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**IN BRIEF**

**Bush pledges to make changes to tax code**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Bush pledged Thursday to aggressively pursue changes in Social Security, the tax code and medical practice awards, working with Democrats if they are receptive and leaving them behind if they're not. "I earned capital in the campaign, political capital, and now I intend to spend it," Bush said a day he became the first president in 68 years to win re-election and gain seats in both the House and Senate.

**Three British soldiers killed in Iraq attack**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents

attacked British troops at a checkpoint in central Iraq on Thursday, killing three and wounding eight in a suicide bomb and mortar barrage. The attack was aimed at soldiers sent to free U.S. forces for an assault on Fallujah. U.S. troops pounded the region with airstrikes and artillery fire, softening militants ahead of the expected assault. Loudspeakers at Fallujah mosques blared Quranic verses and shouts of "Allahu akbar," or "God is great," during the assault, residents said.

**Aides: Ashcroft likely to leave A-G post**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Attorney General John Ashcroft is likely to leave his post as the start of President Bush's second term, senior aides said Thursday. Ashcroft, 62, is described as exhausted from leading the Justice Department in fighting the domestic war on terrorism since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

**Arafat fighting for his life in Paris**

CLAMART, France — Yasser Arafat was reportedly fighting for his life Thursday at a French military hospital after losing consciousness, as

Palestinian officials transferred some of their 75-year-old leader's powers to Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia. Doctors at the Percy military training hospital outside Paris, where Arafat was airlifted last Friday after more than two weeks of confinement in the West Bank, quashed a swirl of reports that he had died.

**Ivory Coast breaks civil war cease fire**

BOUAKE, Ivory Coast — Ivory Coast warplanes bombed the largest city of the rebel-held north Thursday, breaking a more than year-old cease-fire in the civil war that split West Africa's one-time economic powerhouse.

The government's Russian-made Sukhoi jets attacked at dawn and swept back in for at least three more raids by nightfall, targeting rebel military and civilian headquarters and television in surprise attacks that left civilians cowering in their homes.

There was no official word on casualties, but rebels said 25 civilians were injured. The relief group Medecins sans Frontieres said the raids injured 39 people, 14 of them civilians.

— The Associated Press

# Activist questions agenda at neighborhood meeting

*The West University Neighbors association meeting included discussion of a mapping project and attendance*

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The West University Neighbors association heard updates on various neighborhood projects from University and neighborhood leaders at its Thursday night meeting, prompting debate between attendees.

Community activist Zachary Vishanoff made his presence loudly known at the very beginning of the meeting, expressing disdain for the agenda.

Vishanoff said that too many items on the agenda stifle the state because everyone feels rushed to move on to the next item, which paves the way for a totalitarian-type rule over the neighborhood.

"You're creating a scripted agenda so we can't get to the big issues," Vishanoff told West University Neighbors chairman Drix Rixmann.

University professor Marc

Schlossberg attended the meeting with students from his Geographic Information Systems mapping course. Students in the class are mapping the West University neighborhood using handheld mapping devices and had rough drafts of the maps they had made.

Vishanoff questioned the mapping project's possible association with homeland security and demanded more debate be allowed concerning the project. He said the project may not intend to do harm but the information it provides could help others do just that.

"What you get from one project is easily transferable," Vishanoff said. "I can see it opening like a Trojan horse."

Schlossberg said he is open to debate but does not feel that Vishanoff is adequately informed about the mapping project. He said students have found the project to be a very

valuable experience and emphasized the class' openness to community questioning and involvement.

Oregon Student Association representative Courtney Hight attended the meeting to encourage community members to attend Monday's public hearing concerning the proposed housing code.

A representative from the Rental Owners Association was scheduled to attend but did not show. Rixmann said ROA is concerned about the cost of the new housing code, concerns both Hight and City Councilor David Kelly said are unfounded.

Attendees also discussed ways to increase attendance at the neighborhood meetings. In order to elect an executive board or vote on any issues, 20 neighborhood residents must be in attendance.

Suggestions included changing the time of the meeting and meeting in a place more central to campus. "We need to have some draw to get a lot of people here," Rixmann said.

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# GIS: Students use demographics in analysis

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attached to landmark information on the PocketPC so students have a photo along with the data.

"It's a lot simpler than going out in the neighborhood and using a clipboard and paper," Schlossberg said. "We didn't need a rugged, high-end handheld, but simply a medium to quickly and easily store data."

Class projects include pedestrian "walkability" studies and a United Way-sponsored project that studies community demographics such as income, employment or race. United Way conducted a telephone survey of Lane County residents and then had students in the class map out the information from the survey to see if there are regional trends or patterns.

Initially, the whole class worked on the United Way project. Now students are working on individual studies, with the exception of three students who have continued to work on the United Way project.

One of the students is Grace Burgwyn, who uses the mapping technology to assess data pertaining to affordable housing and homeless youth.

"The information in our GIS maps can get very specific," Burgwyn said. "With census data or even through a phone book, I can use the map to see what house a person lives in, their name, income, or what kind of car they drive."

Graduate student Kristopher Ackerson said he crunches numbers on the insurance aspect of the United Way project — who has insurance, where insured or uninsured people live and demographics of insured people. He is also creating a three-dimensional map of Eugene that offers demographic and geographical information.

"We got to meet with the neighborhood and we built a relationship," said Ackerson. "It's given people a chance to see what this technology could do. It's sparked a lot of ideas.

GIS tools are valuable, and the ability to look at information geographically is helpful."

Graduate student Rob Stevens works with walkability studies. He uses the PocketPC to survey statistics, such as traffic volume, sidewalk conditions or architectural styles. He said the technology has been an enjoyable aspect of the class.

"I'd like to do work that ultimately benefits the community and working actively with community members," Stevens said.

The community finally saw the work that Schlossberg and his students compiled for them. Members of the West University Neighbors association met with the class yesterday to see the findings on how to improve their neighborhood.

"I think this first year has been a great experience, but it's a lot of work," Schlossberg said.

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<b>Mon. 11/8</b>	<b>JAZZ ARRANGERS CONCERT</b> With guest composer James Miley.	8 p.m., Beall Hall \$5 General Admission, \$3 students & senior citizens
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<b>Wed. 11/10</b>	<b>POETRY IN SONG</b> UO voice students sing art songs.	7:30 p.m., Beall Hall FREE Admission
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