

Don't give either political party total control

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By ADAM YOUNG

A survey of Texas voters conducted by a

The Texas State Presidential Survey of more

Texas Tech political science class confirms the

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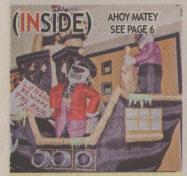


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Gay-rights group members arrested

WAXAHACHIE (AP) -Three members of a gay-rights group on a nationwide bus tour of faith-based universities were arrested Wednesday after going to a private campus that had banned them, officials said.

Three members of Soulforce were charged with trespassing after they tried to go to a chapel service at Southwestern Assemblies of God University, a 1,900-student Pentecostal school, according to the Waxahachie Police Department. Their bond was to be set at an arraignment Wednesday afternoon.

NATION

Thousands still lack power after storm

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - More snow fell Wednesday in parts of the Northeast as utility crews labored to restore service to thousands of customers blacked out by the region's first big snowstorm of the season.

The wet snow that began falling Tuesday collected on trees still covered with leaves, and its weight combined with gusty wind to send limbs crashing onto power lines.

The National Weather Service reported storm totals of about 14 inches at northern New Jersey's High Point State Park, as much as 15 inches along the northwestern edge of New York's Catskill Mountains, and a foot in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains.

WORLD

Pakistan to US: Stop border missile strikes

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Pakistan's government summoned the U.S. ambassador on Wednesday to urge an immediate halt to missile strikes on suspected militant hide-outs near the Afghan border.

Missile strikes have killed at least two senior al-Qaida commanders in Pakistan, putting some pressure on extremist groups accused of planning attacks in Afghanistan — and perhaps terror strikes in the West.

However, a marked uptick in frequency of the missile attacks has badly strained America's seven-year alliance with Pakistan, where rising violence is exacerbating economic problems gnawing at the nucleararmed Islamic republic's stability.

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SURVEY SAYS

education and the economy. Students conducted the survey as part of training in statistical methods and utilized a Computer Assisted Telephone Interview System sample of registered voters in the state, said Dennis Patterson, an associate professor of political sciences who instructs the class that conducted the survey.

The lab "does great work, collects great data and we've then got incredibly great results, and I think it's the best in the state," Patterson said.

Support for McCain in Texas could seem larger because it is a sample of registered voters, who are more likely to vote Republican,

"We haven't corrected for who's likely ranging from approval of President Bush to sex to turn out — that's one of the tricks of all survey research throughout the country, is to come up with an algorithm that predicts who is actually going to vote out of registered vot-

A national Gallup poll released Wednesday shows Obama leading McCain 49 percent to 46 percent among likely voters and 51 percent to 44 percent among an expanded likely voter

Men and women also seemed to agree on the same candidate. About 60 percent of male respondents supported McCain compared to 57 percent of females while 29 percent of women supported Obama compared to 28

Adam Hamed, a student in the class who helped conduct the survey, said he was not surprised with the survey's results.

"I'm not a native Texan. I'm originally from New York and knowing Texas is a fairly conservative state, I expected the results that we got dead on," said the senior political science major from Brooklyn, N.Y. "The only thing that surprised me really was sex education."

About 48 percent of respondents to the survey said they favored sex education that stressed safe sex and birth control while 42 percent preferred sex education that stresses abstinence.

Also in the survey, about 62 percent of respondents said they were not confident in

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TECH ATHLETICS ANNOUNCES GAMEDAY DETAILS

"College GameDay" will be at the south end of the Engineering Key with the Administration building serving as the backdrop. ESPN security will control the set.

Memorial Circle and the streets encompassing it will be shut down for the taping Saturday morning, meaning no traffic will be allowed on Boston Avenue, Broadway Street, Akron Avenue or Red Raider Avenue. Fans who have purchased tailgate spots in the R8 lot will be the exception and allowed to enter their spots Saturday morning.

People will be allowed to camp overnight on campus near the set to grab a spot for Saturday's early show, where the staging area opens at 7 a.m. for fans, two hours before the show begins at 9 a.m. However, students and fans wanting to camp will not be allowed to use tents.

Students hoping their homemade signs will be on national television must pass a sign-screening test administered by ESPN security to ensure all signs remain appropriate. That screening area will open at 7 a.m. as well.

For the second year in a row, ESPN's College GameDay Radio will travel to Lubbock. With hosts Ryen Russillo, Trevor Matich and Todd McShay, the show will be located at the South End of Jones AT&T Stadium between the athletics offices and the Athletic Training Facility. The show begins at 11 a.m., ending at 6 p.m., and students will be able to watch the live broadcast. The radio show was in attendance for Tech's upset of Oklahoma last season.

The University of Nebraska holds the record for most people to attend a GameDay television broadcast, which was approximately 17,000 people.

The athletic department has issued 560 total media credentials for Saturday, shattering the all-time record of 380 from Tech's game against Nebraska earlier this season.

Pedestrian malls, more bicycle lanes planned for campus

PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreadon

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech officials are looking at changing

some of the university's inner-campus facilities with the anticipation of 40,000 students on campus by 2020 to help make students' trip across campus safer.

Wednesday in the Allen Theatre.

Michael Ellicott, vice chancellor for facilities, planning and construction, said while the university has no plans to significantly restrict the travel of motor vehicles on campus, the master plan for the next 20 years includes several "pedestrian malls."

Pedestrian malls are "no drive, no build" zones that are designated to give students safe areas of travel across campus, Ellicott said, while still maintaining strong access to the inside of campus.

The pedestrian malls, he said, are longterm developments, as the first pedestrian mall recently was completed after planning began in 1997.

PATTI STARR, A paranormal researcher from the A&E show "Paranormal State," delivers a lecture on her findings

However, most accidents on campus are caused by errors people make, Ellicott said, and the idea that these pedestrian malls will solve these problems is not realistic.

"I think a majority of those problems are caused by inattention of the person driving the car and person riding the bike," he said. "I would like to say that there is a facilities solution to that problem, but it is really a people problem."

The pathways that the pedestrian malls follow will require re-working of some parking lots and must wait for some buildings to be constructed, Ellicott said.

Along with those pedestrian malls, he said, the university has no other plans to close roads on campus because the administration wants to maintain an easy-access campus.

Mike Faires, associate vice president for operations, said the only thing holding the university back from adding additional bicycle

lanes is funding, because the entire university already has plans for bicycle paths laid out.

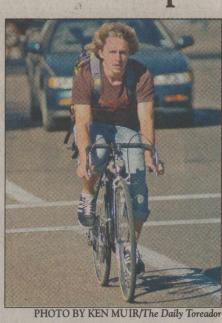
The Tech Student Government Association already pays \$65,000 per year for maintenance of bicycle paths, Faires said, and the department is looking for any additional sources funding, including any more money the SGA can raise.

The master plan for bicycle paths includes paths that are completed, under construction, approved and funded, approved and unfunded, planned and proposed. The total cost for bicycle paths that include estimations on the plan is \$1.14 million, although not all paths have an estimated cost attached to them.

Faires also said an SGA resolution to include more bicycle racks on campus was included in the department's budget, which appropriated \$6,000 for new bicycle racks.

The department is looking at permanent

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A STUDENT rides his bike Wednesday down Akron Avenue on campus in a bike lane.



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Tech panel discusses global economic issues

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

Members of the Texas Tech community gathered on the 79th anniversary of the 1929 New York Stock Exchange crash to talk about the economy.

A group of four Tech professors conducted a panel discussion that addressed issues regarding the current global economic situation at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Holden Hall.

The panel consisted of Lynne Fallwell, an assistant professor of history; Justin Hart, an assistant professor of history; Hoon Lee, an assistant professor of political science; and Victor Valcarcel, an assistant professor of economics.

"These four people come from three different departments and come at it from very different methodological perspectives," said Aliza Wong, an associate history professor at Tech who led the discussion.

Members of the panel discussed a number issues ranging from how technology and the media can affect the status of an economic crisis, to how the current economy compares historically to former recessions and depressions.

Wong began the discussion by asking the panel members to describe how they view the current global economic situation.

Around 2003 and 2004 is when the United States' economy started to slow down, Valcarcel said. Since the economy has slowed during a longer period of time, and the scale is not comparable to that of the Great Depression, it is difficult to categorize this as a recession of the same magnitude.

"I think we're here in agreement that we are not in a Great Depression yet," he said. "We do see parallelisms in specifically the banking crisis, (that) is one we've seen both then and now."

Technology and the media are both significant factors dealing with the state of the economy, Valcarcel said. The dissemination of information plays a vital role in global markets. Today, the average American is much better educated about the economy compared to the 1920s.

regarding how the income distribution in the U.S. affects the economy as a whole.

One parallel between the 1920s and present-day society is the level of income inequality in the country,



Panelists also addressed issues STUDENTS GET INVOLVED in a discussion with professor Aliza Wong, Lynne Fallwell, Justin Hart, Victor Valcarcel, and Lee on the economy and how it came to be as it is today Wednesday in Holden Hall.

Hart said. This entails the "richest getting richer" while the wages for a majority of the population are

Real wages — wages that have been adjusted for inflation — have basically stagnated for the last 20 or 30 years, he said.

"I think with the extent to which speaking," Hart said. consumption drives the economy, it's just true that broad-based prosperity leads to economic stability, widely

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Regents to consider ASU admissions

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Board of Regents will vote on several key items Thursday and Friday, most notably a proposal that would change the admissions standards of Angelo State University, a member of the Tech System.

Joseph Rallo, president of ASU, said the most important change is that students in the top 50 percent of their graduating high school class would have to take the SAT or ACT standardized tests to be admitted to the university under the proposed standards. Under current standards, the top 50 percent of high school graduates are admitted to ASU without SAT or ACT scores.

The proposed standards still would exempt students in the top 10 percent from submitting SAT or ACT scores to be admitted at ASU.

Because of the stricter standards the proposal would entail, he said, an alternate admissions quirement of SAT or ACT scores, son.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

process would be available to those who did not meet the criteria, and they would be considered on an individual basis.

'What we're looking at is an issue of retention. In other words, retention has been a challenge for a lot of institutions," Rallo said. "The admissions folks began to look at how can we ensure that students who are admitted have a good chance at being able to graduate.'

Since joining ASU as president in June 2007, he said, he noticed a problem in retention from the university, and the administration at ASU has been researching for about nine months to change admission standards.

After finding out what works for other universities, Rallo said, the university proposed the revised admissions standards.

These standards more closely reflect those of Tech, he said, which will help students who want to enter graduate school at Tech.

In addition to adding the re- issuance of additional debt.

the university eliminated a section that admitted students who have a 50 percent or greater probability of earning a "C" average in freshman year, and eliminated the provisional admission program in favor of an alternative admission program.

Rallo said he had the support of Tech Chancellor Kent Hance and hopes the board will support the revisions as well.

Along with the admission revisions from ASU, the board will consider approving a contract with Under Armour that would make the sportswear producer the exclusive supplier for Tech and its athletic teams.

An issuance of additional debt to cover costs for the leisure pool will be presented before the board. The board originally approved the \$7.5 million budget in May 2007 for the leisure pool, which since has increased to \$8.25 million. While the board does not need to approve the budget, it is required to approve or reject the

County Elections Office sees increase of nearly 15,000 early voters this year so far

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

As early voting nears its end on Friday, the Lubbock County Office of Elections considers the early voter turnout highly successful.

Roxzine Stinson, the chief deputy of the Lubbock County Office of Elections, said, as of Tuesday morning, 15,000 more people voted early this election season than the past presidential election in 2004.

"The voter turnout is very good," she said. "We'd like to see a little more of a turnout, but it's been very good thus far."

As of Tuesday, 51,679 constituents have voted early, she said.

Approximately 32 percent of all constituents in Lubbock County have cast a ballot already for the presidential election.

turnout has dwindled since it began Oct. 20, but the Lubbock County Office of Elections is expecting their busiest days will be today and Friday when last-minute early voters cast their ballots.

As of last Thursday, Stinson said, 2,200 voters ages 18-25 had voted early in Lubbock County in addition to 200 people between the ages of 18 and 25 who cast limited ballots.

Texas Tech students who want to vote early can do so at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, Stinson said. The polls close nightly at 8 p.m. and Texas early voting ends at 8 p.m. Friday.

As of press time, Wednesday's official early vote tally was not available, but on Tuesday 313 Lubbock County voters cast their ballots at

As of Tuesday, 2,094 voters cast roles. their ballots at the center and had Stinson said the early voter the eighth most ballots cast out of >>michael.graham@ttu.edu

14 Lubbock County early voting locations, according to unofficial numbers on the Lubbock County Office of Elections Web site.

As of Tuesday, the seven early voting locations ahead of the Rec in early votes all were United Supermarket grocery stores. The busiest early voting location in Lubbock County was a United Supermarket at 82nd street and Frankford Avenue, with 8,260 ballots cast.

Lubbock County has been free from voter roll problems, Stinson said, including the problems and ensuing controversies that have plagued states like Georgia and Ohio in which computers have mismatched voters' information and purged thousands of voters from their respective states' voter

"No problems here," she said.

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Fall festival celebrates global diversity

By KRISTIN BEERMAN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Students gathered last night to enjoy fall festivities and mingle with other students from around the world. The Coffee House Fall Festival, presented by the Texas Tech Office of International Affairs, K-12 International Education Outreach and Students for Global Connections, was hosted Wednesday evening in the International Cultural Center in the Hall of Nations.

Yong Jun Dan, an education and psychology graduate student from China, has lived in the United States for five years. He said the event gave him the opportunity to understand elements of American culture and meet other students, though not many American students attended.

"Coffee House is a place that international students can meet each other," Dan said. "I've met friends from Indonesia, Russia and other places."

The Hall of Nations was decorated in orange and black for Halloween and fall's aromas of pumpkin pie and apple cider filled the air. Students and their families ate candy apples and decorated miniature pumpkins.

Phong Pham, a junior finance and management major from Vietnam, said he has lived in the United States for three years, and this was the first Coffee House event he has attended.

friends," Pham said.

Laraine McCallum, an international student counselor at Tech, said Coffee House first started in May of 2007 with about 40 people and now has more than 100 participants.

other," she said. "That's why I do it, show them what it was all about. and to have fun."

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bicycle racks as well as the racks

that are similar to those already on

campus. One choice the depart-

ment has in bicycle racks, he said,

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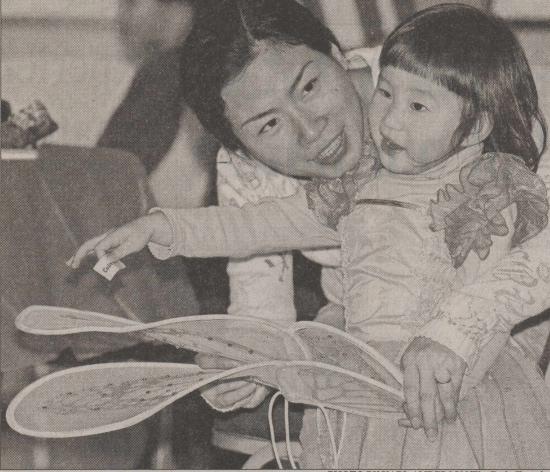


PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreadon HIEM TRUONG HELPS her daughter Gracie Dinh, 2, with her costume at the International Coffee House Fall Festival Wednesday at the International Cultural Center. The event included door prizes, candy, pumpkin

"I came tonight to meet new in- able part of the festival for her was national students to get a different festival made it most enjoyable for her. ternational students and make new meeting all the students and being and better perspective of the world," able to have fun with them in a stress-

carving and candy apples.

free environment. Tech's K-12 International Education Outreach program, said some of the international students have not been "It's so fulfilling to see students introduced to American culture and from all over the world talk to each that the festival was a great way to community of Lubbock better," Put- be Dec. 15 to celebrate Christmas

'We wish more American stu-

also is a challenge, he said, because

not all sidewalks have enough room

to accommodate a bicycle path, and

not all streets have enough room

in individual lanes to add a bicycle

In this case, Faires said, the

bicycle lane would be placed on

McCallum said the most enjoy- dents would get involved with inter- studies major, said the children at the Crowley said.

> Sylecia Putnam, president of event to attend.

"I've been volunteering at the ICC to get to know the international

Putnam, a senior international

She said meeting all the families and seeing them together was great.

McCallum said she believes Cof-Dianne Crowley, director of Students for Global Connections, fee House events are a great way for said this was her third Coffee House students to meet each other in an informal environment and all students are encouraged to attend. She said the next Coffee House event will around the world.

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Fed slashes key interest rate half-point making it 1 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve slashed a key interest rate by half a percentage point Wednesday, driving it to a level seen only once before in the last half-century, and the government finally began distributing funds from the billions in the financial rescue package.

Those efforts and others were part of a concerted drive by officials, just days before a national election, to demonstrate they are moving as quickly as possible to deal with the most serious financial crisis to hit the country since the 1930s.

"Policymakers have their foot to the accelerator and they are using every effort at their disposal to stop the slide in the economy and financial markets," said Mark Zandi, chief economist with Moody's Economy. com. "And it's not a moment too soon given the serious damage that has already been done."

Wall Street, which the previous day posted the second biggest point gain in history, was less impressed with Wednesday's activity. The Dow Jones industrial average finished the day down 74 points, a drop analysts said partly reflected growing worries about whether the government's actions will be sufficient to avert a deep and prolonged recession.

The Fed, as investors had hoped, announced a half-point cut in the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, driving it down to 1 percent, a low last seen in 2003-2004. That rate has not been lower since 1958 when Dwight Eisenhower was president.

Reducing the rate as low as zero cannot be ruled out, some analysts said, but they cautioned that reducing rates that far carried some risks, including that if the credit crisis suddenly worsened, the Fed would have used up its ammunition.

Analysts also noted that just lowering rates cannot serve as a panacea to overcome a credit crisis. While the goal is to encourage banks to begin lending again, financial institutions are skittish about extending new loans given the huge losses they have racked up in bad mortgages.

Meanwhile, the administration announced that the spigot had been opened on the \$700 billion fund created by Congress Oct. 3 to rescue the U.S. financial system. Treasury issued a report showing checks had been disbursed for \$125 billion in payments to nine major banks, including Bank of America, Citigroup, IPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley.

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the \$700 billion bailout passed by Congress last month. About 34 and 4 percent did not know.

The survey asked respondents to rank issues of highest priority.

About 68 percent of respondents said they believed the state of the national economy was an important issue, followed by 65 percent who ranked education as a top priority.

Patterson said education consistently ranks high on the list of priorities among Texas voters.

In evaluating the Bush Administration, 50 percent of respondents said they disapproved

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of the Bush Administration while 36 percent approved and 7 percent were undecided.

Though 55 percent of respondents said the state's economy was a highpriority issue, 60 percent believe job percent said they were confidant opportunities in Texas were excellent or good while 36 percent said they were fair or poor.

"Here's good news," Patterson said. "While economically there are problems across the entire nation, Texas is lucky we have a fairly strong, robust economy in the state and most people perceive that."

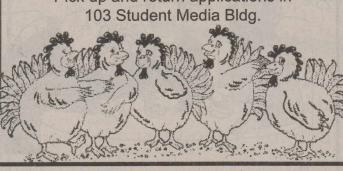
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the other side of the sidewalk from Austin Pennington, Student Government Association external Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy vice president, said students previ-The department has worked for chief of the Tech Police Departously were able to ride bicycles on ment, said an accident between two sidewalks without incident, but he campus, Faires said, and the only bicyclists, which occurred Oct. 17, is hopeful that increases in student was caused by one of the cyclists population has led to some ideas of who failed to stop while exiting a closing certain roads on campus.

"Nowadays, if you see a student >>> jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

riding a bicycle on the sidewalk, a lot of times they're dodging pedestrians and pedestrians are dodging them," he said. "You're not supposed to ride your bikes on the sidewalks because, one, it's against state law to do that and also it's a danger that's the reason it's against state

Because gasoline prices are more than they have been in previous years, Pennington said, more people are deciding to ride their bicycles, which has resulted in more inexperienced riders that do not know all



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Don't give either party total political control of our nation

he McCain camp have been warning voters of giving Democrats control of both Congress and the White House, and even the threat of a "super majority" in the Senate, which would prevent filibusters.

While I won't be offering the Arizona senator my support in the government policy. booth next week, I will agree with his sentiment. And I would hope Sen. scare tactics against Democratic Obama would be saying the same rule. It is the same no matter which thing if positions were reversed.

The central idea of our governan agenda. With a distribution of power and the appropriate checks and balances in place, the Constitution was to serve as the guide for tues are espoused. Power corrupts. passing legislation.

When a party assumes control, respect for the Constitution goes trol between one of two parties, but by those seeking control. out the window, and an agenda is pursued. There are no checks and White House are all on the same page. Throw in the ability to stack the Supreme Court with a few do now. justices that favor your views, and

tion in 2004.

his next job.

this article, yours as well.



I'm not writing this to promote Washington?

No. The same threat exists, no

instead had a government that had would not exist in the manner they same risk of corrupting power.

ning a campaign independent from billion bailout bills may not do not impossible, task for anyone who them is not "doing nothing." is not a billionaire. Parties help orideals and shared resources.

what can be done to minimize that is the result I would hope for. their impact and influence on policy? Simply elect more parties

If there was a third party repre-Washington under Republican number of seats to prevent either venting any one individual of group sive deficit spending. Will things be less partisanship, and more bills interests. from seizing enough power to pursue better under a Democrat controlled that actually are in Americans'

I don't write this to espouse the matter what the party or what vir-virtues of any particular third party. It doesn't matter which one. It just In an ideal world, we would not has to be another view represented live in a system that trades off con- that could foil the agendas set out

If a third party ever gained a genuine respect for the Constitue enough power to obtain a majority balances if the House, Senate and tion and the rule of law. Political in Congress, I would speak out then wonder why nothing ever changes. parties with platforms (agendas) as well. They would be prone to the

Conventional wisdom is that But in the real world, it is under- Congress does nothing. Well, in you are looking at a monopoly on standable why they do exist. Run- my mind they do too much. \$700

a party affiliation is a daunting, if anything in the end, but passing

Some people may criticize that ganize campaigns around common this theoretical scenario I lay out would cripple Washington from get-So, if parties are inescapable, ting anything accomplished. Well,

Washington has been able to grab more power and authority from the states over the years, and what gain has really resulted from party is in control. Think about sented in Congress with a sufficient it? We're trading state sovereignty for an inefficient federal system ment was the distribution of power control from 2001 till 2007. We got Democrats or Republicans from that is bloated beyond Constituacross the different branches, pre- the Iraq War, Patriot Act and mas- gaining a majority, we'd see a lot tional intent and bought by special

> As someone who will soon be graduating and entering into the "real world," I could do with a little less Washington in my life.

> But I'm sure next week McCain's fears will be realized, and in four to eight years we'll be having this conversation again, as Americans disgusted with Democratic policies trade them in for Republicans, and

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Experience favors Senator McCain

CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE (U. CENTRAL FLORIDA)

ur country is faced with a daunting set of challenges this election year: A financial meltdown; a credit crunch that gives students limited access to loans for school; and friends and family spread across the globe of illegal immigration. protecting our freedoms and liberties from a dangerous enemy.

greater crisis of confidence in government that has paralyzed the nation.

How we respond to these challenges will shape the kind of country we have when we graduate from college and enter the workforce.

will they be burdened by high taxes, and excellence. heavy regulation and a lack of access to capital to start a business?

For the future doctors, will they be unable to practice medicine because of a broken health care economy. system with too much bureaucracy, much money?

We need courageous leadership to solve these problems, restore confidence in our economy, and restore faith in government for the 21st century. We need John McCain.

Since the age of 17, John Mc-Cain has been in the service of succeed after college. America. In the U.S. Navy, he prisoner of war in North Vietnam, greater economic prosperity. which tested his character in unimaginable ways.

he was given the choice of early release, which would have amounted enduring until those Americans countrymen. captured before him were released.

hope, hope is all John McCain had heal our fractured nation. during his captivity, and it sustained him during those dark times.

Cain became devoted to the cause on Nov. 4. of his country and understood what

it meant to love America: To dedicate yourself to a cause greater than your own self-interest is the highest expression of patriotism.

In that spirit of devotion, McCain

entered Congress, where he championed reforms to reduce the influence of money in politics, addressed the growing threat of climate change and sought to humanely deal with the issue His support for a new strategy in

Iraq was vital to snatching victory Most troubling though, is the from the jaws of defeat. It has been successful and laid the foundation for an American victory on an important front in the War on Terror.

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The combination of education displayed incredible valor as a and opportunity will be the recipe for

Most importantly, students must be the centerpiece of the effort to The son of a prominent admiral, restore our faith in government. We must encourage volunteerism that isn't forced by a government program to a propaganda victory for the but comes from the wellspring of good North Vietnamese, or staying and will that resides in the hearts of our

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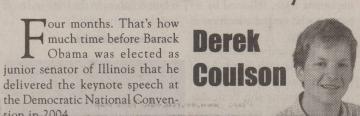
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Interesting rhetoric. Would it Obama at his word and blindly at derek.coulson@ttu.edu.

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Ultimately, voting is an indititle of his latest vidual choice. That's the beauty of memoir and for the American system, frustrating the speech he as it may sometimes be with many gave at the Dem- different opinions floating around. ocratic Conven- Don't be swayed by those who say yours does not matter. The blood, And it is sweat and tears of millions of men from Wright and women have been shed to give that Obama has you that individual freedom.

You determine government. as he has these You determine freedom. If that other men. Are is a liberty you believe should we simply to continue and be determined believe that he democratically and with respect did not understand their beliefs, to God and the wise men who Consider this quote from a their lifestyles? Men that were founded this nation, then choose speech he delivered: "Barack has instrumental to his political suc- today whom you wish to serve Avers and Obama served to- captured the youth, and has in- cess, to his personal beliefs. Men this nation as president. It is your

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Carpe Classics Day

Hundreds of high school Latin students visit Texas Tech

STAFF WRITER

Like Latin? Learn it at Texas Tech.

The Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures at Tech showcased its program to about 220 high school students and teachers of Latin from across the region Wednesday during a "Classics Day" event on Tech's campus.

"We're basically trying to recruit them," said Barbara Weinlich, assistant professor of classics and coordinator for the event. "We hope they'll be students of Texas Tech and the classics program."

Participating schools included Lubbock, Frenship, Tascosa, Monterey and Coronado high schools.

"I have local kids and I was hoping to get them involved," said Alicia Robins, a high school Latin teacher at Monterey and Coronado high schools.

Students spent their morning as Classical Mythology, Sports and Public Spectacles in Antiquity and a Beginning Course in Greek.

Don Lavigne, a professor of clas- impact on her decision." sics, said he enjoyed the addition to his Greek class.

they get a sense of what a Greek class from each represented high school Greek isn't as strange as they might from the classics department quizzed nice. think."

day, and he said he noticed a general student earned a prize. excitement about the event.

"I think that they're enjoying a campus scavenger hunt, she said.

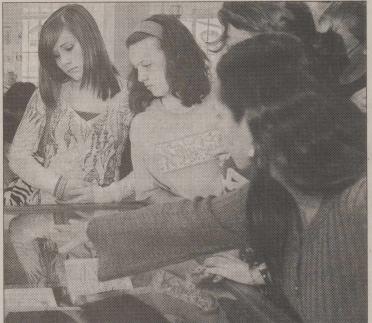


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NINTH GRADER SARAH Seelow and 10th grader Taylor Ford from Frenship High School tour the Southwest Collections Museum for Classics Day, hosted by the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures.

the program. I'm sure it'll have a real had to translate.

"What I was looking for is that said. Groups of students — four he learned a lot of new facts. competitors on classical antiquity, Lavigne played frisbee with sev- anthology and other Latin-related

Other students participated in attending.

observing several classics classes such themselves and getting a good sense They collected letters from various school students and teachers took Latin students. of Tech," he said. "One student in places on campus and the letters guided tours through "The Medieval particular showed a strong interest in formed a Latin sentence, which they

Austin Huber, a junior at Amarillo

"I really enjoyed today," he said. is like," he said. "Most are familiar - participated in a "Certamen" "It's been more than I expected, and students gathered in a Chemwith Latin, and I hope they see that competition. Student volunteers and getting to see the campus was istry building lecture hall to watch

Tech's campus before Classics Day, eral high school students during the subjects, and each participating and it has "moved Tech up on the list" of colleges he is interested in masks and entertained the audience

During the afternoon, the high



CLASSICS DAY'S "AURICULA Meretricula", is a comedic play done in 10 acts Wednesday in the Chemistry building. The role of Ballio Leno the pimp is by Don Lavigne, an Assistant Professor of Classics, Auricula Meretricula the prostitute is by Jason Banta, the visiting Assistant Professor of Classics, and Marcus Adulescens is by Barbara Weinlich, the Assistant Professor of Classics.

Southwest" exhibition in the Southwest Collection library.

We especially emphasized the Students seemed to enjoy the High School, said his favorite part of Latin side of it, Weinlich said, becompetitive activities, Weinlich Classics Day was Certamen, because cause there are several Latin texts included in the exhibit.

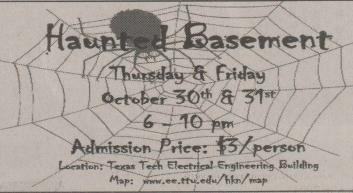
At the end of the day, teachers a theater play performed in Latin Huber said he had not visited by Tech students and faculty of the classics section.

> Performers donned paper-plate with witty banter, which included English commentary for beginning

"We want to show them early on that Tech has some interesting programs and a beautiful campus,'

Lavigne said. "If we plant the seed early on, there's a better chance of them coming here."

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Catholic voters struggle to reconcile political agendas with moral beliefs

By LILY NORTON THE MIRROR (FAIRFIELD U.)

What would you do if someone told you that if you vote for Barack Obama, you are a murderer? And, what if this person was your priest?

As the 2008 election draws near, certain members of the Catholic Church have been attracting attention by making their staunch pro-life stand known to all members of the Catholic faith.

In Scranton, Pa., Catholics who have attended church in recent weeks have heard homilies in mass reminding them to think about pro-life issues in the upcoming election, according to The New York Times.

Following the orders of Bishop Joseph Martino, every priest in the diocese told their congregation last week that voting for the Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama is synonymous with

holds a pro-choice platform.

Martino's actions, however, are enraging many of the members of the Catholic faith, who say that the church's role is to guide its people, rather than instilling hostile orders.

"To say that any person who votes for a pro-choice candidate is complicit in suicide is stupid," said Fr. Michael Doody, Fairfield's director of campus ministry. "That has nothing to do with the gospel, and it doesn't address the real issues.'

Scranton is the childhood home of Sen. Joe Biden. As Obama's chosen vice-president, Biden brings serious attention to these people as he is a Roman Catholic, and pro-choice. Now his hometown, a working-class Catholic city, has become a battleground for the continuing debates about the right to abortion.

In past elections, abortion rights have sparked worldwide debates. Besides Martino, others have spoken

candidates like Bishop Raymond Leo Burke, former Archbishop of St. Louis and now Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura, who has said that Catholics who support abortion fundamental ethical principles is should not receive Communion.

sity professor of Catholic Studies, life, "the most fundamental human says that the people who hold these good and the condition of all the stark beliefs are "loose cannons" and are not representative of the Catholic Church demographic who, like the general American population, are mostly anti-abortion, but do not want to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Lakeland continued to say that abortion is only one pro-life issue importantly, I'm pro-life," he of concern to Catholics, who make said. up about a quarter of the electorate

In preparing for the election, the U.S. Catholic bishops issued Catholics a pamphlet entitled "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," calling Catholics to reflect on you support.

committing homicide because he out against voting for pro-choice their faith before making political decisions.

The document emphasizes the importance for Catholics to make moral choices. First among those the dignity of the human person Paul Lakeland, Fairfield Univerand his or her consequent right to

> Doody explained that the right to life can be looked at through a "number of different prisms" and that abortion is "one right to life issue among many."

> "I'm anti-abortion, but more

University President Fr. Jeffrey von Arx agreed with Doody, saying that the issue of abortion should not be a determinant of your vote, but that much contemplation should go into which candidate

Hold on to your brains, folks; zombies to invade Lubbock!

By MATT MCGOWAN FEATURES EDITOR

Go ahead and go, but bring your appetite for brains and blood.

The Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts will host "Zombie Madness," a double-

The event will feature two classic horror flicks, beginning with Lucio Fulci's "Seven Doors of Death," a 1983 Italian horror flick about a fixer-upper Louisiana hotel that holds a horrifying secret.

Many may have heard of the award-winning second movie, George Romero's 1968 occult zombie classic "Night of the Living Dead," but this is their chance to finally see it.

the beginning of the zombie phenomenon in popular culture, said Rob Wiener, a film historian and pop-culture guru at Texas Tech who evening of utterly terrifying fun. helped organize the event.

"There are a lot of 20-somethings who have heard of 'Night of the Living Dead,' but have never seen it," he said. "The goal is to expose people to films they may not likely get on Netflix — or that warrants discussion."

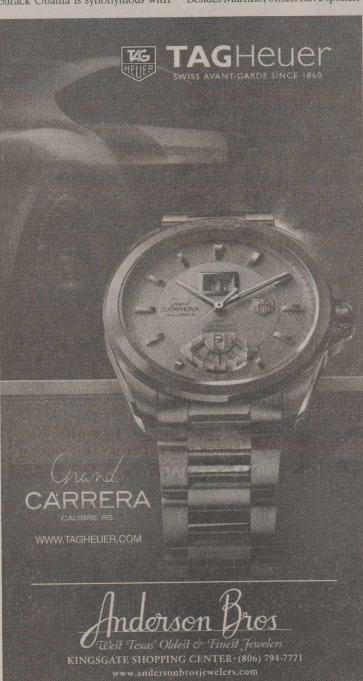
Weiner said tonight's double feature horror movie event tonight feature will be a throwback to a lost from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 511 Ave. art: the "art" of watching a horror movie in a theater.

Not only will the event features films, but its attendance is encouraged to dress up in full-blown Halloween garb, which Weiner said will enhance the spookiness of two horror film classics.

"It's an experience on a big screen with a group in a dark room," Weiner said. "You can't watch a movie the same way on a computer if you're watching it on YouTube or streaming it. I think it lends to the Many hail Romero's film as art of watching film, and it gives it its appeal."

Admission is \$5 at the door, which includes both movies and an

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still don't like to get caught in the rational, but they happen." dark

Coffey said the pair did not come to Tech to convince, but to present evidence. He hopes his audience always keeps an open mind because oftentimes,

paranormal occurrences cannot be explained, but also cannot be denied.

"They're things you can wrap your

The paranormal pair said their motivation for being ghost hunters is both professional and personal.

houses, Coffey said, and their paranor-

Both had upbringings in haunted Starr believe that while everything

Sixty-year-old Starr said she has prior to their visit.

mind around," he said. "They're not lived in 35 locations during her lifetime, believes she is haunted, rather than the she did not share with Coffey or Starr

Coffey and They're things you can wrap your is haunted, their methods do not mind around. always produce evidence of They're not rational, ghosts. but they happen. The duo uses

tools such as infrared thermometers **CHIP COFFEY** and electromag-CERTIFIED netic field meters **GHOST HUNTER** to detect paranor-

mal activity. Following their presentation, Cof-seen ghosts, or where murders have ocfey and Starr put their tools to use as curred," she said. select audience members accompanied the ghost hunters to Tech's Physics and sightings and paranormal feelings from Geosciences building to find ghosts on Coffey, spirits dwelling in the Quad

To prove to audience members the >> hannah.boen@ttu.edu

mal experiences in their youth piqued authenticity of their practice, the ghost their interest to become ghost hunters. chasers said they did not research Tech

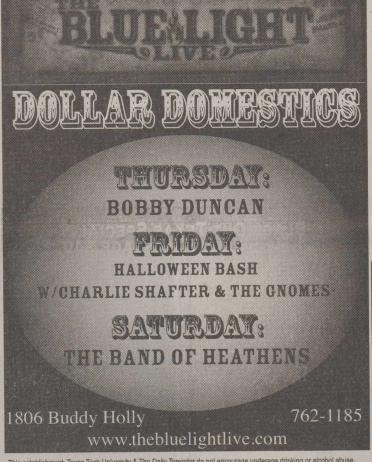
Tech Activities Board member Liz and all have been haunted. She now Kociolek organized the event, and said

the nature or history of the places they would visit on campus to hunt ghosts.

The junior German major from Oakland, Calif., said she and board advisors chose places on campus that were notoriously spooky.

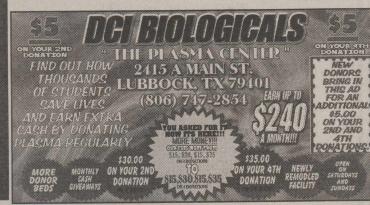
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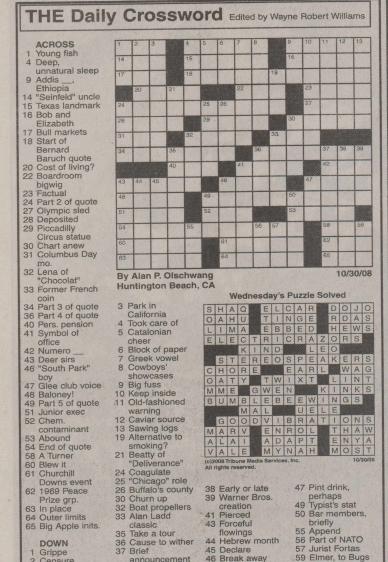
Despite tales of murders and ghost weren't stirring Wednesday evening.



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'Tetris Party' breathes new life into classic puzzle game

These days, you can play "Tetris" pretty much anywhere.

Cell phones, calculators, Facebook, iPods and, of course, video game sys-

So why play it again with "Tetris Party" on the Wii?

As the name implies, "Tetris Party" has a fairly major focus on multiplayer. Most of the local multiplayer games (the able in multiplayer. real meat of this package) can be played with up to four players, and there are a competitors.

That's not to say the game can't still be enjoyed alone. The typical "Tetris" formula is alive and well here and may cooperation. be just as addicting as ever.

to the series anyway, so the question there are modes such as "Duel Spaces," remains: Why should you buy this new which ask you to claim space on a grid

While straight-up, classic "Tetris" can certainly be found (and thoroughly enjoyed) here, the developers at Hudson have managed to breathe some degree of life into the game by adding brand new modes that shake up the known formula.

"Field Climber," for example is a game in which there is a tiny character on screen that will climb onto blocks as you place them. Your goal is to keep building

upwards in order to get him to the finish line.

Or"Shadow Mode," which challenges you

to place blocks that match the shadow move it into place quicker. of a particular shape in the background of the playing field, going outside the lines as little as possible.

And then there are modes only avail-



"Co-op Tetris" is exactly what it sounds like: cooperative "Tetris" with a couple of online modes for two to six buddy. The playing field is twice as wide as normal, and both players are placing their own pieces. Succeeding in this mode requires a lot of coordination and

If you'd rather crush your friends But multiplayer isn't exactly new rather than work together with them,

by fencing in areas. mind-boggling new modes requires nothing else.

an extra piece of Wii hardware, may not expect:

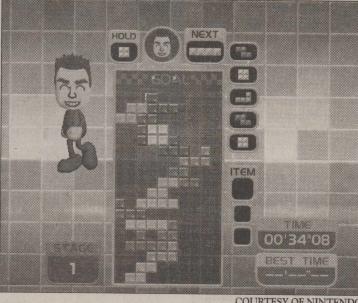
The Wii Balance Board.

Yes, the crazy board that came with "Wii Fit" that a lot of you probably do push-ups and yoga on.

Yes, you can play Tetris with that

right. Squat to rotate the piece of enjoyment to be had. (seriously), and lean back to

This mode is made more physically possible by changing up the playing field blocks bigger and much simpler. But it can enjoy it by yourself.



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can still be a challenging mode - es-But one of the most pecially for more wobbly players — and it's solid. There aren't nearly as many serves as an interesting diversion if

the grand scheme of things, "Tetris Party" and it's one you is visually appealing in style, with a clean interface and slick visuals.

their customized "Miis" stored on the worldwide. Wii system, adding a nice, personal flair with the rest of the game.

The game is slightly harder to recom-"Balance Board Mode" is both crazy mend to people if you don't have friends recent years. With fun new modes, solid and ingenious. The controls are to play it with — as stated, "Tetris" can multiplayer and a wallet-friendly \$12 simple. Lean left to move your be found just about anywhere, but if you price tag, "Tetris Party" is an extremely block left. Lean right to move it do plan to play it alone, there's still a lot solid package in its own right, and I find it

The single-player modes are entertaining, and some of the competitive for download on the Nintendo Wii. games can be played against computer opponents. And heck, classic "Tetris" is n Peele is a sophomore English (shrinking it a little) and making the just as addicting as ever, so of course you

As far as the online component goes, gameplay options as there are for local play, which is a shame, but there's still While not extremely important in enough content to have fun with, including occasional tournaments.

There's also a lot of stat-tracking data to be found in the menus, allowing you The game also allows players to use to gauge yourself against other players

All in all, while it doesn't reinvent to player profiles in a style that fits in well the wheel, "Tetris Party" does make a far better effort to make things fresh than other iterations in the series over the easy to recommend to puzzle game fans.

"Tetris Party" is available exclusively

major from Union Valley. E-mail him at britton.peele@ttu.edu.

Cruise, Smith appear in video to get out the vote

NEW YORK (AP) — Leon- each other, while Timberlake jokes, big guns to get out the vote.

Tom Cruise, Julia Roberts, ment produced by the actor, who count?" also appears in the spot.

reverse psychology to get young appears in the video. people into voting booths.

marks, "That doesn't make sense." Cruise and Smith complain to alter ego, Borat.

ardo DiCaprio is bringing out the "I can do anything. I was in a boy band, OK?"

Finally, Ford says, "You know Harrison Ford, Will Smith, Steven what? I can't do it. It's not true, I Spielberg and Justin Timberlake don't believe it — 537 people decided are among the celebrities starring the 2000 election, and you want me in a new public service announce- to tell people that one vote doesn't

"There are more Baldwin broth-The video shows the stars strug- ers than that," quips Ryan Reynolds, gling to grasp the concept of using whose wife Scarlett Johansson also

Also appearing: Cameron Diaz, Required by director Spielberg Shia LaBeouf, Snoop Dogg, Neil to say "don't vote," Roberts re- Patrick Harris, Jason Segel, Zach Braff and Sacha Baron Cohen as his

Author insulted by Seinfeld's jokes

author who claims Jerry Seinfeld's Foods in Kids' Favorite Meals." wife plagiarized her cookbook says night television.

Tuesday explaining her position for a December hearing, Missy Chase Lapine said her 7-year-old daughter was upset after Seinfeld ioked on David Letterman's show that people with three names out to be assassins.

so frightened and vulnerable" as when her daughter came home called the lawsuit "opportunistic." from school "and asked, 'Mom, what is an assassin?""

Lapine's book "The Sneaky Chef: celebrity."

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The Seinfelds' attorney said in she wasn't amused by jokes the a statement Wednesday: "As a cocomedian made last year on late- median, Jerry has a right under the First Amendment to tell jokes. Ms. In federal court papers filed Lapine, on the other hand, was not joking when she maliciously accused Jessica Seinfeld, who also has young children, of plagiarism, a charge that is demonstrably false."

Earlier this year, lawyers for Jessica Seinfeld accused Lapine of falsely James Earl Ray and Mark David claiming she invented the idea of hid-Chapman, for instance — turned ing fruits and vegetables in children's meals when "countless prior works Lapine said she "never felt utilized this very same unprotectable idea," including a 1971 book. They

In her affidavit, Lapine said she did not make accusations against In a lawsuit filed last year, Lap- Jessica Seinfeld "to gain media atine claimed Jessica Seinfeld got tention, enrich myself or harass the ideas for her cookbook, "Deceptive- Seinfelds; and I was not lying in ly Delicious: Simple Secrets to Get wait for an opportunity to become Your Kids Eating Good Food," from embroiled in a controversy with any



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Former child soldier speaks for 'One Community, One Book' at U. Iowa

By BRIAN STEWART THE DAILY IOWAN (U. IOWA)

Ishmael Beah isn't necessarily against war.

The 27-year-old author and former child soldier notes that, while military action is sometimes necessary, it should be kept to a minimum. Warfare, he being."

"That's what I sense from people," Beah said. "That people don't unman spirit."

As a vicious civil war spread across his native Sierra Leone, claiming the lives of his parents and two brothers, Beah was thrust into combat, toting an AK-47 and sniffing a gunpowdercalled "brown-brown." Nearly three army by UNICEF and placed in re- of Africa." habilitation.

winning "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs were "powerfully moved by it." Beah of a Boy Soldier," will give a free public noted that a number of Americans Sierra Leonean. lecture today at 7 p.m. in the First are desensitized to war, sometimes United Methodist Church, 214 E. Jef-sensationalizing it, in part because of Beah said. "When I was in the war, ferson St., as part of the University of its glorification in films. Iowa Lecture Committee series.

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travel to the United States and speak people who don't have a very realityabout his experiences, eventually at- based experience of what war is and tending Oberlin College in Ohio. He what the violence is. I think because continues to discuss his life as a child soldier for such groups as the United Nations and with world leaders, including former President Bill Clinton ber of graphic scenes from the civil and former South Africa President Nelson Mandela. The Sierra Leone said, "does something to the human civil war officially ended in 2002 after the decade-long conflict killed roughly some of the stories - including his 50,000 people.

derstand the impact of being in the along with the UI Provost's Office and war field, of fighting, of killing other the "One Community, One Book" people. They don't understand the project, provided a free copy of a special effect of what it really does to the hu- printing of Beah's book to all 4,300 incoming freshmen. Many instructors If anyone understands the effect of in first-year literature classes, including childhood, he has now gained the rhetoric, opted to use the book in their attention of much of the world, curriculum.

"My biggest fear was that, if this is of A Long Way Gone. their first exposure with Africa, as wartorn and all these negative stereotypes, that there's this need, a necessity, I don't want that," said Raquel Baker, to put a human face to this, and I cocaine mixture the young militants who teaches accelerated rhetoric. think that's really what just keeps "I've been trying to connect it back to me going," he said. years later, Beah was taken from the their lives so it's not a spectator view

Baker said most of her students are Beah, the author of the award- enjoying "A Long Way Gone" and

After finishing rehabilitation in a war on the soil of the United States?" 1996, Beah earned the chance to Beah asked. "I think there are a lot of

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of that there might be a kind of fascination with it sometimes."

Beah's narrative retells a numwar. The Australian newspaper questioned the validity of his book in a January article, claiming observing six murders in a refugee The UI Center for Human Rights, camp - were fabricated. But Beah stands by his writing, noting that the journalists have no concrete evidence to debate his account. Though it took him some time to be able to talk and write about his selling more than 600,000 copies

"I've just come to understand

Still, he admits it's a difficult issue for him to talk about. Going through rehabilitation proved to be even more trying than the events that dehumanized him as a young

"Rehabilitating is very difficult," at some point it became the only "When was the last time there was way to function, to live. With the drugs and everything, you didn't really fully feel and understand the things you were part of, but after you're removed from the war then you have to live with the memories

> He hopes his visit to the UI will leave students with one message in

"Child soldiering is something that I'm passionate about because of my experiences related to it but there are other things facing the world as well," he said. "What I say to people is to actually learn about the issue that they're interested in because when you take time to research it, learn about it, find out about it, then you actually arrive at what you can do in your capacity

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By DAVID CUMMING INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR (U. FLORIDA)

It crawled down the Turlington Plaza pavement Tuesday afternoon, clenching its iron fists and beaming

its blue eyes at everyone in its path. ObamaBot, a nearly 6-foot-tall, student-made robot, drew a crowd of followers in its wake like a marching band conductor on wheels, waving its android arms with Barack Obama campaign posters from side to side in of the early voting and get people response to the remote control held

"This is the first phase in demonstration robots," said Bryan Hood, an electrical and mechanical engineering junior, who thought of the project a month ago. "The long-run goal is to have robotic marches on Washington," Hood said.

ObamaBot's campaign attack was kept secret until its strike at Michelle Obama's downtown rally Oct. 22. The robot has made campus appearances since Thursday.

'We're trying to get people aware to vote who wouldn't have voted otherwise," Hood said.

Camilo Buscaron, a UF sophomore, and Andres Vargas, a mechanical engineering graduate student, worked with Hood during their machine intelligence lab behind closed doors. Even their lab professor didn't know what they were building.

"Obama's message is important to us, and the way we went about it through robotics — was something we all could relate to," Buscaron

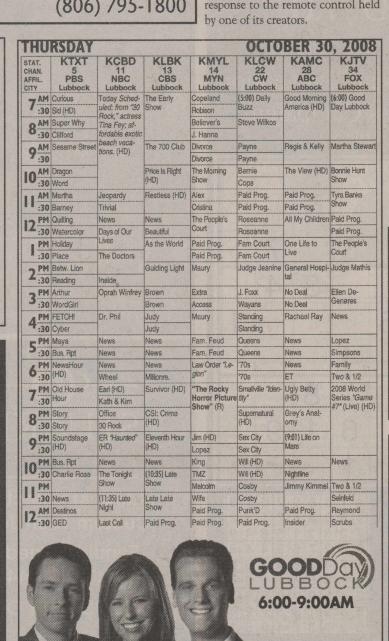


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the Red Raiders are not giving in to away from this matchup a winner. the hype. Hopefully, they are look. Let us take each team and talk about

Do not worry about who is lined tention of running the ball, controlup on the other side of the ball or ling the clock and dominating the Either team is capable of coming minutes and is easily the team that in Lubbock.

has come closest to beating Tech this season.

WHY TEXAS WINS: The Longing at this game as if it is just like what it takes to win this potentially horns have to feel confident in that HOW TEXAS WINS: From a season. Their wins the past three play ability by making some big plays Additionally, Texas has yet to win Enjoy "College GameDay, enjoy" too reading this, then hear this: Go out game plan stand point, Texas needs weeks against Oklahoma, Missouri of its own. Forcing a few turnovers one of those big games on the road. and execute on every single play. to approach this game with the in- and Oklahoma State prove they are will be essential to Tech's success Jones AT&T Stadium might not Halloween costumes, and enjoy the the team to beat. Nobody thought on defense. Texas would make it past Oklahoma, what they are ranked; go out, play time-of-possession battle so they can much less Mizzou and OSU. There enough, the tough schedule Texas in the pantheon of tough places to hard and execute on every single keep the Tech defense on the field. should be no reason to question their has played that makes them the faplay, but Lubbock is by no means nTalley is a senior business major Nebraska held the ball for 40 of 60 ability to beat another quality team vorite in this game is also the reason an easy environment to come into from Odessa. E-mail him at

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WHO WINS: Take your pick. to come into this game knowing that weeks Texas has just gone through, This has the potential to be a shoot-Defensively, Texas has to put Texas will be attempting to dominate you have to wonder how much they out classic. Whatever the over/under pressure on Graham Harrell. They time-of-possession. Tech will have to have left in the tank both physiis, take the over. As to who wins, you probably do not have the athletes combat that by doing a little more on cally and mentally. If this game had will not see me making a prediction to do damage in the secondary, the ground. As great as their passing been three weeks ago, before Texas' either way, in print. Texas has more so Brian Orakpo and the other attack is, Tech's running game is OU, Mizzou and OK State stretch, talent, but Tech might have more members of the pass rush will have nothing to scoff at. That big offensive Tech's chances of winning this game to play for. Texas has the big game to get to Harrell to disrupt Tech's line and the explosiveness of Baron would have been significantly lower. experience, but Tech has the home Batch make Tech's running attack a This game is not being played three field advantage. This game could go weeks ago, it is being played this either way and might come down to

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Dodge struggling in first year at North Texas

DENTON (AP) — On paper, it ment, North Texas has two wins. UNT alums wonder why they got looked perfect.

North Texas — the alma mater of "Mean" Joe Greene, but a mostly irrelevant program in the nearly four decades since — would become prominent again by hiring Todd Dodge, the wildly successful high school coach at nearby Southlake

He'd bring his offense, the one that caught Bill Parcells' atten-

He'd lure recruits, transfers and, ultimately, wins. Fans would flock to rickety Fouts Field, enough to justify and fund a new stadium.

Within a few years, UNT would climb past SMU and challenge TCU as the top program in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. A growing reputation and improved facilities might even lift the Mean Green out of the Sun Belt, perhaps into the same league as SMU or TCU.

Perfect, right? Wrong. At least, so far. Twenty games into this expericonsecutive losses, UNT shares the nation's longest losing streak with Washington.

Among the gory details:

The skid began by losing last season's finale to Florida International when it had the nation's longest skid. The Mean Green lost by 19 and have only come that close to winning once, a 35-23 loss to Louisiana-Monroe; they trailed 35-3 before rallying.

— They've led in only one game and it was only in the first quarter.

- They've been outscored 400-135. The 50 points per game they're allowing is up from 45.1 last year.

Good grief, they even have a defensive lineman named Charlie

It's tempting to call this a cautionary tale of what happens when you trust a college program to a high school coach. Notre Dame fans might even be snickering that it's The Curse of Gerry Faust. Some

Both were last season. With nine rid of Darrell Dickey two years after winning four straight conference titles.

But before writing off Dodge as a failure, know this: The people who hired him still believe he's the right guy for the job.

"Everybody from my seat to the president, we're all behind him 100 percent," athletic director Rick Villarreal said this week. "We feel comfortable giving this man time to do what he needs to do."

Dodge knew he wouldn't continue the roll of 79 wins in 80 games that he left behind at Southlake Carroll. But he didn't expect 2-18

Whatever progress he made last year was flushed away by players getting dismissed, hurt or defecting, like the second-best receiver quitting in midseason. The Mean Green have only 12 seniors and just three of them start. UNT has used an all-freshman secondary

Johnson remains Cowboys' starting QB

will make his third straight start at quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys when they play the division-leading New York Giants on Sunday.

If he plays like he did the previous two Sundays, he might not finish the game.

'We think we can go with Brad and see what happens," coach Wade Phillips said Wednesday. "We're not going into the game saying, 'This guy is going and we're going to pull him if he doesn't do anything.' We're going in with a more positive attitude than that."

The reality is the Cowboys have to be ready for it. That's why thirdstringer Brooks Bollinger got some work with the first team Wednesday. Before practice, star receiver Terrell Owens said the only passes he'd caught from Bollinger were warm-up

"Obviously, he's here for a reason," Owens said. "We're just going to go with whomever is back there.'

Whomever is back there may not

NFC's leading receiver.

Witten watched practice in shorts and a sweatshirt, resting his broken rib. Phillips said he is not ruling Witten out just yet. But if he misses the game, it would give him two weeks to heal with the Cowboys' upcoming bye. Rookie Martellus Bennett would be his replacement.

"I think you've got to pad it up and see if you can help with the pain," Phillips said. "It may be a situation where he can't do it this week. We'll just have to see toward the end of the week."

Tony Romo will miss his third straight game with a broken pinkie on his throwing hand. Johnson is 1-1 so far, but his quarterback rating is a meager 60.3. It's an especially sharp drop for the Cowboys considering Romo's rating is 103.5, second-best in the NFL.

Johnson doesn't move as well as Romo, and can't throw as deep or as hard, all of which makes it tough to get into a rhythm with receivers. He

IRVING (AP) — Brad Johnson have tight end Jason Witten, the threw three interceptions in his first start and missed several open targets while throwing for only 122 yards in the last game, albeit a victory over Tampa Bay.

> Yet there's something to be said about the 40-year-old Johnson's experience. He didn't commit any turnovers while nursing a conservative game plan against the Buccaneers.

But now Dallas (5-3) goes on the road against the NFC East-leading Giants (6-1). The Cowboys will need to be more aggressive on offense meaning they'll need more from their quarterback. Johnson is 36-of-67 for 356 yards in two games, with two touchdowns, three interceptions and

"I felt like I've done a lot of good things, but there's some things to improve on," Johnson said. "I wish I had some throws back, wish we had made a couple of different plays at different times. But at the end of the day, you try to make your reads, make your throws and move one from there. You can't really look back at this point."

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It is easy to practice hard when a big game is coming up.

But doing it when you don't know if there is a next game can make it hard to focus.

The Texas Tech women's soccer team is dealing with this dilemma this week, preparing for a Big 12 Conference Tournament it may not even get invited to.

"We have to practice with the idea that we will be playing on Wednesday against Oklahoma State," Tech coach Tom Stone said. "That is the only scenario that is possible right now."

With their season over and the Red Raiders holding on to the eighth and final spot in the Big 12 Tournament, their postseason hopes ride on a game being played in Norman, Okla. on Friday between rival schools Oklahoma and No. 10 Oklahoma

If Oklahoma State wins, Tech will hold on to eighth place and have to play the Cowgirls in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament next week in San Antonio. But if Oklahoma wins, the Sooners will leapfrog the Red Raiders and end Tech's season for good.

Even though OSU has clinched its spot in the tournament, Stone said he is confident Oklahoma State will put forth its best effort against the Sooners because if they win, the Cowgirls will claim their first Big 12 regular season title in school history.

"We will have to train with that in mind," he said, "and hope that having the extra time to focus on a team with that caliber will pay off if we get the chance to play them."

The players know they have to focus in practice as if they have an

Co-captain Shannon Sims said it need to win.'



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

THE TEXAS TECH women's soccer team will face Oklahoma State in the opening round of the Big 12 Tournament, if Oklahoma can take down the Cowgirls Friday.

destiny. They just have to hope OSU comes through for them and practice hard while they wait.

"I do not want soccer to be over upcoming game, but some of them so I want to make the tourney," co- week as if we know we are playing," said it is impossible to completely captain Tina Rincon said. "I got some Sims said. "We want to do everyignore the importance of the OU friends at OSU, so I am going to talk thing we always work on in practice.

they have no control of their own different than usual. He wants the players to practice as if they already have qualified for the Big 12 Tourna-

"We are going to practice this to them and let them know that they Practices will still be really hard and intense.

Tech soccer practicing with 13 Tech cross country athletes unknown future this week named Academic All-Big 12

By KAYLA PARHAM STAFF WRITER

Not only can they run, but they're good in the classroom as

The Texas Tech cross country team had 13 athletes named to the Academic All-Big 12 Conference team Tuesday, nine of whom earned the first team honor.

Tech coach Jon Murray said he was proud of the athletes, believing they will be successful outside of cross country with their strong sense of responsibility.

"It speaks to the character of the athletes that we have on the cross country team," he said. "Some very strong academics, they take care of their business in the classroom along with the working out with the challenging schedule of the athletic side."

The cross country team practices twice a day three times a week and once a day the other three days leaving Sunday for rest, Murray said.

Addison LeMaster, a sophomore human development and family studies major, was one of eight cross country athletes in the Big 12 to hold a 4.0 GPA, qualifying her for first team honors.

She said cross country is a little more hectic than track during the spring because of added mileage and the two-a-day practices.

"It definitely takes some time management," LeMaster said. "You have to balance running with all things you have to do for running as far as getting enough sleep and eating the right things and then fit in study time. It gets kind of hard, but it just takes discipline."

There has been added pressure to get her work finished this week, LeMaster said, because of the Big 12 Championship meet on Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Besides LeMaster, the Red Raiders who earned Academic All-Big 12 First Team honors are Noel Conrad, Logan Culotta, Tori Epperson, Michelle Guzman, Cory Higgins, Gilbert Limo and Katherine Priebe.

Conrad — a member of the Airforce ROTC, a father and an active member of his church — said keeping up with his cross country training and academics can sometimes be difficult to manage.

"Putting in study hours and going to class is really important," he said. "Talking to the professors, being active in the class, caring about your grades is hard to balance out with track sometimes and other stuff in life, but it usually pays off pretty well."

The four athletes receiving second team honors were Chep Boit, Jeremy Kight, Gladys Kipsang and Kaci Westervelt.

Murray said the athletes social lives hurt most after attending school full time and spending 15 to 17 hours a week training for cross country.

For athletes to be named to the Academic All-Big 12 first team, they must have a GPA of 3.2 or higher, while athletes on the second team must have a GPA anywhere from a 3.0 to a 3.19. The athletes must maintain these GPAs for two consecutive semesters or the GPAs can be cumulative.

Athletes also must participate in 60 percent of the team's scheduled competition. They cannot be freshmen or transfers to receive the award. Seniors who have competed for two years, but not in 60 percent of the scheduled competitions are eligible for the academic honors.

A total of 126 students were named on the 2008 Academic All-Big 12 cross country team.

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Air it out: Senators want more NFL games on TV

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators have asked the NFL the western Pennsylvania town of commissioner to make game broadcasts on the NFL Network available on free television to more fans.

of competing teams. But 13 lawmakers said in a letter this week to Roger Goodell that the NFL is too narrowly interpreting what a home city is.

"The policy leaves behind NFL fans across the country simply tranchises," according to the letter made public Wednesday. For ex-

ample, the NFL does not consider Johnstown part of the Pittsburgh Steelers' home market, the letter

The senators want quick action The league has said it provides so fans in every market receive free broadcasts in the home cities free TV access to games played by their closest team or the team it has been historically aligned to. Eight games will air this season on the NFL Network, which is available in less than 40 percent a dispute with major cable combecause they live outside cities panies over whether they should to which the NFL has granted carry the channel as part of a basic

package. In a statement, the NFL said the scandal.

goal is to provide the NFL Network to a national audience, but the "goal has been undercut by several of the largest cable operators."

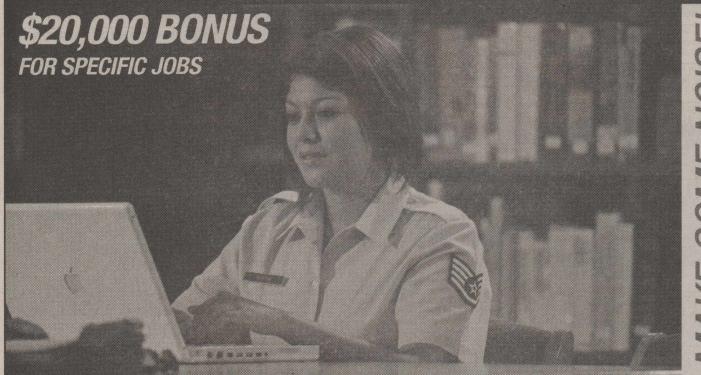
This not the first time Congress has gotten involved. Late last year, Sens. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., leaders of the Senate Judiciary Committee, sent a letter to the NFL threatening to reconsider the league's antitrust exemption if it didn't make games on the of households. The league is in NFL Network available to more

> Specter has also questioned the handling of the NFL's investigation into the Patriots Spygate





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