

## June deadline set for school finance reform

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XBOX360
Xbox 360 sells for $\$ 3,000$ on eBay as study shows online sales skyrocketing.

## STATE

Irvin arrested on drug charges in Plano boys receiver Michael Irvin walas charged
with misdemeanor possession of drue paraphernalia a ater Plano police officers.
searched his vehicl during a tuaffic stop. Irvin, an ESPN analys tand semifnalist
for the Pro Foothal Hall for the Pro Football Hall of Fame, told The
Associated Press late Sunday that the drug pipe found in his car belogged to a firend
of 17 years wholeta Houston rehab center and years wholefta Houston reenab center Thanksgiving
friends name.
Irvin said he put the pipe in his car
because he didnt because he didn't want it in his house
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he panned to drive somewhere the nex day, like a grocery trash bin, and throw the pipe away but forgot.
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said Irvin, whose voice was choked with said Irvin, whose voice was choked wit
emotion during the conversation.

## NATION

Post-holiday travelers stranded in Plains DENVER (AP) - Travelers trying stranded across the Plains on Monday the season closed hundreds of miles of the season closed hundreds of miles on
highway, cutting visibility to zero and piling up drifts 6 feet high. Snow driven by wind up to 69 mph
fell from North Dakota to the Texas fell from North Dakota to the Texas
Panhandle, shutting down schools, post Pantande, shutung down schools, post
offices and South Dakota state goverment.
Four deachs were blamed on slippery
Toadd in South Dakora Nebraska and roads in South Dakota, Nenraska and
Kansas, and a fifth person was killed when tormado picked up and hurled a car in Arkansas.
Its not safe for anybody," said Sha-
ron Rouse, owner of a towing service at ron Rouse, owner
Keamey, Neb.
Eastbound lanes of Interstate 70 were closed for nearly 350 miles from
Denver across the Plains to Russell, Kan. Westbound lanes were reopened in some areas.
"We're just waiting," said Corey
Dagner, who was stuck in Limon, Colo on his way home to llinois after attending a wedding at the Breckenridge ski resort. "Nobodd's sure what's going on
and what time theyre going to open the and what time they're going to open th
interstate." interstate."

WORLD
Relatives demand entry to mine after explosion

QiTAIHE, China (AP) - Anxious |  |
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| relatives demanded to be a allowed into |
| a coal mine Monday after an explosion |
| and | killed at least 134 miners and left 15 others missing, adding to a soaring deakn

toll in Chinas mines despite a safery
cracklown. crackdown. The blast in the Dongfeng Coal Min prompted national leaders to demand
stricter enforcement of safery rules in Chinas sinining industry, by fart the wordds deadlists, with more than 5,000 fatalitiess a
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forced the govermment to cut off water orred the govermme.
supplies for five days. Security yuards blocked the front gate as about a dozen people stood ousside in

## INSIDE

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## By JAY LANGLEY

According to court records, the current situation "has become virtually indistinguish
ceed minimum accreditation standards.
Sharp said. "The legistature now has pressure The plaintiff, who included the Lubbock Sharp said. "The legislature now has pressure
ndependent School District, argued that on them to deal with the school finance situpoor districts are forced to tax at or just be- ation." low the tax cap and remain unfunded. The A press release from Gov. Rick Perry stated
 the state legislature finds ways to fund public education by June 1 . The court ruled in a $7-1$ decision Nov. 22 Ttatewide are spending 97 percent of the rev Texas school finance system enue that would be available if every school unconstitutional because school districts are district taxed at minimum rates, a 14 percent not given "meaningful discretion" in the use increase from 1993. The court estimates that ausing the tax to evolve into a starewide eausing the tax to evolve into a statewide Texas Constitution. LISD public information officer Nancy Sharp said the LISD is happy with the cour e would call a special meeting to addre chool finance before the June deadline. The 79h Legislative Session has had two
special sessions, but lawmakers failed to pecial sessions, but lawmakers failed to
compromise on the working constitutional SCHOOLS continued on Page 3

## SGA officers' salaries dwarf other campus jobs

Officers justify gap by saying long hours, important responsibilities are just like a 'regular job'

## By ANDREW WOOD

Tech students find different ways to work hrough college. The range of jobs available income. Student Government Association of ficers, who are paid each month, said theii pay is justified by the hours put in for the job and the amount of responsibility. The SGA president earns $\$ 1,250$ per external vice president and internal vice president are paid $\$ 1,000$. The other three SGA officers, the chief of staff, communi cations director and journal clerk receive $\$ 500$ per month. The officers are paid from eptember to May.
The SGA student senate, which can sets the salaries, said Casey Harmon, SGA internal vice president.
Serving as an SGA officer is a "regular job," Harmon said, and is just like being regular student worker, but with mor esponsibilities.
the workers at the library or at a department computer lab," she said.
Daily meetings with administrators and working with different fee committees also are tasks performed by the officers, Harmon said.
"We at
dministrators attend meetings every day just like she said.
The salaries are not the reason the students run for office, she said, and the job requires enough hours that they do not have time to work anywhere else. SGA President Nathan Nash agrees. fortunate to work with. They love to serve

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## SEEING RED TO MAKE GREEN



KELLI VAN WINKLE, a senior horticulture major from Roswell, N.M., and Kristen Philips, a sophomore herriculcure major feing sold Monday afternoon in the Texas Tech Greenhouse to help fund the
wer Horticulture Society's trip to Orlando, Fla.
 - External Vice President, Graduate Vice President and
Internal Vice President $=\$ 1,000$ per month Chief of staff, communications
director and journal clerk $=\$ 500$ per month -5 Campus job pay - College of Architecture $=\$ 5.50$
$15-19$ hours per week, $\$ 330-5418$ 15-19 hours per week, $\$ 330-\$ 418$ per month
Athletic Academic Services
$\$ 5.50,12-15$ hours per week, 264-\$330 per month

- Biological Sciences $=\$ 5.35,20$ - TTU Early Head Start $=\$ 6.15$, hours per week, $\$ 369$ per month - Education $=\$ 6.00,15-17$ hours per week, $\$ 360$ - $\$ 408$ per month


## English $=\$ 5.15,20$ hours p

 week, \$412 per month- Law Library $=\$ 7.00,15-20$ hour -TTU Ranching Heritage Center $=\$ 5.15,10-19$ hours per week, 206-\$391 per mon
- Student Affairs Marketing and Promotions $=\$ 6.50,20$ hours per week, $\$ 520$ per month

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Self esteem is great, but excessive pride may make everyone irate
adying architecture from Sweetwater, nails rafters to the frame of a mobile home being constructed for Hurricane Katrina victims.

## By JEREMY REYNOLDS

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& \text { he classroom for students in graduate level architectural studio design smells } \\
& \text { like sawdust, sounds like a gun range and looks like the half-finished clubhouse } \\
& \text { some people were promised at age } 8 \text {. } \\
& \text { The } 15 \text {-student class might not be building something requiring a decoder }
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## By Meghann LORA <br> nordinate self-love is the cause of

according to www.deadlysins.com.
Darcy Reich, an assistant professor of
sychology, said having selfesteem and con
A Lamp, soaked with too much oil and psychology, said having self-esteem and con-
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pride comes before the fall. Scholars and happiness.
theologians often cite pride, the most serious "It's essential," he said. "People who don't of the seven cardinal sins, to be the root of
all other evils. St. Thomas Aquinas believed - 1 R PRIDE continued on Page 3
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themselves better. They tend to be more't sable, they diler coaster of motions" Chris Buhrer, a
senior mechanical engineering maj

Study shows nearly one in six Americans are online sellers
by carlos bergeld


From rare "He-Man" action figures
to to tickets to the Super Bowl, taking
classified ads digital has made almost classified ads digital has made almost
any item or service available to anyone any item or service available to anyone

- provided they have Internet access and sufficient funds.
A study released $S$ Sunday by the Pew Internet and American Life Project revealed about one in six, or 25 million,
of online American adults sell goods or of onine American adults sell goods or
services online. These sites and services have made
merchants out of Internet users who otherwise do not own a business. "EBay has made it so easy to set up your own little storefront and sell in
general,", said Glenn Browne, director of general," said Glenn Browne, directorof of
the Instiute for Internet Buyer Behavior at Texas Tech and an associate professor at Texas Tech and an associate professor
of information systems and quantitative sciences.
A prime example of the these types of sellers having merchandise unavailable elsewhere came last week with
the release of Microsoft's Xbox 360 console.
console.
Most retailers sold out of the system as soon as it went on sale, and other stores have reserve lists strecthing well
into 2006 . On the day of the system's release, an eBay auction for 139,99 Xbox 360 of more than $\$ 3,000$.
negotiable pricing structures differentitraditional brick-and-mortar or online etail outlets.
"You'll see sold like that just because there is such demand for such a limited supply," Browne said.
The report identified certain groups having a higher probability of engaging


Internet enthusiasts who frequently go online, Internet users with high-speed
broadband connections and users with broadoand connections and users with
more than six years of online experience
were most likely yo
were most likely to sell goods online.

Internet users in Generation X,
those from ages 29 to 40 , were found
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hose from Generation Y or older age groups.
"They're the people that sort o matured after the Intermet explosion," said John Durrett, an associate professo
of information systems and quantiative

probably are too young to use online auction sites heavily, and there are fewer older users of c
Internet in general. In addition, men were found to be the predominant sellers online. Of the
people surveyed who have Internet ac people surveyed who have Internet ac
cess, 20 percent of males said hey are
sellers, while 14 percent of females said

Most online sellers have an annua houshold income of $\$ 50,000$ or more, and college graduates sold items more
often than high school graduates or often than high school graduates or
those without high school diplomas. "Poorer people just don't have access to the technology," said Phil Dennis, a professor of anthropology. The report also found some disparity between the races of the sellers, as white
and English-speaking Hispanics were and English-speaking Hispanics were
each more likely to sell things online each more lik
than blacks.
Online auction sites and online classifieds were the main ways people in the survey reported selling goods online.
About one in four, 24 percent, of About one in four, 24 percent, of
American Internet users have bought or American Internet users have bought or
sold items in online auctions, and almost sold items in on line auctions, and almost
the same amount, 22 percent, have participated in online classified ads. Online classified ads had an 80 percent increase in visitors hhis September when compared with September of last year, according to the report.
The Craigslist sites, www.craigslist. The Criagssists sites, www.craigslist.
org, had the most hits of any classified ad org, had the most hits of any classified ad
site in September, with about 9 million unique visitors.
The number of online auction users has grown since the Pew foundation began the survey in 2000 with 99 percent increase, although the number of
Intemet users also has grown, making Internet users also has grown, making
the actual number greater. The data in the report came from a telephone survey of 2,251 American
adults ages 18 and older.

Handling of Hussein trial draws criticism from Shiite leaders

Saddam lashes out at U.S. 'occupiers and invaders' as court holds second session before adjourning
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A combative Saddam knows who actually participated in jihad, or holy war: Hussein lashed out Monday at his treatment by Ameri- "You thought you would be rewarded with heaven, as if
cas "occupiers and invader"" and lectured the chief judge God doesn't know who took part in jihad and who has
about leadership as his trial resumed in a rambling and persevered." can "occupiers and invaders and lecured the chief juge
about leadership as his trial resumed in a rambling and unfocused session.
Two of the seven other defendants also spoke out

He then complained that he had to walk up four flights during the $21 / 2$-hour hearing, complaining of their
treatment in detention or dissatisfaction with their stairs in shackles and accompanied by "foreign guards" treatment in detention or dissatisfaction with their The chief judge wizgor working. The chief judge, Rizgar Mohammed Amin, said he court-appointed counsel. The court's tolerance of such who contend the tribunal is trying too hard to accommodate an ousted dictator who should have already been ould tell the police not to let that happen again.
"You are the chief judge," Saddam snapped back. codare an ousted dictator who should have already been
convicted and executed. "The chief judge should be changed and replaced by someone who is strict and courageous," said Shite legis lator Alial-Adeeb, alt
Jbrahim al-Jaafari's party. you to tell them. I want you to order them. They are n our country. You have the sovereignty. You are Iraqi and hey are foreigners and occupiers. They are invaders. You hould order them."

The tribunal adjourned until next week to give the The orribunal allowed former U.S. Attorney General defense time to replace lawyers slain since the trial Ramsey Clark and prominent lawyers from Qatar and Joropened Oct. 19. Monday was only the second session dan to joined the defense team as advisers, a move aimed of the trial.
Saddam, im maculately groomed and the only defen-
dant wearing Western clothes, moved quickly to try to seize control of
Baghdad court. $\qquad$
Dressed in black trousers and a gray jacket with a
white handkerchief in the breast pocket, the 68 -yearold former president was the last defendant to enter the chamber.
rher defendants appeared frightened and exhausted, Saddam swaggered conididenty to his seat, bic greeting, "Peace be upon the people of peace" as he cradled a copy of the Quran. He began with a verse from the Muslim holy book
an to joined the defense team as advisers, a move aimed vould meet international standards of fairness. Also, the chief judge ordered all handcuffs and shack-
les removed from the defendants before they entered the les removed from the defendants before they entered
courtroom - another gesture toward the accused. The defendants stand accused of killing more than 40 Shite Muslims after an assassination attempt against Saddam in the Shiite town of Dujail in 1982. Convictions could bring a sentence of death by hanging. None of the nearly 35 prosecution witnesses testified
Monday, but the prosecution entered into evidence Monday, but the prosecution entered into evidence two
videotapes_one shot in the aftermath of the assassination videotapes - one shot in the attermath of the assassination
attempt showing Saddam in military uniform interrogating hree villagers. The second was a videotaped statement by Cormer intelligence e officer Wadah Israel al-Sheik made last former intelligence officer Wadah Israe a
month shortly before he died of cancer.

It's not an election year, but Tech Democrats, Republicans not off the clock
defined marriage a union between one Other issues the group addresses are to its meetings. By 2006 , Reay said he
man and one woman. About 85 per- natural disaster relief, including hur- expects the organization to have a much

"It clearly didn't work, but we still
had fun doing it," Reay said. Although the student Democrats
were disapoointed to see the proposition were disappointed to see the proposition
pass, Reay said he still believed the cam-
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 ticanes Katrina and Rita, which hit the busier schedule. Gulf Coast earlier this semester. He said "I'm sure by 2006 we'll be as involved it is important the government spends as we can," he said.
 the Demacrast", he said. "I
the majirity
think it's possible with the Iraq war."
While While looking ahead to Republicans is important, and said
some Republican candidates speak to the group as a

## "On things that are more local, we

## happens," he said. "Candidates use us

 to hear concerns and take them intoconsideritin."
While supporting Republican candidates locally, the group
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CONTINUED FROM PAGE ave self-confidence pron niserable lives." Buhrer said pride is taking credir
for something you've done whethe you deserve it or not. He said there is a distinct difference between self-confidence and pride.
"Self confden "Self-confidence is great, but the less pride you have the better," he said. Reich said there is a problem when
people think too highly of themselves. She said people who have inflated thoughts about their self-worth may try to bring down others to defend heir identity:
"When people have overly inflated elf-esteem, they tend to lash out at have to protect themselves." Comparisons and competition are evident in almost every aspect of life.

## Schools

CONTINUED FROM PAGE system.
Sharp said she is not worried schools vill not open in the fall of 2006 .
"I can't see any scenario when schools in Lubbock so not not open time," she said.
Sharp said LISD could tap into re serve funds for a short period of time
the stare funding does not come through the state funding does not come through. But she said she is confident the
ture will come up with a plan. "Ire will come u something," Sharp said. "I feel strongly that the state legislature will handle the situation in the proper manner. They know how important it is to the ax payers and to the students to get

## Homes

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 and a secret handshake to get into, but their quest is no less important. The weeks to design and will take up to weeks to design and will take up to transported to Beaumont for victims of Hurricane Katrina.
The one bed, one bath living unit - which resembles a mobile home without wheels - is a class project
Ashlee Finke and Matt Hart said they hoped could be mass-produced in case apect could be mass-produced in
another naturalal disaster struck. Hart sat balancing himself on the beams of the roof while talking'about what kind of work went into building uch a project.
"Through $t h$
"hrough this I'm learning why I'm going to school," said " art, a graduate
student from Borger. "I'd rather be out here than sitting in front of a computer in a classroom, because were going to
be sitting in front of computers for the rest of our careers."
He is not afraid the entire thing will come down one day. Before the class
ships the unit to Beaumont, he said, a Lubbock city official will come out and examine the project, as well as profes sor Mark Anderson, who owns his own architectural firm.
"It won't come down because it's
built with a little TLC," said Mike built with a little TLC," said Mike
Jones, a graduate student from SweetJones, a graduate student from Sweet-
water.
The students will build the entire
 The court did not rule on the
adequacy, efficiency and suitability of adequacy, efficiency and suitability of
the state school system, deciding that it currently meets constitutional and legislative requirement. Richard Kouri, director of public
affairs for the Texas State School Asso affairs for the Texas State School Asso-
ciation, said he is disappointed the court did not rule on the adequacy issue. "For some reason they decided that
the adequacy issues are not important
at this time," Kouri said. "But, we
are currently unable to raise proper resources. The current system is not providing adequate funding to the
school systems." chool systems.
He said Texas currently has 53,000 classrooms with teachers who are not properly certified.
"Without funding we can not attract ualified teachers," he said.
unit with the exception of plumbing
and electricity. Jones said the whole process is sort of trial and error. Sittting close to the unit is a pile of scraps from he errors.
Hart said a framer comes out to the site from time to time to make
everything is going smoothly. "In the first year of architecture, design crazy things that you don't know it can be built or not," Finke said. "But, now if you design it, you better know it can be built."
As of now, there is not a family lined
up for the housing unit, but Finke said he class worked closely with Habitat he class worked closely with Habitat
or Humanity in Beaumont. By the time It is finished, there would be someone aiting. Finke said the project is funded by bonations, such as the drywall and lumber that the students use. But, they still the project can be finished.

You're nervous enough about asking her dad, the last thing you need to worry about is the quality of the ring.

gunteed that the ring you buy from us is the bes
quality. Our rings are custom designed to meet your specifications.
comperition because it is detrimental for anyone to feel like a "loser." Children er-looking and richer than others. Basing self-worth on a comparison
others is not a good measure because person can never excel in every area of life, Reich said. "Sometimes people base their self"Wheem on comparisons," she said. When people are seeking to feel better about themselves, they are going to try ofind someone who makes them look etter. You are never always going to be etter than other people." Enily bishop, a sophomore predental major from Flower Mound, said comparisons to others can sometimes notivate a person to make changes in their life.
 "ourself," she said.
Bishop said people today are faced with unrealistic comparisons that they cannot compete with. She said super-

SGA
CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 and do what's best for the students at Texas Tech University," Nash
said. "To serve, you must have the desire to serve and a love for the university," His coworkers, he said, would do their job to the best of the abilities, even if they weren't "paid
a nickel." He said he is humbled to have the responsibilities. The salary helps the SGA focus their attention more on accomplishing their goals for the students, he said. "It helps us become more ef ficient in trying to accomplis.
we want to do," Nash said. we want to do," Nash said.
Harmon said she does note the salaries to increase or dexrease anytime soon unless the amount of responsibility changes. Considering the number hours required to serve the students, Nash said he is glad the senate has justified the amount of work with the salary. He said the officers
would not do any less than what is would not do any less than what is
expected from the student senate.

Being the student body's liaison campus also makes it easy for him to
the board of regents, administra- mix his schoolwork together with his tion and faculty is onts administraresident's respols of the SGA tending daily meetings wing with ttending daily meetings with Tech
dministrators, Nash said The SGA ministrators, Nash said. The SGA president also serves on various comfees to athletic affairs.
Although the salary has been set,
e number of hours officers work is not. The number of hours per week varies, Nash said, depending on what appens during the week.
The salary, he said, gives the of cers enough money that they are able to serve the students instead of working a second job. "We have a very effective student government because we're able to
sacrifice so much time," he said. "It sacrifice so much time, he said. "It
creates responsibilities to make sure we're doing our best job we can for the students."
In turn, the salary makes the abily to serve students more rewarding. e said.
While spending 30 to 50 hours er week in the SGA office, the officers also need time to focus on

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$x$ his schoolwork together with his Along with managing busy schedeves, Nash said the officers have Ven amount of responsibility.
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Worley, SGA external wice Worley, SGA external vice presi
dent. dent. Worley said students are tantey sadid students are more impor
thoney. "The most important thing is that we're elected to serve the students,
he said. "Let us know what we can do to help. The most important thing making things better."
The salary, he said, is a "nice adserve students.
be heard, and the salary compensates be heard, and the salary compensates that," Worley said. Serving on the SGA is not the
only way to make Tech a better place only way to m
Nash said.
"The pride in the university inspires students to make Tech the best
California Rep. Cunningham resigns after pleading guilty to charges of taking bribes

|  | case that grew out of an investigation | flying ace with the Navy during the |  |
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| Randy "Duke" Cunningham, an eight-term congressman and hotshot | into the sale of his home to a defense contractor at an inflated price. | Vietnam War, was known on Capitol |  |
| Vietnam War fighter jock, pleaded guilty to graft and tearfully resigned | The congressman had already announced in July - after the investiga- | his occasional ou |  |
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## View from the Big 12

How to have a political argument Pageants require courage, skill By RAMSEY TESDELI
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difficult to talk to people wese days. Interruptions can be phone callse e-mail a number of other digital devices hasn't our pants. It has led to a lack of our you, then they probably lack rational becoming more and more difficult to express your houghts and feelings unless you're on the phone or chatting on AIM
with someone. with someone.
Luckily for you, Ive developed several ways to win over your friends with
our stunning oratory skills. This is especially obvious when it comes to politics. And as this year
election season draws to a close, many politicians, media pundits and concerned citizens will be turning their attention to the imp
In what is arguably an ever-increasood a time as any to roview some basi tenets of debate etiquette.
Specifically, when engaging in po-
itical conversations with someone with litical conversations with someone with differing beliefs, I suggest abiding by the
following rules: - Ask nar

## By JESSICA DOTTER


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heroes. Pat Morita played a hero. Miyage
and was the first fictional blaydas a heror. Mivag lived in the real world and yet didn't relish putting the hurt on: "Always screre. Miragi
hate fighting." "Hai, because bovs have bad hate tghting." "Hai, because bovs have baa
attiude. Karate for defense only." "For life, not for points."
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eof something the great Chicago ournalist Mike Royko said when John Wayne died Royko hated Wayne's politics. But he loved
the Duke. Why? Because he
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ordinary people who pefform amazing act who run into burning buildings to save a ife, who jump into tivers to rescue drowning folks - or for that matter, anyone "who ever pursued justice in their everyday live
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Twenty-one years after it came out, gonna need a body bag!" still can get you laugh a p parties.
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Sure. But at the end of the day, Cobra Kai djoj is morally bankupt, and you know
it. We've alway known it. And maxbeever it. We've always knownit. And maybe ever
time someonestands up toabully, orchoose the path of moderation and integrity and restraint, or tries to undertand someone
elsés way of life, of fights for the riohtreason else's way of life, or fights for the rightreason and not for the wrong one, maybe, just mapbe, they're Pat Morita fans too. Wax on, wax off.

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courage, skill At first glance, it may seem that interview competition, but that is just not the case.
cross a stage to Simone walk or five-inch heels and tell me that ess't take courage
When looking
When looking for contes prompts possible delegates with the advice that they should "step
out of their comfort zone" That takes a lot of courage for That takes a lot of courage for
oung women to do. Pageants are perfect way to do something
utside of your normal routine and excel as a person by becoming excel as a p
role model.
Of course, comfortable, comfortable going outside of that not right for pageants.
That doesn't mean they aren't orthwhile people,
other ways to shine.
The point is that girls who win do have the courage, and that is they are chosen to represent their

$\mathrm{O}=$$0=$ Those aren't the traditional
words to that carol, but if you live in any area of the country with aggressive
atheists, and your singing is anyway sponsored by government funds those could become the new lyrics.
Christmastime in America no longer
draws visions of silver bells, Christmas draws visions of silver bells, Christmas
trees and nativity scenes, but, rather, now is the time for court-injunctions,
ACLU protests and grumblings from anyone who can play media darling for a week or two. At the same time,
any arguments from members of the Christian point-of-view immediately
open themselves up to vilifiction open themselves up to vilification and
ridicule. This past weekend, the press
begat ridicule. This past weekend, the press
began to focus on the Rev. Jerry Falwell's
attack on the city gol Boston, who decided this year, out of political correctuess, and religious and
social sensitivity, to call the traditional social sensitivity, to call the traditional
city Christmas tree, a holiday" tree. city Christmas tree, a "holiday"" tree.
The Rev. Falwell stated this as "a
concerted effort to steal Christmas." concerted effort to steal Christmas."
Falwell likened calling the tree Falwell likened calling the tree a
holiday tree to "calling a menorah a candlestick." Critics have called for Boston to remove the mention of the
lighting ceremony as a "holiday tree lighting ceremony as a "holiday tree
lighting celebration." While Rev. Fallighting celebration." While Rev. Fal-
well speaks for the Religious Right and well speaks for the Religious Right and
can frequently become over-the-top, he's correct in this situation. Trashing the name "Christmas" needs to end in
this country, and the choice by anyone to remove it from our public forums is outrageous and despicable.
Puritan pilgrims from Puritan pilgrims from England fled
to the New World with the hope of fleeing the persecution for their beliefs. fleeing the persecution for their beliefs.
Unable to practice as they wished in England, they boarded ships and sailed to America. Life on the new continent
promoted the ideology of religious promoted the ideology of religious
freedom. An ideology that stuck so well that it
of Rights.
of Rights.
The Firs
sitution states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." According to proponents of a separation of church and state,
embodied in those 10 word s is the ribht to eliminate Christmas from public to eliminate Christmas from public
mention. What
unintentionally submitting to is satateendorsed atheism, and, while atheism is not a traditional religion, it does indicate a governmentally subscribed
set of beliefs. Modern-day Christians are begin-
ning to compare more and more to the pilgrim colonists of the $17^{\text {th }}$ century. All over America, Christians face scorn for their beliefs. Avoiding the attacks
by the general populace is regretably by the general populace is regrettably
unavoidable - waves of seculare multi unavoidable - waves of secular multi-
culturalism have spread too far within


The assault of religious views by
the government is avoidable, however, the government is avoidable, however,
and the conscious decision for the state, local and national government to do so is a threat to the ideals that helped fo
the beginnings of this continent.


Those who originally sought religious freedom in the New World would be quite disappointed in modern America. Schools no longer refer to breaks as
Christmas breaks;" they have become "holiday breaks." Once past Thanksgiv ing, the media calls the time the "holiday season" instead of the month long build-up during the "Christmas season."
Holiday hopping, holiday trees, holiday Holiday shopping, holiday trees, holiday
carols, holiday lights, what holidays are carols, holiday lig

Hanukkah occurs during that pe riod, and the holiday of Kwanzaa occurs for the week immediately following
Christmas day. While Hanukkah and Kwanzaa are both holidays for those who celebrate them, what majority of
the population is contained within? he population is contained within?
School-aged children now learn about Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and their respective histories, but aren't allowed to learn the fundamentals of Christmas? Teaching the story of Christmas
would be incredibly offensive to many would be
people.
Yet
Yet, Kwanzaa, a racist holiday, gets a stronger billing than a major holiday
of one the world's major religions. Yes, Kwanzaa is a racist holiday. It honors About one race. If I wanted to creste about one race. IfI wanted to create and
celebrate a holiday that promoted white celerrate a holiday that promoted white
heritage in America, wouldn't that be racist and wrong?
Currently in our American classrooms, millions of students are subjected to the learning of such a holiday while Christians and their holiday are
graded to second-class status. Eraded to second-class status. Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or any holiday for that matter. Rather, I think all religions and ideas should be taught in our classrooms to encourage tolerance. That's why it is so wrong to eliminate every teaching
or mention of Christianity. Those who or mention of Christianity. Those who originally soughtreligious freedom in the
New World would be quite disappointed in modern America.
The government needs to stop acts of condemnation on traditional American history and values. For goodness sakes Boston, it's a Christmas tree,
school districts go on Christmas breaks, school districts go on Christmas breaks,
consumers buy Christmas presents and consumers buy Christmas presents and
what America most needs now, is a little Christmas spirit.
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## 'Push fast, push hard,' heart association says in new, simpler CPR guidelines




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| By ANNE GEPFORD <br> Semor Stafy Wmiter <br> The times, they are a changing. Bob Dylan did not know how much back in 1963 when he sang that song. <br> In recent years, the focus has been on women entering previously maledominated positions to become top lawyers, CEOs and engineers. Men, however, have not been left behind as women continue to pursue these careers. <br> Many male students have found the freedom to pick a career track that does not focus on the traditional, stereotypically male math or science route. Instead, many college men are focusing on a future with a career they have an actual interest in <br> Dain Walker, a junior pre-nursing major from Haskell, said he picked his major because of the possibility of a stable career after college and the opportunity for personal happiness. <br> "Nursing has a really good financial future," he said. <br> Financial stability and personal happiness in the end are what propel Walker and others to continue in their major despite the stereotypes they encounter along the way - even when those stereotypes come from family members. <br> "He asked if I was turning gay," Walker said of a conversation with his brother. "It seems to be the 'nursing type' is more effeminate." <br> Although past stereotypes may still be a large part of people's perspectives of his career, Walker said he believes the image may slowly be catching up to the times today. <br> "I think they've changed drastically," he said. "It's a job. Men and <br> Bob Schneider Group to play tonight <br> The Bob Schneider Group will play today at Jake's Sports Cafe's Backroom. The group is an integral part of Austin's live music scene and also tours extensively. This Texas alternative rock band plays rock, soul, country, reggae, funk and salsa all together, according to the Jake's Sports Cafe Web site. Midnight Sweethearts will open for the Bob Schneider Group. Doors open at 9 p.m. and the opening act takes the stage at $9: 45$ p.m. Tickets are $\$ 10$ for those over the age of 21 and $\$ 12$ for those under 21. Tickets are available at Ralph's Records and Jake's Sports Cafe. <br> For full Lubbock live music coverage, check out www. dailytoreador.com. |  |
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 women can
different."
W/alker Walker said he does not take stock in stereotypes themselves, as most of hem are unfair or false. Clif Mooney agrees.
"I hink stereotypes are kind of stupid," said

## With he Angelo. "It's all changed a lot.

Win the changes that have been made during the past years in col
pigeonhole specific careers.
"Nursing's probably changed a lot because you see women a lot more
in more male-dominated jobs," he said. "It was bound to change at some time."
Mooney said people are accepting of his career choice.
Since thus more modern," he said. "It's more OK for a guy to be a nurse.
the the ghe, Mooney, like Walker, said he chose his career based on the job outlook and the ability to help people after completing his education.
"I think it's one of the top three easiest jobs outside of college," Mooney said. "Im one person, but I can help so many people after I'm done getting educated."
Nursing is not the only job where more males are beginning to enter the work force. Slowly, previously stereotypical feminine, or "pink collar" jobs are being infiltrated by males who become secretaries, interior designers,
fashion designers and nutritional scientists Even though different colleges may not have an equal enrollment beBlack Sabbath, Mile Davis, Lynyrd Skynyrd among Rock Hall inductees
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Dinah Washington (1993) and Bilk
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Rotten and Sid Vicious shocked the founded A\&M records in 1962, will rock establishment with songs like receive a lifetime achievement award "God Save the Queen" and "Pretty in the non-performer category. Vacant." They inspired waves of fimita- This year's class will be inducted tors in spiky hair and torn clothes, but at the rock hall's annual ceremony the rock hall was quicker to recognize scheduled for March 13 at the
peers the Clash, Elvis Costello, Police Astoria Hotel in New York. Christmas begins on Pennsylvania Avenue WASHINGTON (AP) - A the Deal' farm on Oct. 20. The tree horse-drawn wagon pulled up to the for the Blue Room as well as trees for
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