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Donald Rumsfeld resigns after Election Day

By ALY FLEET
Staff Reporter

President Bush announced Wednesday that Donald Rumsfeld, secretary of defense since 2001, had resigned. Bush made his announcement only hours after the Democratic Party took control of the House — and hours before the Associated Press reported Democrats

made up the majority in the Senate.

Although the president's announcement seemed to be rather hasty only a day after elections, many students and faculty members say Rumsfeld's step down was long overdue.

Ralph Carter, chair of the political science department, said Rumsfeld should have

resigned a long time ago.

"He had become more of the problem than the solution," Carter said.

Valerie Martinez-Ebers, associate professor of political science, said the Democratic Party has been calling for Rumsfeld's resignation for months.

"They want new leadership in the Defense Department,"

Martinez-Ebers said.

President Bush said he will nominate former CIA director Robert Gates to take Rumsfeld's place. Gates has been the president of Texas A&M University since 2002. Gates also served as an adviser to President George H. W. Bush from 1989 to 1991.

Although Martinez-Ebers

is uncertain Gates will be approved by the Senate, she thinks he will not drastically change defense strategies.

"I think he is going to be very supportive of the current Bush strategy," Martinez-Ebers said.

However, political science professor Manochehr Dorraj said, the new secretary of

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Panhellenic decides to add new sorority

By MICHELLE THOMAS
Staff Reporter

Panhellenic Council decided another sorority will be joining the Greek community next fall by a 9-to-1 closed vote at last night's meeting.

Sixteen national chapters will be invited to TCU and those who express an interest in coming to campus will have to make a presentation to the Panhellenic Council about why they want to become part of Greek life at TCU, said Clare Edwards, Panhellenic Council president.

Next semester, a chapter will be chosen by the Panhellenic Council and TCU officials, though it has not yet been specified who will be involved in the process, Edwards said. Once chosen, the new sorority will go through a period of promotion and recruitment next semester.

The sorority will then join in full recruitment with the other 10 Panhellenic sorori-

ties next fall.

Some were concerned that an additional sorority would bring down chapter numbers, but Edwards said there is usually a rise in overall numbers when a sorority is added.

Edwards said the decision to add another sorority at TCU came from a desire to add to an already growing community.

"We have an amazing Greek community at TCU," she said. "A chapter would benefit from being a part of our organization."

Edwards said adding a sorority will allow more women at TCU to be a part of Greek life and recruit those who weren't recruited before.

The last chapter to be added was Sigma Kappa in 1998, Edwards said. According to alumnae she has spoken with, Edwards said the addition was an exciting time on campus.

Hannah Munsch, Sigma

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CRYSTAL JONES / Staff Photographer

Junior marketing major Lindsay Rames, left, senior marketing major Clare Edwards and senior advertising/public relations major Kelly Paton preside over the Panhellenic Council vote to add another sorority to TCU's Greek community Wednesday night.

COLLEGE FOR A DAY



JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF / Photo Editor

Sophomore business major Chris Volpe, left, and Carter-Riverside High School freshman Freddy Arellano walk out of class in Smith Entrepreneurs Hall on Wednesday. Arellano participated in the College Student for a Day program.

High schoolers visit campus

By ELISA GOMEZ
Staff Reporter

While his friends were in class on Wednesday, one high school student played basketball at the University Recreation Center and went to class in Smith Entrepreneurs Hall just like a TCU student.

Freddy Arellano, a ninth-grader at Amon Carter-Riverside High School in Fort Worth, participated in the College Student for a Day program, which gives select Tarrant County middle school and high school students a chance to experience

college life.

Arellano arrived in the morning and was paired with Chris Volpe, a sophomore business major.

"It was fun; we played basketball and racquetball," Arellano said.

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Staff discuss outcome of governor race

By ALY FLEET
Staff Reporter

With the results of yesterday's gubernatorial election in, many students and faculty members say the outcome would have been different had there only been fewer candidates.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry was re-elected with 39 percent of the votes, while Democrat Chris Bell came in second with 30 percent. Independents Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman drew 18 percent and 12 percent, respectively.

"I think everybody expected this," said Ralph Carter, chairman of the political science department.

Because anti-Perry voters split their votes among Bell, Strayhorn and Friedman, their voices were not heard, Carter said.

"It would have been interesting if it had been Perry versus one serious challenger," Carter said.

Valerie Martinez-Ebers, associate professor of political science, said she agreed.

"If it had been two people," Martinez-Ebers said, "it could

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Student dies from insulin complications

By MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE
Staff Reporter

The death of a TCU student Monday can serve as a reminder that everyone is all linked together regardless of who they know, said the minister to the university Wednesday.

Federico Cuevas was found dead at his off-campus home Monday at 5:20 p.m., according to the Tarrant County medical examiner database.

Cuevas, a senior Spanish major from League City, played on university intramural sports teams at TCU, said the Rev. Angela Kaufman, minister to the university.

According to the Tarrant County database, Cuevas died from complications with hyperglycemia with ketoacidosis. The American Diabetes Association defines hyperglycemia with ketoacidosis as a technical term for "when the body has too little or not enough insulin or when the body can't use insulin properly."

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Report: Student volunteer numbers increase

By RACHEL MCDANIEL
Staff Reporter

A recent national study found the number of American college students who participate in volunteer activities has increased nearly 20 percent since 2002 — exciting news for a community service coordinator.

"Student interest in volunteering here at TCU definitely seems higher," said Peter Thompson, program coordinator for Community Involvement and Service Learning. "Especially after last fall, when Hurricane Katrina put such a spotlight on volunteering — it was easier to see the need for it."

The study, conducted by the Corporation for National Community Service, found the number of college volunteers increased from 2.7 million in 2002 to 3.3 million in 2005. The corporation is a govern-

ment agency whose mission "is to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering," according to its Web site.

Although TCU does not keep a record of how many students volunteer each year, Thompson said he has seen a growing interest in volunteering on campus, especially at TCU's community service day, Leaps.

"This year TCU Leaps had 760 volunteers serving at over 29 agencies," Thompson said. "And from my knowledge, that's the largest TCU Leaps we've ever had."

As part of his job, Thompson works with student volunteer programs and on-campus organizations and individual students who want to get involved in community service.

Forrest Lane, FrogHouse

adviser and graduate assistant with the transitions program, said FrogHouse has raised nearly \$24,500 of the required \$53,000 so far this semester because of the efforts of its student volunteers. They have until Dec. 1 to raise the remainder.

"I'm optimistic that we'll reach our goal," said FrogHouse executive director Alison Raff. "I feel like if I'm not optimistic, we'll never meet it. I'm not sure we will, but I'm trying to be optimistic."

Several other studies have also found an upswing in the number of college volunteers. Applications to Teach for America, which recruits graduates for teaching in urban areas, hit almost 19,000 this year, which is three times as many as in 2000.

The Peace Corps took 7,810 volunteers in 2005 — the largest number in 30 years

— which is up more than 20 percent from 2000.

AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America, which pairs recruits with nonprofit organizations, has had a 50 percent jump in applicants since 2004, according to an Oct. 24 USA Today article.

Thompson said he thinks it is extremely important for college students to dedicate time to volunteering.

"It's almost inherently what we should be doing," Thomp-

son said. "Students will be in the community whether they like it or not. In order to use the resources in the community though, it's important for us to give back to the community."

Community service isn't just something that looks good on a resume, either, Thompson said.

"It's a good chance for students to learn about themselves, to challenge themselves,

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FACTS FROM THE STUDY

- Among college student volunteers, tutoring and mentoring are the most common volunteer activities.
- Volunteer rates are highest among students who work one to 10 hours (46.4 percent volunteer) and 11 to 15 hours (35 percent volunteer) a week, while students who are not employed volunteer at a considerably lower rate (29.8 percent volunteer).
- Of college student volunteers, 44.1 percent engage in "regular" volunteering (volunteering 12 or more weeks a year with their main organization).
- To read or download the full report, visit nationalservice.gov.



WEATHER

TODAY: Sunny, 85/64

FRIDAY: Partly Cloudy, 80/46

SATURDAY: Sunny, 63/43

PECULIAR FACT

WASHINGTON — Jet-lagged mice die younger, researchers said Monday in a study that suggests that working unusual shifts and flying back and forth across time zones takes a permanent toll on health. —AP

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Kappa Panhellenic delegate, said that with a positive attitude about the addition, members of the Greek community can expect great things.

“I’m glad I have the opportunity to be a part of it,” she said. “This is an opportunity to get everyone involved and excited about something.”

Katie Goodwin, vice president of member development for Panhellenic Council, said she is excited about what a new sorority will mean for TCU.

“I am really looking forward to what will be happening in the future,” she said.

Another benefit to an extension of the Greek community is a renewed Panhellenic spirit and an opportunity for existing sororities to reconnect, Edwards said.

“When we hear about what another sorority stands for, we start to think about what our chapter stands for,” she said.

In inviting another chapter, existing sororities will have the opportunity to realize what they already have, she said.

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Arellano said he was interested in participating in the program because he wanted to learn more about the university. While others told him to look at the University of Texas and other larger Texas schools, Arellano said the size of TCU is what he finds most appealing.

“I like the one-on-one you can get with the professors,” he said.

Volpe, who is in his third year of participation with the program, said he and Arellano

spent time with another friend who participated in the program. The four toured parts of campus in addition to visiting the Rec Center.

In Volpe’s statistical analysis class, he and Arellano reviewed for a test Volpe and his classmates will take Friday. Arellano said he also got a chance to meet other students in the class.

Even though Arellano said he does not know what he wants to study in college, he said geography, health, reading and Algebra II are some of his favorite classes right now. He is also on the football and basketball

teams at his high school.

The two also attended Spanish in the Bass Building where one of Volpe’s classmates said he wished he could’ve had a student follow him around.

“I think it’s really cool, and I would’ve liked to have a program like this in high school,” said Clayton Root, a freshman environmental science major.

Root said the program gives students a feel for college life.

Marcus Bahena, a freshman radio-TV-film major, agreed with Root, saying it benefits the students to see what is expected in college.

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defense may change strategies, something different from what Rumsfeld intended to do.

“There is a need for change in the course of Iraq,” Dorraj said. “This is a steppingstone to creating a more rational and bipartisan foreign policy.”

Although it is not known whether Rumsfeld stepped down on his own accord or at the request of the president, Bush has said both he and Rumsfeld agreed that “the time is right for new leadership at the Pentagon.”

Matt Yaquinto, a junior philosophy and political science major, said although Rumsfeld’s resignation may lead to a quicker withdrawal from Iraq, this was just a move by Bush to improve his image with the American public.

CUEVAS

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Kaufman said the TCU community can be impacted by Cuevas’ death, even those people who did not know him.

“Maybe some of us didn’t

know Federico, but we might know someone who did,” she said.

Suzy Adams, associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of campus life, said a memorial service will be held today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dig-

nity Memorial Bay Chapel in League City.

Adams said it has not been decided whether a memorial will be held for Cuevas held at TCU.

Ordinarily when a member of the TCU community dies, the administration sends out

an e-mail alerting students of the situation.

In this instance, university officials did not send out an e-mail because they were not aware of the death until Tuesday, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, and it was not clear about what

happened since it occurred off campus.

“For situations such as this, we always check with the families first,” Mills said. “As of now, we have spoken to the family and expect something to come out within the next few days.”

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to figure out what career path they might want to go into,” Thompson said.

Raff, a junior movement science major, said volunteering not only helps give students a sense of community, but it can also be a chance to have fun.

“It’s a better way to spend your free time because you’re doing something you like and you’re having fun,” Raff said, “but you’re not really spending any money on it, and you’re helping others.”

According to the CNCS study, volunteer rates are highest among students who work between 1 to 15 hours a week.

Raff said saving time to help others is always worth it.

“It’s really hard to bal-

ance school, FrogHouse and all my studying,” Raff said. “You kind of have to give up some of your leisure time, but in the end, it’s more beneficial for you and everyone involved.”

Thompson said his department is working on making community service experiences equally rewarding for all students involved. This includes his department working with the agencies students are serving with to ensure students are prepared for what is expected of them. He said his department also conducts review sessions with students once their services are completed.

“Right now our goal is for every student to leave TCU their senior year knowing that they volunteered at least once,” Thompson said.



PETER THOMPSON / Staff Photographer
TCU student volunteers prepare to leave for their service project sites for LEAPS on Sadler Hall Lawn on Oct. 14.

ELECTION

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have been very different.”

As of 4:03 p.m. Wednesday, both Perry and Bell received more than one million votes. Strayhorn ended with 788,135 votes, Friedman received 552,719.

Though the votes did not spell a win for them, Ben Dalton, a senior political science major, said the results were good for third parties.

“It looks like third-party candidates had a lot of influence,” Dalton said.

Assistant professor of

political science Adam Schiffer said Perry’s win was very much expected.

“The polls never really budged,” Schiffer said.

Martinez-Ebers said she expected it as well.

“It wasn’t a big surprise,” she said. “The polls have been showing this for the last month.”

Dustin Ray, a sophomore accounting major, said he had hoped Bell would win but wasn’t expecting it.

“It’s good for a change once in a while,” Ray said.

— Michael Bou-Nacklie contributed to this story

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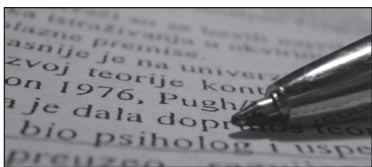
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THE SKIFF VIEW

Keep Web profiles appropriate

It’s amazing how much you can learn about a person by visiting the “reveal all” Web site — Facebook.

So it should come as no surprise that employers are looking for job candidates’ revealing information on networking sites. What they are finding is that the profiles don’t emphasize skills students learned in the classroom, but those they learned after hours.

Some who post on sites such as Facebook and MySpace are offended at the idea, but employers are now thinking twice about who they hire to represent their companies.

Despite fair warning, many personal Web site-users have ignored the helpful advice from the media to clean up their profiles.

After all, it’s only a potential job at stake. According to ABC7.com, a recent survey found 77 percent of employers use search engines to uncover information about candidates, and 35 percent have eliminated a candidate based on information they found online.

So why do so many college students continue to post photos of themselves at keg parties in their barely-there Halloween costumes? Many students believe the boss can’t take a peek because you must have a college e-mail address to register.

Oh-so-wrong.

According to ABC7.com, some interns’ jobs are now to perform background Facebook checks on potential job candidates. With millions of people registered with these sites, don’t expect to keep your personal life hidden — and with good reason.

These background checks are valuable in weeding out potentially dangerous employees as well as upholding a company’s reputation. Publishing your reckless behavior online is a good indication of reckless behavior in the professional world.

Don’t be surprised if you walk into an interview and your potential boss asks you to explain why he should hire an alcoholic party animal who can’t keep on his or her clothes.

Amy Kopsea for the editorial board.

OOOFSPOOF BY ROLF NELSON



Put thought into presents; gift cards too impersonal

November is here; November means Christmas shopping.

Christmas shopping means fighting traffic, crowds and credit cards. Life is stressful but exciting during the holiday season, especially when we are juggling classes, jobs and exams along with the Christmas madness. Let us not make that an excuse to slack off on the gift-giving. Let us not forget the real significance of gifts.

It’s true — gifts are difficult. What if he or she doesn’t like it? What if he or she thinks this is weird? What if, what if?

But the very fact that it is difficult to decide on gifts is what makes it special and truly rewarding. If after weeks and weeks of debating and searching, you find the perfect gift and see your loved one’s face light up with joy, would not all the stress of Christmas shopping be worth it?

It is pretty obvious how much thought and effort you put into a gift. The difference between a gift card from Gap and a pair of gloves for someone who suffers from extraordinarily cold fingers is huge. It shows that you take into

consideration what your loved one’s true needs are and also that you remember the little details about them.

Today, pretty much every store offers gift cards and diminishes the very joy of shopping for gifts and receiving gifts. A \$50 gift card does not mean as much as a \$20 sweater because every time you wear it, you remember who it was from, and it would be special because the giver remembered your favorite color.

A gift card would simply tell me, “Hey, merry Christmas; I was too lazy to shop so you can go do it yourself.”

I like to think of gift shopping as a game. Find the perfect gift and carefully observe the receiver’s face. If it lights up with a mix of surprise and joy, you win. If not, your effort is still very apparent, and it will be very much appreciated.

Creativity is key to shopping for gifts. What are some of your favorite memories? How can an inside joke be

manifested in a gift? Christmas, besides the obvious religious aspects, is a time to celebrate your relationship with people. Therefore the gifts you give and receive should honor relationships and memories. Simply going through the superficial motions by throwing a gift card in an envelope does not cut it.

Of course, it is unreasonable to try to avoid gift cards completely. There are some awkward situations, like the obscure aunt that you have never gotten the chance to get close to, or a friend who is fanatic about Starbucks coffee — in which case his or her favorite frappuccino might be just a tad difficult to wrap.

But let’s not use gift cards as an excuse or an easy way out. Bring back the gift-giving tradition that comes from the heart. Shop on.

Saerom Yoo is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Pusan, South Korea. Her column appears every Thursday.



Aggressions taken to extreme; let others decide for themselves

There’s an old Beatles song I like. Well, there are a lot of old Beatles songs I like, but the one I’m referring to especially relaxes me. It’s called “Let It Be.” Most people have probably heard of it.

I think this one song could be applied to a lot of concepts. For example, I don’t understand why people get personally offended by things that don’t actually affect them. We hear about cases like this all the time. They really annoy me to no end, so I’m going to give a rundown of the ones that bug me the most.

I want to clear up something. It might seem hypocritical of me to write about people getting offended because some of you might think this is exactly what I’m doing. But what I’m talking about is somebody being offended and then trying to change things for everyone else just because he or she has a personal vendetta. If something upsets you, by all means, write about it, complain, do whatever you like — it’s a free country. I just think some people take it way too far.

Case in point. In 2000, several Christian groups attempted to ban Harry Potter from classrooms and libraries because they claimed the book promoted witchcraft and satanic themes. Christ Community Church in New Mexico actually held a book burning in 2001. I don’t have a problem with the group choosing what it wants to believe, that’s fine. But I do

have a problem when it tries to get a perfectly harmless book banned from public school and library shelves. The group has no right to ruin literature for everyone just because of its beliefs.

Individual parents can attempt to stop their children from reading the book all they want. They have a right to do that. And since they have the power to police what their children read, I don’t understand why they feel the need to push their views on everyone else.

Some of these things border on the ridiculous. Christian groups again were up-in-arms over accusations that Tinky Winky the Teletubby and SpongeBob Squarepants were homosexual. So now we’re arguing over whether fictional characters are gay? I mean, are they serious? Does it really make that big of a difference even if they were? It’s just entertainment.

When we look at things corrupting American youth, SpongeBob SquarePants doesn’t immediately spring to mind. There are a million other, more pressing issues we should focus on — teen pregnancy, the war on drugs, gang violence — take your pick.

So far my column seems like an attack on Christian groups, but really it’s not. True, they tend to be some of the most outspoken activist groups in this country, but it is really a international epidemic.

There was the case of California atheist, Michael Newdow, who got upset with the phrase “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance. He didn’t want his daughter saying the phrase in school.

If it bothers him that much, don’t say it. And did anybody ask the daughter what she wanted to say? Many people would argue he can just stop his daughter from saying it, but I think he just used her as a political tool.

Speaking of using people as political tools, no case in history has demonstrated this more than the recent Terri Schiavo controversy. Christian groups used the case to “rally the troops” in Congress and prompt lawmakers to push conservative legislation through. Meanwhile, civil rights groups rose up to oppose them and exploited the case for their own gains.

In the end, though, this case should have been a private family matter rather than the media circus it became. People became personally involved in something that had no effect on them. That’s just wrong. People should be able to speak their minds about it, but when it gets to the legislative level, it crosses a dangerous boundary.

So for all those people out there who make it their life’s mission to be the cultural police of America, I have some words of wisdom — let it be.

Justin Marble is a columnist for The Daily Free Press (Boston U.). This column was distributed by U-wire.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to last Thursday’s Skiff article about banning smoking in public places, I asked myself, why?

Before I get into this, let me clarify: I do not smoke, and I do not think it is the smartest choice people can make, yet it is each individual’s choice to make.

I won’t argue it is horrible for your health and that secondhand smoking can have negative effects — the numbers are there to prove it. Instead, I ask myself about the validity of the numbers reported. We need to face the facts: we have more pollution these days than ever before in our history, and this is bound to contribute to health problems. This leads to the question: could

the health problems from secondhand smoke be made worse by pollution but the statistics not show this?

To people who get bent out of shape when they pass a smoker: get over it. Your personal dislike for the odor does not give you the right to insist that no one smoke in public.

I know there has been some time when you have been walking to class and passed someone who evidently has not been introduced to the modern concept of a shower. Countless people have been exposed to these toxic fumes. Do we need to pass a law requiring everyone to shower once daily before leaving their residences?

It may not be the most pleasant thing to pass a smoker, but it is a few moments of discomfort, and if it bothers you that much, heaven forbid you walk on the other side of the street if you see someone smoking. Is it really better to make people stop smoking in an entire city or country than for you, a single person, to walk out of your way a few yards?

I apologize if this next part offends anyone, but the excuse that enforcing this ban is also for the “betterment of our youth” is just weak.

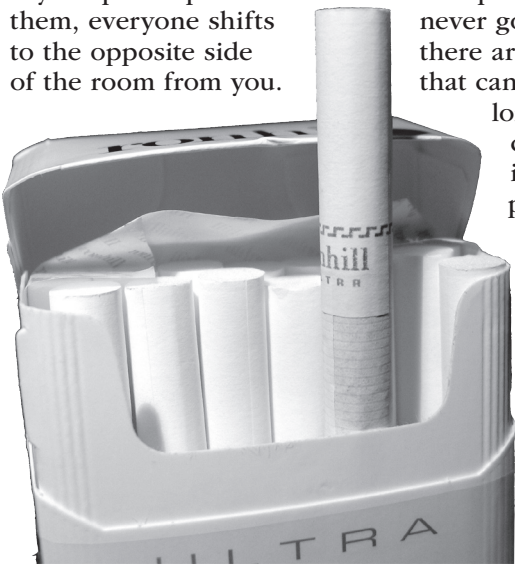
To say that a ban of smoking in public will prevent or discourage underage smoking is ridiculous. How

often have you witnessed underage drinking? How often have you participated? (Don’t answer that last one out loud.) Walk up to just about anyone on campus and chances are you will get a “yes” to at least one of those questions. Think of how many laws and rules are in place to prevent underage drinking and the penalties that go along with them. How effective are these? Not hardly.

In today’s society, where there are most likely two working parents or a single working parent, children are given much more freedom and not as much guidance. This means underage smoking will not disappear just because people can’t smoke

in public. If anything, it will just make it more attractive to minors.

Smokers have rights, too, but endorsing these rights have become so taboo that if you speak up for them, everyone shifts to the opposite side of the room from you.



Smokers are masochists who want to inflict a horrible death on us all, right? No, they are just people who have made choices of what they like to do.

Like procrastinators who never go to class, I feel there are better choices that can be made, but as long as the right to choose to smoke is out there, people who think that it is a right to be protected need to speak up and defend that right.

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Republicans blame their party leadership for Tuesday's losses

By STEVEN THOMMA
McClatchy Newspapers

Republicans turned on one another Wednesday after losing control of power in Congress — blaming an out-of-touch, self-promoting party leadership for abandoning ethics and conservative principles and turning off the country.

The first political casualty was House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., who announced he'd step down from the party's leadership.

More casualties were possible. At least one conservative movement leader demanded that Republicans in the House of Representatives delay electing leaders for the next Congress beyond the scheduled date of next Wednesday, presumably to allow time to reconsider the current slate.

Discontent could spread to the Senate, where Republicans lost a fifth seat Wednesday in Montana. There, Democrat Jon Tester defeated Republican Sen. Conrad Burns, who was tarred by his ties to disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

That put Democrats into at least a 50-50 tie with Republicans for Senate control.

That left Virginia, where Democrat James Webb led Republican Sen. George Allen by about 7,000 votes out of 2.3 million cast. Allen refused to concede, saying he'd wait to see final official results on Nov. 27 before decid-

ing whether to seek a recount.

If Webb's lead holds, Democrats will control the Senate. If Allen wins a recount, then Vice President Dick Cheney would break the tie to let Republicans control the Senate, though their grip on power would be much diminished compared with the past five years.

Regardless of the final outcome in the Senate, Republicans knew they lost power Tuesday, and their leading voices found plenty to blame in their party.

Veteran conservative strategist Richard A. Viguerie was especially caustic.

"Every single member of the Republican leadership in the House should be replaced. They have failed the conservatives who put them in office, and they have failed the people of this country," Viguerie said.

"This election was also a referendum on the so-called 'neoconservatives' — the big-government Republicans who took us into a nation-building war while they busted the budget and enriched big business and its K Street lobbyists."

"I feel liberated," said conservative radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh, one of the party's biggest cheerleaders. "I no longer am going to have to carry water for people who I don't think deserve having their water carried."

In one of the most stinging indictments, David Keene, the

longtime president of the American Conservative Union — the nation's oldest grass-roots conservative lobby, founded in 1964 — ripped Republicans for spending more taxpayer money than Democrats had and for weak ethics.

"We have watched Republicans elected by promising the highest standards in terms of integrity come to Washington to do good and stay to do well for themselves, their families and their friends, and demean the offices to which they were elected in the process," Keene said.

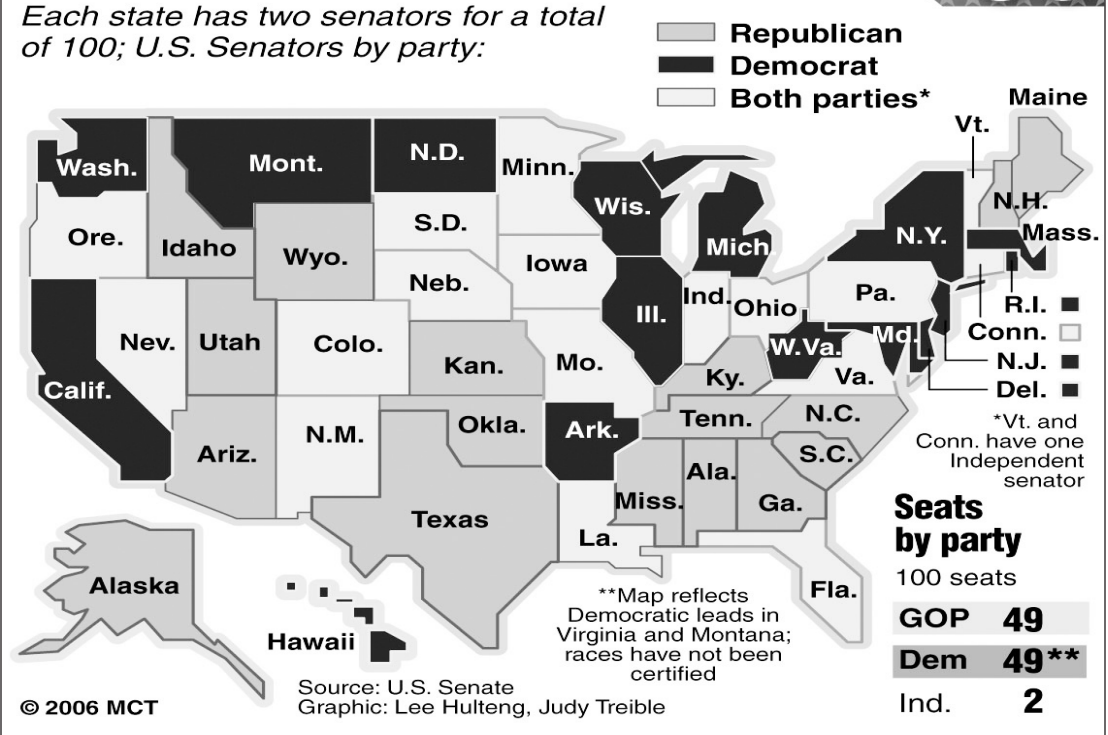
"We have witnessed the hypocrisy of Republican leaders who came to Washington swearing an allegiance to upholding traditional values work to protect those among their number who have flaunted those values, morals and standards," Keene said.

"We have stood by as Republicans have flaunted, twisted and ignored rules to achieve their own partisan, rather than principled, ends; leaders who have used earmarks to seduce reluctant members to vote for legislation they knew was wrong and kept votes open for hours while they and their White House allies bludgeoned their colleagues into line in support of such legislation," Keene said.

Keene joined Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., in urging House Republicans to postpone their leadership

An equal balance

Each state has two senators for a total of 100; U.S. Senators by party:



elections until January. Cantor is a member of the existing House Republican leadership as chief deputy whip. Among the many Republicans mentioned as a possible challenger was Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., leader of a large bloc of both social and economic conservatives.

Others argued that voters were turned off by the climate in Congress, particularly by its partisanship and a sense that Republican leaders looked the other way at scandals, from

Abramoff's lobbying corruption to former Florida Rep. Mark Foley's sexual harassment of teenage male aides.

Hastert presided over a partisan, one-party rule that shut Democrats out of negotiations. He wouldn't even allow the House to vote on an issue unless it could pass solely with Republican votes.

Voters "believed that we came to Washington to change government and government changed us," said Sen. John

McCain, R-Ariz.

Voters also rebelled at the sense that the Republican Congress didn't get anything done.

"There was a feeling of a do-nothing Congress," Republican pollster Ed Goetas said.

He said voters wanted "bipartisan solutions rather than the partisan bickering we've seen," and that Republicans want the party "to make sure our leaders have public service as their highest calling, not personal enrichment."



The space shuttle Discovery lifts off July 26, 2005, at the Kennedy Space Center. NASA is preparing to revisit the moon by 2020 and establish a long-term outpost there.

NASA preparing for lunar flight

By HOWARD WITT
Chicago Tribune

With its heavy cranes, arc welders and steel rolling machines, the nondescript metalworking shop located inside a hangar hard by the runways at Cleveland's Hopkins Airport looks like countless other industrial factories in this rustiest of Rust Belt cities.

But there's no mistaking the distinctive, white-painted, 5-ton steel cylinder, 6 feet high and 18 feet across, which rests in the center of the shop floor. It's a segment of a rocket — the first piece of a prototype for America's newest launch vehicle. A rocket that is to take astronauts back to the moon.

Swiftly, aggressively and largely unnoticed by the rest of the nation, NASA has begun its next great manned spaceflight mission, the one that is scheduled to revisit the moon by 2020 and establish a long-term

outpost there to serve as a stepping stone for an even bolder human journey to Mars.

Here at NASA's Glenn Research Center and others across the country, a new crew capsule is under development, new rocket engines are being designed and new moon rovers are being created. The first test flight of the new rocket is set to launch in just 30 months.

It has been more than a generation since America first lofted humans to the moon and the nation's space agency had a mission capable of capturing the public's imagination as the Apollo program did. But for most Americans younger than 35, NASA has stood for little more than a balky and dangerous space truck flying back and forth to a half-built space station that methodically circles Earth every 90 minutes.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is still com-

mitted to flying the aging shuttle until its scheduled retirement in 2010 so that construction on the long-delayed International Space Station can be completed. But the real passion at the agency is the Constellation Program to return astronauts to the moon, a goal set by President Bush in 2004 and given its initial funds by Congress a year later. About 10 percent of the space agency's current budget, or \$1.7 billion, and an estimated 20 percent of its brainpower are now devoted to the Constellation Program.

"This is where the excitement is," said Tony Lavoie, manager of the Lunar Precursor and Robot-ic Program at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama. "This is where the best minds in NASA want to be."

The project is moving remarkably fast, in part because it borrows from designs and concepts proven during the Apollo and space shuttle programs.

NASA has already determined, for example, that the new Orion crew capsule, due to be flown for the first time by around 2012, will look a lot like its Apollo predecessor, although it will be larger to accommodate up to six astronauts instead of three. The Ares rocket that will launch it resembles one of the solid rocket boosters used to launch the shuttle.

A second, larger cargo launch rocket, which will take aloft a new lunar lander that will mate with the Orion capsule in Earth orbit before heading on to the moon, is about the size of the Saturn V rockets of the Apollo era but will make use of two shuttle-type solid rocket boosters strapped on either side.

The main contract to build the crew capsule was awarded in August to Lockheed Martin Corp., and astronauts are working with prototypes at Houston's Johnson Space Center.

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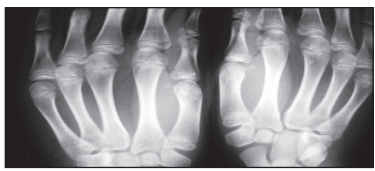
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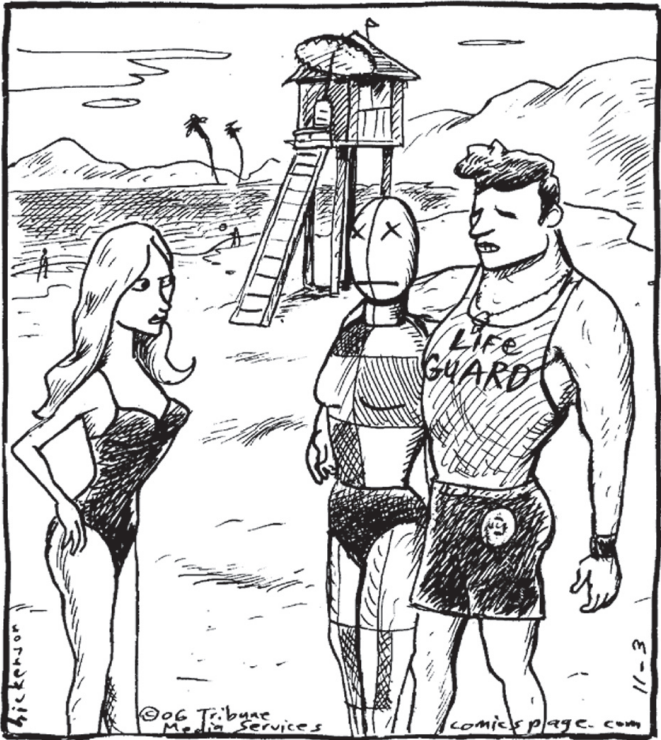
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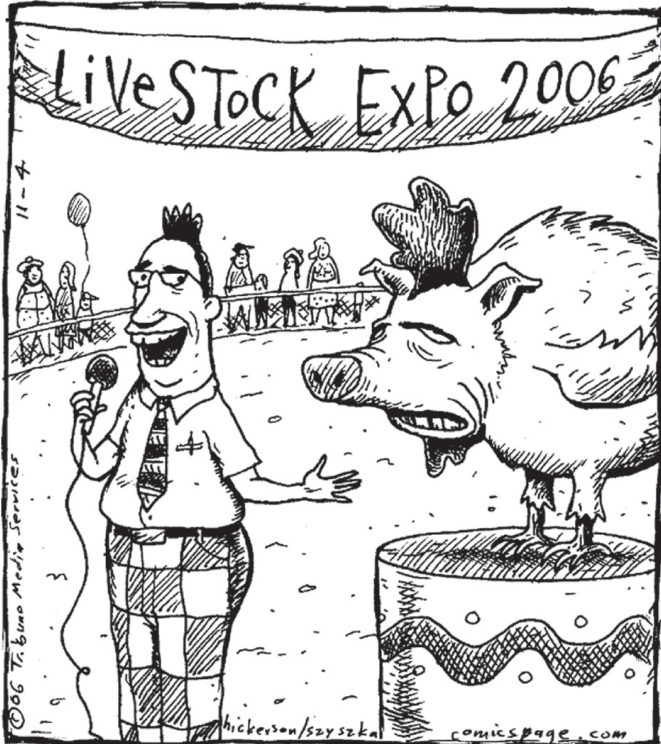
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Directions

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

See Friday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

Wednesday's Solutions

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19 Beginning
20 Start of Sinclair Lewis quote
23 Quarterback Manning
24 Inc. in Liverpool
25 Bridge support
29 Old newspaper sections
31 Lots
33 Corn unit
34 Condition of balance
36 River inlet
37 Pond plant
38 Part 2 of quote
41 Festive affair
44 Innovative
45 Talk incessantly
49 Altar sentence
50 Eyed covetously
52 Code creator
53 Semitic fertility goddess
55 Talk informally
57 24-hr. banker
58 End of quote
61 Jeweled crown
64 Paper mulberry tree bark
65 Arm bone
66 Nincompoop
67 Oil cartel
68 Deer head?
69 Pooh's creator
70 Fragrant bloom
71 College res.

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1 April events
2 Member of a flight crew
3 Poisonous mushroom
4 Thaw
5 Asunder
6 Geometric figures
7 Supplicant's request
8 Banana relative
9 Hams it up
10 Albacore and bluelin
11 Amer. ship designation
12 Ruby or Sandra NYC hrs.
21 Borden bovine period
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27 Act the straggler
28 Memorable period
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32 Russell or Cameron
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41 Actress Scala

By Alan P. Olschwang
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TOMORROW IN SPORTS

On a three-game winning streak, all against conference opponents, the Horned Frogs travel to Albuquerque, N.M. to take on the New Mexico Lobos on Saturday. Find out how the Frogs match up with this weekend's conference opponent.

SWIMMING

Swimmers travel to Colorado

By MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE
Staff Reporter

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams will take on the Air Force Falcons, and the women's team will face the New Mexico State Aggies at a meet in Colorado Springs, Colo., today.

The H2O Frogs are going up against Air Force and NMSU after the men's loss to the BYU Cougars 159.5-80.5 and the women's loss to the Cougars 149-94 Saturday.

The women's team also lost to the Colorado State Rams Thursday 156-144. These meets marked the first losses of the season for both teams.

"Both the number of kids and the quality of the kids BYU has in their program give them a wider range of swimmers," head coach Richard Sybesma said. "We swam our best and did real well, but the BYU team is more mature. We use BYU as a measuring stick at the (Mountain West) Conference."

Sybesma said he was pleased with his team's performance against.

"Early November, we're swimming really well, and, as a result,

our times were good," Sybesma said. "This time last year, our scores are faster than a year ago."

With the meet against Air Force today, Sybesma said he hopes not only the top swimmers perform well but that the rest of the team raises the bar as well.

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Head coach

"Against Air Force, we are pretty strong since we match up against every one of their swimmers, except for one since he is a NCAA qualifier," Sybesma said. "The Air Force

women's team is easier, and our women are favored."

Stephanie Futscher, a freshman butterfly and freestyle swimmer, said she was pleased with the teams' performances at last week's meets.

"We did really well, we tried our best, and hopefully, we'll be better the next time we get to meet them at the conference," Futscher said.

Guillermo Ramirez, a men's senior backstroke and sprint swimmer, said he believes the meet against BYU made the teams ready for the rest of the season.

Despite TCU's loss last year against Air Force, caused by a TCU relay disqualification that allowed Air Force a one-point lead, Ramirez said he believes this year's competition will be very interesting and TCU is ready for every team in the conference.

"We were ready for it, and everybody is happy with their times," Ramirez said.

Ramirez gained the top time of 1 minute 50.11 seconds in the 200-yard backstroke against BYU. The time is also the top Mountain West Conference time.



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A TCU swimmer competes in the breast stroke event against North Texas and Incarnate Word. Today the men's and women's swimming and diving teams face Air Force in Colorado Springs, Co.

TENNIS

Doubles team makes TCU history as semifinalists

By ALEX ZOBEL
Staff Reporter

Two women's tennis players made school history in their last match of the fall season by reaching the doubles finals of the 2006 ITA National Indoor Collegiate Championships at Ohio State on Saturday.

Senior Ana Cetnik and sophomore Anna Sydorska became TCU's first female tennis players to reach the final match in a doubles national championship event when they defeated Kim Coventry and Joelle Schwenk of the Kentucky Wildcats in the semifinals of the tournament.

In the championship match, the

"We are so used to playing with each other. I knew we could do very well."

Ana Cetnik

Senior tennis player



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

In the doubles competition, senior Ana Cetnik returns a ball at the Wilson/ITA Southwest Regionals last week. Cetnik and Anna Sydorska beat LSU and were national champion runner-ups at the ITA National Indoor Doubles Championship Nov. 5. The women's spring season begins Feb. 1.

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The tournament concluded the individual fall season for the women's tennis team.

Interim head coach Jefferson Hammond said he is pleased with the performance of the team this season and that their goals for the spring are to be ranked No. 10 in the country by the ITA and to reach the round of

16 in the NCAA Tournament.

The team will get almost a two-month break before their next tournament but will continue to have team and individual practices, Hammond said.

The spring season for the women's tennis team will begin Feb. 1 with the National Team Indoor Championship in Madison, Wis.

VOLLEYBALL

Coach sets goal to win in regular-season play

By MATT MABE
Staff Reporter

As regular-season play comes to a close for the Horned Frogs volleyball team (17-12, 5-9), head coach Prentice Lewis only has one goal: to win.

The Frogs go on the road this weekend to face the New Mexico Lobos (8-18, 4-10), and Lewis said winning is the team's goal.

"We're going to play them at their house, which is always different," Lewis said. "Our athletes are excited, and it's down to crunch time for us."

Lewis said the players haven't been focusing on one particular part of their game at practices, they've just been continuing to play to keep their skills up to par.

Earlier this season, the Frogs shut out New Mexico in a 3-0 match at the University Recreation Center.

Senior outside hitter Calli Corley said the upcoming weekend's matches will be determinants for the Mountain West Conference tournament.

"The last two matches are very important so we can get in a good

position for the conference tournament," said senior outside hitter Calli Corley said.

Corley said she feels the Frogs have a good chance of coming out on top against the Lobos this weekend.

"It's always difficult to play on the road," Corley said. "But we played there last year, so we know the court, and we know the atmosphere, and I think we have a good chance of winning."

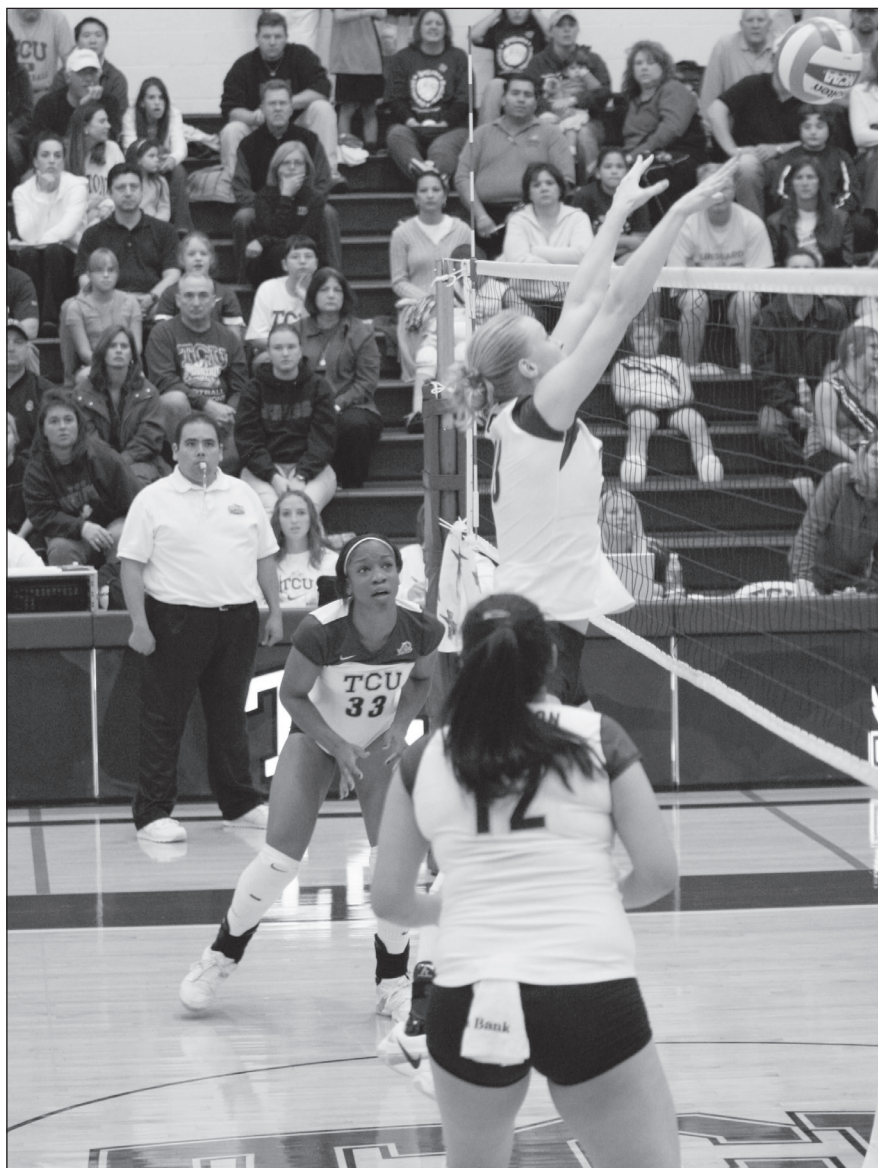
Freshman outside hitter Lauren Otto said this weekend's match will be a good time to show the true talents on the team.

"I think it's a good opportunity to prove to ourselves that we can play on the road," Otto said. "Then we can come out confident going into the conference tournament."

GAME INFO

The Frogs last two regular season matches are Saturday against the Lobos in New Mexico, then on Nov. 16 at Wyoming.

The MWC tournament begins on Nov. 22 in Las Vegas.



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer

Senior middle blocker Anna Vaughn pushes the ball over the net against BYU Nov. 4. The Frogs play New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M. on Friday at 8 p.m. The Frogs volleyball team is (17-12, 5-9).

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