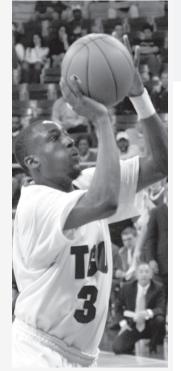
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PECULIAR FACT

LOS ANGELES — Pay no attention to that eerie silence in the nation's most populous county this week; it will simply be the sound of 10 million people not cussing. On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to issue a proclamation by Supervisor Michael Antonovich making the first week in March No Cussing Week.

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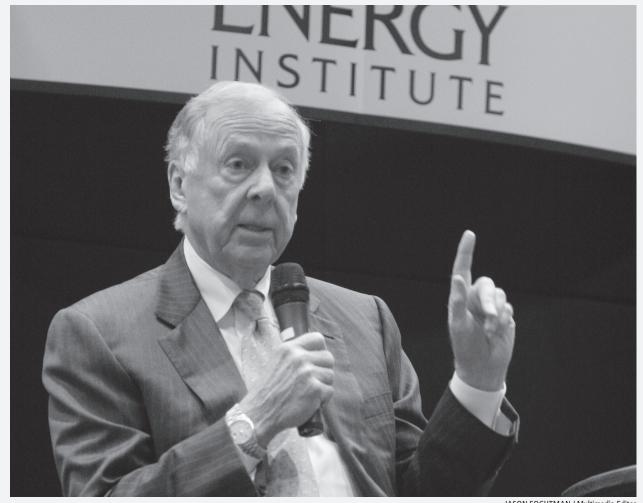
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A student takes action to better LGBT life on campus. Tomorrow in News.

HIGH ENERGY



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T. Boone Pickens, chairman of the hedge fund BP Capital Management, delivers his speech "The Pickens Plan - Ending Our Dependence on Foreign Oil," Monday afternoon at the Brown-Lupton Univesity Union Ballroom.

By Maddy Foxx

Staff reporter

A billionaire energy tycoon told about 800 people Monday afternoon in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom that if the country does not begin using its own resources, the current crisis will only get worse.

T. Boone Pickens, chairman of hedge problems that come with it."

fund BP Capital Management and author of "The First Billion is the Hardest," said that in two years the United States could be paying \$200 to \$300 a barrel for foreign oil if it doesn't cut foreign oil dependency.

'Cheap oil is what has caused us to be in the trap," Pickens said. "Because it's cheap it has caused us to not look at the



For video of the speech visit DailySkiff.com

Pickens said moving away from foreign energy sources is key to restoring the United States' prominence.

The world sees us using the enemy's oil, and other countries have lost respect

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IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WARS

Nonprofit to shed light on widows' plight

By Chilton Tippin and Lizzy Karoly **Staff Reporters**

When Taryn Davis found out her husband lost his life in the Iraq war in 2007, she was a 21-year-old student at the University of Texas at Austin, and her life's dreams had been shattered.

Davis founded The American Widow Project in the wake of her husband's death just a few months after he was killed. The AWP is coming to the university this week to speak to students and generate a teddy bear drive for children who have lost their fathers in the wars in Iraq and Afghani-

"I created AWP because right after my husband was killed I was looking for resources and someone to connect with to make me feel less alone, but I couldn't find what I was looking for so I decided to just create it," Davis said.

Davis said the goal of AWP is to unify

What: American Widow Project's Presentation/Teddy Bear Drive When: Tuesday and Wednesday from 4

to 9 p.m. Where: Bass Building Room 104

a new generation of American widows in their early 20s and 30s.

"When soldiers die the people on the other side of that sacrifice are the same

age as TCU students," Davis said. Christina Sessums, a senior social work major coordinating the event, said she contacted Davis after seeing her on Larry King Live and brought her to the univer-

sity to speak last fall. 'The widows realized that educated people in college can help them fulfill their

mission," Sessums said. The social work department, in con-

junction with several other organizations,

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Courtesy of CHRISTINA SESSUMS Teddy Bears such as the one pictured here for Teddy Lyerly will be sent by the American Widows Project to children who have lost their fathers in the Iraq war.

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Help desk available via messaging, chat rooms

By Justin White Staff Reporter

Instant messaging and chat rooms have switched from entertaining students to answering their technological queries.

Bryan Lucas, executive director of Technology Resources said customer service staff came up with the idea and implemented a chat room program last February. The program is another way the Computer Help Desk can help students from anywhere on or off campus, he said.

Customer service staff thought a chat program would be a good way to communicate with students, Lenelda Pennington, associate director of customer services,

"We all use [instant messaging] and chat services, which are common tools used by many businesses, so we thought it seemed like a next step to include this communication tool for the help desk," Pennington

The link for the chat service can be found on the Web site for Technology Resources at help.tcu.edu, Pennington said. Once on the Web site, students only need to click on the chat link, enter a name and e-mail address and they are ready to chat,

"This is just another format we think students might like — another way to communicate with them," Pennington said.

Students seeking assistance chat with student workers called ResNet techs, Pennington said. ResNet techs mainly help with navigating the Web site, answering how-to questions and other queries regarding wired and wireless connectivity,

Pennington said she is not sure if all students are aware of the system. An e-mail was sent to students, but it is the kind of program that may take time for students to need, she said.

"Basically, if everything is working, they don't need it," Pennington said. "We expect it would get heavier usage at the beginning of a semester."

Right now the system is for students only, but Technology Resources plans to open it up to faculty, alumni, parents, prospective students and guests at a later time, Pennington said.

Customer service hopes that the new chat feature will be a more effective and convenient way to get assistance that students can enjoy, Pennington said.

"Sometimes people may not want to wait on the phone for help," Pennington said. "But while they are browsing the Internet, they don't mind waiting for a chat session to start."

Chat Service Hours

Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Visit help.tcu.edu for chat service.

More graduates look overseas for jobs

By David Coffey McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — As job prospects thin at home, American college seniors and recent graduates are looking overseas for work, even of the unpaid variety.

Organizations that send volunteers abroad are noticing a significant jump in applications for their programs compared with earlier years.

Applications to the Peace Corps are 16 percent higher this year, and late last year twice as many Americans applied to CUSO-Voluntary Service Overseas, Canada's largest volunteer-based international development group, compared with the same period in 2007.

Looking abroad is just one way that the young are trying to cope with the worst economic landscape of their lives.

wide. Teach for America saw a 50 per- Universities. cent increase in applications last year for its program, which sends college graduates to teach in underfunded school dis-

A month after President Barack Obama's calls for more service inspired a flood of volunteering at nonprofit organizations across the country, the lack of paid work at home seems to be inspiring a surge in volunteer service abroad.

When job prospects falter, young graduates gravitate toward "doing something meaningful rather than perhaps doing something menial," said Katherine Stahl, the executive director of American University's career center in Washington.

Students who graduate this spring will find themselves "looking at one of the worst job markets in recent memory," said Tony Pals, a spokesman for the National Volunteers also are traveling nation- Association of Independent Colleges and and commitment to larger goals.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one of the nation's pre-eminent institutions, which often sees lines of recruiters each spring pursuing graduates, reports a 15 percent decrease in recruiters on campus, while internship offers and projected salaries are shrinking, said Melanie Parker, MIT's executive director of employer relations.

Because new graduates see volunteerism as a boost to job prospects, they reason that the experience offsets lost incomes and travel expenses incurred

Stacey Hollis, a Warren Wilson College graduate and Peace Corps applicant, said that Peace Corps service was "a way to have a one-up" over other job seekers, plugging her into a network of past corps members and demonstrating her passion

"I think that young people are savvy and do see how beneficial it can be," said Laura Lartigue, a Peace Corps spokes-

It's a discussion starter in job interviews and a way to avoid gaps in resumes, said Susan Ellis, founder of Energize Inc., a Philadelphia-based volunteer association that coordinates overseas and domestic

Young volunteers also earn moral capital by devoting significant time to volunteering overseas.

"There's absolutely a halo effect," El-

For-profit teaching overseas also is seeing a boost among college grads. At the Teaching English as a Foreign Language Institute in Chicago, teacher training has increased by 50 percent in the last

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Justices divided on DNA tests

By Michael Doyle McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices appeared closely divided Monday over claims by an Alaska inmate that the Constitution guarantees a right to post-conviction DNA testing.

The court's most conservative members are clearly aligned against inmate William Osborne, who was convicted of assaulting a prostitute known only as K.G. The court's most liberal members sounded sympathetic to expanded testing. At most, the odds appear to favor a narrow decision.

"This is a particularly poor candidate for recognizing a new constitutional right," Deputy Solicitor General Neal Katyal, an Obama appointee, told the court.

Forty-four states already permit convicts to demand DNA testing, though the states apply different requirements. Since 1989, 232 convicted felons have been exonerated because of DNA testing.

"All they're getting is a darn test," attorney Peter Neufeld, co-founder of the Innocence Project, told the court Monday morning. "And they're staying in prison while they get that darn test."

Alaska is one of only six states not to have its own explicit DNA testing law. Even the states that do have such laws are resisting arguments that the Supreme Court should use the case called District Attorney's Office v. Osborne to extend such testing requirements nationwide.

Chief Justice John Roberts ques-

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tioned Monday whether it makes test. "sense for us to devise a constitutional way to displace what the states have done." Katyal, on behalf of the Obama administration, agreed that the court "should not constitutionalize" a legal policy being worked out by individual states.

"DNA testing is not a crystal ball of guilt or innocence," California Deputy Attorney General Michael Chamberlain agreed in a brief, filed on behalf of several dozen states, including Florida and Washington. "In many cases, DNA testing after conviction would be a meaningless exercise."

The crime at the heart of the case heard Monday occurred in March 1993. Prosecutors say Osborne and a friend solicited K.G., the prostitute, for \$100. Prosecutors say the men then drove K.G. to a secluded site near Anchorage International Airport, robbed her at gunpoint, raped her, beat her and shot at her.

ask for the most sophisticated possible DNA testing at the time, which might have definitively proved guilt or innocence.

"I assume she was concerned it would show his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt," Roberts said, suggesting that Osborne shouldn't now have a chance to revisit his attorney's "tactical decision."

Justices Samuel Alito and Anthony Kennedy added their fears that inmates like Osborne might try to "game" the system if permitted to ask for DNA testing after a trial in which they had forgone such a

If the court's centrists are persuaded to expand DNA testing nationwide, the oral argument Monday made clear that some kind of conditions will be attached. Several justices, in particular, cited the possibility of requiring the inmate to swear under oath that he or she is innocent. That way, potential perjury charges would make the prisoner think twice about asking for

"(Osborne) has never made a declaration under penalty of perjury that he is innocent," Alaska's assistant attorney general, Kenneth M. Rosenstein, told the court. "He seems to be, for lack of a better word, fishing for evidence that might help him."

Osborne, under oath, confessed his guilt to an Alaska parole board. Neufeld said that confession was made as a condition of winning early release from prison.

"Isn't it true that we've had DNA Osborne's trial attorney didn't cases where the person has been found innocent despite the fact that they confessed?" Justice John Paul Stevens asked.

> Osborne himself is back in prison. His parole was revoked after he was rearrested in December 2007 on charges of kidnapping, burglary and assault following an alleged home invasion robbery.

> Justices David Souter and Ruth Bader Ginsburg appeared most vocally sympathetic to Neufeld's arguments, while Justice Antonin Scalia was even more vehement than Roberts and Alito in voicing skepticism.

TEDDY BEARS

will host the AWP in the Bass Building today and Wednesday. The event will include a viewing of a DVD made by widows in the organization, an opportunity to listen to widows tell their personal stories and a chance for students to make and donate teddy bears for the children of widows, Sessums said.

Heather Brown, a junior social work major and team member helping to coordinate the event, said 100 children requested custom-made teddy bears that will have a picture of them with their fathers attached.

The Junior Transitions Seed grant and the Student Commu-

nity Involvement/Service Learning grant donated \$850 to fund the event, Brown said. The remainder of the funding was provided through several university organizations, she said.

"We've gotten a lot of response from several different departments," she said.

Sessums said that in addition to the "Daddy Memory Bears," the other goals of the event are to spread awareness and to help facilitate knowledge amongst college students that the AWP is available to help widows in the same situation as Davis.

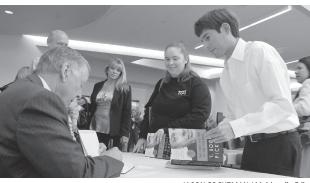
"When a soldier dies right now, two uniformed soldiers come to the widow's house and give them a 600-page book telling them what to do," Sessums

said. "I don't know about you, but if my husband just died I wouldn't want to read a 600page book."

The program helps young widows to navigate the confusing processes of collecting their husbands' bodies, picking out caskets, selecting funeral homes and many other tribulations that come from their untimely deaths, Sessums said.

Brown said she is looking forward to hearing the inspiring stories of the women in AWP.

"These widows have given the ultimate sacrifice, and they deserve the greatest respect," Brown said. "I want to be a part of honoring their strength, resilience and their hope for the



Students get signed copies of T. Boone Pickens' "The First Billion is the Hardest: Reflections on a Life of Comebacks and America's Energy Future" Mon-

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day afternoon.

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that we haven't moved past our credibility would turn."

In the town hall-style meeting, Pickens said the United States could decrease its need for foreign fossil fuel by using wind power to generate up to 22 percent of the country's electricity. He said the wind power would provide incentives for home and commercial building owners to upgrade their energy

The importance of finding alternative means of energy is crucial because the U.S. uses such a large portion of the its need for foreign oil.

have oil," Pickens said. "Our the fact that we are importing country only has 3 percent of the world's oil reserve, yet we are using 25 percent of the oil produced worldwide everyday and we import 68.7 percent of

Pickens said younger genera-

tions really need to take charge of making a change. He said the crisis is not going to go away, and if younger generations don't acknowledge that, then there will be more problems in the future.

Holt Redwine, a sophomore finance and accounting major, said Pickens' idea that the younger generations need to take on the responsibility is what students needed to hear.

"He's putting the pressure on our generation, which is what we need to motivate others to step up and make a change," Redwine said. "His plan may not be the complete answer, but it's a step in the right direc-

Justin LaPoten, sophomore finance major and co-founder of the Energy Club, said the Pickens Plan seems to be the best way for the U.S. to cut off

"I think when you see the "We are operating like we recession we're in right now, 70 percent of oil from places like Iran and Saudi Arabia that aren't very friendly with us doesn't seem like something we should be doing," LaPoten said. "The Pickens Plan gives us ways we can get away from that."

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six months.

Despite the global economic downturn, schools in developing regions are "throwing money at people to come," said Bruce Jones, a spokesman for the institute.

Graduating teachers without domestic job offers and recent graduates of master of business admin-

"A lot of them are holding on to the hope that there might still be jobs out there."

Amanda Masello

director of marketing and communications at United Planet

istration programs are deciding to "ride out the storm" by completing a six-week program before heading overseas to teach, Jones said.

The Internet also is fueling interest for these tech-able grads. Traffic for Idealist.org, a networking and employment-listing Web site for volunteer and nonprofit organizations, increased by 22 percent in the past four months. After the site experienced a 500 percent growth in new user profiles last year, ads promoting volunteer opportunities rose by 40 percent.

However, one organization saw its inquiries jump while its applications remained stable.

Amanda Masello, the marketing and communications director at United Planet, a Boston-based organization that specializes in sending volunteers overseas, thinks she knows why.

"A lot of them are holding on to the hope that there might still be jobs out there," she said.

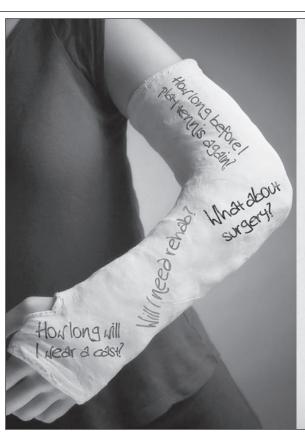
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this and solved our problem," Pickens said. "If we could move away from foreign oil I believe

saving options.

Pickens said he hopes that the country could use power from wind for transportation fuel within the next 20 years.

our oil."



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Governor takes on health care from the state. "And I've got my head the White House Office for By David Goldstein McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius will face her first test later this week after agreeing Monday to help lead

President Barack Obama's effort

to overhaul health care. She'll be under the spotlight Thursday when the White House holds a health care summit with representatives from the insurance and pharmaceutical industries, medicine and public health, as well as both political parties.

"It's a crisis punishing families, battering businesses, squeezing our states, and increasingly, imperiling our own budget," Obama said Monday when he introduced her as his choice to run the massive Department of Health and Human Services.

Amid the gilded elegance of the White House East Room, Sebelius said his request was "a responsibility I could not refuse. I am deeply honored by your faith in me, Mr. President."

She'll be tasked with reforming a system whose costs in recent a silver bullet when it comes to years have risen four times faster than incomes, and left a million people each year without health insurance.

Obama said Sebelius "knows health care inside and out" and has "been on the front lines of our health care crisis ... Kathleen has remarkable intellect, unquestioned integrity and the kind of pragmatic wisdom you'll tend to find in a Kansan."

That drew some silent chuckles from two Republican guests at the ceremony, former Sen. Bob Dole, a revered Kansas political figure, and current Sen. Pat Roberts, a

longtime Sebelius friend. together," said Obama, whose

own Kansas roots." Kansas' other senator, Republi-

can Sam Brownback, didn't attend. Spokesman Brian Hart said he had previous commitments.

The presence of Dole and Roberts was another example of the White House quest for bipartisanship as it attempts another huge and expensive shake-up of the status quo.

Obama said he hoped the Republican guests were "a symbol of how we can move this issue forward. I don't think anybody has

'It's a crisis punishing families, battering businesses, squeezing our states, and increasingly, imperiling our

Barack Obama

own budget."

president

health care."

Indeed, Roberts has raised questions about the \$634 billion for health care in Obama's budget. In a statement Monday, however, Roberts' spokeswoman Molly Haase said, "He has always said they will work together where they agree and have a discussion and

dialogue where they disagree." Sebelius, 60, is in the middle of her second term. She became a rising star in the Democratic Party by showing it was possible to win a Republican state. An early Obama ally, she was on his short list for

vice president. Sebelius won't handle health "People in Kansas, we stick care reform alone. Obama used the occasion to also introduce mother and grandparents were Nancy-Ann DeParle, who will

Health Reform. She was a health care official

at the Office of Management and Budget during the Clinton administration, and also director of the agency that ran Medicare and Medicaid at the time.

DeParle's role on several corporate boards of companies involved in health technology and pharmaceuticals has raised questions about possible conflicts of interest with her new position. A White House spokesman

said DeParle would be stepping down from her corporate posts and would excuse herself from any future discussions that could involve her corporate work. DeParle's White House role

had been a hat former Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota, Obama's first choice for HHS, was supposed to wear as well. The job appeared to be tailored

for him because of his experience and longtime alliances on Capitol Hill, where Obama's health reform agenda is likely to face obstacles.

Political pressure forced Daschle to withdraw, however, after he announced he'd paid \$146,000 in back taxes and interest. Sebelius, for all the praise com-

ing her way because of her efforts on health care as governor and Kansas insurance commissioner before that, doesn't know Capitol Moreover, if confirmed by the

Senate, she'll be juggling numerous concerns. Improving food safety and emergency prepared-

ness are just two at the top of the next HHS secretary's to-do list. "She's got major challenges in front of her well beyond health reform," said Jeffrey Levi, executive director of the Trust for America's Health, a nonprofit, nonpartisan health care research and advocacy group.







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The Skiff View

Students should be proud to host widows

Then it comes to putting a real face on war, the American Widow Project has done just that.

The non-profit organization was created in 2007 as a way to reach out to the widows of American servicemen who gave their lives on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. Founded and headed by widows, the organization has become a tether for women who have lost their husbands and may not know what to do next. The women support each other through sharing their experiences and bringing comfort to help ease the hardships they face.

It is a source of pride for the community that our university will be the first college to host an event for the project.

The event will give students the chance to share the personal stories of some of the women, see a documentary made by the organization, learn how to start a nonprofit organization and have the opportunity to make memory teddy bears that will go to the children who have lost their fathers to war. Not only does an event like this benefit those who wish to attend, but it also gives back to the organization that puts it on by raising awareness for an important issue facing our community.

Since the goal of the American Widow Project is to unify a new generation of women in their early 20's and 30's who are looking for a way to go on with their lives in the face of deepest despair, it will be an enlightening experience for students to bare witness to the stories of the strength these young widowed women have shown.

We owe it to them to hear what they have to say, what they have been through and to get a first-hand glimpse into how the war has affected those at home.

News editor Rose Baca for the editorial board.

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No consensus exists on global warming



Everyone hold your breath for this news

In a news report Feb. 19 from the Associated Press, it was reported that the Environmental Protection Agency is likely to consider carbon dioxide an air pollutant.

I don't know when anyone decided that naturally formed elements in the atmosphere were a big deal. From what I learned in elementary school, I always thought that carbon dioxide was good because it helped plants grow.

In actuality what the EPA wants to regulate is companies that emit carbon dioxide. They say because of the "scientific consensus" we must take measures to make sure we don't keep putting horrible chemicals, elements or whatever in the atmosphere.

It seems as if a lot of people are confused on the word "consensus" thinking it means only a few people agree. Despite what you hear from so-called "scientists" like Al Gore, many actual scientists who actually study environments are a little more skeptical on the idea that carbon dioxide and humans are to blame for the climate change.

Some scientists like Tim Ball and John Coleman, founder of The Weather Channel, think that we are wasting our time, money and minds trying to fix something we never broke. Coleman even said that global warming is one of the biggest hoaxes in human history.

Although this dissent is from reputable scientists, many close their ears to the idea that global warming is not human fault. Perpetuated by media-run hysteria people are panicking over something a lot of scientists criticize and are skeptical about.

Instead of actually having a debate over the issues, global warming hysteria has confused the problem and made it like an absolute truth not to be questioned. Almost like the religion of environmentalism.

I know what you're saying: "But Michael, that's only a few scientists who disagree. Most scientists, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Control, do think that carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is a problem."

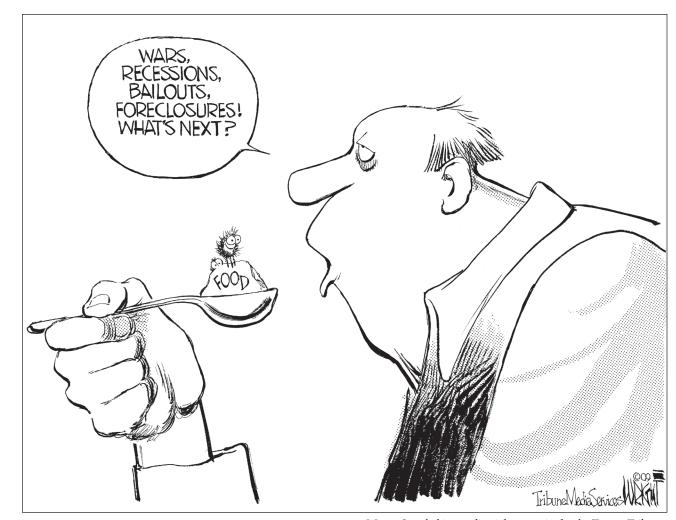
For you doubters, I point to the fact that many scientists such as Christopher Landsea have quit the IPCC because of political overtones of the group. Many people on the panel are not even scientists, some being members of political groups such as Greenpeace.

In the end, I think all of us are slightly confused on the subject. Even scientists themselves don't all agree on what the climate is doing or whose fault it is. The only thing that is for sure is what will happen if we continue to restrict business with environmental rules: economic disaster.

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could legally drink in public then they

ers could monitor them more readily.

This is faulty at so many angles.

For one thing, underage individuals

would drink "more safely" because oth-

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YOUR VIEW

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Lowering drinking age won't promote safety

I had to respond John Andrew Willis' column in Friday's Skiff about how a lower age requirement for drinking would ensure safety. This is the most ridiculous twist of information I have ever seen. The premise of his article was that if people 20 and younger

already drink in public. Where do you think people who stumble into dorms like Colby early on Friday mornings come from? Clearly they didn't come from the privacy of their own room. If that were the case they wouldn't have those black Xs on their hands. The privacy of their room, or their bathroom, is where they recover from the alcohol activities that they took part in publicly. people drink in excess because they want to.

Willis wrote, "If it were legal for college students to drink in bars, restaurants and on campus, they would be more likely to do so safely." The truth is that young

> Making it legal encourages it. How many sober people do you see leaving a bar? Not too many. Very few students

in college drink just to have a hint of alcohol complement their meals. If someone wanted just a little drink, his or her room seems more conducive than a bar where people encourage others to drink more.

The story of the fraternity pledge dying from alcohol poisoning and his "brothers" not helping him because they were afraid of the consequences also has no merit. If the University of Colorado had tighter regulations on alcohol in Greek housing, the situation could have been avoided. Had Gordie Bailey's mother instilled more sense in her son before he left for college, he probably would have handled the situation better. Had the fraternity brothers been sober, maybe they would have recognized that they would get in more trouble for a pledge's death during a fraternity ritual than for providing alcohol to minors.

It is very clear that some students just like to exercise their stupid side by getting drunk. Lowering the minimum legal drinking age would give them one more reason to do so.

I hope that Chancellor Victor Boschini has enough sense to know that this is one curve the university should stay behind.

> Michaela Bradshaw is a sophomore communications major from DeSoto.

Bank nationalization would lead to deeper recession, upset market



Many Democrats and even some prominent Republicans are calling for the federal government to nationalize major U.S. banks in order to control the current economic tailspin. Nothing scares bankers or shareholders more, and rightfully so.

Nationalization causes detrimental turmoil to the financial markets.

Banks are dealing with losses caused by widespread loan defaults. The only way the government can hope to relieve banks of these losses is by injecting capital into the banks, which the government is already doing. These losses won't magically go away with a federal takeover.

Shareholders' stocks would become worthless if the government took over the banks. There would be absolutely no way for investors to regain previous losses.

In addition, even one federal takeover of a bank could ignite a financial wildfire. Shares across the entire banking sector would continue to fall, and trust in financial institutions would be devastated. Any bank that the government takes control of would suddenly become the safest bank, and people will move their money out of their not-so-safe banks making existing problems worse.

Those in favor of national-

ization often cite the success of the Swedish government's nationalization efforts in the last decade. This is basically irrelevant in that Sweden's entire banking system represents a small percent of major banks in the U.S. The financial challenges in America are complex and are decades in their making. Letting the government control major banks won't suddenly change anything.

of the consequences that could result from nationalization, this must be considered a last resort. The Obama adtion should stand by our banking system and assure the market that bank nationalization is off the table.

Tyler Zodrow is freshman finance

major from McKinney.



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NEWS

Students look into 'no-frills' education

By Susan Snyder The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — A private university in New Hampshire is offering students a "no-frills" option: more than a 50 percent cut in tuition if they take courses at a satellite cam-

pus and forgo many amenities. In New Jersey, Richard Stockton College will allow students to take from 12 to 20 credits for a flat rate.

And elsewhere, some colleges are running three-year degree programs, so students can get through school more quickly and save money, using a model common in Europe.

The idea of less costly or "nofrills" universities — as proposed by Pennsylvania last month — is under discussion and in some cases is playing out in other communities around the country, as the economy worsens and the price tag for higher education continues to rise.

"It's an idea whose time has come," said Richard Vedder, director of the Center for College Affordability and Productivity, a Washington think tank.

It was the issue of cost that prompted the Pennsylvania State Board of Education last month in a report to suggest that the state consider establishing "no-frills" schools.

While details have not been worked out, the proposal generally calls for the colleges to offer an accelerated year-round program for bachelor's degrees that focus on education. They could operate much as a fouryear version of a community college and would forgo sports teams, extracurriculars, super gymnasiums, plum dorms, and other amenities.

"We've gotten lots of positive comments from students and families, and we've also gotten calls from other states about it," said Jim Buckheit, executive director of the State Board of Education. "It's certainly an idea that has touched a nerve."

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Vance Fried, an entrepreneurship professor at Oklahoma State University, released a report last summer on how a university could offer students an "Ivy" education for \$7,376 a year — far less than the \$35,000-plus annual tuition at some high-end private schools, and about half what it costs at some state-related institutions.

Fancy gymnasiums, an endless list of electives, universally small classes, and expensive research are out under the approach detailed in Fried's report.

But others defend their price tags and say parents want their children to have a full-fledged education with socialization and growth.

Rick DiFeliciantonio, vice president for enrollment at Ursinus College in Pennsylvania, where tuition, fees, and room and board top \$45,000 annually, said the college had no plans to offer a no-frills version, and he warned of the potential pitfalls.

"There's not such a fine line between offering no-frills discounted programs and eating into the very heart of what a residential liberal-arts institution like Ursinus is fundamentally trying to accomplish," he said.

Even Vedder acknowledged that most people don't want a nofrills university.

At Southern New Hampshire University, 37 students at two satellite campuses are enrolled in the new discount program this year.

They pay \$10,000 in tuition and fees annually to attend modest branch campuses with few amenities, but still have small classes of 15 to 18 and programs taught by some of the same professors who work on the main campus.

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Residents wait for stimulus results

By Tim Jones Chicago Tribune

NORTH MANCHESTER, Ind. — With no fanfare and mixed expectations, economic stimulus is coming to the banks of the Eel River, bringing two dozen jobs and the welcome clatter of work to a quiet northern Indiana college town that's been shedding good jobs for years.

Among the first of tens of thousands of Washingtonbacked projects aimed at jumpstarting the economy and creating jobs, a \$3.8 million project to build a water treatment plant in North Manchester (population 6,400) provides an early look at the hopes and challenges facing the most ambitious national public works effort since the Great Depression.

Whether this small construction project near a charming covered bridge will do much more than replace a creaky 1950s-era municipal water system is anyone's guess. And that puts this particular expenditure squarely at the heart of the much larger national debate over what the \$787 billion federal stimulus package is likely to accomplish.

In official Washington, Democrats vow the stimulus program will give the economy a needed jolt, while Republicans claim it will be a bust. In North Manchester, about a half-hour's drive west of Fort Wayne, few are primed for instant gratification.

"There will be a short-term boost. It'll be small; it'll help the retailers," said Dan Hannaford, town manager of North Manchester, whose most famous son, Thomas R. Marshall, the vice president under Woodrow Wilson, once remarked, "What this country needs is a



Ron Lange, left, of Saint Henry, Ohio, climbs into a hole at the site of a new water treatment plant in North Manchester, Ind. on Wednesday. Economic stimulus is coming to the banks of the Eel River, bringing two dozen jobs and the welcome clatter of work to this quiet northern Indiana college town that's been shedding good jobs for years.

good 5-cent cigar."

More than that, this town needs good jobs, having lost several small manufacturing plants in the past few years, including a washing machine parts plant that took 200 jobs to Mexico and an axle plant that took a smaller number to southern Michigan, Hannaford said.

"Those were some of the bestpaying jobs around," he added.

One in 10 workers in Wabash County is unemployed, and 24 counties in the state during December had jobless rates from nearly 10 percent to more than 15 percent, creating a pool of available labor.

But forget about grainy, 1930s images of the forlorn jobless lining up for public works jobs and, with a strong back and a desire to work, finding meaningful employment. The water treatment plant project will be built by mostly outof-state labor.

The North Manchester project was "shovel ready," scheduled for sometime this year but jump-started when Congress approved the stimu-

lus package. It was among a dozen rector for the Federal Reserve Bank Indiana water projects totaling \$36 million that were slated by the Indiana Finance Authority to receive stimulus funds as soon as Congress approved the package.

The legislation makes low-interest or interest-free loans available for the dozen projects in Indiana. With those loans, the North Manchester project will cost the town about \$1.5 million less than originally planned, Hannaford said.

In the next six to eight months, 26 people will build the North Manchester treatment plant, according to the project contract: 11 from southern Michigan, 10 from western Ohio, 2 from Mishawaka — near South Bend — and three electrical workers from an already busy contractor in North Manchester.

This is not unusual, contractors and others say, because specialized projects often require a work force that is not available in many small towns like North Manchester.

"A lot of the projects are quite specialized, and they require specialized workers," said Mark Schweitzer, senior vice president and research di-

of Cleveland.

The early impact of the stimulus project will be measured by generally small receipts from cash registers, at Butterbaugh's Citgo station, the grocery store on Main Street, a few restaurants like Mr. Dave's and the Main View, and the Treeway Inn, the only hotel in town.

Most people here in this politically conservative county — it went for John McCain over Barack Obama 59 percent to 39 percent shrug when asked about the water treatment plant.

Kathy Roberts, executive director of the local chamber of commerce, said the plant had to be replaced and, in the long run, it could attract new business to North Manchester, especially factories that use a lot of water.

"But you can't make things happen here if nobody wants to spend money," said Roberts, pointing to the bigger and more immediate problem of tight credit and weak consumer confidence. "Is this going to make people run and put industries here? No."

Groups seek more info. on deported immigrants

By Matt O'Brien Contra Costa Times

the federal government more open, to the line workers." immigrant advocates are fighting to learn more about a fast-growing program to deport illegal immigrants without a court hearing.

Immigration judges in San Francisco ordered more than 3,700 illegal immigrants deported in the last five years without seeing them in person, according to data obtained by a Stanford University law clinic.

Almost 100,000 immigrants nationwide have signed what is called the "stipulated order of removal" while in jail, waiving their right to appear before a judge, agreeing to a speedy deportation and barring themselves from entering the United States for at least a decade.

The law clinic and a coalition of other groups last year wrested from the Department of Justice information about the breadth of the program, but requests to learn more about how it works were rejected.

"We got virtually nothing in

terms of how the program is run," full hearing on the case for Sepsaid Karen Tumlin of the National tember. Immigration Law Center. "You SAN FRANCISCO — Buoyed by don't run a program of that size don't run the Justice Department," officers. without having some instruction said Judge Charles Breyer. "I'm not

> The groups sued in November, claiming the government was concealing records that should be public.

"From what we're hearing, people are being told that the benefit is they can get out of detention sooner," said Jennifer Lee Koh, teaching fellow at the immigrants' rights clinic at Stanford Law School.

"The problem is they're also being forced to sign away their rights. ... We feel they should know what they are getting into when they sign a stipulated order."

One morning last week, Koh implored a San Francisco federal judge presiding over the open records case to consider President Barack Obama's directive to federal agencies the day after his inauguration to "adopt a presumption in favor" of Freedom of Information Act requests. The judge scoffed at Koh's request as he scheduled a

"I have no power to do that. I United States' policies."

Charles Miller, spokesman for the Justice Department, would not comment on the case while it is still in court.

Officials with Immigration and Customs Enforcement whose detention officers handle the orders, insist that the program is transparent, voluntary and effective.

The orders are most frequently used at large detention facilities, said Virginia Kice, an immigration spokeswoman. She said agency officers read and thoroughly explain the order, and other options, to those who volunteer to sign them.

"We can make an alien aware of (the stipulated orders)," Kice said. "They, of course, would have to concur. And before it becomes final, it has to be approved by the judge."

Judges never see detained immigrants who have signed the order; they instead review and sign paperwork. Some judges find the process troubling, said Dana Leigh Marks, a San Francisco immigration judge and president of the National Association of Immigration Judges.

reviewing stipulated orders they rely on a limited amount of information collected by detention

here to enforce the president of the recent years has overburdened the nation's 214 immigration judges, she said. They adjudicated more than 350,000 cases last year.

> "It's fair to say it's no cureall, and there's the concern the cure is worse than the illness," Marks said.

> Marks said she has not handled many of the orders during her time in San Francisco. Immigration judges based in the city preside over deportation cases across Northern California.

> Judges based here approved fewer than 4 percent of the stipulated removals nationwide since 1999.

> Although illegal immigrants began waiving court hearings in the 1990s, it was not until 2004 that the orders became commonplace. That year, 5,481 stipulated orders were signed, steadily increasing to 31,554 in 2007, according to the documents obtained by the law clinic. About 95 percent of those who signed the orders had no lawyers.

> Tumlin said how the orders are presented, and who is targeted, and why some regions use them more than others, remains a mystery to those outside of the jails where the orders are signed. "We really don't know why the

numbers are so big in San Francisco," she said. "It doesn't really make sense to us."



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Economic crisis brings more pawn customers

By Jim Stratton The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Twenty years ago, Trent Dale jumped out of an airplane to earn a nickel-sized military pendant of 14-karat gold.

pawnshop and traded it for \$20

"That's gas money that'll get me up to see my son," said Dale, an Army veteran from Orlando with a barrel chest and imposing biceps. "You want to hang on to mementos, but life goes on."

As more people feel the pinch of a contracting economy, pawnshops are seeing a different type of customer. Instead of the chronically under-employed, these are folks like Dale — people who a year ago were on stable, if not gold-plated, financial footing.

They had decent jobs and a little money left at the end of each nitely if an owner pays a monthly month. But as the economy slid into a spiral, they got dragged down with it, leaving them scrambling to pay the bills. Many have turned to their neighborhood pawnshop.

"What's changed is that people are desperate," said Ron Luttrell, owner of Diamond Pawn in Orlando. "They're trying to pawn anything they can."

The evidence covers the walls and floor at Lee's Pawn and Jewelry on Colonial Drive in west Orlando. The shop sits in the shadow of a billboard hawking Krystal fast food and Tanqueray gin.

Richard Palmer has owned the shop for almost 25 years. Today, he sits in a forest of professional-grade drills, power saws and air compressors pawned by out-of-work builders. Six flat-panel televisions are tuned to six different stations. A banjo leans in a corner just below a set of steel drums.

A bank of display cases is packed with gold chains, rings and watches. Palmer is seeing plenty of those nowadays, as laid off white-collar

workers look for new ways to make ends meet.

'We're seeing people who live in better sections of town come over here," Palmer said.

He has also noticed an uptick in the amount of stuff people never Last month, he walked into a reclaim. Two years ago, about 40 percent of the items became his property to sell. Now it's up to about 75 percent.

That creates its own problems for the pawnshop dealer.

"We've got more stuff than we can (get) rid of because people aren't buying," Palmer said. "The store is full, the back room is full. I've got a storage unit that's filled."

If customers need quick cash, they get a loan and leave the item behind as collateral. When they're flush again, they return to the shop, repay the loan plus interest and pick up their property. Some dealers will hold an item almost indeficharge. That prevents treasured belongings from being sold, but it comes at a price.

Last month, for example, George Green scraped together \$140 to reclaim two diamond rings he had pawned two years ago. He has been paying about \$30 a month, he said, to ensure they weren't sold.

"I know. I know. It doesn't make any sense," said Green, 62. "But we didn't want to lose them."

Lately, many customers are just looking to cash out. That's what Dale did with his medallion.

The 43-year-old father of two said he was laid off from a management job in October and since then has struggled to make ends meet. He lost his SUV — he's driving a Chevy Cavalier — and earlier pawned a PlayStation 3.

The \$20 he made last month was going straight into his gas tank, he said, so he could visit his son in Leesburg, Fla. The boy lives there with his mother.

"Just getting around is expensive," Dale said.

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Partnership helps endangered falcons

McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The endangered northern aplomado falcon, a regal gray bird with beige markings that was common across Texas and the Southwest until 1952, is making a comeback.

A combined effort by conservationists, federal agencies and private landowners has led to 40 breeding pairs in South Texas and soon, the falcon's reintroduction in West Texas and New Mexico.

"We saw this as a species that deserved a second chance," said Peter Jenny, the president of The Peregrine Fund, a Boise, Idaho, foundation that champions birds

The success has been so great that he thinks the northern aplomado falcon will soon be delisted as an endangered species. Aplomado is the Spanish word for

Jenny talks while Stella, a 6-year-old northern aplomado falcon that's about 16 inches tall and can fly more than 100 mph, rests calmly on his gloved wrist during an interview in the Environmental Defense Fund's Washington office. When she spreads her threefoot wingspan and shows off her grey and beige bands, the roomful of visitors oohs and ahhs.

Stella, raised in captivity and used to humans — who Jenny says she thinks are falcons — isn't part of the release program but serves as one of the fund's goodwill ambassadors.

'The bird is the best ambassador of all," Jenny said.

The northern aplomado falcon's resurgence has relied, more than most rescue efforts, on the goodwill of private landowners. Texas lands are about 97 percent privately owned, limiting the power of the federal government to force change.

"We met with landowners to restore the rich wildlife heritage of Texas," Jenny said.

That resounded with South



Peter Jenny, president of The Peregrine Fund, holds Stella, a northern aplomado falcon Wednesday, at the Environmental Defense office in Washington

Texas rancher Frank Yturria.

"I've been a conservationist all my life," said Yturria, 86, who let the fund build platforms for the birds to build their nests over a decade ago on a 12,000-acre ranch he co-owned near Brownsville. Yturria said that he was sitting in the office of a bank he owned when he was told that "a guy and a falcon" were downstairs.

Yturria, who was taken with the bird, a peregrine falcon, and with Jenny, its handler, was the first landowner in the state to open his land — a breakthrough for the northern aplomado falcon's fans.

"They're a beautiful, majestic bird," said Yturria, who's proud of his role in the falcon's re-emergence. "It makes me feel good. It's part of the legacy I can leave to my children and grandchildren."

The Environmental Defense

ment for landowners in the mid-1990s with a "safe harbor" provision to the Endangered Species Act that protects private property from federal intrusion when landowners set acreage aside for endangered animals.

"In return for access, the landowners get a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service" that gives them legal cover, said Michael Bean, a senior attorney with the defense fund. "There are now 2 million acres in Texas in the program."

Yturria participated even before the safe harbor program.

"One of my friends said, 'Are you crazy?" Yturria said, laughing. Yturria also has set aside land at another ranch as part of a federal program to protect the

The northern aplomado fal-Fund helped create an induce- cons, which began nesting on his

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property, are now scattered over South Texas. And when the Fish and Wildlife Service determines that there are 60 breeding pairs, the northern aplomado falcon will be de-listed from the endangered species list.

"This is a real success story," Jenny said.

The northern aplomados mate for life and, unusual among birds of prey, hunt in pairs, Jenny said.

The Peregrine Fund is pushing for more federal funds for its programs, including \$300,000 for the northern aplomado.

Yturria remembers seeing the northern aplomado falcons back in the 1940s and 1950s and even thinks he may have shot one or two while he was quail hunting.

Now, he says, he sees them overhead from time to time on his ranch and smiles. His new role is their protector.



NEWS

Governor retreats from call for senator to quit

By Rick Pearson and Monique Garcia Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Only days after Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn established a time frame for U.S. Sen. Roland Burris, D-Ill., to give up his seat or watch lawmakers move against him with a special-election law, the state's chief executive backed down Monday and said it was time to "move on."

The change of heart by Quinn, a likely candidate for election to the governor's office in 2010, came after he met with a group of African-American politicians amid a climate in which some members of the black clergy and Chicago aldermen have called on Quinn to cease calling for Burris to resign.

Even as Quinn took some pressure off Burris, the appointed junior senator faced a potential political fight on a new front when Democratic state Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias announced a committee to raise money to campaign for Burris' seat in the 2010 primary. Burris has not formally declared whether he would seek election.

Quinn denied that concerns about his relations with the African-American community and his own political future prompted him to drop pushing a special-election law that could effectively dislodge Burris, the only black U.S. senator, from his post.

But much as Burris' everchanging statements regarding cial election, but if the incumbent how he got appointed by former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich created questions about the senator's veracity and viability, Quinn's comments also reflect ever-shifting positions the governor has taken on filling U.S. Senate vacancies going back to Blagojevich's arrest on Dec. 9. Quinn succeeded Blagojevich, who was removed from office in a Senate trial on impeachment charges that included his federal incumbent resigns. The incumbent





the U.S. Senate vacancy of President Barack Obama. On Thursday,

Quinn told radio station WGN-AM that he would give Burris "two weeks" to contemplate resignation before encouraging lawmakers to approve a law giving the governor the

power to call a special election. His comments came after Attorney General Lisa Madigan said the federal Constitution gave lawmakers the right to approve a special election because Burris' appointment could be considered "temporary."

"Now, after a short, reasonable period of time, if he doesn't do that (resign), then I think we should pursue ahead with a (special-election) statute," Quinn said last week. "I have urged the two legislative leaders today, in (Illinois capital) Springfield when I was there, to go ahead and do that. Let's get it on the books."

But on Monday, the governor backed down after his hour-long meeting, though he said he has been making his position "crystal clear" to voters all along.

"I think there should be a spesenator decides to stay in office, I don't think anything will happen because of that," Quinn said.

Quinn said that while he was not backing down on his desire that Burris quit, "I mean, if he doesn't accept my advice, we have to move on."

"My position is well known," the governor said. "I think there should be a special election. You cannot have a special election unless the

Unemployed vulnerable to job scams

By Steve Giegerich St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Joe Epstein's heart did a little flip-flop when he opened an e-mail from a staffing firm that

promised a portal to a new job. "When you're in this situation, it really picks you up," said Epstein, 58. Nearly a year after being laid off from his job as an information technology sales rep, he finds himself in a job search for the first time in a quarter-century.

As Epstein learned in the resulting telephone conversation, an ailing economy can bring out the worst in people: Companies that prey on the unemployed in their struggle to find work.

Epstein said a "very nice, very positive" woman representing the staffing firm plucked his resume from a job search engine and promised that her company could brush up his resume, provide interview tips and give him access to exclusive job listings.

The price — \$4,000.

Epstein turned it down, as well as subsequent follow-up pitches from the firm.

"Once you give them your credit card, you're up a creek," said the Brentwood, Mo., resident.

Consumer protection advocates say his reasoning is dead-on. In 2007, the Consumer Protection Agency received almost 6,000 com-

plaints about headhunters and employment and placement agencies. And that was two years before the economy threw an estimated 3.6 million Americans out of work.

"There's always people out there willing to take advantage of people's misery," said Chris Thetford, director of communications for the Better Business Bureau of Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois. "I've never met anyone who had to pay to get a legitimate job."

Nationally, authorities are finding examples of job scammers and taking action. For example, the Federal Trade Commission filed a federal court complaint in November against a Georgia firm that was charging \$120 to \$140 for materials it claimed would help applicants pass a U.S. Postal Service qualifying exam.

In early 2008, the Ohio attorney general fined a personnel service for enticing clients to pay \$389 for a connection to nonexistent jobs.

Jeannette Hoss of East Carondelet, Ill., has been on the receiving end of similar pitches since starting her job hunt in December. She estimates she has e-mailed her resume in response to Craigslist. com ads nearly a 100 times trying to land a position in health insurance, human resources or other fields.

Of those inquiries, Hoss, 30, estimates fully a third have triggered to little more than spam.

Other respondents have sent

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director of communications for the Better Business Bureau of Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois

job applications embedded with requests for money or other personal information.

One company offered to set Hoss up with her own resume-writing service. Another provided suggestions on how to establish a phony e-mail address.

Given the economic climate, consumer advocates say, the allegations of bogus or exploitative employment opportunities starting to trickle in have the potential to turn into a torrent.

"We definitely expect to see

automatic responses that amount more people falling for job-hunting scams with the economy being what it is," said Travis Ford, a spokesman for the Missouri attorney general's office.

In 2007, 5,925 Americans contacted the U.S. Consumer Protection Agency, a division of the Federal Trade Commission, with complaints about employment agencies and job counseling.

That figure represented less than 1 percent of the complaints the agency received about fraudulent business opportunities and workfrom-home schemes, said spokesman Mitchell Katz.

As Epstein learned, the schemes often involve a firm requesting a fee in exchange for career advice along with access to employment opportunities inaccessible to the general public.

The request for upfront money, experts say, is the first red flag.

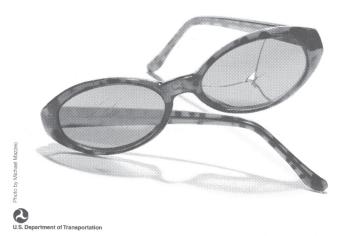
In almost every instance, consumer advocates contend, the "exclusive" job listings that illegitimate staffing firms share with clients are available to anyone with access to the Internet.

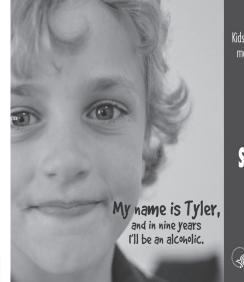
Moreover, they say, employmentseekers are often presented with lists of jobs for which they are unqualified or in faraway locales that would require them to relocate.

"What they're trying to do is put a round peg in a square hole and charge you to do it," Epstein said.

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Behind the shamrock

Looking at the history, myths and traditions surrounding St. Patrick's Day

By Wendy Zang McClatchy Newspapers

WHO IS ST. PATRICK?



St. Patrick

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Born in the late fourth century in Scotland, he was kidnapped as a teenager and shipped to Ireland as a slave. He was sent to the mountains as a shepherd, where he spent his time in prayer. After six years, he had a dream in which God told him to leave Ireland. Walking nearly 200 miles, he escaped to Great Britain, where he report-

edly had a second vision, telling him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, he joined the priesthood and did just that. He is credited with converting much of Ireland to Christianity. He died in the mid-fifth century, on March 17.

WHY A SHAMROCK?

St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. It has been associated with him and the Irish ever since. The shamrock's color is also one of the reasons why people wear green for St. Patrick's Day. Green is also a symbol of spring and of Ireland itself.

CELEBRATIONS (AND A LITTLE HISTORY)

The Irish have celebrated St. Patrick's Day as a religious holiday for centuries. Irish families would spend the morning in church and the afternoon celebrating. Since the holiday usually fell during Lent, the Catholic Church waived the usual Lenten restrictions on the consumption of meat, and people would dance, drink and feast (often on the traditional Irish meal of bacon and cabbage).

It was the Americans who turned it into a secular holiday of Irish nationalism. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in 1762, when Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through the streets of New York City. During the mid-1800s, St. Patrick's Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans (most of them poor, Catholic and the targets of discrimination). In 1948 President Truman attended New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade. It was, according to The History



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A band of bagpipers marches down New York's Fifth Avenue during the 2005 St. Patrick's Day parade.

Channel, "a proud moment for the many Irish whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and racial prejudice to find acceptance in America."

It wasn't until 1995, however, that the Irish government began a national campaign to use St. Patrick's Day to drive tourism and showcase Ireland to the rest of the world.

Now, you can find the biggest celebrations in:

Dublin: Billed as Ireland's largest annual party, Dublin hosts a multi-day festival that draws more than 1.5 million spectators and 4,000 performers.

New York City: The tradition continues in New York with more than 200,000 marchers and more than 2.2 million spectators.

Chicago: They've been dyeing the Chicago River green since 1962 for their famous parade. There are hundreds more parades and celebrations in towns from Sea Isle City, N.J., to Hermosa Beach, Calif. And internationally, look for parades in London, Sydney and Tokyo.

Sources: WWW.CATHOLIC.ORG, WWW.HISTORYCHANNEL.COM, WWW.CATHOLIC-FORUM.COM, WWW.SAINTPATRICKSDAYPARADE.COM

PATTY PARTY PLANNER

Here are a few quick tips for planning your own St. Patrick's Day celebration from Evite. com:

Decorations: Go green simply with streamers, or more elaborately with green light bulbs, green balloons and shamrock-shaped party

On the table: Gold foil-wrapped chocolate coins and/or Lucky Charms cereal make good table decorations.

For entertainment: Make a Styrofoam "Blarney Stone" to sit near the door and have people kiss it as they enter.

Attire: Green, of course. Best with a "Kiss Me I'm Irish" pin and a green leprechaun hat. For real effect, go for the Lucky Charms



Get decked out in green attire for your St. Patrick's Day party.

ditional Irish grub (see list below); or just go green with some mashed potatoes and green food coloring, or

some green M&Ms. **Drinks:** For the adults, serve up Irish beer or Irish coffee; for nonalcoholic options, try mint-chocolate milkshakes, Gatorade or green Kool-Aid.

accents.

Source: WWW.EVITE.COM

Fun games: In addi-

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Eats: Go for the tra-



Cabbage, potatoes and Canadian bacon are elements of our quick Irish "Boiled" Dinner recipe.

TRADITIONAL IRISH FOOD

some traditional Irish grub:

beef and cabbage)

potatoes, eggs and scallions

Irish stew: Usually made with

Irish breakfast: Pork sausages, bacon, eggs, black and white puddings (sausages), toast or soda bread

Dublin coddle: A casserole of bacon, pork sausages, potatoes and

Here's one recipe from the Chicago Tribune to get you started:

> **QUICK IRISH 'BOILED' DINNER**

Preparation time: 10 minutes Cooking time: 30 minutes Yield: 4 servings

Rhode Island

2. Population? a. More than 4 million

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know about Ireland?

- b. More than 7 million
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3. Capital?

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5. Patron saint? (Come on, people!)

- a. St. Ursula
- b. St. David
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You may want to celebrate with

Bacon and cabbage (or corned

Champ: A mixture of mashed

Colcannon: A dish of mashed potatoes, cabbage, butter, salt and

lamb, potatoes, onions and parsley

irish soda bread: Quick bread that substitutes baking soda for yeast

WITH MUSTARD SAUCE

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons butter • 1 package (5 ounces) Canadian
- bacon or ham, cut into strips • 1 small sweet onion, diced
- 12 baby red potatoes, halved

- 1 package (6 ounces) coleslaw mix
- 2 cans (14½ ounces each) chicken
- 5 sprigs fresh thyme, tied together

- Freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard, or more to taste
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/3 cup whipping cream DIRECTIONS
- **1.** Heat butter over medium heat in large skillet or Dutch oven. Add Canadian bacon; cook until lightly browned on one side, 1 minute. Turn; cook 1 minute. Remove to a plate; set aside.
- 2. Add onion to skillet; cook 2 minutes. Add coleslaw mix; cook, stirring often, until onions begin to brown and cabbage wilts, about 5 minutes. Increase heat to mediumhigh. Add potatoes, broth, thyme, salt and pepper to taste. Heat to boil; reduce heat to simmer. Cover; cook until potatoes are tender, about 15
- minutes. 3. Mix mustard and flour in a small bowl; stir in a small amount of the cream until smooth. Stir in remaining cream. Add cream mixture and Canadian bacon to skillet. Cook, stirring, until broth is slightly thickened, about 2 minutes. Serve in wide bowls.

Nutrition information per serving: 595 calories, 26 percent of calories from fat, 17 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 55 mg cholesterol, 89 g carbohydrates, 21 g protein, 1,585 mg sodium, 9 g fiber

– Chicago Tribune Sources: EPICURIOUS.COM, Wikipedia

BEVERAGES

Forget the green beer, here are some real Irish beers to help you celebrate this St. Patrick's Day:

Guinness: Brewed in Dublin since 1759, rich and dark. See if your bartender can draw a shamrock in the head of your Guinness. Guinness also makes Smithwick's Irish Ale and Harp

Murphy's: Brewing Irish Stout in Cork, Ireland, since 1856. Murphy's also makes an Irish Red (a

lighter alternative). Beamish: Also brewed in Cork, since 1792. Along with Murphy's and Guinness, it

makes up what

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calls the Blessed Trinity. O'Hara's Celtic Stout: Made by Carlow Brewing Company in Carlow, Ireland, a microbrew that started up in 1998. The stout has won international

D'Arcy's Dublin stout: Made by Dublin Brewing Company, another newcomer to the scene, founded in

Or opt for some other Irish drinks: **Irish coffee:** Legend has it the drink of coffee, Irish whiskey, cream and sugar was invented at Shannon Airport in Ireland.

Irish whiskey: Barley malt whiskey made in Ireland. Similar to Scotch whiskey, except for where it's made.

Bailey's Irish Cream: A whiskey and cream-based liquor made by Bailey & Co. of Dublin.

Irish Car Bomb: This one mandates directions: Pour a half a pint of Guinness into a beer mug; let settle. Meanwhile, prepare a shot with 1/2 ounce Irish whiskey and 1/2 ounce Bailey's (or other Irish cream). Drop the shot glass into the mug and chug.

> Sources: EPICURIOUS.COM, WIKIPEDIA, WWW.DRINKNATION.COM

SONGS

Here are a few lyrics from some popular Irish folk songs:

DANNY BOY

Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are From glen to glen, and down the

mountain side The summer's gone, and all the flow-

'tis you, 'tis you must go and I must

But come you back when summer's in the meadow

Or when the valley's hushed and white 'tis I'll be there in sunshine or in

shadow Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

When Irish eyes are smiling, Sure, 'tis like the morn in Spring. In the lilt of Irish laughter You can hear the angels sing. When Irish hearts are happy, All the world seems bright and gay. And when Irish eyes are smiling, Sure, they steal your heart away.

> Sources: WWW.THEBARDS.NET, WWW.IRELAND-INFORMATION.COM



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Many people celebrate St. Patrick's Day by donning Irish-themed garb and attending parades.

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Today in History

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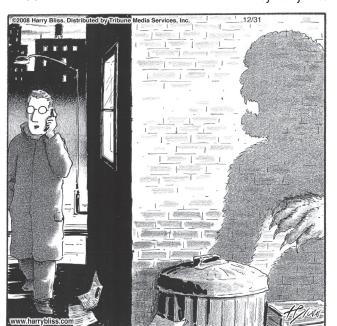
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Joke of the Day

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SPORTS



See how the men's tennis team is preparing for Wednesday's match against SMU. Tomorrow

MEN'S BASKETBALL



Senior forward John Ortiz attempts to block a shot during Saturday's game against San Diego State University.

Horned Frogs fall in OT

By Josh Davis Staff Writer

Senior forward Kevin Langford gave himself five more minutes to cement his legacy at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Unfortunately, the referees only gave him four minutes and 57

The Horned Frogs fell to San comeback and a strange end- do a lot of things." ing that was decided by the officials.

After Langford made the first of his two free throw attempts with five seconds to play, he intentionally missed the second, causing a scramble for the ball which the officials ruled went out of bounds off of Horned Frog junior forward Zvonko Buljan. The clock read 2.7 seconds remaining, but after a lengthy discussion the referees said that time had run out, and the game was in fact over.

'We had chances to win the game, and I'm proud of the (team's) effort," said head coach Jim Christian. "We clawed our way back."

The ending put a slight Langford said. "I had to play amper on a gutsy perfor- smart, but still play hard." damper on a gutsy performance by Langford, who along with fellow senior forward John Ortiz, was making his final appearance at home. Langford suffered through foul trouble the entire first half and went in to the break having scored only two points in seven minutes.

"It was Senior Night, and Diego State University 79-77 I wanted (Langford) to play," Saturday night in overtime in Christian said. "When he's not a game that featured a furious on the floor, it's hard for us to

> In his absence, the Frogs watched the Aztecs' lead shot 36 percent from beyond balloon to 13 before reaching a game high of 16.

Langford and freshman guard Ronnie Moss took over in the final 10 minutes of the game, on their way to point totals of 18 and 22, respectively. With the scoring efforts of Moss and Langford, the offense improved its field goal percentage from 31 percent in the first half to 52 percent in the second. Langford also showed off his penchant for drawing fouls inside, as two Aztec starters fouled out before the end of regulation.

home game with two points," of Utah Utes.

The Horned Frogs tied the game with 24 seconds left in regulation after two free throws from Langford.

"If I had made some other free throws (earlier in the game), I wouldn't have had to make them," Langford said.

In the extra period, the Aztecs failed to connect on a single shot, but went 10 of 12 from the charity stripe. The Horned Frogs missed their two threepoint attempts in overtime and the arc in the game.

Christian downplayed the role of the officials following the game, as did Langford.

Langford acknowledged that the ending was a bit unsatisfying, but said he was proud of the way he and his teammates played.

"I would've liked to win, but I felt the guys really went out there and played for me," Langford said.

The team wraps up its regular-season slate Saturday in Salt Lake City against the Moun-"I couldn't foul out of my last tain West-leading University

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Match decided in final bout

By Max Landman Editor-in-Chief

After losing its third consecutive event Saturday at home against the University of Alabama, the women's tennis team will try to right the ship Thursday with a visit to College Station.

With both teams cheering on the final match from the sidelines, the team lost a nail-biter Saturday afternoon at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center, falling to the Crimson Tide 4-3. The matches were moved indoors due to wind.

For the Horned Frogs, it was the second straight event that came down the final singles match, as sophomore Idunn Hertzberg fell to the Tide's Taylor Lindsey, 4-6, 4-6.

Horned Frog head coach Jefferson Hammond said that because of the team's tough schedule and high expectations there is bound to be some disappointment.

"We're going to have ups and downs in terms of execution and now we're having one of the downs," Hammond said. "We'll get it together."

Freshman Gaby Mastromarino, who won in both doubles and singles play after defeating the Tide's Meritt Emery in straight sets, said it's always difficult for a team when an event rides on one player's shoulders.

"I've been in this situation where I was the last match, and it's really hard to have everyone watch you and know that it's up to you, so I feel for her," Mastromarino said of her teammate Hertzberg.

"We're going to have ups and downs in terms of execution and now we're having one of the downs. We'll get it together."

Jefferson Hammond head coach

The team fell to 4-5 for the season, while the Tide, ranked No. 63, remained undefeated, moving to 8-0.

Alabama head coach Jenny Mainz said her team came out not worried at all," Babanova said.

For a slideshow of the tennis match, visit DailySkiff.com.

strong after losing its first doubles point of the season. She said experience was key in the final match because Lindsey had been in the final position on two other occasions this season.

"A lot of times when it's your

first rodeo, you don't respond the same way, but after you've done it a couple of times you kind of work through the nerves and work through the pressure," Mainz said. Sophomore Maria Babanova,

who found herself in the same situation in the last match Thursday when the team lost to Texas Tech University, said the Horned Frogs will rebound.

"We're not upset," said Babanova, who had won her doubles match with Mastromarino earlier in the day.

She said the team would be ready for Thursday's matches at Texas A&M University. The match is slated for a 5 p.m. start.

'We're going to compete against A&M as hard as we can, so we're

QUICK SPORTS

Baseball team tops Mississippi in weathershortened series

The No. 16-ranked Horned Frogs improved their record to 5-1 on the young season with a 19-13 victory at No. 11-ranked University of Mississippi squad on Saturday.

The team belted 25 hits on the way to its fifth straight win. All but one starter had multiple hits.

Senior third baseman Matt Carpenter had five hits and scored four runs while senior outfielder Chris Ellington hit two home runs and drove in

Originally scheduled as a season. er conditions Friday caused the opening game to be postponed. A doubleheader was scheduled for Saturday but only one game was completed. Another doubleheader was scheduled for Sunday to complete the series, but snow and cold temperatures didn't allow those games to happen either.

The Horned Frogs will get back into action tonight on the road against the University of Texas at Arlington before hosting Baylor University on Wednesday night at Lupton Stadium.

Lady Frogs' win streak ends at six

The women's basketball team fell to third place in the Mountain West Conference with a 68-63 loss Saturday on the road against the San Diego State University Aztecs.

The Lady Frogs (19-9, 11-4 MWC) fought back from a 13-point deficit in the second half but only managed to get within three points of the Aztecs, who cemented a perfect

14-0 record at home on the more Jordan Pitts won gold in season with the win.

Junior guard Helena Sverrisdottir led the way for the Lady Frogs with 19 points and 12 rebounds, her seventh double-double of the season.

The team will close out regular season play when it hosts the MWC-leading University of Utah at noon Saturday.

Men's tennis team falls to Red Raiders in Lubbock

The tennis team fell to Texas Tech University 5-2 on Saturday in Lubbock. The loss put the team's record at 2-7 for the

The No. 32-ranked squad fifth consecutive match, but were unable to top the Red Raiders in singles play.

The team will host SMU at 6 p.m. Wednesday night at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

Flyin' Frogs compete in MWC Indoor Championships

The women's track and field team came in second place while the men placed fifth in the Mountain West Conference Indoor Championships late last week.

Overall, the Flyin' Frogs claimed eight event titles, recorded nine NCAA provisional marks and broke one school record.

Junior sprinter Jessica Young earned the Women's Outstanding Performance Award, winning gold in both the 60-meter and the 400-meter dash. Her time of 7.26 in the 60 meters broke the previous school record of 7.30.

On the men's side, sopho-

the 60-meter hurdles event and was part of a TCU quartet that won gold in the 4x400 relay.

Swimming and diving teams wrap up conference championships

The men's swimming and diving team took fifth place and the women came in seventh when competition wrapped up Saturday in the Mountain West Conference Championships in Oklahoma City.

Combined, the two teams claimed eight medals and broke 12 school records in the four days of competition.

Sophomore swimmer M took the doubles point for the Paula Alvarez earned silver in the women's 1650-yard freestyle, breaking a school record in the process.

> Junior swimmer Josh Bagby placed fourth in the men's 100-yard freestyle and broke a school record.

> Senior diver R.J. Hesselberg won gold on the 3-meter springboard competition for the second season in a row.

Equestrian team outduels

New Mexico State

The Horned Frogs earned all four match MVP titles on their way to an 11-7 victory over the New Mexico State University Aggies on Saturday in Mansfield, N.M.

The win puts the team at 9-3 for the season. It was the first time the two teams had ever met.

The team will return to action Sunday when it hosts Oklahoma State University.

— Sports editor Michael Carroll





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