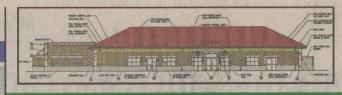
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FEMA triples mobile homes in 4 counties

BEAUMONT (AP) — FEMA has more than tripled the number of mobile homes for Hurricane Ike victims in four southeast Texas counties in the last week — raising the number from 18 to 62 — but officials say thousands more are still needed.

"The bottom line is that 62 is just an unsatisfactory number," Orange Mayor William Brown Claybar said Tuesday.

The 62 units reported by FEMA refers to mobile homes and park model trailers occupied as of Tuesday night in Jefferson, Orange, Hardin and Chambers counties.

NATION

Economy will return 'better than ever'

ADA, Mich. (AP) - President Bush says the bank rescue plan is limited because federal ownership of businesses is not good for the United States.

After having lunch Wednesday with business owners in Ada, Mich., Bush said that, frankly, he doesn't want the government involved in owning private businesses. But he says the \$250 billion cash infusion into the nation's banks is necessary in the short run to unfreeze credit markets and instill confidence in the economy.

WORLD

Pirates seize ship with 21 crew near Somalia

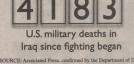
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A maritime official says armed pirates have hijacked a bulk carrier with 21 crew members in the Gulf of Aden near Somalia.

Noel Choong of the International Maritime Bureau says the ship was sailing from the Middle East to Asia when it was seized Wednesday. The ship flies a Panamanian flag but is operated in the Philippines.

No further details were immediately available.

Wednesday's hijacking pushed the number of attacks this year in the African waters to 73. A total of 29 ships have been hijacked. Choong says 11 remain in the hands of pirates along with more than 200 crew members.

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Stocks plunge as retail sales show drop

By TIM PARADIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

disheartening reports convinced market. Wall Street that a recession, if not already here, is inevitable. The Dow Jones industrials dropped as much as 572 points, more than half Monday, and all the major indexes fell at least 5 percent.

retail sales plunged in September stagnant credit markets. by 1.2 percent — almost double the

The Commerce Department respending accounts for more than two-thirds of U.S. economic activtheir huge 936-point advance from ity. The reading came as Wall Street faltering economy following stepped the economy.

The government's report that up government efforts to revive the

The release of the Beige Book, NEW YORK (AP) — Investors 0.7 percent drop analysts expected the assessment of business conditions agonizing over a faltering economy — made it clear that consumers from the Federal Reserve added, sent the stock market plunging all are reluctant to spend amid a shaky to investors' worries. The report investment strategist at Channel- market will see continued volatilover again Wednesday after two economy and a punishing stock found that the economy continued CapitalResearch.com. "We're in for ity as it tries to recover from the

in the early fall as financial and port was sobering because consumer credit problems took a turn for the worse. The central bank's report supported the market's belief that difficulties in obtaining loans have was refocusing its attention on the choked growth in wide swaths of

continues to face a host of other Economic Club of New York. problems," said Doug Roberts, chief a tough ride."

fered a similar opinion, warning in a plunge in the Dow over eight sesspeech Wednesday that patching up the credit markets won't provide an after a huge decline, but the market's instantaneous jolt to the economy.

markets is a critical first step, but in the weeks and months ahead.

"Even though the banking sec- even if they stabilize as we hope they tor may be returning to normal, the will, broader economic recovery will economy still isn't. The economy not happen right away," he told the

Analysts have warned that the devastating losses of the last month, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke of including the nearly 2,400-point sions. Such turbulence is typical anxiety about the economy was also "Stabilization of the financial expected to cause gyrations expected

Grow with the flow

Study examines human transport of plant seeds



A STUDENT WALKS by a flower bed of yucca plants Wednesday north of the Mass Communications building. The yucca plants are in the process of producing seeds.

By TINA L. ARONS STAFF WRITER

xperts say plant seeds hitch rides on our shoes like I free taxis that take them to places where they may not be welcome.

But how far can they go? Some may find the answer sur-

European researchers studied seeds from two wild plants found along a national coastal trail in southern England and they found seeds can

ride on shoes for miles. Matthias C. Wichmann, a lead researcher at the Center for Ecology and Hydrology in Wallingford, England, said in an e-mail that few studies relate to human population density or movement with plant species distributions.

Long distance dispersal has potential for introducing species into new habitats, said Mark McGinley, a professor of biological sciences at Texas Tech.

"If you bring in a new plant, it could compete with the naturally occurring plants," he said, "and it may not be as good of a food source for animals."

Wichmann said studying plant movements may help researchers understand and potentially direct the impact of humans have on seed dispersal, including invasive-plant species and species of conservation interest.

For the study, Wichmann and his colleagues set up experiments in

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US military: No. 2 al-Qaida in Iraq leader killed

By ROBERT H. REID ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — American soldiers killed the alleged No. 2 leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, a Moroccan who trained in Afghanistan, recruited foreign fighters and ran operations in northern Iraq where Sunni insurgents remain a potent threat, the U.S. military said Wednesday.

The man, who the military said was known as Abu Qaswarah, died Oct. 5 during a raid on a building in the northern city of Mosul that served as a major "command and control location" for the region. Four other insurgents were killed in the operation, the U.S. said.

The announcement of Abu Qaswarah's death was withheld until Wednesday to allow for positive identification, the military said.

American officials described Abu Qaswarah, also known as Abu Sara, as a charismatic figure who had rallied al-Qaida's network in the north after the movement suffered major setbacks in Baghdad and other former strongholds.

The Swedish news agency TT reported that the man was also a Swedish citizen. Swedish officials confirmed that a Moroccan Swede suspected of al-Qaida ties was killed in early October and that he was on the U.N. and the EU terror watch lists. They declined to elaborate and it was unclear whether the Swede may have been among the four others killed.

The death of such a senior al-Qaida leader will cause a major disruption to the terror network, particularly in northern Iraq, where the movement remains active, the military said.

"It's going to be much more difficult for the factions left in that area to network and operate among themselves," U.S. spokesman Brig. Gen. David Perkins said. "It allows the Iraqi security forces with the support of the coalition to go in and continue to tear apart that network."

Lubbock Dems, Reps gather for final presidential debate

By TINA L. ARONS & JON VANDERLAAN THE DAILY TOREADOR

Lubbock supporters for both major political parties watched the last presidential candidate debate Wednesday evening hoping to catch a final glimpse of what president.

"This is going to be the most important election of our lifetimes," said Chris Winn, Lubbock County Republican. Republican Party chairman. "The issues are so broad and complex health care, education, etc."

The Lubbock Republican and Democratic parties gathered at administration. One Guy From Italy and Murphy's Pub, respectively.

Barack Obama's character and his both of them. campaign positions on taxes, abortion and more Wednesday night, Found table at Hofstra University Obama leads in the national polls hoping to turn their final presidential debate into a launching pad for a political comeback, according to The Associated Press.

Victoria Beles, a second-year their candidate plans to offer as Tech law student, said after the last eight years of President Bush's administration, it would take a strong Republican candidate for her to vote While she has respect for McCain,

as she was a resident of Arizona in the past, she said she thinks something needs to be different from the Bush

Sen. John McCain assailed Sen. like to hear strong statements from in Hempstead, N.Y., was their third and in surveys in many battleground

The 90-minute encounter at a of a 20-day sprint to Election Day.

debate and marked the beginning states, an advantage built in the

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DEREK MORELAND, KENNY Ketner, Sarah Looten, a graduate public administration major from Lubbock, and John Parras, a graduate public administration major from Valentine, react to a statement made by presidential No matter which candidate ends candidate Sen. Barrack Obama during a debate Wednesup taking office, Beles said she would day at a Democratic watch party at Murphy's Pub.



THE LUBBOCK COUNTY Republican Party views the final presidential debate between Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain Wednesday at One Guy From Italy Restaurant.







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Cell phone companies increase capabilities as region expects growth

By MIKE GRAHAM

Cell phone companies are well aware of Texas Tech's expansion plans and the increasing population of the Lubbock metropolitan area, and have been increasing their networks' capabilities to accommodate the growing Lubbock market.

Representatives from both Alltel Wireless and AT&T Wireless said they are aware of Tech's plans to expand to 40,000 students by 2020 and have brought the latest in cell phone technology to the region.

"Our network could withstand the increase in volume there and around the city already," said Brad Vreeke, a wireless consultant with Alltel. "And with a pending merger with Verizon (Wireless) we will probably be able to expand even more.'

Brian Sanderson, the overseer of Alltel's network operations in Lubbock, said currently there are six cell phone towers near the Tech

Sarah Andreani, an AT&T mar-

more coverage.

Sanderson said the major cell phone companies that cover Lubbock and the South Plains are Alltel, AT&T and Sprint. Verizon and networks in the South Plains.

Representatives for Sprint did company's Lubbock network capabilities.

"We'll continue to monitor the situation there," Andreani said. "We monitor our networks constantly, perform drive tests and keep area to ensure our network's quality. So as areas grow, our network will grow as well."

Some wireless cell phone users in Lubbock may have noticed an increase in their service when they returned to school from their hometowns this

not know how many towers are near network in Lubbock on Aug. 27, but Internet on your phone. The the Tech campus but AT&T, like Andreani said users with 3G phones technology just works a little difall cell phone companies, monitors may have noticed they were getting its networks to see what areas need 3G service before the initial launch date in some areas of Lubbock.

Andreani said AT&T plans to invest \$200 million dollars worth panding its network and has of infrastructure in Texas this year, spent millions of dollars in the bringing AT&T Wireless' total past year setting up new towers T-Mobile subscribers roam on other investment in the Lone Star State in the region. to \$700 million dollars.

not return requests to discuss the 3G technologies from about 310 metropolitan areas in the U.S. to currently provides, Andreani said, approximately 350 metropolitan called Video Share. Video Share areas by the end of 2008.

"We're investing for the future," Andreani said. "3G is a technology we are very interested in and it track of call volumes in any given should be the standard service for your friend to talk about a dog many years to come."

Sanderson said Alltel has the original "third generation" network

similar to AT&T's 3G network in Lubbock for about two years now," he said. "It's called EVDO and it are buying the right item." AT&T wireless officially provides the same standard services >> michael.graham@ttu.edu

keting representative, said she does launched its Third Generation (3G) that 3G offers; like high speed ferently from getting information from your phone to the tower and back than 3G."

Sanderson said Alltel is ex-

AT&T 3G network offers a AT&T expects to expand its unique feature that no other major American cell phone company allows AT&T Wireless customers to talk on the phone while simultaneously sharing live video.

"In the past, you could call you're looking at," she said. "Now you can call and, at the same time, show your friend a live image of the dog they can see on the screen We actually have had a network of their phone. It also can help a shopper at the grocery store confirm with their spouse that they



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Tor NATALIE ANGLIN, A junior comunication studies major from Stephenville, talks on the phone with her mother between classes Monday morning outside the Mass Communications building.

The EU

cap-and-trade

Debate

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built in the weeks since the nation rhetoric and no record." stumbled into the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.

team, said results of Wednesday's debate were closer than the debate a week ago, and believes McCain was doing "exceptionally" well in the first 30 minutes.

Obama's policies regarding the economy won any new voters Wednesday based cyattacks that worked in the debate in tion of wealth - and separated himself debate. well from President Bush, Gantt said, he was able to put on a more impressive cal engineering major from Midland, said performance.

However, when the possible associations between Obama and "domestic terrorists" were brought up, Gantt said he thought Obama was ready for the question and started picking up momentum from that point.

Winn said he believed those who were undecided would observe and listen he believed McCain should have done

lead the country in "uncertain" times.

"It's John McCain that has been working for this country," he said. "It's Barack Obama that is not specific and he's all

Pam Brink, chairwoman of the Lubbock Democratic Party, said McCain the November election, because Mc-Joe Gantt, coach of the Tech debate sounds like he is reciting an "incantation" when he speaks, and did not hear any new underdog." ideas from the senator on the economy

Because he found a good attack on she said, and she does not think McCain McCain possibly could use certain poli-—attacking Obama's policy on redistribu- on his inability to bring new ideas to the the remaining weeks of the campaign,

> Robert Anderson, a senior mechanithe most important subjects during this campaign for him are the economy, health care and alternative energy.

would say something new about the future of the country. economy, although the debate would not swing his vote to either side.

intently about how the candidates plan to Wednesday was build trust and confidence >>> jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

in the American people.

"And I think he surpassed expectations with his energy levels," he said. "We finally saw the John McCain that people can trust.'

Winn said he is not worried about Cain is "no stranger to being the

Overall, Gantt said, the debate was a "wash," which is not a good thing for Not many voters are left undecided, McCain, as he needed a clear victory. but that was one of the few positives he can take out of the final debate.

Phillip Duffy, a freshman international business and finance major from Lubbock, said it is very important for college students to be aware of the He said he hoped the candidates difference their vote can make for the

"It's just so important for people to get out and vote," he said. "Any way Winn said the most important thing you vote, your vote counts.'

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E. European nations want climate package changes

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Eastern European leaders pushed for changes to a EU climate package at the opening of a two-

it would be too much of a burden on their economies to make further cuts to greenhouse gas emissions.

The leaders of eight Eastern European countries said the EU must balance the wish for cleaner air against "the need for sustainable economic growth" at a time of "serious economic and finan-

cial uncertainties." The countries - Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia,

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Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia released a joint statement on the to become law.

The recent financial turmoil has

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not met.

program could MIKOLAJ DOWGIELEWICZ POLAND'S EUROPEAN AFFAIRS MINISTER

impose 50 billion (US\$68.8 in polluter fees. Each of the bloc's 27 governments,

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ment need to approve the plan for it

During the past year, negotiations on the package between EU day summit Wednesday, saying triggered fears of a global recession governments and lawmakers have intensified. It is hoped both sides can endorse it by year's end so that it can be enacted in 2009.

"We can't say we'll get an agreement by the end of the year if our conditions are not met," said Mikolaj Dowgielewicz, Poland's European affairs ministers. But Irish Foreign Minister Micheal Martin said the plan on the table now "represents the best possible compromise" and should not be radically altered.

If the EU backs off, it would be seen as a harsh blow to U.N. climate change talks planned for December in Poland that will include delegates from more than 190 countries. The billion) a year conference will work out the details of a climate change accord to succeed the Kyoto Protocol, which expires

The Eastern European leaders said their economies have made great cuts in carbon emissions since emerging from communism in the late 1980s and that "should be rec-

ognized" now. If not, they said Eastern European nations will pay disproportionately toward an EU climate change package agreed to in 2007 that calls for a slashing of greenhouse gas emissions and creating a costly emissions trad-

ing program. "Europe has been built on the principles of cooperation and solidarity," they said, adding the EU's climate change package can only work if it fosters "economic development for all member states."

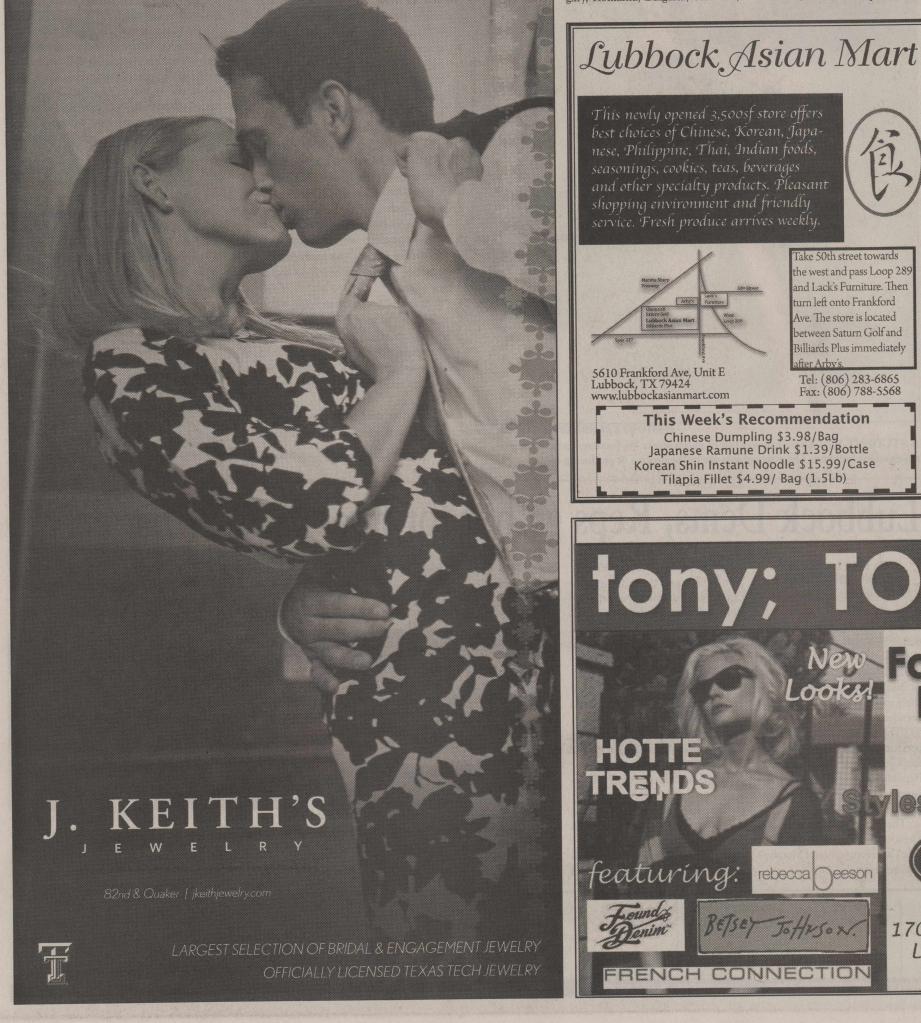
Their plea echoed misgivings in Germany and Italy about forging ahead with the ambitious climate change package at a time of financial turmoil and declining economic

Several leaders, however, said the package must not be mothballed.

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TECH POLICE BLOTTER

Non-student stole tip jar containing \$339 from tailgate

A non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning at 12:43 p.m. for all Texas Tech property.

Oct. 10

An officer documented information about a pedestrian/vehicle accident at 11:50 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and University Avenue. The student who was hit exchanged information with the driver of the vehicle and left the scene. The student later contacted the Tech Police Department and was instructed to report the accident to the Lubbock Police Department.

A student was arrested at 3:36 p.m. in the Z-4P parking lot for providing alcohol to a minor, possession of alcohol by a minor and possession of a fictitious or

was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Two officers investigated theft at 6:05 p.m. at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center in which a wallet was reported stolen.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 10:59 p.m. in Stangel Residence Hall in which a room window was broken from the outside with a Sprite bottle.

An officer documented information concerning a lost cell phone at 11:20 p.m. in the 3000 block of 18th Street.

Oct. 11

An officer investigated an accident at 12:02 a.m. in the Z-4P parking lot involving a Tech vehicle. No injuries were reported.

An officer responded to a medi-

altered driver's license. The student cal call at 12:09 a.m. in Stangel Residence Hall in which a student was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room for possible alcohol poisoning.

An officer investigated burglary of a motor vehicle at 8:30 a.m. in the Z-2B parking lot in which a TomTom GPS was reported stolen from the vehicle.

An officer investigated an accident at 12:22 p.m. in the Double T parking lot that involved a bus and an unoccupied vehicle. No injuries were reported. A student was issued a Lubbock

County citation at 2 p.m. at Gate 6 of Jones AT&T Stadium for consumption of alcohol by a minor. An officer investigated an accident at 3:06 p.m. in the 3700 block

of 10th Street. No injuries were

reported.

An officer investigated theft at employee. 4:30 p.m. in the Z-1 Parking lot in which a non-student stole a tip jar that contained \$339 from a tailgating area. Officers pursued the nonstudent after observing him fleeing

An officer investigated theft at 6:57 p.m. in the Music building in which two Visa debit cards and a City Bank Mastercard were reported stolen.

Oct. 13

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 8:34 a.m. at a Lee Lewis construction site on campus in which windows were broken with rocks.

An officer documented information at 9:30 a.m. in the University Library in which a patron made a derogatory comment about an

An officer documented information about an unauthorized person going through lockers at 11:05 a.m. in the Music building.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 1:50 p.m. in the English building in which wallpaper was cut with an unknown object in a men's

An officer investigated an accident at 6:03 p.m. in the 1800 block of Boston Avenue in which minor injuries were suffered. One of the drivers was transported to University Medical Center for treatment.

Two students were issued Lubbock County citations at 9:55 p.m. in Murdough Residence Hall for possession of drug paraphernalia. Both students were released.

An officer investigated theft at 1:30 p.m. in the Music building in which an iPod was reported stolen.

An officer investigated theft at 1:30 in the Foreign Language building in which a cell phone and wallet were reported stolen.

A non-student was arrested for assault at 2:04 p.m. in the Tech Museum. The non-student reportedly pushed and slapped his wife. He was issued a criminal trespass warning from all Tech property and was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Two officers investigated an accident at 8:19 p.m. in the R-7 parking lot in which a pedestrian was involved. The pedestrian was transported to the UMC emergency room for treatment.

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Georgia-Russia talks off to shaky start in Geneva

sors said the negotiations had only taken. hit a procedural snag and will resume next month.

its allies in the breakaway Georgian meeting was downgraded because of regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia left the talks before their Abkhazia and South Ossetia. scheduled end. Deputy Foreign Minister Grigory Karasin said the delegation would explain at a news conference later.

"They no longer continue to talk," U.N. spokeswoman Elena Ponomareva said. "They are finished."

several issues including whether tails," Morel said, but he suggested egation left.

high-level talks between Russia and EU-brokered cease-fire, security, status of the breakaway delegations Georgia since their war broke down the return of refugees and human and how to arrange the meetings Wednesday, but international spon-rights and what steps need to be

Originally, senior ministers were expected in Geneva for substan- the procedural points, said Johan The delegations from Russia and tive discussions. Diplomats said the differences over the participation of track.'

> EU representative Pierre Morel said the talks had "encountered procedural difficulties" and all parties had decided to suspend the meeting. He said they would meet again tia. A half-hour later, when the

The talks were called to discuss would be useful to go into the de-

GENEVA (AP) — The first both sides were complying with an the problem had to do with the to include them.

The choice was made to take "some breathing space" to handle Verbeke, special U.N. envoy for Georgia. "The process is on

Russia arrived 50 minutes late for the opening of the talks, underscoring its objection to the exclusion of representatives from Abkhazia and South Ossemeeting moved to a format that "I don't think at this point it included the representatives of the regions, the Georgian del-

Tech Police: Most warrants issued through unpaid tickets

Although an arrest warrant can be issued for suspects in serious offenses such as a murder case, Texas Tech police say failure to appear in court for tickets is the most common cause for the issuance of

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, said if a person does not make the court date they agreed to attend after signing their ticket, a warrant immediately is put out for their arrest in a computer database.

People who are issued a ticket are not required to sign it, he said, but then they risk the chance of being taken directly to court.

Because Tech and Lubbock Police Department officers sometimes stop people during routine traffic stops from outside the area, he said, multiple warrant databases can be searched when the officer calls dispatch to search for a war-

The dispatcher also contacts the agency the warrant originated from to make sure the warrant still is active. If the warrant is active, he said, the officer is required to arrest that person. However, it is up to the officer's

too time consuming to search for a warrant each traffic stop.

Not all warrants are carried out through traffic stops, he said, because many people with outstanding warrants will turn themselves in after a call from a law enforcement

Additionally, some people who have a warrant may resist arrest, Hoffman said, although those cases are rare. More serious violations may prompt the department to actively search for the suspect. In dangerous cases, an officer may call in SWAT teams to carry out

When a suspect from out of the discretion whether to look for a area is arrested for warrants, the warrant, Hoffman said, and it is department gives the suspect a few days to post bail, he said. After that time, they may be transferred to the jurisdiction that initially issued the

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EU, US call for a global summit to reshape banking

will hold a global summit - perhaps want lessons to be learned."

as early as November in New to prevent another economic meltdown.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said all European Union nations backed radical restructuring of global

institutions like the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. He called for a meeting "pref-

erably in New York, where everything united in their commitment to change started" and said it should lead to "a the regulation of the world's financial new capitalism."

such as China, India and others out- current crisis." side the G-8 should also participate because "no one should feel excluded together, we will meet the present from what we are recasting."

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York—to forge We are confident that, working together, we will meet the present challenges and return our economies to stability and prospertity.

> **JOINT STATEMENT** G-8 LEADERS

British Prime Minister Gordon tions. Brown said the

creation of the United Nations and the Bretton Woods conference that laid out the post-World War II international financial and monetary system.

The G-8 leaders said in a joint statement released by the White House that they were

sector to restore confidence and Sarkozy said emerging economies "remedy deficiencies exposed by the

"We are confident that, working challenges and return our economies EU leaders meeting in Brussels "all to stability and prosperity," they said.

Brown, a longtime former Treasury

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BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) _ causes to produce the same effects in chief widely seen as a leader in crafting markets but what we do not have is The Group of Eight major industrial future," the French leader said. "We policies to combat the financial crisis, anything other than national and nations announced Wednesday they don't want all this to start again; we said he wants a group of supervisors regional regulation and supervision," from major nations to monitor the Brown said. "The IMF has got to be world's 30 largest financial institu- rebuilt as fit for purpose for the mod-

"I believe there is scope for agreemeeting would ment in the next few days that we will porters before meeting for talks on the disease." financial crisis with other EU leaders, trillion continentwide emergency at the service of companies and bailout for the banking sector.

"We now have global financial EU leaders.

ern world. We need an early warning system for the world economy."

Sarkozy said a string of governrequire vision have an international meeting to take ment bailout plans had "treated the common action ... for very large and immediate symptoms of the crisis very radical changes," Brown told re- without attacking the roots of the

"We need to found a new capitalwho on Wednesday endorsed a \$2.3 ism based on values that put finance citizens and not the reverse," he told

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Republicans reap what they have sown

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This period has led to a sort of worldwide allergy to all things American, while at the same time producing several generations of very nationalistic, consumeristic tion seems to be setting in. John and politically isolated Americans. Recall, please, our president telling gesting that his opponent is not a and nearsighted us to spend more money because it is our patriotic duty, and because are shouting things like "kill him" otherwise the terrorists will win.

Those halcyon days are certainly over (good riddance), but prominent commentators are going further, bringing up ghosts of himself stoked. But I think what is not just the Great Depression but happening — the suddenly violent the drumbeat of also the fall of both the British and rhetoric; the angry and paranoid Roman Empires. What, America crowds; the sweaty-palmed cowards

Indeed, it seems that while America will maintain a powerful result of red-blooded American these "Joe Sixposition into the near future, its democracy, especially as wielded role beyond that is unclear. The by Republicans since 1980. dust has yet to settle. But a new era much whom America elects.

ping from its grasp. A scary desperabeing. That was a neat trick.



McCain is getting booed for sugbad guy. Men at Sarah Palin rallies (in reference to Barack Obama) and receiving raucous applause.

has lost control of a fire that he and riled up. forwarding fear-mongering e-mails Limbaugh and - is less McCain's fault than a Sean Hannity,

By focusing on relatively minor wink, vilely calls is awaiting its leaders, and for the wedge issues, along with vague con-them) are so dismoment, the world still cares very cepts of "character" and "value," the Republicans convinced a lot eignness of Obama that they have pen if Osama Bin Laden released a represents, more and more closely,

Braden is a senior natural Meanwhile, the Republican of people to vote for a party totally actually resorting to cutting off video before the election in which the inner soul of the people. We history and humanities major Party no doubt sees a nation slip- otherwise opposed to their well- McCain mid-sentence to chastise he "endorsed" Obama. He must be move toward a lofty ideal. On from Katy. E-mail him at

McCain, self-styled maverick, hard enough. was supposed to be a corrective to this. But the Republicans have said Oct. 11 at a McCain town

been appealing for a long time to the ignorant, paranoid sector of the nation -I mean the mob men, superstitious ful events of late prove that those voters (surprise!) It is clear that John McCain are still on board,

> Marching to classless hooligans like Rush Pack" voters (as otherwise opposed to Palin, with a

gusted at the for-

him for not "taking it" to Obama licking his chops, after all, when he some great and glorious day the eric.braden@ttu.edu.

"I don't trust him," one woman my house" Palin on television.

By focusing on relatively minor wedge issues, along pering, "C'mon, — and the woe- with vague concepts tell the people that Barack Husof "character" and "value," the Republicans them." convinced a lot of people to vote for a party totally with fear, that

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hall meeting in he has more dignity than this. He downright moron." Lakeville, Minn. has lost sway with a growing, rest-"He's an Arab." less group of supporters. But this is came true. These are the lit- not unforeseen. In 1920, the great on McCain's had this to say about our presidenshoulder, whis- tial politics:

"The larger the mob, the harder the test. In small areas, before small electorates, a first-rate man ocsein Obama is casionally fights his way through, not like them carrying even the mob with him by more — and seeks to reverse this - that he does force of his personality. But when pitiable track. not understand the field is nationwide, and the fight must be waged chiefly at sec-A problem ond and third hand, and the force with fear tactics of personality cannot so readily is that they are make itself felt, then all the odds of people - people who, most days, unwieldy. Once are on the man who is, intrinsically, just go about living their lives you fill voters the most devious and mediocre foaming at the mouth and seeing — the man who can most easily devils in all places. The Republican fear can be ma- adeptly disperse the notion that his Party sowed these seeds. They are mind is a virtual vacuum.

ine, for instance, by year, to go to such men. As what would hap- democracy is perfected, the office

Looking at job prospects after election

sees Sarah "I can see Russia from plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last, and the And in a way, I feel for McCain; White House will be adorned by a

Eighty years later, his prediction

So, in the pre-dawn of a new tle devils perched American essayist H.L. Mencken and clouded America, two sides fight for that moron's helm. One side, the Democrats, sees a nation that has gone too far to the right for too long, and that has been too greedy and obsessed with deregulation - all these things and

> The other side is a conflagration. Bless him, but McCain is not vacuous enough to carry or manage the mob. It is strange to see a group a party, to paraphrase Mencken "The presidency tends, year again, of "jackasses worshipping

Public deserves answers to ignored issues in final debate

By LAURA TEMEL CORNELL DAILY SUN (CORNELL U.)

e are less than three weeks away from Election Day. In the longest presidential campaign in American history, 15 primary candidates bechallenged and disseminated in the presidential debates. But this is not a

brella of foreign policy and national The public's response was reasonably the Audience Reaction Meter), but overall the candidates' responses were measured and politically pointed. The second debate however, was painstakingly mundane. Both candidates appointment affect Roe v. Wade? resorted to rhetoric, statistics and people. Once again, focusing almost economic crisis. A few years down the entirely on the economy, the debate dissolved into a sheet of statistics as the questions yielded themselves to easy answers and easy escapes.

Throughout both debates, I found that the questions asked by the they would like to take America once moderators and by the audience left something to be desired. Unremitting inquiries concerning the economy and the environment served to reduce the upcoming election to two categories - financial security and energy dependency. I will not dispute the urgency of these issues. I will however, crises, but also what they genuinely point out that not much has been said to get a clear picture of the issues from the debates. How many different ways Bob Schieffer, the candidates will sit can one ask, "How is the bailout going around the same table and discuss isto help me? Who is responsible for this sues in domestic policy. It is inevitable economic meltdown?" The questions that once again the economy will in last week's debate were charged with frustration, and for good reason — Americans are in a tough position right now. But the answers we received did very little to quell such gripes. Instead, they promulgated specific agendas with canned answers.

Moreover, not only have the quesrent financial crisis, but also the candidates have continuously sidestepped the focus of the moderators' inquiries. Instead, they peddle the repetitive sound bytes of their specific agenda,

no matter how off-track they may be. More often than not, Obama and Mc-Cain have acknowledged the moderator's question and then proceeded to answer something entirely different. Rather than providing direct answers to the posed inquiries, both Obama and McCain have used the debates came two presidential hopefuls: Sens. as a forum to address the American Barack Obama and John McCain. At public on issues at their discretion. this point in time, a typical campaign Maybe the questions themselves have analyst would presume both platforms not been bad, but the answers have would have been well articulated, instead deviated from their proposed

Yet beyond grievances behind typical campaign, and that does not which questions were asked, it is seem to be the case. In the midst of important to consider which quesbemused moderators and citizens it tions were not asked. It is evident is important to ask: What have we that voters are panicked about our learned from Obama and McCain in financial system; however, in directing all animosity towards Wall Street the The first presidential debate, held American public has mistakenly put in September, did a fair job addressing all other policy matters on the back the financial crisis and some issues in burner. Once this economic cycle international politics. Under the umcomes out of its trough, we will again be faced with social issues at the crux security, the candidates focused pri- of American politics. Our near-sightmarily on the global financial system, edness has allowed us to forgo quesenergy efficiency and the war in Iraq. tions like, how has Obama addressed Guantanamo Bay and human rights? positive (as we so cleverly saw on What has McCain said recently on immigration? With Justice John Paul Stevens approaching retirement, whom will each candidate appoint to the Supreme Court and how will the

Understanding the weavings of the political banter to halfheartedly ad- economy in this election is inherently dress the concerns of the American different from voting wholly on the line, this financial calamity will have been placated and order resumed. It is imperative to reconsider where these candidates stand on issues other than the economy and in which direction our institutions have been restored.

It is possible this is nothing new. Perhaps this is politics as usual. But if that is the case, what is the point of holding each debate? The American public is anxiously looking not at the candidates' solutions to the current

In tonight's debate moderated by dominate the conversation, but I sincerely hope Schieffer will steer debate towards other social issues that weigh heavily on our lives so we may learn more about the Democratic and Republican platforms. "The time has come to be a little more specific," Schieffer told The Associated Press tions been overly limited to the cur- on Sunday. I hope he lives up to his

> It has been argued that the debates can ultimately determine the votes. They helped John F. Kennedy to defeat Richard Nixon in 1960 and Ron

ald Reagan to oust Jimmy Carter in 1980. But I am not confident that in 2008 that will be the case. The 2008 election has certainly ushered in a new era of politics. Do our expectations of the debates need to be adjusted to this reality? I would rather see the candidates rise to the occasion and demonstrate a strong understanding of these broad and multidimensional issues. Instead of falling prey to political stereotypes, through these debates I would like to see a candidate rise up and truly be presidential.

Sen. Barack Obama has taken Trevor

a recent lead in the polls. This has me quaking in my boots, not only because I fear for the security of our nation, or because I believe that capitalism and free markets are the lifeblood of any democracy, but mainly because I have a job now and would like to have the opportunity to get an even better one after I graduate.

In the current economic condition of America people have begun to see the impact on their employment. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, since January over 1.5 million people have been affected by mass layoffs, and there are only more to come. But before anyone casts a ballot in November they should look at what each Presiwill do to the prospects of future employment.

an economic policy that is progrowth. He does not propose to create or raise any taxes. He wants to will instantly and directly benefit

working, you are

Obama

you?

cut taxes on businesses, and re-Chances are that ward them with a tax credit for if you are currently investing profits in research and development.

How does employed by a small Obama's plan differ? I'm sure you have all heard his campaign advertisements that say 95 percent of Americans will get a tax cut, but what will happen to the other 5 percent? Well for anyone earning over

\$250,000 per year, they will see their tax rates growing and supplying more nations for everyone else's tax cut. You may see this as fair — after all, \$250,000 is a lot of money — but let's pause cessful if they become tax havens. and think about who many of these dastardly wealthy people are.

bureau, are responsible for 70 percent of the current jobs in America and for 80 percent of the new jobs revolution. created. It's the men and women who took a risk and opened a local White is a freshman agriculture providing some other service that at tr.white@ttu.edu.

we have a need for.

Chances are that if you are currently working, you are employed by a small business owner who will see their taxes increase under an Obama administration. How will that affect you? Well if you are the most expendable employee then you had better update your résumé. No business owner dential candidate's economic plans is simply going to absorb the loss in income, they will pass it down, either to the consumers through a price increase, Sen. John McCain has proposed or they will cut their expenses by laying someone off.

Sure, Obama's economic policies

the middle class through tax breaks, but what about in directly? It will be harder for middle class workers to find a job, or keep the jobs that they have.

The United business owner who States is already will see their taxes one of the most heavily taxed naincrease under an tions in the world. This is why large corporations keep exporting jobs. administration. Why do you think General Motors How will that affect and Ford are suf-

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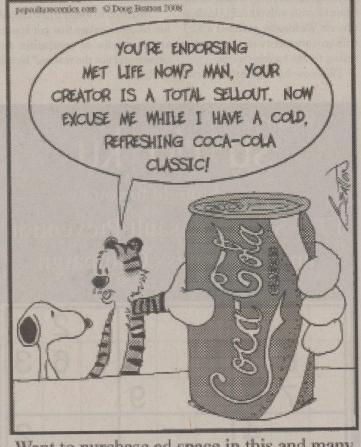
panies like Toyota

and Nissan keep

increase dramatically in order to pay around the world? In fact, our own Bureau of Economics research states that countries are more likely to be suc-

The bottom line is extraordinarily high taxes were the main cause of the They are small business owners, American Revolution. Why don't we the people who, according to the learn from the past and realize that if we continue to increase our taxes it is only a matter of time before the next

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Career advisers offer networking advice for young professionals

By TINA L. ARONS STAFF WRITER

A pleasant introduction, a firm handshake and a flare for conversation may not be enough to earn a job, but they may be key to getting in the door.

"Whether we like it or not, getting a job involves networking skills," said Stephanie Wehmeier, associate director of the Texas Tech University Career Services.

Wehmeier's department hosted a seminar to discuss networking strategies and to offer an exchange of related experiences Wednesday afternoon in the center's presentation room.

Aleesa Ross, assistant director for the center, stressed the importance of professionals discussing their job search with everyone they know. "It doesn't matter how you hear about

it," she said, "as long as you're qualified to do the job." Also, Wehmeier said it is impor-

tant for professionals to avoid burning instructor.

to meet the next person who is going to give you a job," she said.

As a Tech alumna who returned to Lubbock with her husband, Ross said, she contacted her former student-teaching supervisor at the Lubbock Independent I could in his class, and down the road it School District.

She said he told her about a recent

Communications and recommended her advised job seekers to keep introductions speaking, Ross said, and they should to the college.

Shortly thereafter, she said, journalism professor Robert Wernsman contacted

You never know when you're going to meet the next person who is going to give you a job.

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"You never know when you're going the position. She later learned Wernsman want your grandma to know." had referenced the grade he gave her years earlier when she was a student in his News Writing class.

"I had gotten an A in the class," she said. "I went to class and did the best job

A good introduction is also an im-

brief, which helps them avoid talking too avoid looking around the room for more much about themselves.

"Think of it as a commercial," Wehpeople wanting to know more."

During the seminar, Mahesh Pandibad, India, raised his hand.

"I want to bring up social-networking sation. Web sites," he said.

Pandikunta said he has several friends who use Web sites such as Facebook and MySpace to network with professionals in their field. However, he heard several companies with computer-savy professionals seek out these social-network profiles.

"It seems like you have to make sure you are careful who you network with,"

Ross said she agreed social-networking Web sites provide both a window of opportunity and a door that can be slammed shut.

"What I usually tell students," she Ross said she was offered and accepted said, "is don't post anything you wouldn't

> Wehmeier and Ross said some common mistakes inexperienced networkers make include limp handshakes, avoiding eye contact and forgetting names.

"Handshakes are part of your first impression," Wehmeier said. "You want to be confident."

Students should try to make eye job opening in Tech's College of Mass portant tool to have, Ross said, but she contact with those to whom they are

interesting people to talk to.

"It could give the wrong impression," her about an opening for a news writing meier said. "It's a brief snippet that leaves she said, "even if you don't mean for it

> And if you forget a name, Ross said, kunta, a graduate student from Hydera- it is acceptable to ask the person politely for their name at the end of the conver-

"The key is to be natural," she said. "Be yourself and you can't go wrong." >>-tina.arons@ttu.edu

NETWORKING TIPS

Join an interest group, alumni association or professional organization Stay in touch with professors, former employees, internship supervisors, etc.

Let connections know when you are looking for a job

Converse with people while waiting in line

Stay current on the news, a great source of ice-breaking conversation

Promptly return phone calls to

make a good impression. Ask for new acquaintances' busi-

LEADERSHIP

Madonna announces divorce

countless denials of domes- family's sake. tic trouble, Madonna and Guy eight years of marriage.

The couple's announcement that spanned the Atlantic and dominated the gossip columns.

Madonna — "Madge" to the British press - and her filmmaker husband were always greater tabloid fodder in England, where they lived. The pop star seemed to take to English life, spending much of her time at the couple's 1,200-acre country estate in Wiltshire, and to some ears, adopting a slight British

But in recent years, reports began to accumulate that they were on the rocks. Over the summer, retreat in Wiltshire. Madonna was linked — unfairly, his ex-wife Cynthia.

The couple issued a brief

LONDON (AP) - After respect from the press for their

A financial settlement has not Ritchie announced Wednesday been agreed by the wealthy couple, they are divorcing after nearly who also must decide child custody

Madonna and Ritchie, director brings to an end a showbiz union of "Snatch" and "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels," married in December 2000 at Skibo Castle, in the Scottish Highlands. The couple have two children: Rocco, 8, and David Banda, 3, who was adopted from Malawi in 2006. Madonna also has a 12-year-old daughter, Lourdes, from her relationship with personal trainer Carlos Leon.

> The couple are reportedly worth some \$525 million, the bulk of that belonging to Madonna. Ritchie has an estimated \$35 million fortune. They own homes in London, Los Angeles and New York, and the

In London, Ritchie's mother, she said — to the breakup of New Lady Amber Leighton, told report-York Yankee Alex Rodriguez and ers that the family wouldn't be making any statement to the media.

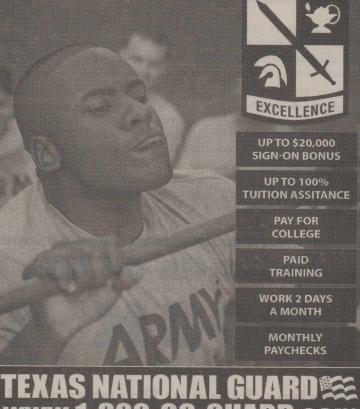
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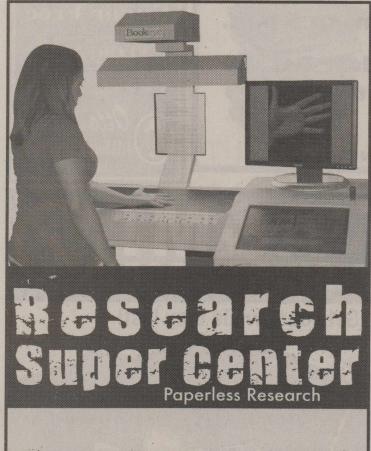


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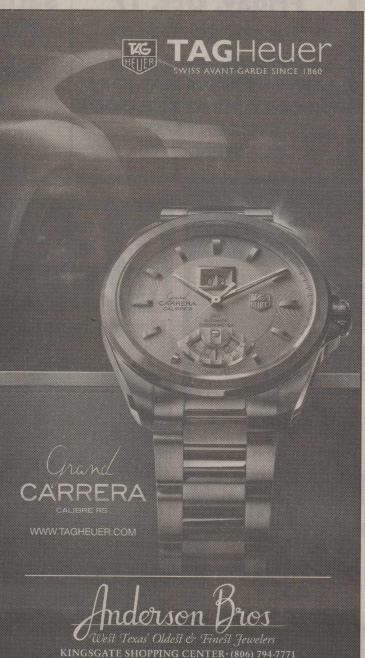


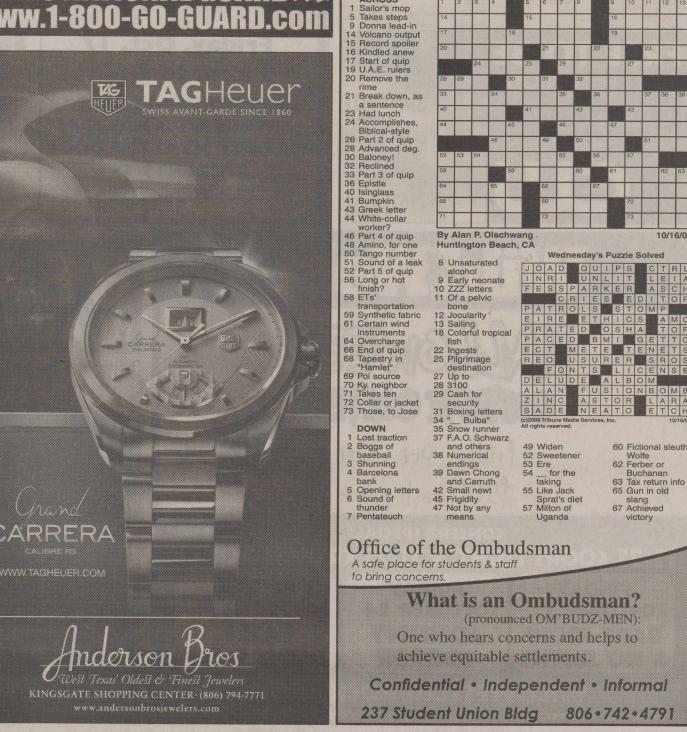
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Baylor U. offers freshmen

\$300 to take SAT again

DT's music critic offers her picks for Lubbock's 10 best live music venues

Recently I have noticed a decline in the number of students venturing out to the bars at night and noticed there are too many people missing too many good shows.

It hit me shortly thereafter: Maybe the people here just don't know where to go anymore.

music venues.

No. 1: Lone Star Oyster Bar (3040 34th St.)

Also known as the "O-bar," this you will.

No. 2: Bash Riprock's 2 (620 19th St.)

Bash's 2 may not always be the



That is why I am now offering famous musicians, including Monte a list of my Top 10 favorite live Montgomery I saw play about three years ago.

No. 3: BarPM

(1211 University Ave.) Lets be honest, Bar PM does not little dive joint by far makes the have an incredible stage or even a top of my list. Since the moment remotely good sound but it is this I turned 21 years old, it has been far up on my list for two reasons: my favorite place in Lubbock. The The first being that the owners thing that makes the O-bar such Mike and Paige have built a good a great place to go listen to live rapport with musicians. The second music is its stellar reputation for reason BarPM is ranked third is system, which means its bands do bringing in the most talented musi- for the sheer number of students it not have to worry about lugging cians in Lubbock to play four and draws to hear music. Located across one around when they perform sometimes five nights a week. Not University Avenue near campus, there. The stage is elevated, makto mention the drinks are cheap, it's got a great location, so it targets the atmosphere is relaxed and it's a that crowd. Also, BarPM patrons place where everybody knows your rarely seem to receive its performname — Lubbock's own Cheers if ers negatively. In fact, they seem to that stage. love them.

No. 4: The Buddy Holly Center (1801 Ave. G)

most happening bar in town, but it of place, but I actually debated is definitely one of the best venues ranking it higher on my list. Every for live music in Lubbock. I rank it summer the Buddy Holly Center second simply because the sound offers all citizens of Lubbock a free in that place is great. The way it summer showcase series in its courthas the stage set up, coupled by yard. The bands it hires are always standing. The owner's of this 'solid sound setups makes music good. It's atmosphere is always establishment have also built a there extremely pleasing to the positive. It serves drinks, and there good rapport with the musicians 'ear. Formerly a Stubb's Barbecue is an art exhibit featuring some of they hire. 'joint several years ago, that stage the musicians from Lubbock. It's

to look at while you're listening to good music.

> No. 5: Texas Café & Bar (3604 50th St.)

Also know as "The Spoon" to those who have been in Lubbock long enough, one cannot deny this establishment's appeal. It has at one time or another been home to some of the most noteworthy musicians to come out of this town, but it also has hosted a slew of others. Proof? Just check out the pictures on the wall. You might be in awe. The Spoon also offers an open-mic night on Sundays, which is usually a pretty good time.

No. 6: The Blue Light (1806 Buddy Holy Ave.)

The Blue Light makes the list because it has its own sound ing it more enjoyable to watch. I've seen some of my more favorite shows throughout the years on

> No. 8: Rocky LaRue's (2420 Broadway Ave.)

Located across from campus This one may seem like it's out smack in the middle of Broadway Avenue, owners of this bar could not ask for a better location. Since they moved tables around on the floor there has been a lot more room for both dancing and

No. 8: Bash Riprock's (2419 Main St.)

Much like its other location. Bash's has for a long time been known to host some killer shows, plus they have pool tables, which I personally love.

No. 9: Jakes Sports Café (5025 50th St.)

Technically, Jakes has not been reopened long enough to warrant its ranking with the other music venues. The place is simply the most entertaining if you want to jam-out. Shows at Jakes have a reputation for getting crazy. The sound system Jake's provides its bands is extremely convenient, and there's more room to pack people into than anywhere else in Lubbock. Jakes should probably be in the top three, so we will see if it can make the climb back toward the top in coming months.

No. 10: Jazz, A Louisiana Kitchen (3703 19th St.)

Jazz made it onto the list because I love to go and watch little shows. Jazz's small setting provides an intimacy that you cannot get at larger venues. It also has a reputation for hiring quality performers.

So, now that you have a list of the noteworthy music venues in this town, I hope there will be no more excuses for the lack of faces I've noticed at shows. Granted I know that it is only my opinion, and many may not agree, but perhaps you now have a place to start.

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CORINNE KILLOUGH THE LARIAT (BAYLOR U.)

Baylor offered the class of 2012 a \$300 Baylor Bookstore credit and potential scholarship incentives to retake the SAT in June, after they were already accepted and enrolled.

An e-mail sent in June to incoming freshmen stated that students who chose to retest would automatically receive a \$300 credit to the bookstore.

If a student scored 50 points or higher on the retest, they received an additional \$1,000 a year to their scholarship package.

They had the option of retesting on June 7, a national testing day, or taking the Baylor Residual SAT on campus at another designated time in June or during orientation.

The Baylor Residual SAT was unique in that a student's score could only be used at Baylor and could not be transferred to other universities.

If the student's SAT score improved enough to qualify them for a higher merit-based scholarship, the student would receive that scholarship instead of just the \$1000 award, according to the e-mail.

Of the 861 students who retested this summer, 151 students improved their score by at least 50 points and received the \$1,000 scholarships.

By May 1, the deposit deadline for the entering freshman class, the average SAT score fell at around 1200, said Dub Oliver, vice president of Student Life. After the residual scores were measured this summer, the average improved to 1210.

The 2007 entering freshman class had an SAT average of 1219,

the highest ever in Baylor's history, and the 2006 entering class had an average of 1213.

High school seniors have always had the option of retaking the SAT to increase their score and receive more financial aid, Oliver said.

In past years, however, the window for retesting was shorter. According to the admissions Web site, the original cut-off date for retesting was February 15, 2008.

Jackie Diaz, assistant vice president for student financial services, said that as Baylor began accelerating the application process to offer financial aid awards earlier, students sent in their most recent SAT scores, which they might have taken during their junior year of high school and may not be an accurate assessment of their knowledge upon enrollment.

"We decided it would be a good opportunity, given that many of these students had tested early," she said. "Certainly there's a lot of information they're going to gain in their junior and senior year of high school, so we allowed these students to retest."

Because the students, this year's freshmen class, had already graduated from high school when the e-mail was sent in June, Diaz said the \$300 incentive was offered to encourage them to take advantage of the testing.

White Oak sophomore Emanuel Gawrieh, a Brooks College CL and member of the Student Advisory Board, said he found out about the residual SAT testing after confronting Student Life in regards to Baylor's one-point drop from No. 75 to 76 in the 2008 U.S. News and World

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which participants wearing hiking shoes or rubber boots stepped into mud and then into a tray containing

a specific number of seeds. Participants walked from about 3 feet to a little more than 3 miles. Although more than half of seeds fell off their shoes within 16

or 17 feet, researchers found seeds regularly remained attached to shoes after three miles.

orgin, according to the study.

Scott Holaday, a Tech biological sciences professor, said plant species with seeds that travel away from the parent plant, often called "pioneer" plants, utilize water, wind and animals to travel to new places to germinate.

'They are normally strong competitors with other plants in the area." he said.

Several pioneer plants call West Texas home, Holaday said. Two of the most common are sandburs and goathead, which have sharp, spiny burs.

"These seed dispersal systems

another animal."

Wichmann offered a general rule of thumb: More human movement in an area equates to a greater potential for human-mediated dispersal and all of its associated effects.

Urban sites have higher potential and may often be the first place invasive species appear, but habitat suitability may be limited, he said. ceptible than surrounding areas.

"Many plants on campus are cut down before they make seeds," he

It also depends on the shoes, McGinley said. Footwear with mud in its treads is more prone to transport seeds than flat shoes.

"I think hiking boots would be a classic example," he said. According to the study, pedes-

National parks and similar habitats trians may disperse seeds in other often experience high visitor numbers ways than walking. They also may that potentially makes them more sus-facilitate other means of transportation such as cars, boats or airplanes McGinley said human-seed disperand thus potentially may carry seeds

"The biggest problem is that we go everywhere now," Holaday said. 'The animals of North America don't travel to Europe, but we do. We have the capability of moving things all over the globe, and it's only a matter of whether or not it can grow there."

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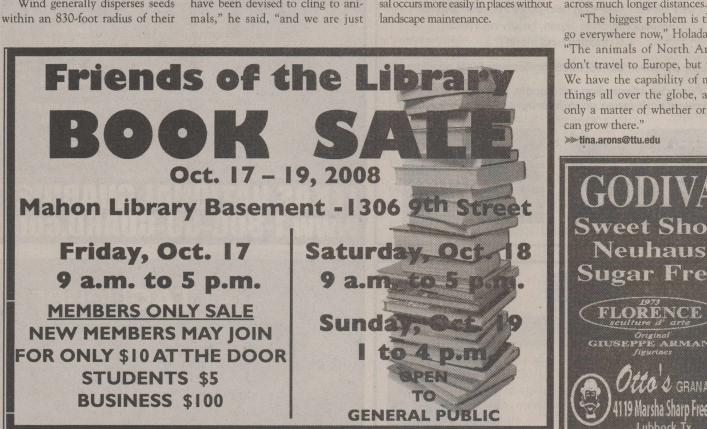
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Console wars: PS3, Xbox 360, Wii practically neck-and-neck

Now we're in the thick of it, right at that point where we can feel the heavy air of competition turning into the dense soup of violent marketing and economics - the point where "next gen" becomes "current gen."

Sony's PlayStation 3, Microsoft's Xbox 360 and Nintendo's Wii have been out long enough that it's pretty easy to see the direction in which they're headed.

determine.

passing early judgment.

fact that early sales numbers strongly sup- in the positive. ported. In fact, it's hard to interpret these hit shelves a mere eight days later.

one of the most disappointing consoles management capabilities. ever released, even garnering a spot on Sony's favor.

picture and Blu-ray has become the future the PS3 going anywhere but up. of HD media, the PS3 is one of the best Blu-ray players out there. It's cheap and just about as future-proof as you can get headed. Since its launch, the console has hard to say the 360 is losing to anyone. with electronics. The Sony console's HDD attempted to cover a dark and disturbing storage and Internet connectivity keep it secret that could easily halt its sales: It up-to-date, making the PS3 one of the doesn't work. few Blu-ray players capable of utilizing the BD-Live Profile 2.0.



Drake's Fortune" and "Metal Gear Solid But despite such feasible extrapola- 4: Guns of the Patriots" were releases that tion, a winner is still fairly difficult to turned critics' favor toward the overly of consumers returning and exchanging have shown the best is yet to come; the Wii That, however, won't stop me from like "LittleBigPlanet" (the beta, to say the of Deathed" — referring to the red rings competitive with other systems. The PS3 had a pretty slow start, a War III" guaranteeing their criticisms stay system failure.

figures as anything but a bust. The PS3 had PSN is now a serious contender with unbeatable—albeit subscription-based— This was heavily due to the PS3 being and offering equally sophisticated media

What it does lack, however, is a PC World's Top 21 Tech Screwups of 2006 cross-game invitation system, universal list. Its launch titles were disappointing; custom soundtrack functionality and a its high price practically made it a luxury standardized implementation of trophies even conceded this generation's console item; and it was clear Sony's PSN was no — Sony's response to the 360's achievematch for Microsoft's Xbox Live system. ment system. With the upcoming release of However, as of late, this has turned in the PlayStation Home service, more highly Now that HD DVD is out of the of vital firmware updates, it's hard to see to mention Microsoft's decision to keep its media-playback support, HD output and

The 360 has a less varied history, but

VentureBeat writer Dean Takahashi has released an interesting book ardu-Exclusive games like "Uncharted: ously titled "The Xbox 360 Uncloaked:

the initial defect rate of manufactured 360's was as high as 68 percent, Microsoft still released the console, which to this day still rates hovering around 3 percent.

shiny console with upcoming A-list titles consoles that have RRODed—"Red Ring has the power to produce games that are least, was absolutely divine) and "God of that light up on the console after critical

At release, the 360 looked poised After a series of updates, Sony's free to take it all. It had a reasonable price, HD DVD went extinct and the hardware console itself. problems caused sales to slow and critics to denounce the 360's decisive victory.

> Microsoft Vice President Don Mattick race, leaving the Wii to take the lead.

XBL and Marketplace as high-quality as it third-party exclusives. is — and the impending release of the new-

But anything's possible. the 360 is losing the console wars.

If sales are any measure, the Wii is winning by an incredible margin.

The little console that could has been timothy.poon@ttu.edu.

The Real Story Behind Microsoft's Next-selling out and "waggling" its way to vic-Generation Video Game Console." The tory since its launch. Even with today's book reveals all the dirty, not-so-little doubled or tripled hardware shipments, secrets of the 360. Knowing at launch that Nintendo simply hasn't been able to keep up with consumer demand, though most of these sales are probably novelty at best.

"Wii Sports" may be fun for a while, has a disturbingly high 16.4-percent failure but, honestly, how long can you box with rate; the PS3 and Wii have their failure nothing? Games like "Metroid Prime 3: Corruption" and "Super Mario Galaxy", These failures have sparked a flurry a "Best Game Ever" contender, however,

However, the Wii's family-friendly image is hard to shuck with a barrage of games like "Emergency Mayhem" and "Ninja Reflex" that would make any selfrespecting gamer wish for a knife to the the slowest of all the launches, selling less Microsoft's subscription-based XBL com- community services, excellent backward face. Upcoming titles, like "Fatal Frame than half as many units as the Wii, which munity. The XMB works just as well as compatibility and it sported the ability to IV" and "The Conduit," are geared to the 360's dashboard — accessible in-game utilize an HD DVD player add-on. How-change that image and get the Wii selling ever, competitors' prices soon dropped, games at rates comparable to those of the

Also, it doesn't help that the Wii's online gaming system is horribly broken, relying on 12 digit "Friend Codes"—a.k.a. "useless" — to function. While it is free and does work, the system still is lacking But considering the 360's consistent when compared its PSN and XBL counsnagging of exclusive titles and even terparts. And all of this is without menanticipated games and a unending stream poaching those of other consoles — not tion of the system's virtually nonexistent

Though we know the current standone equally telling of where the console is and-improved, Wii-inspired dashboard, it's ings, the race will continue long after

> It's hard to say which of the three is go-In fact, some might think it's safe to say ing to win, but, needless to say, now would be a good time to get into games.

> > n Timothy Poon is The DT's techcritic. E-mail him at

'Housewives' actor hurt in accident

Wednesday after the "Desperate Cherry said. Housewives" actor crashed his hospital spokeswoman said.

Cerda said. She gave no further the accident. details on his injuries.

expected to recover.

"We're hearing he's going club fire.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Gale to be fine, but he's going to be Harold was in critical condition recovering for a couple of weeks,"

Selzer said no one else was inmotorcycle the day before, a jured, but did not provide further details on the Tuesday wreck, Harold was awaiting further which was first reported by TMZ. tests at USC Medical Center, The California Highway Patrol spokeswoman Adelaida De La said it had no information about

Harold plays Jackson, the boy-Publicist Nancy Seltzer said friend of Teri Hatcher's character Wednesday that Harold fractured Susan Mayer on the ABC show. his shoulder, and "Housewives" The character plays a pivotal role creator and executive producer in the fifth season's eighth episode, Marc Cherry said he apparently a November sweeps installment has swelling on the brain but is which finds several Wisteria Lane residents trapped inside a night-



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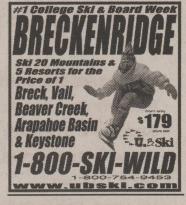
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Soccer complex additions expected to take Tech soccer to new heights

STAFF WRITER

Home is a much more comfortable place when everything is state-of-theart. Just ask the Texas Tech women's

area, training room and concession ing machine" that will attract players them right on top of the action. to be completed by Tech's first game Plains.

stands. Construction on the fieldhouse to the program who normally would began two weeks ago and is expected not think about coming to the South Stone said. "When fans have come

The project is supposed to cost \$4 Stone said the fieldhouse will be million, excluding the field, fencing,

"It's created some loyal fans," for the first time, the environment has been so exciting that they have

Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers said the new soccer facilities were part of a master plan to build up Tech athletics. The plan also included major renovations for track, softball, baseball and football facilities.

"Our track and soccer were in the same complex, so to improve both of those facilities we had to separate them," he said. "When it was built that way, we said someday we would like to build a track or soccer field at a different location."

The athletics department decided to give the soccer team a new home at the intersection of 10th Street and Texas Tech Parkway, while R.P. Fuller Stadium undergoes renovations for the track team.

The planning for the soccer facility began years ago while Tech was still under the guidance of former coach Neil McGuire. McGuire left before the construction started when he was offered a job to coach

Stone said when Tech began the John Walker Soccer Complex athletic department was behind the program.

"I think Tom is an excellent we have a nice facility and team building, I think it's going to enhance his recruiting and I think our team will become very competitive in the Big 12 Conference."

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Tony Romo, Terrence Newman, Felix Iones, Mat McBriar and Sam Hurd will not be playing for the Dallas Cowboys Sunday.

As of the writing of this column, Flozel Adams and Anthony Spencer were listed as questionable.

Thank all that is sacred that the St. Louis Rams are this week's opponent. However, the Cowboys' injuries, St. Louis' improbable defeat of the Redskins last week, and the Cowboys similarly surprising loss to the Cardinals last Sunday make this game something to watch.

Before Dallas' loss to Washington three weeks ago, this game was considered an automatic "W" for the Cowboys, determine the result. This one should have been a foregone conclusion.

Although, the same was said about the Cowboys-Cardinals game last Sunday. People in the media and every idiot with a status bar on Facebook have been blaming the loss on Romo. But a 63.2 completion percentage for 321 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions hardly seems like the reason for defeat. Instead, the offensive line should take responsibility for the sub-par offensive performance. When your quarterback is put on the ground over half the times he drops back into the pocket (19 knockdowns, three sacks), you cannot blame him for not playing as he is capable on play on a dump-off pass, no one on the line, or the rest of the offense, seemed to be playing inspired football. It was a classic "going-through-the-motions" performance right up until the Barber big play. After that play, Leonard Davis finally seemed as if he cared about the outcome of the game. The only problem being that he decided to pick up the football and spike it. Bam! Dallas gets hit with a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct

This was a monster penalty because Dallas was down by three with two



minutes remaining on the clock. Dallas had two timeouts remaining at this point, so the thought of onside kicking had to have been considered simply because the Cowboys could not stop the clock three times. If Dallas was going to kick it deep, the Cowboys' best-case scenario saw them getting the ball back with around 50 seconds to a minute left but now this game has to be watched to on the clock with no timeouts. Plus, the field position would have been terrible. Because of the 15-yard penalty Dallas would kick from its own 20, Arizona would then get the ball near its own 35 or 40, and then Dallas would get the ball back after a punt inside its own 20-yard line. If the Cowboys had decided to onside kick, they ran the risk — almost an inevitability, actually — that Arizona would recover and have the ball inside Dallas' 35. Because it was only a threepoint game, Dallas was forced to kick it deep in order to keep Arizona out of field goal range. If you saw the game, then you know this decision — the obvious and only decision — paid off. Dallas stopped Arizona's pathetic rushing attack on every single play. The line played this first and second downs and then picked game without inspiration and discipline. a fantastic time to record its first sack of Until Marion Barber broke off a monster the day on third down. Arizona punted, Romo found Jason Witten deep over the middle to put the Cowboys in field goal range, then Nick Folk did what he could not do earlier in the game. He nailed a 52-yard field goal to send the game into overtime—he had missed a 36-yard field goal attempt in the first half.

In overtime, the real reason the Cowboys lost became painfully evident. After winning the coin toss, the Cowboys went three-and-out and were forced to punt. McBriar's punt was then blocked and recovered in the end zone by Arizona for the game-winning touchdown. Special teams, special teams and special teams lost this game for the Cowboys. Arizona's J.J. Arrington returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown, Folk missed his previously mentioned 36-yarder, and the blocked McBriar punt created a trifecta of poor special teams play. If even one of these plays does not happen, then it is a different ball game. It might have even been a ball game the Cowboys ended up winning.

Finally, even though Romo did not lose this particular game, his inability to protect the football raises concerns that he may lose future games. Romo put the ball on the ground three times — one fumble lost, two recovered — and was saved from a safety by the grace of the "Tuck Rule" another time. It does not matter how many times your line lets you get knocked on your back, you have to protect the football. Hug that ball and let it ride to the turf with you or be more aware of the defensive end chasing you outside the pocket and learn to throw the ball away. That bad little habit did not lose this game but it has to the potential to lose a playoff game if the Cowboys are lucky enough to find themselves playing in one this year.

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The man in charge of getting the

soccer complex up and moving is

installed prior to this season.

THE TEXAS TECH soccer team's John Walker Soccer Complex will have a fieldhouse added which is expected to be completed by the start of the 2009 season.

The Red Raiders packed their bags and moved out of R.P. Fuller Stadium at the end of last season. Their new home, the John Walker Soccer Complex, has given Tech coach Tom Stone a new headquarters from which to build his soccer program.

"There is no comparison between the John Walker Soccer Complex and R.P. Fuller Stadium," Stone said. "One is a track stadium that we happened to play soccer in, the other is one of the best soccer stadiums in the country."

The John Walker Soccer Complex includes a scoreboard, press box, enough seats to fit 1,400 fans and a full-size soccer field made of synthetic field turf from the same company that made the field for Jones AT&T Stadium.

What could make the complex stand out even more is Tech's plans to add to it.

Still to come is a fieldhouse which will contain new coaches offices,

I have no doubt that by the time we have the team fieldhouse done, this will be the

> best soccer facility in the Big 12.

PAULO PERES

SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

Paulo Peres, the senior project manager of the Facilities Planning and Construction department for Tech. "It is a complex just for soccer," Peres said. "I have no doubt that by

the time we have the team fieldhouse done, this will be the best soccer facility in the Big 12." With every part of the complex at California in 2006. complete except the fieldhouse, the

new stadium has already provided pursuing him to replace McGuire, Tech with a more distinct home-field advantage than it had last year. This played a major role in convincing year the Red Raiders are 5-3 at home, him Lubbock was the right desticompared to 9-15-1 in their previous nation because it showed him the three seasons at R.P. Fuller Stadium. Average home attendance also has made a significant jump from last season's 349 per game to 443 per game coach," Myers said, "and now that this season.

Peres said the steepness of the

stands makes the game more enjoyable DEPARTMENT AT TECH locker rooms, a video room, workout to watch for the fans because it puts THE COTTAGES Student firing Redefined

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