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DINING SERVICES Food provider changes safety strategy

By Chilton Tippin Staff Reporter

Confusion over a complex recall issue that occurred when Dining Services employees pulled peanut butter sandwich crackers off the shelves of Bistro Burnett caused Sodexo Inc. to re-evaluate its approach for stocking campus dining locations, a company official

said Monday.

Monica Zimmer, director of public relations for the university's food service provider, wrote in an e-mail that Dining Services and Sodexo implemented a new three-step checklist to prevent recalled products from being stocked at campus eateries.

The recent recall issue is the most complex one Sodexo has dealt with, she wrote.

The new precautions arose after the Austin brand peanut butter sandwich crackers that had been previously recalled were found on the shelves in Bistro Burnett.

"Nearly 2,000 products have been recalled across several different product types, including cookies, cakes, pies, ice cream, crackers and peanut butter," she wrote.

The new process involves taking inven-

tory of all peanut-related products, crosschecking those products with the recall list and food safety alerts, and signing off, with signatures from three managers, that the items are safe to stock, Zimmer wrote.

Sodexo's food safety experts have also spoken with Dining Services' management team

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CAPITOL INVESTMENT



State Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, and Danae Spencer, a sophomore neuroscience and Spanish major, listen to Student Body President Kelsie Johnson explain the Tuition Equalization Grant. Seventeen students traveled to Austin on Feb. 11 and 12 to lobby legislators for TEG funds.

NOTE-TAKING Professors consider banning laptops

By Naheil Qudah Staff Reporter

Attention classtime Facebookers: professors have noticed your glazed-over eyes and have started retaliating by creating laptop policies for their classes.

David Sandell, an anthropology professor who has banned the use of laptops in his class, said the university's extensive Wi-Fi system has created opportunities for students to preoccupy themselves during class. He said students who use their computers strictly for note-taking purposes are in the minority.

"Students who abuse the classroom time by using their computers for reasons other than taking notes have ruined it for the rest," Sandell said. "That's unfortunate."

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PECULIAR FACT

LAS VEGAS — Nevada gambling regulators have warned casinos in the state about a card-counting program that works on Apple Inc.'s iPhone and iPod Touch that illegally helps players beat the house in blackjack.

— Associated Press

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Students lobby for grant in Austin

By Mark Bell Staff Reporter

AUSTIN — Texas legislators met in their offices Feb. 11 and 12 not professional lobbyists, but a delegation of TCU students.

Seventeen student leaders selected by Student Body President Kelsie Johnson traveled to Austin to lobby for the Tuition Equalization Grant. The TEG is a need-based financial aid program that awards qualifying students up to almost \$5,000 each academic year, Johnson said.

Johnson said that one of the group's goals was to make sure that funding for the bill wasn't cut as a result of the economy.

Mike Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid, said 1,518 students at the university receive TEG funds. The average amount given to students is \$3,560 per year, he said.

Johnson said the purpose of the

TEG is to level the playing field between the cost of private schools and public schools for Texas residents.

"It takes students who wouldn't otherwise be able to come to TCU and allows them to experience a private school education," Johnson said. "It definitely makes our campus more ethnically and economically diverse."

Susan Adams, associate vice chancellor and dean of

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For video of

the lobby

trip, visit

com.

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MARK BELL / Staff Reporter Members of the TCU student lobbying delegation walk toward the Texas Capitol during their trip to Austin. The students visited legislators' offices in the capitol.

who are using their computers inappropriately during class is a distraction and may be considered rude on the professor's part, Sandell said.

"I want to take the approach that we're all adults," he said. "In my classes, laptops are banned and then I always say, 'If this is a problem for you just approach me."

Rebecca Jordan, a management lecturer, does not allow students to use a laptop in her class if she has caught them using it to surf the Web. Jordan said she believes students should be able to use laptops for note-taking in class. It teaches the practice of using technology appropriately, a necessary skill in the professional world, she said.

"Our students need to be proficient in using computers," she said. "In every business meeting that you go to, everyone is going to be using their laptops. I see it as our responsibility to teach students about appropriate laptop use."

Jordan said professors have a responsibility to set the standards for their classrooms.

Yasmine Javeed, a junior strategic communication major, said laptops make note-taking easier, but Web surfing is a distraction to laptop users and surrounding students.

"I think a lot of (students) get on Facebook or other social networking sites rather than taking notes," Javeed said. "Maybe wireless Internet access should be taken out of classrooms."

Provost Nowell Donovan said the uni-

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RELIGION Panel to examine imagery of God throughout Bible

By Elise Smith Staff Reporter

Students can explore various interpretations of the imagery of the Bible at a discussion today about the personification of God, a university professor said.

Claudia Camp, professor of religion, said the presentation, put on by the Jewish Studies Program at Brite Divinity School, will appeal to students with basic theological knowledge and will include a question-and-answer session.

rion University of the Negey in Israel, and Toni Craven, professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite, will hold a panel discussion of imagery associated with God and the meanings of certain Bible passages that seem to invite interpretation.

Craven will specifically address images of God in Psalms and Camp will discuss the female personification of wisdom in Proverbs.

"It's important for us to realize the language used for God in the Bible is

Camp, along with Mayer Gruber, a very rich and multi-layered," Craven visiting scholar and rabbi from Ben-Gu- said. "There is not one right way to think about God and who God is to us.

> Gruber said he will discuss the meaning of the image of God in Genesis and also the idea of God being treated as a woman in the latter part of the book of Isaiah.

Gruber said he has been working on some religious books while visiting the university, including a commentary on

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"The Meaning of the Image of God"

What: Panel discussion with Mayer Gruber, visiting scholar, Claudia Camp, professor of religion and Toni Craven, professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite When: 7 p.m. today Where: Kelly Alumni Center in the Justin Boardroom Admission: Free to public Contact: Suzanne Stone, 817-257-7577, s.stone@tcu.edu

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SOAP BOX



For video from the Vagina Monologues, visit DailySkiff.com.

JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor Sophomore theatre major Katie Caruso introduces the next monologue Friday during a showing of the Vagina Monologues in the auditorium of the Brown-Lupton University Union.

Sheriff says Phelps won't be prosecuted for pot use

By Rick Brundrett McClatchy Newspapers

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Michael Phelps will not be charged with marijuana possession, though the Olympic champion swimmer admitted to being pictured holding a marijuana pipe at a Columbia house party in November, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott announced Monday.

Lott, speaking during a 3 p.m. EST press conference at the Sheriff's Department headquarters, said he couldn't ignore the photo but defended his investigation.

"Michael Phelps is truly an American hero ... but even with his star status, he is still obligated to obey the laws of our state," Lott said.

Lott said his investigators couldn't find enough evidence to charge anyone - including Phelps - who attended

the party with any crime. Lott had declined to say i

showed Phelps holding a marijuana pipe. Phelps has publicly confirmed the picture — taken at a party he attended the first week in November — though he hasn't specifically admitted to using marijuana.

In South Carolina, simple possession of marijuana carries a 30-day jail sentence or \$570 in fines and assessments. Defense lawyers say in many first-offense cases, charges are dismissed if offenders successfully complete diversion programs.

Lott has been held up for ridicule in his handling of the Phelps investigation in the national media. His critics have accused him of grandstanding and wasting taxpayer dollars on a relatively minor drug case.

Those allegations took on heightened interest last week after it was learned deputies charged seven people with simple marijuana possession on Feb. 7 after raiding the home where the November party was held and a

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versity does not currently

have an all-inclusive policy about the use of laptop computers in class. Donovan said he has no problems with the use of laptops in the large geology class he teaches for freshmen. He estimated that 10 percent of the class uses laptops.

"The issue has not been raised with me either by faculty (or) students," Donovan said.

Kelsie Johnson, the student body president, said the issue has not been brought up during her two and a half years in Student Government Assocaition.

"I think that for students, it sometimes helps speak to their professors to take more streamlined about class policies that notes," she said. "But it prohibit the use of lapcan also be a huge distraction if students are taking advantage of wireless in classrooms."

ing the network out of classrooms. David Bedford, the

chair of the Faculty Senate's Student Relations Committee and a Spanish professor, said the use of laptops in the classroom has not been brought up as an issue during his six years in the Faculty Senate. Bedford said he doesn't allow laptops in his class-

es because he believes the dynamic of conversation is especially important in a language class. The stress on dynamic and pronunciation that applies to his classes may not necessarily apply to

other classes, he said. Sandell said students who are used to electronic note-taking should

"If you are a student

who really depends upon

the computer as a tool,

proach the professor and

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to review the recall and alert process, Zimmer wrote.

"Sodexo employees at TCU are required by law to be notified by our distributors and suppliers of all recalls and product withdrawals," she wrote. "The alerts are issued by the corporate quality assurance department whenever Sodexo operations may be affected by a recall."

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Campus Life, said last legislative session the university received over \$5 million in TEG funds. TCU was the third largest recipient of the grant behind SMU and Baylor, Adams said.

"It's good for the individual students that receive the grant, and it's good for the whole student body because it helps keep tuition down," Adams said. "The \$5 million coming into the financial aid budget is \$5 million they don't have to get from somewhere else."

"What it emphasizes to the legislators is, 'Look at the diversity of students at TCU, this is what you're investing in."

Victor Boschini chancellor

The lobbying students visited legislators in the state capitol building where they explained their position on the TEG and asked for support. Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, a TCU alumna, said it is nice to look into the faces of the actual students who are impacted by legislative deci-

BELT IT

This recall situation is particularly complex because, since the original recall, many new items have been added to the list, Zimmer wrote.

"Sodexo will continue to monitor the situation in conjunction with our suppliers and the regulatory agencies involved," she wrote.

Rick Flores, general manager for Dining Services and Ev Barnes, operations director for retail for Dining Services, did not respond to calls Monday requesting comment.

sions on bills like the TEG.

"For me, to hear this perspective from students from my alma mater is particularly compelling," Davis said. "I don't see any enemies lurking on an issue like this."

Chancellor Victor Boschini met the student lobbying delegation in Austin and expressed his support for the program.

"I think it's absolutely the most effective lobbying program, because you're sending people who are recipients to the legislature," Boschini said. "What it emphasizes to the legislators is, 'Look at the diversity of students at TCU, this is what you're investing in."

Jason Wallace, a senior advertising/public relations major who went to Austin, said he thought the lobbying experience went well.

"It was good for the elected officials to put a face with names rather than us just sending letters," Wallace said. "They sat there and genuinely listened to us. They actually get to see the students it effects on a daily basis."

Johnson said the trip was very successful and needs to continue in the future.

"I think it is very important to continue sending students instead of professional lobbyists," Johnson said.

The funding for the TEG will be voted on in May near the end of the legislative session.

days whether he would press charges, though legal observers interviewed by The State newspaper said charges were unlikely because Phelps was not caught by authorities committing a crime and that credible witness would be difficult to find, making a court case difficult to prove under South Carolina law.

In addition, state law doesn't allow extradition of suspects charged with crimes carrying sentences of less than one year, including simple possession of marijuana, lawyers say.

Lott has been a focus of international media attention over the past couple weeks after he said he would charge Phelps if there was evidence that the winner of a record eight gold medals at the summer Olympics in Beijing had committed a crime.

A photo published Feb. 1 in the British tabloid News of the World

Ballentine, S.C.-area home.

Attorneys for several of the defendants claimed Lott ordered the raids primarily to try to build a case against Phelps. Two defendants lived at the Columbia home when the November party was held, though one was out of town then. The other told investigators he didn't see Phelps smoke marijuana, the lawyers said.

Lott's supporters have said the longtime sheriff and former narcotics officer had a obligation once Phelps confirmed the published picture to investigate the matter to see if Phelps or anyone else at the November party had committed a crime. In an article published in The State on Feb. 8, a person who attended the party said a marijuana pipe was being passed among 15 to 20 people, though he didn't see Phelps use it.

Johnson said that since then I would simply approfessors frequently utilize Wi-Fi in class, she see if he or she can make wouldn't agree with tak- an exception," he said.

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the biblical book of Isaiah. He has been at the university as a visiting scholar since October and will be leaving Feb. 27 when his term is up.

Adam Vincent, senior radio-TV-film major, terpretations other than said he would be inter- their own."

ested in attending because he enjoys studying religion, even though he is not very religious.

"I think it is important that TCU students be aware of other religions," Vincent said. "Not enough study religions and religious in-

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ANA ASENSIO / Staff Photographer Ann Lowrensu Hewage, a junior biochemistry major, sings "Min hin serwa" during Experience India in Moudy 141N Friday evening.



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The Skiff View

In-class laptops must remain an option

t's the 21st century, professors.

But for some educators on campus who have banned the use of lap-Ltops in class, when it comes to note taking, it might as well be the 15th. At a university where students are constantly encouraged to think globally, and where millions of dollars have been devoted to modernizing infrastructure in an effort to keep students on the technological cutting edge, it's absurd to require students to limit the reach of their resources.

There is no doubt that laptops can be distracting to students, not to mention to their classmates. No one needs to see Facebook pictures from Saturday night's wild '80s party during a lecture on Middle Eastern politics. The same goes for checking e-mail and news.

However, just because a few students are dumping toxic waste in the high-tech stream doesn't mean all of them should be banned from fishing in it. That is to say, let responsible students take notes any way they want.

It's a shame that a professor can't simply press a button to turn off Internet access during his or her class; that would solve the problem immediately. But until that day comes professors should look into better alternatives.

Surely there is a way for professors to monitor their students to make sure they are using their computers without being a distraction. A stern warning on the first day that the professor will remove pesky students from class or dock their grades would likely send a message to students that they better not waste anyone's time. Or, professors could ban students from using laptops after the first offense, as Rebecca Jordan, a management lecturer, said she does.

Whatever policy professors choose to enforce, they should make sure not to impair students' abilities to learn in a manner that best suits them. Our educators won't be giving in, but merely catching up.

Editor-in-chief Max Landman for the editorial board.

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Pentagon should allow photographs of caskets

The Obama administration should reverse a policy that forbids the media from photographing the flag-draped coffins of fallen soldiers at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

The ban was put in place in 1991, during the first Gulf War, under President George H.W. Bush.

President George W. Bush renewed the an during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, saying he wanted to be sensitive to military families. Bush said photographing the caskets might put undue pressure on family members of the fallen to attend the event at Dover, even though they might not be able to afford the cost of traveling there. With the election of President Barack Obama, some officials, including Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., have called for lifting the ban. Obama said he is waiting for a Pentagon review of the ban, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates suggested that he is open to changing the policy. Gates should lift the ban, while trying

to be as sensitive as possible to the wishes of families.

Some relatives believe it's an invasion of privacy, or an exploitation of their loss to foment antiwar sentiment. Other families feel that allowing photographs is a way to honor the military dead, and that banning photographs amounts to the government hiding their loss.

Still others believe that the soldiers' sac



Robert Slack is a junior theatre major from El Paso.

Released nuclear outlaw a risk; Questions over influence persist

Abdul Qadeer Khan, the most infamous nuclear outlaw in the last 50 years, is a free man.

Last week, a Pakistani court freed Khan from house arrest, lifting the restrictions imposed on him since 2004, when he publicly confessed to running a black-market nuclear network.

Because of Khan, Iran is on the brink of going nuclear. Because of Khan, Libya almost followed suit. Because of Khan, advanced nuclear weapons designs may have long ago been sold off to some of the most treacherous regimes in the world, putting them — or terrorist groups — years closer to developing a usable

nuclear weapon. So what to do now that Khan h

It's not clear how much the Pakistani government is still monitoring Khan's movements. Or whether officials there have extracted any assurances that Khan won't return to his former line of work.

Here's a thought. Khan has been cooped up at home since 2004, when he confessed to his crimes and then was pardoned by Pakistan's former president, Pervez Musharraf.

Before then, Khan was a world traveler, hawking nuclear know-how to anyone with cash. He was presented with a villa on the Caspian sea, for "services rendered," according to an Iranian diplomat quoted in "The Nuclear Jihadist," a 2007 book that recounted Khan's shadowy dealings.

We imagine Khan would like to

parts of the nuclear bazaar are still out there, eluding the detection of international authorities? If Iran gets the bomb, if an American city ever suffers a nuclear attack by terrorists, the chances are good that A.Q. Khan will bear a large share of the responsibility.

It's time for international and American authorities to meet him face to face. Think of it as an extraordinarily gentle rendition.

This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Friday. It was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune Information Services.



rifices, and the war itself, tend to be forgotten by the without photographs.

That's why Rep. Walter Jones, R-N.C., who voted in favor of using military force in Iraq, also favors allowing the media to photograph the returning caskets.

If a family objects, arrangements should be made to accommodate its wishes. But photographs should be allowed in other cases. Without visible proof, casualty reports don't reflect the true sacrifice.

> This editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Friday. It was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune Information Services.

skated? U.S. authorities have never been allowed to directly question him. Pakistan has protected his secrets, insisting that they've fully interrogated him and passed along relevant answers. But revelations last summer cast serious doubts on that assertion.

The release of Khan looks to be a blatant political move to shore up support for the government of President Asif Ali Zardari. It's also a dangerous move, because Khan and what's left of his network are still a serious proliferation threat.

see more of the world. So here's our suggestion: Invite him to the United States for an all-expenses-paid vacation.

Book him at the finest hotels, and make reservations at prime restaurants.

And while he's here, maybe he'd be so kind as to visit the International Atomic Energy Agency office and clear up some questions that have festered for years now. Among them: What bomb designs did you sell and to whom? How was your network assembled? Most important: What

POINT • COUNTERPOINT What are the merits of new anti-discriminatory law?

Gender discrimination isn't reason behind pay discrepancies; Law pointless

gap.



Surrounded by press, smiling faces and women's unions, President Barack Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which gives female employees more time to take their pay discrimination cases to court.

The bill was named for Lilly Ledbetter, who lost a pay discrimination case in the Supreme Court because she had not filed the case within the 180 days previously allowed by law.

This sounds like a heartwarming story about the great things politicians can do, but in reality the law does not make economic sense and is another excuse for government expansion into private lives.

Economist June O'Neill found that when men and women enter the same field a pay gap does not exist. She also found no pay gap between men and women who have never had a child or been married.

Harvard University economist Claudia Goldin said there is not sufficient evidence to support the idea that discrimination plays a major role in the wage gap. Instead she points to other factors, such

as different This sounds like choices made a heart warming by women, as reasons for the story about the Goldin's ideas great things are supported by a study from politicians can do, but in reality the Center for Policy Alternathe law does not tives and Lifetime Television, make economic which found sense and is that women prefer jobs with another excuse more flexibility for government and benefits to jobs with higher expansion into private lives. These studies

contend that

wages.

discrimination is not the reason for pay discrepancy. Therefore, legislation aimed at closing this gap is futile and nothing more than a way for the government to expand its powers.

Politicians have a facade of making things fair for people, but all this law does is infringe on corporations and create a bigger and more intrusive government.

> Michael Lauck is a freshman broadcast journalism major from Houston.

Women and men who do same amount of work deserve equal pay



LIBBY DAVIS

The first bill signed into law by President Barack Obama, The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, resets the 180-day period women have to file a discriminatory pay lawsuit every pay period.

Some who oppose this revolutionary piece of legislation say it will hurt businesses by forcing them to create a level playing field. Others say women deserve a lower paycheck because they focus more on their families than on their careers.

Former President George W. Bush called it a "business killer" when the proposal originally entered the 110th United States Congress.

Simply put, every discriminatory paycheck is a slap in the face to both the women who receive unfair pay and the men who allow it to go on.

Hiring a female at a lower wage than a male with the same experience and expertise is blatant sexism.

It is true that men and women are not the same in every way.

At my current workplace, I am regularly required to move items and occasionally lift heavy

objects, but I am not going to try to lift a 60pound Broyhill chair because I know I am not physically capable of doing it. Does that make me a bad employee? Not

The law does not provide equal pay but it opens the door for the modern working woman to pursue it.

when my job description includes a thousand other things I can do to earn my paycheck.

There is a lack of education that fosters gender stereotypes. Men are groomed to be assertive, aggressive and have no problem asking for a raise if they believe they deserve one — and even if they don't. On the other hand, women are raised to be polite, work things out for themselves and make do with what they have.

Aggressive women also suffer in the workplace. Traditional male attributes seem out of place on female workers and are often negatively construed.

The law does not provide equal pay but it opens the door for the modern working woman to pursue it

Women are working hard and deserve to be treated equally. Simplifying their efforts through stereotypes is encouraging sexism — plain and simple.

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NEWS

Texans witness fireballs speeding toward Earth

By Rudolph Bush

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Fiery debris from a falling satellite burned through the Texas sky Sunday morning, alarming some and enchanting others, but resulting in no apparent injury or damage.

From Dallas to Austin and beyond, sightings were reported of a red and orange fireball with a small black center speeding toward Earth before burning out in a trail of lingering white smoke.

Roland Herwig, spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration's southwest division, confirmed the fireball was "It was like a ball probably superheated debris from a broken satellite falling of flame with a to Earth.

The FAA could not directly link the debris to the reported collision last week of Russian and U.S. communications satellites, however.

"It's yet to be proved it's those satellites," Herwig said.

It's also unclear exactly how many pieces of debris tumbled toward Texas, or whether any more are on the way.

The potential danger from satellite debris did prompt the FAA on Saturday to warn pilots nationwide to be aware of the hazard and to immediately report any sightings.

State emergency management officials and local law enforcement agencies also were on alert across much of Texas.

Though no one could pinpoint where the debris fell or if it even remained intact through the burnout, the fireball left an impression on those who saw it.

They say it burned anywhere from a few seconds to nearly a minute.

And in some areas, particularly in East Texas, there were reports of an accompanying sonic boom.

While it may not be clear for some time exactly what fell from the sky, it seemed to be a singular event.

Most sightings around the state were reported about 11 a.m.

Some people thought it was a meteor. Others thought perhaps it was a plane crashing.

Doug Schmidt of Richardson was driving south on Central Expressway near the Bush Turnpike about 11 a.m. when he saw a flash

tail. It looked like a meteor. There was flame and then a flash and smoke trailing it. I said, 'Wow, look at that.'"

Doug Schmidt Richardson resident

of light in the sky.

"It was like a ball of flame with a tail. It looked like a meteor," he said. "There was flame and then a flash and smoke trailing it. I said 'Wow, look at that."

Farther south, in Ovilla, Chris Weaver said he stepped outside and just by chance looked south.

That's when he saw a flash of orange moving fast through the sky before burning into a streak of white smoke.

"If you were looking up at the southern sky, you couldn't miss it," he said.

Iraqi refugees seek jobs in vain

By Adam Ashton McClatchy Newspapers

CERES, Calif. — Emil Adam knew he'd have eight months in the United States to find work before he'd lose the benefits he's entitled to as an Iraqi war refugee.

That timeline seemed inconsequential to the 51-year-old physician when he prepared for the journey in Lebanon last year.

"I didn't care for the eight months," he remembered thinking, "because I am going to the U.S., the master of the world. I will get a job."

His deadline is just four weeks away, and Adam still can't find steady work.

His dreams for a stable life in America are colliding with the country's worst economic recession since World War II.

"This is our luck," said Adam, who fled Iraq with his wife and three daughters when sectarian violence in their south Baghdad neighborhood made life unbearable.

"I am ready to work any job. I have to save my daughters," he said. "I am ready to work any job, but I can save patients."

Adam, fluent in English, has applied for his share of low-skill jobs at retail stores but came up empty-handed.

He comes from a highly educated family of engineers and would prefer to work in medicine again. Doing so would require going through a state medical licensing process that would take half a year at best, but most likely longer if Adam's credentials are found insufficient.

In that case, he fears he'd have to return to medical school and work as a resident before practicing as a doctor.

His oldest daughter, 26-yearold Silvana, has similar concerns. She finished her education as a civil engineer in Baghdad in 2005 but couldn't pursue her career because of the war.



Dr. Emil Enwia Adam, an Iraqi refuqee living with his uncle in Ceres, Calif., wants to continue practicing medicine in the U.S. but has a mountain of hurdles to overcome. Adam shows his medical degree and certifications from Iraq on Feb. 4.

work for a licensed engineer and placed from their homes but reapply for her own credentials at a later date.

As uneasy as they are about their finances, Adam and his family are grateful for the calm they found in America. They're not considering returning to Iraq despite improved security in Baghdad.

"I trust Americans. This is my new country. This is my new life," Adam said.

He is haunted by some of the violence he witnessed in Baghdad in 2005 and 2006, a chaotic period when sectarian gangs killed almost randomly.

The violence drove away many

She doesn't know where to of Adam's neighbors. More than start now that she's in the United 2 million Iraqis have fled their States. It's possible that she can country, and 2.7 million are dismain in Iraq, according to the United Nations.

Adam ran his own private clinic but couldn't sustain it with people afraid to leave their houses.

"Nobody threatened me, but you can't live there. There are no eople, and if there are no people, there are no patients," he said.

Adam finished his medical training in 1981 and spent five years as a doctor in the Iran-Iraq war. He kept his clinic open through the 1990s, when United Nations sanctions crimped Iraq's ability to import medicine.

His family lived for a year and

a half in Lebanon before he got permission from the State Department to move to America. "I have been practicing as a

doctor for the last 27 years, and now I am out of a job," Adam said. "I think to myself, 'I am losing my skills, and I am 51 years old."

His options to tide him over until he finds work likely will include extending his state benefits as a loan, a prospect that worries him because of the uncertainty of unemployment.

It already seems to embarrass him to accept the state checks that pay his bills.

"I am living as a homeless person taking checks from the welfare. This is the way I feel," he said.



Farmers harness manure's gases for energy

By Scott Canon McClatchy Newspapers

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DODGE, Neb. — Where others see simply manure, Danny Kluthe smells money.

Long before President Barack Obama promised the country that "we will harness the sun and the winds and the soil," Kluthe already had yoked the power of pig poop.

Manure from his hogs drains as a slurry into a giant vat. It is stirred and warmed. A virtually odorless liquid — ideal for fertilizing surrounding fields that, in turn, feed more pigs - emerges from the giant digester.

The real beauty, though, comes in the methane fumes that rise off the muck. They are funneled to a tractor engine and used to power a generator. Suddenly his electrical utility is writing checks to him.

"There will be a day when there will not be a hog facility or a dairy built without one of these things," Kluthe said. "This," he said with the glee of someone who has figured out how to spin straw into gold, "just makes too much sense."

Because Kluthe doesn't let the methane from hog waste waft away, his sewage lagoons pack one-twentieth the climate-changing punch they would otherwise.

In fact, his dung-to-dollars system is but one way agriculture can put food on your plate without dumping so much greenhouse gas into Earth's atmosphere.

Other fixes can be made earlier in the process: improving grassland diversity, spreading fertilizer more precisely and tweaking animal food.

While agriculture accounts for just 6 percent of greenhouse gases in the United States, it is responsible for more than half the methane and nitrous oxide emissions. In Missouri and Kansas, those two climate-changers come almost entirely from farming.

Molecule for molecule, methane has about 21 times the impact as a greenhouse gas as carbon dioxide. Nitrous oxide is 300 times as powerful.

They may be some of the easiest o cut back, however.

"There's a lot of opportunity for agriculture to get this low-hang-

tal think tank. "You can do some simple practices that are going to result in large reductions."

Better farming practices are part of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a new carbon-trading market among 10 Northeastern states that requires power plants to offset their carbon dioxide emissions.

Those sorts of carbon credits where a polluter in one part of the economy balances out his or her "There will be a damage by paying someone else to cut back on his or her greenhouse gases — could provide an incentive to pay for greener farms.

Ranchers and feedlots already have plenty of enticement to fatten cattle as quickly as possible, but the ideal feed isn't always the most economical. And low-impact tilling and chemical treatments don't always fill the most bushels at harvest.

Likewise, anaerobic digesters such as the one Kluthe runs to transform effluent into energy don't get built unless a government grant is involved.

Indeed, even as analysts see great hope for cutting back on greenhouse gases from farming, they also stress that there are no universal fixes.

"It's important not to make blanket statements," said Karin Wittenberg of Canada's National Center for Livestock and the Environment. "There are a lot of factors to weigh."

Cud-chewers have roamed the planet for millennia, but not in the concentrations seen since our meat- and dairy-loving civilizations figured out how to raise them on a massive scale.

Going vegetarian would be the quickest route to eliminating that impact, but history has shown that those who can afford to eat higher on the food chain are sure do to so.

So why not give livestock the farm equivalent of Beano?

Take, for instance, Bessie's diet. A dairy cow eating high-protein feed makes more efficient use of her meals than a bovine eating lowquality hay.

That means bacteria in her ru-

better her feed, the better for her farmer, the better for her planet.

But it's not always that simple. For starters, a pregnant cow might be fed low-quality forage if that is the only economical food available through the winter after a poor harvest. Costlier cow chow could mean no profitability for a marginal rancher.

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Danny Kluthe Hog farmer

Secondly, growing that heartier feed of corn, soybeans or alfalfa might burn more equipment fuel or consume more nitrogen fertilizer — quickly negating any gains made by nurturing a not-so-gassy animal.

While the Midwest is awash in grain, livestock raised elsewhere don't have such easy access to that kind of feed.

Still, gains can be made at the margins of even large-scale commercial agriculture, changes that make both farmer and climate scientists rest easier:

— Diversify plants in a pasture. That way everything doesn't bloom at once and then, even during dry stretches in the summer grazing, cattle can find more than the dregs of dried grasses for dinner. As cheap and simple as it seems, even that would require that ranchers pay attention to something they might ordinarily leave to nature.

Chemistry. Some scientists think there might be hope in a vaccine or inoculation that eliminates or reduces the methanogens — the bacteria responsible for the enteric fermentation and its methane

that makes her belch and fart. The of production stay low without manufacturing so much methane in a cow's stomach.

- Raising something adapted to a region. Perennial plants require far less energy, don't demand the plowing that release carbon dioxide from the soil and use less fertilizer to grow a crop. Researchers are looking for more plants that might fit the bill, and the promise is strongest for livestock feed.

Or consider kangaroo steak. A University of New South Wales study found that using kangaroos instead of sheep and cattle — both grazing ruminants with those gassy bacteria in their stomachs - could produce the same tonnage of meat and lower Australia's greenhouse gas output by 11 percent.

— Precision. More care taken to apply fertilizer on narrow seed rows - rather than broadcast across a field — can dramatically lessen nitrous oxide released.

"Some of these things are being done already," said Gene Takle, a professor of atmospheric science at Iowa State University. "More things we might be able to do pretty easily in the future."

Consider the potential of biogas electricity. The manure an average hog produces in a day could light a 40-watt bulb eight hours. A typical dairy cow's droppings could power the same bulb 95 hours.

Put another way, the hogs and dairy cows in Missouri and Kansas combined could provide electricity for more than 77,000 households.

Still, the potential sale of that electricity doesn't yet cover the cost of installing the manure processing system at Kluthe's farm.

"We think it's going to take some government incentives," said A.L. Goldberg of Iowa's Department of Natural Resources. "The startup costs are just too high now."

What we need to do is figure the value of the other benefits," said Kluthe, who said the checks he gets more than offset his farm's utility bills. "What's the cost of getting rid of that odor and being a good neighbor? Or about helping the environment? You put everything together, and it starts to make sense."



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Bill Russell laughs with members of the media during an NBA All-Star Weekend several seasons ago. Russell won 11 NBA Championships in 13 seasons with the Boston Celtics. The NBA recently announced the NBA Finals MVP trophy would be named in his honor.

Finals MVP trophy named after NBA legend Bill Russell

By John Smallwood Philadelphia Daily News

The irony in the NBA announcing that its Finals MVP award is ing the Celtics in 1950, and while now going to be named after Boston they made the playoffs each of his Celtics legend Bill Russell is that he was never named the Finals MVP as a player.

Still, everything feels right about this.

It's like commissioner David Stern said when making the announcement: "Who better to name this prestigious award for than one of the greatest players of all time, and the ultimate champion."

It's the final part that does it for me — "the ultimate champion."

With his 11 NBA championships, no NBA player or coach can match Russell.

Think about this.

Russell played 13 NBA seasons and finished without winning a championship only twice.

You could add up the NBA championships won by Magic Johnson (five), Larry Bird (three) and Julius captured it in 1968 and 1969. Erving (one) and still come up short of Russell.

ents in basketball because I determined early in my career, the only NBA titles, Russell won 14 crowns "Actually, it's a team award because important statistic in basketball is in a span of 15 years. the final score," Russell said.

the Celtics dynasty in the late 1950s and 1960s. But the truth of the matter is that Auerbach started coachfirst six seasons, they did not win a

championship. In 1956, however, Auerbach made a move that changed the history of the NBA. On draft day, Boston traded future Hall of Famer Ed Macauley and rookie Cliff Hagan to the St. Louis Hawks for Russell.

Russell's impact was immediate. A Boston team that had earned a reputation for choking in the playoffs beat the St. Louis Hawks for their first NBA title.

Russell was injured in Game 3 of the 1958 Finals and the Celtics lost to St. Louis, but then Boston rolled off a string of eight consecutive titles from 1959 through '66.

Auerbach retired as coach after that last title, and Russell was named player-coach. The Celtics did not win the title his first season but re-

When you add the two NCAA championships he won at the Uni-"This is one of my proudest mo- versity of San Francisco to the Olympic gold medal and the 11

Red Auerbach was the architect of win a Finals MVP?

The league didn't start presenting the award until 1969 — Russell's last season. There were two seasons when Russell averaged more than 20 points and 25 rebounds during the playoffs, so the odds are good that he would have won at least one Finals MVP.

It's also appropriate that the Finals MVP award be named after Russell because it takes the game back to its core.

The NBA has become so defined by the individual greatness of players like Bird, Johnson, Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, that we've lost track of the fact that it is a team sport.

Russell was considered the ultimate team player, a guy willing to meld all of his skills into a successful team concept without complaining.

And despite their individual brilliance, if you look at the list of Finals MVPs, guys like Jordan, Bird, Johnson, Tim Duncan, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, the one trait most shared was the one Russell exemplified: a willingness to do whatever it took to win the championship.

"Well, it's proper," Russ

PGA TOUR Woods swinging at full power

By Randall Mell Sun Sentinel

BOCA RATON, Fla. - The scouting report on Tiger Woods is discouraging.

That's if you're a fellow PGA Tour pro.

If you're faced with trying to beat him when he comes back from eight months off after reconstructive knee surgery, which might be within the next three weeks, the news is quite troubling.

But if you're a Woods' fan, the news couldn't be much more encouraging.

That was the word from two of Woods' golf pals who teed it up Sunday in the final round of the Allianz Championship at The Old Course at Broken Sound.

"Tiger's going at it full go, full shots, full drivers," said John Cook, who played with Woods on three consecutive days at Isleworth Country Club in suburban Orlando last week. "That includes one of those, 'I'm going to hit this one as hard as I can hit it, one of those 'I'm going to drive it onto the 16th green at Doral swings."

Cook said Woods uncorked

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on your team who take a possession off. They seemed to find that guy every time."

The Cougar shooters were on fire, draining 60 percent of their shots, including 69.6 percent of their shots in the first half.

'We can't allow that to happen," Christian said. "On the other end of the floor you have to score to keep them out of transition."

The Horned Frogs shot just

one of those monster swings with a driver last week that made Cook wonder if Woods was risking reinjury.

"I'm like, 'Are you OK?," Cook said. "He says, 'I'm fine, never better."

Cook, an 11-time PGA Tour winner who lives in the same Windermere community as Woods, is proud and excited about the hard work his friend is doing rehabilitating from the knee injury.

Woods has not played a tournament since he won the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines last June on a left leg plagued with a ruptured anterior cruciate knee ligament and fractured tibia.

"Physically, Tiger works so hard, and he's as strong as you've ever seen him," Cook said. "Now it's getting into walking shape. He said the only thing he's anxious about is getting out and doing it for 72 holes. He's hit a lot of balls, monitored how his knee feels the next day, and, so far so good."

Cook said he and Woods played on three consecutive days at Isleworth last week, playing 18 holes one day, hitting balls the next and playing a few holes the third day.

29 minutes before fouling out with

2:28 left. Cougar senior guard Lee

Cummard led all scorers with 24

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Christian said. "Cummard is the

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Tavernari said he is feeling

"Every time I shoot I think the

confident in all of his shots right

that he forces guys to get open."

Tavernari is hard to guard,"

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They played riding in carts.

When is Woods coming back? "He's on schedule, my guess is probably sometime in March, but I don't know," Cook said. "I didn't think it was my business to ask him, and he would have told me if he wanted me to know. I would anticipate Doral or Bay Hill."

The three most likely sites for a return are the Accenture Match Play Championship (Feb. 25-March 1), the CA Championship at Doral (March 12-15) and the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill (March 26-29).

With Woods' wife, Elin, giving birth to their second child, Charlie Axel, on Feb. 8, Woods is freer to return when he feels ready.

"I think his game is unbelievable, as good as I've ever seen it, but that being said it's still a matter of getting into playing shape," Cook said. "It's still a matter of walking 72 holes and playing when it really, really counts. It's a matter of getting a schedule, getting up for an 8:30 tee time, playing 18 holes, shooting a score, coming back out and practicing and continuing to do it while seeing how your body holds up."

Senior forward Kevin Langford led the Horned Frogs with 19 points and two blocks.

Christian said he is trying everything he can think of to get more out of his players, but right now he isn't seeing the results.

"This was one of those days that we needed someone on our team to rise up and try to lead with effort and we really aren't getting that right now," Christian said.

This six-game losing streak is the longest string of losses for the team since an 11-game skid in the 2006-2007 season.

The next game for the Horned Frogs will be against the Air Force Academy Falcons at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

ball is going in," Tavernari said. "I 37.7 percent from the field. think my shot selection is improv-The Cougars were led by junior ing and that is all because of my forward Jonathan Tavernari. The teammates." In the losing effort, junior for-Brazilian hit eight of his 13 field goals attempts, finishing the game ward Zvonko Buljan scored 13 with 19 points and six rebounds in points and snagged 10 rebounds.

Certainly, Hall of Fame coach named NBA MVP five times, ever me and my teammates."

I always identified myself as captain So why didn't Russell, who was of the Celtics. To me it's an award for

HURRICANE IKE Galveston struggles to recoup

By Howard Witt

Chicago Tribune

GALVESTON - This month'straditional Mardi Gras parades have begun, even though the revelers are marching past facades of buildings with nothing inside them.

Entire neighborhoods once largely inhabited by poor and workingclass blacks still lie in ruins, their shattered houses shoved off their foundations into crazy poses in nearby yards.

One major hospital has closed, and another is clinging to life. The city is running out of cash. Tourism, the lifeblood of the economy, is in doubt.

If you blink, you might think you were in New Orleans, surveying the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005

But this is Galveston Island, where Hurricane Ike slammed ashore Sept. 13. And residents here feel like the rest of the nation hasn't just blinked but has completely closed its eyes to the devastation.

"The history of these events is pretty similar," said Lyda Ann Thomas, Galveston's mayor. "Once the satellite trucks are gone, it's over as far as the rest of the country is concerned."

This tattered beachfront community — a traditional getaway spot for Houstonians living an hour to the north — was already struggling before the massive hurricane sent a 12-foot surge of water coursing through the streets. Nearly a quarter of the island's 57,000 residents lived below the poverty line, and 60 peror moderate incomes.

Then Hurricane Ike filled the hospital beds from 550 to 200. storefronts along The Strand with 12 feet of fetid muck — and the washed away, erasing thousands of storm," said Thomas.

ments with deadly mold. The luxury high rises survived, but most of the beaches were washed away. More than 75 percent of the island's homes and commercial buildings were damaged or destroyed, and nearly a third of Galveston's poorest residents are still displaced.

Thanks to a coordinated evacuation effort in the hours before Ike hit, most Galveston residents fled

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inland. There was no repeat of the catastrophic death toll of at least 6,000 caused by the hurricane that struck Galveston in 1900 — a storm that still ranks as the nation's deadliest natural disaster. This time, seven islanders lost their lives.

But in the weeks and months following Hurricane Ike, tens of thousands of Galveston residents have lost their livelihoods.

The island's biggest employer, the University of Texas medical school, suffered nearly \$1 billion in damage, prompting managers to lay off 3,000 cent were classified as having low employees, curtail comprehensive trauma services and slash available

Countless small businesses were

new low-income housing develop- additional jobs. And last month came the most recent blow: The local Shriners Hospital for Children abruptly shut down, idling 320 employees.

> As the island's tax base has contracted, so have the city's revenues: To help plug an expected \$3.6 million hole in the general operating fund this year, city workers agreed to take a 3 percent pay cut.

"We're getting to the point of being desperate for help," Galveston City Manager Steven LeBlanc told state legislators at a January hearing.

Yet, assistance from the state and federal governments has been slow in coming.

For their part, Texas officials urged Galveston's leaders to apply for emergency aid from the state's disaster relief fund - and then revealed that the fund was empty because state legislators never appropriated any money to fund it.

There are some glimmers of good news amid the gloom.

Two major cruise lines that embark from Galveston on Caribbean tours are back, ensuring a steady flow of visitors as the crucial spring and summer tourist seasons approach. Bars and restaurants are slowly reopening along The Strand. And many residents have begun the grueling task of gutting the rotting contents of their houses so they can begin to rebuild.

But worsening national economic crisis looms as Galveston's newest worry; already it's impinging on the ability of homeowners to get rebuilding loans. And everyone here knows that the next hurricane season opens in less than four months.

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PAIGE McARDLE / Design Editor Junior forward Edvinas Ruzgas defends BYU senior guard Lee Cummard during Saturday night's game in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Cummard had a game-high 24 points as the Cougars downed the Horned Frogs 79-63.

Horned Frogs drop sixth straight

By Billy Wessels Staff Writer

men's basketball team was tied for first in the Mountain West Conference, but after six straight losses, its record has dropped to never looked back, going on to 13-12, five games behind the win 79-63.

University of Utah for the conference lead.

The Horned Frogs (4-7 MWC) Less than a month ago, the led for less than two minutes early in the first half Saturday, but Brigham Young University quickly turned the tables and

Head basketball coach Jim Christian said the Cougars are very good offensively and a welldisciplined team overall.

"(BYU) scored a lot of different ways," Christian said. "They take advantage of

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Women's basketball claims third straight victory

The Lady Frogs continued their recent success with a 75-55 win over Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, on Saturday. Leading the way for the Lady Frogs (16-8, 8-3 MWC) was sophomore guard Emily Carter, who scored a team-high 16 points and recorded four steals. Carter is the third-leading scorer in Mountain West Conference play at 15.8 points per game.

Junior guard TK LaFleur scored 15 points and eight rebounds while sophomore forward Rachel Rentschler added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

The Lady Frogs will hit the road again to face the Air Force Academy at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Rifle team streaking into NCAA championships

The rifle team finished the regular season in strong fashion Saturday with a victory at home against the Air Force Academy. The team topped the Falcons 4,610-4,573 and hasn't lost since returning from Winter Break.

The win will help the team with its position in the field of eight teams competing in the NCAA National Championship which will be held in Fort Worth beginning March 13.

Junior Erin Lorenzen took first place in the air rifle competition after accumulating a score of 585. Junior Simone Riford also contributed to the win with a score of 579 in the smallbore competition.

QUICK SPORTS

Tomorrow

Prior to the NCAA National round of competition, TCU Championship, the team will travel to Hawaii for the Hawaii Rifle Invitational on Feb. 27.

short in Oklahoma

The No. 34 tennis team fell 5-2 against a No. 72 University of Oklahoma squad in Norman, Okla. on Saturday.

matches this spring.

The Sooners gained a point of the three doubles matches. Emanuel Brighiu and junior Adrian Simon, the No. 12 doubles team in the nation, were at the helm of the Horned Frogs' lone doubles victory.

his first setback of the spring in singles play, falling to OU junior Andrei Daescu 7-6, 2-6, 3-6.

The team will hold its first home match of the spring at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center against Texas A&M University.

success in California

The TCU Equestrian team enjoyed three rounds of comthe Best in the West Tournament in Fresno, Calif.

State 7-5 in the first round of competition Saturday, but then fell 6-5 in the second round against South Dakota State University.

In Sunday's third and final

upended the University of Ten-

See how the men's tennis team is preparing for Wednesday's home match against Texas A&M.

Men's tennis team falls

The team is now 1-3 in dual

early in the day by winning two TCU's pairing of sophomore

Senior Kriegler Brink suffered

Equestrian team finds

petition Saturday and Sunday in meters, good enough for fourth

The team defeated Fresno

nessee at Martin, 9-3. The team gets right back into competition this week-

end against Southern Methodist University at 10 a.m. at the Park Lane Equestrian Center in Dallas.

Track and field jumper sets record in College Station

Junior Neidra Covington set a Gilliam Indoor Track and Field Stadium record in the triple jump competition as the Flyin' Frogs competed at the Texas A&M Invitational in College Station on Friday and Saturday.

Covington's jump of 42 feet, 8 3/4 inches was good enough for first in the event and also set an NCAA provisional mark, a qualifying standard for the NCAA Track and Field Championships.

Junior Jessica Young continued to perform well in the 60 meters, crossing the line in third place with a NCAA provisional time of 7.35 seconds.

On the men's side, sophomore Sean Zurko recorded a seasonalbest time of 1:51.57 in the 800 place in the event.

The Flyin' Frogs have a short break until the Mountain West Confrence Indoor Track & Field Championships begin Feb. 26 at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

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