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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

# Cap on visas leaves some in job limbo

By Patrick Burns  
Staff Reporter

Two years ago, Nabih Yousuf left her home in Abu Dhabi to come to Fort Worth. She had to make the trip alone.

Although Yousuf, a sophomore engineering major, was able to obtain a student visa after being accepted to TCU, her father was not as fortunate. The U.S. Embassy in Dubai spent an entire year reviewing his application for a tourist visa, and denied her father the opportunity to accompany his daughter to college.

Yousuf said her father had a job in United Arab Emirates for more than 30 years, but that wasn't enough for the U.S. Embassy to grant a visa.

"They look suspiciously upon people from Middle East countries," she said. "But we're not even from the United Arab Emirates. I'm originally from Bangladesh."

Yousuf and her father are two of many cases of students and graduates who have encountered troubles when applying for a visa.

A U.S. State Department visa specialist, Sarah, who could not disclose her full

name because of State Department policy, said staff shortage is to blame for the delay in processing visa requests. The staff shortage compounds the large workload the visa department already has in the first place, she said. Sarah was reached through the visa inquiries number.

"Think about it this way," she said. "If everybody goes home at Christmas and needs a new visa to get back, the volume at a time we might be short of staff is enormous."

John Singleton, director of the university's International Student Services, said applicants often get rejected for a variety of

reasons.

"One type of rejection is called failure to show home ties," Singleton said. "In that case, which falls under the category for many of our students, they fail to show sufficient connections to their own country."

According to the State Department Web site, "ties are the various aspects of your life that bind you to your country of residence: your possessions, employment, social and family relationships." Examples of ties could be jobs, houses, family or a bank account,

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PECULIAR FACT

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— Reuters

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# WEIRD SCIENCE



JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

For a slideshow of yesterday's stormy weather, go to **DailySkiff.com**.



Sophomore geology major David Hinton takes a photo of the Mammatus clouds over campus Wednesday afternoon shortly before thunderstorms soaked the area. Mammatus are pouch-like cloud structures, a rare example of clouds in sinking air, according to the University of Illinois' atmospheric sciences Web site.

Wednesday's nasty weather will continue through Friday, said Nick Hantshire, meteorologist for the National Weather Service. Students should be cautious of lightning while walking outside and be wary of slick roads, Hantshire said. He said Saturday and Sunday look clear and sunny. According to the National Weather Service Web site, Saturday will be windy with a high of 57 degrees, and Sunday will be windy with a high of 72 degrees.

— Staff reporter Madison Morgan

NEELEY FELLOWS

# Students help group raise AIDS awareness

By Courtney Jay  
Staff Reporter

The Neeley Fellows program is helping a local nonprofit organization recruit volunteers to increase support for those in Tarrant County with HIV and AIDS, a nonprofit official said.

Rick Isaming, family health and education coordinator for Samaritan House, said the students are trying to get corporations involved with the organization in order to build a supportive partnership.

Samaritan House is home for people with HIV and AIDS in Tarrant County, said Aaron Siegel, events coordinator for the organization.

The organization gave its team of Neeley Fellows students a list of companies to look to for corporate support, said Sue Mahoney, housing specialist and volunteer coordinator for Samaritan House.

"They're helping us publish a brochure that we can hand out to the different corporate organizations or businesses around here to see if we can get them to sponsor a corporate day of community service," Mahoney said.

Lizzie Dow, junior marketing and finance major, is among the Neeley Fellows students assisting Samaritan House. Last semester, Dow said, they did research

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with other nonprofits, including Harris Methodist Hospital and the American Red Cross, to learn how to increase volunteer numbers and expand the organization's programs.

They are now compiling a package to send to local companies encouraging them to volunteer for the organization, and before Spring Break her team served dinner at Samaritan House through a program called Supper Club, Dow said.

Siegel said another group of Neeley Fellows students are helping the organization market their annual 5K walk/run fundraiser, Joe's Run, by passing out brochures around campus.

"They are an integral part of helping achieve Joe's Run in that they are involved with getting the TCU campus to participate in Joe's Run and involved in helping create and market to some of the vendors that are donating food for the afterparty at Joe's Run," Siegel said.

# Professor: City trash really is a treasure

By Katie Ruppel  
Staff Reporter

Beneath the growing concern for perfectly kept lawns, fast-paced cars and high-class shopping centers, the true meaning and life of a city is lost, said Jeff Ferrell, sociology professor and AddRan distinguished lecturer who spoke last night to about 75 students and faculty members at Palko Hall.

The perfection put into each blade of grass, solitary car rides to work and building expensive skyscrapers leaves little room for the spontaneity of listening to a street musician on the sidewalk, running into a friend on the way to work and seeing the murals of graffiti artists on the sides of buildings, Ferrell said.

It is this spontaneity, Ferrell said, that actually makes a city a city: "an interweaving of human interactions."

And it is the people living on the margins of a city — homeless groups, dumpster divers, graffiti artists, bicycle activists — who are trying to make way for what

Ferrell describes as "salvaging a city."

He said to salvage something does not necessarily mean to reclaim or get back something that was lost, but also to take what is remaining and save it.

And that is exactly the agenda of the numerous groups Ferrell has studied for the past 15 years, from Reclaim the Streets, a group in London who advocates to stop freeway building, to skater punks who use rusty railings and empty swimming pools as a source of fun and pleasure, to Food Not Bombs, a group that finds wasted food in the dumpsters, cooks it for homeless people and is one of the trash rummager groups he still works with today.

It is the trash rummagers in particular that Ferrell uses as an example of salvagers.

Here he meets not only the expected homeless people living out of a shopping cart, but minimally employed workers still in their uniforms and immigrants ineligible for a well-paying job.

"They came ironically for the American dream and now live off the leftovers of the



JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Jeff Ferrell, professor of sociology, talks about his time as a hip hop graffiti artist and other experiences during his speech titled "Salvaging the City" in Palko Hall on Wednesday evening.

American dream," Ferrell said.

But they are content, he said.

In fact, these are some of the happiest people he knows, he said.

"They see every day as an adventure," he said. "You don't have to buy a season pass to Six Flags or a sports car, they have

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ROCK ON



JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Provost Nowell Donovan explains the history of recumbent circles to the fifth grade elementary class of The Academy at Nola Dunn at Frohenge on Wednesday afternoon. Recumbent circles, like Stonehenge, are believed to be used for lunar observations and the changing of the seasons. Nola Dunn and Starpoint were on campus for the Andrews Institute's Math and Science Trail, where students moved to 10 different stations and learned math and science skills.

Conflict of interest subject of complaint against Palin

By Lisa Demer  
McClatchy Newspapers

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The second ethics complaint in a week filed against Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin alleges a conflict of interest when she wore Arctic Cat logo gear during this year's Tesoro Iron Dog snow machine race.

Arctic Cat sponsors Palin's husband, Todd, in the world's longest snow machine race — Big Lake to Nome to Fairbanks.

Palin, in a press release, said it's all bogus.

"Yes, I wore Arctic Cat snow gear at an outdoor event, because it was cold outside, and by the way, today, I am wearing clothes bearing the names of Alaska artists, and a Glennallen Panthers basketball hoodie," Palin said in the release. "I am a walking billboard for the team's fundraiser! Should I expect to see an ethics charge for wearing these, or the Carharts I wear to many public events? How much will this blogger's asinine political grandstanding cost all of us in time and money?"

Linda Kellen Biegel, a Democrat who blogs under the name "Celtic Diva," said in her complaint that Palin "improperly used her position and state resources to serve her personal financial interests by being a walking billboard for Arc-

tic Cat, a private for-profit company and family business sponsor."

Photos on the state Web site show Palin in a bright white, green and black Team Arctic jacket kicking off the start of this year's Iron Dog. A photo of her in the Team Arctic jacket and matching pants accompanied an on-line Sports Illustrated article on Todd Palin and the Iron Dog.

Biegel said it's her first ethics complaint against Palin.

Palin's administration has faced 10 other ethics complaints. One filed last week accused Palin of improperly posting a political message on the state Web site during the presidential campaign. Six of the 10 complaints have been dismissed, Palin has said.

The governor hit the roof over the latest accusation.

"Are Alaskans outraged, or at least tired of this yet — another frivolous ethics charge by a political blogger? This would be hilarious if it weren't so expensive for the state to process these accusations and for me to defend against these bogus harassments," Palin said in Tuesday's written release.

Palin had no agreement with Arctic Cat to wear the gear, her spokeswoman, Sharon Leighow, said in an e-mail. Leighow said she didn't know whether Arctic Cat donated the clothing.

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Sarah Palin  
Alaska Governor

"I'm pleased to see that our governor supports our local artists and sports teams but I believe she's missed the mark when it comes to what this ethics violation is all about," Biegel said. Arctic Cat financially supports Todd Palin's snowmachining, benefiting the whole family, Biegel said.

Palin did not specify in her latest financial disclosure how much Arctic Cat's sponsorship was worth in 2008. The company provided a "Discount on Snowmachines," the disclosure said. In 2007, the sponsorship was worth \$7,500.

To defend against various complaints, the governor has accumulated legal bills of more than half a million dollars, she said last week.

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according to the site.

Problems arise with visa applications because each U.S. embassy operates under a different set of rules and has authority on visa approval, Singleton said.

State Department officials would not confirm whether the overall wait time has increased because of staff shortages. The department also would not give information about the actual number of visas rejected because of lack of home ties.

Singleton said about 15 percent of international applicants who get accepted to the university are denied visas.

Karen Scott, director of international admissions, said that while the U.S. maintains tough admissions standards, universities outside the U.S. are now taking advantage of the situation and are targeting students who were unable to get American visas.

"Back before Sept. 11, I rarely

felt like I was competing against Canada, the U.K., Australia and Singapore," Scott said. "Now we are competing against these countries.

The U.S. is seen as the toughest with (visa) admission standards, so some students think, 'Maybe I'll go to Canada instead.'"

William Graham, head of the physics graduate program in which a third of his students come from another country, said he knows the problems the international students face when applying for a work visa.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, any financial service or bank that receives stimulus money and has more than 15 percent of its work force on visas faces extra paperwork and bureaucratic red tape if it hires a visa holder.

Graham said the biggest problem his students face is getting an H-1B visa, which provides temporary work privileges for nonimmigrants once they complete at least a bachelor's degree. According to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigra-

tion Services Web site, within 48 hours after accepting applications, the entire cap was met, and more than 125,000 people applied.

"There's only so many (visas) allocated by Congress, and they run through them very quickly," Graham said. "These are people that we've educated, who want to stay and contribute, and we've made it more complicated. It's really silly."

The current quota for H-1B visas stands at 65,000, according to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Web site.

Yousuf said she doesn't know what the future holds for her. She said she hopes she can get some work experience, whether it's in the U.S. or in her home country.

"When the embassy asked two years ago, I was like 'I won't work,'" Yousuf said. "But once I came to America, I realized that you need some kind of tactical work experience to succeed. There's no harm in going back to work in Dubai, and if America has an opportunity, why not?"

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reanimated the city with surprise and pleasure."

Inside dumpsters he said he and his fellow divers have found everything from food to newly packaged clothes, to car parts and jewelry. Ferrell's tie, watch, bracelet, shirt and shoes he was wearing were all found in

a dumpster.

Ferrell said it is because of the strive for perfection to have fancy dinner meals, buy fashionable clothes and drive expensive cars that trash rummagers like himself are able to live off these people's fleeting wants and extreme waste.

However, it is marginalized groups that tend to be criminalized, Ferrell said. Dumpster

diving is now seen as theft from the city property, and he said the Food Not Bombs group members were arrested for feeding the homeless without permits.

"Rather than ostracizing those who work for the margins and salvage, we might want to imagine them as pioneers — saving the city for us," Ferrell said. "It is not enough to live in the city — but live for the city."

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JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Freshman strategic communication major Jillian Caldwell walks to her environmental science lab in Sid Richardson Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Tarrant county was under a severe thunderstorm watch, according to the National Weather Service.

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## International students deserve shot at visas

There is something to be said when international students hoping to attend a university in the U.S. find it difficult to get their visa in a timely manner or worry about if they will even get one at all. A possible staff shortage, a plethora of forms to be filled out and a cap of 65,000 on the number of visas being issued per year, that have been known to run out quickly, are some of the reasons why international students are having difficulty acquiring their ticket to the U.S.

Because the process of obtaining a visa to get into the U.S. is taking longer, the university is now finding competitors outside of the country while international students turn to universities in countries that are easier to obtain a visa from, such as Canada, the U.K. and Australia.

The fact that obtaining a visa can take so long that it prohibits international students from coming into the U.S. is absurd. One U.S. State Department visa specialist said staff shortages are delaying the department's ability to process applications. A State Department spokeswoman, however, said she could neither confirm nor deny that staff shortages were a problem. Whatever the reason, the department should take every step to make sure deserving international students are allowed a chance to bring their talents to the United States.

It cannot be stressed enough how important international students are to the overall makeup of the university. Students from other countries are able to enrich a classroom's learning experience with their knowledge of a world and culture outside our own. And it's a great loss for the university to lose the prospect of international students because of issues outside of their own control.

*News editor Rose Baca for the editorial board.*

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## Hate speech laws conflict with free speech ideals



ANDREW WEATHERFORD

There has been considerable debate in recent years about what is considered hate speech regarding homosexuality.

A recent Ad Council public service announcement uses Wanda Sykes to try and deter the use of "that's so gay" among teens.

In a March 19 article in Pink News, Europe's largest gay news service, Rowan Atkinson, of Mr. Bean fame, said he appeared before Britain's House of Lords to protest the removal of a free speech clause in a homophobic hatred offense.

Removing the clause would not only limit what could be considered humor, but an offense could lead to a seven-year jail sentence for saying the wrong thing in the wrong way.

For everyday individuals, refraining from "hate speech" is rather easy. But creating this new definition of what is considered hate speech creates an unfair limitation on free speech.

As unpolitically correct as it may be, there is an overwhelming number of religious people in the world who believe that homosexuality is a sin.

According to the Web site Christian.org.uk., street preachers and pastors in England have been prosecuted under the law, like Miguel Hayworth, who was

detained by police for reading Romans 1:17-32 on a street corner in Manchester in 2008.

Stephen Green was arrested in 2006 for handing out gospel tracts that contained biblical quotes about homosexuality. Canada also has similar laws and lobbyists are working on getting these laws passed in America right now.

The David Ray Crimes Prevention Act of 2009 was re-introduced in January, and if passed without a free speech clause, would significantly limit freedom of speech for those who disagree with homosexuality.

This is the latest in a series of events that include the 2003 decision by Merriam-Webster to alter its dictionaries' definition of marriage to include homosexual marriage. Bradley LaShawn Fowler sued both Zondervan and Thomas Nelson Bible Publishers for \$70 million on the grounds that the Bible's anti-gay verses brought him pain and suffering. Mr. Bean and Wanda Sykes aren't laughing, and the reality that this article could land me in jail someday is no laughing matter either.

Americans have earned by the sweat and blood of our forefathers' freedom of speech and religion, and that provides us the right to voice our interpretation of scripture.

Hate crime legislation is a valuable tool for dealing with actual crimes, but its power should not be abused in a way that criminalizes the basic rights this country was built on.

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## Obama's lift of stem cell ban reverses anti-science attitude



VLORA BOJKU

President Barack Obama has finally lifted the ban on federal funding for stem cell research.

Of the two types of stem cells, adult stem cells are multipotent and have the potential to become any of several mature cells associated with specific functions or organs and tissues for the body, while embryonic stem cells are pluripotent, and have the ability to become any of the more than 220 types of human cells.

However, embryonic stem cells are highly controversial. Many pro-lifers believe that using embryonic stem cells kills the cell, and therefore kills the "promise" of new life.

It is this reasoning that led former President George W. Bush to ban federal funding in stem cell research and put a halt to promising medical treatment research.

But with Obama's signature on an executive order, the federal funding ban has been lifted.

Many American scientists are thrilled, and some have declared that the war on science is over and that true innovations and findings can now resume.

Former First Lady Nancy Reagan, who spoke out publicly against Bush's policies, said countless people, suffering from many different diseases, stand to benefit from the decision.

Looking at the past eight years, it is apparent that science has been undermined in a major way. Bush's religious beliefs superseded our need to retain our position as leaders in the global scientific community.

What many seem to be unaware of regarding the use of embryonic stem cells is that the majority of those stem cells come from the overabundance of

cells created during the in vitro fertilization process, which would otherwise be destroyed.

Instead of destroying the cells, scientists use them to discover new findings and to help our fellow man.

These scientists aren't doing this to benefit themselves, but to benefit the people who suffer from diseases for which there is currently no cure.

Obama also declared, for those still unsure of stem cell research, a "strict oversight" of how the work is conducted. He asked the National Institute of Health to develop new guidelines within four months.

It's about time scientists were allowed to help us, and I praise Obama's

I praise Obama's brave decision to renew our country's commitment to advancing medical care by encouraging the use of stem cell research.

brave decision to renew our country's commitment to advancing medical care by encouraging the use of stem cell research.

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## Militarizing U.S.-Mexico border risky; Fund rehab, gun control instead

YOLANDA CHAVEZ LEYVA

We should not send troops to the U.S.-Mexico border, despite the drug-related violence on the Mexican side.

President Barack Obama, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and a variety of other government officials have discussed the possibility of sending the National Guard. Texas Gov. Rick Perry has requested 1,000 troops on his southern border.

To be sure, violence has risen dramatically across the border in the past year and a half. There have been almost 2,000 murders since the beginning of last year in Ciudad Juarez in Mexico, across from my hometown of El Paso.

I hear stories from friends and acquaintances almost daily of the robberies,

Instead of further funding a military solution that will not work, let's fund more drug rehabilitation, enforce existing gun laws and take responsibility for our part in creating the violence.

kidnappings, carjackings and shootouts.

The local university has undertaken a study of women in Juarez who are experiencing post-traumatic stress syndrome as a result of living in the chaos of ever-

increasing violence.

While once a frequent visitor to Juarez, I haven't crossed the border in months. I grew up on the Texas-Mexico border, but I have never seen this level of violence on the Mexican side.

But do I want troops sent to the border in the name of protecting me? No.

For more than 20 years, those of us who live on the border have witnessed the increasing militarization of the border. The border wall is a daily reminder of this, as are the helicopters that fly over our neighborhoods, the checkpoints manned by the Border Patrol and local law enforcement, as well as the daily harassment of citizens who happen to have darker skin. We are frequently the target of various

"wars" — against undocumented migration, against terrorism and now against drugs. I am tired of living in a war zone.

The model of "war" has not worked, and it will not work.

Too often the war against drugs or terrorism or undocumented immigration turns into violence against innocent civilians.

Too often it turns into human rights abuse.

Too often it becomes a justification for even more violence.

What is the price that those of us living on the U.S. side will be asked to pay because of the possibility that the violence will "spill over" the border?

For a change, look at what is spilling over from the United States into

Mexico — illegal arms and ammunition from U.S. dealers, laundered drug money and an increasing demand for drugs.

Instead of further funding a military solution that will not work, let's fund more drug rehabilitation, enforce existing gun laws and take responsibility for our part in creating the violence.

I look forward to crossing over the border once again in safety.

But that won't be possible until we stop militarizing this problem and start addressing it at its roots.

*Yolanda Chavez Leyva is a historian specializing in Mexican-American and border history. She wrote this for Progressive Media Project, a source of liberal commentary on domestic and international issues.*

## NEWS

# Mexican drug cartels also smuggle humans

By Josh Meyer  
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Mexican drug cartels and their vast network of associates have branched out from their traditional business of narcotics trafficking and are now playing a central role in the multibillion-dollar-a-year business of illegal immigrant smuggling, U.S. law enforcement officials and other experts say.

The business of smuggling humans across the Mexican border has always been brisk, with many thousands coming across every year. But smugglers affiliated with the drug cartels have taken the enterprise to a new level — and made it more violent — by commandeering much of the operation from beginning to end from independent coyotes, according to these officials and recent congressional testimony.

U.S. efforts to stop the cartels have been stymied by a shortage of money and the failure of federal law-enforcement agencies to collaborate effectively with each other, their local and state counterparts and the Mexican government, officials say.

For many years, U.S. authorities have focused efforts on the cartels' trafficking of cocaine, marijuana, heroin and methamphetamines, which has left a trail of violence and corruption in its wake.

Unlike the drug trafficking problem, the cartels' involvement in human smuggling has received scant attention in Washington.

The cartels often further exploit illegal immigrants by forcing them into economic bondage or prostitution, U.S. officials say. In recent years, illegal immigrants have been forced to pay even more exorbitant fees for being smuggled into the U.S. by the cartels' well-coordinated networks of transportation, communications, logistics and financial

operatives, according to officials.

Many more illegal immigrants are raped, killed or physically and emotionally scarred along the way, authorities say. Organized smuggling groups are stealing entire safe houses from rivals or trucks full of "chickens" — their term for their human cargo — so they can resell them or exploit them further, according to these officials and documents.

Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., said greed and opportunity has prompted the cartels to move into illegal immigrant smuggling.

"Drugs are only sold once," Sanchez, the chairwoman of the House Homeland Security border subcommittee, said in an interview. "But people can be sold over and over. And they use these people over and over until they are too broken to be used anymore."

The Obama administration and Congress are increasingly focusing their attention on Mexico, fearing that its government is losing ground in a battle against the cartels that already has resulted in the deaths of more than 7,000 people since the beginning of 2008.

At one of many congressional hearings on the subject last week, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., unveiled a chart he said described the cartels' profit centers: drugs, weapons and money laundering.

Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard described to Durbin his concerns about the cartels' role in illegal immigrant smuggling. "It is really a four-part trade and it has caused crime throughout the United States," Goddard said.

Goddard said that in Arizona, the cartels grossed an estimated \$2 billion last year on smuggling humans.

Senior officials from federal law enforcement agencies confirmed they are concerned about the cartels' human smuggling network.

In recent years, the U.S. government has taken significant steps to go after illegal immigrant smugglers on a global scale, setting up task forces, launching public awareness campaigns and creating a Human Smuggling & Trafficking Center to fuse intelligence from various agencies.

But at the border with Mexico, the effort has stumbled, Goddard and other federal and state officials said.

The vast majority of ICE agents cannot make drug arrests, for instance, even though the same smugglers are often moving illegal immigrants.

The reason: The Drug Enforcement Administration has not authorized the required "cross-designation" authority for them, according to Kibble and others. A top DEA official said that is partly to prevent ICE agents from unwittingly compromising ongoing DEA investigations.

Agents from the Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives focus almost exclusively on cartel efforts to smuggle large quantities of American-made weapons into Mexico.

"The only way we're going to be successful is to truly mount a comprehensive attack upon the cartels. They're doing a comprehensive attack on us through all four of these different criminal activities," Goddard told a Senate Judiciary subcommittee. "I'm afraid in this country we tend to segregate by specialty the various areas that we are going to prosecute. And our experience on the border is we can't do that. We've got to cross the jurisdictional lines or we're going to fail."

Kibble agreed, saying the cartels' diversification will require federal agencies to work together. "It means we need more teamwork so things don't slip through the cracks," Kibble said.

# Clinton: U.S. also to blame for Mexican drug violence

By Warren P. Strobel  
McClatchy Newspapers

MEXICO CITY — The United States is at least as responsible as Mexico for the violent drug wars that are roiling its southern neighbor because of an insatiable U.S. market for narcotics, the failure to stop weapons smuggling southward and a three-decade "war" on drugs that "has not worked," Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Wednesday.

"Our insatiable demand for illegal drugs fuels the drug trade," she said. "Our inability to prevent weapons from being illegally smuggled across the border to arm these criminals causes the deaths of police officers, soldiers and civilians."

"How could anyone conclude any differently? ... I feel very strongly we have co-responsibility," she said.

Clinton's blunt remarks as she flew to Mexico were the clearest by any senior U.S. official in recent memory that American habits and government policies have stoked the drug trade and a spreading epidemic of criminal violence in northern Mexico.

They are likely to be well received by top officials in the government of Mexican President Felipe Calderon, which is battling rising lawlessness and has called on the Obama administration to do more to stop the flow of guns and cash from the United States into Mexico.

Clinton is meeting with Calderon and his top aides, including security and law enforcement chiefs, during a two-day trip that will be dominated by the cartel-related killings that have left more than 7,000 Mexicans dead since January 2008.

The secretary of state acknowledged that the violence is "horrific," even as she stressed that hers is not a single-issue

## A look at Mexico

The Obama administration wants to improve ties with the U.S.'s southern neighbor and strengthen anti-drug efforts.

Population 111.2 million

Ethnic groups 60% mestizo; 30% Amerindian; 9% white

GDP per person \$14,400  
Income distribution remains highly unequal

Jobless rate 4.1% (Oct. 2008)  
Perhaps 25% are underemployed

Exports Manufactured goods, silver, oil, oil products, fruits, vegetables, coffee, cotton

### Drugs and violence at border

Deaths 6,290 blamed on drug cartels, 2008

Profits Cartels make an estimated \$10 billion a year from U.S. drug sales

Guns About 2,000 a day are smuggled by the cartels into Mexico from the United States

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Mexico has 31 states, 1 federal district



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visit. Also on the agenda are trade disputes, clean energy and climate change, and the global economic recession.

Clinton's remarks continue the more humble tone toward the rest of the world that President Barack Obama has adopted, in contrast with the Bush administration, which often was seen as hectoring friends and adversaries alike.

Stepping beyond strictly foreign-policy issues, Clinton hinted at major changes to come in the Obama administration's domestic drug-control strategy, with more emphasis on reducing demand and on treatment programs for drug abusers.

"It's not working," she said of the current approach.

"We have certainly been pursuing these strategies for ... a long time. I remember Mrs. Reagan's 'just say no,'" Clinton said, referring to former first lady Nancy Reagan's exhortation to young people to refuse drugs. "It's been very difficult."

The White House announced

Tuesday that it was dispatching hundreds of additional federal agents to the U.S.-Mexican border to help border states deal with the spillover effects of the violence, as well as taking new steps to interdict drugs coming north and cash and weapons flowing south.

Congress has approved \$700 million in assistance to help Mexico fight drug traffickers and build more effective security forces. However, lawmakers cut back the first installment of aid under the Merida Initiative from \$450 million to \$300 million. Some members of Congress and Mexican officials complain that promised equipment to fight the cartels is taking too long to arrive.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, an independent Democrat from Connecticut who chairs the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, said Wednesday that the administration's new plan was "a significant first step forward. But I don't think it is enough."



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## SPORTS

## POINT • COUNTERPOINT

## Are efforts to change the format of the BCS worth the trouble?

Eight-team playoff system would benefit schools and fans



MICHAEL CARROLL

The Mountain West Conference's attempts to pioneer a new format for crowning a college football champion should be applauded by all fans of the sport.

There is no question that the current system is flawed. One slipup on Saturday during the regular season can cost a worthy team a chance at playing on college sports' biggest stage at the National Championship game. The fact that no playoff system has been established as of yet is unacceptable.

The MWC, with its collection of increasingly powerful football programs, is in a great position to lead the way to change. Earlier this month, the conference proposed an eight-team playoff

system to the Bowl Championship Series that would give conferences with teams that had a winning percentage of at least .400 against current automatic qualifying conferences automatic BCS berths.

It's only fair that more than two teams deserve a shot at a national title, and this change would present multiple teams with that opportunity.

Roadblocks to changing the current system always seem to center on money, but those could easily be resolved because more games equals more money for everyone involved.

As great as an eight-team playoff sounds, why stop there? Why not make it a 16-team extravaganza? The eventual champion would have to win four straight games against the toughest competition across the college football spectrum, a task that would certainly determine the top team in the country. That's a change we could all agree upon.

Championships should never

It's only fair that more than two teams deserve a shot at a national title, and this change would present multiple teams with that opportunity.

be earned during the regular season of any sport — like in college football. There are too many variables and unknowns that can temporarily derail a terrific program's season for a game or two.

Not only would a revamped system be beneficial for under-represented conferences and teams like the Mountain West and TCU, but it would also add another thrilling element to the spectacle that is college football.

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Conferences with complaints need to shut up and play



BILLY WESSELS

Since the end of the college football season the only people complaining about the Bowl Championship Series are the members of the Mountain West Conference.

Even people from the University of Texas have quit complaining about not getting their shot at the national title.

But the MWC can't let go of the fact they don't have an automatic BCS berth.

Every conference had its chance to get guaranteed bids in 2004, when the current system was established, and they could have played better over the four years after that to get their automatic bids before last season. I say tough break.

You don't have a spot, you're not getting a spot anytime soon and you're not going to be able to sway the Southeastern Conference, home of the last three national champions, the Big Ten, who has had a representative in two of the last three BCS championship games, or the Big 12 into losing their best shot at bringing home the crystal football every January.

Without those conferences throwing their support at the MWC or an eight-team playoff system there is no shot of this idea getting any merit.

The best thing for the Mountain West to do is to put the best teams on the field they can and hope to earn their spot in three years along with the Western Athletic Conference, Conference USA, the Mid-American Conference and the Sun Belt Conference.

If the Frogs, the Brigham Young University Cougars and the University of Utah Utes continue their efforts from this past season for the next three years,

The best thing for the Mountain West to do is to put the best teams on the field they can and hope to earn their spot in three years.

the Mountain West Conference will get its automatic bid.

Plus, the Air Force Academy and Colorado State University have football programs on the rise while the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Big East have programs that are on the decline.

But for now, the MWC needs to quit complaining and just focus on its on-the-field product.

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## BASKETBALL

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ready to play. You can cite a number of guys (picked in) the 20s and 30s who are starting this year. Maybe (this year) you just get a guy who helps you rather than a starter or star."

In a mock draft list by ESPN's Chad Ford, only Griffin and 7-foot-3-inch Connecticut center Hasheem Thabeet are among top-five picks playing in the Sweet 16. Among his 14 lottery picks, only five — Griffin, Thabeet, Arizona junior forward Jordan Hill, Oklahoma freshman guard Willie Warren and Louisville junior forward Earl Clark — remain in the tournament.

Some coaches think this season's class of potential draftees isn't bad. It's simply not as buzz-worthy.

"The freshman story is what everybody wants to write about and everybody wants to talk about because they're new," Pittsburgh coach Jamie Dixon said. "With DeJuan (Blair), he's a sophomore, he became the new face and became the story. I think that's why he got talked about more."

Drawing the line from A to B isn't a difficult connection for college players. With seemingly less competition in the draft, perhaps they think this is an excellent time to leap.

Louisville coach Rick Pitino

shakes his head when he sees players leave too early, wondering what will happen to them on the end of an NBA bench, where coaches often ignore them and their development meets a dead end.

Pitino thinks about what will become of B.J. Mullens, the Ohio State freshman center who is considering entering the draft. He came off the bench and averaged less than 10 points and fewer than five rebounds a game.

"(Would) be the worst move the young man could ever make," Pitino said. "He's going to be a terrific pro, but you want to stay in school and become the best player you can be so when you go to the pros, you're ready for it."

That was the advice Pitino provided Louisville forward Terrence Williams. He stayed for his junior season, saw his statistics improve, led the Cardinals to the Sweet 16 and is projected as a first-round selection.

NBA scouts aren't ecstatic over this season's class — and that's not necessarily bad for college basketball.

"Last year we stopped Blake Griffin," Pitino said. "I don't think we could stop him like we did last year. He's improved so much. (Villanova senior) Dante Cunningham has improved so much. College really helps these guys."

## Players who helped their draft stock by returning to college

- 1. Blake Griffin, Oklahoma** 6-10, forward, sophomore  
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- 5. Hasheem Thabeet, Connecticut** 7-3, center, junior  
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## MLB

## Confident Bradley says his presence will help push Cubs to top of league

By Paul Sullivan  
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Predictions are starting to emerge as the season draws near, and it's no surprise most prognosticators are picking the Cubs to win the NL Central.

"They should," Milton Bradley said. "I'm here."

If that sounds cocky, so be it. The Cubs won 97 games and led the NL in runs last year, and Bradley is certain they'll be even more dominant with a switch-hitting on-base machine like him in the middle of the lineup.

Judging from Bradley's spring numbers — .467 average and .500 on-base percentage in 11 games — he could be right on the money. Bradley's biggest enemy has been his own frailty. If he can limit his time on the disabled list, the free-agent right fielder figures to have a monster year offensively, the kind that can make a difference in October.

In Bradley's mind, he was a difference-maker in Los Angeles, Oakland and San Diego, even though none of those organizations asked him to stick around too long.

"I'm a winner," he said. "When I went to the Dodgers (in 2004), after they hadn't been to the postseason since '88, they went to the postsea-

son. I went to the A's in 2006. We weren't supposed to do anything, and we went to the ALCS. I was with San Diego (in '07). We were one win away from making the postseason, and I got hurt. Everywhere I go, people win. It's not a surprise."

Bradley's health issues are not a surprise either. He has been on the

When I go out on the field and play, I play at a certain level, and I think I raise everyone else's level around me.

**Milton Bradley**  
Cubs outfielder

disabled list 12 times since 2002 and has sat out twice this spring, once with the flu and once with a sore left quad.

How many games will Bradley play?

On his first day at camp, he said he wanted to play 181, including the postseason. In January general manager Jim Hendry said: "We're hopeful he plays 130 to 135 games. He's going to be mad at me saying that, because he thinks he can play 155, and I wouldn't count him out."

Bradley said this week he doesn't

know how many games he'll play and was not concerned that he'd played only 20 games in the outfield in 2008 with Texas.

"I can wake up out of the bed and play outfield," he said. "It's easy."

Manager Lou Piniella could remove Bradley for Reed Johnson or Kosuke Fukudome late in games to save Bradley's legs, although he seldom used a defensive replacement for Alfonso Soriano in left. Bradley said the only times he was removed in Texas were for pinch-runners or if the team had a big lead, but he's not sure what Piniella has in mind.

"It didn't happen before, but Lou has done some things, so I wouldn't be surprised," he said. "He's got to manage his team the best way to win the games, so I wouldn't rule anything out."

Hendry said Bradley is the kind of player who likes being in the spotlight, knowing the team is depending on him. While that puts a lot of self-imposed pressure on a player, Bradley said that's the way he has always been.

"It's what I expect," he said. "When I go out on the field and play, I play at a certain level, and I think I raise everyone else's level around me. I didn't come here to lose, so I expect to be in the postseason. No doubt."

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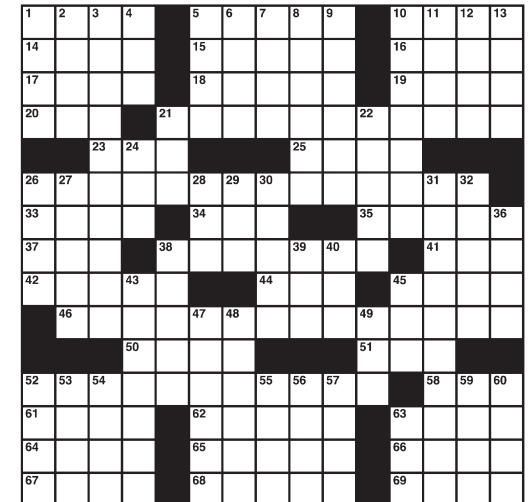
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## Senior reflects on end of season, future

### Q&A

By Michael Carroll  
Sports Editor

Senior forward Kevin Langford started 91 consecutive games for the Horned Frogs over the past three seasons. He finished his career ranked 14th in school history in points scored with 1,227. He now ranks sixth in school history in games started. He earned second team All-Mountain West Conference honors for his play this past season when he averaged 13.9 points and 4.5 rebounds per contest. Recently, Langford reflected on the end of the season, his time at the university and his future on the court.

**Q:** The team's season came to an end when it lost a heartbreaker to Utah in the Mountain West Conference Championships almost two weeks ago. Were you proud of the team's effort that game?

**A:** I was really proud of their effort. When I fouled out especially I told the guys just try to win the game for me so I could play one more game and they gave it their all. They all looked at me and said they would and they continued trying. I was really pleased with what they did.

**Q:** The team hit a wall after reaching first place in the conference in January. In your mind, what went wrong in the last dozen games of the season?

**A:** It was the inexperience of the team. We had a lot of youth and for a lot of guys it was their first year playing. It was just a matter

of playing a whole season and the inexperience really got to us.

**Q:** What was your favorite moment of the season?

**A:** There were a lot of good moments. Just being a team on the road and hanging out with coach Christian and laughing with him and the assistant coaches. It was just a good year all around. Guys really bonded so there isn't just one moment that sticks out in my mind.

**Q:** Was it difficult transitioning to a new head coach and a new system this season?

**A:** At first it was. I was like, "Who is this guy?" He came in and made drastic changes. But then after a while I realized that he was the perfect coach for me. We got close and we have a great relationship right now. The only bad thing about coach is that I only had one year to play for him.

**Q:** How did things change when coach Christian came on board?

**A:** When he came on board he said we were going to re-establish a team and a program here. He put in team rules that really made the guys bond. He had us over to his house. There were just a lot of different things. When we had workouts and stuff they were pretty hard but we got used to them. He kind of came in and gave the team an identity.

**Q:** How do you see the team doing in the future under Christian's guidance?

**A:** I have a lot of faith in him. I think they'll be one of the top teams in the conference next year, if not win the conference. That's how much faith I have in the coaching staff and the players as well.

**Q:** There were a lot of newcomers on this year's squad. What do you think of the team's younger players?

**A:** I like the younger guys. They're good players, they just want to do good. They're so eager



Senior forward Kevin Langford creates space while attempting a shot against Utah center Luke Nevill on Feb. 4 at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

to learn and to and be good players too. They were thrown right into the fire because they had to play and they stepped up to the challenge, especially guys like Tuffy (Ronnie Moss) and Kevin Butler.

**Q:** Your run with the team has come to an end. How much did you enjoy your time as a Horned Frog and how much will you miss it?

**A:** I enjoyed it a lot. Coming here and playing back at home and being at a small campus and playing where a lot of people

know you, I enjoyed it a lot. It is something I'm going to miss — my teammates and my coaches especially. But you've got to move on sometime so I'm going to try to move on.

**Q:** What does the future hold for Kevin Langford?

**A:** I'm looking to try to make it into an NBA camp and then if that doesn't work out I'm going to go overseas to play. I've had a few agents contact me but I haven't decided on one yet.

### NCAA TOURNAMENT



Blake Griffin of Oklahoma dunks over Laval Lucas-Perry of Michigan during their NCAA Tournament game on Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.

## Tournament lacks next-level talent

By Shannon Ryan  
Chicago Tribune

This season's NCAA Tournament games have rocketed television ratings and made the blood flow, whether it runs Cardinals red or Carolina blue.

Like last season, four No. 1 seeds are alive in this week's Sweet 16. Top dogs Louisville and Pittsburgh shrugged off upset-minded underdogs to maintain order in the brackets yet entertain CBS audiences.

What's missing in this season's tournament is the NBA draft audition.

As much debate took place last season about which college team would be No. 1 in April as which player would be the No. 1 draft pick in June. After last year's off-the-charts draft, there's an apparent drop in elite talent.

"I don't think there's the star power in this draft, not even close," said one NBA scout, who requested anonymity. "You probably won't have the same number of starters."

Oklahoma's Blake Griffin is widely considered the top pick if he departs after his sophomore season.

But then? "Close your eyes, put your finger on a name on the list and you'll see," the scout said. "I couldn't tell you any more than the man in the moon (who will be picked highly). Last year we all had a pretty good idea."

All five Kansas starters who won the national championship last season are depositing NBA checks. Michael Beasley, Kevin Love and O.J. Mayo made last season's tournament an all-star tour of one-and-dones. And Chicago fans know where Derrick Rose resides and rules after being a freshman star at Memphis, the national runner-up.

This season's draft class needs to be viewed through a film of perspective.

"It depends on your expectations," the scout said. "Last year so many guys were coming out

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## Campus Recreation

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Classes end May 6th...

For a list of class schedules visit the Campus Rec Office.

**THE OUTDOOR POOL IS NOW OPEN!**

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