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Gossip site founder: If subpoenaed, will identify users

By DAVID HALL
Staff Reporter

The founder of college gossip Web site JuicyCampus.com said Tuesday that he would turn over users' identities if lawfully subpoenaed.

JuicyCampus is currently under investigation by the attorneys general of New Jersey and Connecticut for not enforcing its terms of use by

deleting offensive content, but the site's founder, Matt Ivester, said policing the content is not his legal responsibility.

Ivester said the Web site makes no claim to police itself, citing sections six and seven of JuicyCampus' terms and conditions.

Section six of JuicyCampus' terms and conditions states that the Web site has

the right, but not the obligation, to remove or modify any content at its discretion.

Section seven advises users of the Web site not to post content that is "unlawful, threatening, abusive, tortuous, defamatory, obscene, libelous or invasive of another's privacy."

"We say very clearly in our terms and conditions that we

do comply with lawful subpoenas," Ivester said. "If someone has broken the law and we have the information that a court wants, we'd have to."

Ivester reiterated, though, that all posts made within the parameters of the law will remain anonymous.

Ivester said the investigation into his business practices by the New Jersey and Con-

necticut attorneys general has caught him off guard.

"JuicyCampus is confident that it hasn't violated any laws," Ivester said. "We've just been very surprised by the entire investigation."

Ivester defended himself against accusations from New Jersey Attorney General Anne Milgram, whose office is investigating JuicyCampus for con-

sumer fraud, arguing that the Web site doesn't enforce its terms and conditions.

In a press release from the New Jersey attorney general's office, Milgram said JuicyCampus' decision not to remove controversial postings constitutes misrepresentation to the public and violates New Jersey's Consumer Fraud Act.

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Article labels FW No. 9 for new business

By CHRISTINA DURANO
Staff Reporter

Students interested in starting a business will not have to go far to find a start.

Fortune Small Business recently ranked Fort Worth the ninth-best place in the nation to "live and launch" a business. David Minor, director of the Neeley Entrepreneurship Center, said this designation will attract students to Neeley's entrepreneurship program.

Minor said the ranking shows Fort Worth has a vibrant entrepreneurial environment and will boost the reputation of the entrepreneurship program.

"It's now a destination school for entrepreneurs," Minor said.

Brad Hancock, assistant director of the Neeley Entrepreneurship Center, said Fort Worth has always been a maverick, and this designation shows that its pioneering, spirited atmosphere is now being recognized.

"It's almost as if a spirit of entrepreneurship permeates the county," Hancock said.

David Berzina, executive vice president of economic development at the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, attributed Fort Worth's ranking to its affordable cost of living, central location and status as the fourth-highest concentration of Fortune 500

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CORRECTION

A direct quotation in Tuesday's story about the Black Church Summit that complimented the university's security force came from Newell Williams, president of Brite Divinity School. The quote was incorrectly attributed to Chancellor Victor Boschini in the story.



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Sarahs not offended by slighting slogans in movie ads

By VALERIE HANNON
Staff Reporter

Sarah Marshall, a senior advertising/public relations major, was eating dinner with her boyfriend about three weeks ago when a friend came up and asked if they were OK.

It was one of many calls and Facebook messages she has been receiving for almost the last month. Even one friend's mother called her to ask about "those awful billboards."

Billboards with phrases such as "You Suck Sarah Marshall," "My Mother Always Hated You, Sarah Marshall" and "Those Jeans Do Make You Look Fat, Sarah Marshall" have been appearing around the Dallas/Fort Worth area as part of an advertising campaign promoting the new Universal Pictures movie, "Forgetting Sarah Marshall." The movie opens April 18 and is about a struggling musician who tries to make a life after he is dumped

by his popular TV star girlfriend, according to the film's Web site.

Marshall is one of many Sarah Marshalls around the nation who has received increased attention in the last month because of the campaign, and she said she was recently interviewed by the Los Angeles Times and the Texas radio station WBAP-AM.

But Marshall said she was not bothered

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Panelists say Democratic hopefuls won't be running mates

By JORDAN HAYGOOD
Features Editor

Raving applause echoed Wednesday in Ed Landreth Auditorium as alumnus Bob Schieffer walked on stage dressed in purple from head to toe for the fourth annual Schieffer School of Journalism Symposium.

Schieffer, a 1959 graduate and moderator of CBS' "Face the Nation," sat down with a panel containing "311 years of experience" to discuss the presidential campaign at the symposium, titled "Is Campaign '08 the Right Stuff?" Panelists included Al Neuharth, founder

of USA Today and chairman of the Freedom Forum; Robert Novak, syndicated columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times and commentator for Fox News and Bloomberg News; and Roger Mudd, former CBS and NBC News correspondent. Andrea Mitchell, chief foreign affairs and lead political correspondent for NBC News, was scheduled to attend but did not because she was sick, Schieffer said.

The Democratic vice presidential ticket was a main topic of conversation. All three panelists agreed that neither Sen. Hillary Clinton nor Sen. Barack Obama would choose each



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other as a running mate.

"I believe that Obama will not put Hillary on his ticket," Mudd said. "And Obama will definitely not be on the ticket for Hillary because Bill would be living in the White House."

The journalists said the race will be Democratically focused.

"I believe there are two styles of

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BRETT LARSON / Sports Editor

Bob Schieffer and Al Neuharth discuss the 2008 election Wednesday at the annual Schieffer Symposium.



WEATHER

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LONDON — Children playing on a beach in Scotland found a woman's head in a plastic bag.

— Reuters

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company headquarters in the nation.

“When you start a business, you usually want to move to a place where there is an inexpensive cost of living since you usually don’t have much excess cash,” Berzina said.

Berzina said the Dallas-Fort Worth area has excellent access to markets through DFW International Airport and the various interstate highways.

Hancock said Fort Worth’s population growth, economic boom and job growth also helped its ranking.

“A lot is happening here that makes it a great place to start a small business,” Hancock said.

The Barnett Shale boosted Fort Worth’s ranking because of the wealth it generated for both the gas industry and the businesses in the service sector that supported the corporations’ activities, Minor said.

“Growth in a big company means a population growth,

which means small business growth,” Minor said.

Other areas that flourish in Fort Worth include medical, aviation supply and support and automobile industries, Berzina said.

Fortune Small Business considered business environment and opportunities for leisurely activities when ranking the best places to live and launch a business.

The article listed Fort Worth’s rapidly growing population, ties to large companies, such as Radio Shack and Pier One, business-friendly government and laid-back tax structure as the advantages to starting a business in the city.

Berzina said Fort Worth’s ranking would show the world that its business climate is “sunny as opposed to cloudy.”

“Anytime a community receives an unsolicited and unbiased designation, it affirms to the outside world that we’re a good place to do business,” Berzina said.

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Ivester said he disagrees with the claim.

“If you were to follow her argument to a logical end, if we were to get in trouble for not enforcing our terms and conditions that the state and federal governments deem necessary, we’d be better off not having terms and conditions at all,” Ivester said.

In a press release, Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said his office is investigating whether JuicyCampus “adheres to its promised bar on abusive, libelous and defamatory postings.”

Blumenthal sent a letter to JuicyCampus requesting that the Web site provide requested documents and information by April 11.

Ivester declined to comment on JuicyCampus’ compliance with the investigations.

Neither the Connecticut nor the New Jersey attorney general’s offices returned phone calls seeking comment about their investigations.

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government that are involved in the race and I honestly agree with both,” Novak said. “Vote for the candidate who agrees with you — that’s who everyone should vote for.”

Neuharth, who called himself politically independent, said the focus of the campaign will be different in the fall.

“Issues that are being focused on right now, such as the economy and Iraq, will fall secondary. The new issue will be age,” he said. “Since the Constitution has a minimum age of 35 for the president, there should be a max age of 65 too.”

Novak agreed and said the war in Iraq is not the dominant issue today.

“The situation is I am against the war in Iraq — I thought it was a huge mistake and I told Bush that and haven’t been invited to the White House since,” Novak said. “But the reason it is not a big issue anymore is because we don’t have a draft. The real issue is whether the American people are ready for an African-American president.”

All four journalists said they look forward to covering the 2008 elections because whoever wins the presidency, history will be made.

“I must say I cannot recall any elections that were just down right exciting like this one,” Schieffer said.

Using light instead of power may make computers faster

By ROBERT S. BOYD
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Scientists and engineers are racing to develop ways to use light instead of electricity to avoid traffic jams inside computers.

Today’s fastest computers employ miles of tiny copper wires to connect multiple data processors packed on silicon chips. Each little “brain” — in effect, a miniature adding machine — must exchange information with hundreds or thousands of partners on the same or connecting chips.

The data — symbolized as strings of zeroes and ones — ride the wires in the form of electrical signals, generating heat and wasting energy. Even so, the data can’t move fast enough to keep up with the speed of the central processing units.

“The weakest link in the overall capability of the computer is the ability to move information from chip to chip,” said John Stroman, a computer design strategist at Intel Corp., the big computer-chip maker based in Santa Clara, Calif. “Moving information around is the biggest limitation on the performance of computers, and it becomes a greater limitation as CPUs become faster.”

Computer scientists think the solution may be photons, the tiny packets of ener-

gy that make up a beam of light. Photons aren’t the same as electrons, the fundamental particles of electricity.

The science of photons is known as “nanophotonics,” because it deals with infinitesimally small elements at the nanoscale. A nanometer is 1 billionth of a meter; a nanogram is 1 billionth of a gram.

Photons can move data tens or hundreds of times faster than electrons on copper wires, according to Yuriy Vlasov, a nanophotonics manager at IBM’s T.J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, N.Y.

“Copper, our traditional interconnect technology, is running out of speed,” Patrick Gelsinger, a senior vice president at Intel, wrote in the journal Technology Review.

To direct the data flow, designers have built nanophotonic “switches,” which work like miniature railroad yards, routing cyber-traffic among processors.

It will be several years before photons can do much of the work of electrons, but the pace of research is accelerating.

Last week, the Pentagon’s Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, which conceived the Internet, awarded a \$44 million contract to Sun Microsystems in Santa Clara, Calif., to design an ultra-high-speed nanophotonic system that can exchange signals efficiently among hundreds or thousands of processing units.

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by the ads.

“I thought they were pretty funny, actually,” Marshall said.

Another Sarah Marshall, a freshman nursing major, said she was aware of the movie for almost a year because a friend of hers found out about the movie from a Web site, but it was after Spring Break when the billboards started going up that the calls and messages came.

“Everyone who said something thought they were the

first person to tell me,” Marshall said.

The oddest mention, Marshall said, came while she was at her church where she was working as children’s coordinator from a fellow worker who saw her name tag.

“Some guy that I was also working with said, ‘Oh man, it must suck to be you with all those negative billboards about you,’” Marshall said.

Friends of Marshall, the nursing major, said they found the extra attention she received hilarious.


“I can see a guy thinking his

life is ruined because of her, but she is not the backstabbing type,” said Brittany Walker, a freshman marketing major and friend of Marshall.

Spencer Youtsey, a freshman environmental science major, said the real-life Marshall is not at all like the character in the movie’s trailers.

“She’s a very down-to-earth, good person,” Youtsey said.


Marshall said she doesn’t mind the extra attention and finds the experience funny. She said all of her friends want to see the movie with her on opening day.



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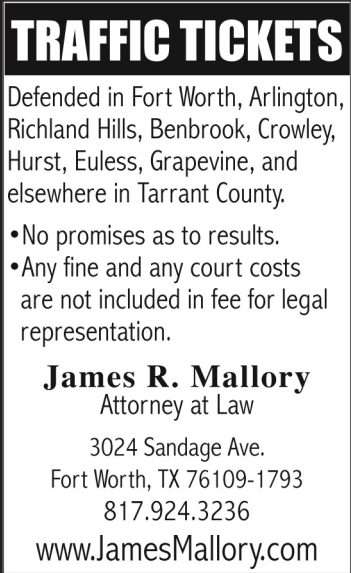
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THE SKIFF VIEW

Cowtown’s entrepreneur market gives students new opportunities

Neeley School of Business students are in the right place at the right time, especially students in the entrepreneurship program.

Fort Worth was recently ranked as the ninth best place in the nation to live and start up a business by Fortune Small Business, giving TCU students great opportunities to get on their feet quickly after graduation.

The Neeley school has had so much positive publicity already. The graduate school has been ranked as No. 1 in Texas by The Wall Street Journal, and the undergraduate program has been rated one of the best in the nation. With Fort Worth’s new high national ranking, the publicity will only attract more students to look at TCU and the Neeley School of Business entrepreneurship program. Fort Worth

already has so many opportunities to start a career and finding a job in the DFW area will now be even easier.

Fort Worth offers so much to see and do. TCU students are lucky to benefit from the ties the campus shares with businesses in the area. For example, located right in the middle of Cowtown are the world headquarters of American Airlines, RadioShack, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway and Pier 1.

Now, more than ever, businesses will flock to the Fort Worth area to try to connect with these cutting-edge companies, which, in turn, will provide TCU students internships and more job opportunities.

Whether graduating with a business degree or not, it definitely pays to live in Fort Worth.

Features Editor Jordan Haygood for the Editorial Board.

BY JEREMY ARNOLD



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Call girl scandal given unnecessary attention

There have been many events in the past couple of years that have greatly impacted our culture and made us question who we are as Americans.

Some people might be thinking of the Iraq war, Sept. 11 or Hurricane Katrina. Although these events highlight some of America’s lowest points, they brought hope and camaraderie to our culture’s forefront.



Breanna Kelly

However, for the younger generation, when they think of crucial events in history they are probably thinking of Anna Nicole Smith’s death, reality TV shows, or the newest scandal that rocked the political world, Ashley Dupre.

TV, newspapers and online sites are consumed with Dupre’s face, or an article about her. A young woman who has publicly degraded herself is not shunned by the media, but hounded after and thrust into the spotlight for everyone to see. It amazes me that our culture is infatuated with Dupre and is yearning to find out any information about her.

Dupre is best known as the call girl in former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer’s prostitution scandal. Days after the scandal became known, media outlets were clamoring to know who Dupre was.

To many people’s disgust, her face was plastered on the front page of every newspaper in America, along with her life story.

The fact that her name has become a

staple of the current American culture is appalling. Magazines want to interview her and even Donald Trump wants to put her in a new reality TV show. Consequences for her action seem like they are a thing of the past, and bad behavior is shamelessly rewarded.

Dupre’s 15 minutes of fame is slowly turning into a money-making publicity campaign that makes me wonder where our culture is heading.

I am ashamed to live in a society where a sex scandal is more important than the news of soldiers fighting and dying in Iraq and where a call girl can be an instant celebrity.

The media has the power to influence our beliefs, and unfortunately, the media don’t always choose the high road.

Although I too am contributing to the bombardment of articles surrounding the life and actions of Ashley Dupre, I hope my opinion can influence an individual to open his or her eyes. The media need to learn to balance the facts and decide whether Ashley Dupre is a spectacle or news.

Using her name may help sell newspapers and magazines, however, the real question is whether the media are using their power to better society or abusing the power for attention and wealth. If our culture can break free from the hold of the media and ignore the degradation that currently befalls us, we will have the ability to shape our future for the better.

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Veterans deserve better care after returning from service

It has cost us billions of dollars and thousands of lives, and the anniversary last week of our invasion has kept the war at the forefront of our minds.

Our country hails the troops fighting in Iraq, but when they return home, it’s some thanks they get.



Jillian Hutchinson

Their needs are not being adequately met.

More than 400 Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans are currently homeless.

Some experts quoted in a New York Times article on Nov. 8, 2007, say the veterans from

those wars are turning up on the streets sooner than those who fought in Vietnam did. Of America’s homeless population, 26 percent of them are veterans — men and women who once fought and made sacrifices for our country are living on the streets. Those who took care of us are no longer being cared for.

The large amount of homeless veterans is nothing new, but there is no excuse for their suffering to continue.

The government has a responsibility to provide proper medical care and education to help better ensure the well-being of the veterans and a smoother transition back into a normal life. With all the money going to fighting the

war, at least a decent amount of money should be going to the veterans’ care.

Three senators, Jim Webb, D-Va., Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., and Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., recently introduced an updated GI Bill that would provide more money for veterans who have served since Sept. 11 to put toward a college education. Although veterans are currently given some money for education, it’s not nearly enough. Perhaps with sufficient money and the opportunity for further education, the veterans would be better equipped to stay off the streets.

With the sad state of our veterans and the lack of benefits they receive, it seems there is little to motivate future generations to serve in the armed forces.

How can the government expect people to serve when their lives after service have the potential to be so dismal?

It seems that the least the government could do is provide acceptable services and benefits to these veterans. It’s a small price to pay for all the soldiers have already given up for the sake of their country.

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Teaching only abstinence ineffective form of sex education

In early March, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a study that found a quarter of American teenage girls — roughly 3.2 million — have a sexually transmitted disease. The study tested girls ages 14 to 19 for four common STDs: Human papillomavirus, Chlamydia, Trichomoniasis and herpes simplex virus.

The overall prevalence was 26 percent, with HPV as the most common. African-American girls had the highest rates — a whopping 48 percent — while whites and Mexican-Americans tied at 20 percent.

This study may have focused on teen girls because they suffer harsher consequences for having STDs, but this by no means should leave



Sarah Gwin

boys out of the equation.

Hopefully these numbers will alert girls and young women to the importance of STD testing and safer sex practices.

The study of STDs in teenage girls is the first of its kind, but with the results that have been found, there is a need to continue to do research — and to include boys, who are active participants in spreading STDs.

These statistics are alarming and reflect the need to find ways to reduce these numbers. The president of Planned Parenthood, Cecile Richards, emphasizes the need for comprehensive sex education.

Richards states, “The national policy of promoting abstinence-only programs is a

\$1.5 billion failure, and teenage girls are paying the real price.”

The implication of the Bush administration and the abstinence-only policy seems to give new meaning to “no child left behind.” However, this issue is far greater than the failings of the current administration.

We live in society that is so sexualized, yet sexuality is still very taboo. Even with the sexual revolution of the ’60s, there is still a double standard between men and women, leaving women to either be virginal or to have to play into the limbo where there is no fine line between being experienced and a whore.

With high rates of STDs, there is debate surrounding why girls are engaging in

such risky behaviors.

Dating violence in teenagers is rarely talked about despite the fact that one in five teen girls will be sexually assaulted, and one in three will be physically assaulted by a partner, according to the American Medical Association.

Conservative groups like Focus on the Family believe studies like this suggest the need for more abstinence-only education, but it seems like their only defense is to control women’s sexuality.

Looking over at Europe,

where sexuality is not a taboo subject, statistics are much different. According to studies by Advocates for Youth, the U.S. teen pregnancy rates more than triple those in Germany, France and the Netherlands. For STDs, U.S. rates of Gonorrhea are 38 times higher than in Germany and 74 times higher than in the Netherlands; Chlamydia rates are 20 times higher than in France.

Abstinence-only programs have not proven their effectiveness, while comprehensive sex education and a more relaxed view of sexuality in society shows dramatically better results in Europe.

We cannot ignore the fact that STDs disproportionately affect disenfranchised individuals where high-risk sexual

behavior is common or where there is a lack of health care access or understanding about options. These can include sex workers, prison inmates, migrant workers, adolescents and individuals in poverty.

With the problems we have had with STDs in this country, high rates of unplanned pregnancies and abortions, controlling sexuality is a step backward. Comprehensive sex education is desperately needed, as is increased funding for the availability of free or inexpensive birth control and other reproductive choices.

We need to have a variety of options readily available to individuals, no matter their status, so they can make the best choices for themselves.

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Scientists work to control seizures with jolts of electricity

By JOHN FAUBER
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — As John Mirasola sat reading a college textbook nearly 18 years ago, a strange thing happened. A few of the words on each page disappeared as though they had been whited out.

"It was just little white spots, and then it would come back," said the 39-year-old. Unfortunately, the incident was a prelude to a neurological condition that would worsen and eventually thrust him into the frontier of brain research.

A few months later, after suffering his first seizure, Mirasola was diagnosed with epilepsy, a condition caused by electrical disturbances emanating from deep within his brain. As the source of his seizures, the faulty impulses have beaten the best of what modern medicine has to offer.

His epilepsy has remained uncontrolled, dominating his life and costing him two jobs and his driving privileges.

In February, he took a plunge into an arcane field of medical science that is in its infancy, a discipline known as neurostimulation.

In a five-hour operation, doctors at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison inserted two thin electrodes about five inches into his brain, at the back of his head. They carved out a section of his skull that was deep enough to cradle a device about the size of an iPod Shuffle, and his scalp was pulled back over the device.

The surgery is part of a clinical trial testing whether epilepsy can be controlled by strategically delivered electricity.

If the theory is correct, the

apparatus will detect the flare-ups before they render Mirasola unconscious and send a countervailing micro-jolt into his brain, stopping the seizure in its tracks.

If it doesn't work, Mirasola still will draw special attention every time he passes through an airport metal detector, and his seizures, which occur about 20 times a month, will continue.

Neurostimulation is a dynamic field, with clinical trials looking into its effectiveness in treating a range of disorders, including depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and tinnitus. Another form of neurostimulation known as deep brain stimulation already is approved as a treatment for Parkinson's disease.

Neurostimulation has been described as a field of science that works backward: Stimulation is applied to the brain, some people get better, and doctors try to figure out why.

"No one knows why stimulation works," said Martha Morrell, chief medical officer of NeuroPace, the company that is funding the University of Wisconsin epilepsy trial. "One theory is that seizures occur because an area of the brain has abnormal synchronous electrical activity and that applying electrical stimulation desynchronizes that area."

The trial is being watched

"It makes a lot of sense. Of course, the devil is in the details."

Brian Kopell
neurosurgeon
Medical College of Wisconsin

by researchers in part because it holds the promise of a potential therapy for patients whose seizures can't be controlled with drugs and who are not candidates for surgery.

"We know it works in animals," said Peter Konrad, a neurosurgeon at Vanderbilt University, who is not part of the trial. "Now they are collecting data on a pilot group of patients."

If the treatment proves effective, it could benefit hundreds of thousands, said Konrad, an associate professor of neurosurgery and biomedical engineering.

The treatment also could offer an alternative to surgery in which part of the brain is removed, said Brian Kopell, a neurosurgeon at the Medical College of Wisconsin who specializes in neurostimulation.

What makes the approach especially interesting, Kopell said, is that it is designed to deliver electricity only when needed, eliminating the prospect of continuously sending current into the brain.

The electrodes sense abnormal electrical activity, allowing the brain to be stimulated in response. Once the seizure is stopped, the current is turned off until it is needed again.

"It makes a lot of sense," said Kopell, who is not part of the trial. "Of course, the devil is in the details."

At 10 a.m. on Feb. 27, Mirasola was wheeled into an operating room at University of Wisconsin Hospital. A box-shaped metal frame had been attached to his head. The stereotactic frame allowed doctors to precisely place the long electrodes into his brain.

Sillay drilled two dime-sized holes into the back of Mirasola's head. Through the holes, the thin electrodes were

inserted.

Mirasola was beginning the blinded evaluation part of the trial. To help determine the effectiveness of the device, for the next 12 weeks neither he nor Sillay will know if it is turned on.

"This is all very experimental," Sillay said. "When we look back several years from now it will be clear what needs to be done in these cases."

Mirasola was the third person to be implanted with the device at UW Hospital.

Another patient in the trial, Nathan Berg, 38, underwent the surgery in Indianapolis in May 2007 and returned to Madison, where he lives.

He said he still gets seizures, but the frequency and severity have decreased significantly.

"I still get seizures on a fairly regular basis, but they are very small," he said.

Berg and Mirasola are two of about 100 people from around the country to be implanted as part of the trial.

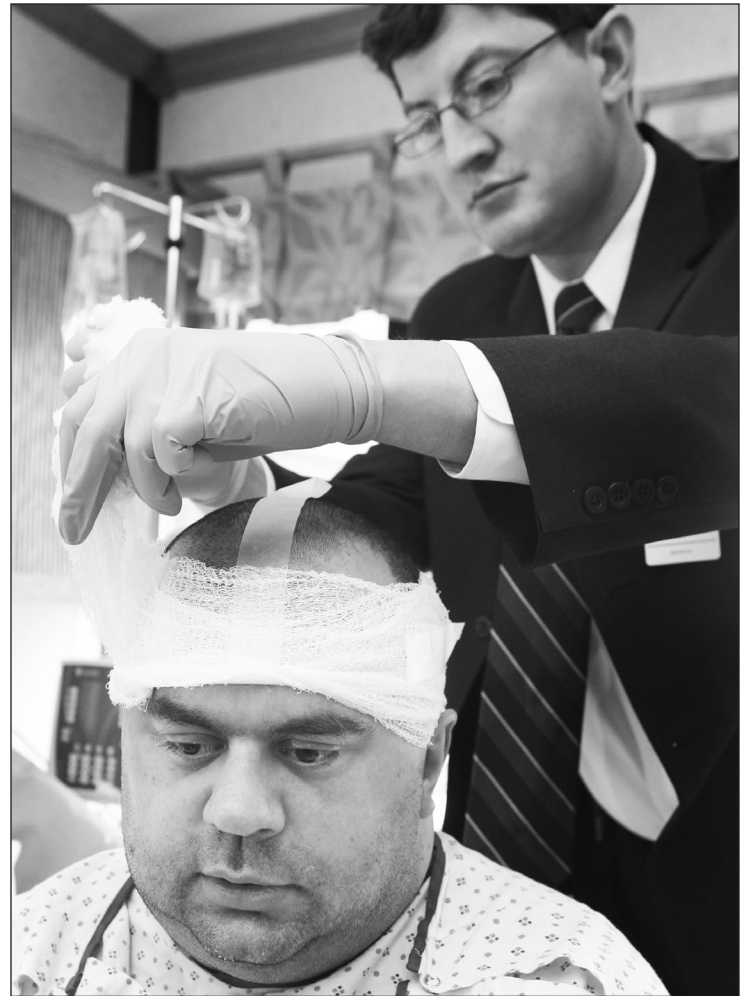
Eventually 180 people are expected to be treated when the trial ends this fall, said Morrell, of NeuroPace.

An earlier trial involving 65 patients found that about one-third of them had a significant reduction in their seizures, she said.

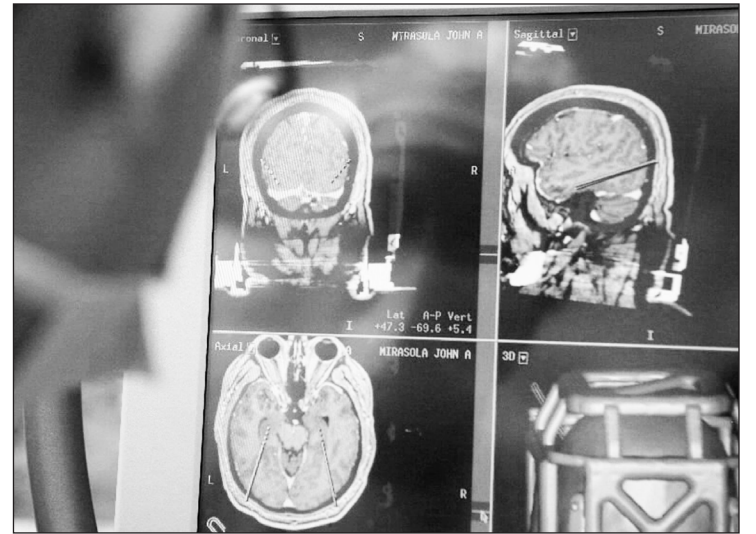
If the approach proves successful, it could be used to treat as many as 450,000 people with epilepsy in the U.S., said Morrell, who also works as a clinical professor of neurology at Stanford University.

Mirasola said he signed up for the trial because nothing else has worked.


"After 17 years I've tried every drug on the market," he said. "I decided to get aggressive."



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Dr. Karl Sillay checks the dressings on John Mirasola after his surgery at the UW hospital in Madison, Wisconsin on Feb. 29. Mirasola has had a Neuro Pace instilled in his head to try to control his epilepsy that he has had for 17 years.



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Dr. Karl Sillay looks at CAT scans of John Mirasola's brain before surgery Feb. 27 in Madison, Wisconsin.



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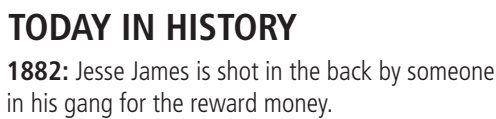
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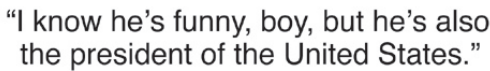
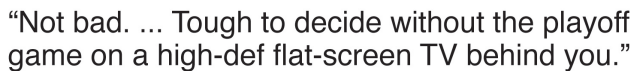






Q: What did the Spanish farmer say to his chickens?

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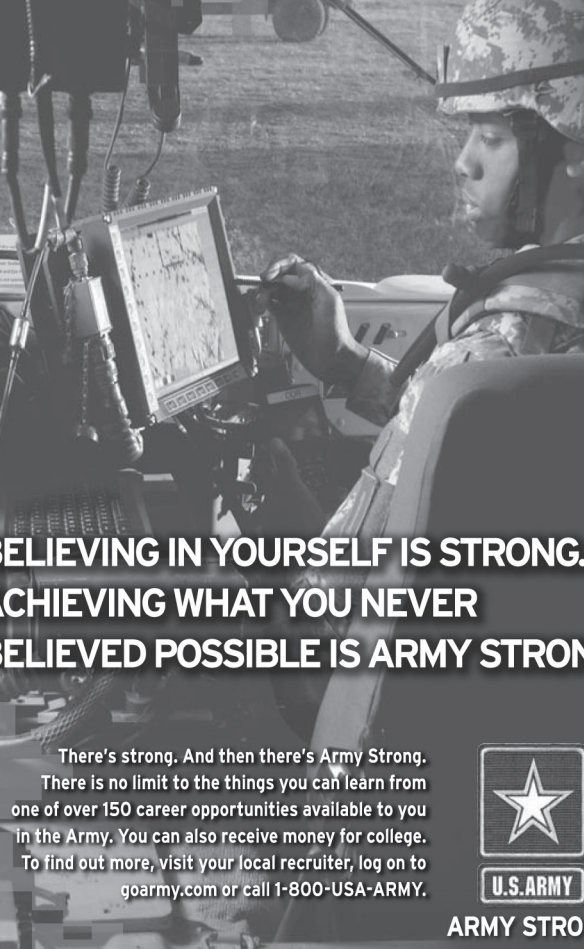
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STEPHEN NOWLAND / NCAA Photos
Senior Virgil Hodge leads the women's 60-meter dash during the Mountain West Conference Indoor Track and Field Championship on Feb. 29 at the Cadet Field House on the grounds of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Track star runs for team, nation

By JOHN BOLLER
Staff Reporter

She is one of the most accomplished track and field athletes in the NCAA, having earned a spot on her country's track and field team for the upcoming Beijing Olympics, and received more All-American awards than any other female in TCU history.

Senior Virgil Hodge finished her final indoor season March 14 in Fayetteville, Ark., at the NCAA Track and Field Indoor Championships. She finished seventh in the women's 200-meter dash at the championships while clocking a season-best time in the event.

At the conclusion of the competition, Hodge was awarded the Mountain West Conference Women's Indoor Track and Field Student-Athlete of the Year. Hodge was also named an All-American for the sixth time.

"It is always nice when you are rewarded for your hard work," Hodge said. "It is easy to do well when you have good teammates and coaches like I do."

Conference Queen
The native of St. Kitts and Nevis had a strong showing at this year's Mountain West Conference Indoor Championship. She beat the field in both the 60-meter and 200-meter dashes for the second

straight year. Following her victories, Hodge was given the 2008 Women's Outstanding Performance award.
Hodge will graduate with a degree in communication studies in May, but is not finished with her TCU career just yet. The Flyin' Frogs' outdoor season began March 22 at the Lowdon Track and Field Complex for the second annual Horned Frog Invitational.

Home in St. Kitts
What Hodge is most looking forward to about this year's outdoor season are the NCAA Championships at the end of June. It will be the first time that someone from her family will get to see her participate in a race as a Horned Frog.
"Nobody from my home back in St. Kitts has ever seen me run for TCU, except for on the television," Hodge said. "My mother will be coming down for the championships in June. We are both very excited about it."
The last time Hodge went home was last summer. She went back to St. Kitts to compete in a race to qualify for her home country's Olympic team, race in the Pan American Games and participate in the inaugural North and Central American and Caribbean Championships. She won the 200-me-

ter race and placed sixth in the 100-meter race.
"I am always excited when I get an opportunity to go back home," Hodge said. "Whenever I also get the opportunity to race while I am back at St. Kitts, it makes the visit much more meaningful for me and my family."

Off the Oval
On the track, Hodge and the Flyin' Frogs are all business, but outside the lines, they are friends and classmates.
"When we are on the track, whether it is practice or at a meet, it is serious because we are trying to get better and work on correcting our mistakes," she said. "But, when we get off the track we hang out, laugh, cry and spend time with each other just like we do with other friends."
Hodge even cooks Caribbean food and invites the whole team over to her place for dinner.
"Anytime Virgil says she is cooking there's no doubt I'll be able to make it over because I love to eat," said Hodges' teammate, Jessica Young. "I never used to eat red beans with rice, but now it's one of my favorite things to eat."
Junior shot putter Candis Kelley is another one of Hodge's teammates who

enjoys her cooking.
"Virgil is famous for her chicken and rice on the track team. She is a really good cook and enjoys cooking for the team," Kelley said.

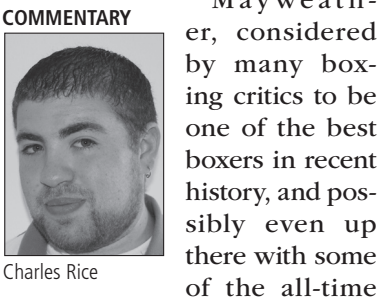
Next on Track
Once the outdoor championships are finished, Hodge said she will take a couple of weeks to go home and spend some time with her family. But it won't be long until she is traveling and training again for the Olympics.
"After I finish resting up at home, I will spend some time in Europe competing in events that will have strong competition and hopefully help get me ready for the Olympics," Hodge said. "I am very busy and there is not a lot of rest time, but I know I have to keep working year-round if I want to be the best I can be."
Hodge does have plans for life after track and field. She says that she has always been interested in travel and hopes that she can make a career out of it in the future.
"I really would like to use my communication degree to complement my enjoyment of travel and learning about new places," she said. "I think that I will try to work for an airline company and see where it will end up taking me."

COMMENTARY

Boxer's pro wrestling good for both sports

By CHARLES RICE
Staff Reporter

Wrestling. The laughing stock of "sports," right? Just ask Floyd "Money" Mayweather Jr. and he may tell you a different story.



Charles Rice

Mayweather, considered by many boxing critics to be one of the best boxers in recent history, and possibly even up there with some of the all-time greats, recently took his professional record of 39-0 and set foot in a slightly different ring than he is used to.
This ring is not controlled by the big wigs of Las Vegas or the boxing circuit, but rather controlled by a man whom many consider the father of modern day sports entertainment, Vince McMahon Jr. Mayweather made the decision to put his body on the line for World Wrestling Entertainment. This decision is one that was not received well by many critics. Questions rose across TV shows and radio air waves.
"Why are you doing this?" or "What is your motive?" are questions that Mayweather constantly answered on shows, including Larry King Live. In his responses he was given points that he had to touch upon by McMahon to tell the story that the WWE was trying to sell. Mayweather helped to regenerate the classic drama of boxing, which in many ways has been lost since the Mike Tyson vs. Evander Holyfield fights.

Boxing is a pure sport, while wrestling obviously has its enjoyable chair shots to the head and other such impurities. But professional wrestling provides the story lines greats like Muhammad Ali used to provide, without fail, in and out of the boxing ring — story lines like the almost embarrassing interest people took in Tyson's meltdown and fall from grace.
Mayweather's foray into wrestling does not taint his career as a boxer or the sport of professional boxing, but invigorates both and gives boxing a celebrity face, much like Kobe Bryant is for the NBA and Peyton Manning is for the NFL.
In the end, it came down to personal reasons for Mayweather that he decided to join up with the WWE. He said wanted to continue to prove that he was the

best and by beating Paul Wight, better known as the WWE's Big Show,, he would do just that. It should also be noted that before coming back to the WWE a little more than a month ago, Wight had taken time off from the company for about a year to train to be a boxer. Mayweather also went on record as saying he had been a wrestling fan for a long time and that influenced his decision.
Granted their "fight" at WrestleMania was a well-scripted work, orchestrated by McMahon and his staff of writers that was billed as a wrestling/boxing match. But does that really even matter? Does it matter that in the end it was decided Mayweather would beat the Big Show? Or does the fact that their match came off as one of the most realistic on the show have any impact on the real issue here? In all honesty, no. None of that does, because Mayweather proved in a different way that he is one of the best.

"Floyd Mayweather is something else. The best celeb/athlete I think the WWE has ever worked with at a WrestleMania," Jim Ross, Hall of Fame broadcaster for the WWE said in his blog.
So the big question on everyone's mind is, so what?
The so what is a several-fold answer.
First, Mayweather helped raise WWE's stock value since he has been working with the company. Next, WrestleMania set a new attendance record for the Citrus Bowl in Florida with 74,635 people.
Those who weren't able to actually be in attendance were able to purchase the event worldwide on pay-per-view. More than \$5.85 million was generated from ticket sales, not including the money that merchandise sales and PPV buyers brought.
For all the critics who want to chastise Mayweather, simply tell them to look at boxing history and wrestling history and it will be evident just how intertwined they are.
Boxing greats like Jack Dempsey, Ruby Robert Fitzsimmons, Evander Holyfield, Mike Tyson and even worldwide figure Muhammad Ali have all stepped foot in the squared circle at some time or another in their boxing careers. Countless other celebrities and athletes have done the same as well.
So how much of a laughing stock is wrestling? The numbers and facts don't lie.

FOOTBALL

Frogs announce new schedule, features two Thursday games

By BRETT LARSON
Sports Editor

The Horned Frog 2008 football schedule has been released, and TCU will be starting its season against Mountain West Conference opponent the University of New Mexico.
This is the first time the Horned Frogs will be playing a conference team to start its regular schedule since 2003.
The Frogs travel to Albuquerque, N.M., on Aug. 30, starting away from home for the third time since joining the MWC.
The schedule includes 11 consecutive weeks of play for the Frogs, starting in New Mexico and ending Nov. 6 at the University of Utah.
The 2008 schedule features two Thursday games against Brigham Young University and the University of Utah. Last season featured three Thursday games, which all resulted in losses for the Frogs.

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Date	Opponent/Event	Location	Time
08/30/08	at New Mexico	Albuquerque, N.M.	5 p.m.
09/06/08	vs. Stephen F. Austin	Home	6 p.m.
09/13/08	vs. Stanford	Home	6 p.m.
09/20/08	at SMU	Dallas	TBA
09/27/08	at Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	TBA
10/04/08	vs. San Diego State	Home	5 p.m.
10/11/08	at Colorado State	Fort Collins, Colo.	2 p.m.
10/16/08	vs. BYU	Home	7 p.m.
10/25/08	vs. Wyoming	Home	5 p.m.
11/01/08	at UNLV	Las Vegas	7 p.m.
11/06/08	at Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	7 p.m.
11/22/08	vs. Air Force	Home	2:30 p.m.

When TCU plays BYU on Thursday, Oct. 16, it will be the third year in a row the two teams have faced each other on a Thursday. TCU is 0-2 against BYU on Thursdays.
TCU has also played Utah on Thursday each year it has been a member of the MWC. Utah leads the Thursday series 2-1.
Familiar faces are present in the



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Staff Photographer
Fans let the SMU Mustangs know it's time to go home during the Horned Frogs 2007 victory. The Horned Frogs released their 2008 schedule with the rivalry continuing this year in Dallas.

Frogs' non-conference schedule. For the second year in a row, TCU will play against SMU and the University of Stanford, and TCU will once again be taking on the University of

Oklahoma.
The regular season and conference finale for TCU is Nov. 22 when TCU faces the Air Force Falcons in Fort Worth.