College, John Hopkins University and Duke University.



18-YEAR-OLD Emily Williams a freshman mass communications major from Graver, spends time with friends at local bar Bash Riprocks Thursday evening.

West Texas may be following in these universities' footsteps. According to the initiative's Web site, West Texas A&M University President J. Patrick O'Brien signed the initiative. The Amethyst Initiative claims the current drinking age, 21 years, apparently does not curb drunken-driving accidents and binge drinking, according to the Web site. Instead, it causes "unintended DRINKING continued on page 6 >>>

Tech's new president draws from experiences to plan university's future

By MATT MCGOWAN
FEATURES EDITOR

He seemed comfortable surrounded by half-barren bookshelves in his new office in the Administration building.
A Texas Tech baseball cap sat on his desk behind him, its tags still attached.
One might see this proud southerner — a man who said he was 27 years old when he first got on an airplane — walking toward the Student Union Building with headphones in his ears on his way to have lunch in the food court with students.
Guy Bailey, Tech's fifteenth president who took office Aug. 1, said he has an iPod with about 7,000 songs on it. He said most of them are Western Swing, a genre that runs through the blood of the Montgomery, Ala., native.
"I grew up in the South," he said. "I spent most of my adult life in Texas, so this is like coming home for both of us. We knew we'd eventually come back to Texas."
Bailey spoke softly as he recalled afternoons when his father would relax on the front porch in the sticky Alabama air, playing a steel guitar surrounded by other musicians, some of who were in Hank Williams' first band.
Jan Tillery Bailey, Guy's wife and a Tech alumna with more West Texan childhood memories, was born in Slaton as the daughter of two Tech graduates. She grew up



PHOTO BY SAM GRENIER/The Daily Treador
NEW TEXAS TECH president Guy Bailey and his wife Jan Tillery-Bailey pose for a portrait in his office in the administration building Monday afternoon.

in Lubbock and graduated from Tech in 1974 with a degree in English and mass communications.
The couple said they met while doing linguistics research at Texas A&M University and married in 1993.
"That was the first thing I learned after the min-

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Ike set to bypass Keys, but Gulf Coast worries

By BRIAN SKOLOFF
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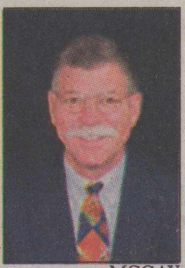
KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Residents in the Florida Keys breathed a sigh of relief Monday as a fierce Hurricane Ike turned west on a path away from the low-lying island chain. But Gulf Coast states watched anxiously to see if the storm was gunning for them instead.
Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center warned that, after passing into the Gulf of Mexico sometime Tuesday night, Ike could make landfall in the U.S. over the weekend near the Texas-Louisiana border, possibly not far from Houston.
Texas Gov. Rick Perry proclaimed disasters in 88 counties to aid storm preparation and put 7,500 National Guard members on standby.
In Louisiana, where thousands remain without power after Hurricane Gustav hit last week, Gov.

Bobby Jindal urged residents to start stockpiling food, water, batteries and other supplies. The state also was readying shelters and making plans for trains, buses and planes in case a coastal evacuation is called later in the week.
"It is still too early to be evacuating certainly, but it is not too early to be making sure you've got food and water and batteries. It's not too early to be checking your car," Jindal said.
With the storm on a new track, Keys officials let an evacuation order expire Monday. By late afternoon Ike had weakened to a Category 1 storm, and a hurricane watch for the island chain was discontinued.
Ike is still supposed to deliver heavy rain and wind, and authorities suggested residents who had left stay away until Wednesday. They said those who stayed behind should remain inside, and tourists should wait for the weekend to return. Roughly
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Commissioner's Court votes to increase county budget, raise property taxes

By JON VANDERLAAN
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The adoption of the 2008-09 Lubbock County budget was controversial for several county residents Monday, as budget and property taxes were raised from last year.
The budget, which featured a \$5.9 million increase from 2007-08, also included a \$3.5 million draw from the reserve funds, and a property tax increase to 33 cents per \$100 of taxable value.
Mike McDougal, president of McDougal Properties, said because this tax increase came at the same time as a tax reduction from the



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city, it will not be as large of a burden, and students will not see an immediate reflection of tax increases in their rent.
McDougal said he expected this increase for a number of years — since the vote for a new jail passed in 2002 — and as the costs for maintaining properties increase, rent must follow.
Although property taxes have increased in recent years, he said his company continually searches for ways to keep costs down, such as installing energy-saving lighting.
"As rents go up, obviously that has an impact on students," McDougal said. "Even a moderate rent increase in Lubbock, com-



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pared to what rents are in the rest of the state and around other college campuses, Lubbock is still a pretty good bargain."
Commissioner Bill McCay said the largest reasons for increases in the budget came from the new jail that will open in the 2008-09 fiscal year and the new responsibility of opening a county medical examiner's office.
With the transition from the current detention center to the new jail, McCay said a tax increase was required, and he hopes this tax increase will cover the entire cost of moving facilities.
He said the number of inmates that will occupy the new facility would hopefully



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offset the cost to run the facility.
"This budget reflects the operation of both facilities with new personnel," McCay said. "But understand that hiring the additional personnel will increase that budget next year, but we're doubling the number of inmates."
The amount being withdrawn from the reserve fund, though contested by several citizens as unnecessary, is not overdrawn the county's funds, McCay said, and he is comfortable with the amount of money remaining in the reserve fund.
Commissioner Patti Jones also said the money taken from the reserve would be replaced, and the reserve fund always retains 25 percent of the set budget.
While the other three commissioners agreed to the budget, Commissioner Ysidro Gutierrez
COUNTY BUDGET continued on page 3 >>>

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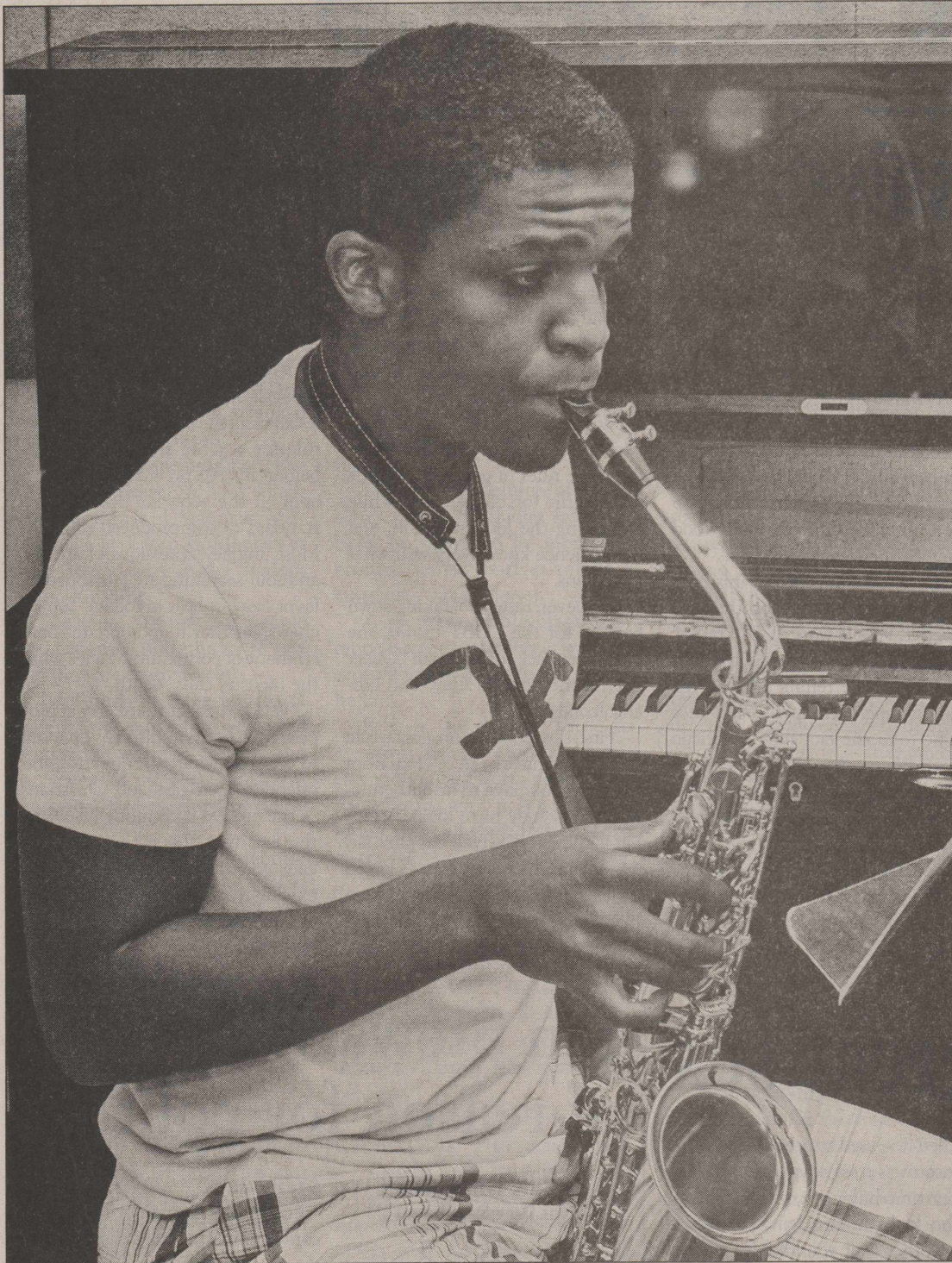


PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Treador

CHRIS RILEY, A junior music education major from Abilene, practices his solo Monday afternoon inside a practice room inside the Music building.

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20,000 tourists left over the weekend when it looked like Ike could make a direct hit.

Many storm-hardened locals just rode out the hype the way they usually do — drinking. Key West residents are a hardy bunch, generations of whom have lived through storms. They typically take a wait-and-see stance.

“Us folks have lived here for years. We worry but we always think it will be OK,” said 80-year-old Barbara Kellner while walking her dog. “And we see the weather report today, and it appears it all will be OK.”

Businesses were not as cavalier. It was the second time in a month vacationers left en masse. Tourists also cleared out of the Keys last month ahead of Tropical Storm Fay, and their departure means a hit to the bottom line. Officials estimate tourists spend about \$175 a day in the Keys. With some 20,000 having fled for Ike, that’s about \$3.5 million for each day they’re gone.

“I think they called the guns out a little too soon. They killed business,” said Deborah Dietrich, the manager of a nearly empty bakery. “Whether we have hurricane ruin or not, there’s financial ruin.”

Dietrich said the Croissants de France bakery would be lucky to tally \$300 in sales for the weekend. They usually bring in more than \$6,000 each day of an average weekend with no storm looming, she said.

Monroe County Mayor Mario Di Gennaro said he didn’t regret telling tourists and residents to get out of town ahead of Ike, though he acknowledged that such orders are costly. He estimated businesses throughout the Keys lost about \$10 million because of evacuations for Tropi-

cal Storm Fay last month.

Ike roared ashore in eastern Cuba Sunday night, blowing homes to rubble and sending waves crashing over apartment buildings. By Monday afternoon, Ike had maximum sustained winds of about 100 mph. The storm was expected to hit Havana early Tuesday.

The storm first slammed into the Turks and Caicos and the southernmost Bahamas islands as a mean Category 4 hurricane that peeled off roofs and knocked down buildings. At least 61 people were killed as it pelted Haiti.

The Federal Emergency Management agency was uncertain about the timing of evacuations along the coast. It would be at least 24 to 48 hours until officials have a clearer picture of Ike’s intended path — and officials need to evacuate communities 48 hours before a storm’s winds kick up.

“That puts us right in middle of when we should be moving people,” Glenn Cannon, FEMA’s head of disaster operations, said Monday.

With the current forecast models, Jindal said he doesn’t anticipate the sort of mass evacuations forced by Gustav, which emptied out most of south Louisiana, including the New Orleans area. A curfew that had been put in place as Gustav approached was lifted by New Orleans officials on Monday.

With Ike, coastal communities vulnerable to tidal surges and larger areas of southwest Louisiana would likely be asked to seek refuge away from their homes.

“Roughly speaking, they think there’s about a one in three chance that the storm will make landfall in Louisiana,” Jindal said. “We’re just getting ready for the worst-case scenario.”

UK jury finds 3 men guilty in terrorist bombing plot

LONDON (AP) — Three British Muslims with ties to Pakistan were found guilty Monday of conspiracy to murder in a terrorist bombing campaign but jurors failed to reach a verdict on whether they plotted to blow up multiple trans-Atlantic airliners with liquid explosives disguised as soft drinks.

The failure to get convictions on the more serious charges was a major setback to the British government, which has struggled to put suspected terrorists behind bars with intelligence from multiple countries.

Last month, government prosecutors failed to convict three other men of helping to plan the deadly London transit bombings of 2005 — the worst attack on Britain’s capital since World War II.

In Monday’s decision, Abdulla Ahmed Ali and co-conspirators Assad Sarwar and Tanvir Hussain were convicted of trying to make a bomb out of hydrogen peroxide.

But the jury struggled to find enough evidence to support prosecutors’ claims that the men planned suicide attacks targeting passenger jets flying from London to major

North American cities.

The three will be sentenced at a later date.

The men were arrested on Aug. 10, 2006 — a date that would go down in history as the day when air travel changed dramatically.

Airports in the United States and Europe ground to a halt with hundreds of flights canceled over security concerns. Planes were stuck on runways for hours. Tempers flared as passengers lined up to surrender carry-on items under new security precautions that severely restricted the quantity of liquids in their luggage — limits that remain in place until today.

Prosecutors said they would consider a request for retrial of the three men. The jury failed to reach verdicts Monday on four other men facing the same charges — Ibrahim Savant, Arafat Waheed Khan, Waheed Zaman and Umar Islam. Prosecutors would consider a retrial for them as well.

An eighth man, Mohammed Gulzar, was found not guilty.

Prosecutor Peter Wright said during the trial that the men

planned to attack United Airlines, American Airlines and Air Canada flights at the height of the 2006 summer vacation season.

British and US intelligence officers said the alleged plot was uncovered during a marathon investigation that led to a number of different sites including a bomb factory in eastern London, British woodlands where chemicals had been dumped, Japan, Mauritius, South Africa and Pakistan’s lawless tribal areas where conversations were intercepted.

Police swooped down and arrested two dozen suspects in dawn raids across Britain on Aug. 10, 2006.

A lawyer for Ali, a 27-year-old computer-systems engineering graduate and the alleged ringleader of the group, insisted last month he was guilty only of planning a childish stunt to make a political point.

Ali told the court they planned to set off a small bomb at a site such as the Houses of Parliament or Heathrow Airport to advertise a propaganda documentary protesting the West’s actions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

County budget ←

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said he would vote against the budget and the increase in property taxes before they even came to a vote.

Gutierrez was the only commissioner to vote against the provisions, and justified this by saying the court is looking to spend the reserve funds on maintenance issues, and will equal a “de facto” tax increase next year as well.

Several citizens expressed these concerns as well, yet the budget passed by a 3-1 vote, and Commissioner Gutierrez cast the dissenting vote.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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

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