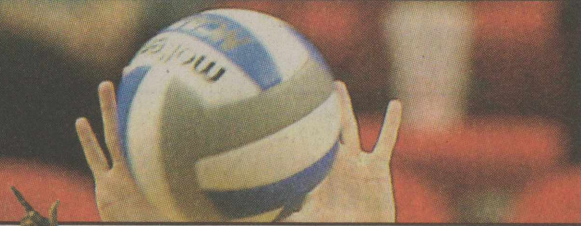


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## Alcohol permits to be issued Wednesday

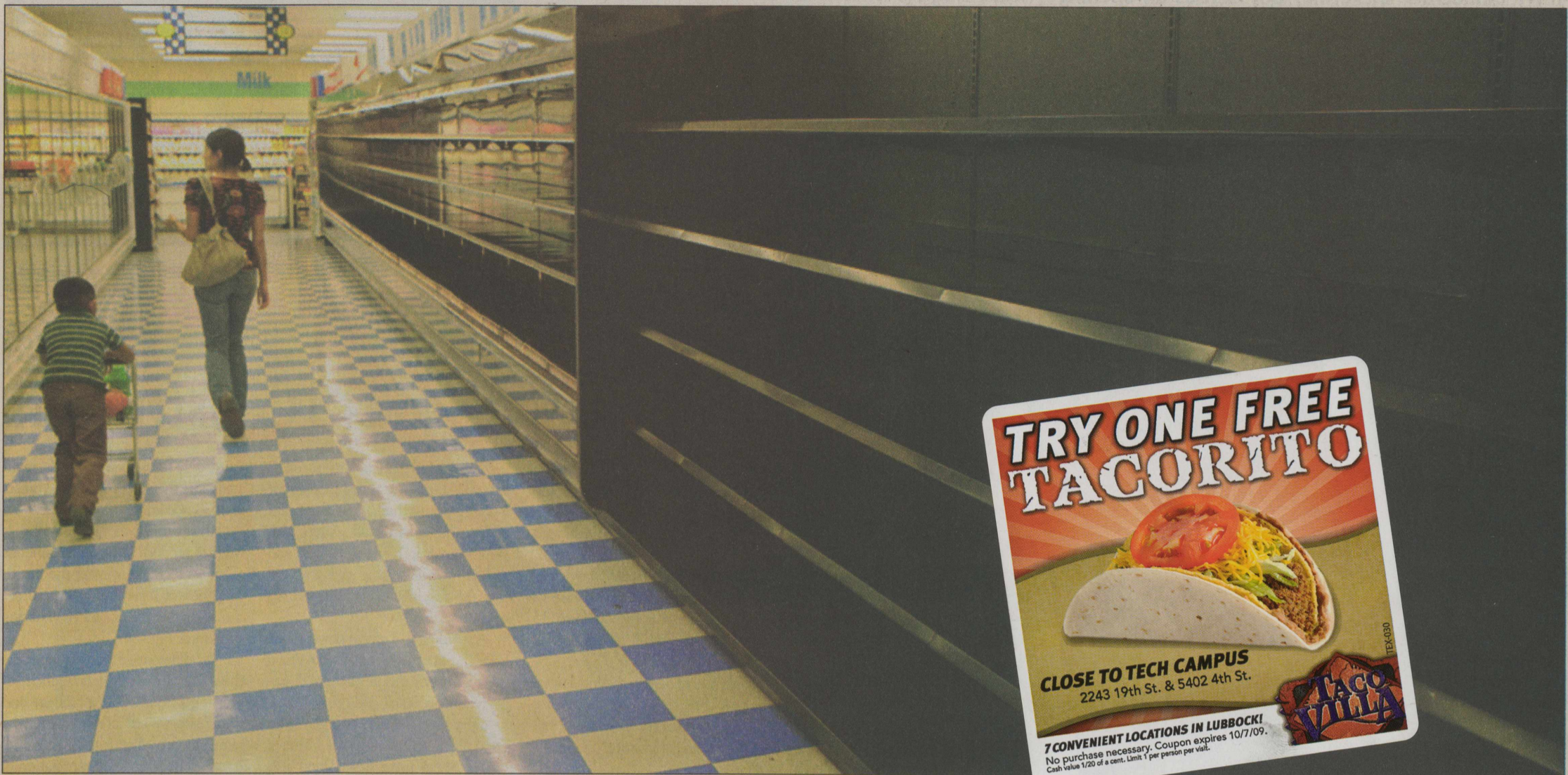


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ALCOHOL SALES INSIDE of Lubbock County may begin as early as today for some stores. This United Supermarket at 82nd Street and Boston Avenue already has space cleared for the stocking of wine and beer.

By JON VANDERLAAN  
NEWS EDITOR

For the first time since prohibition — and after two-thirds of Lubbock County voters' approval in May and five months of protests and lawsuits — alcohol is on the way to Lubbock.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission issued licenses and permits for the sale of alcohol in Lubbock County today, according to a news release by TABC spokeswoman Carolyn Beck.

In an interview with *The Daily Toreador*, Beck said about 86 locations around Lubbock will receive permits today, some stores with multiple permits — for the sale of beer and wine and the sale of liquor.

To obtain the right to purchase and sell alcohol immediately, a permit-approved store must e-mail the TABC for a Letter of Authority, call the Lubbock district office and request a fax version or visit the district office for the paper version. Official permits and licenses will be mailed to store owners Thursday.

Because stores could not purchase alcohol to sell before obtaining a permit, she said, the stores will be able to sell alcohol as soon as they receive alcohol from distributors and wholesalers.

Eddie Owens, the director of

corporate communications for United Supermarkets, said five of the Lubbock locations will have beer and wine by Thursday: Amigos on the 100 block of North University Avenue; United Supermarket at the intersection of Fourth Avenue and Slide Road; Market Street at the intersection of 50th Avenue and Indiana Avenue; United Supermarket at the intersection of 50th Avenue and Avenue Q; and United Supermarket at the intersection of 82nd Avenue and Boston Avenue.

"If we get our permit tomorrow as anticipated," he said,

*"If we get our permit tomorrow as anticipated, we will begin stocking stores Thursday morning."*

**EDDIE OWENS**  
SPOKESMAN  
UNITED SUPERMARKETS

"we will begin stocking stores Thursday morning."

The other four United Supermarkets stores will be stocked Friday, Owens said.

Other than the purchase and delivery of the alcohol, he said, all other preparations have been made in anticipation of the sale of alcohol.

Eddie McBride, executive director of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, said distributors are not sure which stores will receive alcohol first because of the uncertainty about when stores will obtain Letters of Authority.

Despite a soon-to-be high demand for alcohol within the county, he said, some stores will have alcohol stocked on the

shelves today.

However, he said he expects the distributors to be backed up several weeks while filling all the requests for alcohol throughout the county.

Alcohol laws in the city of Lubbock did not change from prohibition until the early 1970s when restaurants were allowed to sell mixed drinks. However, the areas annexed in Lubbock after 1971 have not been able to sell mixed drinks unless operated as a private club and no areas in Lubbock have been able to sell packaged alcohol with the exception of The Strip.

After the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce announced in the summer of 2008 it supported a petition to bring alcohol to Lubbock, the Political Action Committee Let Lubbock Vote began collecting signatures to bring a vote to the county for two propositions.

Proposition 1 would expand packaged alcohol sales in the county and Proposition 2 would allow mixed-drink sales in restaurants.

For the petitions to be valid, both had to have at least 18,747 signatures of valid Lubbock County voters.

Less than two weeks after the petitions began in October 2008, they had more than the required amount of signatures, taking less than one-quarter of the allotted time to complete the petitions.

The petitions were verified Dec. 12, and the date for the election was set for May 9.

Propositions 1 and 2 passed with 64.4 percent and 69.5 percent, respectively.

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## Students hope for best with alcohol sales

By ALEX YBARRA  
MANAGING EDITOR

For Richard Carroll, convincing himself to trek to The Strip — a collection of liquor stores lit like Las Vegas — for alcohol has become a common ordeal since living in Lubbock.

So common that when he's able to purchase it within city limits beginning this week, he may drive out there regardless.

"It's gonna be really weird," said Carroll, a 2009 Texas Tech graduate from San Antonio who still resides in Lubbock. "I've lived up here for so long, like I know the first couple times I'm gonna be like, 'OK, I need to get beer. OK, I need to go to The Strip.' So it'll take a little while for things to click."

Almost five months after the initial vote was passed — with legal roadblocks prolonging its legalization — permits were issued Wednesday by state regulators to allow alcohol sales in more than 80 stores.

"I wasn't really worried about when it

would happen, as long as it did happen," said Taylor Booth, a junior advertising major from Kingwood. "I didn't want a vote to be annulled because some people, like a small minority of the population, wasn't happy."

Jennifer Wainscott, a senior Spanish and political science major from Windsor, Colo., said she understands why people voted against the sale of alcohol back in May and why some continued to fight it after the fact.

"I don't think it would ever have been effective," she said. "Maybe 15 to 20 years ago it would have been, but even the amount that they managed to slow it down was minimal. The effort they put in really didn't maximize what they got out of it."

Wainscott shared an opinion with many other students regarding the availability and easier access to alcohol in Lubbock: No one has to make 10-minute drives anymore.

"Unfortunately I have known people who have been driving back and forth to The Strip who are not sober," she said.

"Hopefully this will cut down on some of that. I think as long as people try not to be total idiots, it'll be OK."

Jessica Spott, a graduate student from Allen and former community adviser at Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Hall, said she has lived in Lubbock for five years.

With experience catching younger students smuggling alcohol on campus, Spott said she wants to see how that age group is affected.

"I think it'll make it easier to get people to pick it up for you because you won't have to be like, 'Hey will you drive all the way outside of town to get it for me?'" she said. "It'll be like, 'Hey, wanna run across the street real quick?' It'll be really available."

Spott said she is excited about the idea of picking up wine across the street for dinner, but she has mixed reactions when thinking about a possible increase in students' alcohol consumption, drunken driving and underage drinking.

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## Stern Obama confronts Israeli, Palestinian leaders

By JENNIFER LOVEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — Bristling with impatience, President Barack Obama sternly prodded Israeli and Palestinian leaders to relaunch Mideast peace negotiations Tuesday, grasping a newly personal role in their historic standoff. He won an awkward, stone-faced handshake but no other apparent progress beyond a promise to talk about more talks.

There had been hopes for weeks that there might be more to show from the first meeting of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian

President Mahmoud Abbas since Netanyahu took office in March — perhaps even a dramatic announcement by Obama of the resumption of the Mideast peace negotiations that broke off over a year ago.

That wasn't to be. Despite months of effort, the sides remain far apart on a staunch Palestinian precondition for talks: that Israel halt all construction of Jewish settlements in Palestinian territory. Obama has publicly echoed that demand to Israeli leaders — though the Palestinians noted with displeasure that he used the word "restrain" on Tuesday rather than "halt" or "freeze."

The president hosted the two foes at his New York hotel during a marathon day of diplomacy on the sidelines of this week's United Nations General Assembly gathering. It was a high-stakes gambit that could prove to be a timely personal intervention into a decades-old dispute that Obama has made a presidential priority or a flop that damages Obama's global credibility on a broader scale.

Obama's Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, said the president took the risk because he believes the moment is uniquely ripe for progress — and because he felt an in-person display of his rising impatience could help.

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## STATE

## Texas alcohol agency rarely disciplines officers

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas alcohol agency under fire for its raid at a gay bar rarely punishes its officers for misconduct, and officers' supervisors are usually the ones who conduct disciplinary investigations. Experts say that method increases the likelihood of flawed probes.

An Associated Press review of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission's internal affairs logs found that all but 39 of the 234 allegations of excessive force or unprofessional conduct against agents since 2004

have been closed without disciplinary action. Moreover, in nearly every excessive force case AP reviewed, the accused agents' bosses headed the investigations.

The allegations included officers improperly tackling, punching and using pepper spray. The agency has a reputation for heavy-handedness and garnered national attention in 2006 when state legislators forced it to cancel a program that aggressively sought to curb public drunkenness through stings in bars.

## NATION

## In NY Democrats' bickering, GOP senses an opening

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — As New York Gov. David Paterson's political vitality fades and a court decision over his lieutenant governor choice threatens to weaken his presumed chief rival for the 2010 gubernatorial nomination, Republicans sense a hole opening in the Democrats' wall of invincibility in the state and are seizing the day.

The possibility that Republicans could recapture a governor's seat in one of the nation's bluest

states represents a turnaround for a state party that, 10 months ago, was nearly irrelevant after losing its last bastion of power, the state Senate. And it has implications for the Democrats' tenuous filibuster-killing hold on the U.S. Senate.

Republican former Congressman Rick Lazio, who lost out to Hillary Rodham Clinton in the 2000 Senate race and is now running for governor, seized on the cacophony Tuesday to underscore his bid.

## WORLD

## Deposed Honduran president holed up in embassy

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Baton-wielding soldiers used tear gas and water cannons to chase away thousands who demonstrated outside the Brazilian Embassy on Tuesday, leaving deposed President Manuel Zelaya and 70 friends and relatives trapped inside without water, electricity or phones.

"We know we are in danger," Zelaya said during interviews with various media outlets. "We are ready

to risk everything, to sacrifice."

Heavily armed soldiers stood guard on neighboring rooftops and helicopters buzzed overhead.

Zelaya, forced out of his country at gunpoint on June 28, triumphantly popped up in the capital Monday, telling captivated supporters that after three months of international exile and a secretive 15-hour cross-country journey, he was ready to lead again.

## Correction

In Tuesday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the article "Alumni honored during HSC School of Medicine 40th Anniversary dinner," should have stated that the School of Medicine paid tribute to various faculty and prominent alumni

during its 40th anniversary celebratory dinner. The Paul L. Foster School of Medicine is located in El Paso, whereas the Lubbock campus was the school that celebrated the anniversary. *The DT* regrets the error.

## Student organizations, representatives come together at first SORC meeting

By ZACH QUIÑONES  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association hosted an informational event called Revealing the SORC at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Allen Theater to introduce the new platform of communication and interaction between the SGA and student organizations.

SORC, pronounced source, stands for Student Organization Representative Council and is a restructuring and upgrade from the Student Organization Advisory Congress, or SOAC.

SGA President Suzanne Williams, a senior advertising major from Arlington, said SORC creates more two-way communication between the SGA and the student organizations.

It is important to get as much information out to the students as possible, she said, and to make them more aware of what is happening on campus with administration and legislation.

Revealing the SORC began with a brief presentation and

followed with the organizations breaking off into designated groups, by department and college, to speak with a representative for each group.

This micromanagement approach is a key change SORC brings to the table by providing a more face-to-face communication between the students and their representatives, according to the presentation.

When the organizations are in their collective groups, they collaborate with representatives to schedule meeting times and dates as opposed to SOAC hosting one meeting for all groups at a specific time.

"SOAC felt like just another info session," said SGA Chief of Staff Josh Frost, a senior political science major from Austin. "One time I was late five minutes and almost missed the meeting. We get the most out of (SORC) as we can."

More than 200 students were in attendance representing their respective organizations, although not all the organizations made an appearance.

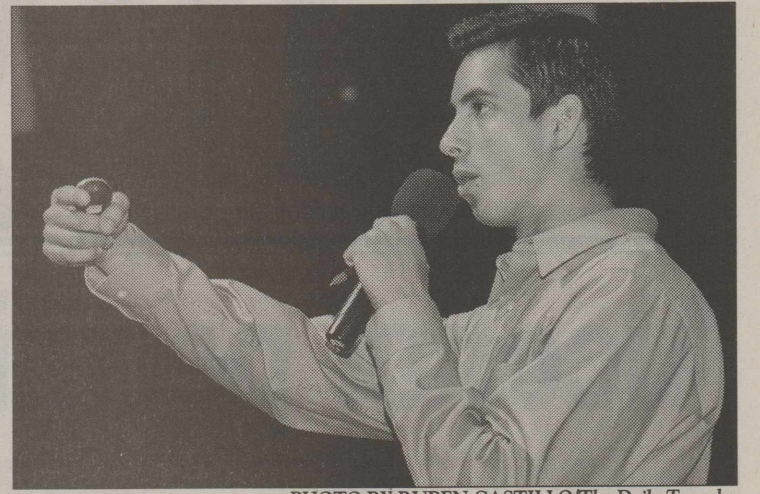


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CHIEF OF STAFF for the Tech Student Government Association Josh Frost, a senior political science major from Austin, hosts the meeting that introduced the Student Organization Advisory Congress to all student organizations Tuesday in the Allen Theatre.

"Our goal is to reach out to all the organizations in this process who didn't get here," Williams said.

That goal is why SORC places the organizations into smaller groups to allow communication between all organizations because representatives can relay information to other representatives,

she said.

Deepali Butani, a graduate student representative from India, said she hopes SORC is successful and thinks it is a good way to interact with people in her organization, who with SOAC never got the opportunity to meet face-to-face with her.

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## Perry School of Nursing adds 10 instructors

By JASON HARTLINE  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing has added 10 instructors to its faculty since the signing of House Bill 4471 in August, which supplied Texas nursing schools with \$49.7 million.

The bill, signed by Gov. Rick Perry, provided the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, which was established in 2001, with the funds needed to assist in efforts to combat the shortage of nurses in the state.

"The faculty shortage is one of the biggest challenges in graduating

more qualified nurses," said Patricia Allen, acting dean and director of the Center for Nursing Innovation. "With the funds given to us, we were able to build on the existing faculty."

The increase in faculty was a contributing factor to the increase of enrollment for the school from 115 students in Fall 2008 to 167 in Fall 2009, she said.

The school is the second largest producer of nurses in Texas at the Texas Woman's University, Allen said, but has the leading graduation rate in the state, at 96 percent.

"We have much to do to keep increasing our enrollment," Allen said. "This grant money is definitely a push in the right direction."

The Perry School of Nursing offers various solutions to accommodate for more students than what the main HSC campus can hold, Allen said. With schools in Abilene, El Paso and the Permian Basin, he said, students can also receive their education via satellite.

According to a recent news release from the governor's office, Perry said there is a need for more qualified nurses graduating in Texas, and HB 4471 will help provide for more. The bill is an important investment in the future of health care in Texas, he said, and he is proud to have worked with the Texas Legislature to address the nursing shortage in Texas.

With about a 69 percent increase

from 2001, Texas nursing schools graduated more than 7,600 registered nurses in 2008, according to the release.

However, Texas nursing schools will not produce an adequate amount of nurses required to meet the health care needs of Texans through 2020, according to the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies.

"As different of nursing programs there are between (Perry School of Nursing), South Plains College and Covenant, we are all working for the same thing," Allen said. "We are all trying to help in the dissemination of the shortage of Texas nurses by producing a larger number of adequate, skilled graduates."

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## Obama, China vow urgent action on climate change

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao each vowed urgent action Tuesday to cool an overheating planet, even as prospects dimmed for a full treaty by the end of the year.

The world's two biggest greenhouse-gas polluting nations were the focus at the U.N.'s unprecedented daylong climate change summit, which drew more than 50 presidents and 35 prime ministers, along with many environment ministers and at least one prince.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon opened the gathering with an appeal to leaders to set aside national interests and think about the future of the globe — and a rebuke for their foot-dragging thus far.

"The climate negotiations are proceeding at glacial speed. The world's glaciers are now melting faster than human progress to protect them — and us," the U.N. chief said.

Failure to reach a new international pact on climate change "would be morally inexcusable, economically shortsighted and politically unwise," Ban warned.

"The science demands it. The world economy needs it."

At the end of the summit, however, Ban and Danish Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen, who will host the treaty talks, said they were encouraged at the prospects. "This feeling of political momentum — that was very strong," said Løkke Rasmussen.

Tuesday's U.N. gathering and the G-20 summit in Pittsburgh this week are seen as an attempt to pressure rich nations to commit to a global climate treaty at Copenhagen, Denmark, in December, and to pay for poorer nations to burn less coal and preserve their forests.

With a mere 76 days to go before the pivotal conference, it appeared an interim agreement might be the most that could be expected in December, leaving difficult details for later talks.

"We are on the path to failure if we continue to act as we have," French President Nicolas Sarkozy cautioned.

Much attention was fixed on Obama's first U.N. speech, in which he pledged the United States is "determined to act."

"The threat from climate change is serious, it is urgent, and it is growing," Obama said, after receiving loud applause. "And the time we have to reverse this tide is running out."

But while Obama campaigned for the presidency vowing to push through stringent cuts in U.S. emissions, he has run up against stiff resistance among Republicans, and the Senate most likely won't have written climate legislation until after the Copenhagen meeting.

By comparison, Hu runs a command economy and was unencumbered by political opposition. He outlined an ambitious program that included plans to plant enough forest to cover about 150,000 square miles — an area the size of Montana — and generate 15 percent of its energy needs from renewable sources within a decade.

He said the communist nation would also take steps to improve energy efficiency and reduce "by a notable margin" its growth rate of carbon pollution as measured against economic growth — though he did not give any specific numerical targets.

## Students

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"I'm nervous for the people under 21," she said. "I think it'll reduce accidents in general, but I don't know if it'll help the underage drinking at all or make it worse."

Wainscott said it will be interesting to see how those who voted for alcohol handle the newfound responsibility that comes their way.

"Parents who have kids, who

may be going to United (Supermarkets) and see (alcohol) being sold there, what are those parents gonna tell those kids?" she said. "It's gonna be up to them now. It's gonna be in their neighborhoods. It's gonna be in their lives."

From an economic standpoint, Carroll said he is looking forward to competition forcing lower prices, which ultimately puts a little more money in college students' pockets.

He also said having to find

someone at a party who is willing to refill the keg or keep the good times rolling won't be as difficult anymore.

"I've been at so many parties, they're like, 'Oh no, we're out of beer. The Strip is still open; who's the most sober? Let's go,'" said Carroll, who wonders if the number of DWIs and DUIs will fluctuate with the changes.

"I'd like to think they'd go down," he said.

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## Alcohol

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John Grace, an assistant criminal district attorney in the civil division of the Lubbock DA's office, issued an opinion to the county clerk May 18 stating that the election was legal and based on state and local laws and elections, alcohol would be able to be sold throughout the county.

Zoning problems arose almost

immediately, and lawsuits from the owners of The Strip — Pinkie's and Majestic Liquor Stores — were filed after the vote. The Lubbock City Council resolved the issue in a revision of zoning ordinances July 8.

Opponents of the sale of alcohol still were not content, however, and several protests to the election were raised with the TABC. Complaints suggested that a certain state law said the city and precinct vote on an issue

trumped the county vote on the issue. Because the city of Lubbock previously voted against packaged alcohol sales, the group argued, the county vote would be trumped by the city vote.

Only two weeks after the TABC ruled a decision would not take place on the protests, the committee decided it would not rule on the protests and would begin processing permits and licenses when the city and county approved them.

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## EUPHONIUM EUPHORIA



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SHELBY DURHAM, A junior music education major from Dallas, practices her euphonium Monday in the Music building.

## Photogs sue Tom Brady

NEW YORK (AP) — Two photographers sued New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and supermodel Gisele Bündchen for \$1 million Tuesday, saying they were shot at during a post-wedding party in Costa Rica.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan alleged that the photographers and the Agence France-Presse news agency were damaged by the early April attack during a celebration at Bündchen's holiday home.

It said Brady and Bündchen negligently hired security for the April party, two months after their wedding, even though they had to know their activities were a press magnet.

AFP photographer Yuri Cortez and photographer Rolando Aviles of Costa Rican national daily newspaper Al Dia say Bündchen's bodyguards narrowly missed their heads when the guards shot at their car after they refused to give up their cameras and memory cards.

No one was struck by the bullets, but the lawsuit said Cortez and Aviles suffered physical injuries and mental anguish that continues. The lawsuit said neither of them were paparazzi.

The lawsuit said AFP is one of the world's largest and most respected international press agencies with 110 bureaus worldwide. It said it incurred great expense to send Cortez, a staff photographer, to Costa Rica.

Don Yee, Brady's agent and attorney, declined comment, saying he had not yet seen the court papers. Bündchen publicist Alison Levy said she does not comment on her client's personal life.

The lawsuit said the photographers received authorization from a neighbor of Bündchen to go on their property, where they "discreetly photographed" the party.

## Senate hopeful missed voting

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Linda McMahon's wrestling empire urged young adults to vote in 2008, but the former World Wrestling Entertainment CEO didn't always follow suit.

McMahon, who has stepped down from her job to seek the Republican nomination in Connecticut for the U.S. Senate, acknowledges on her campaign blog that she didn't vote in the 2008 presidential primary after Sen. John McCain became the presumptive GOP nominee.

In a Sept. 16 blog entry titled "One of My Regrets," McMahon said she also missed a general election in 2006 and several local elections.

"I talk all the time about how important it is for people to vote. And it is. Yet, I haven't always been the best example myself," she wrote. "I regret it, I apologize, and I don't make any excuses for it."

State records show McMahon voting twice in Connecticut, in the 2002 and 2008 general elections.

## 'Narwhal' launched right on target

Earlier this summer, Telltale games released "Launch of the Screaming Narwhal," the first installment in the episodic series "Tales of Monkey Island." If you're not familiar with the "Monkey Island" series, you have almost 20 years of catching up to do. I say that because though "Screaming Narwhal" stands fairly well enough on its own as an introduction to Guybrush Threepwood and his pirate shenanigans, there will be a lot you know you're missing out on and thus a lot of the intended experience.

This weekend, Telltale games celebrated International Talk Like a Pirate Day by offering free downloads of "Screaming Narwhal," which still lies within the point 'n click spirit of previous "Monkey Island" titles. After my five-hour excursion to Flotsam Island, I actually felt compelled to continue Threepwood's exotic adventure across the sea and played through the second episode "The Siege of Spinner Cay," which was released just last month. Lucky for you, this means you get a "Tales of Monkey Island" review combo platter, albeit one part being partly stale and the other only being partly fresh.

First off, I have to say Telltale games totally nailed the feel of the "Monkey Island" franchise. With almost a complete return by the original cast of voice actors, it all certainly sounds like a "Monkey Island" game, a feeling the absolutely contagious main theme certainly helps enforce. Sometimes the support characters are voiced a bit on the hammy side, but there's nothing wrong with that when they're spot on for the rest of the game. Needless to say, Dominic Armato returning as Threepwood is a great boon to the character and the game as a whole. The jokes may occasionally miss, but his voiceovers never do.

The sound effects are perfect for the game. The cannons may not rattle your house when they go off, but they totally sound like cannons fired by a guy named Guybrush Threepwood.

### Timothy Poon



Unfortunately, that sentiment extends to the graphics.

As charming as the swirly clouds are, they can't distract from the fact every-one except LeChuck and Threepwood look somewhat lax in terms of graphical fidelity. I know this isn't supposed to be the next "Crysis" (though a recent CryEngine re-make of "Monkey Island 2" would make you wish otherwise), but even when the graphics quality is maxed out, they all look a bit glossy and unnecessarily polygonal. It should all be a bit cartoonish anyway, but when Threepwood is standing side by side anyone else in the game, you can see the discrepancies.

However, the point of games of the "Monkey Island" sort is not mind-blowing graphics or block-rocking sound effects as nice as they would be. Instead, it's all about the story, the puzzles and the writing, and I'm happy to say it's all there. "Screaming Narwhal's" story may be a bit underwhelming as a setup to "Spinner Cay," but even as a two-out-of-five part experience, the time I've invested in squeezing every bit of dialogue from every character I could find has been totally worth it.

If you're looking for some brain-scratching fun, you've found it. Though

the puzzles are, for the most part, extremely intuitive, you've still got a great deal of thinking to do if you want to figure out how to go about solving them. You may know where there's a key that can unlock a door you need to get through, but how to get the key into the door is the challenge, and it's usually in a very humorous and clever yet totally reasonable way. Well, reasonable in a cartoon world.

The main problem, though, is there's no replay value. Once you know how to solve a puzzle or know how a story element plays out, that's it; there's no reason to do it all over again, even if you loved the hell out of it the first time. There's a treasure-

*"The main problem, though, is there's no replay value. Once you know how to solve a puzzle or know how a story element plays out, that's it."*

hunting minigame that ties into some social elements on the Telltale Games Web site but can only keep you entertained for so long, as it really just boils down to following animal noises.

All in all, you pretty much already know if you'll like the episodes of "Tales of Monkey Island" because if you've kept up with the series enough to

develop an opinion, then you know you want to play it, and if you know that, you've probably already bought the first two installments. However, if you've played a couple point 'n click adventure games and you feel like you could use some more of that in your life, then this new "Monkey Island" series is just for you. The episodes are cheap, fun and quite good, so drop some dough on "Launch of the Screaming Narwhal" and get your Mighty Pirate on.

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## Palin's charity more than publicity act?

Earlier this week, an unusual sale was made on eBay.

The New York Daily News reported Alabama resident Cathy Maples paid \$63,500 to have dinner with former Gov. Sarah Palin. Palin started the auction to raise money for the Ride 2 Recovery charity, which supports wounded veterans.

The bidding began at a whopping \$25,000 and more than doubled in the short time the offer was online. According to The Associated Press, Maples, a defense contractor and staunch Palin supporter, said she "fully supports the military and the men and women fighting for this nation."

I love that Palin is doing what she can to help wounded veterans, but was that really her only intention? There are a lot of ways she could've raised money for veterans, so why did she choose this method?

One reason that jumps out at me is the amount of publicity Palin is getting from this. She's been under less media fire since she left office, so maybe this was a way for her to regain some

**Hunter Jones**



approval from the American people.

Something else that caught my interest was Palin reserves the right to decline the dinner if the winner fails to meet "subjective standards of suitability, professionalism, background and other factors."

I can understand why this was part of the fine print; I know I wouldn't want to have dinner with someone who despised me. However, whether the winner likes Palin shouldn't be a deciding factor in determining who can dine with the former governor.

Author and Palin critic Joe McGinness attempted to win the auction, but according to the Daily News, Palin disqualified him. But in spite of his disappointment, McGinness sent a congratulatory letter to winner Cathy Maples.

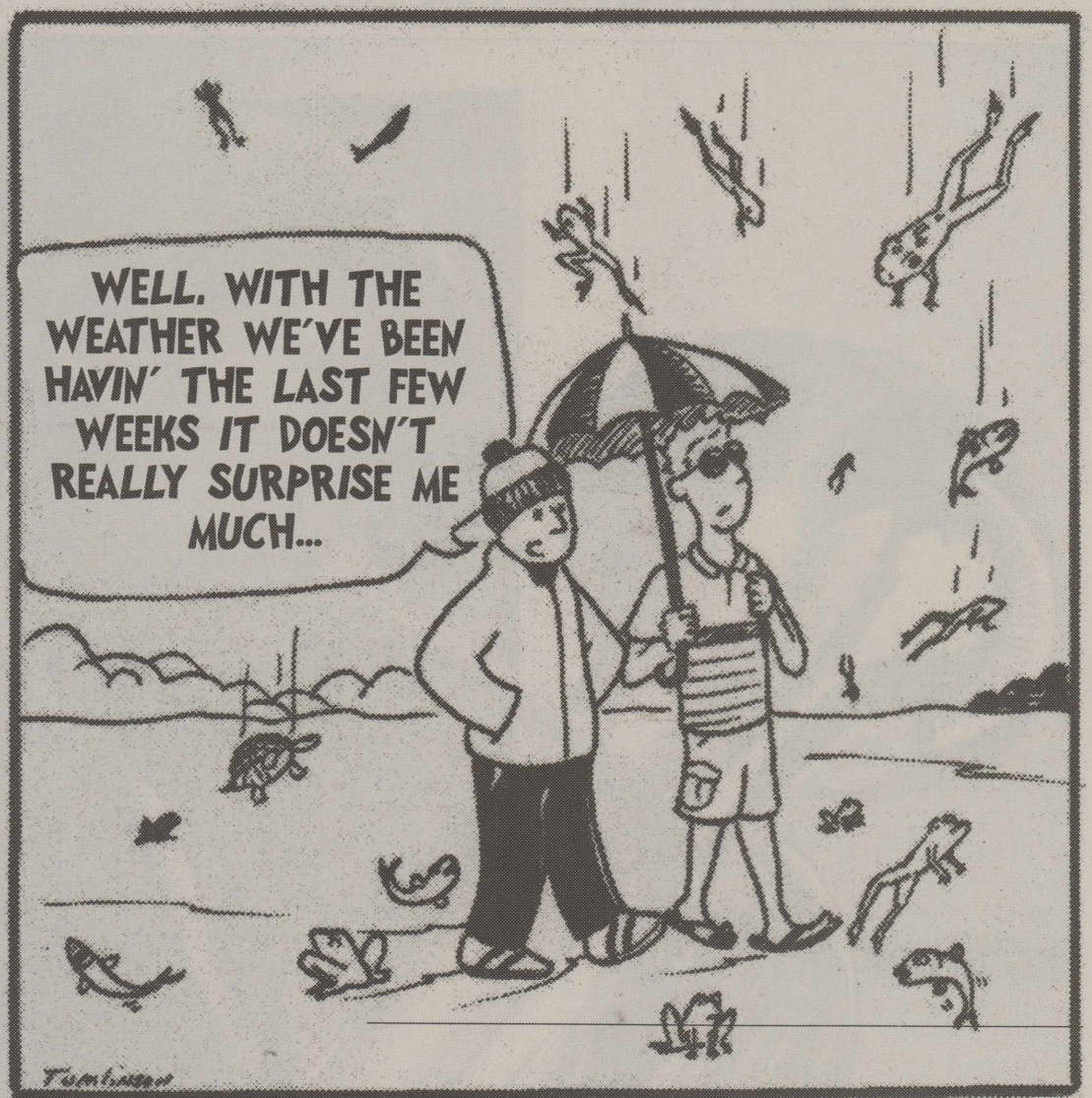
To me this said McGinness

was disqualified because of a personal bias against him by Palin. McGinness could've boosted the auction amount, but he wasn't permitted. If Palin's intention was to raise as much money for Ride 2 Recovery as possible, why did she pass up the opportunity?

Although the idea of auctioning off a dinner with Palin may seem like a good fund raiser, I think the intentions were greater than raising money. This is something Americans would expect Miley Cyrus to do, not a former governor.

However, I applaud Palin for her willingness to donate her time for a good cause. Whether her intention was to raise money or gain publicity, it still resulted in the benefit of our wounded veterans. All Americans should respect that, but they should keep an open mind to other reasons Palin chose this method to demonstrate her generosity.

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## Administration's 'net neutrality' protects nation's Internet freedom

STAFF EDITORIAL  
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While President Obama fights for the survival of his biggest campaign promise — health care reform — he's found it easier to make good on another: net neutrality.

On Monday, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski proposed new regulations that would prevent Internet service providers from discriminating against Web traffic based on its content. We welcome this effort to preserve the open nature of the Internet, which has made the Web such a boon to entrepreneurship and free speech.

Streaming video Web sites like YouTube would have been unthinkable in the days of dial-up Internet because the network couldn't handle the data flow — or bandwidth — required to transfer clips. With the advent of broadband and subsequent improvements to network infrastructure, bandwidth-intensive Web sites like YouTube have boomed in popularity. The increased carrying capacity of the Internet has opened up a world of possibilities, from video chatting with your mom on Skype to Nigerian medical students observing surgeries in the United States.

Increased bandwidth use is good for the public, but it's a headache for Internet providers. Because most broadband services offer their customers unlimited bandwidth, there is no incentive for users to shy away from file-sharing, Skype, and other bandwidth-hogging behavior. To continue offering unlimited access at the same speed, ISPs must find ways to either expand

their capacity or discourage high bandwidth use.

One of the solutions has been to decrease the download speeds of customers trying to use high-bandwidth Web sites. Last year, the FCC chastised Comcast for deliberately slowing down BitTorrent, a file-sharing application, without telling its customers.

Allowing ISPs to choose which Internet activities get priority has

several worrying implications. It could lead to anti-competitive behavior by ISPs, many of which also provide services that compete with new Internet tools. For example, Comcast has been widely accused of slowing the traffic of Vonage, an Internet phone service that competes with Comcast's own similar service. (The two companies have since agreed to cooperate.) If ISPs are allowed to discriminate against content providers, they will do so in their own interests — if Comcast ever wanted to launch its own video streaming site, it could slow down YouTube to cripple the competition.

Others fear that ISPs could start charging high-bandwidth Web sites for access to the "fast

lane," slowing down smaller Web sites that can't afford to pay. This would be a blow to the level playing field that has allowed entrepreneurs to create online empires from humble beginnings in a garage or basement, perhaps explaining why Internet giants like Google and Amazon are among net neutrality's strongest proponents. What would your life today be like if someone told

Mark Zuckerberg that his new "Facebook" site was using too much bandwidth?

We recognize that ISPs must find ways to ration their limited bandwidth effectively; however, this is still possible without picking the Internet's winners and losers. Cell-phone providers charge talkative people more money, but they don't charge based on who they're talking to.

Similarly, ISPs could charge users for the amount of bandwidth they consume, as long as they treat all Internet use equally. When ISPs start deciding which sites reach the masses and which don't — no matter the criteria — they distort the marketplace of ideas and stifle the spirit of equality that has helped the Internet shape our world.

*"We recognize that ISPs must find ways to ration their limited bandwidth effectively; however, this is still possible without picking the Internet's winners and losers."*

## Gossip sites ignore important issues

By DELAINE MOORE  
THE ORION (CAL STATE-CHICO)

Delaine has crabs. This is the statement I found one day in my high school bathroom mocking me in silver Sharpie. And while I was horrified then, I now think about it and laugh, knowing that I'm not the only one who has been subjected to malicious yet highly unoriginal rumors.

After recently visiting the new anonymous Internet board, The College ACB, I don't really understand why people still find the need to use these sites.

As the replacement for JuicyCampus, ACB has become the Internet watering hole for salacious gossip and mudslinging rumors, although its mission statement says otherwise.

"The College ACB or College Anonymous Confession Board seeks to give students a place to vent, rant and talk to college peers in an environment free from social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo," according to the Web site.

I do give credit to the few early posters who seemed to have a higher level of conversation on the agenda, but of course those posts were only waiting for the retaliation of "You're a fag," or "Get some balls."

Now the most common posts are "Who is the biggest slut on campus," or "Who hasn't Jane Doe slept with."

Watching random people on the Internet insult each other can seem entertaining, just as long as you're a third person. But what is the point of creating 12 different "slut lists" just to see the same few

names come up, usually from sororities and fraternities.

The complete anonymity of the Web site does not create a safe social environment for students to discuss their inner most feelings. Instead it creates a breeding ground for the simple-minded to continue showing the world how stupid they really are.

There definitely is a need for a social Web site where all students can go to discuss topics such as politics, or sexuality or even just where the good places to meet new people are.

However, with anonymous boards such as ACB, people have no incentive to write anything tasteful — not even a decent rant about how their economics teacher ruined their day. Instead we get unoriginal, malicious insults we have all heard a thousand times before.

It's time for people to wake up and realize college is not only about seeing who is easy to get with or how to make that cheating bastard pay. I would like to think we have evolved from writing gossip on the bathroom wall.

Personally I don't care who is having an affair with the coach, but what I would like to know is students' perspective on the war or how they plan to land a job after graduation. That would be a more productive use of our time, with or without anonymity on the Internet.

So let's put down our silver Sharpies and actually hold an intelligent conversation — one that doesn't aim to back stab a friend or ruin someone's reputation with overplayed insults.

And, for the record, I don't have crabs — just in case you were wondering. But I did find the comment more entertaining, and slightly more bearable, when someone added in "hermit crabs."

**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Pea holders
- Get ready for surgery
- Beethoven's "Für..."
- Geometry product
- Victoria or Geneva
- Zapped in the microwave
- Hydration from underground
- Prevailing tendency
- Horseshoe's workshop
- "All sell"
- Excuse designed to elicit sniffles
- Busy pro in Apr.
- Thunder on a radio show, e.g.
- Test the weight of
- To this day
- Bird on a dollar
- Minimally
- Undiversified, as a farm
- Old French money
- Uncover, poetically
- Head of France?
- In a rage
- "The Waste Land" poet's monogram
- Made a mess of
- Mouth the lyrics
- White Rabbit's cry
- Arm of the sea
- House majority leader of the early 1970s
- "Uncle Tom's Cabin" author
- Has regrets about
- Baseball Hall of Famer Speaker
- Cousins of hamlets
- Leave the stage
- Not tagged in time

**DOWN**

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- Utah city
- Sandwich seller
- Seasons, as fries
- Hedonistic fellows
- Maze scurrier
- Scratch (out), as a living
- Sentence ender
- Payment from a contestant
- Tackle box item
- It sells a lot of build-it-yourself furniture
- E-mail command
- Swirling current
- On first?
- Desert Storm ration, for short
- Mutton fat
- Explosive compound
- Grain husks separated in threshing
- Lab dish inventor
- G star's equivalent
- It's not fiction
- "Snowy" wader
- Stops bleeding
- Critical residence
- Shelter for roughing it
- Altar attendants
- Aunt Bee's grandnephew
- Most destitute
- Tie settlers, for short
- "voyage!"
- Game often played with a 24-card deck
- Make absurdly easy, with "down"
- Novelists' creations
- Letter-to-Santa itemization
- Totally enjoying
- Clear the snow
- Attached with thread
- Taj Mahal city
- "Woo-hoo, the weekend!"
- Being, to Caesar
- "La Cage" — Folies
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By Bruce Venzke & Stella Davis 9/23/09

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## Holgorsen, Kingsbury reunite with Leach in Houston

By ADAM COLEMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Ever since he left one high-powered offense for another in 2008, not much has changed for Houston offensive coordinator Dana Holgorsen.

The former Texas Tech offensive coordinator has the Cougars scoring at will, just like he helped Tech do, and he has one of the top quarterbacks in the nation, similar to the signal callers he helped coach at Tech. Plus, the Houston offense is consistently in the headlines, just like the Tech offense was during his days in Lubbock and still is.

But this week is different when all of a sudden, there's a little bit more attention surrounding Holgorsen coaching against the school he helped top the statistical charts for eight years.

"There's been quite a few more media requests, which is probably the biggest difference," Holgorsen said. "There's no magical formula for being able to prepare for a game whether you're familiar with that opponent or not."

It will be a reunion of some sorts when Tech takes on No. 23 Houston at 8:15 p.m. Saturday at Robertson Stadium in Houston.

Holgorsen, who opted for a chance at more play-calling in Houston's offense in 2008, will face the man he's played for and coached under in Tech coach Mike Leach.

Leach will see another one of his former players on the opponents' sideline Saturday, with former Red Raider quarterback Kliff Kingsbury settling in at Houston in quality control.

With Leach being the innovator behind his spread offense and Holgorsen playing and coaching under him, Houston and Tech seem poised to light up the scoreboard Saturday. Some may think it balances the playing field a little bit as well, with both coaches being familiar with each other's play-calling.

But Houston quarterback Case Keenum said the two offenses are more different than people think.

Keenum said signals and terminology are things that set the two offenses apart. He also said Holgorsen's plays have to fit Houston's players, considering they're different from Tech's skill players. So Holgorsen is able to put his own spin on the offense he adopted at Tech.

"You never know everything," Keenum said. "He's taught me a lot. You learn different stuff from different coaches. He's got some great insight,



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

KLIFF KINGSBURY PLAYED for Texas Tech from 1998 to 2002. As Tech's quarterback, he passed for 12,429 yards and 95 touchdowns. Kingsbury is now an offensive assistant at Houston.

great knowledge in this type of passing game, this type of offense. I'm continuing learning from him. The new things and getting better at the things that we're good at."

What the Cougars are good at is scoring and Holgorsen's arrival is a reason why.

In his first season at Houston, Holgorsen had the Cougars second in the nation in total offense with 562.8 yards per game and passing yards with 401.6 yards per game. Keenum had 5,020 passing yards with 44 touchdowns in 2008, earning him Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year.

Coming on to the Tech staff when Leach was hired in 2000, Holgorsen aided the coach in turning the Red

Raider offense around and changing the culture of the program at the same time.

At Tech, Holgorsen was the inside receivers coach for four years. From 2005 to 2007, he was co-offensive coordinator, while still retaining his duties as inside receivers coach. The 2007 season was when Holgorsen had full control of the Tech offense, helping the Red Raiders lead the nation in passing and total offense that year. Players such as Wes Welker, Danny Amendola and Michael Crabtree played under

Holgorsen's guidance.

The work he'd done at Tech would be noticed sooner or later.

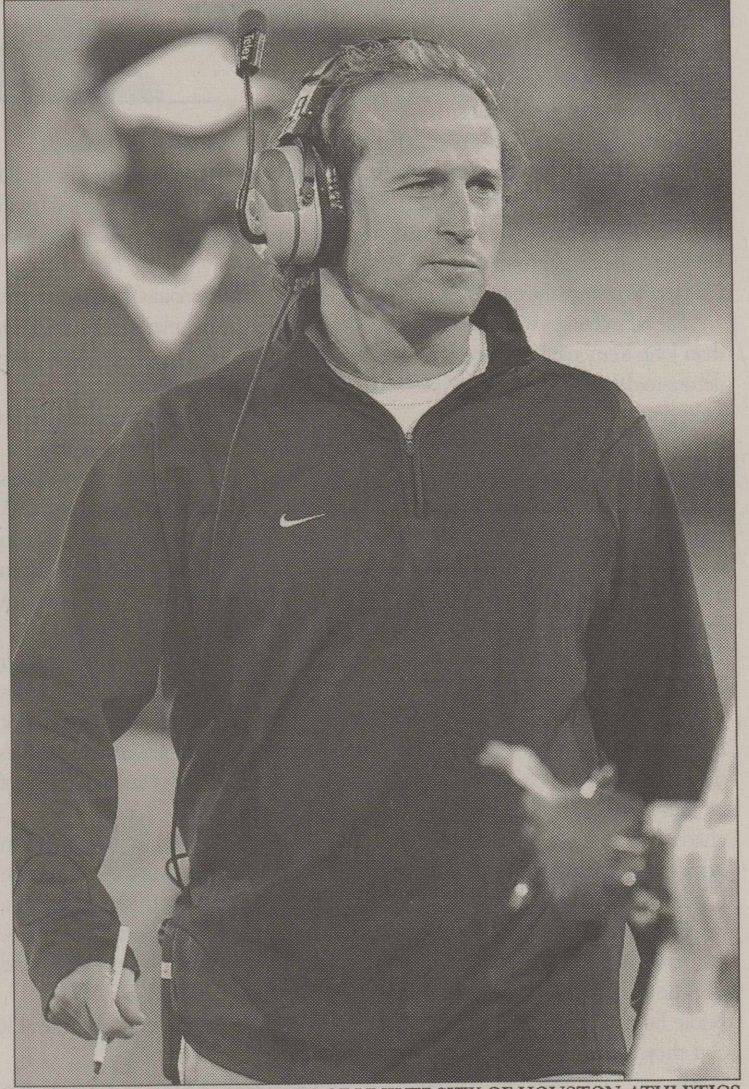
"His work speaks for itself," Hous-

ton coach Kevin Sumlin said. "He's been a tremendous impact with Case. I think Case led the country last year in total offense. He's really done some things that I think — even though everybody compares our offense and rightfully so — were different. He does a great job, not only schematically, but game-time adjustments and things like that."

Holgorsen said he has not talked to Leach much since he left for Houston, but the two keep up with each other now and then. He said the last time he talked to Leach was this summer and it is hard to keep up with him more often because both coaches are busy.

"I am really looking forward to playing more than anything," Leach said. "Not much of that really comes together outside of shaking hands before the game because you're fairly preoccupied with what you're doing."

Holgorsen's ties with Leach stretches over about 19 years. Holgorsen played as a wideout in Leach's offense from 1990 to 1992 at Iowa Wesleyan. The two also coached together at Valdosta State from 1993 to 1995.



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HOUSTON OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR Dana Holgorsen spent eight years at Texas Tech at the same position and as an inside receivers coach. He now has the Cougars among the nation's best offenses.

Even though he describes their relationship as a professional one, Holgorsen said he is thankful for the opportunities Leach has given him in the coaching profession.

"He's the reason that I'm in the position that I'm in," he said. "When I was 28 years old, living in a two-bedroom apartment, making virtually nothing, he's the guy that had enough faith in me to call me and hire me when he got the job at Texas Tech. I owe him everything when it comes to that."

Kingsbury is following Holgorsen's trail into the coaching world.

The former Tech quarterback also joined Houston in 2008 for a position in quality control. The job allows him to be an offensive assistant, mainly aiding the coaches in whatever they need.

The position does not really give Kingsbury a lot of opportunities to work with Keenum — who seems to be the biggest name on a team in the Top 25 for the first time in 18 years.

Before Taylor Potts or Graham

Harrell, Kingsbury left Tech in 2002 as owner of 39 school, 13 Big 12 Conference and seven NCAA records.

He later had stints in the NFL and CFL, before he realized there was an opportunity to start coaching.

After his days in the CFL, Kingsbury said he fell into the job at Houston when Sumlin and Holgorsen were hired on. He said it seemed like a good fit to further pursue his coaching career, considering his familiarity with the offense.

But what he learned from his former coach still sticks with him today, which is why he said it might be a little awkward seeing him on the other sideline Saturday night.

"He always made it simple for his players," Kingsbury said. "It seems complex once you get out there and people are flying around everywhere. He always had a knack for teaching it and making it simple for his players really to just pick it up and play without thinking."

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## Ex-NY Giant Burrell gets 2 years in gun case

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Super Bowl hero Plaxico Burrell apologized to his family and tearfully kissed his pregnant wife and young son goodbye Tuesday before he was led away to prison to begin serving a two-year sentence on a weapons charge.

Burrell, at the time a star receiver with the New York Giants, was at the Latin Quarter nightclub in Manhattan last November when a gun tucked into his waistband slipped down his leg and fired, wounding him in the thigh.

The accidental shooting enraged New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who publicly castigated Burrell for carrying his .40-caliber weapon.

Burrell arrived in the courtroom Tuesday wearing jeans and a long-sleeved T-shirt, a stark contrast to the dark blue suit he wore last month when he entered his guilty plea.

He was accompanied by his pregnant wife, Tiffany; his 2-year-old son, Elijah; his father, grandmother and stepmother.

Burrell told Judge Michael Melkonian before sentencing: "I want to apologize to my family." They did not speak to reporters as they left the courthouse.

With time off for good behavior, Burrell likely will serve 20 months. He could be released from prison as early as the spring of 2011 and will be monitored an additional two years after he is freed.

Michael Strahan, a former Giants teammate who is now an NFL television analyst, used his Twitter account to support Burrell: "My Thoughts and Prayers are with my man Plaxico and his family today!!!"

Giants linebacker Antonio Pierce,

who was with Burrell the night of the incident, and former Giants linebacker Kawika Mitchell, now with the Buffalo Bills, re-tweeted the Strahan comment.

The Giants, through spokesman Pat Hanlon, said, "This has been a tragic, sad, disappointing situation from the beginning. Our concern has always been for Plax's welfare, and for his family, and that continues to be our overriding feeling."

Burrell hired a consultant to teach him how to use his time in prison productively.

Burrell's big moment with the Giants came when he caught the winning touchdown over the previously undefeated New England Patriots in the final minute of the 2008 Super Bowl.

The Giants released Burrell in April, but the 32-year-old told ESPN he hopes to resume his NFL career when he completes his sentence.

"When I get out, I'll be 33, not 43," Burrell said in an interview broadcast in August. "I'll still be able to run and catch. I'll still have the God-given ability to snag footballs; that's what I love to do. Of course, I want to play again."

Gil Brandt, an analyst on NFL Sirius Radio and the former head of player personnel for the Dallas Cowboys, said Burrell won't be too old for a comeback after he's released.

Burrell will be eligible if a team wants him, as the NFL already has announced his suspension will be lifted upon completion of his sentence.

## Cardinals blow out Astros 11-2, drop magic number to 2 games

HOUSTON (AP) — Joel Pineiro allowed five hits in seven effective innings, Yadier Molina hit a two-run homer and the St. Louis Cardinals inched closer to the NL Central title on Tuesday night with an 11-2 win over the Houston Astros.

Colby Rasmus added a solo shot as the Cardinals reduced their magic number for clinching the division to two. Pineiro (15-11) struck out four and threw only 87 pitches to win for the first time in four starts.

The Astros have dropped nine in a row, their longest skid since losing 10 straight in May 2007. Interim manager Dave Clark fell to 0-2 since replacing the fired Cecil Cooper on Monday.

Houston starter Yorman Bazardo (0-2) retired the first seven hitters he faced before walking Julio Lugo

with one out in the third inning. Lugo advanced on Pineiro's bunt and scored on Skip Schumaker's single to center.

Rasmus walked before Schumaker scored on Albert Pujols' single up the middle. With Matt Holliday batting, Pujols was caught in a rundown between first and second and Rasmus scored for a 3-0 lead.

Bazardo gave up three more runs in the fourth and Clark brought in left-hander Wesley Wright to relieve.

Miguel Tejada singled in the fourth and eventually scored on Geoff Blum's sacrifice fly to left. Pineiro struck out Hunter Pence and got Jeff Keppinger to ground out to end the inning.

St. Louis loaded the bases with no outs in the fifth and stretched the lead to 7-1 when Rick Ankiel grounded into a double play.

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# NFL season has our undivided attention

Another NFL season is upon us and that means one thing: Knee-jerk overreaction is running wild in the world of sports.

The NFL arguably is the most popular professional sports league in the entire world because of the unpredictability and excitement that it provides fans.

No league provides fans with the amount of hype and build-up every week that the NFL does, but every week the NFL storylines change drastically leading to fan flip-flopping and media over-analyzing that is subject to change the next week.

The NFL changes week-to-week more than John Kerry used to change opinions debate-to-debate. This season has been no exception.

In just two weeks Tony Romo has gone from a developed leader to a quarterback you cannot win with, the Texans from exposed pretender to legitimate contender and Drew Brees has all of a sudden become a better quarterback than Tom Brady. Even the 2-0 San Francisco 49ers and Denver Broncos fans are thinking Super Bowl or bust.

All of these chaotic knee-jerk reactions and we still have 14 games left in the season.

But despite all this excitement and chaos, the NFL season is a marathon, not a sprint. Just look at the history of the league.

Three Super Bowl champions have started 0-2 in the last sixteen seasons.

The 1993 Dallas Cowboys started 0-2 before Emmitt Smith ended his holdout and they ended up winning the Super Bowl.

In 2001, everyone was ready to write off the 0-2 New England Patriots after they lost their starting quarterback, Drew Bledsoe, to an injury. The Patriots were forced to start a second-year, sixth-round draft pick in Brady. Three Super Bowl championships later, the Patriots faithful have never looked back, and Brady is regarded as one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time.

Everyone remembers the 2007 New York Giants as the team that upset the undefeated Patriots in the Super Bowl, but people forget that in 2007 the New York Giants started the season 0-2 and there were some people calling for head coach Tom Coughlin to be fired and eventual Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning to be benched

## Landry Locker



in just the third week of the season.

Two years later, Coughlin is regarded as one of the best coaches in the NFL and Manning is the highest paid quarterback in the league.

The NFL is popular because of the emotion the players play with on the field, but the NFL fans might be even more emotional than the players.

In the NFL, fans can go from being on suicide watch to Clout 9 in one week.

Before Kurt Warner led the St. Louis Rams to a Super bowl victory in 2000, St. Louis fans were ready to mail it in after starting quarterback Trent Green suffered a season-ending knee injury in the preseason.

Things can change in the NFL quicker than any other league in sports. It seems like every season there is a worst-to-first Cinderella story and players and coaches can go from hero-to-goat at the snap of a finger.

Coughlin was fired in Jacksonville in 2002, Bill Belichick was forced to resign in Cleveland, and just this past offseason, two Super Bowl-champion coaches were fired — Mike Shanahan in Denver and Jon Gruden in Tampa Bay.

The NFL is just as unpredictable as it is exciting.

Every week fans do not know what is going to happen next. It's like a real life soap opera with real life characters, it doesn't get any better than the NFL.

No other professional sports league can hold a candle to the NFL. Period.

Which is why with the MLB playoffs weeks away, everybody is too preoccupied with the NFL season to even care.

The long, drawn-out MLB regular season can be torturous, but every year the NFL regular season is like a roller coaster. We really don't know what's going to happen next.

The MLB may be America's "past time", but the NFL is America's "present time."

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# Henin to return to competitive tennis

BRUSSELS (AP) — Former world No. 1 Justine Henin is returning to competitive tennis, making the announcement barely a week after Kim Clijsters capped her comeback from retirement with a second U.S. Open title.

Henin had been retired for just over a year, but at 27 says she has the fire and physical strength to compete for an eighth Grand Slam title. Her announcement on VTM television capped an about-face that went from her "definitive decision" to retire last year, to weeks of no comment to a smiling admission Tuesday that she truly missed the game too much.

She wants to play two exhibition tournaments, in Charleroi, Belgium, and Dubai, to hone her

skills ahead of a competitive return next year with plans to compete in the next Grand Slam, the Australian Open.

"The fire within burns again," Henin said. "I want to come back in January."

Henin officially retired on May 14, 2008, initially rejecting any thought of a comeback with a dogged determination that had come to mark her play throughout a decade-long career that yielded seven Grand Slam titles and one Olympic gold medal.

At 27, it certainly is not too late for a comeback. As Clijsters proved, breaking back into the top tier at short notice is far from impossible. She won the U.S. Open in her third tournament since an-

nouncing her return.

"Subconsciously, it might have had an impact," Henin said of Clijster's successful comeback. "But it certainly was not the most important reason."

Like Clijsters, Henin is still in her prime and has been able to rest her body for over a year. Throughout her retirement, during which she became a UNICEF goodwill ambassador, Henin looked fit enough to immediately step back onto a court.

As recently as May, she complained about the old injuries that still gave her pain in the mornings and the dreaded life of living in a bubble as she was shuttled around the world chasing victories.

"The last 15 months I've been

able to recharge the batteries, emotionally as well," Henin said.

Henin said coming face to face with the world's misery on UNICEF trips to places like eastern Congo widened her horizons like tennis never could.

Henin has won nearly \$20 million in prize money and had been ranked No. 1 for all but seven weeks since Nov. 13, 2006, until her retirement. When she retired after a string of early tournament exits just ahead of Roland Garros, she felt the fire no longer within and gave in.

It was the first time in a life totally centered around her prodigious talent for whipping backhands past hapless competitors. She became the first woman player to retire as No. 1.

# Cowboys fans split on value of standing-room plan

ARLINGTON (AP) — Joe Dogan had a standing-room-only ticket for the Dallas Cowboys home opener at their gleaming new \$1.15 billion stadium. He headed for the exits at halftime, fed up with fighting the largest regular-season crowd in NFL history.

The 58-year-old truck driver from Fort Worth had some advice for Cowboys owner Jerry Jones about those \$29 tickets: "Don't sell as many the next time."

The Cowboys probably will heed that advice after Sunday night's game drew 105,121 people. The team sold some 30,000 of those tickets to fans willing to watch the game on spacious, three-level platforms above the end zones without a seat.

At times, fans stood a dozen or more deep on the lower platforms,

which was one of the buzz-generating features at the stadium and a rarity in the NFL.

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Parks said. "Because you had people standing around, milling about and drinking — heavily."

Keith Evashevski came alone from Wyoming and was afraid he'd never get his spot back if he left for the restroom or anything else. The 38-year-old Cowboys fan held on for eight hours until Giants kicker Lawrence Tynes won the game with a 37-yard field goal as time expired.

"My legs and feet, I kind of forgot about them for a while and got into the game," Evashevski said.

Whatever the number of party pass tickets are sold for the next game, it will be split equally between each end zone to help with crowd control — a fact the team struggled to communicate before the opener. Some groups were forced to separate once they were told their ticket gave them access to just one side of the stadium.

"I can understand it's the first time, but it would have been nice for them to let us know," said Patsy Alvarez, a 34-year-old from Fort Wayne, Ind., whose family was split up.

Because the cheaper seats costing \$75 and \$99 have sold out, single-game prices range from \$129 to \$239. That's why the \$29 party pass has won universal praise from fans.

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# Volleyball hopes to catch struggling K-State

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There might not be many teams struggling more than the Texas Tech volleyball team.

But Kansas State, the Red Raiders opponent at 7 p.m. today in Manhattan, Kan., has had a few problems of its own heading into the match.

After losses against two of the Big 12 Conference's top squads in Nebraska and Texas A&M, Tech (2-9, 0-2 in Big 12 play) players are more confident going into a match against a Kansas State (6-6, 0-2) team looking to end a three-match losing streak.

The previous Big 12 games helped Tech focus on adjustments it needed to make and exploited the team's lack of experience with many young faces getting in on the action, said Tech head coach Trish Knight.

"We worked on things that kind of

fell apart on Saturday and worked a little bit more on blocking patterns," she said. "We had a couple of freshmen that just didn't know to deal with certain patterns, and we just worked on teaching them those kinds of things so that they wouldn't happen again."

Kansas State also is a relatively young team, with five true freshmen and two redshirt freshmen on the active roster. Their youth also has shown up in several games, leaving a learning curve to overcome.

Despite their age and a current losing streak, the Wildcats started out the season in the Top 25 at No. 22, making them a team not to take so lightly. However, losses to Purdue, Oklahoma and No. 24 Baylor has K-State looking for answers.

*"We just really need to settle down and play together."*

**KARLYN MEYERS**  
TECH VOLLEYBALL  
SETTER

The Wildcats do have the offense to dig themselves out of the hole, however.

K-State is led by junior outside hitter JuliAnne Chisolm who has 163 kills. She is just one out of three players on the team with more than 100 kills.

Kansas State also has four players in triple-digits for digs, led by junior libero Lauren Mathewson with 203.

To help her team compete with the Wildcats, sophomore outside hitter Amanda Dowdy said she looks to bounce back from her performance against Texas A&M.

Dowdy had seven kills along with five errors in 3-0 loss to A&M.

"I plan on coming out and playing well for the team," Dowdy said. "I'm going to just focus on what we need to do, be positive about it and go out there for the win."

The Red Raiders have been inconsistent throughout the first two conference matches, as Knight said the young team is showing a lack of discipline it has yet to attain.

Tech sophomore setter Karlyn Meyers said a win for Tech also will require a

balance of composure and focus.

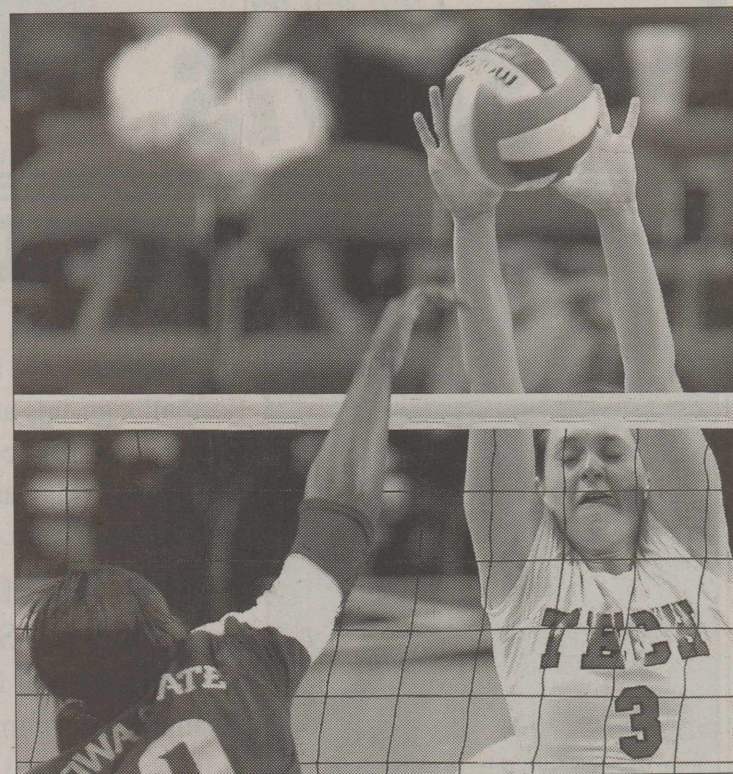
"We just really need to settle down and play together," she said. "We're in the Big 12 and everybody is really tough competition, we just need to come out and concentrate on what we need to do and stay focused on our side of the court."

As Tech's Big 12 losing streak of 41 games remains intact, Tech players and coaches see improvements every day and grow more confident by the week.

Knight continues to stress a turnaround is not going to happen overnight, but she said she remains confident that her team will reach a turning point some time during conference play.

"I think we're still working on so much stuff, it's just one of those things where we teach so much stuff every day," she said. "It's getting better. We just have to make sure we know what we have our sights on because it's still early, we have a lot of the season left, and I want us to just keep working hard. At some point, we'll get that break that we need to start playing well together."

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TEXAS TECH SETTER Karlyn Meyers goes for a block in the Red Raiders match against Iowa State in 2008. Tech plays Kansas State at 7 p.m. in Manhattan, Kan.

## Obama at center of Chicago Olympic bid

CHICAGO (AP) — The crowd at President Barack Obama's victory rally stretched from one end of Grant Park to the other, spilling onto nearby sidewalks and streets. From Oprah Winfrey to blue-collar workers, downtown pulsed with elation and electricity.

Almost a year after he won the presidential election, Obama is at the center of another potentially transformative vote — one that could change his old neighborhood forever.

Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics doesn't have a gleaming architectural masterpiece like the Bird's Nest in Beijing. Its maps showing how very close athletes will be to their venues are impressive, but not exactly sexy.

What Chicago does have is Obama, a charismatic and well-regarded figure internationally whose house (his permanent one, not the one where he currently lives) is a short walk from the planned Olympic stadium.

Obama is still deciding whether

to travel to Denmark ahead of the International Olympic Committee's Oct. 2 vote to award the 2016 Games. In the meantime, he's working the phones and sending letters to IOC members in support of his adopted hometown. He's also sending his wife, Michelle, one of the few people to rival her husband's popularity, to Copenhagen along with top adviser and fellow Chicagoan Valerie Jarrett.

But it's the possibility of Obama's presence that looms largest over the all-important vote.

"He's a fabulous ambassador for the United States and his own city," said Dick Pound, a longtime IOC member from Canada. "He's a transformational figure in the world today. The fact that he would be there and you could meet him and then he'd get up and say, 'I'm here to say the United States of America is behind these games,' it's a big difference."

Maybe all the difference. Rio de Janeiro is considered a slight favorite over Chicago, Madrid and Tokyo, with some IOC members

enticed by the idea of taking the Olympics to South America for the first time. But the race is so tight the winner likely will be decided by only a couple of votes, and heads of state have been instrumental in recent decisions.

"I always believed that it's to our advantage to have the president there because he's so highly esteemed," Chicago 2016 chairman Patrick Ryan said. "But I also believe that most IOC members, before they go into the room to vote, know who they're going to vote for."

News on Tuesday that federal officials have issued security bulletins to police around the nation about terrorists' desire to attack stadiums, entertainment complexes and hotels is expected to have little, if any, impact. Security issues are hardly unique to the United States, and the Salt Lake City Games were staged less than six months after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Despite being the nation's third-largest city, Chicago was considered a longshot simply to win approval from the U.S. Olympic Committee to bid for the 2016 Games. It's not an international destination like Los Angeles, the other finalist in the U.S. race, and many overseas know little about it. Or if they do, it's straight out of "The Untouchables" or Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle."

## Clemson Tigers prepped for chance against No. 15 TCU

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Clemson coach Dabo Swinney called playing No. 15 TCU a good chance to "check the oil" on his young program.

His players, though, see a bigger opportunity out there Saturday.

"Obviously, if we win this game, it puts us on the map," tight end Michael Palmer said.

It's a destination Clemson hasn't reached in quite some time.

Swinney was still the team's receivers coach in August 2008 when the ninth-ranked Tigers were manhandled by Alabama, 34-10, at the Georgia Dome. The Tigers dropped from the rankings for good four games later when they blew a 17-6 lead at home to Maryland to lose 20-17.

Longtime coach Tommy Bowden left one more loss to Wake Forest and Swinney became interim coach. Swinney has spent most of his efforts since regaining Clemson fundamentals and restoring the team's confidence.

Topping the Horned Frogs (2-0) at Death Valley would go a long way. "It's a good opportunity for us to just kind of check the oil, see where we are as a program," Swinney said.

Swinney has made sure to remind his players, however, what's at stake and what it could mean to the Tigers. Defensive end Da'Quan Bowers said the coach told them it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Clemson's defense showed its muscle by holding Boston College to 55 yards — the second fewest in school history against an Atlantic Coast Conference opponent — while Tiger special teams continued to excel with C.J. Spiller's 77-yard punt return touchdown and a school-record tying six field goals from Richard Jackson.

But the offense stumbled again, unable to punch in a touchdown despite great field position and the stellar defensive effort. Three of the Tigers' eight TDs this season have come from special teams while Jackson has 11 field goals.

"We've got to get more touchdowns if we want to be a legitimate contender" in the ACC this season, Swinney said.

Wide receiver Jacoby Ford is not as worried as his coach about the offensive malaise in the red zone. It's usually been one critical error, and not a team-wide breakdown, that has kept the Tigers from scoring.

"There are just a few mishaps here and there, very correctible,"

Ford said. And Clemson will likely have its star in Spiller for TCU. Clemson's senior running back didn't return after the second of two second-half weather delays last Saturday, bothered by what Spiller called turf toe.

Spiller played a little more than a quarter in Clemson's opening-week win over Middle Tennessee before leaving. Like he did then, Spiller again vowed to be ready for TCU.

"When people ask me (if he'll play), it's a waste of breath," he said. "I'll be full speed for the game."

The Horned Frogs will present Clemson's toughest challenge this year. TCU defensive end Jerry Hughes led the nation with 15 sacks a year ago and has 4½ already this season.

Ford said Hughes is a bigger, faster version of Georgia Tech lineman Dwayne Morgan, who dominated the Tigers in a 30-27 win two weeks back.

TCU "actually looks a lot like Clemson because of the way they play the game," Ford said.

Swinney, 39, has lost to the three ranked opponents he's faced so far in his 10-game head coaching career. He's seen plenty of positive signs from his ballclub so far and knows what this game can mean for his Tigers.

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WE PAY on the spot for gently brand name clothing & accessories. Abercrombie & Fitch, Hollister, Lucky, Seven, Juicy & designer handbags. Guys & girls. 806-777-8622.

IMMEDIATE POSITIONS open for hire: Bartender, Wait Staff/Cashier AM/PM, Front Desk Associates, Housekeeping Room Attendants. Please apply in person at Holiday Inn Towers, 801 Ave. Q.

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?  
YWCA is hiring part time and substitute staff for our child development center. Located at 3101 34th. Our Headstart program located at 1500 Ave. N. Applications available at both locations from 7-6 Monday-Friday.

3318-26TH. 2bedroom/1bath. New paint and carpet. \$700. Castle Property Management. 783-3040.

A WATERBED mattress. King or California king pillow top. New. Shouldn't need box springs. \$245. 806-549-3110.

ANTIQUED IVORY bedroom suite. Complete 5-piece, ready to go. Never used. Can put back in original boxes. \$650. 806-549-3110.

Valley - Beaver Creek - Keystone - Arapahoe Basin 20 Mountains. 5 Resorts. 1 Price. \$179 JANUARY 3-8, 2010 plus 1/5

# EXPERIENCE Rec Sports



Phone: 742-3351

Starting Monday, September 27, the Leisure Pool will begin to transition to the Indoor Pool for the winter. Early Bird swim from 6:00 - 8:45am has already been moved indoors, with weekday nights from 6:00 - 9:00pm starting the 27th. There are still some great days to get in the Leisure Pool, so don't waste them. It won't be open again until the Spring!

Website: [www.rescsports.ttu.edu](http://www.rescsports.ttu.edu)

Box 2151

## Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

### Alcohol Awareness Week

Alcohol Screenings  
Provide brief, professional, personalized and confidential feedback on student alcohol use.  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
Lobby Area of Chitwood/Weymouth

Celebration of Recovery  
The Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery welcomes you to take part in the weekly meeting of the Collegiate Recovery Community. Come see how recover changes lives!  
7:00 - 8:00pm  
Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery, Serenity Center

### Sport Club Update:

Last Week's Results:  
Men's Soccer 2 Texas St. 1  
Men's Soccer 1 Baylor 4  
Women's Soccer 5 Texas St. 3  
Women's Soccer 4 SFA 0

### Intramurals

There are plenty of opportunities to play intramurals if you don't like team sports!

#### Intramural Golf Scramble

Register Oct. 1 - 15  
\$50 for every 2 person team  
Play starts at 1:00pm at Stonegate Golf Course and includes 18 holes, range balls, cart, and sack lunch.

#### Table Tennis League

Registration: Oct. 19-28  
Play Starts Nov. 2  
This is a great league to get into if you have fun playing table tennis!

## Intramurals

### Fall Softball Sign-ups

It's Softball Time at Tech! Get ready to dust off the gloves and warm up the bats, Intramural Softball sign-ups are today and tomorrow for the 2009 Fall Softball Season. Remember team sign-ups are first-come, first-serve. The Intramural Office is open from 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday and until 6:00pm on Wednesdays. For more information, visit the web at [www.rescsports.ttu.edu](http://www.rescsports.ttu.edu) or call 742-2945. Hope to see you on the DIAMOND.

### Friday Night Lights Activities

Sand Volleyball Sign-ups end Wednesday, 9/23.  
Tournament will take place on Friday, 9/25.  
Ultimate Tournament Sign-ups now through 9/30.  
1 day tournament on Friday, 10/2.  
Punt, Pass and Kick taking place at the Flag Football Fields on 9/29, 9/30 and 10/1 from 6:30-9:30!



## Outdoor Pursuits

Looking for a way to get out of Lubbock and enjoy the outdoors?

### Womens Climbing

Register by TOMORROW!  
Trip Dates: September 25 - 27  
Trip Cost: \$85  
Join us for an amazing weekend of rock climbing in a mountainous wildlife preserve located over a fault line in southwest Oklahoma. You will have the opportunity to climb while learning the basic practices associated with outdoor climbing. Instruction is geared towards the beginner climber.

### Intro to Kayaking

Register by TOMORROW!  
Trip Dates: October 2 - 4  
Trip Cost: \$95  
In this short course, you will learn the skills necessary to start whitewater kayaking. The trip includes three mandatory pool sessions. The class concludes with a weekend trip that will challenge your newfound skills on the San Marcos River in the Texas hill country. Get paddling today!

### Intro to Rock Climbing

Register by TOMORROW!  
Trip Dates: October 2 - 4  
Trip Cost: \$85  
This trip is geared to beginning climbers on their first outdoor climbing trip. But don't let that stop all of you veterans from coming along and getting in a few great climbs in Oklahoma! Get the ropes, helmets, and harnesses ready for this great trip up a rope!



## Fit/Well

### First Monday Massage Therapy Sale

1st Monday of Every Month  
October 5 | November 2 | December 7  
-Please call to make your appointment on the First Monday of the month 742-3828 or visit the Fitness and Wellness office.  
-The early you reserve your time the better! We have limited time slots available.  
-Payment due when making your appointment: Cash, Check or Credit Card. Only Credit Card is accepted when making over the phone reservations  
-Session appointments are available Noon-8:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Noon-6:30p Friday and limited hours on Saturday and Sunday. All massage services are performed at the TTU Student Rec Center Fitness and Wellness Office.  
-Sale price not applicable or redeemable with any other offer/sale/coupon/discount.

### Personal Training

There are many reasons to want a Personal Trainer. Whatever the reason, we are here to help. We have many different types of training available! Overall fitness training, A Better U (Yoga/Pilates training), sport specific, lifestyle, area specific, and time limited training are all available! Sign-up in the Fit/Well or just stop by for more information!

1 Session	\$20	3 Sessions	\$54
5 Sessions	\$90	8 Sessions	\$140

## Aquatics Programming

### Youth Learn To Swim

Got a little one? Our youth swim programs are the perfect start for your child to experience the water for the first time or improve their skills. We offer classes ranging from Parent and Me to Level 4 in the Fall.  
Fall Session: Classes fill fast! Registration opens August 27th!  
October 6 - 29 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 - 8:00pm

### 3000 Meter Swim

Think you can eat what Michael Phelps eats for breakfast and then swim this long course? We don't recommend you trying to eat 10,000 calories in a day, but we definitely want you out for this great swim! This event is designed to test your personal limits. The swim is free and T-shirts are available for purchase. (Yes! We count the laps for you!)  
Fall 2009 Date:  
Saturday, November 7 at 10:00am  
**Stroke Mechanics and Flip Turn Clinics**  
This is a free clinic to improve your stroke mechanics and flip turns.  
No pre-registration is necessary.  
Fall 2009 Sessions  
Sunday, October 4 from 1:00 - 3:00pm  
Sunday, October 18 from 1:00 - 3:00pm

### Lifeguard Classes

Become a certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. This course includes lifeguard techniques, standard First Aid, and CPR for the professional rescuer. Cost is \$130 for Texas Tech students and faculty/staff and \$140 for the community. Includes the book and all certification costs.  
Fall Class Dates:  
Register by October 16  
October 20 - November 12 on Tuesdays and Thursdays

# student union

## Featured Attractions and Upcoming Events!

Doug Benson  
Thursday, September 24  
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm  
Tickets: 2 free to students with Tech ID, \$12 Faculty/Staff/General Public

Jeanette Walls (Author of "The Glass Castle")  
Friday, October 2  
SUB Allen Theatre | 8 pm  
Tickets: 2 free to students with Tech ID, \$12 Faculty, Staff/General Public

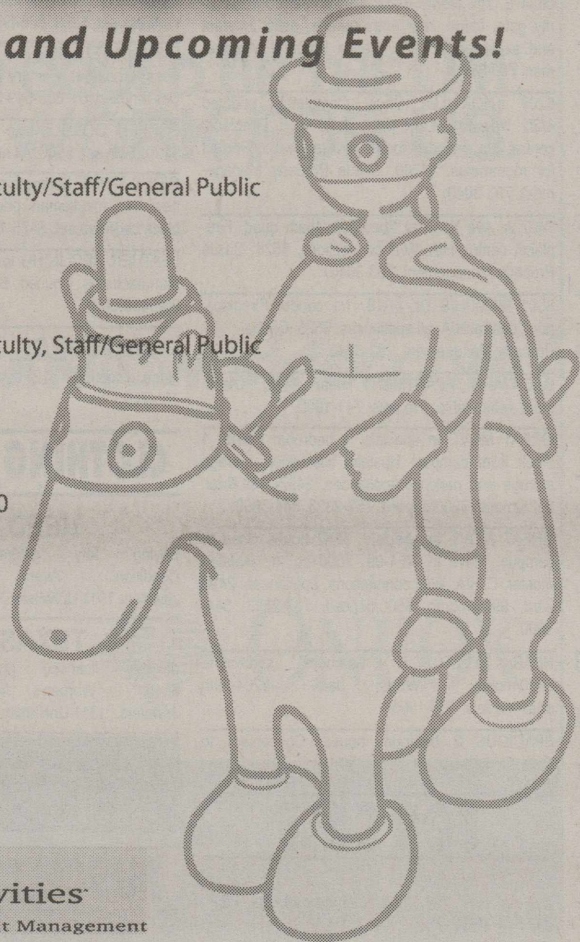
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Sunday, October 18  
United Spirit Arena | 8:00 pm  
Tickets: \$76.50 (floor--GA), \$66, \$55 and \$34.50

Kelly Clarkson  
Wednesday, November 4  
United Spirit Arena | 7:30 pm  
Tickets: \$277.25, \$81, \$59.25 and \$48.25

Jay-Z  
Tuesday, November 17  
United Spirit Arena  
Tickets: \$71.75, \$56 and \$29.75

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
**Student Union & Activities**  
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for more information - call (806) 742-3636 or visit [www.sub.ttu.edu](http://www.sub.ttu.edu)



**Tech Iron Chef**  
Wednesday, September 23  
SUB Ballroom | 6:00 pm

**Hub City Barbecue Cookoff**  
Thursday, September 24  
Broadway and Avenue L | 5:00 - 9:00 pm

**Doug Benson**  
Thursday, September 24  
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm

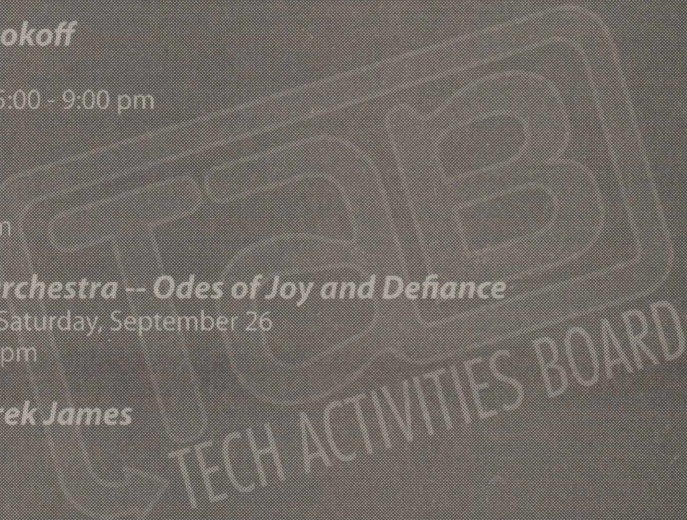
**Lubbock Symphony Orchestra -- Odes of Joy and Defiance**  
Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26  
Civic Center Theatre | 8:00 pm

**Kailin Garrity and Derek James**  
Monday, September 28  
SUB Courtyard | Noon

For more information visit [www.tab.ttu.edu](http://www.tab.ttu.edu)

# activities

whats coming up at the union



## student organization updates...

S.O. Workshop OrgSync  
Wednesday, September 23  
SUB Lubbock Room | Noon

S.O. Advisor Training  
Tuesday, September 29  
SUB Lubbock Room | 2 pm

Clay Warren Risk Management Retreat  
Saturday, September 26  
SUB | Noon