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ADMISSIONS

University beats odds in enrollment

By Jordan Smith
Staff Reporter

A national study is predicting college enrollments to drop, but the university isn't necessarily worried.

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education released a study in 2008 detailing how changing demographics may curtail the success universities have had recruiting students during the past decade.

The 141-page report predicted that as the number of children of baby boomers levels off, colleges could see an 11 percent

drop in white non-Hispanic high school graduates, historically the most likely group to attend college, by 2015.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said some schools may be seeing the first signs of a smaller pool right now. While he would not reveal the names of any institutions, he said that many universities this year are seeing a severe downturn in the number of students who accept offers of admission by sending deposits. In some schools, deposits have dropped as much as 25 percent compared to this time last year, he said.

By contrast, the university has exceeded the number of commitments received at

this time last year, Brown said.

"These schools are swallowing their tongues right now," Brown said, "and we thankfully are one of the very few schools that are ahead in deposits. We are running way ahead in deposits."

Alan Ramirez, an admission counselor at Southern Methodist University, said his school has so far received the same number of acceptance deposits it did last year. Jonathan Evans, an admission counselor at Baylor, said his school actually received about 5,000 more applications this year than last, but he was aware of the predicted downturn in applicants.

Brown maintained that the university is in a good position to weather any demographic changes that may take place over the next decade.

After about five years, the Office of Admissions discontinued its use of the Fast App, a streamlined application for students who might not otherwise apply to the university, Brown said.

Brown said the university discontinued the Fast App for a number of reasons, but primarily because the application had a low yield. Brown estimated that only about 15

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Obama's promise of change hasn't translated to U.S.-Iran relations.

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BANGKOK, Thailand — A Thai fireman turned superhero when he dressed up as comic-book character Spider-Man to coax a frightened eight-year-old from a balcony, police said Tuesday.

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Sophomore nursing major Claire Mueller studies outside of Samuelson Hall on Tuesday.

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SGA

Bill passed to deter candidate violations

By Eric Anderson
Staff Reporter

After nearly three hours of debate over the course of two meetings, the Student Government Association House of Student Representatives passed a bill that would require students running for office to pay a \$100 deposit to cover election violation fines.

Joey Parr, chair of the Elections and Regulations Committee, said the bill was written in order to provide greater accountability among students running for office.

In the past, candidates have been able to sidestep regulations by Judicial Board rulings and presidential pardons, but this bill aims to prevent that from occurring, Parr said.

The bill was amended several times, which contributed to the House decision to approve it, including one amendment that stated that the \$100 deposit check would not be cashed until a determination was made regarding whether any violations had occurred, Parr said.

Gary Briggs, AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences representative, opposed the bill and said it did not allow all the students' voices to be heard, particularly the underprivileged students who attend the university.

"The \$100 deposit could be discouraging for some students who have a desire to run for an SGA office, but don't have much money," Briggs said. "Times are hard, especially today. In these economic times people just don't have money to give away."

Briggs and other opponents of the bill said the solution should include a system of holds on candidates' student accounts that would prevent campaign violators from enrolling in classes, much like a library fine.

"If you place a hold on students' accounts it is much more powerful than just a \$100 deposit," Briggs said. "Everyone can't pay

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Professor to discuss marginalized urban groups

By Katie Ruppel
Staff Reporter

Every day Jeff Ferrell packs up his things, gets on his bike, and takes an hour-long route home, rummaging through about 50 dumpsters on the way.

"These shoes I just found recently, which are like \$200," he said as he pointed to the brown leather shoes on his feet.

Not only has Ferrell studied trash rummagers, hip hop graffiti artists, social movement groups, homeless groups and other types of outcasts, but he has done it from a scholarly standpoint. The professor of sociology will discuss his research tonight at 7 p.m. in Palko Hall.

Andrew Schoolmaster, the dean of AddRan College of Liberal Arts, said he designed the annual AddRan faculty distinguished lecture last year to bring interesting professors like Ferrell out of the woodwork.

"We don't sometimes recognize the qual-



Ferrell

ity of faculty that we have in residence and that's why I wanted this to focus upon the faculty that are here as opposed to the people we bring in from off campus to speak," Schoolmaster said. "We need to do a better job of recognizing our own," he said.

Ferrell said he started his research on people living in the urban margins nearly 15 years ago as a hip hop graffiti artist.

People on the margins are people who, for reasons of social class, ethnicity, politics, or just their way of life, are criminalized and excluded from society and the economy, he said.

During his research in cities including Denver, London, Amsterdam and Fort Worth, Ferrell said he was not just studying marginalized people from afar but trying to make himself as vulnerable as they were with the law. He was arrested for destruc-

tion of private property during his work as a graffiti artist, ticketed for obstructing traffic during his work with a bicycle activist group and continues to tussle with police as a dumpster diver.

"I was trying to become a part of these worlds," Ferrell said. "It's a long-term process of mutual respect, and I think a big part of it is putting yourself at least to some degree at the same risk as people are in those worlds."

Ferrell said that as a rebel himself, it was easy to get interested in this sort of research.

"I've always sided with the underdog and always despised bullies or seeing people get shoved around," Ferrell said. "So taking that sensibility and mixing that with sociological imagination leads to that kind of research."

He said in his lecture he will focus on how marginalized urban groups should not be seen as a necessary or collateral problem as they often are, but rather should be seen as the key factor to what makes a city a city.

"Salvaging the City"

Who: Jeff Ferrell, professor of sociology
When: 7 p.m. tonight
Where: Palko Hall Room 130

"The difference between a suburb and a city is exactly that people are able to survive in a variety of ways and always crave a sort of cutting edge that pushes the city towards other ways of existing," Ferrell said. "They're not a problem or a peripheral, they are actually what designs the city."

He said he has become friends with many of these people and respects them for challenging the rules and standards of society.

"If you look back historically, nothing has ever gotten done by playing by the rules; for example, the Civil Rights movement or the Women's movement," Ferrell said. "I think if you're not pressing the values of your society, you're not doing your job."

NEWS

QUICK NEWS

Skiff racks up awards

Student journalists and staff won 15 awards at the Region 8 Society of Professional Journalists Convention in a competition between major college journalism programs in Texas and Oklahoma on Saturday.

The Daily Skiff, DailySkiff.com and Image Magazine took first place Mark of Excellence awards for Best Daily Student Newspaper published at least four times per week, Best Affiliated Web Site and Best Student Magazine.

Fifteen student journalists won individual awards in the convention's student competitions. First place winners included Hilary Whittier for TV

Feature and TV News Reporting, Billy Wessels for Online Sports Reporting and Saerom Yoo and Andrew Chavez for Online Feature Reporting.

First place winners will compete against 11 other region winners for the top national Mark of Excellence honors this fall.

The SPJ is dedicated to the promotion of freedom of the press as an integral part of the nation and its membership spans over 9,000 members nationwide, according to the organization's Web site.

The SPJ convention occurs annually and is the largest program the society offers, according to the Web site.

— Staff reporter Maricruz Salinas

2009 SPJ Award Winners

- 1st place TV Feature** - Hilary Whittier "News Now goes live"
- 1st place Online Sports Reporting** - Billy Wessels "TCU falls to #2 Oklahoma"
- 1st place TV News Reporting** - Hilary Whittier "The Aderall Generation"
- 1st place Online Feature Reporting** - Saerom Yoo, Andrew Chavez "81-year-old enthusiast revives local jazz scene"
- 2nd place TV Feature** - Alyssa Dizon "Early voting kick-off"
- 2nd place Feature Photography** - Andrew Chavez "High Flying"
- 2nd place General News Photography** - Andrew Chavez "Horned Frog politics"
- 2nd place Online Sports Reporting** - Chance Welch "Fort Worth journalists remember Sam Baugh"
- 2nd place Non-Fiction Article** - Lindsey Bever "Choking game"
- 3rd place Feature Photography** - Keely Doering "Glaser Shuffler"
- 3rd place Online News Reporting** - Joe Zigtema, Brett Larson, Robert Bemeber, Andrew Chavez "Seating Section...collapses"
- 3rd place Editorial Writing** - Andrew Chavez

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percent of students admitted through the Fast App would eventually enroll at the university.

By contrast, about 35 percent of students admitted through the university's Electronic Application chose to enroll.

Brown said he was not worried that the university would face any major crises in upcoming years and said the Office of Admissions was successful in admitting new students during the past decade mostly because of the improvement of campus facilities, the success of the football team and a faculty that he said has "very small egos."

Brown said that if the university did face

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Ray Brown
dean of admissions

a crisis, the solution would probably be simply to pull further from the wait list, as happened last year when the Office of Admissions enrolled 300 students initially relegated to the wait list.

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\$100 but a hold affects everyone equally."

SGA adviser Kim Appel said a system of holds on students' accounts would require approval from outside offices, but holding deposit checks could be done in-house without involving the financial offices.

In addition to the legislation, Chancellor Victor Boschini was the guest speaker at the House meeting. Boschini spoke about the recession's effect on the university, and cost-cutting solutions that the university is implementing. The university is changing the plant rotation schedule to cut down on labor costs and reducing the electricity cost by limiting the time that Amon Carter Stadium is lit, Boschini said.

Barred political candidate claims rights violation

By Lesley Clark
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Leopoldo Lopez, a popular politician barred by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez from running for office, told an international rights panel Tuesday that his case has repercussions for the future of democracy in the Americas.

"One of the conditions to identify a democratic system is the existence of competitive elections," he told the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, which agreed last July to hear his case. "This involves not only my rights but also affects the rights of any future candidates in Venezuela and the people who could not

vote for their candidates."

At issue is whether the government of Venezuela violated Lopez's human rights when it struck his name from the ballot. The telegenic mayor of the Caracas subdivision of Chacao was leading the race for mayor of metropolitan Caracas until he was barred from running. His advocates, including former U.S. Ambassador Timothy Towell, said Lopez was targeted by Chavez because he's a threat to the president's popularity. They accuse the Venezuelan government of concocting charges against him to justify his removal from the ballot.

"You can't deny a person's right to run for office," Towell, a for-

mer ambassador to Paraguay, said in an interview before the hearing. "It's a very dangerous precedent for the Americas to unilaterally disqualify someone from the ballot."

But Chavez's government argued at the hourlong hearing that Lopez was rightfully barred from serving in public office because he's been accused of corruption.

"The petition lacks a legal foundation," said Monica Mistichio, an attorney for the Venezuelan government. "The state acted legitimately at the time."

She said as a result of several acts of corruption, the government declared Lopez and about 270 other candidates ineligible for election. Lopez, she said, is

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Timothy Towell
former U.S. Ambassador

disqualified for six years.

Noting that "corruption is a scourge against the wealth, the progress of any state," Mistichio pointed to the Illinois state Senate that voted earlier in the year to bar former Gov. Rod Blagojevich from ever holding elected office again. Blagojevich was arrested in December on federal corruption charges, accused of trying to sell President Barack Obama's vacated Senate seat.

Lopez, however, was never charged in court. And he argued that Venezuela only bars people with criminal convictions from running for office.

"I never had my trial," Lopez said. "Therefore, no conditions have been met."

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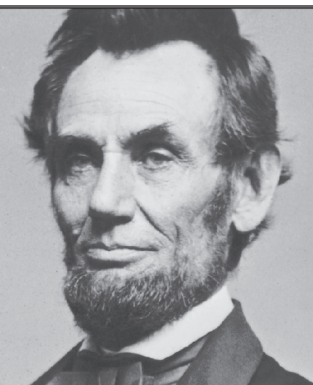
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The Skiff View

Proposed playoff better for BCS games

Since the Bowl Championship Series began in 1998, it seems that each year has brought greater opposition from fans to the selection system that decides which college football teams compete for the national title and other prestigious trophies — with good reason.

Chief among the arguments the current system is the lack of certainty in deciding which two teams are most worthy of playing for the national championship. Almost every season, more than two great teams stand out as worthy of playing for the highest honor, leaving equally deserving teams out and, worse yet, sometimes leaving more than one team with a legitimate argument for the national title.

But other problems with the BCS are just as pressing. All too often, teams that have had great performances but belong to lesser conferences don't get a shot at the top prize, or even a chance at showing their mettle in a BCS game. Though a few exemplary teams sometimes compete in one of the five top bowl games, as Utah did last season, the system's overwhelming preference in awarding BCS berths to teams from top conferences leaves some potential contenders completely out of the picture.

Great teams deserve a shot at showing their merits on a national stage. That's why the Mountain West Conference presented an eight-team playoff proposal to the BCS earlier this month that would give automatic BCS berths to conferences whose teams had winning percentages of at least .400 in games against the current automatic qualifying leagues over a two-year period.

This is a welcome development for conferences such as the Mountain West, which had a .552 regular-season record against teams from automatic qualifying conferences from 2007-2008, the best of any conference in the nation.

The proposal would not only give worthy conferences a deserved place among college football's best, but it would also give eight teams, instead of just two, a shot at the national title.

No proposal for determining college football's champions is perfect, but the playoff system the MWC proposed would satisfy more fans and be fairer to more teams. That's something the BCS shouldn't ignore.

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

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Congress should discuss environmental legislation

Two years ago Congress told the Environmental Protection Agency to require major U.S. industries to measure the amount of carbon dioxide they emit each year as a step in the process of creating legislation to reduce gases that cause climate change. But the agency fought the order, claiming that the Clean Air Act doesn't give it the authority to police carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases. The agency also ignored a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, which said that — yes — it did too have the power to regulate these emissions.

The agency's foot-dragging on controlling carbon-dioxide emissions now appears to be over. On Tuesday the EPA announced that it will comply with Congress' 2007 statute by calling on all big industries to measure carbon dioxide emissions by the end of this year. EPA administrator Lisa P. Jackson has indicated that the agency will be taking a far different stance on global climate change. This is good news.

Soon after Jackson was sworn in, the agency reversed course on a controversial decision, which, coincidentally, has a Florida link. Under the Clean Air Act, California can seek waivers to impose higher air quality standards than the federal rules to combat smog. In almost every case, the EPA has granted the waivers. But when California asked the EPA for a waiver to impose tougher regulations on vehicles' carbon dioxide emissions

a few years ago, the EPA said no. Some 15 other states, including Florida, want to adopt the California carbon dioxide emission standards. At the moment, these plans are in limbo.

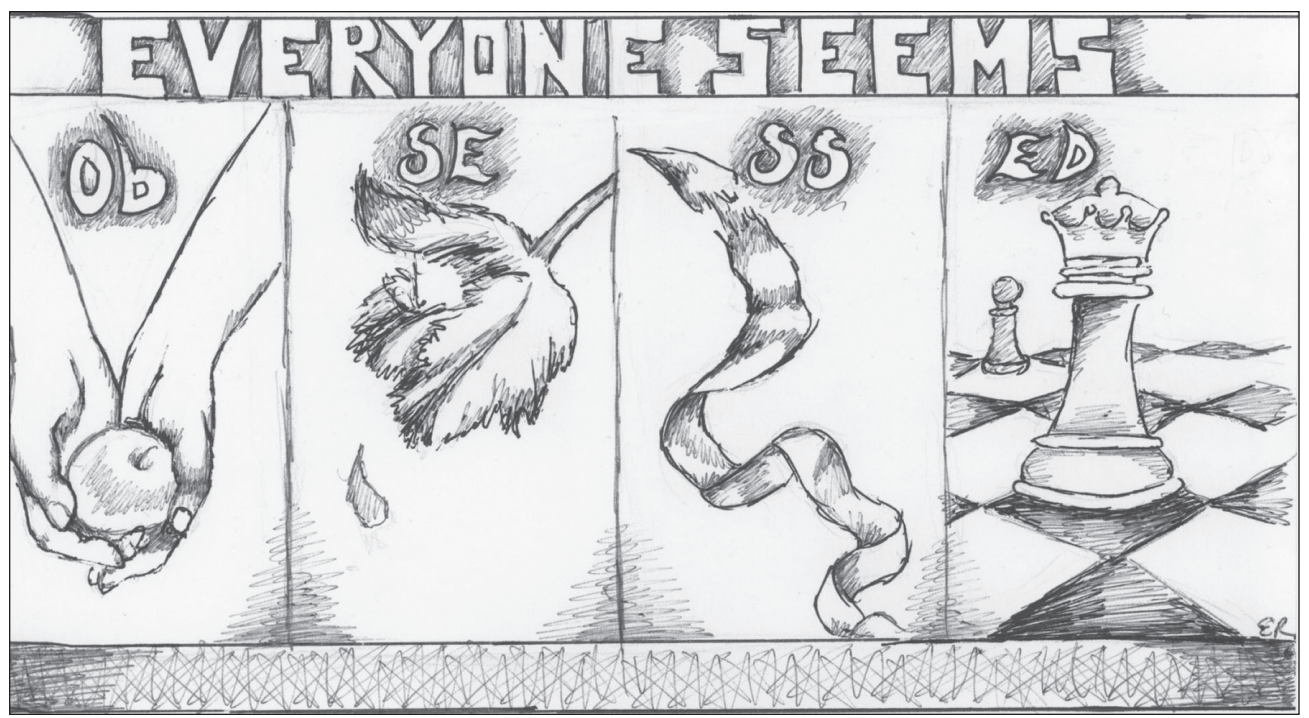
After Jackson arrived, the EPA said it would review the California waiver request. Many believe this means the agency will ultimately grant the waiver, opening the way for the other states to impose tougher emission standards, too.

As to the requirement that U.S. industries measure their carbon dioxide output, this is a signal that the EPA will move forward on limiting greenhouse gases. This is no easy or quick task. Writing the regulations that will limit carbon dioxide emissions will take years and probably be bogged down by industry lawsuits.

For this reason, scientists, environmental groups and regulators want Congress to take up global warming legislation this year. Such an important issue needs the broad discussion that Congress can provide. Curbing heat-trapping gases will affect nearly every industry, making it difficult to pass. Yet, controlling the emissions that cause global warming is such a vital issue that the country must do something about it soon.

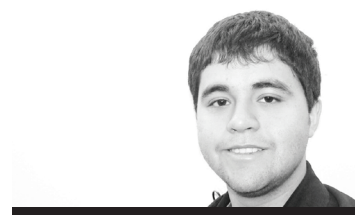
With the EPA on board, Congress must step up, too.

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Freedom to gamble Texans' right



MICHAEL LAUCK

What happens in Texas stays in Texas?

The Texas Legislature is considering allowing casino gambling at resorts and Indian reservations and slot machines in horse racing tracks.

With the economy in a horrible mess, politicians are resorting to legalizing things they once fought to make illegal.

Texan columnists, politicians and citizens are talking about the need for casinos that would invigorate the economy. They say it will create millions of jobs and put money that is currently being handed over to Louisiana and Nevada back into Texas.

I definitely support the effort to allow casinos in Texas not only because of the obvious monetary benefits, but also because of the hypocrisy of government and its infringement on personal freedoms.

While legalizing casino gambling in Texas is being debated in the Legislature, there is state-sponsored lottery gambling and horse betting going on.

Most importantly though, freedom is something we should keep in mind

when considering this bill.

If I tried to sell you something, even if you knew that it would hurt you, it is your right as a free citizen to choose whether to buy the product. It is your right to have control over your money and to spend it as you wish.

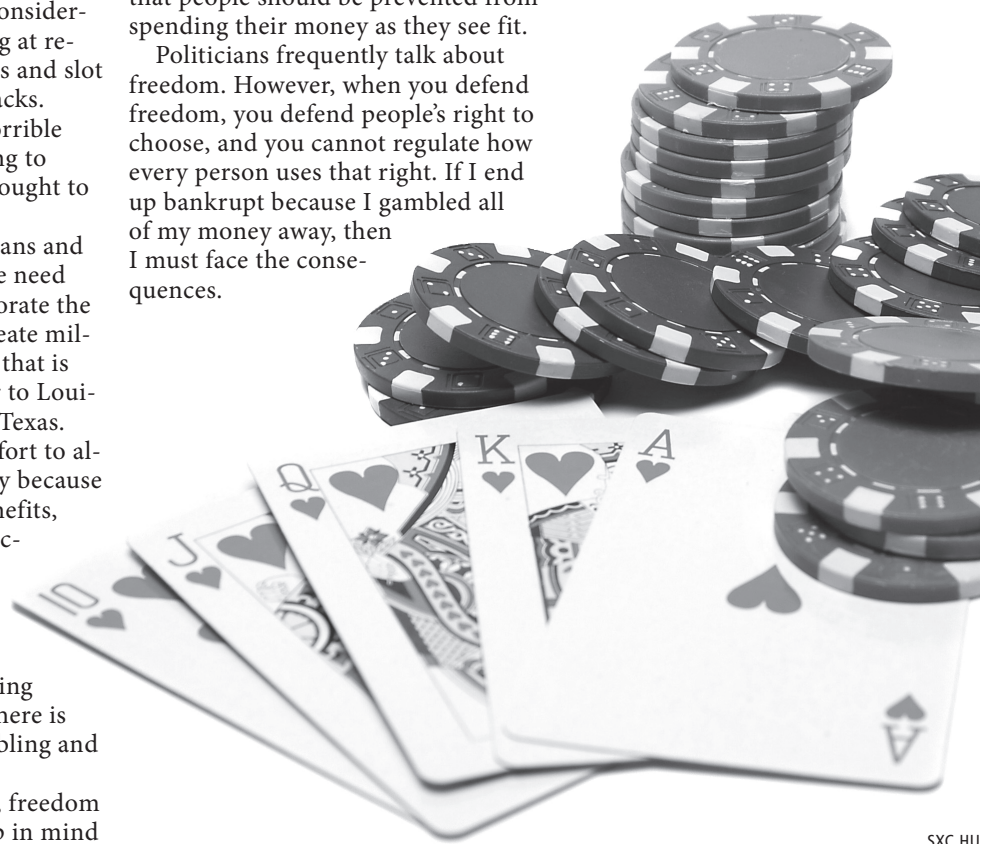
But lawmakers in Texas and many other states think that they have to protect us from big, bad casinos and that people should be prevented from spending their money as they see fit.

Politicians frequently talk about freedom. However, when you defend freedom, you defend people's right to choose, and you cannot regulate how every person uses that right. If I end up bankrupt because I gambled all of my money away, then I must face the consequences.

Making casinos legal is a good idea fiscally, and it would reinforce the idea that we all have control over our money and our lives.

Casinos in Texas are a step in the right direction for freedom, even if you do end up broke.

Michael Lauck is a freshman broadcast journalism major from Houston.



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Change in U.S.-Iran relations invisible in practice



ASHLEY TAMBUNGA

In an attempt to backpedal from former President George W. Bush's declaration that Iran is a key figure in the "axis of evil," President Barack Obama released a video message, subtitled in Farsi, to Iranian media.

But Iran's top leaders are rightfully questioning all this talk about change and wondering aloud how and when it will materialize.

Obama's chant for change has been scrutinized since the start of his campaign, and many have grown tired of hearing about it and not seeing it. Though he's only been in office a little more than eight weeks and we probably shouldn't expect change immediately, even Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, is anxious to see Obama's words backed up with action.

A video message is a good start, although the praising of Iran's government was a little much.

According to the Associated Press, Khamenei said to a crowd of thousands of Iranians, "They chant the slogan of change but no change is seen in practice."

Sure, the video's a nice, friendly way to get the point across. But American citizens and the Iranian government are waiting to see change.

It's a pretty tall order to fix 30 years of hostility between the United States

and Iran, and somehow I doubt that Obama's teleprompter-read, recorded rhetoric, no matter how pleasant, is going to do the trick.

"If you are right that change has come, where is that change? What is the sign of that change? Make it clear for us what has changed," Khamenei said.

Perhaps a huge factor dealing with scrutiny of Obama's administration thus far is that he's talked about nothing but hope and change for quite a while. Though the video message to Iran is a great hope for a better future between the U.S. and Iran, it's obvious on both sides that everyone wants to see what this change is all about. Without action change is just another useless word.

Iran has been a threatening force for many years, and I don't think a video

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message is going to even spark the idea that we can somehow make nice and move on.

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NEWS

Medical pot advocates breathing easier

By Rob Hotakainen
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — After California legalized medical marijuana, Charles Lynch opened his cannabis dispensary nearly two years ago in Morro Bay, getting a license from the city and joining the chamber of commerce. Even the mayor showed up for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. A year later, U.S. drug enforcement agents raided his business. Now Lynch is worried that he'll get at least five years in prison when he's sentenced Monday in federal court in Los Angeles on five counts of distributing marijuana.

Whatever happens, Lynch said, he'll appeal. "I don't feel like I deserve going through life as a convicted felon for doing things the state of California allowed me to do," he said.

However, the nation's medical marijuana users are breathing a little more easily these days, confident that such stories soon will

be a thing of the past. At news conferences last month and again March 18, Attorney General Eric Holder said there would be no more federal prosecutions of cases involving medical cannabis dispensaries. He said

"I don't feel like I deserve going through life as a convicted felon for doing things the state of California allowed me to do."

Charles Lynch
former cannabis dispensary owner

they would be left alone as long as they were complying with state laws.

Medical marijuana advocates predict that the issue soon will leave the public realm of politics and become a private issue

between doctors and patients. They also said that President Barack Obama had kept a promise that he made on the campaign trail last year.

Holder said the new policy would be "to go after those who violate both federal and state law."

"To the extent that people do that, and try and use medical marijuana laws for activity that is not designed to comport with what the intention was of a state law, those are the organizations or people who we'll target," Holder said Wednesday. "And that's consistent with what the president said during the campaign."

The decision affects California and 12 other states that have legalized marijuana for medical purposes: Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington state.

Rep. Lois Capps, D-Calif., who lobbied the new administration on the issue, called it "a welcomed

shift" in federal policy, charging that the administration of George W. Bush "foolishly wasted precious federal resources" to prosecute law-abiding health care providers.

"This new policy makes sense and is far more humane," said Capps, the new vice chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health.

Holder said his department had limited resources and its focus would be on people and organizations that were growing or cultivating "substantial amounts of marijuana and doing so in a way that's inconsistent with federal law and state law."

Stephen Gutwillig, California's state director of the Drug Policy Alliance, said that the new policy would protect millions of Americans who benefited from the medicinal properties of marijuana.

"Under the Obama administration, the federal government may finally be recovering from a long bout with 'reefer madness,'" he said.

Web site adds humor to stressful job search

By Mary Meehan
McClatchy Newspapers

LEXINGTON, Ky. — After endless trolling through career Web sites such as Monster.com and never connecting with a human, Charlene Helm snapped.

"Every day was put some constant battle," said Helm, a May 2008 graduate of Appalachian State University. "I was so frustrated I just typed in 'I need a job.'"

And there at the top of the list was www.damninedadjob.com, a Web site designed by Larry Dinsmore of Lexington, which offers T-shirts with the Web site name on the front and your resume printed on the back.

The site didn't land Helm, 23, a job but helped all the same.

"It just kind of put some humor in the situation," said Helm, a marketing major who has found a part-time job at a nonprofit in South Carolina since she discovered the site last year.

The site was born out of frustration, said Dinsmore. In 2005, he went 18 months without a job. He created the site thinking he might make a little money selling T-shirts and show off his technical skills since he was looking for a job in the computer field. As luck would have it, a local television station profiled him, someone home sick from work saw the piece and, yes, Dinsmore was called to come in. After the regular round of interviews, he got a job at the Kentucky League of Cities.

The site languished for a few years. But when the economy started to go south, he found himself touched by the people who found it. He said his traffic is up 30 percent to 40 percent from its previous peak, which followed an appearance last summer on CNN.

Many people come to the site in the same way Helm did. They type "I need a job" into a search field.

"To me," said Dinsmore, "that's kind of an act of desperation."

The site that he kept as a lark has become somewhat of a mission because of the e-mails he gets from people laying out their plight or asking for advice.

"I do see the impact that the economy is having on real people," he said. He lets people know he's not a professional career counselor but tries to be sympathetic and constructive in his e-mails.

The message of the site is fairly straightforward: Don't give up. Do whatever you can to get noticed. He even recommends buying or producing a resume shirt and calling up the local news to follow you in your quest for employment. (Hey, it worked for him.) He's seen television reports of people who've done just that. One woman from California was almost directly quoting Dinsmore's words from damninedadjob.com.

That out-of-the-box strategy might work for some, said Michael Cronk, assistant director of the career development center at Transylvania University. "If you are a gambler," he said, "something like that might just work."

But, he said, the most important thing for job candidates to do is network. "That is the best way to get noticed by employers."

And think carefully about the jobs. Go for quality over quantity, he said. Research the job and the company and make sure your resume reflects how you can fill the need.

Dinsmore said he'll keep up the site and keep responding to the e-mails he receives.

"I don't have a magic wand or anything," he said. But there are some links to job sites, a forum to share a story and game arcade for a little distraction. And, as its Note from Larry says, "If this site just made you laugh then so be it."

Temperature key to avoiding leftover food sickness

By Sherry Jacobson
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Eating leftovers has become a badge of honor in these tough economic times.

Unfortunately, warmed-up food can make you sick if you don't follow basic safety precautions to eliminate bacteria, such as salmonella.

That leftover steak that's been sitting in the refrigerator for six days?

It probably should go in the garbage, not your lunch bag, because food isn't considered safe to eat after three or four days in the fridge, food experts say.

That partially heated pasta from last night that you're shoveling into your mouth?

It should go back into the microwave until it's good and hot with no cold spots to surprise you. Heat is how you eliminate the likelihood of bacteria reaching your mouth.

"Proper temperature is the key," said Dr. Wendy Chung, Dallas County's chief epidemiologist, who sees a lot of illnesses related to poor food handling.

In fact, there's plenty of room for education when it comes to something as simple as eating leftovers, she said.

Food experts caution that leftover food needs to be reheated to an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees, which makes it safe to eat. The best way to know the temperature is by using a thermometer. Stir reheated food well enough to eliminate the cold spots.

People who take frozen meals to work should follow the directions closely for heating it. It's also good to know whether these foods were cooked before they were packaged.

"There was an outbreak of illnesses related to potpies in which the directions were not followed," Chung recalled.

That 2007 salmonella outbreak was traced to frozen potpies that had an uncooked crust. Somehow, salmonella got into the pies, but it might have been eliminated had the product been cooked according to the instructions on the package.

The Food and Drug Administration concluded later that the microwave instructions for the potpies were confusing, and the

agency ordered the manufacturer to rewrite them.

That episode also underlined the importance of letting a product stand for the required time after it's been cooked, which allows the heat to distribute more evenly.

The Partnership for Food Safety Education, a group of food industry representatives and food science professionals, is offering a list of food safety tips called Limits to Leftovers on its Web site, fightbac.org.

"As many consumers make their dollar go further by preparing more meals at home and saving leftovers, it is essential they follow safe food handling practices," the group warns.

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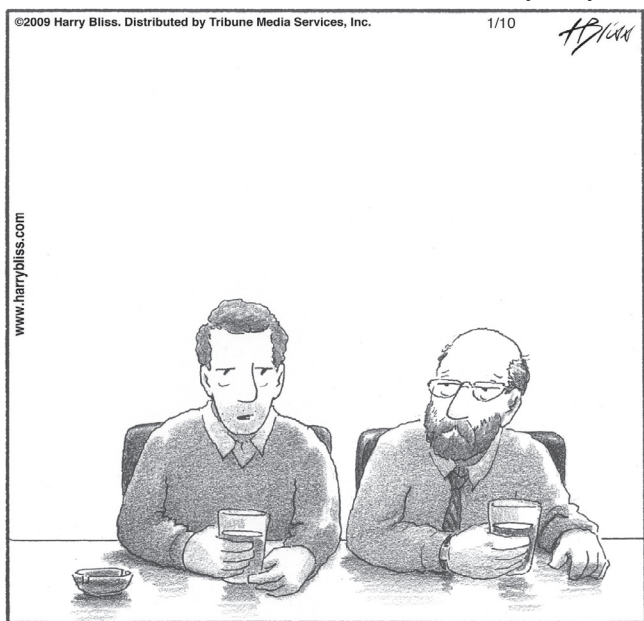
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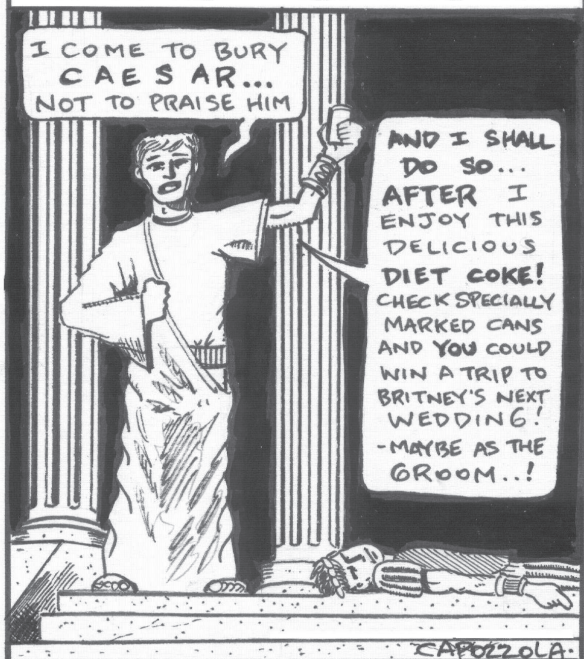
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Directions
Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Tuesday's Solutions

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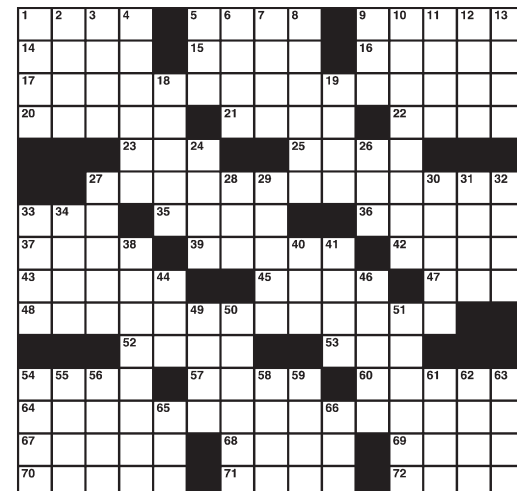
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22 Hard to hold
23 Donizetti aria
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27 Cliché framed above many a hearth
33 Finance major's deg.
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36 Regal home
37 Latticework piece
39 Fish order
42 Eye drop
43 Sweater
44 Synthetic
45 Unheeding
47 "Washboard" muscles
48 Spaceflight management center
52 Proximate
53 007 creator
54 Eager
57 Realize
60 Jacket type worn by several Bond villains
64 Yellow-skinned apple
67 "A cat must have three different names" poet
68 Savings choices
69 Give sparingly
70 Play area?
71 Voice quality
72 Impressionist



By Jack McInturf

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 40 Tennyson's twilight
41 Jacques of "Mon Oncle"
44 22.5 deg.
46 Old French capital?
49 Put in stitches
50 Recognition
51 New York tribe
54 Grows up
55 Electrical unit
56 Hip bones
58 Prefix with sol
59 Blueprint
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CARROLL'S CORNER

Young basketball teams will only improve as time goes by



MICHAEL CARROLL

With only 16 teams left in both the men's and women's NCAA Tournaments, March Madness is well under way. But for the Horned Frogs and Lady Frogs, basketball season fizzled out in a most disappointing fashion.

Early in the season, the men's team appeared to find new life under the guidance of new head coach Jim Christian. The team jumped out to a 13-6 record, just one win shy of the 14 wins it accumulated during the 2007-08 season.

A 4-1 start in Mountain West Conference play had the Horned Frogs sitting in first place in late January. But the team proceeded to lose 11 of its last 12 contests, all against conference competition.

Reasons for the late collapse most likely center on the team's youth and inexperience. Only four players from the previous year's team returned for Christian's first season at the helm.

With four out of five of the team's usual starters returning for next year's campaign — senior forward Kevin Langford departs after three great seasons with TCU — there is a chance the team's play will be more consistent as players get more comfortable in Christian's system.

It's for that reason that optimism should remain high as the team moves toward the future. Christian has an entire offseason to mold the current roster and add to the talent pool. Improvement next season isn't just a distinct possibility. It's a certainty.

The Lady Frogs had another fantastic season under long-tenured head coach Jeff Mittie, winning 20 games for the eighth time in nine seasons. The team finished in third place in the MWC after posting a 12-4 record.

The Lady Frogs showed early in the season that they

Basketball season came to an end much sooner than many of us would have liked.

would be a force to be dealt with when they beat a then-third ranked Maryland team 80-68 in the season opener in November. A month later they topped California, another No. 3-ranked team.

These wins propelled the Lady Frogs as high as No. 19 in the Associated Press Top 25 poll.

But when the team needed to win big games later in the season, it just didn't happen.

A second-round loss to UNLV in the Mountain West Conference Championship, a team the Lady Frogs defeated twice during the regular season, quickly ended the team's hopes of claiming a title.

But thanks to the overall success of the season, the team had a chance at redemption when it was granted a berth into the NCAA Tournament as a No. 10 seed. Seventh-seeded South Dakota State pummeled the Lady Frogs 90-55 Sunday night in Lubbock. The game was over before it even started.

The future looks bright for the Lady Frogs, however. The team will lose just one player in senior center Micaela Younger. A core of Emily Carter and Helena Sverrisdotir, who will be juniors, along with senior-to-be TK LaFleur will have one more season to learn and grow together. Throw into the fray guard Eboni Mangum, who missed about half of the season after knee surgery, and things suddenly appear to be in great shape for this talented squad as it moves forward.

Basketball season came to an end much sooner than many of us would have liked. Each team had its moments of brilliance, but ended up fading down the stretch. Through all the highs and lows during the year, we discovered one thing: each of these teams' futures appears to be bright.

But in the world of sports, potential means nothing and success means everything. Hopefully next season we will see what the basketball programs are truly capable of.

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