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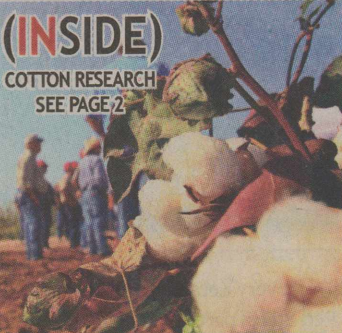
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STATE

## 2 more Ike victims found near Galveston

GALVESTON (AP) — Two more bodies have been found close to where Hurricane Ike thundered ashore, bringing the Texas death toll to 35 and the national total to 70.

A search-and-rescue team Saturday made the discovery in debris fields on Goat Island, located off the devastated resort area of Bolivar Peninsula. The bodies were taken to the Galveston County medical examiner's office.

Galveston County Sheriff's Office Maj. Ray Tuttoilmondo said he had no other information about the victims.

NATION

## Citi: Wells Fargo locked from buying Wachovia

NEW YORK (AP) — The fight over control of Wachovia intensified Saturday, as a judge temporarily agreed to block the sale of the bank by Wells Fargo, Citigroup announced in a news release.

State Supreme Court Justice Charles Ramos issued the order blocking the sale of Wachovia Corp., which Wells Fargo & Co. had agreed to purchase in a \$14.8 billion deal.

Citigroup Inc. accused Wells Fargo of trying to cut off its earlier takeover offer of Wachovia's banking operations for \$2.1 billion in a deal struck with the assistance of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. On Friday, four days after that deal was struck, Wells Fargo said it was buying Wachovia.

WORLD

## Europeans scramble to save failing banks

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Germany joined Ireland and Greece on Sunday in guaranteeing all private bank accounts, putting Europe's biggest economy at odds with calls for a unified European response to the global financial meltdown.

The decision came as governments across Europe scrambled to save failing banks, working largely on their own a day after leaders of the continent's four biggest economies called for tighter regulation and a coordinated response.

DEATH TOLL

4177

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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## Russian troops start dismantling Georgia posts

By SOPHIKO MEGRILIDZE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NADARBAZEVI, Georgia (AP) — Russian troops on Sunday began dismantling positions in the so-called security zones inside Georgia that they have occupied since August's war, Georgian and EU officials said, a sign Russia will fulfill its pledged pullback.

Moscow faces a Friday deadline for pulling back its troops under the terms of a deal brokered by French President Nicolas Sarkozy on behalf

of the European Union. Hundreds of EU observers began monitoring Russia's compliance last week.

A pullback would likely mean at least a mild reduction of tensions between Russia and the West following their worst confrontation since the Soviet collapse. But substantial points of dispute remain.

Russia was dismantling positions Sunday inside what it calls security zones, extending roughly four miles inside uncontested Georgian territory.

But Moscow vows to keep thou-

sands of its troops stationed in two separatist Georgian regions that it recognizes as independent countries — South Ossetia and Abkhazia — which appears to stretch the terms of the cease-fire and which the Georgian government denounces.

Tensions also rose sharply on Friday when a car bomb killed nine people when it exploded outside Russian forces' headquarters in Tskhinvali, the capital of South Ossetia.

South Ossetian President Eduard Kokoity on Sunday said investigators had found demonstrable "Georgian

traces" in the explosion and said security would be tightened by reducing the number of crossing points from Georgia into the republic to two, the Interfax news agency reported.

South Ossetian officials previously alleged that Georgian special services were behind the bombing, aiming to undermine the cease-fire.

The war began Aug. 7 when Georgian troops launched an offensive to regain control of South Ossetia, one of two Georgian separatist regions where Russia has troops stationed as peacekeepers.

Russia sent a large force that quickly routed the Georgian military and pushed deep into the former Soviet republic, occupying large swaths. Russia then declared what it called a security zone roughly four miles deep inside Georgia south of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

In late August, Russian troops mostly pulled back to those so-called security zones and last month they pulled out of some more positions, including six checkpoints and temporary bases in and near the Black Sea port of Poti.

## Racing with hope

Thousands gather to race for cure

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO  
STAFF WRITER

Pink was the color of choice Saturday morning for more than 7,000 participants in the 14th Annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Breast cancer survivors, families and those looking for a morning exercise gathered to run or walk the five-kilometer or one-mile races around the Civic Center and through Lubbock's Depot District.

Banners, pictures and unique pink creations awaited groups gathering at the starting line.

"We are raising our pink daisies up to those lost to breast cancer and the survivors," said Susie Fernandez, a seven-year breast cancer survivor.

It took some added support from her four nieces to return to Race for the Cure, she said, because previous races were "too sad" to attend.

She said encouragement from Latinas for a Cure — an affiliate of the national Susan G. Komen for the Cure that emphasizes breast health education and medical services to Latina women — gave her and other Latina survivors a powerful message to spread.



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador

THOUSANDS GATHERED AT the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Saturday morning to show their support for the cause of finding a cure for breast cancer. The event raised approximately \$370,000 for cancer research.

In 2006, about 14,300 Latina women were diagnosed with breast cancer, the most commonly diagnosed cancer, and an estimated 1,740 of the women died from it, according to the committee's Web site.

"It's OK to be aware of your breasts," Fernandez said, "because early detection is

the key." The retired Lubbock resident said she spreads education to young women about breast cancer through fundraising for The Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade.

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## Tech officials continue push for tier-one, flagship status

By JON VANDERLAAN  
STAFF WRITER

In an attempt to establish Texas Tech as a tier-one university, Tech officials will begin a public relations campaign this week to break away from being identified in a group of "emerging universities."

David McClure, assistant vice chancellor for communications and marketing, said he believes Tech was improperly categorized with emerging universities in the bid to become a flagship university.

"Texas Tech already is a flagship; we already think Texas Tech is a top-tier university," he said. "When these other people throw us into



McCLURE

a group that includes these seven emerging universities that are vying for funds to become a tier-one university... we really see ourselves as already "emerged."

Because of the amount of externally funded research, student quality and endowment level, McClure said, the university is attempting to separate itself from the other universities attempting to be labeled as tier-one.

The university will begin a public relations effort early this week aimed at attracting more state funding, he said, although there may not be a surplus as was expected because of emergency needs.

The seven universities are attempting to position themselves for state funding that may be available, he said, and the Tech government relations staff is working on a

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## Tech awarded \$9.2M for defense research

By ADAM YOUNG  
NEWS EDITOR

The Texas Tech system received federal awards up to \$9.2 million to fund research supporting the Department of Defense.

The defense grants for Tech and Angelo State University are the largest amount of defense funding ever received by the system and were awarded as part of a year-end spending bill approved by President Bush last week, according to a university news release.

"This is great news for Texas Tech and Angelo State," said Tech system Chancellor Kent Hance. "We are grateful to our legislative leaders for their support in getting these very important projects funded."

Tech's portion of the grants totaled \$6.8 million compared to \$6.6 million last year, said David McClure, assistant vice chancellor of marketing and communications.

McClure said receiving federal funding for defense-related projects is part of Tech's goal of pursuing grants in as many areas of research as the university has the ability to compete for.

"One of our big initiatives is to increase the amount of externally funded research that we do here, and this certainly counts and it certainly is a way for us to grow the amount of research," he said. "We'd like to double (the funding) every year... it's just a nature of how much money that the federal government has to appropriate and the quality of the projects we are submitting."

About \$3 million was awarded to Tech's Center for Pulsed Power and Power Electronics, McClure said, which is developing technology that could be used in remotely disarming improvised explosive devices.

Though the pulsed-power research is highly classified, he said, continued funding is indicative of the center's progress.

"They continue to develop that technology and they continue to get funded every year," he said, "so that's a pretty good indication that what they're doing and the progress they're making certainly interests the Department of the Army."

Tech received \$1 million to help fund

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## TECH POLICE BLOTTER

## Furniture tipped, food scattered in Coleman Residence Hall

Sept. 26

An officer investigated theft at 9:30 a.m. in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center in which an iPod was reported stolen.

An officer investigated theft at 11:30 a.m. at the Biology building in which a bicycle was reported stolen from a bicycle rack.

An officer documented a hit-and-run accident at 12:20 p.m. in the C-11 parking lot.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 2:27 p.m. in Coleman Residence Hall in which furniture in all study lounges were moved from their original locations and tipped over, including refrigerators, which were tipped and the contents spread throughout the building.

A non-student was detained at 2:28 p.m. in the Health Sciences Center. The officers were dispatched after receiving a call of a possible suicidal person with a gun in his vehicle. The officers engaged in a physical altercation with the non-student, who was attempting to leave the building after being told he would be involved in an emergency detention. The non-student was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room.

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 2:58 p.m. in the Z-4R parking lot in which several strands of beads were reported stolen from the rear view mirror in the vehicle.

Sept. 27

Two officers investigated burglary of a vehicle at 3:48 p.m. in the Z-3F parking lot in which the window of a Jeep was unzipped and entered. The center console was damaged but nothing was taken from the

vehicle.

Two officers investigated burglary of a vehicle at 5:38 p.m. in the Z-4P parking lot in which the window of a Jeep was unzipped and entered. The contents of the vehicle were visibly sorted through, but nothing was taken from the vehicle.

An officer investigated theft at 10:10 p.m. at the north bicycle rack near Murdough Residence Hall in which a Next bicycle was reported stolen.

A student was arrested at 11:51 p.m. in Chitwood Residence Hall for consumption of alcohol by a minor. The student was issued a citation and released.

Sept. 28

A student was arrested at 12:17 a.m. in Chitwood Residence Hall for consumption of alcohol by a minor. The student was issued a citation and released.

An officer investigated a hit-and-run accident at 12:07 p.m. in the Z-4M parking lot in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle.

An officer investigated an accident at 6:31 p.m. in a parking lot south of 3713 19th St. in which a fleet vehicle was involved. No injuries were reported.

An officer investigated theft at 6:56 p.m. at the north bicycle rack near Murdough Residence Hall in which a bicycle seat was reported stolen.

Sept. 29

Two officers investigated an accident at 11 a.m. at the intersection of 18th Street and Indiana Avenue. No injuries were reported.

An officer documented damage to

a vehicle at 11:27 a.m. in the R-16 parking lot in which a window was broken by the maintenance crew, who were mowing.

Two officers investigated theft at 12:15 p.m. in Weymouth Residence Hall in which a cell phone was reported stolen.

A student fell from a bicycle and suffered minor injuries at 4:54 p.m. on the north side of the Administration building. The student was treated at the scene and refused emergency room treatment.

An officer investigated burglary of habitation at 5:06 p.m. in Murray Residence Hall in which a bottle of prescription medicine was reported stolen.

An officer investigated theft at 9:04 p.m. in the Hulen/Clement Residence Hall office in which a wallet was reported stolen from a desk.

Sept. 30

An officer investigated theft at 9:30 a.m. at the north bicycle rack near the Southwest Collections building in which a bicycle was reported stolen.

A student was arrested at 12:19 p.m. in the Z-6A parking lot for two instanted Lubbock County citations for driving with an invalid license. The student was transported to the Lubbock County jail.

An officer investigated an accident at 1:25 p.m. at the intersection of 10th Street and Knoxville Avenue that involved a Tech vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Oct. 1

An officer documented damaged property at 12:45 p.m. in the C-1 parking lot as a result of a hit-and-

run accident.

An officer investigated theft at 2:57 p.m. in the Engineering building in which a wallet was reported stolen.

An officer investigated a hit-and-run accident at 3:44 p.m. in the C-13 parking lot in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle.

An officer investigated theft at 5:19 p.m. in the Human Sciences building in which an HP Pavilion laptop computer was reported stolen.

An officer investigated an accident at 6:24 p.m. at the intersection of Flint Avenue and Main Avenue. No injuries were reported.

Two officers investigated theft at 7:59 p.m. at the southeast bicycle rack near Bledsoe Residence Hall in which a Huff bicycle was reported stolen.

Oct. 2

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 3:20 p.m. in the Z-3J parking lot in which a handicapped placard was stolen from the rear view mirror of the vehicle. The windows of the vehicle were not able to mechanically roll up.

An officer investigated theft at 4:25 p.m. in the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration building in which a credit card was initially reported stolen. After further investigation, it was concluded that a misunderstanding occurred and no crime was committed.

An officer documented information regarding use of fictitious money at 5:33 p.m. in the Sam's Place at the Student Union Building. A person attempted to use a fictitious \$5 bill as legal tender.

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## Officials: Taliban mad over alleged US strike

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP) — Two people wounded in a suspected U.S. missile strike in Pakistan's northwest have died, bringing the death toll to 24 in an assault that has deeply angered the Taliban, intelligence officials said Sunday.

The U.S. has ramped up cross-border strikes on alleged al-Qaida and Taliban targets along Pakistan's side of the border with Afghanistan, straining the two nations' anti-terrorism alliance.

Several Arab militants were said to be among the dead in Friday's strike in North Waziristan, part of Pakistan's semiautonomous tribal belt where the U.S. says extremists have found safe havens from which to plan attacks in Afghanistan.

The frontier region also is believed to be a possible hiding place for al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and his deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Two Pakistani intelligence officials said that over the weekend two people wounded in the attack died at a hospital in Miran Shah, the main town in North Waziristan.

The overall death toll includes two children, said the officials, who sought anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media.

The strike in Mohammadkhel appeared to be the deadliest of 11 reported cross-border operations by U.S.-led forces since Aug. 20. The area is a stronghold of Jalaluddin Haqqani, a veteran Taliban commander regarded by the U.S. as one of its most dangerous foes.

The intelligence officials, who received their information from informants and agents in the field,

said the Taliban appeared to have been particularly angry over the latest strike, a signal that a senior militant may have been killed.

Two local residents said Taliban fighters had warned people not to discuss the strike, including with the media, or to try inspecting the rubble at the site. The residents asked not to be named out fear of Taliban retaliation.

The U.S. rarely acknowledges such attacks. Lt. Nathan Perry, a spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan, said he had "no information to give" about the reported attacks. He did not deny U.S. involvement.

The information is nearly impossible to verify independently because of the remote, dangerous nature of the areas.

Pakistani officials could not immediately be reached for comment on Sunday.

Earlier, however, Pakistan army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said initial reports indicated that 20 or more people were killed.

He said there was "speculation" that many were foreign militants, but cautioned that the army was still awaiting a detailed report.

Pakistan's military and civilian leaders have complained that the attacks violate the country's sovereignty, kill civilians and anger the local population, making it harder to crack down on the militants.

Militants on the Pakistan side of the border are blamed for a surge in attacks on U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan, where violence is running at its highest level since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion toppled the Taliban.

## Tier-one

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strategy on how to approach the state for that funding.

He said there are several different ways to define a flagship university: It can be defined as the leading

university in a university system, a university that is a member of the American Association of Universities or a university that has more than \$100 million in externally funded research.

In regards to those three measurements, McClure said Tech is about \$60 million away from reach-

ing \$100 million in research and it is the head of a university system. However, he said it would take a number of years to become part of the AAU, as there are many requirements to become a member.

"We clearly are top of the pack of all the other public universities in the state when it comes to academic

quality, research spending, endowment, enrollment — almost any measure you look at," he said.

A bill was passed through the Texas Legislature in 2007 that would have set a "master plan" for higher education in the state, but was vetoed by Gov. Rick Perry in June 2007. Perry stated in the veto

that the bill was "duplicative," as the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board already has a master plan.

McClure said Tech has been involved with Texas lawmakers in attempting to position itself for more state research money, and Tech has been included in conversations

concerning the shaping of the Texas higher education system.

The six other Texas universities vying for tier-one flagship status are the University of Texas at El Paso, San Antonio, Dallas, Arlington as well as the University of North Texas and the University of Houston.

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# OPINIONS

## Pay more attention to art in the world

This past Friday Lubbock hosted the First Friday Art Trail. The First Friday Art Trail is a monthly event where galleries and other places around downtown Lubbock host various artworks for the public to view for free. These artworks cover the entire spectrum from sculpture to painting to photography to various types of music and performance art.

As I walked around downtown with some of my friends Friday I was struck not only by how much creative output could be found in Lubbock, but by how only a relatively small portion of the Lubbock population seemed to be enjoying it.

Yes the venues were full of people, but a small room fills up much quicker than a large one. I had to ask myself: Do people still find purpose and relevancy in art? Sadly, it seems like a majority of the public does not.

It is difficult to say that all of art in its extremely varied forms has a common purpose, but I think it does. The purpose of art is actually very similar to the purpose of science, which is to show the truth of the world. Science uses hypothesis and experimentation to discover the way reality works; what happens when a ball falls; how lungs absorb oxygen and transfer it to the blood.

**Kevin Saunders**

Art shows a different but equally important side of the world, the side of emotions and relations. Art is meant to cause a reaction in those who experience it. The reaction may be joy, awe, hate, love or confusion, but a reaction exists all the same. The reaction is not predictable; everybody will react differently, and that is beautiful.

Obviously, not everybody thinks art is irrelevant, just look at the music and film industries. Both of them make hundreds of millions of dollars (or more) a year with their various artworks and they spend lots of money trying to keep people from stealing that art. Some would argue that the latest Britney Spears album isn't art (is she still working? I'm way behind on my pop culture references), but just because people don't like it doesn't exclude it from being art.

But these big businesses might be a part of the problem as well. The world is so full of incredible artworks

(TV counts too) that people have become numb to it. We take all of this art that surrounds for granted. We take all of it in on a nearly constant basis with very little analysis, evaluation or appreciation.

I think that people should take a moment to step back and try to at least acknowledge some of the art that assaults them on a daily basis. Look around you as you read this and see if you can't find some art nearby. I bet you can.

Now that you've found some art, take a moment to absorb it. Don't just look at it, but think about it. What is the artist trying to say, what does it make you feel? If you don't feel anything, that's OK, having no reaction is a reaction in and of itself. Why didn't you have a reaction? See, you're becoming more discerning already.

Art is everywhere and yet we ignore it all the time. Try to notice it a little more when you go about your life, and if you're feeling adventurous, try making some yourself. It may not make sense, and some people may think it is weird, but who cares what they think?

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## Debates play expectation game

**Ryan Thorpe**



I really think I watched a different debate Thursday.

Millions of other Americans certainly watched with me, but after listening to the commentary, I quickly became convinced that we had watched completely different events.

A reporter from CNN said if the debate had been scored like a typical debate (effectiveness of answers, directness of the response, use of exact information), then Sen. Biden had clearly won. If expectations were drawn into the mix, though, then Gov. Sarah Palin might have won because, while her answers were vague and at times slightly incoherent, she failed to freeze on any level. Palin was trying to talk directly to the people, and in that sense she was very effective.

I am not sure at what time in American history we started talking about the expectations of a debate, but I think that day was too premature by a few centuries. Expectations should have nothing to do with a debate. A debate should be about the responses, the use of correct and relevant information, and how compelling their arguments are.

Instead, we placate poor debaters by supplementing their lack of skill with commentary about how they did not com-

pletely fail. Never in my life have I taken a job where the primary requirement is lack of failure. Most employers expect success of a certain flavor.

I would also like to include Sen. Biden in my list of concerns. He was coached to be more genial because he did not want to appear to be too aggressive in his debate with Gov. Palin. Once again, I've never heard people saying they want a polite president, someone who will hold foreign leader's hands when times are hard. People want a president that will stand up for them and represent them with courage and honesty. Anything else is simply compromising.

The opinions we are encouraged to have do not come from a cave. They come from the respected faces of other politicians. Former mayor Rudy Giuliani stated that Palin had delivered a "knockout blow" to the Obama/Biden ticket and "only the liberal media could deny her this victory." Karl Rove stated that "the debate was a clear victory."

In the same breath, I have to state that both of these highly lauded politicians were perform-

ing spin, the act of framing the argument in a new light provided by a fervent supporter. In short, spin is an attempt to rewrite history — a hope that an intelligent individual can tell millions of others what just happened instead of letting them decide for themselves.

In all the post-debate analysis, a decisive lack of spin was evident for Sen. Biden. His camp decided that because his victory had been so clear that they did not need to turn dozens of noted democrats into talking heads. If they had done so, they really only could talk about one thing: the large margin of victory. According to a recent Gallup poll and a CNN poll, almost 70 percent of Americans thought that Sen. Biden won the debate.

At this point I am forced to ponder what it means to actually win a debate. In the Middle Ages, battles were observed, rules were followed, prisoners were taken, the dead were buried and the army that held the field was declared the victor. There are no such certainties anymore. There is only a percentage of people who think you are right, and those two numbers only illustrate the uncertainty of a country that desires victory but no longer knows how to declare it.

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## Teary moment while discussing family tragedy personifies Sen. Joseph Biden

**STAFF EDITORIAL**  
**DAILY COLLEGIAN (PENN STATE)**

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, I understand the emotions that a mention of the black and gold can stir up.

So I wasn't surprised when Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Joseph Biden was brought to tears after being introduced by Steelers owner Dan Rooney at a rally in Greensburg last week.

But Biden's emotions ran much deeper than a love of the Pittsburgh Steelers and its amazing defense.

After Rooney's introduction, Biden went off script to tell a story he said was prompted by Rooney's presence. His story had the entire audience wiping tears.

On Dec. 18, 1972, Biden's wife, daughter and two sons were out Christmas shopping when they were in a car accident.

Biden's college sweetheart, Neilia, and daughter, Naomi, were killed. Biden spent Christmas in the hospital with his young sons.

As he spoke, Biden lost words for a moment, turned his back to the crowd, and the audience encouraged him with applause. Wiping his eyes, Biden finished his story that he left the hospital once and when he returned, both boys were in bed smiling for the first time, a football on each boy's lap.

"I said, 'Guys, where'd you get the balls?'"

They said, "Daddy, Rocky Bleier brought it for me."

Bleier, a legendary running back for the Steelers, and the rest of the team had signed a ball for each boy, who were fans of the black and gold.

The story of Rooney's act of "incredible decency," as Biden called it, brought out a personal side of Biden that is not always captured in the sound bites that flash across CNN

all day every day.

Biden had just been elected as a Delaware senator weeks earlier. With encouragement from other politicians, Biden chose to not resign, and was sworn in at his sons' hospital bedsides 18 days after the accident.

As someone who has followed the campaign, I was surprised to hear Biden's story about his family. After some research, I found a few articles written about his biography, including ones that said that he remarried and has another daughter now.

Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin has dominated the news since Sen. John McCain announced her as his running mate. Polls have shown that Pennsylvania voters know very little about Biden, who was born in Scranton.

I hope no voter is swayed to change his or her vote because a candidate went through a personal tragedy.

behind the podiums.

When a candidate shows a personal side, such as Biden's Greensburg speech, we should pay attention. These rare moments give us an idea of who this man is. Should he be the next vice president? That deserves more thought and research. But putting a story to a candidate's name and issues improves our democratic process.

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Biden's story is emotional and heart wrenching, but not the main reason to elect him as vice president of the United States.

However, his story shapes how he is today, as a man and as a politician. Do his personal trials affect his views on issues or how he votes?

The story also highlights my own ignorance as a voter. Do I know enough about the candidates to make an educated decision on who I want to run my country for the next four years?

The upcoming rounds of presidential and vice presidential debates in the next few weeks are one way to inform voters on the candidates and their stances on the economy, foreign policy and the war in Iraq. But it has become more and more difficult to see through the hoopla and PR stunts to see the real people standing

*"I hope no voter is swayed to change his or her vote because a candidate went through a personal tragedy. Biden's story is emotional and heart wrenching, but not the main reason to elect him as vice president of the United States."*

## Fantasy football is ruining my life

By **CORY BARKER**  
INDIANA DAILY STUDENT (INDIANA U.)

Fantasy football is literally ruining my life.

Sure, this isn't a new development for all you devout fantasy football followers, and even I have been charmed by the leagues I've been in over the years. Yet in the past, by week 10 of the NFL season I lost interest, resulting in a string of embarrassing losses.

Nevertheless, I could still see

the draw while answering private messages from fellow fantasy freaks about my "dedication to the league" due to my "despicable lineup" that I never changed.

There's no wonder why the number of fantasy football players increases each year — it's an actual money-making property, and coverage of it has been implemented into many mainstream media properties (ESPN, Sports Illustrated, Fox Sports and Yahoo! Sports all have in-depth fantasy sections).

And since this season began, there hasn't been anything more responsible for the state of my moods than fantasy football. When my team wins, there's a bit more of a hop in my step; when they go down (which has been the case more often than not this year), I'm crestfallen beyond belief.

The only thing that keeps me going is scouring the interwebs for the latest tips that will help me conquer my next opponent.

Plus, managing and controlling the team is a serious endeavor, and one that takes up at least 30 minutes each day. All week I clamor over the waiver wires, trying to determine the best pickups for my team, all the while reading up on who is hot and who is not. I even spend a few minutes each day burning my opponent's roster into my brain. Not sure why, I just feel better knowing who he has as the

stats reveal themselves on Sunday.

Game day really changes because of the influence of fantasy. Pointless games mean more, every play suddenly counts and before I know it, I've spent two hours watching the live scoring system automatically update when I was supposed to be working. When I'm down big, suddenly I start running all sorts of mathematical equations and crack-pot scenarios through my head in an attempt to subdue my anger.

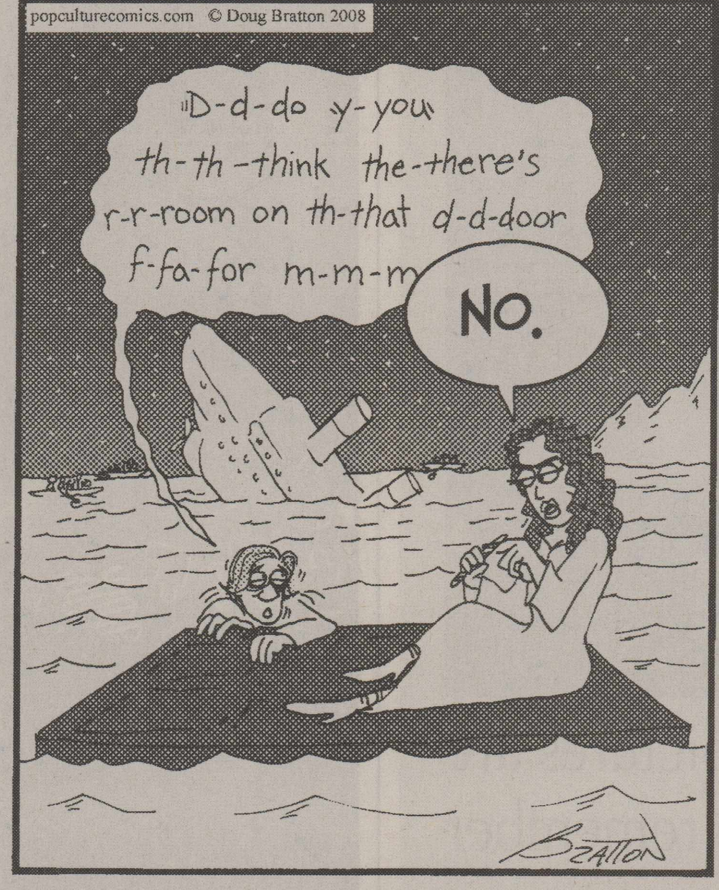
What's worse is that I've seemingly chosen the worst possible year to drink the Kool-Aid and become a member of this cult; and per usual, it's Facebook's fault.

The social-networking behemoth partnered up with Sports Illustrated this season to create a superb fantasy football application, which has brought two of my worst habits to one place. The easy access fuels an obsession that the team's continued pathetic performance can't deter.

I feel like I'm never going to get out of this mess. I don't care that I seriously contemplated deleting my opponent's team (one of the perks of being the league commissioner) just because he was kicking my ass, or that I now spend more time on Facebook than my Facebook-dependent girlfriend of three years — who by the way now approaches me with extreme caution on Sunday evenings.

Hi, my name is Cory Barker and I have a fantasy football problem.

*"The only thing that keeps me going is scouring the interwebs for the latest tips that will help me conquer my next opponent."*



Unfortunately, Jack realized that Rose was a cold, heartless wench a little too late.

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## Conference brings Medieval Europe to West Texas

By **TINA L. ARONS**  
STAFF WRITER

A taste of the Middle Ages was brought to Texas Tech during the weekend at the 18th Annual Texas Medieval Association Conference.

The four-day conference, which was open to both students and medieval scholars, began Thursday with an opening reception and ended Sunday morning with a Latin mass at Saint Elizabeth's Catholic University Parish.

John Howe, Tech history professor and president of the association, said the conference focused on the "Medieval Imagination" and the "Medieval Southwest."

The Medieval Imagination theme, he said, centered around "how people in the Middle Ages looked at themselves and how we look at them."

Howe said the theme of the Medieval Southwest tied in with the new exhibit in the Southwest Collection Library called "Medieval Southwest: Manifestations of the old world in the new."

The exhibit features artifacts such as arms and armor from an expedition led by Francisco Vazquez de Coronado during the 15th century.

Conference participants wandered through the exhibit during a Saturday morning reception at the special collections library.

During his presentation about the Vazquez de Coronado expedition, W. Michael Mathes, a librarian and

former professor at the University of San Francisco, said there was "only a little touch of the Medieval in the Southwest."

The expedition, he said, brought a "brief flash" of Medieval Europe to the Llano Estacado of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, which marks the southernmost extent of the High Plains.

The exhibit will be open to the public at the Southwest Collection Library until April 2009.

Scholars from across the state spoke on other medieval topics Friday and Saturday, including presentations about sixth century Rome, Spanish Romance literature and connections between the Old World and the New World.

During a session titled "Medieval Images in Popular Spaces," Joseph Howe, an English doctoral candidate at Tech, spoke about medieval culture in modern gaming.

The medieval element in games is growing stronger, the Lubbock native said, and "it's important to be gaming-friendly with students."

Howe used the World of Warcraft computer game as an example and passed around copies of the game's instruction manual and guidebook.

"It pedals medievalism as a Blockbuster movie," he said. "It's the renaissance meets the late antiquity meets the undead."

The game, which has 11 million users, is an "intellectual genetic mutation," he said, because it includes bits of the truth and allusions to the

literature of medievalism.

However, he said, this growing gaming culture can be an important teaching tool.

"It's a ready-made audience for medievalism," Howe said.

After sessions drew to a close Saturday evening, the conference culminated in a medieval-style feast in the Education building, which was followed by a medieval concert in the Hemmler Recital Hall.

Sacred and secular songs of devotion were performed by Altrammar, a four-person musical group that played with instruments modeled after those of the Middle Ages.

"Most of the music is not church music, per se," said Chris Smith, a Tech music history professor and member of the group, "and they were designed to be very accessible, so people would remember them and share them."

Catherine Banschbach, a junior apparel design major from Midland, said she was glad she could experience medieval culture, though she did not attend the entire conference.

"It's neat to see instruments you don't normally see," she said.

Natasha Monique Dailey, a professor at the Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont and conference presenter, said she enjoyed the musical performance and learned several new ideas that she plans to incorporate into her classroom curriculum, including the music from



MEMBERS OF THE Internationally acclaimed singing group, Altrammar, Jann Cosart and Angela Mariani, perform Saturday evening during the 18th Annual TEMA Conference in Hemmler Recital Hall.

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Altrammar. She said, overall, the conference was "a really great venue for medieval scholars, both students and professors."

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By Barry Silk  
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# Tech's wakeboarding team confident in their abilities

By LAURA WALTZER  
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Superman that board. Texas Tech's 40-member wakeboarding team is full of talent, team effort and tricks — tricks like the superman, a maneuver in which a wakeboarder inverts his or her body, bringing the board up over their head. "It's a great environment to just come and have a good time," said John Marshall, a graduate student from Richardson and the team's boat driver. "It doesn't matter what skill level you are or if you even compete. You just need to have the desire to wakeboard." Members of the team are required to pay a base fee of \$200 per semester

and \$40 in insurance fees. Additionally, the members must pay \$10 for each trip to Buffalo Springs Lake to cover the costs of gas. Marshall said \$10 gives each member approximately a set's worth of wakeboarding time, said Marshall. "A set is about 30 to 40 minutes of wakeboarding," he said. "It all depends on how many people are on the boat and how long we can stay at the lake." Though the fees seem costly, the group's members said they are manageable. "You really get your money's worth," Dayne Barton, a junior mechanical engineer from Cisco said. "With discounts and reduced fees from Riptank, all of the money you put into this club, you really get back." Riptank Boardshop, a local wake-

boarding and waterskiing store, made a deal with the wakeboarding club, offering all members as much as 40 percent off boards and 15 to 20 percent off all merchandise, Marshall said. "Besides the great deals, it's a really great environment to just go out and have fun," said Michelle Reed, a freshman from Katy. "They're all really great to be around. It's a really relaxing and fun atmosphere." With music ranging from a remake of Michael Jackson's "Beat It" to Buckcherry's "Next to You" blaring through the speakers of the boat, the members laughed and joked while encouraging each other and giving helpful pointers for each rider. "Everyone's so supportive," Barton said. "They'll cheer you on and they don't hesitate to help you improve."

Because Lubbock is such a dry area, the team does not have many opportunities to compete other than two tournaments hosted at the beginning and end of each school year. The Riptank tournament, which is open for all competitors — not just Tech's team — was hosted a few weeks ago, said Tab Rucker, a freshman business major from Austin. The next tournament will be hosted in the spring. "We don't really have the opportunity to go to tournaments around the state," Marshall said, "since most of them are so far away, and the (Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center) only provides the club with so much money. We can't really make most of them." Though these members do not have the chance to compete often, they said they are confident about

their talent and skill level. "We have really talented members," Marshall said. "There's a lot of potential in everyone, I'm really looking forward to seeing what this team has in store." Tricks range from cuts and edges to jumps and front rolls — and the "fan favorite", the raley, also known as the superman — which are all common tricks among the members. "It takes a few weeks to really get a trick down, if that's one you really want," Rucker said. "In just a couple of sets, if you work constantly on it, you should be able to nail a trick easily." But with big tricks come big risks and big busts. Though the team is in good hands with a designated team driver, every member must wear a life vest while in the water, Marshall said.

Along with precautionary measures, the boat is weighed down with water-filled tubes to evenly distribute its weight. "The boat can hold about 11 people, but only up to 3,000 pounds," Marshall said. "We have to make sure to position everyone carefully and have the right amount of weight on the boat, since the equipment certainly weighs enough on its own." If interested in joining the team, a student can access the club's information by going to Tech's Web site and search for the university's wakeboarding and waterskiing team. "We're up at the lake anywhere between four to six times a week," Marshall said. "Anyone is welcome to come and practice with us. Just bring a board and a good attitude, and we'll have a good time." [michael.graham@ttu.edu](mailto:michael.graham@ttu.edu)

# Engineering students flex mechanical muscles, demonstrate Rube Goldberg machines

By MATT MCGOWAN  
FEATURES EDITOR

Look Ma, no hands. About 170 Texas Tech engineering students flexed their mechanical muscles Friday afternoon in the Civil Engineering building during a presentation of Rube Goldberg machines, complicated contraptions with the seemingly simple task of moving a small object two inches onto a platform. The devices used a broad array of different household objects that, when linked together, moved the small objects. "The students really seem to enjoy it," said Phillip Nash, an instructor in the Department of the College of Engineering. "It gives them a chance to express their creativity." Nash said he has assigned the Rube Goldberg machine project to students in his Civil Engineering Seminar class for about eight years. The guidelines for the project: The machines must contain at least two moving parts and must consist of eight steps. Approximately 52 teams of four

students demonstrated their machines, which used objects ranging from balloons to turkey basters to popsicle sticks to a functioning toy helicopter next to a mouse trap. During one of the presentations, a "toy vehicle" hit a spinner. The spinner hit a marble that then moved down a shaft but did not emerge at the other end. The class waited in silence, anticipating the next step. Several members of the class cheered as they waited until the group nudged the marble, setting off the next chain reaction that led to a small electrical motor pulling the cube up a ramp. "It was pretty tough," said Nolan Williams, a freshman civil engineering major from Iowa Park who demonstrated his Rube Goldberg machine during Friday's class. "It was more the design than the actual building of it. Once you had it down on paper, it wasn't too hard to build." Most of the students in the class are freshmen, Nash said, and the project gives them an opportunity to learn the importance of teamwork during the engineering process.

"It's about solving a problem that has been given to us," said Ana Santiago, a freshman architecture and civil engineering major from Austin. "It's about working together to create the resources to solve the problem. It was a problem-solving exercise." He said the assignment also gives students an opportunity to meet one another, though the advantages of the assignment go far beyond social aspects. "All along the way, they found that engineering is all about trial and error," Nash said. "There's no textbook answer to some problems, and some students are really good with their hands, and you can tell." Nash said he expects to spend between 12 and 24 hours grading the 52 Rube Goldberg gizmos presented this year. He videotaped the machines in action for later review. "Did it work?" Nash asked the camera operator after one presentation. "See. It was so fast I didn't see a thing." He said he designs the grading rubric with a strategy in mind: Keep it ambiguous so students have no



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador  
STEVEN J. HAMLETT, a freshman civil engineering major from Anson, starts his team's Rube Goldberg machine Friday afternoon in the Civil Engineering building.

choice but to design the machines from square one, so "they have to use their mind and question things." When asked what they plan to do with their group's machine after its demonstration and grading, one pair of students paused to consider

their options. "Light it on fire," joked Jessica Morgan, a civil engineering and architecture major from Houston. "Throw it away," continued her teammate, Patrick Sisemore, a junior

architecture and civil engineering major from Colleyville. "I don't need anything to push a cube. If I could get it to do my homework or something, that'd be cool. I'd keep that." [matthew.mcgowan@ttu.edu](mailto:matthew.mcgowan@ttu.edu)

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## Tech cruises to first conference win

Harrell ties career high with 6 touchdown passes in 58-28 win over K-State

By JON ARNOLD  
BROADCAST REPORTER

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Against this Kansas State team, No. 7 Texas Tech could have dropped the ball.

But the Red Raiders (5-0, 1-0 in Big 12 Conference play) did just the opposite, putting on perhaps their best performance of the year on offense behind Graham Harrell's 454 passing yards and six touchdowns.

"I think we played well as a team," Harrell said. "As an offense, I think it's the best we have played all year and we just have to keep improving."

Tech coach Mike Leach said he agreed the offense had its best game of the season and lauded his quarterback's performance.

"Graham really managed the game well," Leach said. "He did a really good job staying within himself and just making routine plays."

Harrell's 454 yards through the air brought his career total to 12,709, surpassing Kliff Kingsbury, and making him both Tech's and the Big 12's career passing leader. Harrell's six touchdowns also tied a career high for the senior.

Harrell threw three of those

six touchdowns to receiver Lyle Leong.

Leong said he could not complain about only catching touchdowns, but is motivated to catch more passes in future games.

Tech receiver Michael Crabtree also had a multi-touchdown day, catching two touchdowns to tie former Tech receiver Jarrett Hicks for Tech's career school record of 30. Crabtree also amassed 107 yards receiving.

Crabtree said he was unaware he had tied Hicks' record, but it was satisfying to know he broke it. He also said he was glad to see Leong and other receivers in the end zone.

"I'm trying to win," he said. "If they double-team me, then we're just going to throw it down their throat. We're trying to win every game."

Kansas State coach Ron Prince said Tech's offensive line was one of the primary reasons the Wildcats had trouble keeping up. He said it was just a matter of being physical.

"Their offensive and defensive line(s) were terrific," Prince said. "We were out-physicaled for a bulk of the game."

The game, projected to be

an offensive shootout by some, provided plenty of fireworks in the first quarter. Both Tech and K-State scored on its opening drives, taking just over three minutes off the clock.

Tech also converted on its second drive, but on its third, the Red Raiders attempted a 4th and 1 play at their own 29. Running back Shannon Woods ran up the middle, and was stopped behind the line for a turnover on downs.

K-State (3-2, 0-1 in Big 12 play) scored on the short field and tied the game at 14 early in the second quarter.

Tech's defense then forced two straight three-and-outs, which the offense converted into touchdowns.

From there, the margin quickly widened as Tech outscored the Wildcats 24-7 in the second quarter.

K-State quarterback Josh Freeman threw only one incompleting in the first quarter, going 6-of-7, but completed only three passes in the second, finishing the half 9-of-20.

"I am embarrassed," Freeman said. "As a quarterback and leader of the offense, it is unacceptable to play the way we played."

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TEXAS TECH'S BARON Batch rushed for 68 yards and one touchdown in Tech's victory over K-State.

## Tech women's golf prepares for only home tournament of this season

By KEVIN CULLEN  
STAFF WRITER

Confidence and playing at a familiar course can be a scary

combination in golf.

The Texas Tech women's golf team, coming off a second place finish in its last tournament, begins the McHaney/Morehead Invitational today, its only regular season home golf tournament of the year.

Tech coach Stacey Totman said playing in the friendly confines of the Jerry S. Rawls Golf Course will prove to be a big advantage.

"Our golf course is unlike any other golf course that you play in college," she said. "It's more of a length-style. You definitely have to work your angles a lot better, and you really need to think your way around. We know what we are trying to do; we know how to play the golf course."

Not only will the Red Raiders be at an advantage because they know the course, the teams they will face will have to take time to adjust to playing the tough course.

"For the teams that haven't played here before it takes more than just one round to kind of learn the golf course," Tech's Ulrika Van Niekerk said. "Our golf course is a very hard golf course to learn by just playing one time. It's more of an advantage for us. That makes the pressure less."

Van Niekerk was Tech's top performer at the Heather Farr/CU Invitational in Boulder, Colo., where her 4-under (212) performance was good for sixth overall.

Van Niekerk was joined in the Top 10 by fellow senior Megan Dowdy, who shot a 68 on the last day to put her in the eighth position. Dowdy finished with a three-round score of 215.

Dowdy said the tournament in Boulder gave the Lady Raiders a lot of confidence and confirmed a lot of things about the makeup of the team.

"There was a lot of really good, strong teams at that last tournament," she said, "and it just showed that we can hang with anybody and we are just as good as anybody else. If we make up our mind to play well, we will definitely do it."

Although the Big 12 Conference Championships will be

held in Lubbock in the spring, Dowdy said this tournament has extra significance: The senior will be playing her last regular season tournament at the Rawls course.

"It's sad," she said, "but everybody goes through it. It's exciting."

Dowdy said with the way the team performed in its last tournament coupled with all the advantages of playing at home, she predicts good things from the Lady Raiders.

"I really think we are gonna play good," she said. "I think we are gonna win. We're gonna give everybody a run for their money, that's for sure."

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## Armstrong's leadership in Tour de France not a given

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Lance Armstrong may have to accept a supporting role to Astana teammate Alberto Contador in next year's Tour de France, the team cycling director said Thursday.

Johan Bruyneel ruled out a departure from Astana by Spain's Contador, who won the Tour de France, Italy's Giro and Spain's Vuelta in little over a year. The two will have to cooperate, he said.

"At the end of the day, the strongest rider will be supported, regardless of that person's name or what they've accomplished in the past," Bruyneel said in a press release.

And he left no doubt who was strongest now.

"Alberto has had a magnificent year and is currently the best professional cyclist in the world," Bruyneel said.

After leading Armstrong to seven Tour victories before his initial retirement in 2005, Bruyneel took Contador to victory in the 2007 Tour, and after Astana was denied entry this year, Contador won the Giro and Vuelta instead.

"Lance must prove that he has the physical ability to win big races," Bruyneel said.

"This is not the first time that big names have all been on the same team. It has worked out in the past and I'm confident for the same in 2009."

When the 37-year old Armstrong announced his comeback and intention to compete for an

eight Tour title next season, it clashed with the ambitions of Contador, who insisted the leadership of Astana should be his.

The Spaniard let it be known he would leave if he was given a secondary role supporting Armstrong. Bruyneel ruled that out on Thursday.

"Alberto signed a contract with Team Astana through 2010," Bruyneel said. "I have invested a lot of my time into Alberto's development and he will remain with this team for the next two years. Actually it's pretty simple, there's a contract and there are no options to leave."

Bruyneel saw a blueprint for the 2009 Tour when Contador finished first in the Vuelta last month, with teammate Levi Leipheimer of the United States closely behind.

"It's no secret that Levi Leipheimer could have won the Vuelta, but it was clear to the team directors that Alberto was the strongest rider," said Bruyneel. "We have some big names and great leaders on the 2008 squad. Adding one more only makes us that much stronger."

Another addition that should strengthen the Astana team named Thursday is Spanish climber Jesus Hernandez. He has been a training partner for Contador and should prove useful in leading Contador, or Armstrong, to the decisive stretches of climbs during the Tour.

Armstrong has been an inspi-

ration for Contador. While the Spaniard was recovering from a blood clot in his brain in 2004, he drew hope from Armstrong's book recounting his comeback from cancer.

The two have not spoken to each other, Bruyneel said, but they are slated to go training together in December.

Meanwhile, officials of the Tour Down Under—the Australian race which Armstrong had earmarked as his comeback event—said they expected to know by Friday whether the American can compete.

Armstrong is hoping to return for the Jan. 20-25 race, but drug-testing regulations would not allow him to compete until Feb. 1, 2009.

The International Cycling Union (UCI) requires riders coming out of retirement to be in the sport's anti-doping program for six months before racing. Armstrong filed paperwork on Aug. 1 with the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and said he's already been drug-tested—in late August.

On Thursday, Tour Down Under race director Mike Turtur said he was told by the UCI on Wednesday that they would have a decision "in about 48 hours."

"That was about 24 hours ago, so we're hoping to hear by Friday," Turtur told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "We still don't know which way it will go."

## POLISHING IT OFF



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PATRICK PAGE-SUTTER, a graduate sculpture student from San Antonio, polishes his artwork Tuesday afternoon down by the foundry near the Art building.

## Vegas rolling dice on mob museum

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Las Vegas hopes its newest museum will be a hit.

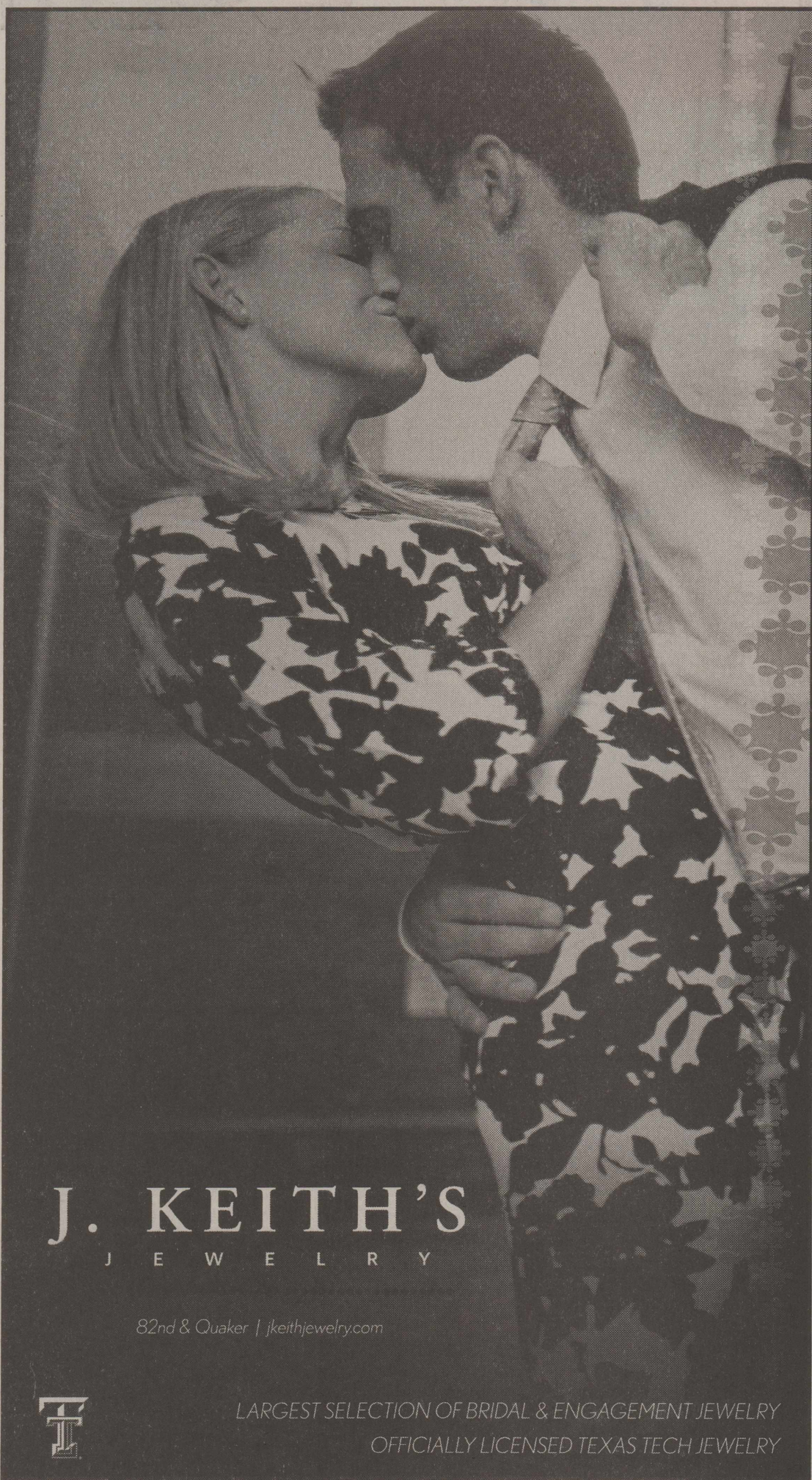
The city is opening The (redacted) Museum: The Las Vegas Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, which will showcase southern Nevada's colorful and storied past in organized crime.

The City Council unveiled the name Tuesday, along with logos resembling court documents with material blacked out. The first redaction obscures the word "mob."

"I don't think anybody is able to do tongue-in-cheek the way Las Vegas can do it," said Mayor Oscar Goodman, a former criminal defense lawyer who represented organized crime figures before representing residents in City Hall.

The museum is expected to open in spring 2010 in downtown Las Vegas at the site of the former federal courthouse where Goodman tried his first case.

As city officials unveiled the plans, council members tossed around T-shirts that said: "There is no such thing as a mob museum nor have I ever been there."



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## Eisner brings his entertainment savvy to the World Wide Web

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Since leaving the Walt Disney Co. in 2005, Michael Eisner has been all about the Internet.

The former studio chief sees the Web as the future of entertainment, so he created a company dedicated to creating content for it. He also built an investment firm that aims to transform the Topps Co., known for its confections and collectible trading cards, into a multimedia giant with productions on the big, small and smallest screens — from multiplexes to mobile phones.

Eisner's latest effort is "Back on Topps," a 25-episode comedy-sports series made just for the Web. It features Jason and Randy Sklar, a comedic team of brothers who are regulars on ESPN, along with scores of sports stars. The series premieres Tuesday, with new episodes rolling out twice a week.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Eisner talked about sports, the Internet and why he likes working better than golf.

AP: What inspired your interest in Topps?

Eisner: It's a 60-some-odd, 70-year-old company with a great heritage and brand that ... elicits a Pavlovian reaction as Coca-Cola or Disney or other well-known brands do — in this case a fond feeling for sports and childhood and collecting cards. I thought there was an opportunity to turn it into a media company that grows out of sports and into wider things.

AP: How did "Back on Topps" come about?

Eisner: Turning Topps into a media company means more than just cards and sports cards. It means the Internet. It means movies. It means television. It means some-

day a "Bazooka Joe" movie... (The Sklars) came up with this idea of (an Internet series about) taking over Topps and showing serious sports stars and athletes in a non-serious way. The Sklar brothers are very clever. They're funny. They're funny in person, they're funny in the script and they're funny on film. They had a knowledge of sports which is astounding. You put that together with comedic timing, and I think we

*"It's the beginning, a small step in turning Topps into a media company."*

MICHAEL EISNER

ended up with a great show.

AP: The series pokes fun at you, too. How was that?

Eisner: I did everything I could do to not be in the show. I begged them. I didn't want it to look as though this was some vanity piece that I wanted. I turned down 27 different versions of me being in it. I reluctantly — well it's not me and it's not even my voice — but it's supposed to be my voice in one episode, then certain people (turn up) who have my name but don't look exactly like me. It's all in good fun. If the athletes can have fun with it, I can certainly have fun with it.

AP: Where does this series fit into the transformation of Topps?

Eisner: This is the first video, big-time Topps production. And there will be more to come on the Internet, on television, theatrical movies, documentaries, whatever. It's the beginning, a small step in turning Topps into a media company. But it's also very much part of the strategy that (my company) Vuguru has, which is to show and to prove that the Internet is not just user-generated video. It's not just repurposed short pieces from network television ... This is the new world. This is the world of mobile entertainment, Internet entertainment and the like.

AP: So the Web is your new focus.

Eisner: I like the idea of trying things that are new. It's fun trying to be innovative. You fail, you succeed. If you fail, you get up and start over again. Not only is the individual product interesting, which it always is for me, whatever medium you do, but the medium is interesting. I've been there, done television and motion pictures and cable, and the products are interesting on those platforms. But I've done the platform, and this is a new platform.

AP: Are you ever not working, and what do you like to do then?

Eisner: I consider this not working. I've never considered that I ever had a job. To me, I'd rather be reading a script and talking to directors and watching rough cuts and being on soundstages than playing golf, so I'm OK with that. Not that there's anything wrong with golf and tennis and treadmills and all that stuff, which I do as well, but to me, there's something challenging and fun and keeping you from going brain-dead about the entertainment industry.

## Britney Spears files appeals in driving case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Britney Spears' attorney has asked a judge to delay the singer's upcoming trial on a misdemeanor charge for driving without a valid license.

Attorney J. Michael Flanagan filed a petition in Los Angeles Superior Court on Monday seeking a stay in the criminal case. Flanagan also wants an appellate judge to order the judge overseeing the case to grant Spears' motion to dismiss.

Flanagan has twice requested a dismissal of the case, saying that Spears should be allowed to pay a \$10 fine and not face a criminal trial.

The 26-year-old singer is scheduled to go on trial in October on a single misdemeanor charge that she did not have a valid California license when she hit a parked car in August 2007 and left the scene.

Flanagan also argues in Monday's filings that Spears is unable to meaningfully participate in her defense because of her conservatorship. Since February, her father has controlled the singer's personal and financial affairs.

Also Monday, the pop star told a New York radio station that her clip "Piece of Me" leaves room for improvement — despite winning

three MTV Video Music Awards earlier this month.

"It's a cool video, but I think by far I've done videos that are way better," the singer said in an interview with top 40 radio station Z100. "So I was really shocked that ... it got the award."

Spears called her triple victory "inspiring, though, because now going forward with the videos that I'm doing now, I can really go there and do something crazy and see what happens."

Spears, whose new album "Circus" drops Dec. 2, plans a possible world tour next year.

# Robert Lance Jewelers celebrates 15 years



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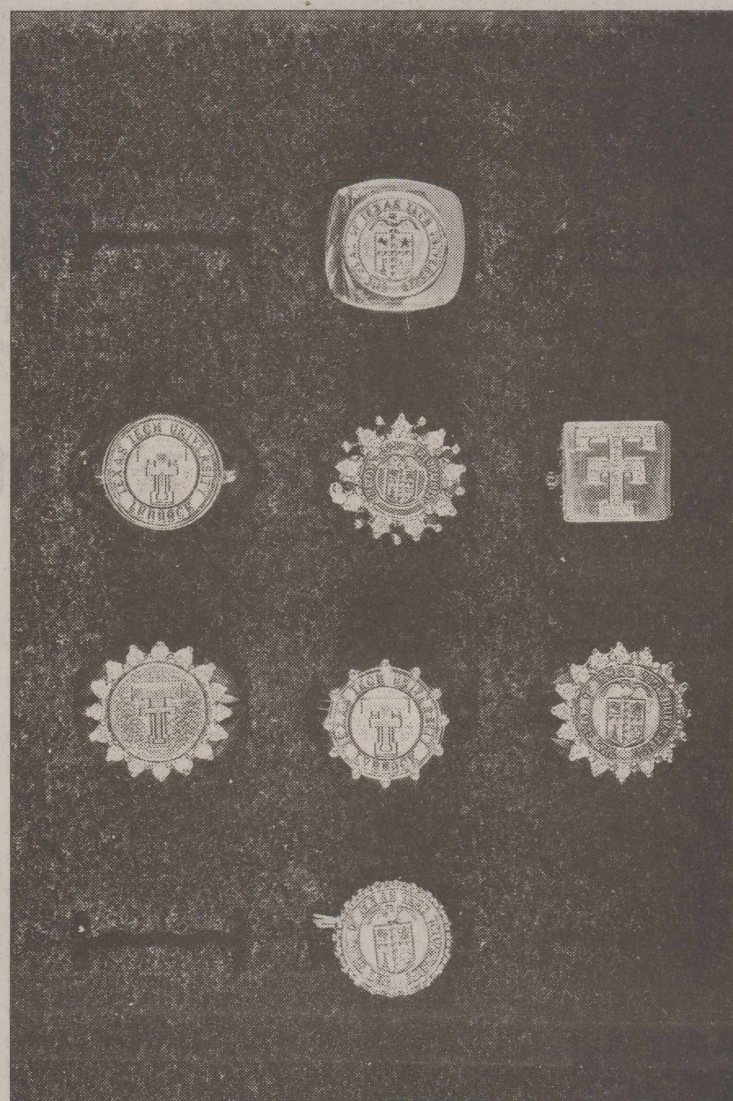


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## Debate moderator, Gwen Ifill's impartiality called into question

NEW YORK (AP) — PBS journalist Gwen Ifill, moderator of the upcoming vice presidential debate, dismissed conservative questions about her impartiality because she is writing a book that includes material on Barack Obama.

Ifill said Wednesday that she hasn't even written her chapter on Obama for the book "The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama," which is to be published by Doubleday on Jan. 20, 2009, the day a new president is inaugurated.

"I've got a pretty long track record covering politics and news, so I'm not particularly worried that one-day blog chatter is going to destroy my reputation," Ifill said. "The proof is in the pudding. They can watch the debate tomorrow night and make their own decisions about whether or not I've done my job."

The day before the Joe Biden-Sarah Palin debate, columnist Michelle Malkin wrote in the New York Post about Ifill's book, saying, "She's so far in the tank for the Democratic presidential candidate, her oxygen delivery line is running out."

John McCain, though, spoke

highly of the reporter in an interview with FOX News Channel. "I think Gwen Ifill is a professional and I think she will do a completely objective job because she is a highly respected professional," he said Wednesday.

In its online description of the book, Doubleday says that Ifill "surveys the American political landscape, shedding new light on the impact of Barack Obama's stunning presidential campaign and introducing the emerging young African American politicians forging a bold new path to political power."

Ifill said Obama's story, which she has yet to write, is only a small part of the book, which discusses how politics in the black community have changed since the civil rights era. Among those subjects is Colin Powell, secretary of state in the Bush administration.

The host of PBS' "Washington Week" and senior correspondent on "The NewsHour" said she did not tell the Commission on Presidential Debates about the book. The commission had no immediate comment when contacted by The Associated Press. A spokeswoman for John McCain's campaign did

not immediately return phone and e-mail messages.

Ifill's resume includes jobs at The New York Times, the Washington Post and NBC News. She moderated the 2004 vice presidential debate between Dick Cheney and John Edwards.

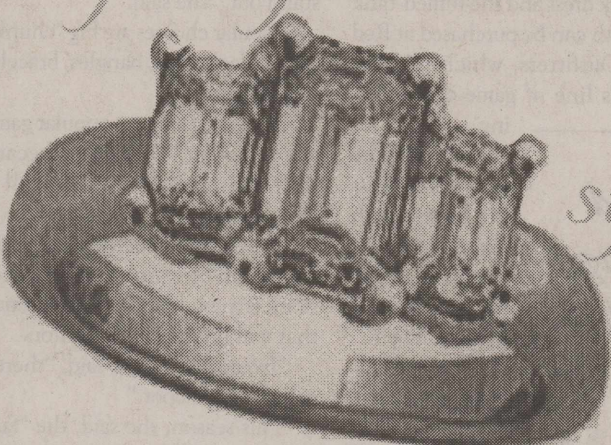
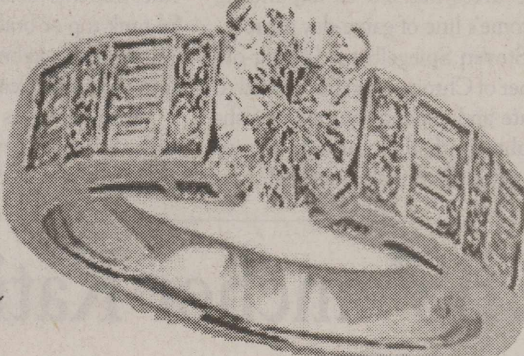

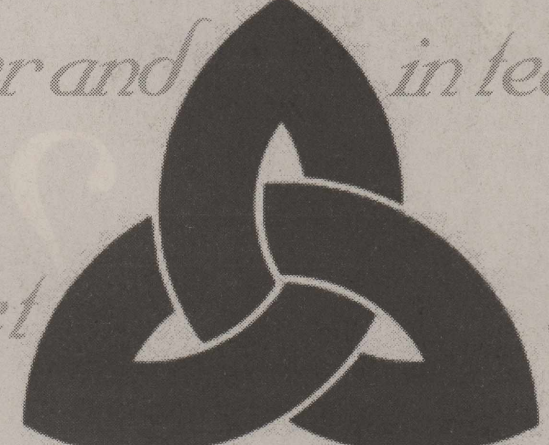
She said it was the publisher, not herself, who set the Inauguration Day release date. It will be released then whether Obama wins or loses.

Although Malkin raised the topic of Ifill's impartiality the day before the debate, the PBS journalist said that Time magazine noted she was writing a book in August, and that it has been available for pre-sale on Amazon.com. The book also is mentioned in a Sept. 4 interview she gave the Washington Post.

Ifill questions why people assume that her book will be favorable toward Obama.

"Do you think they made the same assumptions about Lou Cannon (who is white) when he wrote his book about Reagan?" said Ifill, who is black. Asked if there were racial motives at play, she said, "I don't know what it is. I find it curious."

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# Football game day attire proves trendy, functional

The Texas Tech tube-top dress you may have bought last football season is still trendy, but the new styles of game-day dresses may be trendier.

"A lot of girls go to the games," said Jen Taler, a Tech alumna and fashion designer for Chrome, "and they also want to look cute."

Kristin Mauldin, a senior Spanish major from Canadian, said she represents Tech by wearing a red tube-top dress and cowboy boots.

"It's really comfortable," she said, "especially on a hot game day."

Mauldin said she believes many female fans go beyond a Tech t-shirt because it is fun.

"It's like Halloween," she said, "or themed costume parties."

Taler said the popularity of the tube dress has led to expanding Chrome's line of game-day attire.

Steven Spiegelberg, 33-year-old owner of Chrome, said he decided to create and expand the line of fashionable football clothing to service the needs of the "dressier" girl.

"Students and fans," he said, "are no longer wearing a red or black shirt to the game."

This season's football attire includes two new styles of dresses: the razor-back dress and the ruffled-tank dress. Both can be purchased at Red Raider Outfitters, which features Chrome's line of game-day clothing.

Taler said the razor-tank dress is a knee-length dress made of cotton that can be worn with or without a belt.

The ruffled-tank dress, she said, works well on several body types, but looks the best on women with curves.

"It's really flattering on the bust and hips," Taler said.

Apart from the game-day dress, which costs between \$39 and \$54, a popular trend is to layer outfits. Taler said this means adding a colorful tank top or bralette, which is an unlined soft-cup bra that resembles a crop top, underneath the dress.

Also, dresses can be paired with a long-sleeve shirt or leggings in the colder months of the

football season.

When it comes to accessories, Taler said it is "a must" for a fashionable football outfit.

"Adding unique pieces makes you stand out," she said.

Popular choices are big "chunky" red or black rings, bangles, bracelets or sunglasses.

Boots and flats are popular game-day footwear, Taler said, because they are comfortable as well as fashionable.

She said a nice pair of boots, which can be worn on several occasions, is a good wardrobe investment that will not go out of fashion.

"Every fall," Taler said, "there is going to be a boot."

This season, she said, the "fashion forward" boot has moccasin-inspired fringe.

Lindsey Langager, a Chrome make-up artist, said the final touch to a game-day outfit is cosmetics.

"This fall is about a more luminous face," she said.

Popular choices for game day, Langager said, include glittery eye shadow in red or black and shimmery powder dusted across the either the cheekbones, the shoulders, or the collarbone.

Overall, Taler said, wearing stylish football apparel and dressing up for game day is a way for women to "represent Texas Tech while still looking fashionable."

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PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador  
TIGHTS PAIRED WITH flats make for a popular yet comfortable look.



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VINTAGE T-SHIRTS have proven to be a trendy item in recent years.

## CBS' anchor Katie Couric is making news with her recent interviews

NEW YORK (AP) — After two years of stories about bad ratings and an uncertain future, Katie Couric is back to making news the old-fashioned way — with her work.

The "CBS Evening News" anchor is on an impressive run of interviews, including a "vice presidential questions" segment in which she will ask Sarah Palin and Joe Biden about abortion and the separation between church and state on the show Wednesday and Thursday.

This comes after getting John McCain to come by her studio last week

on the day he announced the suspension of his campaign and — much to David Letterman's chagrin — use that venue to explain his decision to the American people.

Her program won an Edward R. Murrow award as the best newscast from the Radio and Television News Directors Association over the summer and is gelling after its shaky start, although it's still a distant third behind ABC and NBC in the ratings.

"I've never really lost confidence in my abilities, which I guess is pretty miraculous," Couric said Tuesday. "I

didn't really have a lot of platforms to do what I excel at, which is talk to people and do interviews."

ABC's Charles Gibson beat her to the Palin interview, but Couric was the first to speak to McCain and Palin together. Her talks with Palin, done in five separate sessions including backstage at a campaign rally, have aired this week on the "CBS Evening News."

Couric interviewed congressional leaders Monday on the failure of the Wall Street bailout plan. Her talk with McCain last week was

set up without knowing the GOP presidential candidate had backed out of a Letterman appearance the same night; Couric had no comment on Letterman's relentless attacks on McCain since then.

The broadcast has gotten its most attention with its semi-regular "presidential questions" segment, which started during the primaries. Each candidate is asked the same question, then given time to answer it. The segments run seven or eight minutes, considered an eternity in a 30-minute evening newscast, and

aren't chopped into soundbites.

The idea is to get into the candidates' heart and head, and not ask something that would put them on automatic pilot, said Rick Kaplan, the program's executive producer.

McCain and Barack Obama were asked to describe a personal flaw that they thought might hinder their ability to be president. They've been asked to describe a situation where they thought it was appropriate to lie to the American public, and about their favorite books and movies.

Couric asked each of them: "Why do you think there has not been another terrorist attack on American soil since 9/11 and, as president, what would you do to prevent another one?"

"You're going to give them a lot of airtime, so you want to make sure your questions are not insipid or ridiculous," Kaplan said.

During the primaries, several candidates — including John Edwards — were asked: "Harry Truman said a man not honorable in his marital relations is not usually honorable in any other. Some voters don't feel comfortable supporting a candidate who has not been faithful to his or her spouse. Can you understand their position?"

Couric's favorite is when she asked candidates, "What are you most

afraid of losing?"

Palin and Biden were asked to explain why Roe vs. Wade was a good or bad Supreme Court decision. They were asked to describe a Supreme Court decision that they disagreed with.

They'll also be asked about Thomas Jefferson's writings on the separation between church and state.

Kaplan said he felt Couric handled the Palin interview with "polite persistence." The veteran newsman, who has produced Peter Jennings and Ted Koppel among others, said he's never worked with a better interviewer than Couric.

Her "CBS Evening News" interviews now are usually pointed and direct. Although Couric doesn't necessarily agree — she's proud of her Michael J. Fox interview from her first months — initially it seemed she did some interviews simply for the sake of using that skill.

"When you try to do those that are artificial, most of the time they blow up in your face," Kaplan said.

One disheartening sign for CBS is that the broadcast hasn't moved much in the ratings. But Kaplan noted that CBS was second behind ABC for its coverage of the first McCain-Obama debate last week.

"The joy for me is that she's getting her due now," Kaplan said.



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Lubbock might not be known for high-end resort-style spa treatments, but there's one business in town that definitely fits the description. Elite Nail and Spa, located at 5604 Slide Rd., offers its patrons a variety of services for a reasonable price.

"You would expect the best stuff to be in the bigger cities," said Jo Tucker, a loyal customer for five years. "I've lived in Houston and Dallas, but this place is the best I've ever had."

Elite Nail and Spa offers manicures, pedicures, waxing, facials and massages, just to name a few. While getting any of the services, patrons are given complimentary glasses of wine and margaritas. For those who may be more studious, free wireless internet also is available.

"It's kind of like Starbucks," said Owner Teresa Luong. "Only instead of getting coffee, you're getting a pedicure."

Luong said several Texas Tech students will come in for a pedicure or similar service and use their laptops to study while being treated. In addition to making appointments and taking walk-in clients, Elite Nail and Spa also caters to large groups for special occasions.

"One time we had a huge group

of 250 girls come in," Luong said. "It was a mother/daughter weekend for one of the sororities and they all came in and got manicures and pedicures."

The 4,000 square foot, fully-staffed facility is equipped with 28 pedicure chairs and employees and customers both agree, the pedicures offered at Elite Nail and Spa, are some of the best around.

"My favorite is the citrus pedicure," said Kristin Nguyen, a nail technician. "The acid from the citrus helps to exfoliate the skin and it smells amazing."

Nguyen has been a nail technician in several salons over the past 11 years, but she said Elite Nail and Spa is by far the best place she's ever worked.

"I've been doing this for a long time, and sometimes you get burned out," she said. "But not here. I love coming to work. The customers are so nice and everyone is down to earth."

Customers enjoy the atmosphere as well.

"They have great customer service," Tucker said. "When you come in they seem just ready to greet you and help you with whatever you want. You can get good nails at a

lot of places but you can't find the attention to detail and the level of care they have about the quality of their work."

Tucker also had a story about Elite Nail and Spa accommodating her niece.

"My niece and her bridal party, which was eight people total, came here for their manicures and pedicures before the wedding," she said. "They loved it."

Tucker's whole family seems to appreciate the quality work done at Elite Nail and Spa. Her mother has switched salons and her children even bought her a gift card for Christmas.

"This new facility is just so nice," she said. "I could really just stay here all night."

One more important detail about Elite Nail and Spa is that all of the products they use are organic.

"That's really important to me because of all the chemicals in stuff these days," Luong said.

The cost for a manicure and pedicure is \$35 and if citrus doesn't sound appealing they also offer milk and honey, lavender, coco mocha mint, lemon drop, fresh cucumber, diabetic sugar-free and a deluxe pedicure.

# New campaign aims to prevent sexual violence on Tech campus

Women aren't the only ones that can put an end to rape.

The Texas Tech Student Counseling Center recently started the Men Can Stop Rape campaign in an effort to curtail sexual violence on the Tech campus.

Due to current high sexual assault rates on college campuses across the country, Dr. Eileen Nathan, director of the center, said it is necessary for the word to be spread about the issue.

"All levels of prevention are necessary to stop the occurrence of sexual violence," she said, "and significantly improve the health status of our campus community."

Nathan said although research does show a high level of frequency for sexual-related violence on college campuses, the number of cases reported is significantly lower.

The goal of the campaign is to empower individuals, notably men, to make clear-minded decisions and to prevent situations that force others to make rushed, unsure decisions and to provide women with the knowledge that they have a support system to help if such a situation arises.

"My strength is not for hurting" is the slogan for the campaign which is meant to put an emphasis on changing the mindset of some male college students.

"Men can show their strength by not ever having sex with anyone against their will," Nathan said.

Consent is an ambiguous concept, Nathan said, as it must be made sure that the individuals are of a clear mind — not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Nathan said a big part in changing the mindset of the community is for people to educate and inform their friends about the issue and to not tolerate acts of ignorance.

"Men will hear attitudes and

see behaviors that degrade women," Nathan said, "and can promote a culture of violence. When your friend tells a joke about rape, say you don't find it funny. The way people can get involved is to use their voice, that's a very important way."

Educating one's friends is not the only way to stop the issue, but also education of oneself.

"Choose your words carefully," Nathan said. "When men use words that put women down, it supports the belief that they are less than fully human. It's easier to ignore a woman's well-being when they're seen as inferior or as an object. So, people can choose language that respects women."

The campaign will offer different programs in the future aimed at accomplishing its initiative through, among other things, offering pledge cards for men to promise to stand up against sexual violence and provide information about the prevention of sexual violence for all parties involved.

In collaboration with Impact Tech, a student volunteer group for the student health department, the campaign's task force will soon be helping to establish a student group to work to prevent sexual violence against women.

The counseling center will train peer counselors whose primary objective will be to spread the word about sexual violence issues through presentations across campus.

Nathan said to get involved in the group, a student would need to contact student health.

Even though the add campaign is relatively new, Nathan said the feedback thus far has been encouraging.

"What I've heard is how professional the ads look and what a high impact it has," she said. "It really speaks to people."

## Ways to reduce the risk

Do not pressure or coerce someone into having sex. Remember, "no" means "no."

Do not listen to, tolerate or tell rape jokes.

Stay aware of your sexual desires and limits and communicate them clearly.

Be aware of social pressures or expectations to hook up.

Trust your intuition.

Be direct about your limits - you don't have to be nice at your own expense, especially if it means doing something you don't feel right about.

Don't assume that if a man or woman wears "sexy" clothes and flirts, he or she wants to have sex.

Look out for your friends - especially if they drink. Most acquaintance rapes occur where one or both parties are intoxicated. Remember, having sex with someone who is mentally or physically incapable of consent, is rape.

Remember, sex without consent is a crime.

Courtesy: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/centerforcampuslife/stopsexualassault/prevention.htm>

# Fashion visits the dark side in goth exhibit

NEW YORK (AP) — Coco Chanel once said that fashion has to die to live.

She was talking figuratively about the idea of seasonal renewal, killing off old styles so that new ones can emerge and grow. However, a new exhibit called "Gothic: Dark Glamour" at the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology takes a more literal look at how the theme of death has been carried through clothes over many years.

Other than the obvious black — fashion's favorite color — designers have repeatedly turned to symbols of the dark side, ranging from the distortion of the body, to dark veils and the skull-and-crossbone motif.

"There is a dark romanticism to the look of goth, which gives it a broader appeal than those who would identify themselves as goths," says Valerie Steele, chief curator at the museum. "And why does it

appeal to so many different people? Because this is different from the banality of everyday life."

Steele has assembled scores of outfits, many by Jean-Paul Gaultier, John Galliano, Riccardo Tisci and Rick Owens — who was himself a goth at one point — among others into a dramatic display that emphasizes haunted labyrinths, ruined castles and cemeteries. She has put accessories, such as bat-themed brooches and death masks, in a cabinet of curiosities. Provocative goth-fashion photos by Sean Ellis line the walls.

One is easily reminded that decadence, epitomized by Thierry Mugler's ensemble made of faux monkey fur, is rooted in social decay.

Goth fashion can probably be traced to the 18th century, when Fuseli painted "The Nightmare," says Steele. It depicted a look of "gothic" that would eventually move the bar

of what gothic was perceived to be: Instead of the medieval association with superstition, this was on the edge of psychotic.

In fashion, it evolved into the styles of the Victorian cult of mourning and of Dracula, which flourished alongside a complementary explosion in literature that concentrated on grotesque, mysterious and deadly themes.

"Vampires," notes Steele, "is the perfect example of sexy and scary that fashion loves. It all happens in the dark: a sexy encounter with a deadly stranger."

Some styles, though, can be perverse. The goth mourning clothes of the 19th century further exaggerated to the point of absurdity the bustle women of the day were wearing, and, fast-forward to 2007, metal hardware were added to couture gowns by young London-based designer Kei Kagama to show what could happen in a high-tech laboratory gone awry.

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# Cottages of Lubbock offers luxury living at affordable price

Next fall students who are tired of the inconveniences of apartment living, will finally have a place to call home. In a little less than one year, The Cottages of Lubbock will be open for business.

The Cottages of Lubbock offers students the conveniences of living in a home and the community atmosphere of living in a close-knit neighborhood.

"Creekside is a very special place to me because it gives me the opportunity to spend my last year of college in a manor house with 17 of my best friends," said Blakely Bowron, resident of a similar community in Auburn, Ala. "Creekside is the only place in Auburn where I can do that."

In less than 11 months students at Tech settle down for the 2009-10 school year, but some are already finding roommates and making housing plans.

Construction is under way for The Cottages of Lubbock, a brand new up-scale student development located in Overton Park just minutes from campus that redefines student living. Capstone Development, a company based out of Birmingham, Ala., that specializes in student housing, came to Lubbock to give Tech students a housing option unlike anything else around.

"We are well on our way to being done with construction," said Ryan Roberts, director of leasing.

Roberts said Capstone development decided to build a community in Lubbock partly because of Chancellor Kent Hance's goal of increasing enrollment to 40,000 students by



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INTERESTED STUDENTS HAVE the option of signing up for a two-bedroom, three-bedroom, four-bedroom or five-bedroom unit.

2020. More students in Lubbock means more housing will be needed.

"We will be able to house 847 students," he said. "This is one of our larger projects but Auburn is our largest."

Students can choose to live in two-bedroom or five-bedroom units that vary between stand alone cottages, duplexes, town homes, and manor homes.

The 25 different floor plans give a sense of a neighborhood to make students feel right at home. Roberts said monthly rent in a five-bedroom unit will be \$520 while rent in a two-bedroom will be \$660. It

is like having their own house without worrying about all of the maintenance.

Every unit has hardwood floors and crown molding throughout the living and kitchen area, gourmet kitchens with granite counter tops and stainless steel appliances, and a full size washer and dryer. Every bedroom is individually keyed and also has its own bathroom. Those amenities were all Mark Ascik, a resident at the Auburn property, needed to feel right at home.

"When I moved to Creekside, all my wildest dreams came true... hard wood floors, granite counter tops, surround sound... You can't get better than that," he said.

Residents at The Cottages of Lubbock will also be able to enjoy the resort style pool and the fully equipped clubhouse, which includes a state-of-the-art fitness center, study room with computers,

tanning salon, movie theater, and game room.

The Cottages of Lubbock is the sixth Cottage development to be built by Capstone. Other developments are in college towns in Alabama, South Carolina, Missouri, Florida, and Mississippi. Construction is also underway for a cottage development in Norman, Oklahoma.

"If students live here it can enhance their college experience and they will make memories that will last a lifetime," Roberts said. "It just provides a sense of community among students. They can spend time on the front porch and take a stroll down the street and meet new people."

Stop by the leasing office at 905 Ave. S for more information and to take a tour of the model home. You can also visit The Cottages Web site at [www.thecottagesoflubbock.com](http://www.thecottagesoflubbock.com) or call 806.749.5200 for more information.

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- Gourmet Kitchens
- Washer and Dryers in each unit
- Private Bedrooms and Bathrooms
- FREE Internet
- FREE Cable



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LIVING AT THE Cottages of Lubbock provides students with the feeling of community at an affordable price. With state-of-the-art amenities, The Cottages is an ideal living situation for any college student.



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