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## Officials to propose budget cuts to trustees

By Jason Fochtman  
 Staff Reporter

The university will recommend an across-the-board budget cut of 8 to 10 percent for the next academic school year to the Board of Trustees on Friday in response to the country's economic situation, a university official said.

Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration, said if accepted, the budget cut would be approved during the spring trustees meeting and save the university about \$1.6 million.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said university officials want to make sure the university is prepared for next year.

"We don't know the future, and I'm just trying to protect us the best I can," Boschini said.

All departments, except areas that create revenue for the university, such as admissions, will be affected by the budget cuts, Boschini said.

Gutierrez said financial aid would not be affected by any recommended budget reductions.

The university's endowment currently

stands at \$1.1 billion and has performed better than some endowments at other universities during these economic times because of the diversity of TCU's portfolio, Gutierrez said.

Boschini said the proposed cuts will allow the university to give employees and staff a pool of funds for up to a 3 percent merit-based raise on their salary, about \$3.6 million. The cuts would also allow the university to lower the tuition increase rate to 4 percent or 5 percent instead of 8 percent, Boschini said.

Department officials will have about a

3 percent increase in their salary cap, Boschini said. Officials would then recommend to the Provost's office who should get a raise and how much, he added.

Gutierrez said if approved, the raise would be calculated based off of the employee's salary.

Boschini said while the new budget does not eliminate any current positions, it prevents new ones from being added next year. The decrease would put a hold on the university's goal to lower the student-teacher

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### CORRECTION

Derek VerHagen's name was misspelled in his column 'Graduate school good choice in uncertain economy' in Friday's paper.

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### PECULIAR FACT

JENSEN BEACH, Fla. — Police said they arrested a Connecticut man after he tried to steal communion wafers during a church service. The Martin County Sheriff's Office said 33-year-old John Samuel Ricci, of Canton, was cornered by fellow churchgoers when he grabbed a handful of wafers from the priest during communion services Saturday.

— Associated Press

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## THE WINNER IS...



Elections & Regulations committee chair Joey Parr announces the results of the SGA elections Wednesday as outgoing President Thomas Pressly watches.

## Treasurer race to go to runoff vote today

By Andrew Young and Chelsie French  
 Staff Reporters

Junior Kelsie Johnson was named Student Government Association president Wednesday by a difference of 418 votes, but treasurer candidates junior Greg Hamre and sophomore Marlon Figueroa are heading into a runoff election Thursday.

Sophomore Matt Dietrichson was elected vice president with 1,760 votes against junior Matt Williams, who got 870 votes. Sophomore Kennedy Stewart, who ran unopposed, was elected Programming Council chair.

Almost 300 votes separated Figueroa and Hamre, who led with 1,403 votes. The third treasurer candidate, sophomore Ryan Hoff, garnered 281 votes. To be elected, a candidate must have at least

50 percent of the vote, and Hamre had about 48 percent of the vote.

Runoff voting for treasurer starts at 12:01 a.m. today and will close at noon Friday.

Joey Parr, chair of the Elections and Regulations Committee, announced election results to about 30 people outside the Brown-Lupton University

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## Streetcars may make comeback

City looking into reviving electric transport system

By Rose Baca  
 Staff Reporter

Streetcars could be making a comeback in Fort Worth, and routes along University Drive and Berry Street are a definite possibility, a city official said.

"It's an obvious destination," said David Gaspers, the city's urban design planner. "Not only for students but for sporting events and cultural activities."

The Fort Worth streetcar system began in the 1870s, Gaspers said. Mule-drawn streetcars were eventually upgraded to electric ones and by the late 1930s, with the invention of the automobile, ridership decreased and expenses increased, causing the system to die out, he said.

The city's Modern Streetcar Study Committee, formed last year, decided a streetcar system would once again be feasible in Fort Worth, Gaspers said.

"It's a more exciting mode of transportation."

Alan Halter  
 junior geography major

He hopes to meet with the City Council in December to present recommendations, Gaspers said.

If the City Council approves the project, a streetcar system could be in place by 2013 optimistically, Gaspers said.

He said the modern streetcars considered for the project would be electric or ride on rails with an overhead wire and be incorporated with the regular flow of traffic.

Advancements in construction have minimized the amount of roadway disruption that would be caused by the project, and an estimation of one block of rail could be constructed in one week, Gaspers said.

An estimated cost for the project would be about \$20 million per track mile, which

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## Health Center joins schools in fight against depression

By Jackie Rodriguez  
 Staff Reporter

TCU is one of 20 universities in the National College Depression Partnership, an 18-month initiative program to learn more about how to identify students with depression, a university physician said.

Dr. Mary Rae, primary physician of the Brown-Lupton Health Center, said health and counseling staff attended a workshop at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators mental health conference in January. After attending the conference, the university joined the others in an effort to share information on how to treat depression in college students, Rae said.

Other schools participating in the program are Princeton University, Cornell University, Case Western Reserve University, Northeastern University, St. Lawrence University, and New York University,

where the project was founded.

"One of the aspects of the partnership is collaboration between primary care staff and counseling staff," Rae said.

The purpose of the project is to improve the quality of care for students with depression, and what is learned will be used to treat students long after the project ends, Rae said.

According to the Web site for the National Institute for Mental Health, about one in four adults suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year. In addition, mental disorders are the leading cause of disability in the United States and Canada for 15-to-44-year-olds.

Patients that visit the Health Center will be screened for depression by answering a two-question questionnaire, Rae said. Answers to the first two questions will determine if patients need to answer nine in-depth survey questions. Responses to the nine survey questions will determine if

patients are candidates for counseling.

The questions in the questionnaire are symptom-based questions, such as if the patient is experiencing a loss of interest or suicidal thoughts, university counselor Linda Wolszon said.

Participation in the National College Depression Partnership will help health and counseling center staff to learn the best methods for identifying students with symptoms of depression, Wolszon said. The increased need for screening was discussed at the conference, she said.

"Incidents like the incident at Virginia Tech have caused screening to reach a higher priority among student affairs personnel," Wolszon said. "We need to identify the people who need counseling and offer to get them treatment as soon as possible."

The overall goal of this program is to improve the quality of life for students, Wolszon said.

"We know that depression affects concentration, motivation and mood and ignoring those issues can lead to a disastrous semester," Wolszon said.

TCU psychologist Eric Wood has been aggressively reaching out to promote awareness of depression on a ground level, Wolszon said. Wood and other members of the counseling center offer free screening for depression at awareness events, Wolszon said.

The counseling center also hosts events such as Depression Screening Days, Wood said, and during these events students can be screened for symptoms of depression in various locations on campus.

The Web site for the counseling center also provides online screening. The counseling center and its staff offers training seminars to faculty and staff about helping students who might be depressed or have symptoms of depression, Wood said.

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ratio from 14-to-1 to 13-to-1 by next year, he added.

Harold Leeman, associate director of major projects for the Physical Plant, said current construction projects, such as the \$16 million renovation of Sherley Hall and the \$25 million building of Scharbauer Hall will not be affected by the proposed budget decrease.

"We're continuing the design for the projects, such as the renovation of Reed Hall, that may be built next year," Leeman said.

The Board will discuss which pending projects to move forward with during the meeting Friday, Leeman said.

Gutierrez said funds for on-going construction projects have already been set aside. Colleges throughout the university are in the process of adjusting their budgets for next year to account for the possible decrease in funds.

Homer Erekson, dean of the Neeley School of Business, said even though some programs' growth may be delayed, he remains optimistic the school will be able to maintain its high-quality education.

"We're literally in the midst of looking at our different programs

and trying to assess how we're going to keep high-quality programs going but also be responsive to the cuts," Erekson said.

The school is looking at the possibility of private alternatives that would allow donors to help fund a particular program to help finance programs short term, Erekson said. Neeley officials will also evaluate current adjunct faculty in the spring and decide where they would serve best as the school enrolls students for the fall semester, Erekson said.

Paulette Burns, dean of the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, said the college is also in the process of figuring out the possible ramifications of the budget cuts.

One area the school is considering to reduce is faculty travel, Burns said.

"Certainly, we can publish papers without presenting them at a national conference, but much of what happens at those conferences is that interaction and networking," Burns said.

The budget cut would also affect the school's ability to repair and replace equipment used for classes, Burns said. In addition, the university's freeze on hiring additional faculty members would affect the school's long term plans, Burns said.

"We have some plans for addi-

tional programs we want to develop within the next five years, and it will slow that immensely," Burns said. "It's difficult to add programs when you can't add faculty."

The budget decrease could affect the school's ability to stay competitive on the graduate level because graduate students receive stipends to compensate them for helping faculty members in their research, Burns said.

"There may not be actual cuts in those, but if there is not money to add to them, then we still may have problems," Burns said.

TCU is not the only university looking at adjusting its budget.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry sent a letter Oct. 14, to all state agencies, which include state universities, asking them to examine their spending, according to the letter obtained by the Skiff.

While Gov. Perry urges agencies to specifically reduce travel, no set amount or time period for those reductions are mentioned in the letter.

California is also urging schools to adjust their budgets.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed a midyear budget cut of \$65.5 million for the University of California school system, according to a news release on the University of California, Berkeley's Web site.

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is based on the studies of other systems around the U.S., Gaspers said.

Dana Burghdoff, deputy director of planning and development, said the city has not decided how many miles of track the starter corridor will have. She said other cities have been able to start off with anywhere from three to eight miles of track.

Burghdoff said the committee is looking at several options to fund the project, which could include raising property tax values or tax increment financing. Tax increment financing would place the incremental increase of property tax values into the streetcar fund, Burghdoff said.

The committee is also looking at having property owners along streetcar routes help pay for the system, getting an approved bond package or using gas well revenue, Burghdoff said.

"The streetcar system is expensive enough that you would have to have a combination," Burghdoff said.

The streetcar system was prompted by the increase in urban development activity around the city, and the city hopes a streetcar system would encourage even more urban-style projects, Gaspers said.

"So it's kind of like a what comes first — the chicken or the egg scenario," Gaspers said.

In early October, the committee, Mayor Mike Moncrief, members of the City Council and other interested local leaders visited Seattle, Tacoma, Wash., and Portland, Ore., cities that have modern streetcar systems already in place, Gaspers said. Since the development of the streetcar line, he said Portland has seen over \$3 billion of development occur along their system.

"That's a big reason why the streetcars are being considered," Gaspers said.

Alan Halter, a junior geography major, said his geography class is working on a project to find the best places in Fort Worth to put a potential streetcar system. Halter said the group has been attending committee meetings, researching cities where a modern streetcar system is in place and using the city's urban planning material to make its decision.

Halter said the main purpose for the streetcar is not for transportation but rather for economic development. Areas of mixed-use development and vacant land are prime spots for a streetcar system to be implemented and would attract business, he said.

Halter said he supports the idea of bringing a streetcar system back to Fort Worth.

"It's a more exciting mode of transportation," Halter said. "And since it's electric it provides another form of transportation that's not burning fossil fuels."

## Modern Streetcar Study Committee Meetings

**When:** Monday at 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Rose Marine Theater, 1440 N. Main St.  
**When:** Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Guinn School, 1150 South Freeway  
**When:** Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** University of North Texas, 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd.  
 Health and Science Center Everett Hall, RES Building

The city has not determined who would be operating the project, but the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, or the T, has been involved with the process and will be a likely operator for the streetcar system, Gaspers said.

Joan Hunter, a spokeswoman for the T, said it would be logical for the T to operate the streetcar system because it operates all other public transportation in Fort Worth.

"We certainly would be interested in providing that service," Hunter said.

The T is also a member of the Modern Streetcar Study Committee, represented by board member Robert Parmelee, and supports bringing a streetcar system back to Fort Worth.

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Union at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Parr said 2,903 votes were cast during the election, which means about 38 percent of the undergraduate student body participated.

Johnson said campaigning was the "hardest and best thing" she has ever done. She said her first act as student body president will be to pardon her former opponent, junior Kelly Barnes, for his campaigning violation. Barnes was fined \$75 for soliciting votes within 50 feet of three computers, which is a violation of the Student Body Code.

Dietrichson said among the things

he plans to do is to add options for the meal plan and improve parking efficiency.

Hamre said he feels that a runoff is fair because even though he received the most votes out of the three treasurer candidates, he did not receive a majority vote.

"I hope the vote goes the same way that it did the first time around," Hamre said.

Figueroa said the runoff is exciting because both candidates have to prove themselves again. It will make the election better, he said.

"I would have liked to win out, but this will make me work harder," Figueroa said.

## SGA Election Results

**President**  
 Kelsie Johnson: 1,633  
 Kelly Barnes: 1,215  
**Vice President**  
 Matt Dietrichson: 1,760  
 Matt Williams: 870  
**Treasurer**  
 Greg Hamre: 1,403  
 Marlon Figueroa: 1,125  
 Ryan Hoff: 281  
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*The Skiff View*

## University doing right by trimming budget

As the U.S. stands on unsteady ground economically, businesses and individuals alike are looking for ways to cut back spending. TCU is not alone in its effort to trim its budget, but it does stand out in its efforts to do so in a way that aims to lend a helping hand to those it employs and teaches.

A recommendation will be made Friday to the Board of Trustees to trim the university's budget, but the money saved will not be wasted. Chancellor Victor Boschini said the cutbacks will allow the school to give merit-based raises to faculty and might even decrease the rate at which tuition is raised.

While budget cuts inevitably will be difficult to implement, and some campus programs will feel the crunch, commend the university for working to put the money back into the pockets of its students and faculty.

Tuition increases have been steady for the past few years, and they are never well received. Any effort to get rid of tuition increases, or even to decrease the rate at which it is raised, will be welcomed by students and parents.

The state of the nation's economy is causing people and institutions everywhere to delve into their pocketbooks and evaluate their spending, and as TCU looks to put money back into the wallets of its students and faculty — it should be applauded.

*Editor-in-chief Bailey Shiffler for the editorial board.*

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### University should observe Veteran's Day holiday

I write this letter as a concerned TCU student. Recently, I chose to write an argumentative essay on why schools should not have class on Veterans Day. Instead, we should observe such a day just as we observe any other holiday.

As I walked to class, I was interested to see what TCU had done to honor our veterans. What did I see? Nothing. No flags at half-staff, and no flags decorating campus. As I picked up my copy of the Skiff, like I do every day, I was expecting to see something patri-

otic, but there was nothing.

To whoever is in charge: this needs to change. I mean you can print a joke, top movies and business ads, but you can't even put an American flag in the paper? Let's be real here. Show some sort of appreciation for your freedom and those who made it possible. At least mention it is Veterans Day and say some sort of thank you. I would hope in future years much more is done on such an important day.

*Matthew Harris is a freshman communication studies major from San Diego.*

## Obama should act quickly to overturn Bush policies

There are many reasons to mark the calendar until George W. Bush officially turns the Oval Office over to Barack Obama.

Among the best is Obama's opportunity to overturn some of Bush's worst executive orders. Where to begin: Stem-cell research ban? Gone. Drilling in environmentally sensitive areas of Utah? Not a chance. Guantanamo? Close it as soon as possible.

One reason Bush became so overwhelmingly unpopular in his last term of office was his arrogant assertion of presidential authority through executive orders intended to bypass Congress. To his credit, Obama said in his campaign that if he were elected, he would have his attorney general review all of Bush's uses of executive powers with a special eye to those that "trample on liberty."

That review can't begin soon enough. At last count Bush had enacted 23 executive orders in 2008, and more than 100 in his second term of office.

Rescinding the ban on stem-cell research would be a fitting first act for Obama. It would signify the sort of dramatic change in approach that Obama heralds; it would offer hope to millions of Americans who suffer from devastating diseases. And it would be welcomed by most Americans. Stem-cell research has bipartisan support, including nearly 60 percent of Republicans.

Obama shouldn't wait long to stop the federal Bureau of Land Management from opening about 360,000 acres in Utah to oil and gas drilling.

The president-elect's transition chief, John Podesta, told reporters Sunday that Obama regards the acreage as too environmentally fragile to support drilling.

Closing Guantanamo will be a taller order. Obama will have to decide what to do with the terrorist suspects housed there and figure out how to deal with future detainees. But the Bush administration held prisoners at Guantanamo for more than five years without charging them and also routinely used abusive interrogation tactics such as waterboarding. Guantanamo presents the darkest blot on America's image, both at home and abroad, during Bush's presidency, and closing it will signal



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President-elect Barack Obama arrives in the White House in Washington for a visit with President Bush on Monday.

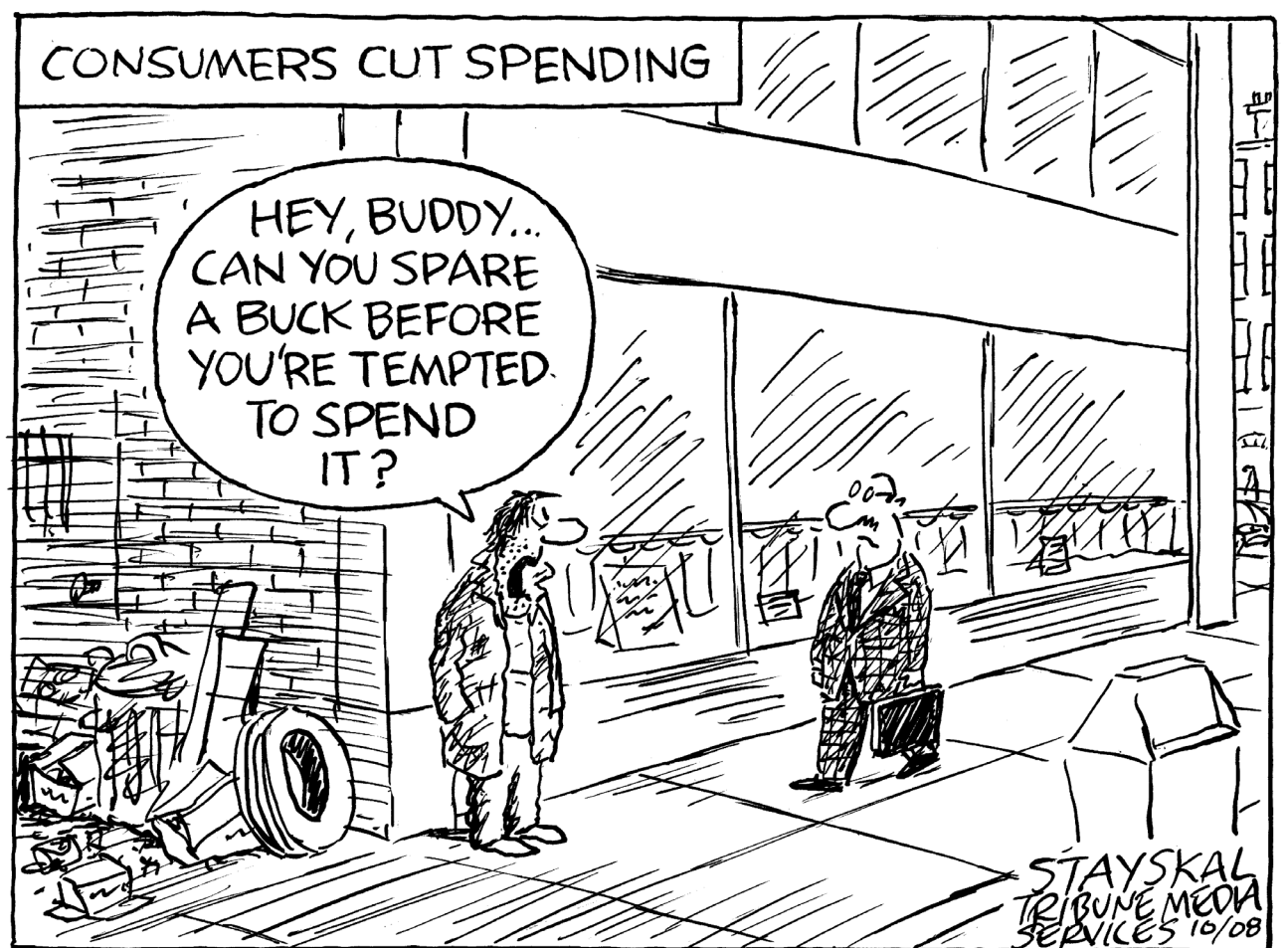
that human rights are again an American priority.

At least two other Bush executive orders call for immediate reversal. The first, Bush's insistence that health workers teach abstinence only as a policy for combating AIDS in the developing world, has been partly responsible for millions of deaths in Africa. It's ludicrous that health organizations that accept U.S. funding are prevented from allowing their workers to offer potentially lifesaving condoms to men and women throughout Africa.

Closer to home, Obama should also grant California the authority to regulate carbon-dioxide emissions from automobiles. Throughout his presidency, Bush ignored and sometimes tried to quash scientific research when it didn't support his political objectives. A blatant example last year was the administration's policy that kept California from enforcing pioneering regulations designed to tackle global warming.

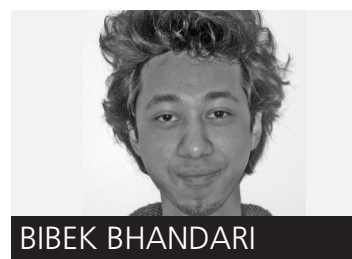
American voters clearly said on Election Day that they want the new president to enact change when he takes office. Reversing Bush's worst presidential executive orders is the quickest way to begin accomplishing that goal.

*This editorial appeared in the San Jose Mercury News on Tuesday.*



Wayne Stayskal is an editorial cartoonist for the Tampa Tribune.

## New GI Bill good for needy troops



BIBEK BHANDARI

With sheer fortitude and patriotism, they enter the battlefield. Just out of high school or their initial years in college, they join the Army, Navy or the Air Force. Some years later, after the war is over or their terms have ended, these army personnel return to their normal lives. Many start reliving their lives and fulfilling the dreams they had sacrificed for the country. For many war veterans, going back to school and getting their degrees has become a major goal to pursue.

The U.S. government introduced the GI Bill in 1944 to make home ownership and college education accessible to veterans. But over the years, GI benefits weren't able to fulfill the demand due to the rising cost of education, and Army personnel were having difficult times getting through college. They were either in debt or dropped out of school. But the new GI Bill, formerly called the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, proposed by Sen. James Webb, D-Va. gives a boost to the benefits. Congress passed this new bill June 30, and the educational benefits look positive.

The new bill, which is expected to cost \$62 billion over 10 years, would pay full tuition for a public school and also provide a \$1,000 yearly stipend, unlike the old bill, which provided only half the cost of tuition and required veterans to pay a \$1,200 fee.

This new bill definitely works in favor of veterans. It will help them cover their tuition without going into debt. This could also be motivation for the veterans to go back to school.

Many would ditch the idea of getting a degree due to high cost, but with this bill in effect, they wouldn't have to pay anything. This could spark a rise in veterans getting their degrees and starting their new post-war careers.

This bill could also benefit student-veterans who otherwise would have chosen a vocational school or a community college to get a certification or an associate's degree. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 40 percent of the 450,000 veterans attend community colleges. They can now choose to go to a four-year college and study what they want. This can help them to be experts in their desired field and start careers they might have decided on before joining the military.

According to an Oct. 30 New York Times story by Lizette Alvarez, this bill would help veterans, buffeted by war and a troubled economy, to seize on college as a roadmap to a productive life beyond the military. The Times, quoting Paul Rieckhoff, executive director of the advocacy group Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, wrote, "This is the biggest step toward turning the page on what we did after Vietnam... They are in a safe place there in school, moving forward with their life."

This new bill would certainly help student veterans to lower their financial burden and get a free education. However, there are some limitations.

The new GI Bill would go into effect on Aug. 1, 2009. So it would probably only be helpful for student veterans who join college after the date. All other veterans who are presently in school wouldn't benefit from this new bill. Are the new student veterans lucky or the old ones unfortunate?

A Washington Post article by staff writer Christian Davenport dated Oct. 21 brings forward this issue and story of a veteran student, Tim Kaufmann, who has been attending George Washington University, and is

already \$30,000 in debt. Because he is graduating in December 2009, he will benefit from the new bill only for a semester. But what about his \$30,000 debt and similar stories from other veterans? The government could say this is his problem because he chose to study at an expensive school. But there should be some sort of benefit for student veterans who are still in school so that they don't feel left out or marginalized.

But is the question only about money? Certainly not.

The GI bill should also look at other issues to make student-veterans' transition into school a better experience. According to Alvarez's story, there are schools that offer special classes for the veterans. Cleveland State University offers veterans with a specific set of courses including Introduction to College Life, and University of California at Berkeley offers a class called Veterans in Higher Education. The University of Michigan has opened a veterans services office to help them with the admissions process.

Though Sen. John McCain and President Bush opposed this bill because it would make veterans choose academic life over service just three years after their duty, it has made its way and been passed by Congress. Bush has led the country into a war, the consequences of which many Americans are facing. The servicemen who have given themselves for their country and fought in Iraq and Afghanistan have fulfilled their duty. Now that they are back, the government should help them settle down and live their dreams. They decided to fight for the country and go to war. Now it's time to honor their decisions and help them earn success in their post-war lives.

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## FCC's 'fleeting expletive' policy too inconsistent

For three decades, the Federal Communications Commission has maintained a uniform policy regarding the use of isolated expletives on television.

But a case before the Supreme Court threatens to undo the longstanding policy that has served the public and broadcasters well.

The broader question is whether the FCC's new policy violates First Amendment free-speech rights by fining broadcasters for an occasional swear word.

The case stems from a string of incidents in which expletives by entertainers Cher, Nicole Ritchie and Bono were broadcast on TV in separate awards programs.

After a U2 song won a Golden Globe, the band's lead singer, Bono, blurted out "This is really, really brilliant!" The FCC declared his remark "shocking and gratuitous" and a threat to "the well being of the nation's children."

Bono has called his word choice "un-

cool" and said he "blew it." While the expletive was out of line, it was hardly a major threat to the welfare of the nation's children. The same goes for the incidents involving Cher and Ritchie.

More recently, Chase Utley let loose an expletive similar to Bono's that was broadcast during the Phillies World Series celebration. While many fans cheered, it was the wrong time and place for Utley to make such a vulgar comment — given that so many young kids were watching, both live and at home.

The FCC hasn't taken any action on the Utley incident, but holding the broadcasters liable for such a "fleeting" expletive isn't the best use of the agency's time.

The incidents do suggest, however, that the networks and TV stations should do a better job of using video delays to prevent such incidents from occurring again.

In the past, the FCC would overlook when a random expletive was broad-

cast. But rather than follow the regulations that have been in place for decades, the FCC under Kevin J. Martin, who has been its chairman since 2005, has been arbitrary at best.

The FCC has instead imposed fines based on its own subjective standards, which undercut its decades-long practice.

The FCC fined a public television station in California over a documentary on blues musicians that contained some salty language but didn't take action when a vulgar word was uttered by a reality-show contestant on CBS's "The Early Show."

During the oral arguments last week, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said the FCC's policy seems inconsistent. She's right. That's why the FCC should revert back to its previous policy, which has worked for decades to provide a fair check and balance.

*This editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Tuesday.*

## NEWS



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President-elect Barack Obama takes his daughters Malia, left, and Sasha to the University of Chicago Lab School in Chicago on Monday. Obama is the first candidate since Teddy Roosevelt to strongly identify himself with an urban area.

## Voters' fondness for rural life tough on urban candidates

By Tom Hundley  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Not only is Barack Obama the first African-American to win the presidency, the Chicagoan also is the first winning candidate in more than a century to openly adopt a Big City ethos.

One has to go back to Teddy Roosevelt, who was born in Manhattan and once served as New York City police commissioner, to find a president who unabashedly identified himself with the city. Why so long, in a country that has had an urban majority since 1920?

Ronald Reagan was clearly at home in Hollywood, but he milked his Dixon, Ill., roots with the skill of the consummate political actor he was.

George H.W. Bush was a scion of the East Coast establishment, but reinvented himself as an oilman from Midland. His eldest son took us a step deeper into the mythology of Texas, choosing a ranch in Crawford (pop. 705) as the stage for his brand of homespun Republicanism.

John F. Kennedy and Franklin D.

Roosevelt were more nuanced political personalities.

"One thinks of the FDR coalition as being an urban coalition, but FDR himself felt more comfortable with the countryside," said presidential historian William Leuchtenburg, author of several biographies of Roosevelt. "He never presented himself as a big city person. He owned land in Warm Springs (Ga.) and dabbled in experimental farming."

Kennedy's political DNA was Boston Irish, but when he began his quest for the presidency, the image he projected was of sailboats and walking on the wind-swept beaches of Cape Cod.

Kennedy may have epitomized urbane East Coast cosmopolitanism, "but you can be urbane without being urban. You don't think of JFK as urban," said Richard Norton Smith, author of several presidential biographies and former director of the Hoover, Eisenhower, Reagan and Ford presidential libraries.

The Obama-McCain contest offered the sharpest urban-rural political schism since 1928, when Al Smith, a son of Manhattan's team-

ing Lower East Side, was trounced by Herbert Hoover, of West Branch, Iowa.

"Smith's defeat is generally attributed to his being a Catholic," Leuchtenburg said. "But you have to look at the total package — the Catholicism, the New York City accent, his (relaxed) stand on Prohibition. All of this wrapped together was something the country was not ready for."

On the stump, GOP candidates John McCain and Sarah Palin repeatedly derided Obama as a "Chicago politician." Their audiences needed no further explication.

The idealized myth of a small-town America persists despite demographic reality. According to the last census, 79 percent of Americans live in urban areas. The U.S. last had a rural majority in 1910.

So why do we cling to this image of America that disappeared with the Model T?

"Traditionally, in American culture, there is a mythology that small-town and rural America have a hammerlock on virtue," Richard N. Smith said.

## Long after boarding house killings, elderly still cheated by predators

By M.S. Enkoji  
McClatchy Newspapers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — With her snowy cap of hair and her soft-spoken demeanor, Dorothea Puente seemed the perfect landlady.

She fooled just about everyone. Beginning in the early 1980s, Puente ran an unassuming boardinghouse on F Street, cooking up meals and buying televisions for residents who were elderly or mentally disabled.

They trusted her enough to sign their Social Security checks over to her. Except she was pocketing more of their money than she was entitled to.

It wasn't until police showed up on Nov. 11, 1988, that it became clear the macabre lengths to which Puente had gone to cover up her greed. Boarders who became difficult were poisoned, police said, and buried in the yard of Puente's midtown Victorian. Investigators eventually found seven bodies. At least one had been hacked with a saw.

The notorious case launched efforts to reform Social Security and oversight of board-and-care homes.

But 20 years later, the elderly and others who depend on Social Security still are being bilked by predators who abuse the "representative payee" program, advocates say. And state inspections of residential care homes have decreased in California, even as the number of homes has gone up.

"A Dorothea Puente case could happen tomorrow as far as I'm concerned," said Joan Parks, administrator of the Ombudsman Services of Northern California.

Social Security representatives say abuses are rare and that the representative payee program — in which a third party collects and cashes benefit checks for those unable to do so themselves — works well for most people. About one out of every 20 adults who receives Social Security has signed over their finances to a representative payee.

Barbara Bailar, who led a three-year congressional committee investigation of Social Security that concluded in 2007, said, "It's still relatively easy for someone with



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In this 1988 file photograph, boarding house murder suspect Dorothea Puente appears for arraignment in Sacramento, Calif. Municipal Court. Sheriff Deputy Lori Aquitania stands on the left.

bad intentions to abuse the system. Too many things can go wrong."

Puente, now 79, was charged with murdering nine people, including the four women and three men found buried in her yard. Police said her victims also included a man killed in 1986 and a woman in 1982, whose cases were reopened after the F Street discoveries.

She was convicted in 1993 of three of the killings. The jury was hung on the other six and on whether to sentence Puente to death. She was sent to prison for life without parole. Her final appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court in February was denied.

Those were not the first elderly people Puente had swindled, and she shouldn't have been allowed to collect government payments on behalf of elderly clients under Social Security Administration regulations. Long before the time detectives unearthed the bodies, Puente had served three years in state and federal prisons for grand theft involving a Social Security check, and she had an extensive record of check forgery and theft.

The state licenses residential care facilities — from large, corporate assisted-living facilities to mom-and-pop operations known as board-and-care homes. Local jurisdictions require licenses for rooming houses. Puente had none of them.

A convicted felon would not

qualify for a state license to run a home providing care to dependent or elderly people, and Puente knew it. She claimed in her defense that her boarders died natural deaths and she buried them in the yard because she didn't want to draw the attention of regulators.

In late 1988, a Sacramento social worker who couldn't get straight answers about a client she'd placed in Puente's home called police.

Something was going on in Puente's yard, other residents and neighbors told police.

As detectives began to dig, Puente slipped on her red coat, unfurled a pink umbrella against the fall dampness and, with permission of police, stepped away for a cup of coffee. Or so she told them. She headed to Los Angeles by bus.

She was arrested 60 hours later in a seedy Los Angeles motel after a man who'd struck up a conversation with her in a bar tipped off police.

The spectacular manhunt for Puente and gruesome discoveries in her yard drew international media attention.

Congress enacted reforms designed to curb the kind of financial abuse that was at the heart of the Puente case.

Social Security offices began asking prospective third-party payees about their personal finances and checked for criminal backgrounds. Federal rules were established allowing bonded and licensed community organizations to receive checks on behalf of Social Security recipients.

The Social Security Administration also developed an annual accounting form that representative payees must complete, declaring how they spend recipients' money.

Bailar, who chaired the committee that studied the representative payee program, said there still are holes in the government's oversight.

Most third-party payees are honest, the committee found. More than 7 million Social Security recipients have representative payees. The committee estimated that only 7,000 to 14,000 payees, if audited, would be fraudulent.

But the committee determined that methods to detect abuse are unreliable. Social Security's annual accounting form "is so rudimentary it makes no sense," Bailar said.

The committee suggested a more detailed accounting form that would more likely reveal abuses. It also suggested that the agency experiment with debit cards that would create electronic records of spending.

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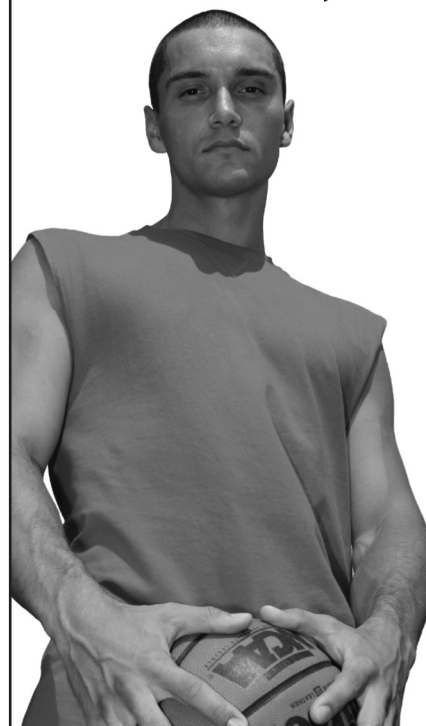
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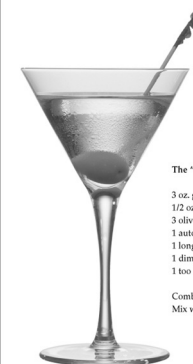
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## School menus freshen up food

By Stephen J. Hedges  
and Jo Napolitano  
Chicago Tribune

Once the province of tater tots, reheated burgers and chocolate milk, school lunches are increasingly featuring local produce and healthy foods as administrators battle rising food prices and expanding student waistlines.

"This is really gaining momentum now," said Gary Cuneen of Seven Generations Ahead, a Chicago-area nonprofit that has worked with schools to improve lunch menus and to educate students about food.

A movement that began a decade ago by putting fresh produce into a few California schools is now active in 2,000 school districts in 39 states, according to the National Farm to School project.

"A lot of programs have gotten started off by parents going into the school and saying, 'We need some sort of change happening,'" said Anupama Joshi of Farm to School, a project funded by cereal giant Kellogg Co.

The movement got a boost in May when Congress approved a long-delayed farm bill allocating more than \$1 billion over the next five years for a fresh fruit and vegetable program.

A glimpse inside William Hatch School in Oak Park, Ill., which revamped its lunch menu a couple of years ago, demonstrates the change. Students can't wait to show their physical education teacher what they have been eating, thrusting half-eaten apples and bags of grapes into the air for her approval.

School officials say they have planted an organic garden with exotic fruits and vegetables, provided students samples of healthy food items from around the world and asked parents to forgo cupcakes and other sweets for in-school celebrations.

Second-graders now brag about their taste for quinoa — a South



Jacob Lucas, a sixth-grader, grabs a bite of raspberries during a snack break at Highland Elementary in Elgin, Ill.

American staple grown mainly for its seed — while older children crunch on apple wedges and honeydew slices brought from home.

"The food tastes a lot better,

**"The food tastes a lot better, and it's a lot better for you."**

**Katie Starcher**  
fifth-grader

and it's a lot better for you," said Katie Starcher, a 10-year-old fifth-grader. "I like the chicken patty. It's grilled and it's served on a whole wheat bun with lettuce."

Josh Zucker, also 10, didn't like the pizza and sloppy joes that made up the old menu. "They just didn't taste right," he said.

Schools often rely on lunch sales to bring in money, and with-

out steady sales, some schools can't afford their lunch programs, according to Katie Wilson, president of the Child Nutrition Association and the nutrition director for the five schools in the Onalaska, Wis., school district.

"One of my elementary schools is 560 kids," Wilson said. "If I put on chicken nuggets and some other food choices, I'll get 525 kids coming through that line. Now we put chicken stir-fry and vegetables on it, we cook stir-fry right there in front of them and put it over brown rice, and 130 kids come through. I've lost all my revenue."

Some districts have removed vending machines, snack bars and a la carte lines. One 2004 University of Minnesota study found that fifth-graders who had access to a snack bar ate fewer fruits, juices and vegetables than fourth-graders who could not use the snack bar.

"A la carte is a huge problem,"

said Margo Wootan, director of nutrition policy at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a Washington consumer group. "We can't have that healthy meal competing with Ho Hos and chips and French fries and pizza on the a la carte line."

Ann Cooper, a chef and director of nutrition at the Berkeley, Calif., Unified School District, has dramatically shifted the food served in Berkeley's schools toward healthier meals. She said that alternating more nutritious menus with traditional ones doesn't work.

"We don't have any competitive foods," Cooper said. "We don't have any vending, and no processed foods."

Cooper said that a Berkeley school district study released this month showed that "kids who go through our whole program eat three times more vegetables than kids who bring their lunch from home."



JEFFREY PHELPS / Milwaukee Journal Sentinel via MCT

Thomas C. Hasant rings the bell on board the USS Freedom on Friday in Milwaukee. The 379-foot long vessel, part of the Navy fleet, is set to be commissioned.

## Cutting edge ship will switch roles quickly

By Meg Jones  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — The log is still kept by hand using paper and pen, but that's about the only thing old school on the Navy's cutting edge ship Freedom.

The littoral combat ship, docked in Milwaukee last week for its commissioning, looks different from other Navy warships. It resembles a high-tech version of a Civil War-era ironclad, at least from the front. The 377-foot vessel is the first of the Navy's new wave of ships designed to patrol close to shore — the meaning of littoral.

Built by Marinette Marine in northeastern Wisconsin, Freedom will be used within 200 miles of shorelines to neutralize pirates, mines and other threats. The key feature is the ability to switch quickly from one combat mode to another by bringing on board different equipment. For example, the ship may transform from a mine- or submarine-hunter to a surface war vessel.

Chief Gunner's Mate Richard Reyes said a ship of Freedom's size would normally carry a crew of about 200, with 11 to 14 needed on the bridge. But littoral combat ships require only a 40-member crew, including just three people to operate the ship from the bridge. Two crews will alternate four-month tours of

sea duty, rotating between Freedom and the base in San Diego.

There's no steering wheel — levers handle that function. And instead of propellers, Freedom uses four water jets — two inboard, two outboard — to move through the water like a Jet Ski, Chief Petty Officer Joe Radford said. The water jets are so powerful they could fill an Olympic-size swimming pool in 10 seconds. Cameras throughout the ship double as heat sensors to detect fires without having to send a sailor into danger.

In the rear cargo bay, Reyes pointed out how the ship's side can be opened to move a torpedo-like mine-detection system into the water, the rear can be opened to launch small boats to catch pirates or drug smugglers, and a hole in the ceiling can be used to move in large metal boxes containing combat mission packages. Sitting on a helipad was a helicopter that can be used to find and detonate underwater mines.

Cost overruns scuttled original plans to build 55 littoral combat ships when the target price of \$220 million more than doubled. However, the Navy has asked Lockheed and General Dynamics to submit bids to build five more.

Many of Freedom's crew have been with the ship since the beginning, working closely with builders and engineers in Marinette.

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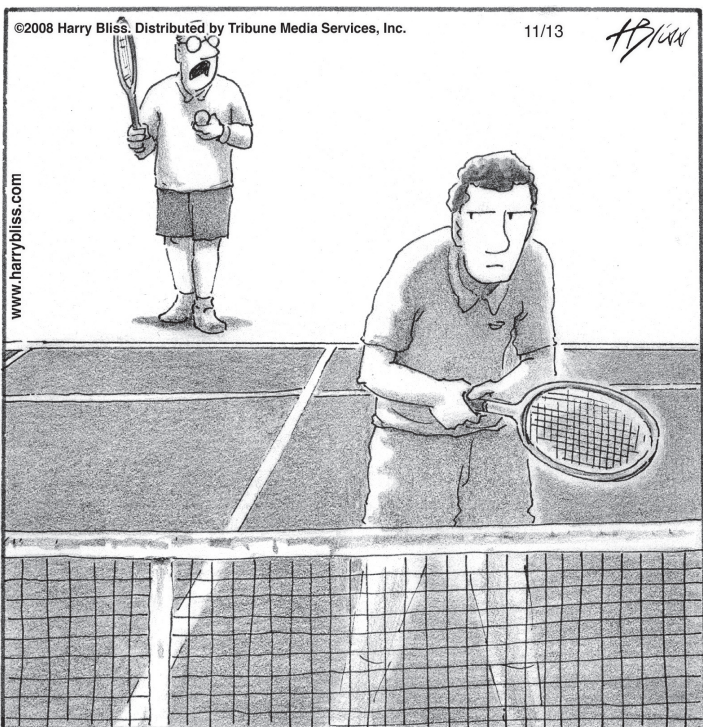
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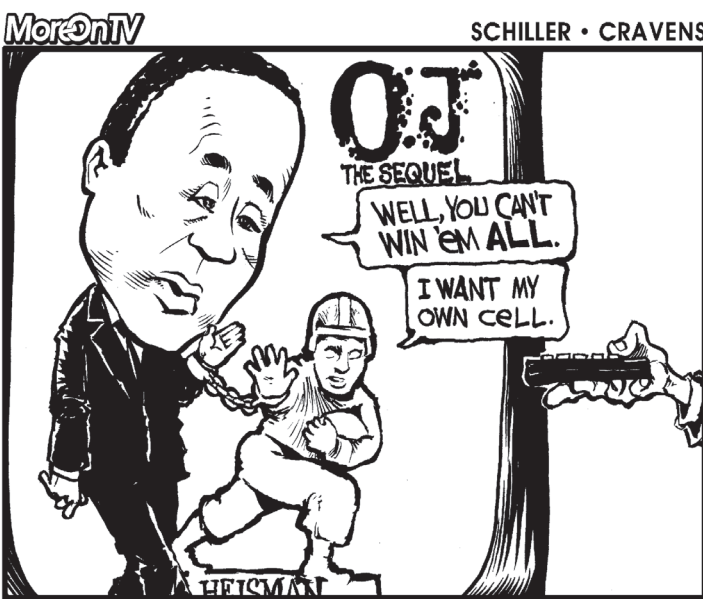
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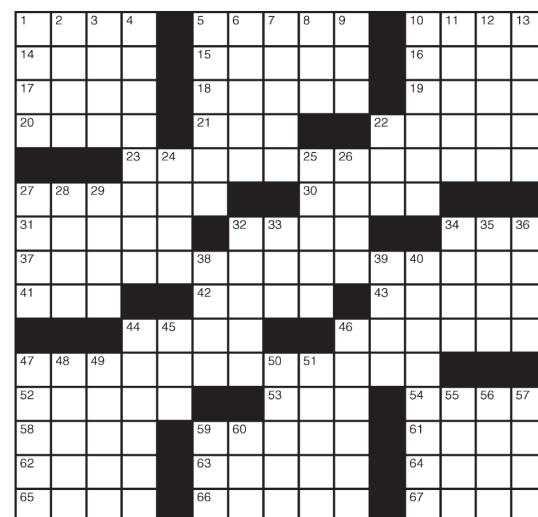
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By Alan P. Olschweg  
 Huntington Beach, CA

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Orlando Magic coach Stan Van Gundy, right, talks to center Dwight Howard at a timeout during game one of the second round of the NBA Eastern Conference Playoffs against the Detroit Pistons at The Palace of Auburn Hills, Mich., on May 3.

## NBA

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## Top Five

In honor of Gilbert Arenas' new Barack Obama-inspired finger tattoo, here are the top five NBA tats:

1. Miami's Shawn Marion thought he was getting his nickname "The Matrix" inked in Chinese lettering down his right leg. But the actual translation, it turns out, is closer to "Demon Bird Moth Balls."

2. Clippers' big man Marcus Camby also went the Chinese characters route, but his right shoulder art actually does say "Strive To Be The Best." He hopes.

3. New Nuggets guard Chauncey Billups grew up dreaming of Hollywood and has the comedy-tragedy masks on his right arm. But maybe he should consider the "Stay ready, ain't gotta get ready" line he had in a recent adidas spot.

4. San Antonio's Tim Duncan doesn't say much, and who knows why he has Merlin the Magician on his chest or a skeleton-like jester on his right shoulder blade.

5. Kobe Bryant could have got-

ten MVP somewhere and nobody would have blamed him, but the homage to his wife on his arm works, too.

## Tip-ins

The Oklahoma Thunder probably could have sold out the entire season if officials didn't cut off season ticket sales at 13,000 — technically 14,000 if you include the luxury suites. But management wanted the opportunity for all fans to attend games. The second home game was 1,000 below capacity in the 19,136-seat Ford Center. The opener and third game, though, were sell-outs. Through three games, the Thunder had played to 98 percent of capacity . . .

The NBA Development League's Tulsa 66ers selected former Florida Gators forward Chris Richard with the first pick in its draft last Friday. The 6-foot-9, 225-pound Richard was a member of the Gators' 2006 and 2007 title teams before getting drafted in the second round of the NBA draft by Minnesota. He split the 2007-08 season between the Timberwolves and NBDL's Sioux City Skyforce, logging 52 games with the Wolves and averaging 1.9 points and 2.6 rebounds per game.

## Davidson maintains high hopes after last season's surprise tourney success

By Scott Fowler  
McClatchy Newspapers

DAVIDSON, N.C. — Stephen Curry won't fool anyone with that baby face this season.

Neither will the Davidson Wildcats. Davidson — after an astonishing appearance in the Elite Eight during last season's NCAA tournament — has arrived at an extraordinary moment. Davidson enters the 2008-09 season as one of college basketball's hunted teams, ranked No. 20 in both major preseason polls and boasting a preseason All-American in the wondrous Curry.

Davidson coach Bob McKillop has encouraged his team to embrace the high expectations, which exist even though Davidson lost three of its top four players to graduation and will switch Curry from shooting guard to point guard.

But McKillop has also warned his team that they are destined for disappointment unless they push themselves relentlessly.

"We can't fall in love with our success," said McKillop, entering his 20th season as Davidson's coach. "As soon as we do something like that, we're writing our own obituary."

The small Davidson community, 20 miles north of Charlotte, has embraced McKillop's teams for years. But no previous season has been this highly anticipated.

The season ticket base has doubled in the span of a few months — from 2,000 last season to 4,000. Every Davidson home game will likely be a sell-out at 5,219-seat Belk Arena. And on Davidson's tiny main street, in coffee shops and diners, talk about the upcoming season predominates.

"The basketball team energized the whole town last year," said Misty Utech, general manager of The Soda Shop, which specializes in milkshakes and sweet potato fries. "And now everyone here wants the new season to hurry up and start. From what I'm hearing, most people in the community expect that the team will do even better this year."

For that to happen, Wardell Stephen Curry II would need another remarkable season.

It was Curry — a 20-year-old junior with the sweetest jump shot in college basketball — who became a celebrity following the NCAA Tournament last season. He appeared on Conan O'Brien's talk show and at the ESPYs. In April, more than 10,000 people asked him electronically to "friend" them on Facebook.

When Curry and teammate Bryant Barr went to Myrtle Beach this summer, they stopped at Fuddrucker's to eat.

"At least 10 people came up to the table for his autograph," said Barr, who should start alongside Curry in Davidson's backcourt. "I was just sitting there laughing. All these people had no idea I'm even on the team, but I felt for Steph. He was just trying to eat a cheeseburger."

On Davidson's campus, where

Curry says he knows most of the 1,700 other students by name, he is almost immune from autograph-seekers. But not quite.

"Sibling birthdays," said Curry, whose first name is pronounced STEFF-en but who is called "Steph" by most everyone. "That's what I get approached about most — to sign something for someone's little brother."

Said Barr, who has lived with Curry on campus all three years: "The juniors and seniors are used to Steph and treat him like a normal kid. The freshmen? They treat him like he's Michael Jordan."

The kid next door

Curry has handled the acclaim with grace. He watched his father Dell treat people kindly for years as a jump-shooting icon for the old Charlotte Hornets of the NBA.

When Dell and Stephen Curry were together earlier this week, a kid approached Stephen for his autograph and was thrilled upon receiving it. Then, as Dell remembered it, the kid looked at Stephen's father, sighed and said: "OK — let me get your autograph, too. My dad says you were pretty good."

Much of Stephen Curry's fame came due to 10 dizzying days in March, when he averaged 32 points over four NCAA tournament games. Davidson pulled three straight upsets — over Gonzaga, Georgetown and Wisconsin — before falling by two points to eventual national champion Kansas and barely missing the Final Four.

Part of Curry's allure comes from his appearance. His teammates revel in finding pictures of him and proclaiming to Curry: "You still look like you're 12!"

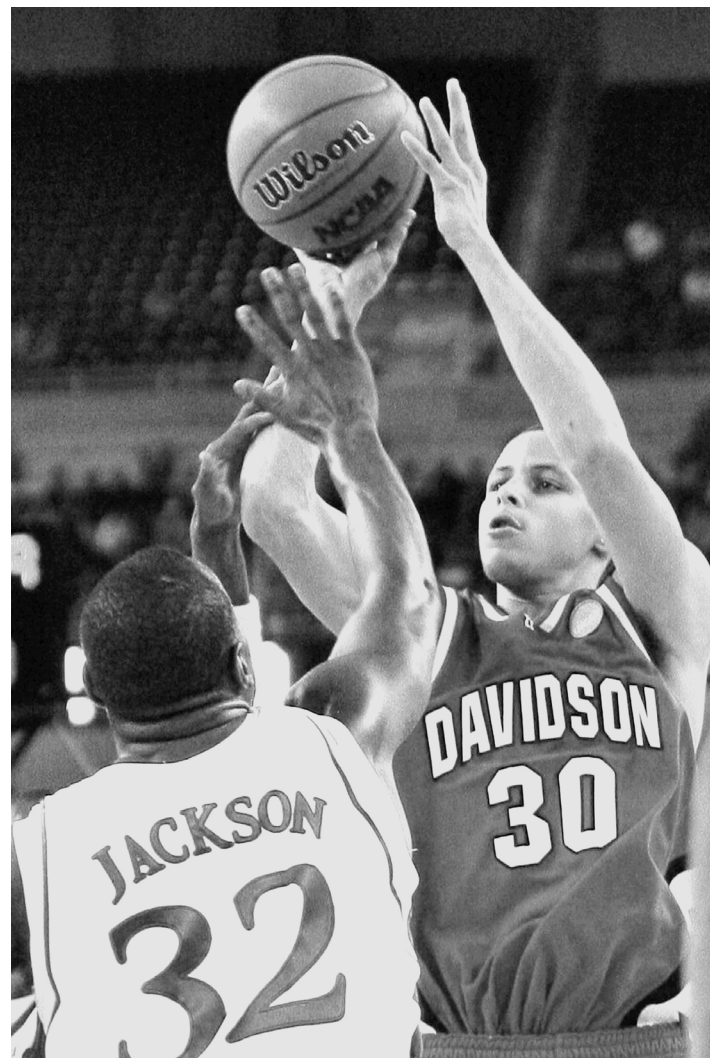
Because Curry seems so much the kid next door, what he does seems all the more otherworldly. If Curry stays for four seasons at Davidson, he has a shot to be the second-leading scorer in NCAA history, trailing only Pete Maravich.

Curry didn't seriously think about turning pro after his sophomore season, but that decision will be very much in play after his junior year. "I'll wait until the last whistle blows after this season and then figure it out," he said.

Michael Kruse, a Davidson graduate and St. Petersburg Times reporter, spent much of the past year writing a soon-to-be-published book about Davidson's 2007-08 team. He said he believes that while Curry is the "entry point" for most who have recently experienced Davidson basketball for the first time, the program's bedrock is McKillop.

"Generally, if you have the sort of success that Davidson has, your coach leaves," Kruse said. "Because McKillop has stayed, that led to this sort of seamlessness in the relationship between the school and the town. McKillop is as much a citizen of Davidson as he is the coach of the basketball team."

McKillop lives 2/10 of a mile from campus in the town of Davidson (pop. 9,600). He has one



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Davidson guard Stephen Curry (right) looks for a basket against Kansas forward Darnell Jackson during first half action on March 30. The Kansas Jayhawks faced the Davidson Wildcats in the NCAA Midwest Regional men's basketball final at Ford Field in Detroit.

son on the team (Brendan) and another on his coaching staff (Matt). McKillop loves the fact that he has to go to the town post office to pick up his own mail.

"This town is like one of those great TV shows from the 1950s," McKillop said. "You keep expecting somebody from 'Leave it to Beaver' to walk off the set and down Main Street."

But life won't be a sitcom for McKillop this season. The team loses point guard Jason Richards — the national leader in assists in 2007-08 — as well as two under-rated post players in Boris Meno and Thomas Sander. Davidson is expected to rule the Southern Conference again, but will be undersized as usual when facing out-of-conference opponents like Duke and N.C. State.

"The little details" McKillop's preseason practices have been extremely intense. On Wednesday night at 9 p.m. EST, Curry was playing his new position of point guard in an intrasquad scrimmage. He bypassed a couple of easy passes, tried an alley-oop instead and saw it intercepted.

McKillop stopped practice. "You didn't throw those first two passes so you could throw that?" McKillop thundered at Curry. "C'mon!"

Always a quick study, Curry didn't make a single turnover the rest of practice. Curry doesn't have Richards' unerring skill as a decision-maker, but he can make up for it by threading his way through defenses.

The question for Davidson this season will be if the Wildcats can make open shots when Curry is double-teamed.

Listed at 6-3, Curry is realistically at least an inch shorter than that. He does look more muscular. Other components of his game appear exactly the same, like the quick-release 3-pointer that lured NBA star LeBron James to Detroit during the NCAA tournament "to watch the kid," as James said.

Curry still inks Biblical scripture on his shoes with a black Sharpie before every game. He has a single tattoo now on the inside of his left wrist — TCC 30. That stands for "Trust Commitment Care" — a team motto — along with his uniform number.

Curry's parents won't be in the stands as often this season. Their other son, Seth, is a freshman point guard at Liberty, and they plan to see him a lot. Seth was not recruited by many traditional powers because they thought he was too small (sound familiar?) He scored 28 points in a controlled scrimmage against East Carolina recently, according to Dell Curry.

Davidson actually decreased capacity this season, from 5,800 to 5,219, by adding 1,200 chair-back seats where bleachers used to be. Tickets at Davidson remain a bargain — you can buy a single-game bleacher seat for \$14, or \$7 for a child 12 or under — if you can get them.

"We've been able to expand our reach," said James Hendricks, Davidson's director of ticketing. "We always thought it was a win for us if we were getting fans from Charlotte to come up I-77. Now we are getting some alums in Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia driving to games, thinking it's worthwhile to spend a couple of hours in a car to come see us."

The players — emboldened by their success last season and McKillop's trial-by-fire practice methods — believe they can do it again.

Said Max Paulhus Gosselin, the team's defensive stopper: "We want to compete harder. To go even further. We realize here it's not the big play to win the game, it's all the little details. Of course, that's all easy to say when you have Steph Curry on your team."

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## SWIMMING AND DIVING

# SWIM NORTH



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Sophomore Maria Alvarez races in the 500-yard freestyle event against Colorado State University on Friday in the University Recreation Center indoor pool. Alvarez placed first in the event.

## Teams prep for road meets

By Michael Carroll  
Staff Reporter

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams hope to earn valuable conference wins with meets at the Air Force Academy today and the University of Wyoming on Saturday.

The two road meets are the Frogs' first outside the state of Texas this season.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said the meets will provide a great opportunity for the teams to improve their positions in the Mountain West Conference standings.

"Anytime you go up to Air Force or Wyoming, they're always tough in their home pool," Sybesma said. "We're looking to win both meets that we go to, but it'll be awfully tough."

The Frogs will travel to Air Force Colorado Springs, Colo., before going on to Laramie, Wyo. The Falcons' men's and women's squads are winless in conference competition, but Sybesma said his teams can

still expect a challenge.

"They're cadets at Air Force, and they have a real pride in their athletic program," he said. "We've got to be on our game to beat them."

Both Wyoming teams, by contrast, are undefeated in conference and non-conference play.

Sophomore swimmer Edgar Peyro said Wyoming has always been known as a good team.

"Last year in the conference they were pretty tough, but I think we've got a good chance of winning this time," Peyro said.

TCU's women's team is 3-1 overall and 1-1 in conference play. The team is coming off last Friday's win against a previously unbeaten Colorado State University squad.

Junior swimmer Stephanie Futscher said she hopes the win against CSU will give the women's team some momentum heading into the upcoming meets.

"I know that last week we raced against CSU and we beat

them, and I know that CSU beat Air Force, so we're pretty confident that we'll be able to win," Futscher said.

On the men's side, the team is coming off a disappointing loss to Brigham Young University that came down to the meet's last event.

Sybesma said the loss to BYU has motivated the team.

"They were so close to BYU, and BYU's been one of the top teams in the conference," he said. "We're going to be ready for Air Force and Wyoming, that's for sure."

In other swimming and diving news, senior diver R.J. Hesselberg was named Mountain West Conference Diver of the Week on Nov. 4 for his record-setting performance against BYU. Hesselberg broke his own TCU record on the 3-meter springboard.

"It was nice getting it again," Hesselberg said. "I wasn't sure if I was going to get it last week."

Hesselberg received the same honor seven times last season.

## EQUESTRIAN

# Riders ready to face No. 3 Texas A&M

By Brittany Adams  
Staff Reporter

After its 12-7 win against South Carolina on Oct. 26, the equestrian team heads to College Station to face No. 3 Texas A&M Friday.

Head coach Gary Reynolds said the win against the Gamecocks was beneficial for the younger riders.

"South Carolina really gave our hunt seat riders some confidence," Reynolds wrote in an e-mail. "They are basically all freshmen and sophomores, so they are still young."

Hunt seat riding is the type of riding typically found in horse shows and is based off of fox hunting traditions.

Reynolds wrote that TAMU will be a difficult team to face, but the Horned Frogs will prepare for the Aggies just as much as any other team.

"The match with TAMU will be one of the toughest we face all year," Reynolds said. "They are a great team and know how to prepare."

The equestrian team is ranked



MEDIA RELATIONS

Senior Western rider Carrie von Uhlit rides during an event last season. The equestrian team will face No. 3 Texas A&M this weekend in College Station.

No. 6, but to Reynolds the polls don't mean much.

"The polls are interesting, but really do not matter much in the day-to-day preparation," she wrote.

The personality of the team has changed from last year along with the leadership, Reynolds wrote.

"We have some different girls that are helping to lead this team, and it really shows that they are different than any other team," Reynolds wrote. "This team is finally getting a feel for who they are as a team and gaining some confidence."

## NBA coaches look for ways to motivate

By Kyle Hightower  
The Orlando Sentinel

More than anything, coaches are motivators.

And the hardwood has had its share of some of the best inspirational figures in sports history.

There was famed UCLA coach John Wooden and his "Pyramid of Success."

Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski still draws from his time at West Point and playing for tough-love Bobby Knight to inspire his players.

It's even present on the NBA level, with the L.A. Lakers' Phil Jackson and his new-age Zen techniques probably being the most well-known example of a coach stepping out of the box to try to spark something in his guys.

But in a generation of NBA players who are millionaires many times over and spend less and less time building relationships with coaches out of season, just how widespread and — more to the point — how effective are such motivational tactics today?

Last week before Chicago practiced at a recreation center in Orlando, first-year Bulls Coach Vinny Del Negro called up former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz, who lives in the area, to stop by and give the team a "pep talk."

"I've known Coach Holtz for a while," Del Negro said. "He's just a great guy, a great, great speaker and he gave them an inspirational talk. We'll have different speakers throughout the year that I know who are friends and I respect. Coach Holtz is as

good as there is.

"They probably get tired of my voice every day on certain things, so to bring in different people and share their experiences ... I'm a big believer in trying to learn something every day."

Magic point guard and 12-year NBA veteran Anthony Johnson has seen his share of different styles over time and said that it depends on the guy behind the words.

"Different coaches find different ways to motivate," Johnson said. "Whether it be stats, or whether it be the schedule or a team that we're playing. (Magic Coach Stan) Van Gundy, for example, turns over every rock to try to find some way to motivate us."

"But as I get older, if you can't find some way to motivate yourself night in and night out in this league, then you already have problems."

Johnson said he has been spared extreme measures like the recent one that made headlines in the NFL when new San Francisco 49ers Coach Mike Singletary dropped his pants in front of his team to make a point.

That doesn't mean such things haven't happened in the NBA, however.

Jackson himself came under fire not long after arriving in L.A. in 2000.

In an effort to pump up his team for a playoff game with the Sacramento Kings, Jackson flashed pictures of actor Edward Norton playing a neo-Nazi in the movie American History X with Jason Williams and then-coach Rick Adelman interspersed with images of Adolf Hitler.

Not surprisingly, Adelman took offense to the gesture. But Jackson and the Lakers won that series, advanced to the NBA Finals and won the title, posting a 15-1 record along the way.

This summer, Van Gundy furthered his relationship with star center Dwight Howard through

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text messages while Howard was in China at the Olympics.

Van Gundy laughed as he noted that such impersonal communication was really the only way to catch up to players in the off-season.

So when he has to turn up the heat on his players during the season, you can't help but wonder how such bonds sustain it. For the record, though, Howard has referred to Van Gundy as the best coach he's ever had.

Said Magic guard Keith Bogans: "It (motivational tactics) is always going to affect different guys in different ways. It works for some, but for some guys, it's in one ear and out the other. It just depends."

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