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San Antonio going green with sewage

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio is planning to turn the stink of its residents into the sweet green of cash and renewable energy.

The city's San Antonio Water System is going to sell captured methane gas generated from the utility's treatment of 140,000 tons of biosolids, or sewage, from customers each year.

The city-owned utility's board of trustees approved a contract Tuesday to provide at least 900,000 cubic feet of natural gas daily for the next 20 years to Framingham, Mass.-based Ameresco, an energy services company.

NATION

Official: body of 1 worker found

CHESTER, Va. (AP) — The body of one worker was found after part of a retail and residential building under construction in a Richmond suburb collapsed.

Chesterfield County Fire Lt. Matt Coffin said Wednesday he did not know if the body was that of one worker who had not been accounted for. He said crews continue to carefully search the rubble, and have not ruled out the possibility that other workers may be trapped.

WORLD

Pakistan army criticizes US cross-border raid

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's military chief says his country's sovereignty will be defended "at all costs" after a raid by U.S. ground troops near the border with Afghanistan.

In a statement issued Wednesday, Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani says the U.S. raid last week killed innocent civilians and was carried out in violation of agreements between Pakistan and the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan.

Such strikes would only fuel militancy and create mistrust among allies fighting terrorism, Kayani says.

He urged U.S.-led forces to show "strategic patience" and help Pakistan in its fight against terror.

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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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Lubbock could get 1,000 Ike evacuees

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

The frail and elderly were put on buses Wednesday and authorities warned 1 million others to flee inland as Hurricane Ike headed toward the Texas coastline.

Lubbock was supposed to receive its first round of evacuees Wednesday — which could eventually be more than 1,000 people — but instead was put on standby by the state.

"We were thinking 350 to 500 people were going to arrive this afternoon," said Lt. Roy Bassett of the Lubbock Police Department, "but right now we are currently waiting on the official word from the state."

The City Bank Auditorium and Coliseum and the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center are both completely set up to provide

shelter to evacuees, Bassett said. There are currently 503 cots waiting in the Coliseum, and 527 at the Civic Center.

"The plan is to fill up the Coliseum first, then we'll start sending people over to the Civic Center," Bassett said.

The Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport also is currently on standby to receive evacuees fleeing cities in the path of the hurricane, said Renee Whicker, operations supervisor of the airport. Several flights that were supposed to arrive in Lubbock today were cancelled.

"There's a chance we might receive several commercial or military flights (of evacuees)," Whicker said. "We are available if coastline cities need us."

Regularly scheduled flights will not be affected if evacuees

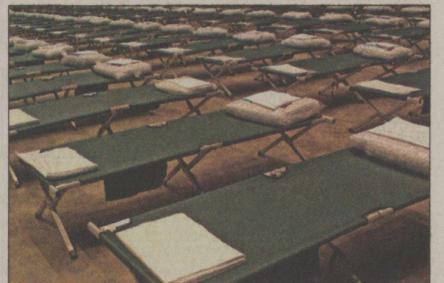


PHOTO BY KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreador COTS ARE SET up inside the Citibank Coliseum waiting to be used for Hurricane Ike evacuees.

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WRACK 'EM

Tech Billiards Club competes throughout Texas



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

MEMBERS OF THE Texas Tech Billiards Club meet for the first time at Monday evening Fast Eddie's.

By LAURA WALTZER STAFF WRITER

Billiards fans? Yes, there's a student organization for them, too.

The Texas Tech Billiards Club holds its weekly meetings, practices and competitions for anyone wishing to compete.

"We meet every Monday at 7 p.m. for a quick 15-minute meeting, depending on how many people are there," said Ronjan Mathur, the club's president and a senior electrical engineering major from Houston. "After the meeting, a lot of the players like to stick around and practice for a little while."

The club consists of 20 to 25 members who are welcome to go to Fast Eddie's Billiards, a bar where the group meets, at any time during the week for personal or club practice.

Fast Eddie's Billiards, in cooperation with Tech's Billiards Club, hosts local tournaments throughout the Panhandle, welcoming all skill levels.

"Every team has a handicap," Mathur said, "so any player is more than welcome to join the club and compete."

With signs posted around town and at the American Pool Players Association, which has a local branch of its professional league, competition gets pretty intense, Mathur said.

Along with local tournaments, Mathur said, the Billiards Club travels around Texas for collegiate tournaments against schools such as University of Texas, Texas A&M and Baylor, to name a few.

Tech provides the funding for the tournaments, including hotel costs, entry fees and, depending on the prior costs, gas, said Matt Kindley, a 21-year-old member of the club and a junior computer engineering major from Fort Worth.

"The best tournament by far is held at the University of North Texas," Kindley said. "Placement in every division — in first, second, or third

BILLIARDS continued on page 6

Tech student arrested, released for failure to stop and render aid

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

A Texas Tech student is awaiting a grand jury date after being charged with failure to stop and render aid, a felony.

Lubbock police suspect Cameron Livesay of fleeing the scene of an accident after a Lubbock resident, John David Elam, was struck and killed by a vehicle August 30.

Livesay was taken to jail by Lubbock police after turning himself in Tuesday night.

Sgt. Mike Steen of the Lubbock Police Department said the department still is investigating the case, but believes Livesay was behind the wheel of the vehicle when it struck the Lubbock man.

On Wednesday, Steen could only confirm a vehicle struck Elam and he was pronounced dead after being taken to a local hospital. He also said Livesay turned himself in Tuesday — the day the warrant was issued.

Livesay was released on bail Wednesday, according to officials at the Lubbock County Jail.

Capt. Greg Stevens with Lubbock police said Livesay has been confirmed as the owner of the vehicle the department suspects hit Elam.

Stevens said an investigating officer on the case found potential witnesses and contacted body shops to find the vehicle.

Cpl. Jeanelle Taveau, the investigating officer, was not immediately available for comment.

Stevens said there are still many unknowns in the case.

"It's one of those deals that, obviously, the suspect is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law," he said. "There's a lot of dynamics involved at this point."

Although no court date has been set, Stevens said, an arrest is usually followed by an indictment from a grand jury.

Tom Brummett, lead prosecutor for the case at the Lubbock County District Attorney's office, said failure to stop and render aid is a felony that is not categorized with other felonies, but is generally thought to be equal to a third-degree felony.

He said those found guilty could spend up to a year in county jail or up to five years in a state penitentiary.

Failure to stop and render aid is defined as when a person is involved in an accident and leaves the scene before law enforcement officials arrive, Brummett said, regardless of fault.

No decision on a possible plea bargain has been made because the investigation is still in its early stages, he said. Although the date has not been set yet, the case will be brought before a grand jury, when the suspect may be indicted.

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Scientists beaming after historical test of big atom smasher in Europe

By ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS ASSOCIATED PRESS

GENEVA (AP) — A small blip on a computer screen sent champagne corks popping among physicists in Switzerland. Near Chicago, researchers at a "pajama party" who watched via satellite let out an early morning cheer.

The blip was literally of cosmic proportions, representing a new tool to probe the birth of

the universe.

The world's largest atom smasher passed its first test Wednesday as scientists said their powerful tool is almost ready to reveal how the tiniest particles were first created after the "big bang," which many theorize was the massive explosion that formed the stars, planets and everything.

Rivals and friends turned out in the wee hours at Fermilab in Batavia, Ill., in pajamas to watch

the event by a special satellite connection. Joining in from around the world were other physicists — many of whom may one day work on the new Large Hadron Collider.

Tension mounted in the five control rooms at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, as scientists huddled around computer screens. After a few trial runs, they fired a beam of protons clockwise around the 17-mile tunnel of the collider

deep under the rolling fields along the Swiss-French border. Then they succeeded in sending another beam in the opposite, counterclockwise direction.

The physicists celebrated with champagne when the white dots flashed on the blue screens of the control room, showing a successful crossing of the finish line on the \$10 billion machine under planning since 1984.

"The first technical challenge has been met," said a jubilant

Robert Aymar, director-general of CERN. "What you have just seen is the result of 20 years of effort. It all went like clockwork. Now it's for the physicists to show us what they can do."

"They are ready to go for discoveries," Aymar said. "Man has always shown he wants to know where he comes from and where he will go, where the universe comes from and where it will go. So here we're looking at essential questions for mankind."

Weather forecast for Today, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Includes high/low temperatures and icons for showers and storms.

# Officials believe Renegades failure a result of poor community support

By **ADAM COLEMAN AND MATT MCGOWAN**  
THE DAILY TOREADOR

Tuesday's announcement that Lubbock will lose its Renegades arena football franchise to some demonstrates the Hub City's lack of support for professional sports

franchises. After two seasons in Lubbock, the team will hang up its cleats, an end to another chapter in the book of failed professional sports franchises in the city.

Approximately 30 job losses will result from the team going under, said Shana Carr, assistant general manager of the franchise.

Among the unemployed will be players, coaches, full-time staff and trainers.

"The overall assumption is pretty much that there was just a lack of overall community involvement," she said. "Where we were just wasn't where it needed to be going into their third season."

Despite promising season ticket renewals at the end of the 2008 season in August in which the team made it to the playoffs, a lack of local investment and community interest in the team ultimately led to its discontinuation of operations, she said.

"This is a very good market for a potential sports franchise," he said. "I think any team has the ability to do well here. It's just a matter of the community rallying around the team early, not after it's been here for a while, but immediately."

While Lubbock's market is large enough to support teams like the Renegades, said Lubbock Chamber of Commerce President Eddie McBride, such teams' competition with Tech's athletic teams may have played a role in the franchise's "disappointing" closure.

"The competition is keen even though that is a different type of competition," he said. "It's a different level and different types of sports."

Carr, however, said she does not think competition with Tech played a role in the Renegades' folding.

"We really felt like we had a different product than them," Carr said. "Ours is really geared more towards entertainment and family and things outside of just what's going on in the field."

With a population of about 173,000, Amarillo's arena football franchise, the Dusters, is not facing the same fate as the Renegades, said Ian Isaacson, a spokesperson for the Amarillo team.

"I think we'll be here for a while," he said.

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce hopes to see another professional sports team come into town, McBride said, though

he couldn't say when that might happen.

"I've been here long enough to know," he said. "I've seen the Crickets. I've seen the Cotton Kings, and now I've seen the Renegades. I do not know what it will take for teams of that nature to live and thrive in this town."

While Carr shared McBride's frustration about the city's loss of the Renegades, she said she does not share his optimism.

"I personally feel, and I know that the organization feels, that it's probably going to be a very long time before this town sees another professional sports franchise," she said. "I really think it's going to be a while before Lubbock is able to field another sports team of any kind."

Renegades coach Rodney Blackshear is still busy even though the franchise folded.

Being a former Tech player with contacts in the AFL, Blackshear is making an effort in support of his former players. Currently, his goal is to help many of his players land in the Arena Football League.

Former Tech players Ken Scott and Grant Walker were on the Renegades roster during the 2008 season.

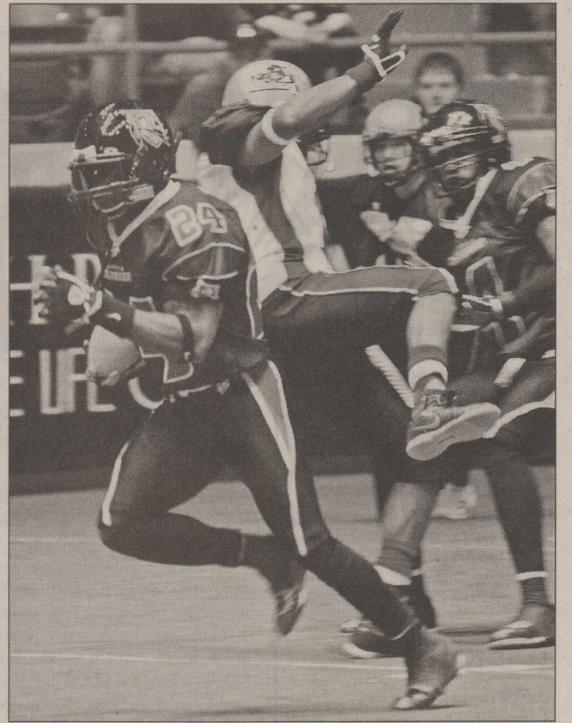
As far as Blackshear is concerned, the goal is the same for Scott and Walker.

Blackshear said since players sign one-year deals in the arena football league, they have an easier time finding their way back into football.

He said once the Renegades franchise folded, teams from the AFL wanted a chance to sign some of the players left without a job.

"Right now, a lot of the AFL teams, which is the big leagues for us, started calling about the guys," he said. "I know for a fact Ken Scott signed with a team in Tampa last year and it's quite a few teams interested in him and his services going into next season. He has the potential of moving up."

Scott was an offensive linemen for the Renegades although he was a defensive tackle under Leach from 2003-06. The Renegades'



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador  
THE LUBBOCK RENEGADES franchise folding leaves many players hoping to continue playing football in the AFL for a different team.

2008 season was the one year he played for the team.

Walker was a receiver for Tech and doubled as a defensive back for the Renegades. He played for Tech for the 2006 and 2007 seasons, as he was a transfer from Purdue. His experience with the Renegades was short with 2008 as his rookie season.

Blackshear said although Walker did not get much experience, his shot at more football in the future is as much a possibility as anyone's on the team.

"For the most part every guy thinks they have a chance to move up," he said. "The thing is, they have to work harder than others to get there. Sometimes no matter how good you are, you're not going to get that chance because it's so many opportunities out there. There's no guy that plays here that

says, 'This is it for me.'"

Although the players played in the AFL, they still had part-time jobs; some worked at Wal-Mart and radio stations, Blackshear said.

The Tech coaching staff was most excited about the Renegades because it gave its former players opportunities at jobs and an opportunity to do what they love best.

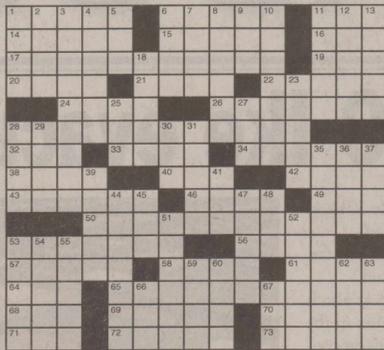
Although it was an advantage to have a place where his former players could continue, Tech coach Mike Leach said the fold might have been for the best.

"Anybody that plays football, I think it's beneficial to all of us," he said. "Gave a couple of our guys jobs. I'm sure the ownership looked at all the options and did what they felt was the right thing."

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## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 \$\$ in banks
  - 6 FDR's biographer
  - 11 Card game for two
  - 14 Hogwash!
  - 15 Mongol invader
  - 16 One of the Gershwins
  - 17 Start of a quip
  - 19 Animal house?
  - 20 Margarine
  - 21 Like a busybody
  - 22 Sandal strap
  - 24 Mennen shaving product
  - 26 Eroded
  - 28 Part 2 of quip
  - 32 Aardvark's tidbit
  - 33 Blues singer James
  - 34 Light noshes
  - 38 Editor's instruction
  - 40 Part 3 of quip
  - 42 she blows!
  - 43 Greeley or Mann
  - 46 Top-rated
  - 49 Cellular stuff
  - 50 Dry, red wine
  - 56 Scrapes (out)
  - 57 Dentist's direction
  - 58 CI quadrupled
  - 61 AAA advice
  - 64 Building annex
  - 65 End of quip
  - 68 Foamy brew
  - 69 Lace cap
  - 70 Video game name
  - 71 Colo. clock setting
  - 72 Planted items
  - 73 Stupely with desire
- DOWN**
- 1 Chan's words
  - 2 Neatol
  - 3 Follow
  - 4 Hit one's drive
  - 5 Pathetic starter?



By Alan P. Olschwang  
Huntington Beach, CA 9/11/08

### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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are routed to Lubbock, Whicker said.

Drawing energy from the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the strengthening storm was expected

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to blow ashore early Saturday somewhere between Corpus Christi and Houston, with some forecasts saying it could become a fearsome Category 4, with winds of at least 131 mph.

Such a storm could cause a storm surge of 18 feet in Matagorda Bay and four to eight feet in Galveston Bay, emergency officials warned. The surge in Galveston Bay could push floodwaters into Houston, damaging areas that include the nation's biggest refinery and NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Four counties south and east of

Houston announced mandatory or voluntary evacuations, and authorities began moving weak and chronically ill patients by bus to San Antonio, about 190 miles from Houston. No immediate evacuations were ordered in Harris County.

Johnny Greer, a 54-year-old retired plant operator at Dow Chemical Corp., boarded up his house a mile from the Gulf of Mexico in Brazoria County and planned to hit the road, according to the Associated Press.

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# Tech professor speaks biodefense to U.N.

By MATT COBB  
STAFF WRITER

When the United Nations needed information on biodefense, one Texas Tech professor was willing to share her knowledge.

Vickie Sutton, a law professor at Tech, spoke to members of the U.N. last month at the Meeting of Experts for the Biological Weapons Convention in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Meeting of the Experts is a one-week convention where experts in the field of biodefense come from around the world to inform members of the U.N. on current global biosafety issues, according to the United Nations Office in Geneva's Web site. This was a preparatory convention for the U.N. Meeting of States Parties, which is scheduled in December.

"The people who agree to be bound by the terms of this convention are not going to engage in any kind of biological weapons program," Sutton said, "and they're going to pass legislation in their own country to prevent individuals from engaging in the production or use or possession of biological weapons."

Sutton gave two presentations about biodefense research involved at the convention, she said.

"I was invited to share my knowledge in biosafety and bioscience law and ethics," said Sutton, according to a Tech news release. "I discussed two areas of legal research

in those fields."

The first presentation Sutton gave outlined the results of a national survey that was conducted by Tech's Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy, she said. In the survey biodefense researchers from the United States were asked questions regarding how well they think the current biosafety and biosecurity regulations are working.

Survey questions the researchers were asked included how safely biological agents are handled in their laboratories, how the agents are restricted and how they monitor the people who have access to the agents, Sutton said. The information from this survey will be used by the U.N. to analyze different approaches countries around the world are using to regulate biosafety.

The second presentation Sutton gave was about several new international health regulations that were recently adopted by the World Health Organization, she said. These are the first regulations that are actually enforceable by the World Health Organization, which is part of the U.N. system.

"This is the first time the World Health Organization has had binding regulations," Sutton said.

Tech was one of only three universities in the nation that had a representative attend this meeting, she said. The other universities that had representatives in attendance were George Mason University and the University of Maryland.



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

VICKIE SUTTON, A professor at the Texas Tech School of Law, recently returned from a Biological Weapons Convention in Geneva, Switzerland where she advised members of the United Nations.

"Both the University of Maryland and George Mason University have programs in biodefense," Sutton said. "None of (the representa-

# Cotton burs caught smoking in Ag. Sciences building

Smoking is not permitted in buildings at Texas Tech, but two trays of cotton burs broke this rule shortly after 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Agricultural Sciences building.

Lubbock firefighters, EMS and Tech police responded to the basement of the building where two trays of cotton burs were smoking and smoldering in an industrial oven, said Corey McCleskey with the Lubbock Fire Department.

No injuries or serious damage were caused by the accident, McCleskey said, and firefighters spent less than an hour ventilating the smoke-filled basement.

He said he was not aware of any concern of the smoke posing a danger to people in the area.

Darren Hudson, a professor in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics who was in the basement at the time of the incident, said the cotton burs were being dried in an oven and somehow started smoldering, producing "a lot of smoke, but no fire."

Hudson said the cotton was likely being dried as part of a project conducted by Harlan Thorvilson, a professor in the department of plant and soil sciences.

Thorvilson could not be contacted before this story was posted.

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KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreador  
THESE TRAYS OF burned cotton burs were the cause of smoke that led to the evacuation of the Agriculture Sciences building on Wednesday afternoon.

# U.S. Defense chiefs: Afghan fighting is getting harder

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even with American troops headed soon from an increasingly quiet Iraq to a more turbulent Afghanistan, defeating extremists in Afghanistan is growing more complex and more urgent, President Bush's senior defense advisers say.

"Frankly, we are running out of time," Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the House Armed Services Committee Wednesday, referring to the international effort to stabilize Afghanistan.

"I'm not convinced we're winning in Afghanistan," said Mullen, adding quickly, "I'm convinced we can."

What is needed, he said, is better Afghan governance, more foreign investment, a viable alternative to poppy farming, greater cooperation with Pakistan and more U.S. nonmilitary assistance.

Mullen and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, testifying together one day after President Bush announced that one Marine battalion and one Army brigade would be shifted from Iraq to Afghanistan this fall and winter, both stressed the futility of relying too much on military power in Afghanistan.

"We cannot kill our way to victory," Mullen said.

Gates did not address the issue of whether U.S. forces are winning, but after the hearing his press secretary, Geoff Morrell said Gates sees the conflict as an ill-fated attempt by the Taliban to overthrow the government.

"The secretary believes we won the war in Afghanistan back in 2001-2002 when we drove the Taliban from power," Morrell said. "They no longer run the country. They no longer con-

trol any significant territory within the country; however they are trying to reassert themselves ... and they will not be successful."

U.S. commanders in Afghanistan said they need another 10,000 troops — about three times as many as they will receive this winter under the troop deployment Bush announced. The commanders also urge more nonmilitary aid and said the Afghan government must perform better.

Gates said the insurgency in Afghanistan has gained "greater ambition, sophistication and coordination" since 2006, and he underlined the importance of denying them haven in neighboring Pakistan.

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## Why watching Fox News makes me sick

By now, everyone has heard an earful about the Fox News channel, the skull-and-bones flagship of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. empire. Over President Bush's two terms, as the national media mostly lapped up every ounce of milk poured into their kitty bowls, it was Fox News that was the swaggering, oversized leader of the gang with everyone involved from Bill O'Reilly up to the so-called anchors, whom achieved (and still do achieve) a more subtle, more malicious level of nastiness.

It's been a joy to watch the channel in free-fall lately after their obvious hopes for a Rudy Giuliani presidency collapsed. (Have you ever heard so many straight-faced people say the phrase "America's Mayor"?)

But, there isn't only a national Fox News, but little local Fox News channels all over the nation. This is what really bothers me.

Local news is inherently humdrum in most places, including Lubbock. When most Americans switch on the television at five o'clock or six o'clock (or maybe a re-run at 11 p.m.) they expect to view, say, two

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serious stories — a bank robbery, a car accident and a few pieces with a lighter touch; something to ease the mind a bit about all the troubles in the world.

Local news channels, after all, usually don't have correspondents all over the country, much less the world, to report on news outside their town. It's a basic tenet of journalism that in order to write about an event, you have to be there, or you have to quote everything to a bystander, which no one likes to do.

But in this digital age — this age of corporate humongous-ness — local news channels are increasingly owned by the same behemoths that own the cable stations. This is certainly true at Fox. The local Fox news channel reflects both the conservative bias and, more especially, the sloppy cavalier attitude toward journalism

of their cable brethren.

To fully appreciate this, one cannot simply go online. One must tune in and watch. Note how many of the news stories feature interviews in which the person being interviewed may or may not be identified. Usually it's the latter. The interview also happens to be the main conduit for biased reporting at Fox. But look, first, at who is introducing the story. Because so much of what's wrong with journalism can be seen in the face of Jeff Klotzman, the anchor and news director of Fox 34.

I mean that literally. Watch his facial expressions as he introduces a story. He wears a preternaturally furrowed brow and a wide, narrow grin, the end result being that you feel he's usually scoffing at what he's reading

aloud. It's an unusual approach to the anchor job — not an expression of careful compassion, a la Brian Williams — but one of utter disdain. This isn't necessarily unethical, but

it's strange. But that's only until he gets to talk about something he loves, like Sarah Palin.

With statements such as "Sarah Palin has got Republicans absolutely beaming" and quoting a Lubbock resident at the Republican National Convention as saying "Republicans are behind Sarah Palin one hundred percent," and repeating such things throughout a recent broadcast, Klotzman makes clear his opinion on the subject. When he said the thing about beaming Republicans, a video came up of unnamed Lubbock residents talking about how

great they think Sarah Palin is.

Let me make this point clear: showing sound bites from three "people on the street," unnamed no less, does not give you the right to proclaim that "many Lubbockites" are doing anything. And yet, Fox 34 resorts to this style of journalism every night. I call it lazy journalism, but you could call it something worse. "Many Lubbockites are excited about Sarah Palin!" and suddenly Klotzman just has the biggest smile in the world. He is truly an expert.

But it isn't just the locally produced stories that exude that distinct Fox flavor. In fact, when it comes to national and international news, it's often passed down and swallowed whole. This is, as I said earlier, what bothers me most.

We live in an age where a massive company can work up a video, send it to news affiliates across the nation, and that very night have a guaranteed audience for their — let's call it what it is — propaganda. This system is efficient, quick and disturbing. And when you make sure the anchors at your local stations are on board, with little interest in maintaining basic

tenets of ethical journalism, it only greases the wheels.

Currently, News Corp. is spinning those wheels full-stop in order to get John McCain elected — or rather, to prevent Barack Obama from being elected. (If John McCain had picked a horse for a running mate, I bet Jeff Klotzman and "Republicans everywhere" would still have been beaming about it, at least on camera.) Because when you hitch all your wagons to a star that falls — George W. Bush, in Fox's case — you find yourself grasping for other stars, any star, on your way down.

But whether McCain or Obama wins the election, journalists everywhere should be reminded that while it may be uncomfortable to bite the hand the feeds you, this sticky situation might be avoided by simply not letting the hand feed you anything at all.

Long live independence in journalism: don't watch Fox News.

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## Palin: Tough pit bull with lipstick

Last week the Republican presidential candidate, Senator John McCain, made a surprising and electrifying choice for his vice presidential running mate.

He looked far and wide to find a candidate that would do several things: share his want for reform, strengthen and energize the Republican base and reaffirm his status as a 'maverick.' That person was Alaska governor Sarah Palin. She has immediately become the star of the Republican Party and is now the most talked about woman in America — a fact that has to have Hillary feeling a bit envious.

Sarah Palin is a member of the National Rifle Association and a strong Christian, so I guess that she is one of those bitter Americans that Democratic candidate Barack Obama claims "cling to their guns and religion with antipathy toward those who are not like them." Well, as a proud "clinger" myself, I consider that more of a compliment than an insult.

Mrs. Palin combines the looks of Tina Fey with a reputation that is enough to make anyone step back and get out of her way. A woman that fishes for salmon, hunts for moose, can run a marathon in under four hours, win Miss Congeniality, be first runner-up in the Miss Alaska pageant, and wrangle five kids while running a state definitely is someone to take notice of.

But with all of her positive attributes she does bring some baggage to the table; like her teenage daughter that is pregnant and unmarried — a fact that has little relevance to her quest for government office but does provide tabloids with material for a few weeks. Or the idea that she is supposedly "too inexperienced" to be vice president since she has only been governor for two years, even though she was first elected to public office a full five years before Obama.

What I find amusing — and at the same time disparaging — is the vast amount of hypocrisy that has come with the criticisms of this outstanding woman. For example, is Gov. Palin not exactly what feminists have wanted all women to be for years? She is a mother that has been able to balance the insane workload of being a parent of five while not allowing her male counterparts make her irrelevant. But yet the feminist groups are some of her biggest assailants. I guess it's only OK to be a strong woman if you belong to the same party as Clinton.

Also, what is wrong with Oprah? Sarah Palin is the most popular woman in America right now and yet Oprah doesn't want her to appear on her show because she "doesn't want to render her show to promote any politics," even though Michelle and Barack have made appearances on her daytime talk show. To some observers, Oprah has officially chosen her race over her gender — an idea that is sure to not sit well with

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many white women, which make up a significant majority of her viewing audience.

The greatest thing about Gov. Palin's nomination to be the next vice president is that it exposes the left wing mainstream media for what it is. In 48 hours after the announcement that she would be John McCain's running mate, she was asked more questions by the "news" organizations about her past and history than Obama was asked about his history in the whole 19 months that he has been running for president.

How come Obama is rarely asked questions about the church that he has attended for over 20 years where his preacher, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, regularly professes that white people are evil and work to suppress black rights, and also is on record as saying in a sermon that the U.S. motto is not 'God Bless America' but is 'God \*expletive\* America.'

Also, why has Obama never had to answer a question about his good friend Tony Rezko, who is now a convicted felon?

The bias of the media is both obvious and outlandish; I agree that there should be public scrutiny of the candidates' records, but there should be equal scrutiny.

If a television program is going to claim to be a news program then they should report the news and ask the tough questions of every candidate. If that is too hard for them to do then they should just admit that they are a leftist opinion show and quit disgracing all the reputable journalists out there who are trying to report the actual news.

Gov. Palin has just been the most recent victim of a biased media. Thankfully, in her speech at the RNC she was able to speak and appeal directly to the American people, and the American people responded.

According to Rasmussen polling after the convention, over half of all that watched her speech gained a more favorable opinion of her and now 48 percent of people believe that the media is directly trying to attack her character to sabotage the McCain campaign.

The gig is up. Americans realize that they can no longer trust what they hear from the mainstream media. I am wholeheartedly content that John McCain chose Gov. Palin to be his running mate, if only for the reason that the attacks on her have exposed the true motives of the media.

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## 90210 or Upper East Side, the rich and the pouty rule TV

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The most surprising thing about The CW's 90210 reboot isn't the on-screen blowjob that occurs just six minutes and 41 seconds into its pilot. It's also not the fact that the latter-day Walsh family, here renamed the Wilsons, have an adopted son who's African American — call him Brendan, or, Dixon.

It isn't even the way that West Beverly High is somehow mounting a production of Spring Awakening, a musical that'd be near-impossible for any high school to stage since it's still on Broadway and its rights haven't been released. Oh, and because it includes scenes of masturbation, onstage sex and a song entitled "Totally F\*\*\*\*\*."

No, the most remarkable thing about 90210 is even more shocking — it's good. Maybe not Gossip Girl good, but certainly better than the train wreck it had the potential to be. The show's writing is fairly snappy — it helps that Arrested Development's Jessica Walter is on hand, basically reprising the boozy matriarch she played flawlessly on that late, lamented Fox comedy — its production values are high, and its cast is fresh-faced and energetic. Anna Lynne McCord's bitchy Naomi could become the most fabulous mean girl since golden age Kelly Taylor herself.

If 90210's quality doesn't take a drastic downturn between its premiere and the most recent episode, The CW may have done something nearly impossible by creating a show that actually lives up to its hype.

This is good news for the fledgling network, which arose, phoenix-style, out of the ashes of The WB and UPN in 2006. Since the merging of those two disparate channels — The WB was known for teen-friendly fare like Gilmore Girls, while UPN leaned more towards sitcoms like Girlfriends and Half & Half — The CW's been suffering from an acute identity crisis. Last year, its primetime schedule was filled with a hodgepodge of shows that had nothing in common — the Buffy-esque supernatural comedy Reaper, the syrupy family drama Life Is Wild, and WB and UPN leftovers like Everybody Hates Chris and One Tree Hill.

With 90210, as well as Privileged, which premiered Tuesday, and Stylista, which premieres October 22, The CW seems finally to have found its niche. These three new shows all have one important thing in common — following the archetype established by Gossip Girl, they take place in a world filled with glamour, scandal, and dazzling wealth. Shows that focus on the lifestyles of the rich and pouty

leans more toward the comedic than the dramatic, and Stylista is a reality show, these four series are otherwise so similar in tone and style that it'll be tough for The CW to attract a wide audience for them.

The network's meager ratings prove this to be true, providing a sober counterpoint to the bold, cheeky advertising campaigns that make it sound like everyone's talking about CW shows. 90210's premiere set CW records, drawing 4.9 million viewers: That number is paltry, though, when compared to the other networks: a rerun of Two and a Half Men that aired Monday, August 25 on CBS drew

9 million viewers. Even Gossip Girl, the series that's landed the covers of magazines like Entertainment Weekly and New York, averaged only 2.6 million viewers per episode last season.

It's ironic that a channel that so noticeably bases its programming around the allure of wealth may itself soon go bankrupt. According to the Wall Street Journal, last year, The CW's ratings declined a staggering 28%. If the

network can't turn a profit this year, it may soon vanish into television history, leaving our screens a little glummer and a lot less campy.

So please, for everyone's sake, watch 90210. With your help, maybe Beverly Hills 2.0 will become the hit it needs to be to save The CW from extinction. The future of an entire network rests on the tanned, toned shoulders of a few brats from West Beverly High — and it's up to us to make sure they have the opportunity to keep back-stabbing and bitch-slapping for years to come.

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# HSC accepts simulation center donation



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DR. SHARON DECKER, PROFESSOR and director of Clinical Simulations, shows off "Harvey" a cardiopulmonary patient simulator at a press conference inside the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

BY JON VANDERLAAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center accepted a donation Wednesday from F Marie Hall that will be allocated to fund a new simulation center.

The donation, for which the amount was undisclosed, will help fund the F Marie Hall Clinical Simulation Center, a 26,000 square foot facility that will be located next to the Academic Classroom building at the Health Sciences Center.

The new center is expected to open May 2010.

Rick Bliss, president of the HSC Student Government Association, said the new simulation center would revolutionize health care provider education at the Health Sciences Center.

"It's mannequins that can simulate a real clinical environment," Bliss said, "and so it will give the students a state of the art opportunity to be able to practice and perfect skills in a simulated clinical setting."

Hall has donated time, money and has had a direct impact on HSC students, Bliss said, and this is another example of that dedication to the Health Sciences Center.

While the Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing primarily runs the current simulation center, he said, the new center could bring students from many different focuses at the HSC together so they can work in a simulation environment.

ter on a national stage and will increase recruitment.

"If you can put a value on education, it will surely increase the learning outcomes of the students that get to utilize it," he said.

Sharon Decker, the director of the clinical simulation center, said simulation is important to be integrated in curricula because it allows students to develop skills before they interact with patients.

One of the new technologies that will be incorporated in the center, Decker said, is a simulation responsive to instructor

interaction. For example, instructors may change the condition of a patient while observing students through a one-way mirror.

She said this center will allow students to have more varied experiences during the simulations, and will be an interdisciplinary center that will be open for use by any student in the Health Sciences Center. The current facility is 8,000 square feet compared

to the planned 26,000 square feet of the new facility.

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# North Korea has second missile site

WASHINGTON (AP) — North Korea has quietly built a long-range missile base that is larger and more capable than an older and well-known launch pad for intercontinental ballistic missiles, according to independent analysts relying on new satellite images of the site and other data. Analysts provided images of the previously secret site to The Associated Press.

Construction on the site on North Korea's west coast began at least eight years ago, according to Joseph S. Bermudez, Jr., senior analyst with Jane's Information Group, and Tim Brown

with Talent-keyhole.com, a private satellite imagery analysis company. Bermudez first located the site in early spring and they have tracked its construction using commercial and unclassified satellite imagery.

"The primary purpose of the facility is to test," Bermudez told The Associated Press in an interview last week. A base capable of a long-range test could obviously be used in wartime to launch a missile that carried a warhead.

"This is a clear indication North Korea is continuing its ballistic missile development program," Bermudez said.

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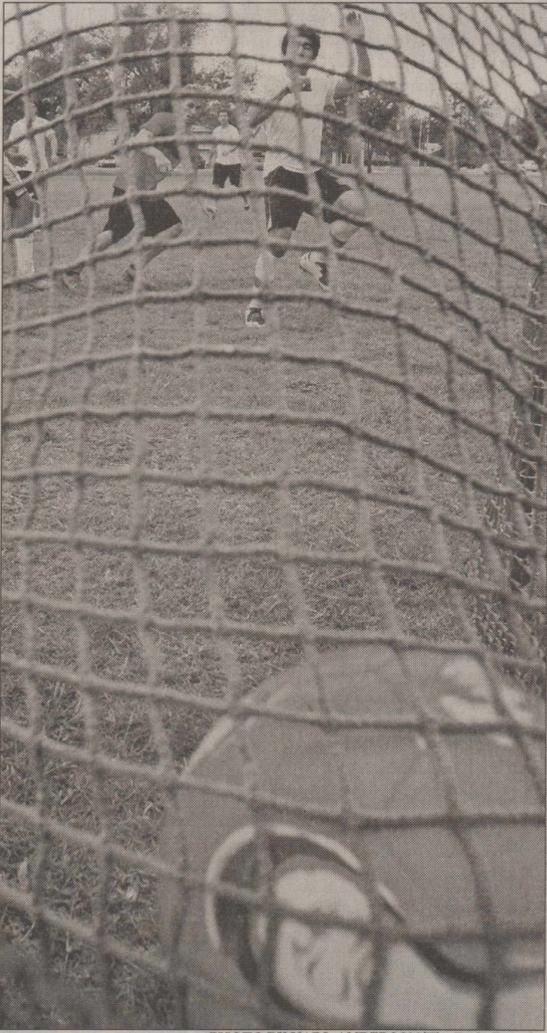


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## UC Berkeley community reacts to end of tree-sit

By **STEPHANIE M. LEE**  
DAILY CALIFORNIAN (UC-BERKELEY)

By the time dusk fell on Piedmont Avenue on the campus of UC Berkeley Tuesday, the sawdust was settling, the crowds were quieting and Zachary RunningWolf was leaving. And he was taking something with him—a tattered, brightly colored banner that read “Broken Treaty.”

“It’s going to find a home,” said the perennial mayoral candidate who, on one cold dawn in December 2006, climbed up the oak grove near UC Berkeley’s Memorial Stadium and launched the longest urban tree-sit in history. “Another tree, another movement.”

The movement that inspired the banner and drew national media attention ended yesterday, as four activists descended from a lone redwood. They and other tree-sitters spent nearly 21 months protesting the \$124 million athletic center proposed by the campus, which finished removing all but one tree yesterday.

For a few individuals throughout the campus and city who were involved from the start, they are now reflecting on those 648 days as exciting at times, frustrating at others and, above all, exhausting.

“We all lost something today,” said RunningWolf, the protest’s unofficial leader, as he gazed at the newly cleared ground. “Those trees had 648 days of being loved.”

Farther down Piedmont Avenue, which for now remains lined with makeshift tents and the activists who built them, UC Berkeley staff member and long-time tree-sit supporter Janette Reid stood with tears in her eyes. There will be other causes in the future, she said, but she poured her time, energy and money into this one in particular.

“I reconnected with activists and new people of all ages,” she said of the nearly two years she spent cooking and caring for the protesters. “I treasure all this.”

Many ground supporters will probably leave the sidewalk in the coming days, said Erik “Ayr” Eisenberg. He emerged as the protest’s unofficial spokesperson, often facilitating communication between police, campus officials and the tree-sitters.

For Dan Mogulof, UC Berkeley’s executive director of public affairs, the protest’s end yesterday comes as a huge relief.

Mogulof spoke on campus officials’ behalf on nearly every issue dealing with the proposed athletic training center, the fierce legal battle it ignited and the tree-sit that lasted much longer than anticipated.

“The media really focused on and had an almost insatiable appetite for what they saw as a possibility for conflict,” he said. “There was never as much attention to the underlying conflict—why we wanted to build, what we wanted to build, where we wanted to build it.”

With the tree-sit in the past, UC Berkeley officials are adding up their costs for the past 21 months. In total, the campus invested \$1.5 million in protest security efforts, and has yet to release its legal expenses. Its proposed training center has faced lawsuits from three groups—the city of Berkeley, the Panoramic Hill Association and the California Oak Foundation.

“It is a shame we had to utilize so many resources to deal with this,” said UCPD Assistant Chief Mitch Celaya. “We had a lot of other things going on, like football games, violent crimes and the day-to-day duties we’re responsible for keeping the campus safe and secure. I am happy, so to speak, that we’re now hopefully moving beyond this.”

But for UC Berkeley student Matthew Taylor, there won’t be a conclusion until he writes it down.

## WELD TO-DO



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PALOMA LIDZY, A junior sculpture/jewelry major from Mexico, practices welding in her Intro to Metal Fabrication class outside of the art building Monday morning.

## Billiards

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(place) — gets a pool cue.”

Though plenty of schools around Texas compete, Tech’s reputation extends beyond the Panhandle.

“We’re one of, if not the best team in the state,” Kindley said. “We have a lot more advantages through our coaching, mock tournaments and various activities throughout the year.”

For the first time in the club’s history, two professionals and a man who is considered the best player in Lubbock have offered to give the club a few pointers, Mathur said. Having this kind of opportunity would help improve the team.

Along with the professional coaching, mock tournaments help less-experienced players understand their exact stand-



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THOMAS MOBLEY, A freshman exercise and sport sciences major from Austin, plays nine ball pool after a Texas Tech Billiards club meeting at Fast Eddies Monday.

ings for upcoming tournaments.

“The mock tournaments are a great advantage,” Kindley said. “The players have an atmosphere of a real tournament, so learning their skill level and understanding their handicap is key before actually competing.”

This past Monday was the club’s first meeting for the semester. Any interested members are more than welcome to attend next week’s meeting or contact Ronjan Mathur, club president, at [ronjan.mathur@ttu.edu](mailto:ronjan.mathur@ttu.edu).

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# Brady going down leaves NFL full of mediocre quarterbacks

The NFL is a quarterback-driven league. Don't believe that statement? Maybe you should take a look at the list of Super Bowl-winning quarterbacks in the last 15 years.

That list includes the names of legendary players including John Elway, Brett Favre, Tom Brady, Peyton Manning, Troy Aikman and Steve Young. Names such as Kurt Warner, Ben Roethlisberger and most recently, Eli Manning is even on that list.

The only sub-par quarterbacks to lead their team to a title are Brad Johnson with the 2002-03 Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Trent Dilfer with the 2000-01 Baltimore Ravens. What you should know about those two teams is how strong their defenses were.

The Ravens had the league's second best defense while the Buccaneers had the league's top-ranked defense. This reality that premier or, at the very least, above average quarterbacks are a requirement to win a Super Bowl without the help of an elite defense brings to light how shallow the quarterback pool is in the NFL.

With Tom Brady falling to a season-ending knee injury that pool only got shallower.

In fact, Brady's absence leaves only Peyton Manning in the top tier of the NFL's quarterback hierarchy. Tony Romo and Drew Brees can be included in that category if only to avoid leaving Peyton Manning in such a position of solitude. Past that



**Brett Talley**

first tier you find a second tier with everything from seasoned veterans to up-and-coming, unproven youngsters; a third tier filled with not-quite-washed-up veterans and other young quarterbacks with more questions than potential; and a fourth tier of garbage quarterbacks and slightly-better-than-garbage quarterbacks.

Interestingly enough, the second tier is headlined by one of those legendary Super Bowl winners of the last 15 years. Not too long ago Brett Favre was one of, if not the best in the league, but at his age Favre is no longer capable of the production on par with the statistical superstars of the league. Other Super Bowl winners, Roethlisberger and Eli Manning, are relegated to the second tier only because they lack the experience, service time and the track record to be considered among the best.

While first-tier quarterbacks Romo and Brees have two less Super Bowls and only one more year of starting quarterback experience between them compared to Manning and Roethlisberger, they have the ability to put up the big numbers that make

them more quarterback than game manager.

Other second-tier quarterbacks are David Garrard, Derek Anderson and Carson Palmer. Palmer once was poised to join the league's elite but a Brady-like injury in the 2005 playoffs may be the reason Palmer never has taken that next step as he never has been the same since returning from that injury. One has to wonder if a similar injury will have a similar effect on Brady.

Youngsters Jay Cutler and Philip Rivers round out the second tier. Their inclusion in this category is based upon a level of potential not seen in other inexperienced starters.

However, those with the same inexperience and less potential are slotted into the third tier of NFL quarterbacks. Aaron Rodgers, Jason Campbell, JaMarcus Russell, Matt Ryan, Joe Flacco, Brady Quinn and Matt Cassel — Tom Brady's replacement — are categorized here because their lack of experience has not afforded them the opportunity to play themselves up into a higher echelon or down into the garbage heap. The

rest of the third tier is filled with quarterbacks who used to play at a higher level and have either gone through a rough stretch in their career, been hampered by injury or have begun the decline in their career. Jon Kitna, Matt Hasselbeck, Donovan McNabb, Jeff Garcia, Kurt Warner and Marc Bulger are these veterans that may still be capable of producing at a high level or are headed straight to the trash.

The garbage is garbage and is not worth worrying over. Unless, of course, your favorite team is led each Sunday by a quarterback not mentioned in this column, meaning they fall in the garbage category.

For most of us, Tony Romo leads our Cowboys and that helps us sleep easy from Sunday to Sunday. For you Houston fans out there, be assured that Matt Schaub is garbage, but take heart in the fact that Dallas is only 240 miles to your north. Your bandwagon should have no problem making the trip.

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# Bruyneel eager to reunite with Armstrong at Astana

CALAHORRA, Spain (AP) — Astana team leader Johan Bruyneel is looking forward to reuniting with seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong.

Bruyneel said Wednesday he already has begun discussions with close friend Armstrong, who's coming out of his three-year retirement to try to win an eighth Tour title in 2009.

“He won't have a problem finding a team. But it's clear that the relationship we have means that I can't allow him to go to another team,” Bruyneel told reporters at the Spanish Vuelta. “For me it would be nice to be a part of this.”

Rabobank team leader Adri van Houwelingen said the Dutch team had no interest in signing Armstrong.

“We were very interested in Lance Armstrong 15 years ago, and I think Lance Armstrong is not the future of active cycling,” Van Houwelingen told the AP. “In my opinion it's impossible to win. It's impossible to come back on the level he had before. I don't know what his motivation is.”

Bruyneel said Armstrong is coming back to promote the fight against cancer globally after doing “all he could” within the United States.

“He knows that coming back is incredible news and that a lot of people won't give him credit for it, and that's what motivates him,” Bruyneel said.

Armstrong's also determined to silence the doubters, who found it hard to believe he could win seven consecutive Tours without the help

of performance-enhancing drugs. Some might be hard to convince.

“What is done is done,” said former World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound. “If he comes back and says, ‘I'm back, and I'm prepared to do whatever is necessary,’ I don't think that necessarily clears up any outstanding issues from past.”

Armstrong won all seven Tours with close friend and team director Bruyneel, who said Tuesday night was the first time he spoke with Armstrong about his comeback plans.

Although Bruyneel said sponsors and Astana directors still must give the green light, it sounds as if Armstrong is headed for a reunion with his former team director. But Bruyneel, who's signed to Astana for another two years, said the discussions with Armstrong about joining Astana are focused only on 2009.

“It's my team, this is what I built, so there's no way (I will quit it),” Bruyneel said when asked if he would be ready to leave the Kazakh team to work elsewhere with Armstrong.

Bruyneel is confident adding Armstrong won't cause problems within the Astana team, led by 2007 Tour champion Alberto Contador.

“Alberto is the best rider at the moment, while Lance is on the comeback. These are things we will see about,” said Bruyneel, who had no doubt Armstrong would provide excellent support to the Spaniard at the Tour should he find himself out of contention.

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## Ravens' McGahee eager, expects to return Sunday

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — Stuck on the sideline in full uniform, Willis McGahee was prepared to do anything to get into Sunday's game against the Cincinnati Bengals.

The Baltimore Ravens starting running back was only four weeks removed from arthroscopic surgery on his left knee, but he desperately wanted to play in the season opener.

Especially watching backups Ray Rice and LeRon McClain rip off huge gains against Cincinnati's porous defense.

"I saw LeRon and Ray getting those nice runs," McGahee recalled Wednesday, "and I had that itch."

So McGahee resorted to a move that's used in every football league from Pop Warner to the NFL. He positioned himself in front of his head coach, helmet in hand.

McGahee said John Harbaugh just smiled and told him, "We're only going to use you if something happens."

McGahee knew it was the right decision, but that didn't make it any easier to take.

"I just had to sit back, pace the sideline and eat sunflower seeds," he said.

McGahee expects to get his first action of the season Sunday against the Houston Texans, and if nothing else, he will be fresh — and eager to make up for lost time.

"I want a full workload, but that's something the coaches have to figure out," he said.

The way his teammates see it, if the Ravens can amass 229 yards rushing without McGahee, they ought to go crazy with a three-time 1,000-yard rusher coming off his first Pro Bowl appearance.

"Even though we put up a lot of yards without Willis, what I'm saying is, how many yards would be have put up with Willis?" center Jason Brown said. "How many yards are we going to put up with Willis? All of us can't wait for him to get back out there on the field."

McGahee missed the entire preseason after undergoing knee surgery in Florida. He hoped to be back for the opener, but the Ravens opted to rest him for one more week before thrusting him back into action.

"I didn't think it was going to be as frustrating as it was," McGa-

## Carona's leg does not carry all blame for early kicking mishaps

By ALEX YBARRA  
STAFF WRITER

Alex Trlica's kicking shoe was a hard one to fill, and two games into the regular season, it's a good thing the Texas Tech football team has not needed it to win a game.

But it's only a matter of time. Until that time comes, true freshman Donnie Carona and the special teams unit, have their work cut out for them.

Against Eastern Washington, Carona made a 47-yard field goal, but he missed a 47-yard attempt and had an extra point blocked in the first quarter. At Nevada, another field goal was blocked — this time it was a 28-yard attempt.

Special teams coach Clay McGuire said he believes the inconsistency involves mistakes such as blocking and adjusting to the timing of college play.

"It's been a combination of both," McGuire said. "We had protection break downs. It's been operation times, and it's been trajectory. All three things have been a problem, and we're trying to get all three things fixed."

However, Carona has continued to progress each week, Tech coach Mike Leach said.

He would not trade Carona for any other kicker in the Big 12 Conference, he said.

For constructive purposes, Leach said he tells Carona to kick everything like an extra point because of how the ball clears the goal post with ease.

"He's never been short on anything and not even close to short," Leach said. "At least on his side of the 50, everything's an extra point because it's going to go plenty far enough."

Besides that advantage for Carona, he has an unwavering positive attitude, which is convenient at a position that requires a short-term memory, Leach said.

"With all due respect to kickers," Leach said, "it's a fact they have no control over their emotions whatsoever and tend to go all over and be all over the map as far as that stuff goes. (Carona is) not one of those guys, so I totally like that. I think that's going to allow him to develop a level of consistency early. He reminds me of Alex from that standpoint, because Alex wasn't one of those kickers that you had to wet nurse all the time."

Not many knew the effect of an absent Trlica would be felt this early, but Carona's extra-point attempt that was blocked against Eastern Washington was the first missed extra point in 233 tries going back to former kicker Keith Toogood against SMU in 2004.

Trlica holds the NCAA record for most consecutive extra points made in a career with 166 and had career long kicks to beat UTEP and force overtime against Minnesota in the Insight Bowl in 2006. Most recently, Trlica hit the game winner against Virginia in the Konica Minolta Gator Bowl in 2007.

If Carona is going to accomplish similar feats, Leach said he is going to have to worry about what



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TEXAS TECH KICKER Donnie Carona started the first two games of 2008 as a true freshman.

matters most.

"The one unique thing about his job is there's 49,000 people that don't have anything to do with what he does," Leach said. "All there is, is a

ball and air. If his foot contacts, the ball will go wherever it's directed, and so that's all he needs to worry about."

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## Professional teams across Texas watching Hurricane Ike

AUSTIN (AP) — With Hurricane Ike barreling toward the Texas coast, sports officials across the state must decide if the games will go on this weekend.

Texas, Baylor and Houston are watching weather reports to decide if college football games should be postponed, the Houston Astros are scheduled to open a key three-game series with the Chicago Cubs starting Friday, and several school districts along the Gulf Coast and in Central Texas have already decided

to call off or reschedule weekend games.

On Wednesday, storm forecasts predicted Ike would come ashore Saturday near Corpus Christi and move northwest toward Austin and Waco.

No. 8 Texas is scheduled to play Arkansas at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. It will probably be Thursday before any decision on the game is made.

"We will act accordingly but not until we could make a responsible and honest decision," Texas athletics

spokesman Nick Voinis said.

If the game is postponed, a make-up date could be Sept. 27, when both teams have an open date on their schedule.

"Yesterday I guess there was a meeting, and they said, 'Prepare like we're going to play the game.' And that's all we've been doing," Arkansas coach Bobby Petrino said.

Although Austin is more than 200 miles from Corpus Christi, the capital city could still get slammed with tropical-storm level wind and

rain when Ike reaches the area.

Complicating matters is that if the state orders a mandatory evacuation of the coastline, Austin is likely to be flooded with residents trying to get out of the way of the storm.

In Waco, about 100 miles north of Austin, Baylor is scheduled to play Washington State on Saturday. Bears officials said they too are watching the weather and the storm path before making a call on the game.

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