

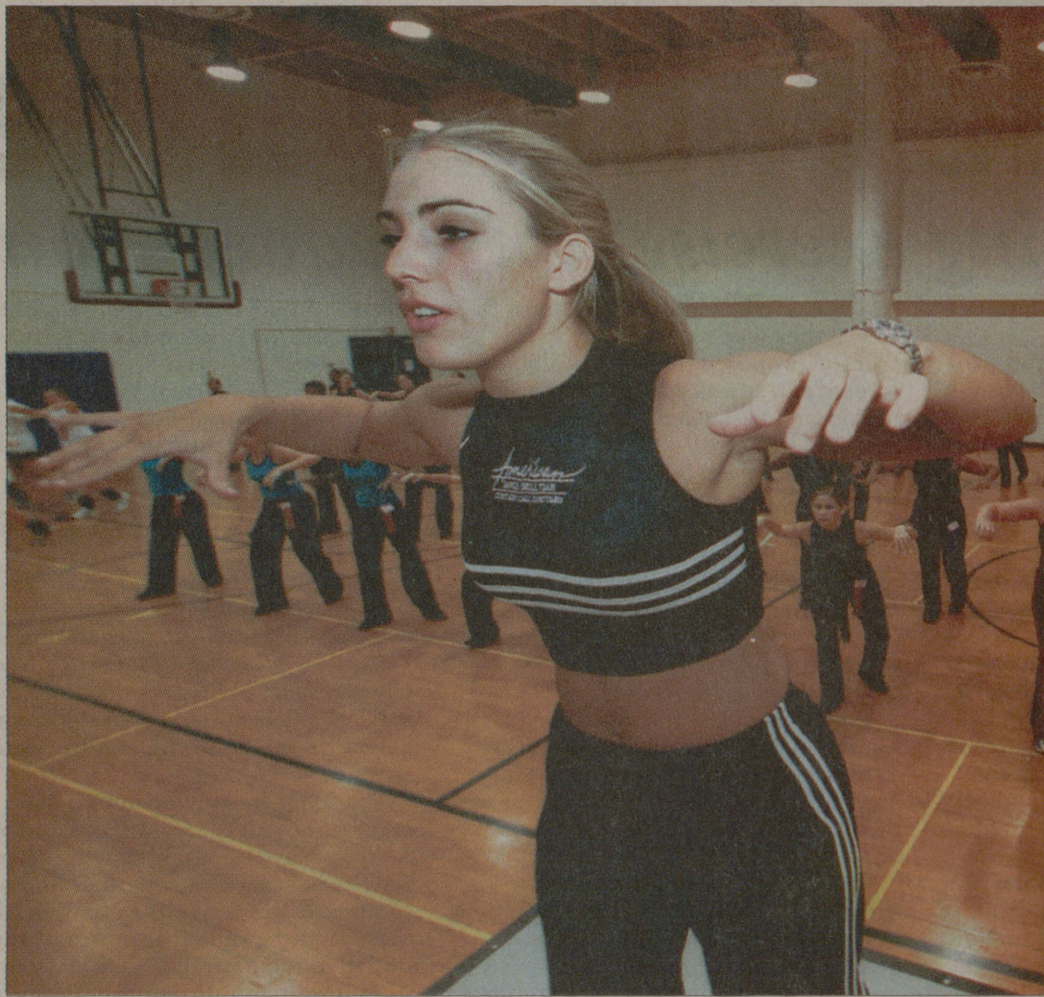
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Lott calls stem cell research promising

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's top Republican, Trent Lott, said Sunday that he sees "great potential" for controversial research that uses stem cells from human embryos.

President George W. Bush is now weighing whether to allow federal funding for the research, which scientists say holds tremendous promise but which is contentious because the cells are derived from embryos left-over from fertility treatments.

Some abortion opponents, including the Roman Catholic Church, say the research amounts to unethical experimentation on an early life. Others, including several high-profile Republicans, say the benefits outweigh the harm, particularly because the embryos are going to be destroyed anyway.

Lott stopped short of endorsing federal funding, declining to state his position. But he said he told Bush that "this is an important issue that has potentially significant health benefits."

"There are some delicate questions here, but the benefits are substantial, as we understand it, and they should be carefully considered," Lott, R-Miss., said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"Obviously, there is some great potential here." Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson — another anti-abortion Republican who has voiced support for the research — has promised a decision by mid-July.

Stem cells, the building blocks for all human tissue, are present in adults as well. But the cells derived from embryos are the most versatile because they are the least developed. Researchers say using them could lead to revolutionary treatments for Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, spinal cord injuries and other ailments.



LOTT

But federal law bans the use of tax dollars on any research that destroys embryos. The Clinton administration got around that by ruling it is OK to use the stem cells in federally funded research, as long as private dollars paid for them to be extracted from the embryos.

It is now up to the Bush administration whether to maintain that interpretation or change the policy.

Several high-profile Republicans are urging Bush to allow the research to move forward.

"I think it is probably something that is good for America, good for medical research, and could save lives," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition."

Republican Sens. Orrin Hatch of Utah and Susan Collins of Maine each wrote Bush in recent days supporting funding for the research. Other GOP supporters include Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina and Gordon Smith of Oregon and former Sen. Connie Mack of Florida.

"I have rarely, if ever, observed such genuine excitement for the prospects of future progress than is presented by embryonic stem cell research," Hatch wrote in a letter to Bush.

Many Catholics say the research is unethical because the embryos are the start of human life.

Spain riots turn violent

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Riot police made what appeared to be an unprovoked attack Sunday on anti-globalization protesters gathered in a city park following a midday march down a main boulevard. At least 32 people were slightly injured and 19 were arrested.

Thousands of screaming and shouting demonstrators, some with small children, fled in panic as the police pushed into the crowd behind shields, wielding truncheons and firing blank gunshots.

"We raised our arms and shouted, 'Peace, Peace,' but they just kept coming," said a woman who identified herself as Yolanda.

The march along Passeig de Gracia and rally at the Plaza de Catalunya — along with other weekend activities — were organized to coincide with a World Bank meeting originally scheduled for this week. Officials canceled the meeting last week to avoid violent protests that have marred meetings of global and regional institutions

in the past two years.

The march was largely peaceful, but some store windows were broken along the route, among them a Burger King restaurant and a Swatch store.

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— Ada Colau
spokeswoman for Campaign
Against the World Bank

Small groups of men and women taunted riot police.

Thousands of other demonstrators joined the marchers at the park following the march. They had been peacefully listening to speakers and chanting slogans when the police swept through the plaza.

The police charged the crowd after a small group of masked men and women who appeared to be police agents staged a fight at the edge of the park in full

view of a line of riot police standing in front of police vans. A few dozen demonstrators were pulled into the violence.

"Police provoked the fight. They were part of it," said Ada Colau, a spokeswoman for the Campaign Against the World Bank, one of the protest organizations.

Reporters watched as the police appeared to use the staged scuffle as bait to pull protesters into it and then use it as a pretext to charge into the park. A second charge emptied the park within minutes.

The masked assailants, some of them apparently wearing earphones, had gathered in groups on the fringes of the protest march as it arrived at the park after passing down a dozen blocks of the boulevard.

They were wearing knapsacks and carrying sticks, but were able to walk freely past police, pull on their masks and position themselves between the edge of the crowd in the park and the police lines 25 yards away.

Energy drinks win bar fans

ATLANTA (AP) — Never mind what the label says. The new brands of energy drinks are aimed more at marathon partiers than serious athletes. And that has health officials worried.

The drinks come in flashy cans and bottles with names like Red Bull, Adrenaline Rush and Jones Whoop-Ass Energy Drink. They do not taste great by almost universal consensus, but they're the fastest-growing segment of the beverage market because they deliver a quick punch of energy.

"A couple of years ago they were sort of an underground drink, served only at clubs. Pretty soon they're going to be everywhere," said Max Rodriguez, a marketing manager for the Edge Co., which imports Atomic Energy Drink from Brazil. "They enable you to practically stay up all night and not get really drunk."

The energy kick is delivered by a cocktail of stimulants. Many of the drinks contain caffeine and guarana, a South American plant used as a stimulant, plus a long list of herbs and vitamins promising better health and athletic performance.

"They definitely deliver a buzz or a jolt," said John Sicher, editor and publisher of Beverage Digest. "They're generally par-

ty drinks. A very large percentage are consumed in bars, restaurants and used as mixers.

"It definitely put me on a pace," said Elaine Bartlett, 29, suburban Forest Park.

"It gets you drunker quicker than you can stand the taste of it," Brent Isbell, 30, of Anniston, Ala.

At Cosmopolitan, a trendy midtown Atlanta bar, bartender Chris Bates once served 400 Red Bull-and-vodkas in a night. The slim silver-and-blue cans stacked behind the bar alongside the bourbon and rum, and Bates described Red Bull as "absolutely the most popular thing we have."

"We go through them like you wouldn't believe," he said. "People want to get drunk, stay awake, and this pretty much does both."

The drinks are so popular that beverage giants Coca-Cola, Anheuser-Busch, Pepsi-Cola and Cadbury Schweppes have all rolled out their own energy drinks in recent months, plan to launch them soon.

The drinks first showed up in nightclubs in New York and Los Angeles and were favored by revelers who like to drink and dance till dawn. They spread to bars nationwide and are sold at liquor and grocery stores. Most cost about \$2 for 8 ounces.

Koizumi passes first test

Prime minister is popular with the Tokyo public

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi survived the first test of his popularity as his fellow party members rode his coattails to victory in Tokyo's municipal election Sunday.

Koizumi, whose public support ratings stand near 90 percent, has been popular with voters since he took office in April with promises to rid politics of its old guard and push reforms that would kick-start Japan's sluggish economy.

His Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) won 53 seats in the 127-seat Tokyo assembly, five more than its previous tally and exceeding the party's target of 50 seats, said a party spokeswoman on condition of anonymity. All but two of 55 LDP candidates won seats.

The victory bodes well for the long-ruling LDP going into next month's national upper house elections.

"This has given a further push to Koizumi's popularity," said Yoshiaki Iisaka, a professor of political science at Seigaku University just north of Tokyo. "You can figure that it's going to help their chances in the next house elections."

While the added seats did not give the LDP a majority, the party remains the largest voting bloc in the city assembly.

More importantly, it dispels concern that public affection for Koizumi would translate into support for low party members, who have suffered from ineffectual leadership from Koizumi's predecessors.

A survey last month in the national Mainichi newspaper estimated support for the LDP at just 29 percent. Of 55 candidates running for LDP ticket were the few ever for the party, which ruled Japan for most of the past half century.