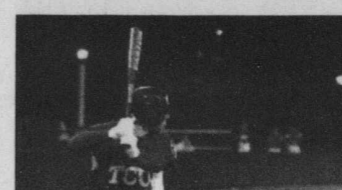




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## N.J. attorney general investigates JuicyCampus

By DAVID HALL  
Staff Reporter

The New Jersey attorney general is investigating JuicyCampus.com for what it calls "unconscionable commercial practices," according to a statement from her office.

JuicyCampus and the companies associated with it have

been subpoenaed, according to a statement from the office released Tuesday.

The college gossip Web site allow users to anonymously post comments on message boards geared toward specific supported colleges, including TCU.

According to the statement, New Jersey is "investigating whether JuicyCampus.com is violating the state's Consumer Fraud Act through unconscionable commercial practices and misrepresentations to users."

The subpoena requests that Lime Blue of Reno, Nev., which owns JuicyCampus, reveal how the site chooses the colleges it

features, how the users' school affiliations are identified and how parental-consent forms are implemented.

The attorney general's office didn't return calls seeking more details about the subpoena.

The statement said JuicyCampus contains "uncompli-

mentary references to the physical characteristics, race, ethnicity and implied sexual experiences of students."

It also said though JuicyCampus warns against posting offensive content, the site doesn't have tools to track such matters.

The office also subpoenaed JuicyCampus' most recent advertising provider, AdBrite, requesting the details of the business relationship between the two, according to the statement.

Requested materials include how JuicyCampus represented itself to AdBrite, including

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## Partnership to research wind energy

By HILARY WHITTIER  
Staff Reporter

Oxford University in England and TCU will team up with the world's largest wind-energy producer to conduct a five-year research project to focus on the impact of wind power development, Chancellor Victor Boschini said Wednesday during a news conference.

The research, funded by FPL Energy LLC, will be coordinated by TCU's Institute for Environmental Studies and Oxford University's Environmental Change Institute, Boschini said.

Mike Slattery, director of the Institute for Environmental Studies, said the partnership among TCU, Oxford and FPL will launch a ground-breaking initiative to better understand the wind energy development in the U.S.

"Our goal is to play a leading role in supplying the science base for what will be a major area of societal concern in this century," he said. "We want to provide both energy and environmental security."

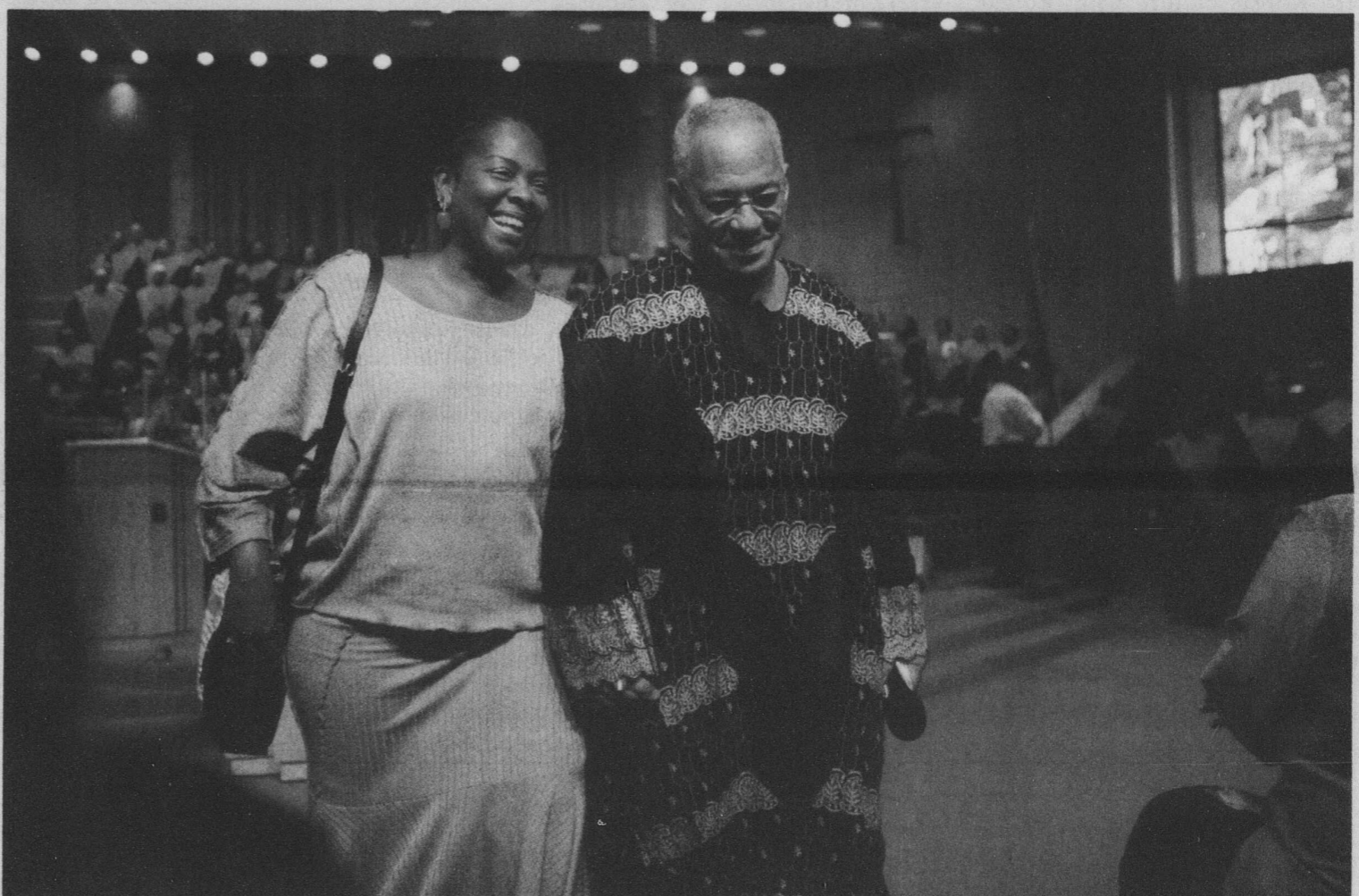
TJ Tuscal, senior vice president of business management for FPL, said it is an exciting time for TCU because Texas is responsible for about 40 percent of wind installations.

He said the wind industry has gone through tremendous growth, and the company expects it to continue growing in Texas and throughout the U.S.

The research initiative, valued at several million dollars over five years, is an important and significant investment for FPL, Slattery said. The company will provide financial support for both Oxford and

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## SAFETY CONCERNS



The Rev. Jeremiah Wright and his wife, Ramah Reed Wright, leave after Sunday service at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago in 2006. The university decided Wednesday to move an appearance by Wright off campus, citing concerns for the security of the TCU community. The minister's controversial remarks have caused some to question his scheduled appearance.

## 'Security issues' push controversial guest off campus

By JULIETA CHIQUILLO  
Staff Reporter

An event honoring Sen. Barack Obama's, D-Ill., pastor will be moved off campus because of security concerns, and university officials will not give details.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said security on campus is a priority but did not elaborate on the nature of the concerns.

"Security issues have become the No. 1

issue for college and university presidents in America," Boschini said in an e-mail. "Threats to a safe and secure campus end up eroding everything we are trying to accomplish in higher education. Therefore, when concerns arise in this area I take them very seriously."

The Brite Divinity School, an independent institution located on campus, issued a statement Monday affirming its decision to give an

award to the Rev. Jeremiah Wright at a banquet March 29 despite recent media reports on the pastor's controversial remarks.

According to a university statement, the executive committee of TCU's board of trustees decided Wednesday to move Brite's Black Church Summit events off campus in response to security issues noted by TCU Police and the Fort Worth Police Department.

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## Korean group aims to inform

By BIBEK BHANDARI  
Staff Reporter

The Korean Student Association has been approved by Student Development Services, making it TCU's newest multicultural student organization.

Sang Byeon, a doctorate Biblical interpretation student at Brite and president of KOSA, said the primary mission of the organization is to "promote Korean culture and fellowship between Korean students" at TCU and "harmonious communication" among the members and other people interested in Korean culture.

Bomi Lee, a marketing major and secretary of KOSA, said it was necessary to establish the organization because of the increasing number of Korean students at TCU. The organization will help integrate Korean students and act as a forum for fellowship, she said.

John Singleton, director of International Student Services, said there are 34 Korean students from outside the U.S., and the organization would help create opportunities to look after one another and foster their

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## Local symphony director joins faculty

By BIBEK BHANDARI  
Staff Reporter

The hands of a local maestro will soon help guide the flutes, percussions, trumpets and horns of the TCU Symphony Orchestra.

Miguel Harth-Bedoya, music director of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, is now the distinguished guest professor of conducting in the School of Music, said German Gutierrez, director of orchestras at the School of Music.

"It is a great honor for us to

have him associated with our school," Gutierrez said. "He is one of the most talented conductors today. Our students will benefit greatly by the opportunity to work with him."

Richard C. Gipson, director of the School of Music, said Harth-Bedoya would primarily be working with graduate conducting students. However, undergraduate students will have an opportunity to work with him on special events, such as the Latin American Music Festival.

Harth-Bedoya said in a phone

interview from Canada he is excited to be a part of TCU.

"I'll be able to share my knowledge and experience in a formal and academic way," he said.

Gutierrez said Harth-Bedoya's expertise and skills as a conductor will benefit the students and the School of Music. Harth-Bedoya is inviting the winners of the annual Concerto competition to perform with the Fort Worth Symphony and also inviting other student conductors to rehearsals under his supervision.

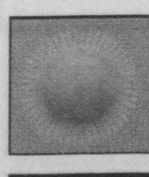
Andres Jaime, a graduate stu-

dent at the School of Music, said it would be a good opportunity to have a platform to showcase talent and practice with a professional orchestra.

Harth-Bedoya said his classes are going to have a practical emphasis because the professional world is different from conducting music in music schools.

"It's going to be like an apprenticeship," he said. "I want the students to learn not from me but through me. I'm already open-

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**WEATHER**  
TODAY: Sunny, 72/49  
TOMORROW: Mostly sunny, 74/48  
SATURDAY: Partly cloudy, 70/47

**PECULIAR FACT**  
TOKYO — Japan created a government post to promote animation and named a popular cartoon robot cat named Doraemon to the position.  
—Associated Press

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the types of ads requested by JuicyCampus.  
Philip Kaplan, the founder of AdBrite, said in an e-mail that AdBrite removed its program from JuicyCampus three weeks ago, well before the subpoena was issued.  
He wrote that JuicyCampus had violated AdBrite's acceptable-use policy.  
AdBrite agreed to cooperate fully with the investigation, New Jersey Attorney General Anne Milgram told

the Associated Press.  
JuicyCampus founder Matt Ivester said in an earlier interview with the Skiff on Feb. 28 that AdBrite knew what it was getting into with its partnership with JuicyCampus.  
"They're completely aware of the content," Ivester said. "We don't foresee any future issues."  
Google provided ads for JuicyCampus before AdBrite and was also subpoenaed. Like AdBrite, Google pulled its advertising application, AdSense, from JuicyCampus, citing the site's content.

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culture to present it to the community.  
The organization will also help freshman Korean students adjust and understand the American lifestyle, culture and academics by providing them information on various topics, Byeon said. KOSA is a forum to promote various aspects of Korean culture such as music, food, literature and more, he said.  
"We want to add one more culture at TCU and want to share Korean culture with other students," Byeon said.  
Andrew Kim, a junior kinesiology, health and fitness major and a KOSA member, said he could help the incoming Korean students learn and adjust to the American culture since he is a Texas native. Also, he said, he

would have a chance to learn about Korea and its diverse culture.  
Byeon said the organization plans to coordinate different events during International Week and have a music festival in conjunction with the School of Music. He said the organization will also participate in various events organized by other student organizations and contribute to various cultural activities at TCU, including seminars with distinguished Korean-Americans and Koreans in the area to familiarize with Korean politics and history.  
Any student can be a KOSA member by paying a \$10 annual-membership fee and learn different aspects of the Korean culture, Lee said. However, members are expected to attend meetings and volunteer at the events KOSA organizes, he said.

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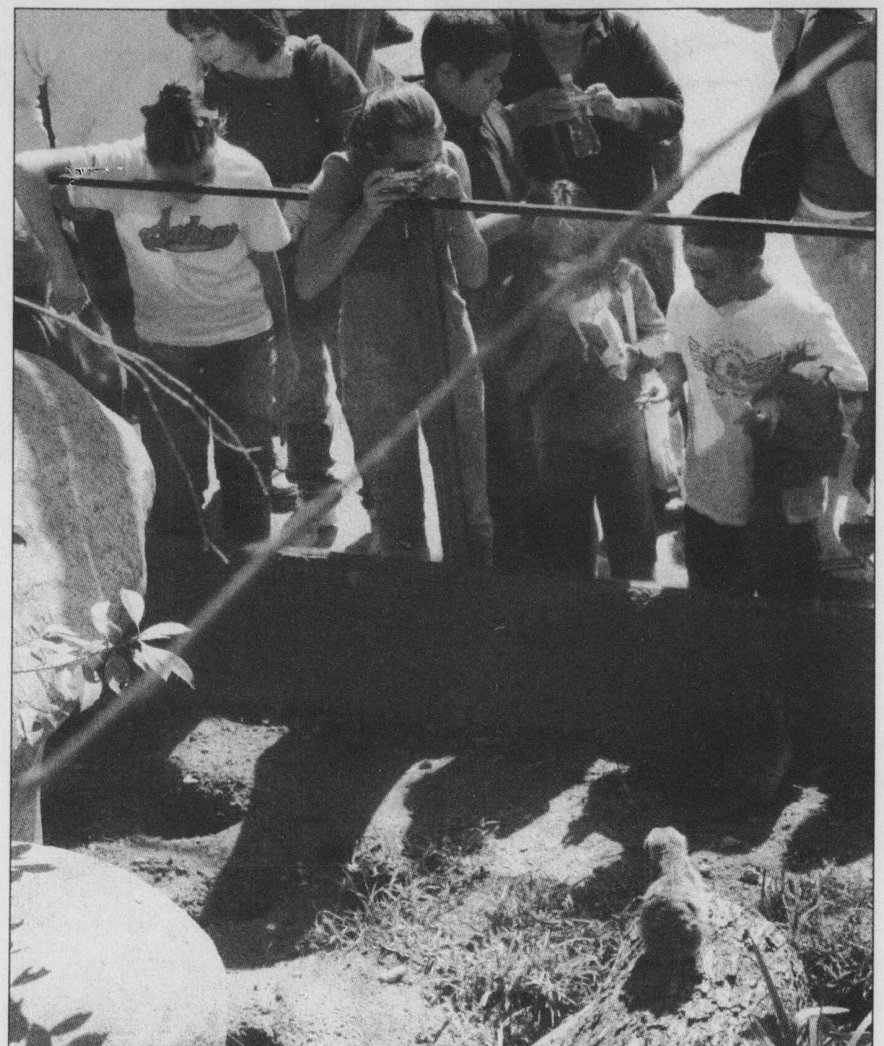
ing this channel and the challenges are great. It's a complex profession but rewarding."  
Danaila Hristova, a graduate student at the School of Music, said conducting is a challenging profession and hopes to learn the techniques and processes from Harth-Bedoya.  
A Peruvian native, Harth-Bedoya has a bachelor's

degree from Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and a master's from Juilliard School in New York City. He started his job as a music director for the New York Youth Symphony and has conducted for the Auckland Philharmonic in New Zealand, Eugene Symphony in Oregon and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He is the recipient of several awards including an Emmy Award in 2000.

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TCU and FPL's internal resources from multiple departments.  
"We think it is remarkable that FPL is providing funding," Boschini said. "We are very appreciative."  
Slattery said the project with FPL and Oxford, which is ranked among the world's leading research and teaching institutions, focuses on three primary areas — wind turbine impact on bats and birds, ecological impacts and socioeconomic impacts.  
The avian and bat impact studies will produce a greater understanding of the interactions of the birds, bats and wind turbines, Slattery said.  
In regard to ecological impacts, he said research will be conducted to test how wind energy reduces atmospheric carbon.  
He also said there will be a focus on socioeconomic impacts of wind projects that will be analyzed on a local and regional basis.  
Boschini said this partnership will be beneficial to students.  
"This collaboration with FPL and Oxford will afford unprecedented research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students," he said.  
Ellen Schwaller, an environmental science major, said society is changing and this partnership will help students become more attuned to environmental problems, such as over-population and pollution.  
"It is with great anticipation and pride that we look to the next five years," she said. "More than anything, I think students are ready to contribute and want to contribute."

**ZOO DAYS**



A crowd at the meerkat exhibit at the Fort Worth Zoo photographs the animals on half-price Wednesday.

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ment.  
TCU Police Chief Steve McGee declined to comment on the security issues cited in the statement.  
Capt. Billy Cordell of the Fort Worth Police Department said he learned about the venue change from TCU Police and did not know any details about the security concerns.  
"I do not have sufficient information to say anything concrete about it," Cordell said.  
Tracy Syler-Jones, associate vice chancellor for marketing and communication, declined to elaborate on the statement.  
Brite leaders agreed with the decision, and the divinity school will announce the new of the location of the event, according to the statement.

Newell Williams, president of Brite, could not be reached for comment.  
J. Luther King Jr., chairman of the TCU board of trustees, said controversial opinions should be freely expressed at the university, but the board's primary concern is the security of students, faculty and staff, according to the statement.  
King did not return calls Wednesday night seeking comment on the statement.  
The Rev. Brad Braxton, an ordained Baptist minister who will deliver the keynote address at the banquet, said late Wednesday he had not been informed about TCU's decision to move the event off campus. Braxton, a professor at the Vanderbilt University Divinity School, said he plans to attend the event regardless of the change in location.  
Wright has stirred a nationwide debate about race following the release of video clips of sermons in which he accused the U.S. government of sponsoring terrorism that led to the Sept. 11 attacks and called on blacks to condemn the United States for alleged racism.  
Braxton said Wright's appearance at the Brite event should be seen not as a problem but as an opportunity to promote discussion that transcends racial lines. He said a lack of understanding of the black religious tradition is part of the missing context that has led to the misrepresentation of Wright's words.  
"This notion that raising a serious critique is unpatriotic, separatist and hateful is inaccurate, and it does not do justice to the rich protest tradition of the black church and the larger tradition of protest in the United States," he said.  
Braxton said the purpose of the summit is to address issues within the black church.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is the unknown we fear when we look upon death and darkness, nothing more."

— J.K. Rowling

### THE SKIFF VIEW

## Web site investigation long overdue

Finally, someone is doing something about JuicyCampus.

After months of racy, insulting content on the college gossip Web site, someone is finally holding the site accountable for its reckless abandon in policing its posts.

The New Jersey attorney general's office is investigating whether JuicyCampus violated state law through unconscionable commercial practices and misrepresentation to users, and has subpoenaed JuicyCampus' leaders and the site's former ad servers, AdBrite and Google's AdSense.

The AdSense application was pulled by Google in February after it violated Google's policy. And three weeks ago, after the Web site's founder, Matt Ivester, said he didn't foresee any issues with AdBrite, it pulled its ads from the site as well. See a pattern here?

If no company will endorse the site, it must have a problem.

Ivester said in a previous Skiff interview that it is the responsibility of users to create

the discussion forums that they want.

"It's a gossip Web site," Ivester said. "Don't make it into a bigger deal than it is."

Maybe Ivester's right. Maybe it isn't a big deal that half the campus is "TCU's biggest slut" and (insert random name here) is (insert dirty insult here).

However, the state of New Jersey thinks this is a big deal, and it plays for keeps.

Although Ivester claims that blocking offensive comments would not be a realistic goal, the site can pinpoint what university every post comes from. That is something the New Jersey attorney general's office will want to investigate.

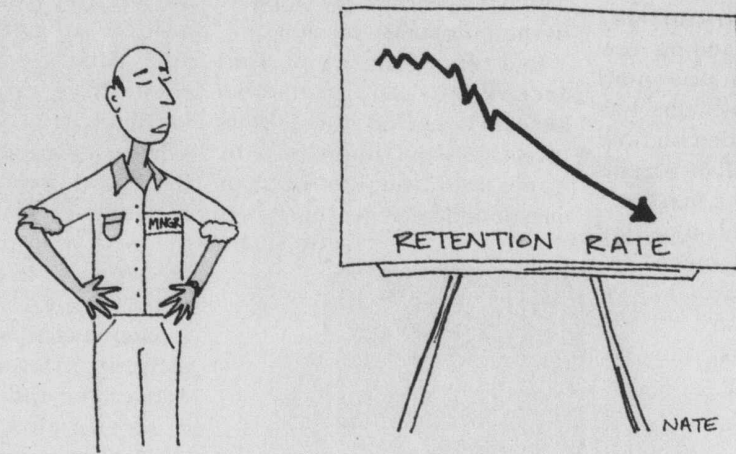
The Internet was created as a shared-communication tool, not an outlet for people to sit at their computers and make unwarranted comments which, in many other forums, would be considered libelous.

Go ahead, New Jersey, take this site to the cleaners. That's juicy news.

News editor Joe Zigtema for the editorial board.

### BY NATE ARNOLD

"GRAND" MARC STAFF MEETING



"As you can see, we're simply not spending enough on fliers and brochures!"

Nate Arnold is a junior marketing and e-business major from Edmond, Okla.

## Sunday night 'sext' messages ruining traditional booty calls

12:56 a.m.: Hey. What u doin

12:58 a.m.: Nothin. U

1:06 a.m.: Prb about 2 watch a movie.

1:07 a.m.: Ok.

1:30 a.m.: Want to join?

What used to be referred to as "booty calls" have transformed into text messages — the art of "sexting."

Remember being a little kid thinking that by hiding under the sheets and covering your ears, the monster under your bed couldn't see you? What you couldn't see or hear didn't exist, right? But now that we are all grown up, why does text messaging still fall into this category?

Often people refuse to recognize that when sending a text message, they're communicating with a living, breathing human being. Even though the person you're texting can't hear you, they can see right through you — if they only want to.

The computer mediated communication theory says the absence of social context clues is the major distinction between computer-mediated communication and face-to-face conversation. The theory emphasizes that participants in a computer-mediated conversation often lose attention easily because there is no one physically present to stop them from doing so.

This could be where mass text messaging, or "sexting," comes into play. For example, you receive a "sext" and 30 seconds later all of your roommates receive the same one. There are a multitude of things that fuel these "sext" messages and most have to do with alcohol.

To someone who has just taken a shot of liquid courage, a text message is nothing more than a "Hey. In case you're not thinking about me, now you will." What people would never say to someone face-to-face they usually don't think twice about sending in a text message.

One of my recent personal favorites was "I'm a cuddler. You like to cuddle?" Of course, the classic "sext" is one that is sent at 2:30 a.m. Sunday night, "What r u doin?"

What do think I'm doing? Probably sleeping. Although text messages may be more convenient, nothing will replace a genuinely-placed phone call — drunk or not. G2G.

Sonya Cisneros is a senior news-editorial journalism and communication studies major from Fort Worth.

Jillian Hutchinson will make its debut later this year on MTV. On the show, 20 candidates will compete for the prize of becoming Paris' new best friend forever.

What girl doesn't want a best friend? And what girl doesn't want that friend to be Paris?

Although people have been searching for love on television for several years, something seems different about setting out on a

mission for a best friend. It seems so desperate. Of course, conventional means of finding friends for Paris would not be nearly as entertaining. Surely her future friends are Paris Hilton wannabes or potential party pals. A friend forever?

Probably not. On the show, contestants must prove themselves in areas of loyalty, endurance and "girl politics."

At least those are good qualities to have in a friend and all the qualities that seem to be needed in the college life of friendship and living with girls.

Paris' show seems to reach an all-new level of shallowness and only continues to prove that her life is centered on being rich and famous.

Will there only be one season and therefore only one BFF? Or will there be multiple seasons and several best friends, just in case one doesn't end up being so loyal or so good at "girl politics?"

Perhaps others will follow Paris' lead and other celebrities and maybe even average people will begin their search for a best friend on national television.

Shallow as it may be, the show is sure to be entertaining. Whether we watch or not, we can be thankful for the friends we do have, friends we didn't find through auditions and television.

Jillian Hutchinson is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Omaha, Neb.

## Paris' search for new BFF sure to be reality TV gold

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During its nearly six decades of rule over Tibet, China has done its best to suffocate Tibetan language and culture. Thousands of monasteries have been destroyed. Tens of thousands of Tibetans have been killed. Religious freedom is non-existent. And displaying the Dalai Lama's photo is verboten. The protesting Tibetans want greater autonomy and an end to Beijing's iron rule.

For China, these protests, coming just months before the world is set to descend on Beijing for the Summer Olympics, are beyond inconvenient. They shine a spotlight on China's troubling human rights record — and re-insert the disputed status of Tibet into the international conversation.

Of course, that's what the Tibetans want. When better to draw attention to your cause, and force the government's hand, than in the months before the Olympics?"

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Honoring pastor wrong choice; Alumna 'saddened and ashamed'

I attended Brite during the years 1967-69, then the School of Theology at Claremont for four years.

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Shelby Dawson Tallchief is an alumna of the Brite Divinity School.

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# Application software designed to boost corporate iPhone sales

By REX CRUM  
MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Inc.'s latest efforts to make the iPhone more attractive to business customers by adding new support for corporate e-mail and information systems has some analysts divided on how much the device will be accepted by the corporate market.

On March 6, Apple unveiled a software development kit, or SDK, for third-party developers to build applications for the iPhone, and support for Microsoft Corp.'s Exchange ActiveSync that will give the iPhone features such as push e-mail and other capabilities.

These changes could make the device

more competitive with products such as the BlackBerry from Research in Motion, which is enormously popular in the enterprise market.

In a report this week, Toni Sacconaghi of Bernstein Research called the moves "positive developments" for Apple and the iPhone, but questioned whether the efforts

will be the iPhone should attract new developers to Apple's technology platforms, and "will likely be the first Apple device for millions of corporate users, and positive impressions could drive stronger demand for Macs over time."

Hargreaves estimates that the addition of the SDK and ActiveSync support will, over the next year, drive 5 million iPhone sales to corporate customers.

Sacconaghi believes architectural differences between ActiveSync and the BlackBerry service already "present a barrier for many corporate IT systems." Because of that, Sacconaghi said he doesn't expect the iPhone to become a standard-issue device at many large corporations. The device is more likely to find a niche with smaller business that will offer support for employees' personal iPhones.

He said the biggest stimulus to iPhone sales will probably be a price cut, or new models with lower prices than current devices.

Hargreaves, on the other hand, believes the iPhone could end up not only succeeding in the enterprise market but lead to a halo effect for Apple's Macintosh computers similar to the one created by the success of the iPod in the consumer market.

Hargreaves estimates that Apple holds less than 2 percent of the worldwide share of the corporate PC market, and that improved enterprise support for the iPhone "suggest that (the) Mac could see meaningful growth in the enterprise markets" through Apple's 2009 fiscal year. Hargreaves said that every 1 percent gain by the Mac in enterprise markets could add 25 cents to Apple annual per-share earnings, and help make up for slowdowns in the consumer market.

# Americans find themselves in dark ages without Web access

By TIM BARKER  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — It may not be the end of the world. But it can feel like it.

You open your Web browser, only to be greeted by an obscure error message suggesting something is wrong with your Internet connection. Hit the refresh key. Nothing.

Reboot. Check the modem. Still nothing. Then comes that sinking feeling in the pit of your stomach as the realization sets in: No e-mail. No eBay. No MySpace. No YouTube.

It's as if you've been transported back to the Dark Ages. Might as well take away your electricity and running water, too.

Such has been the transformation of the Internet, which has wormed its way into our lives during the past decade, morphing from accessory to necessity. Never is that more obvious than those times when you want to go online, but can't.

"I suspect for a lot of people, if you cut that cord, they wouldn't know what to do with themselves," said Bob Papper, a media professor at Hofstra University. "They'd be paralyzed without the Internet. They might have to read."

For decades, the television set has been the centerpiece of the American home. Nothing else challenges it in terms of time spent watching it. But a recent study by The Pew Internet & American Life Project suggests Americans actually place a higher value on their Internet connections.

The December survey — the results were released last week — asked participants which technologies would be hardest to give up. The Internet, at 45 percent, narrowly edged out TV, at 43 percent. Five years earlier, a similar survey rated the Internet at 38 percent and TV at 47 percent.

For Dan Miller, a freshman at St. Charles Community College in Missouri and an avid online gamer, the choice is easy. He'd give up TV without a second thought.

Five nights a week — Fridays and Saturdays are game-free — he joins five other members of his Skull Gaming team to play Counter-Strike, a so-called first-person shooter pitting counter-terrorists against terrorists. Play sessions generally last five hours.

For Miller, access to the Internet and his online friends is critical. There aren't, he said, many other entertainment options near his home in O'Fallon, Mo.

"If I didn't have the Internet, that's five hours where I'd have to think of something else to

do," Miller said. "I don't know what I would do, actually."

It isn't just gamers who find themselves relying on the Internet. Since 2000, Internet activity in the general population has soared. The Pew group has been tracking U.S. usage since March 2000, when 46 percent of Americans said they spent time online. In December's latest survey, that number surged to 75 percent, with more than half of country using broadband.

It is that group — the folks with faster connections — that tends to be most attached to the Internet, said Lee Rainie, director of the Pew group.

Dial-up users are more casual in their approach, generally using the Internet for e-mail and limited surfing. But once they switch to broadband, the role of the Internet changes in their lives. It begins to matter more, he said.

"They spend more time online. They do more things online," Rainie said. "They think online first when solving a lot of their problems."

Those problems come in a wide range of flavors. Need a recipe for Asian fried rice? Want to settle a bet with a friend over which actor played the lead role in the 1987 movie "The Princess Bride?" Or maybe you just need directions to the nearest movie theater.

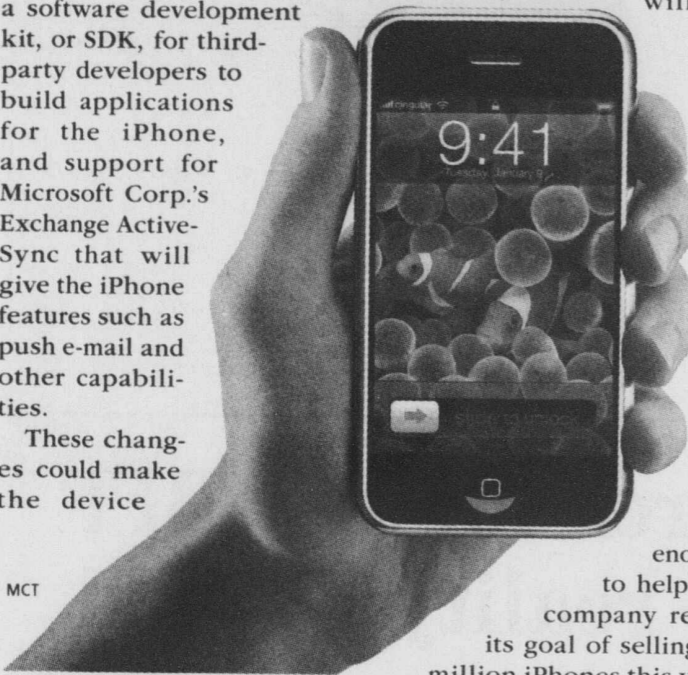
The anxiety that accompanies an Internet connection disruption is fueled by more than just the desire for convenient access to information. One of the biggest problems is coping with the feeling that things are happening without you. Your friends are still having fun. Conversations are taking place. Your e-mail box is filling up with messages in need of replies.

"There is a kind of compulsive behavior. It's the kind of thing where you try to keep on top of it," said Steve Jones, a professor of communications at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

That need to stay current, however, is increasingly more real than imagined.

A few years ago, Jones used to play a game with his students. He would ask them to go 24 hours without using the Internet and to keep a journal documenting their digital abstinence.

Not anymore. "So much of what they do relies on the Internet," Jones said. "I couldn't in good conscience tell them to stop using it."



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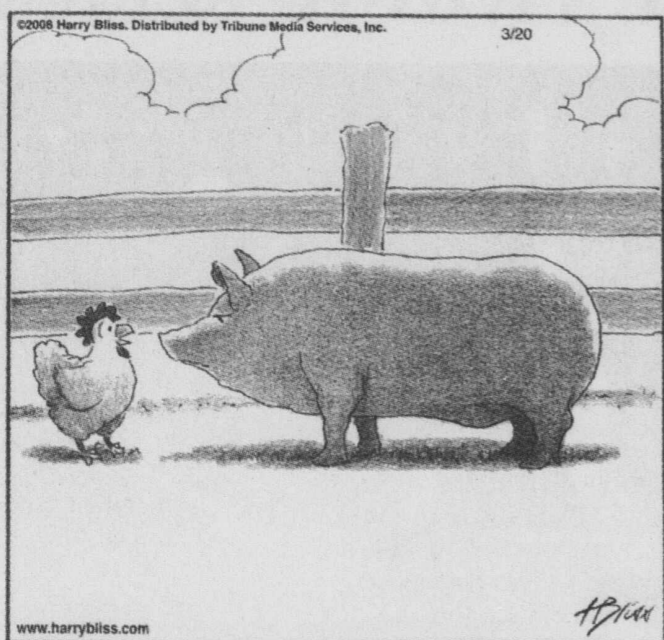
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**Wednesday's Solutions**

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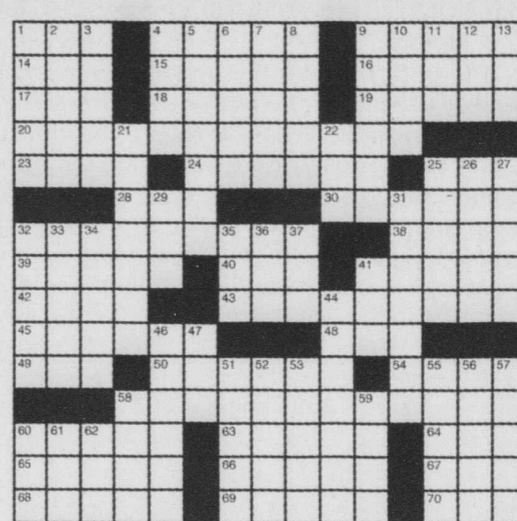
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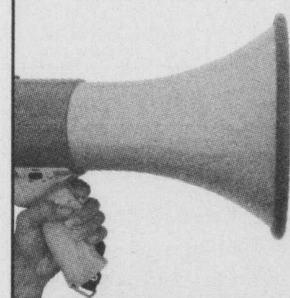
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**Rested team to face first conference rival in series**

By JOHN BOLLER  
Staff Reporter

Rain could actually end up helping the baseball team.

Because of the recent severe weather in the Fort Worth area, the TCU baseball team did not have to play McNeese State on Tuesday night, allowing the Horned Frogs extra time to rest and prepare for the beginning of conference play tonight against the University of New Mexico.

TCU (9-8) has had the upper-hand in six out of the last seven games against the Lobos (11-8).

New Mexico's offense is led by its leadoff hitter, junior first baseman Kevin Atkinson. Atkinson leads the team with eight doubles and is second in hits and on-base percentage.

Freshman catcher and designat-

ed hitter Rafael Neda is key to the Lobos' offense with a team-high 19 RBIs.

One of the Lobos' probable starting pitchers in the series is junior right-hander Willy Kesler. Kesler, who is 4-0 on the season and has a 1.90 ERA with 18 strike outs in 23.2 innings pitched, is scheduled to start Saturday.

In the opening game of the series, junior right-hander Seth Garrison is expected to start on the mound for the Horned Frogs. Garrison is 0-3 with a 6.61 ERA in 16.1 innings pitched this season.

On offense, the Frogs have a lineup that is led by four upper-classmen. Juniors Ben Carruthers and Matt Carpenter, along with seniors Clint Arnold and Bryan Kervin have played in all 17 games

this season and have accounted for 28 of the teams 58 RBIs.

TCU is coming off a series against rival No. 23 Wichita State, which swept the Horned Frogs three games to none.

New Mexico has won its past three games, driving in 12 runs in two of the wins.

Last year the Horned Frogs took the season series against the Lobos 2-1.

**FOR YOUR INFO**

**New Mexico vs. TCU**

When: 6:30 p.m. today

Where: Lupton Stadium

Stakes: This is the Horned Frogs' first conference game. It's also the first of a three-game series.



Senior infielder Clint Arnold went 1-2 in TCU's 3-2 win over UTA. The Horned Frogs start conference play today with a three-game series against the University of New Mexico.

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**FOOTBALL**

**Florida player dead; cause still unknown**

By PADRICK BREWER  
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Future

OVIEDO, Fla. — A UCF football player died Tuesday morning after a spring strength and conditioning drill.

Ereck Plancher died at Florida Hospital in East Orlando after rescue personnel transported him from the Nicholson Fieldhouse following the practice.

UCF director of athletics Keith Tribble said Tuesday that they did not know what caused Plancher's death but that all athletes were required to pass physicals to practice.

"We are still in the fact-gathering process," Tribble said. "Following the completion of today's offseason conditioning program, Ereck apparently took to one knee as the team departed the fieldhouse. The UCF training staff was on site and attended to him immediately, including administering CPR."

"Emergency personnel were called and subsequently transported Ereck to Florida Hospital. We were then notified of his passing at 11:51 a.m."

UCF Police Department officers were the first to arrive and performed CPR.

"We received a call at 10:49 this morning from the medical staff, from the trainers," UCF police Chief Richard Beary said. "At 10:52, we had officers on scene. When they arrived on scene, the medical staff was performing CPR and had him attached to an automatic external defibrillator."

Officers then took over CPR until fire rescue arrived on the scene, who also performed CPR and took him to Florida Hospital, where he died, Beary said.

Beary said Plancher was not conscious when officers arrived at the fieldhouse.

Tribble said though he did not play last season, Plancher was known for his work ethic.

"Even though he redshirted last season, Ereck was known as a hard-working member of the team and an outstanding student at this university," Tribble said.

Spring football practice was set to start this morning, but it has been indefinitely postponed.

"I know that I speak for our entire UCF family in saying that our thoughts and prayers are with Ereck's family on such a tragic day," Tribble said.

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