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## Lubbock County confirms fourth case of West Nile

Lubbock County confirmed a fourth case of West Nile virus Monday, but no new cases have been reported as of Tuesday.

The United States has reported a total of 1,590 cases reported in 48 states as of Tuesday, according to the Center for Disease Control. This year, more than 70 percent of the West Nile cases have been reported in Louisiana, Mississippi, Michigan, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas with almost half of the cases being reported in Texas.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services website, 1013 cases of West Nile virus have been confirmed in Texas, resulting in 40 deaths in 2012 as of Tuesday.

Out of the 40 deaths, Andrews, Bexar, Collin, Concho, Ellis, Gregg, Hood, Lamar, McLennan, Midland, Montague, Nueces, Panola, Travis, Wharton and Williamson counties have one death each. Bell

and Denton counties each have two deaths, Harris County has three deaths, Tarrant County has four deaths and Dallas County has 13 deaths according to the Texas Department of State Health Services on Tuesday.

By publication time Tuesday, Dallas County reported a total of 285 cases. Tarrant County reported a total of 209 cases.

West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease with two phases of illness: West Nile fever and West Nile neuro-invasive disease. Once the mosquito eggs mature, the mosquitoes feed on infected birds and then pass the disease on the humans and horses, said Dr. Ronald D. Warner, associate professor in Family and Community Medicine.

The Texas Department of State Health Services website reported citizens should follow the 4Ds in order to prevent contracting the West Nile virus. >>egardner@dailytoreador.com

## Lubbock airport clears air on compliance issues

In May, Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport underwent its yearly inspection by the Federal Aviation Administration.

An inspector for the FAA found a discrepancy at the airport.

James Loomis, executive director of the airport, said in his 35 years of managing airports, this is the first time the media has received any information regarding an inspection.

The information was given to a television station by a disgruntled employee who told them the airport failed an inspection, he said, when in fact the airport had not failed an inspection.

"The discrepancy was that we had paint on the taxiways of

the airport that, over a period of time, the paint has built up and some of it was chipping," Loomis said.

The FAA inspects all commercial service airports once a year, in a three-day process.

"There is a certification manual written by each airport and that's what we're inspected by," Loomis said.

Loomis said the discrepancy will be corrected mid-September and will involve repainting the taxiways. It will take \$360,000 to fix the discrepancy.

"We have to remove the paint and repaint the taxiways in order to comply with the inspectors wishes," Loomis said.

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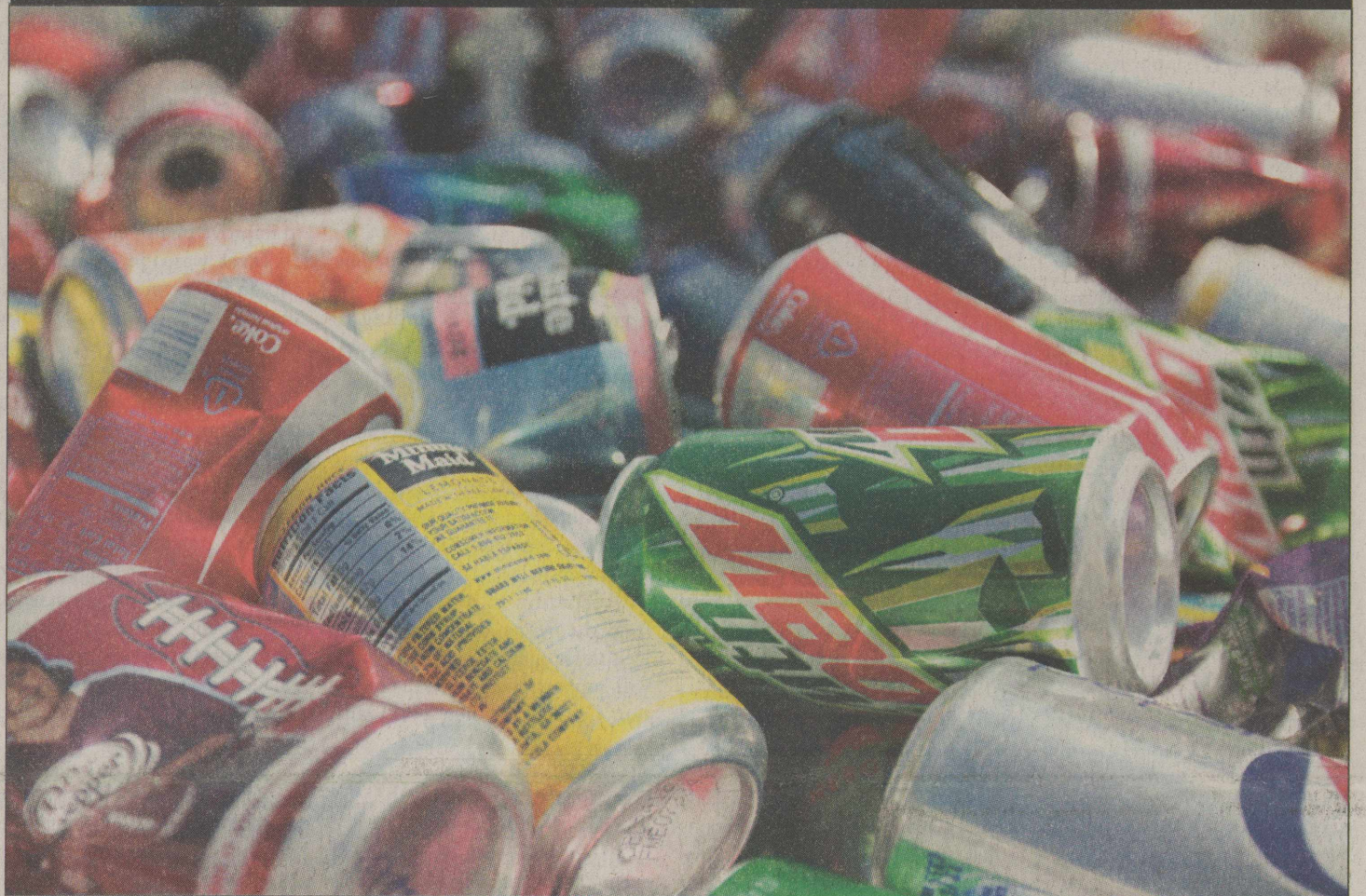


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UNIVERSITY HOUSING SERVICES employees separate cans into bins Tuesday.

## Housing, Hospitality Services increasing green efforts

By CAITLAN OSBORN  
STAFF WRITER

University Student Housing and Hospitality Services are steadily working to make Texas Tech's campus a little greener.

Since attending a sustainability conference in Las Vegas four years ago, Melanie Tatum and Jackie Kimbler of University Student Housing decided Tech needed to increase its efforts to become more environmentally friendly. They started slowly, first by recycling cardboard during move-in week, then moving up to recycling plastics, paper, aluminum and other resources.

"My guys, since I've been here, spent all day on move-in pulling trash," Tatum, unit manager, said. "And so our first thought was we'll do cardboard. Cardboard will be the easiest.

"We got in touch with Green Queens and began working with them and that was the first year we recycled 12 tons. That year my guys didn't have to work near as hard that weekend as they always have because there wasn't that much trash. You pull out 12 tons of cardboard, the amount of trash you have will be minimum."

From September 2011 to August 2012, the combined efforts of auxiliary services included recycling 185 tons of material, more than double the amount recycled last year, said Kimbler, manager of support services.

Using a government calculator, members of University Student Housing calculated \$255,035.16 in resources was saved this year, which include trees, yards of landfill, gallons of oil and water and kilowatts of electricity.

"The number of dumpsters we use have been cut almost in half," Tatum said, "which reduces our cost, but it also reduces the university's cost in how much diesel they're having to spend to drive 10 to 15 miles north of town to the landfill and to pay the landfill charges."

Besides helping reduce the amount of waste during move-in week, University Student Housing helps during move-out by collecting the things students no longer want.

"At move-out, the students will throw away anything, so we have big bins that say 'Don't throw it out, reuse it or recycle it,'" Tatum said. "So, if it can be reused, it goes to charities or if it can't we give it to Green Queens so it can be recycled."

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## Jones AT&T Stadium hosts SECC charity kickoff

By NICOLE MOLTER  
STAFF WRITER

In 1993, the Texas State Legislature created the State Employee Charitable Campaign as a convenient way for state employees to give back to communities and favorite charities.

Texas Tech hosted the annual State Employee Charitable Campaign kickoff event Tuesday in the West Club level of Jones

AT&T Stadium.

Tech has participated in the SECC since the organization was created, said David Abercia, campaign coordinator for the university and the system level for administrative offices.

For 2011, Tech raised \$420,082.52, the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center raised \$238,874.28, and the Texas Tech University System raised \$36,675.32, Nicole Ashley, local campaign manager, said. The greater West

Texas area, including Lubbock, Abilene, Midland and Odessa raised \$917,593.

"This event is just a kickoff for us to come together and celebrate last year's accomplishments for all the departments and just thank everyone for such a great job that they did and then try to get them geared up for this year's campaign," Abercia said.

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# Community Calendar

## Today

**Study Abroad Fair**  
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Where: Student Union Building  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and learn about different study abroad programs around the world.

**Scrabble Club**  
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Where: Market Street  
**So, what is it?**  
Come join Lubbock's local Scrabble Club. All levels of competition are welcome.

## Thursday

**Fall 2012 PreLaw Program Kickoff Event: Pizza Palooza!**  
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Where: College of Education  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and learn about the law school admissions process, important information for your law school application and more.

**Girl Scouts Dessert First Fundraising Event**  
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Where: McPherson Cellars Winery and Events Center  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and enjoy various Girl Scout cookie desserts. Tickets are \$25.

**Thursday Nights at the Art Factory**  
Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Where: Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center  
**So, what is it?**

Join the Art Factory every Thursday night for a new fine arts project. This month's fine arts project is Japanese style comic art.

**Cradles 2 Crayons Children's Consignment Sale**  
Time: 8 p.m.  
Where: Highland Baptist Family Life Center  
**So, what is it?**  
This sale includes gently used children's clothing, as well as maternity wear and much more. Come out and see what they have to offer.

## Friday

**First Friday Art Trail at the Museum of TTU**  
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Where: Museum of Texas Tech  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and experience Tech's monthly First Friday Art Trail. Admission is free.

**Open House at Urban Tech**  
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Where: Urban Tech  
**So, what is it?**  
Urban Tech is hosting an open house at its new location at 1120 Main St. Suite 206. There will be different exhibits on display.

**Annual Art Faculty Exhibition**  
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Where: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art  
**So, what is it?**  
This annual art exhibition discovers the new work by Texas Tech School of Art's instructors.

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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

## CLAY CONCENTRATION



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MELISSA BURGER, A junior art education major from Salt Lake City, spins a clay pot Tuesday in the 3D Art Annex.

# Texas receives grant to benefit nursing education

By **KATIE MCKEE**  
STAFF WRITER

By 2020, 80 percent of Texas nurses will have baccalaureate degrees if all goes according to the Institute of Medicine's recommendation.

Texas was granted \$300,000 for two years on Aug. 15 through the Academic Progression in Nursing program in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation at the Institute of Medicine, according to the foundation's website.

According to a news release from the Texas Team Advancing Health through Nursing, the grant will support the Texas Team Action Coalition, which works with

employers and institutions to get nurses to earn higher-level degrees to improve health care.

Texas was one of nine states chosen for the grant because of its size and its production of nurses, said Dr. Alexia Green, professor and dean emeritus at Texas Tech and co-leader for the Texas Team for Advancing Health through Nursing.

"The IOM report was very adamant that the overall educational level of nurses was not what it should be to meet today's and tomorrow's health care system needs," said Green. "There needed to be more nurses prepared at the baccalaureate level versus the associate degree level or the diploma level."

Dr. Patricia Allen, professor and director of the Center for Innovation in Nursing Education, said this grant will help create a seamless transition between associates and baccalaureate degrees for nurses.

Texas is currently in Phase 1 of the grant and will be eligible to re-apply, Allen said, as long as Texas promotes a smooth transition between associate and baccalaureate degrees, increases the diversity of nurses to reflect the Texas population and develops a website that will allow nursing students to view all the grants and scholarships available to them.

"The goal of it will be to significantly increase the proportion

of B.Sc. and prepared nurses in the state as well as the diversity of the nursing work force in the state," Green said.

While the grant will not be directly available to students, Allen said the programs it generates and the promotion of baccalaureate degrees will be available to students.

"We're attempting to really make an academic highway in Texas where you can move between programs more readily," Allen said.

Tech is one of the 60 nursing schools participating in the plan outlined by the grant, Green said, because it was a member of the team that put the grant together for Texas.

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## SECC

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The event also provides information for volunteering and community involvement other than monetary contributions, he said. Thirty of the more than 500 organizations within the SECC represented themselves at the event, including Girl Scouts of the USA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Literacy of Lubbock and United Way.

United Way is a charity within the SECC, but also the campaign manager, Ashley said. United Way took part in

the first SECC campaign in 1994 along with many other local organizations that are still active in the SECC.

The SECC campaign helps with bills and expenses, said Sallie Morris of Morris Safe House, a local animal shelter. Morris Safe House operates by donation with no help from government funds. With a zero overhead cost, the money raised only goes toward the animals.

"Our only limitation in the number of dogs that we can rescue and save is funding," Morris said.

The SECC campaign raises not only money, but awareness for lesser

known organizations, such as the Morris Safe House, she said.

"The SECC gives us visibility at events like this because a lot of people don't know about us," Morris said. "We really don't advertise ourselves a lot. We visit with different service organizations, with the different vets and with the groomers. They all know who we are, but we would like for Tech to know who we are because a lot of Tech students want pets to be in their homes while they're at school."

Getting more charities every year to participate is a goal of the SECC, Ashley said.

Refuge Services is a first year participant in the SECC looking to benefit the same ways other organizations have, said Patti Mandrell, directory of therapy services at Refuge Services.

"Our board chair works here at Texas Tech," she said, "and he was saying that he really would like us to be a part of (the SECC) because he knew a lot of his colleagues had commented about giving and wanted to do that, but would really like to give to a local charity that they knew exactly where it went."

Refuge Services has been in the community for 13 years, Mandrell

said. The organization specializes in therapy, counseling, and rehabilitation using horses. Refuge Services even offers service to veterans and soldiers returning from Afghanistan and Iraq at no cost. The funding through the SECC will help with scholarships and reduction of costs.

"Our services are very unique and we are wanting people to understand and know that we're there as well as increase the support," she said. "As budget cuts keep coming and all the medical changes and insurance regulations and things that are occurring it's really making it challenging for many

of those populations to get the services they need."

The SECC has raised \$9.3 million since 1993 through all state agencies combined, including the institutions of higher education, Abercia said. Tech is hoping to raise \$430,000 and the system as a whole is at \$40,000.

"The employees of Texas Tech have always been very active in participating in the campaign," Ashley said, "always have a high participation percent, and really have a heart for charitable giving and for local giving, specifically."

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# First lady's focus is drawing contrast with Romney

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Michelle Obama rarely mentions Mitt Romney by name. But everything she says during this presidential campaign is meant to draw a contrast between her husband and his Republican challenger.

She implies that Romney, who had a privileged upbringing, can't relate when she tells middle-class voters that President Barack Obama understands their economic struggles because he has struggled too. And she suggests Romney would have other priorities when she says her husband's empathy will result in a second-term agenda focused squarely on middle-class economic security.

The first lady will make her case to millions of Americans on Tuesday when she headlines the first night of the Democratic Party's national convention, where two days later her husband will accept the party's presidential nomination for a second time. Her high-profile appearance underscores her key role in his re-election bid: chief defender of his character and leader in efforts to validate the direction he is taking the country.

"I am going to remind people about the values that drive my hus-

band to do what he has done and what he is going to do for the next four years," Mrs. Obama said of her speech during an interview with SiriusXM radio host Joe Madison.

The president said he planned to watch his wife's speech from the White House with the couple's two daughters.

"I'm going to try to not let them see their daddy cry because when Michelle starts talking, I start getting all misty," Obama said at rally in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Obama is also expected to introduce her husband Thursday night when he accepts the Democratic nomination before a crowd of up to 74,000 and a television audience of millions across the country.

Once the reluctant political spouse, Mrs. Obama has embraced that mission to sell her husband anew throughout the summer while raising money for the campaign and speaking at rallies in battleground states.

These days, Mrs. Obama's speeches are peppered with references to the president's upbringing in Hawaii, where he was raised by a single mother and his grandparents. She talks about the student loans he took out to pay

for college and the years it took to pay them back.

When Romney accused Obama of running a "campaign of hate," the first lady delivered Obama's strongest counterpoint — without mentioning the Republican candidate.

"We all know who my husband is, don't we? And we all know what he stands for," she said, standing alongside the president at a campaign rally in Iowa.

Key to Mrs. Obama's campaign strategy is maintaining her own personal appeal.

Anita McBride, who served as first lady Laura Bush's chief of staff, said that means staying away from the vitriol that has permeated the White House campaign.

"There are plenty of attack dogs in this campaign," McBride said. "She doesn't need to be one of them."

In many ways, the first lady's challenge Tuesday night will be more difficult than it was when she spoke at the 2008 Democratic convention. Back then, her mission was to vouch for her husband's personal qualities. This time around, she also has to persuade voters to stick with him amid high unemployment and sluggish economic growth.

Many Americans didn't know Mrs. Obama and some viewed her suspiciously before the 2008 convention. Republicans had questioned her patriotism throughout the campaign because she told voters during the primary that "for the first time in my adult lifetime, I'm really proud of my country."

Her convention speech sought to put those issues to rest. She declared "I love this country" and used personal stories about her marriage to assure

voters they had nothing to fear about her and her husband's values.

Since moving into the White House, Mrs. Obama has focused on tackling childhood obesity and assisting military families. She's largely steered clear of her husband's political battles, at least in public.

But behind the scenes, she's a sounding board for her husband on pressing policy matters. She also has increasingly promoted his health care overhaul after it was upheld by the Supreme Court.

Aides say she will sprinkle her remarks Tuesday with a defense of the president's policies, including the health care law and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which was the first legislation Obama signed into law. The act makes it easier for women to sue for equal pay if they earn less than their male counterparts. Obama has made the law a key part of his election-year appeal to women, who could give him an edge over Romney in a tight race.

The first lady arrived in Charlotte on Monday and informally rehearsed at the Time Warner Cable Arena. She also taped interviews for entertainment programs that will air before her speech.

Mrs. Obama is staying in Charlotte during the three-day convention and will focus on shoring up support for her husband among key constituencies. She plans to speak to the party's African-American, Hispanic and women's caucuses and address a gay and lesbian luncheon. Along with the vice president's wife, Jill Biden, the first lady will also participate in an armed services event Thursday and put together care packages for U.S. troops serving overseas.

**Green** ←

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"This year we collected almost 12 tons of stuff from students. You'd just be amazed how they leave their printers, their refrigerators, their microwave, their entire wardrobe. They would have just thrown it away in the trash had we not had bins to collect it."

Alan Cushman, unit manager of Hospitality Services, said the department has spent the last few years establishing a grassroots movement with University Student Housing and the Physical Plant to reduce the amount of trash on campus.

"Just being a food service provider on campus does generate a lot of trash, so that was one thing we wanted to work with," he said. "The thing about sustainability is as we get further into it, there are more opportunities that are opening up in the community. Being from West Texas, we're pretty far from everything. It's hard to find places where you can recycle, so we call it a grassroots movement to kind of get our Green It and Mean It efforts off the ground."

One thing Hospitality Ser-

VICES did to reduce its waste was to convert all of the water-cooled ice machines to air-cooled, saving 600,000 gallons of water per year. Also at the beginning of each school year, Hospitality Services provides a refillable cup to each full-time employee, reducing the use of disposable cups by roughly 1,000 cups per employee per year, according to the Office of Sustainability.

"It's something that we encourage our employees to participate in," Cushman said. "If our employees aren't behind the program, they're going to be throwing cups away. Even in our operations, we're not wasting what doesn't need to be wasted."

According to the Hospitality Services website, each year the food industry distributes millions of paper and plastic cups and single-use water bottles to their customers. These beverage containers create vast amounts of pollution during the manufacturing process and most are never recycled. Hospitality Services has implemented the Raider Refill program, which contributes to saving the environment by selling environmentally friendly, refillable beverage containers in an effort to cut down on beverage container waste.

"This is also something that is pretty popular and we've been doing it for the past few years," Cushman said. "It's something we kind of noticed that we have a lot of cups that are thrown away and kind of help educate our students and the Texas Tech community to use a refillable container. It has a huge impact just on the amount of cups that are being thrown away."

Recycling containers are available in residence halls and dining facilities, where students, faculty and staff can recycle paper, cardboard and beverage containers, as well as ink cartridges, batteries and electronics. There is also an area behind the Housing Services building where people can drop off their recyclable materials. After it's dropped off, student volunteers sort through the bags piece by piece and remove any trash or non-recyclable materials, like Styrofoam.

One of the most important efforts University Student Housing makes toward sustainability is education, Kimbler said, and making sure students know they can recycle on campus.

"We try to follow the university's mission statement in educating and that's what we try



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UNIVERSITY STUDENT HOUSING employees separate cans into bins Tuesday.

to do is educate people on how to reduce, reuse, recycle," she said. "I think this is the way the world is going. Everyone's aware of what we can do trying to be sustainable in their daily lives."

Cushman also said education about sustainability is key.

"With the university community there's always a new group of

students coming in, so in the fall we really focus on just educating students on what our current efforts are and let them be aware," he said. "That's one thing that everyone in Hospitality Services and University Student Housing and the Physical Plant, we understand the aspect that we're trying to educate these students

in ways of being green.

"I truly believe that college students are very interested in being green and we definitely get more of a demand for it, so I think they stand behind it and I think they're interested in it and that's why we feel the need to have it available for them."

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# Texas hearing on Planned Parenthood gets emotional

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers, hospital system administrators and dozens of women urged Texas officials Tuesday not to sever funding to Planned Parenthood under a law barring state support for clinics affiliated with abortion providers.

A smaller, but no less vocal, number of people opposing abortion turned out to applaud the move during an emotionally charged public hearing.

Officials are working to exclude Planned Parenthood clinics that provide family planning and health services to poor women as part of the Texas Women's Health Program after the Republican-led Texas Legislature passed a law last year banning funds to organizations linked to abortion providers.

Planned Parenthood provides cancer screenings and other services — but not abortions — to about half of the around 130,000 low-income Texas

women enrolled in the program, which is designed for women who might not otherwise qualify for Medicaid.

Planned Parenthood has sued, but a federal appeals court ruled Aug. 21 that the state can proceed with plans to cut off funding for it as part of the Women's Health Program, and officials have promised to do so as soon as possible.

During the hearing, they presented proposed rules on how to do that — even though Planned Parenthood filed an appeal of the court's order Tuesday evening.

The federal government had funded 90 percent of the program, which costs about \$40 million annually. But it says the Texas law violates federal rules and that it will stop funding Nov. 1. Texas has vowed to continue the program on its own.

The rules, which are expected to take several weeks to implement, say

Texas can pay more than \$900,000 this fiscal year, \$39.1 million in fiscal year 2013, and \$13.8 million the following fiscal year to keep the plan going. They also call for expanding coverage for participants to include treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.

The state will obtain the funds for the program mostly by imposing a hiring freeze on state Health and Human Services Commission administrative posts and stepping up Texas' efforts to recover Medicaid funds lost to fraud or wasteful spending.

The state eventually expects to keep the program alive using the White House-backed health care overhaul, which calls for greatly expanding Medicaid eligibility in January 2014. But Sen. Kirk Watson, an Austin Democrat, pointed out that Gov. Rick Perry has already said Texas won't participate in the Medicaid expansion, which could leave

the Women's Health Program hanging.

"We should avoid trying to cobble together funding," he said, noting that the Health and Human Services Commission estimates that without the program, the state and federal governments would have to pay \$148 million through fiscal year 2015 in extra Medicaid costs due to rising pregnancy rates.

State Rep. Donna Howard, an Austin Democrat, noted that abortion was a moot point since Women's Health Program rules exclude women who are pregnant.

"None of the women's health providers actually conduct abortions. That is not an issue here," she told the hearing, "and I am concerned about the Legislature and leadership in this state actually holding women's health care hostage to some political agenda."

State Rep. Sarah Davis, a Houston Republican, said she opposed the new

rules — and the larger anti-abortion law — on behalf of doctors who fear that regulations restricting physicians from counseling women about abortion options interferes with their ability to provide the best possible care.

"Women's health is not about abortion and not about Planned Parenthood," Davis said.

Randall Ellis of Legacy Community Health Services, which operates five clinics around Harris County, said Texas would be hurting a program that has proved effective.

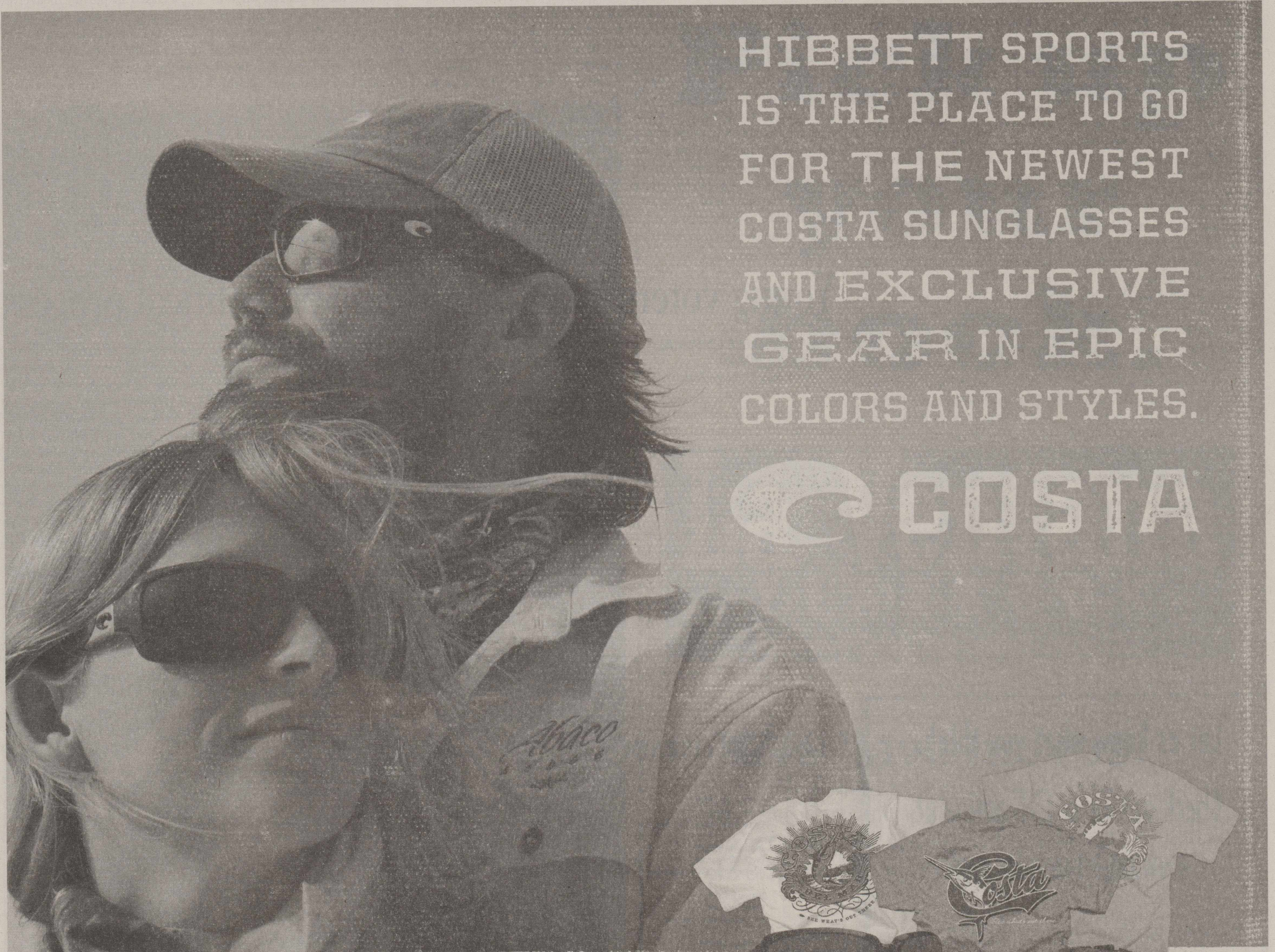
"We're basically destroying the infrastructure that we have built up across the state to provide family planning services to women," he said.

Planned Parenthood cannot say exactly how many of its Texas clinics may close because of the new rules. It supporters note that the state is among the nation's leaders in cervical cancer

rates and that its clinics provide free screenings to Women's Health Program participants — at least for now.

They also point to studies showing that other clinics around Texas would have to increase their patient loads five-fold to make up for care currently provided by Planned Parenthood. Those opposing Planned Parenthood said there are 2,000 clinics and doctor's offices statewide that easily can handle the load.

Abby Johnson said she worked for Planned Parenthood in Texas for years and that the organization openly advocates "elective abortions." Another woman addressing Tuesday's hearing said she went to Planned Parenthood as a college student years ago after becoming pregnant — and that she was given the cold shoulder when she said she'd like to have the baby rather than undergo an abortion.



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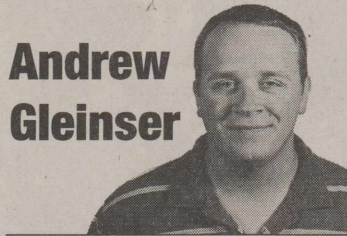
## Democrats' class warfare strategy dangerous for America

Much of the recent political dialogue coming out of the Democratic Party has concerned the idea of income equality. It's seemingly the biggest issue on their campaign platform, centered around their plan to raise taxes on the nation's wealthiest earners in order to ensure that they pay their fair share.

This strategy primarily serves two purposes. The first is that it diverts attention away from the fact that the Obama administration has failed to improve the struggling economy that the president so often reminds us he inherited.

Remember the stimulus package the president signed in 2009? That use of more than \$800 billion of taxpayer money has been nothing short of a failure, highlighted by the failure of Solyndra after receiving more than \$500

**Andrew Gleinser**



million of those funds.

The unemployment rate has not improved either. Making this worse is the fact more and more people have given up searching for jobs. In truth, Obama and the Democrats have failed miserably when it comes to the economy, which is exactly why they would rather talk about something else.

The second purpose their strategy serves is to assign blame for the aforementioned economy to those who are successful. Their goal is to attempt to take that weight off their shoulders and give it to a group of people

who have a strong tendency to vote Republican.

President Obama's recent speech, in which he told business owners that people and entities other than themselves were responsible for the success of their businesses, completely unmasked his intentions. The message was those who are successful do not get to where they are on their own, but instead get there because of other people as well as the government.

This fuels the notion that the Democrats are trying to propel, which asserts that those who are successful owe something to the rest of society. This is why their taxes need to be raised.

The result of this is to pit the haves against the have-nots. If those who are not wealthy are led to believe that their position in life is the fault of those who are wealthy, then they will be much more receptive to the idea of raising taxes on the top

earners. They will also accept the notion that the government is their friend and is looking out for their interests.

The Democratic Party, as we all know, is a staunch proponent of big government. If people trust the government to look out for their interests, then they will be more willing to give the government more control over their lives, thus increasing the Democrats' power.

The flip side of this argument is to assert that the Republican Party is the party of the wealthy and they only care about the top earners. This is categorically false. The true base of the GOP is not the evil fat cats, but in fact is the blue-collar middle class workers who want to keep the money they earn and for the government to stay out of their lives.

This fact does not gel with the current strategy of the Democratic Party, so it conveniently gets pushed aside in favor of a

notion they are more comfortable with.

In reality, raising taxes on the wealthy isn't going to solve anything. It's certainly not going to pay down the deficit, and in truth it will only harm the economy. If the wealthy have less money, that means they will invest less money, which results in less money going into the economy.

True, that money will be paid in taxes, but can we really trust the government to use that money effectively? After the stimulus package, I would say it's a resounding and definite no.

Redistribution of wealth is a notion that has no place in the United States. In spite of the president's beliefs, America is a land where, through hard work and innovation, anyone can achieve anything.

The late Steve Jobs was a member of the evil one percent and he was a perfect example of

the promise of America. I don't hear any of the Democrats arguing that Jobs didn't deserve or earn everything he had.

Instead of pitting people against each other, the Democrats should instead encourage people to be innovative and make it easier for entrepreneurs to establish themselves. Instead of trying to bring everybody down, they should help people have the opportunity to build themselves up.

In America, we don't need to hate the successful, but instead should strive to be successful ourselves. The Democrats' message is not conducive to such ideas, which is why it should be ignored now and especially this November.

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## Pell Grant error should not be paid for by students

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Here today, gone tomorrow. These are the words Florida State College in Jacksonville, students are using when referring to their financial aid.

In what would be any poor college student's nightmare, more than 1,300 students of FSCJ will have to payback their Pell Grants to the government. The Pell Grants were awarded to them between the 2010-11 and the 2011-12 school years.

Apparently, the school goofed and gave Pell Grants to students submitting appeals without proper documentation, rather than following the initial application process.

A federal review found the school gave away these grants wrongfully, resulting in a \$2.8 million loss from 780 students during the 2010-11 school year. Since then, another 500 illegitimate grants have surfaced for the following academic year.

Thus, these students are being forced to make up the difference in cash that they have already spent on tuition, books, rent or whatever else a college student needs.

Pell Grants are not the same as student loans, so when they are awarded, students don't expect to pay the money back.

There is no reason to hold onto this money, which is why most of it is used up quickly on college expenditures.

While this money was unjustly given away, it is unfair to expect these students to pay back this money. It was not the students' fault the school gave them the grants incorrectly.

The staff awarding the grants was not properly trained and gave away these grants erroneously.

The school has set aside \$3 million to cover the costs, but as more illegitimate Pell Grant gaffs surface, it will likely not be enough. So now it falls upon the shoulders of these students to either come up with a good reason why they deserved the money or bite the bullet and sign up for a payment plan.

Some will say that even though the students were not responsible for receiving the money, they were still rewarded money that was not theirs to have. Financial aid has never been an entitlement, it is a privilege.

Financial aid isn't a right, but once it is awarded, it is a student's money to spend, however he or she sees fit. Students should be able to spend their grants without the worry that it will need to be paid back. That is what loans are for.

There are strict regulations as to who receives grants from the government. They are reserved for low-income undergraduates.

Students receive Pell Grants based on financial need, the status of student and the overall price of tuition.

If both the staff at FSCJ and students had a better understanding as to what qualifies a student for financial aid, this problem would not exist.

The staff would not have given away unwarranted grants, and the students would not have applied for the grants in the first place.

Yet, at the end of the day it is hard to place the blame on the students. It was the school's financial aid office that made the blunder, so FSCJ should pick up the tab. This probably isn't the first time something like this will happen and errors in bureaucracy will continue to screw students out of their money.

## Use of 'study drugs' gives unfair advantage

By IOWA STATE DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD  
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Pressure. "Pressure" is one word that single-handedly unites college students from all walks of university life. All students have felt it, whether from their parents and peers or within their major. There is pressure to keep up, to slow down, to stay focused, to stay current and, most of all, to succeed.

This push for excellence has brought many to their breaking point. Everything students once achieved in high school all of a sudden just isn't good enough anymore, and the pressure to do something about it can be overwhelming. Finding themselves in this situation, many students believe they've found a way to push their excellence to its limit using one, or sometimes two, pea-sized pills that send their mind into a utopia of concentration. Out of all this pressure a new "study drug" is born, and its name is Adderall.

Adderall is a combination of two drugs, dextroamphetamine and amphetamine, and is used to treat attention deficit hyperactive disorder, more commonly known as ADHD.

Those who struggle with ADHD have trouble focusing and holding attention on a day-to-day basis. Adderall helps to focus those who are prescribed to take it by releasing different chemicals into the brain.

Simply put, it's a whole lot of focus all bundled up in one small, convenient pill. This focus, however, is meant for those who are rightfully diagnosed with ADHD. Studies suggest students with ADHD are at an increased risk for academic problems, lower GPA and compromised academic coping skills. College students with ADHD tend to report more academic problems than students without the disorder.

Adderall allows those students who are given a disadvantage by this disease to keep up and be on the same level academically as those who do not have ADHD. Therefore, those students who do not in fact have ADHD, but still take Adderall to get that extra push of focus to help them academically, should be considered cheating when they pop that pill.

Like steroids are illegal for athletes to help increase their performance levels, Adderall should be considered a method of cheating when it comes to performance in the classroom, especially at the col-

lege level.

Many ISU students have this nasty cheating habit. Some use it daily and some only when large tests or finals week arrive, but most have the same reasons for wrongly boosting their brain power. One student said: "It motivates me to study longer and be more focused, and [it] makes other activities feel uninteresting, like Facebook and Twitter. I feel like it makes me zone in on whatever I'm doing." Another argued that it allows them to retain the information they study better: "I'm able to read through an entire textbook in one sitting and remember every word I read."

Although taking Adderall as a study drug has its benefits when it comes to test time, it administers some scary, health endangering side effects while being used. Studies show that symptoms of Adderall include a suppressed appetite, dehydration, sleeplessness and rapid mood swings. Students who have taken the drug can attest to these defects while on the pill.

"I have spent a 14-hour day in the library before with nothing but a water bottle and a sleeve of saltine crackers. Some people forget to eat because they are so focused." Even

too much focus can make one lose focus. Another using student explains, "One morning I was waiting for the Adderall to kick in, and I realized I had been brushing my teeth for 10 minutes. It's powerful stuff."

If it's not the unnatural side effects that make students more cautious about using Adderall, it should be their conscience. Taking this pill to academically advance your performance is the same as copying someone else's work during a test to get ahead. Under university guidelines, any kind of academic misconduct is punishable by receiving a failing grade in a class, performing community service, and even being expelled from the university.

If classes are proving themselves challenging, take more time to study using your non-drug-induced brain. If you're feeling like there's not enough time in your day to get everything done, then close out of Facebook and learn better time-management skills. It's not worth ingesting chemicals through your body just to turn into a mood-swinging, cheating zombie. Get up, get motivated and study with what you have, because cheating is never the right way to excel academically, especially when you have to abuse drugs to do it.

## Young voters must not give up on political process

By THE ORACLE EDITORIAL BOARD  
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As the election season grows nearer and the 2012 presidential election continues to reside at the forefront of the nation's mind, college students especially must educate themselves and exercise their right to vote, both at the local and national levels.

According to a Pew Research Center poll released this summer, Americans under the age of 30 are less engaged in the upcoming election and in politics than they were in 2008. Among voters under the age of 50, only 60 percent said they were giving the election "quite a lot of thought," a significant decrease from 71 percent in 2008.

Over the past few years, many of President Barack Obama's supporters became disillusioned with the candidate after seeing little of the promised change.

A Harvard Institute of Politics survey from the spring shows that Obama's 12-point lead against Republican candidate Mitt Romney among 18- to 24-year-olds is half of what it is among 25- to 29-year-olds.

Despite the disappointment following the 2008 election, and because most presidential election cycles seem to yield few immediate results, students should not give up on the political process and should focus more on the elections at the state and local level, where they are more likely to experience change.

Many have expressed their distaste

for both candidates of the Democratic and the Republican Parties. Nonetheless, not voting in protest is not the answer. Rather, voting for one of those two candidates, or voting for a candidate from neither party, remains a better alternative than foregoing a right for which many people around the world have fought and died for.

The U.S. has, since its revolution, had a longer period of disenfranchisement than enfranchisement. The 15th Amendment of 1870 was not smoothly implemented, and it was not until 1965 that the Voting Rights Act was passed to prevent obstacles to black citizen voting.

It was not until 1920 that the 19th Amendment secured women's suffrage.

A right that was so difficult to

secure universally should not be taken for granted, even if some feel as though "there is no point" or that "my vote doesn't count."

Especially, according to Melissa Harris-Perry of MSNBC, if you're a voter in several states, including Florida, "Your vote matters. A lot."

Making voting mandatory for those above the age of 18, as Greece has recently done, is not the solution to the seeming indifference of youth in the U.S.

Nonetheless, the U.S. at its very foundation is based on the idea of "no taxation without representation," and voting is that form of representation. Everyone, including college students and young adults alike, should make an effort to vote based on an informed opinion.

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## Tech alumni produce film, raise money to prepare for festivals

By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

When a dead body turned up on former Texas Tech student Zachery Quinones's filming location at Hell's Gates outside of Lubbock, production was delayed for a few days. Another location flooded, and filming was set back even further.

Between delays like those, working full-time jobs, sicknesses and going to class, Quinones's film has taken four years to complete.

"(We were) doing everything ourselves, with our own money and with a lot of people's effort," he said.

Though Tech has no official film program, he said there are plenty of students interested in the field and many of them came together on this project.

"It was sort of our film school's master thesis," he said. "It was our way of doing something big."

The movie started out as an idea Quinones and Armando Suarez had in high school in McAllen. Years later, the two reconnected online, Suarez said and when Quinones returned to McAllen for the summer, the two wrote for weeks in a friend's attic.

"A lot of things in the film are experiences from my life," Suarez said. "I remember telling him the stories and they started popping up in the first draft."

From there, Quinones returned to Lubbock where he said he was taking English courses and working diligently on preparations for the film.

The budget was less than \$5,000 including everything from equipment to wardrobe, he said, as well as trying to pay the actors something for their weeks of work.

"If you look at all the famous filmmakers, they all started out like this," Quinones said.

The film, called "Spontaneous Human Combustion," centers on four characters whose lives are on a down-



PHOTO COURTESY OF ZACHERY QUINONES  
SOME OF THE stars of "Spontaneous Human Combustion" perform their lines for the movie.

hill slide, he said. Filming was done throughout Lubbock and even features a Tech professor in one of the acting roles. Another former Tech student, Daniel W. Ballard, a 2007 graduate in electronic media and communications, said one of the then-student actors was the best he has ever met.

"I just love watching (his monologue scene) because he's so compelling," Ballard said.

Inspiration came from movies like "Reservoir Dogs" and "The Maltese Falcon."

"The key was to put out a film with honesty," he said, "not just for the audience but for ourselves."

Ballard's work was an ongoing process as he edited together all of the raw footage, as he and Quinones created the final film.

"It seems really daunting," Ballard said. "You have to have faith in the product."

Still putting it together was a lot of fun, both said, and despite the time

commitment, Quinones said he is excited to have gone through the process. Now, Quinones lives and works in Los Angeles, writing scripts and working on movie sets.

"Everyone (who worked on the film) is doing what they set their minds to," he said.

Many have moved to Los Angeles and are working in the industry, whether on crews or on stage.

"It's OK to be afraid to pursue something you know you're going to get resistance for," Quinones said. "Don't be afraid."

Between the unconventional structure and the interesting themes, Ballard said the movie was unlike any other.

"It's a unique film," he said, "there's people out there who want to see this, you have to find your audience."

The team is looking for an audience at film festivals, he said. Quinones said he hoped to enter between 20 and 30, and thought the film could be accepted

at about 1/5 of them. Each festival costs between \$50 and \$80 to enter, as well as paying for the actual items needed and any publicity.

To help with the price of entry, Quinones started an IndieGoGo campaign where anyone interested can help donate to the cause.

If anyone wants to support the film, Quinones said even donating as little as \$5 would be helpful to get the movie out to the public, and would mean a lot to everyone involved.

"They deserve it, if anything," he said. "We couldn't have done it without them. They deserve to have that work shown."

Suarez said he could not wait to see if it could get into a festival.

"It would be the best thing that could happen to any one of us."

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## National debt hits \$16T; GOP critical

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Department said Tuesday that the national debt has topped \$16 trillion, the result of chronic government deficits that have poured more than \$50,000 worth of red ink onto federal ledgers for every man, woman and child in the United States.

The news was greeted with a round of press releases from Barack Obama's GOP rivals, who used the grim-but-expected news to criticize the president for the government's fiscal performance over his 3 1/2 years in office. Obama has presided over four straight years of trillion-dollar-plus deficits after inheriting a weak economy from his predecessor, George W. Bush.

"We can no longer push off the tough decisions until tomorrow," said No. 2 House Republican Eric Cantor, R-Va. "It's time to address the serious fiscal challenges we face and stop spending money we don't have." Last summer, Cantor dropped out of a set of budget talks hosted by Vice President Joe Biden, citing the insistence of the White House on tax increases to help close deficits that require the government to borrow 33 cents of every dollar it spends.

The spiraling debt means that lawmakers and the eventual winner of the White House in November will have to pass a law early next year to raise the government's borrowing cap from the current ceiling of \$16.39 trillion. Passing such legislation last year proved enormously difficult and the nation's credit rating suffered.

First, however, lawmakers will try during a post-election lame duck session to renew Bush-era tax cuts and head off a round of

forced budget austerity as automatic budget cuts are scheduled in January to slam both the Pentagon and domestic programs. Those cuts were required by another failed set of budget talks last fall by a bipartisan "supercommittee."

GOP vice presidential nominee Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin piled on as well.

"Of all the broken promises from President Obama, this is probably the worst one, because this debt is threatening jobs today, it's threatening prosperity today and it is guaranteeing that our children and grandchildren get a diminished future," Ryan told supporters in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Ryan was named to Obama's debt commission but voted against a proposal by its co-chairs. He declined an invitation by House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, to try again on the supercommittee.

Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, said: "This debt will not only be a liability for our kids and grandkids, but economists also tell us that it will limit economic growth and kill millions of jobs now and in the future." Portman was a member of last year's failed supercommittee, which deadlocked over taxes and cuts to popular benefit programs.

The debt topped the \$16 trillion mark on Friday.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has said the government will likely reach its debt limit at the end of the year. However, Geithner has said he will be able to employ various "extraordinary measures" to keep the government operating until sometime early next year. Geithner would need to use these measures if Congress, as expected, fails to tackle the debt limit by year's end.

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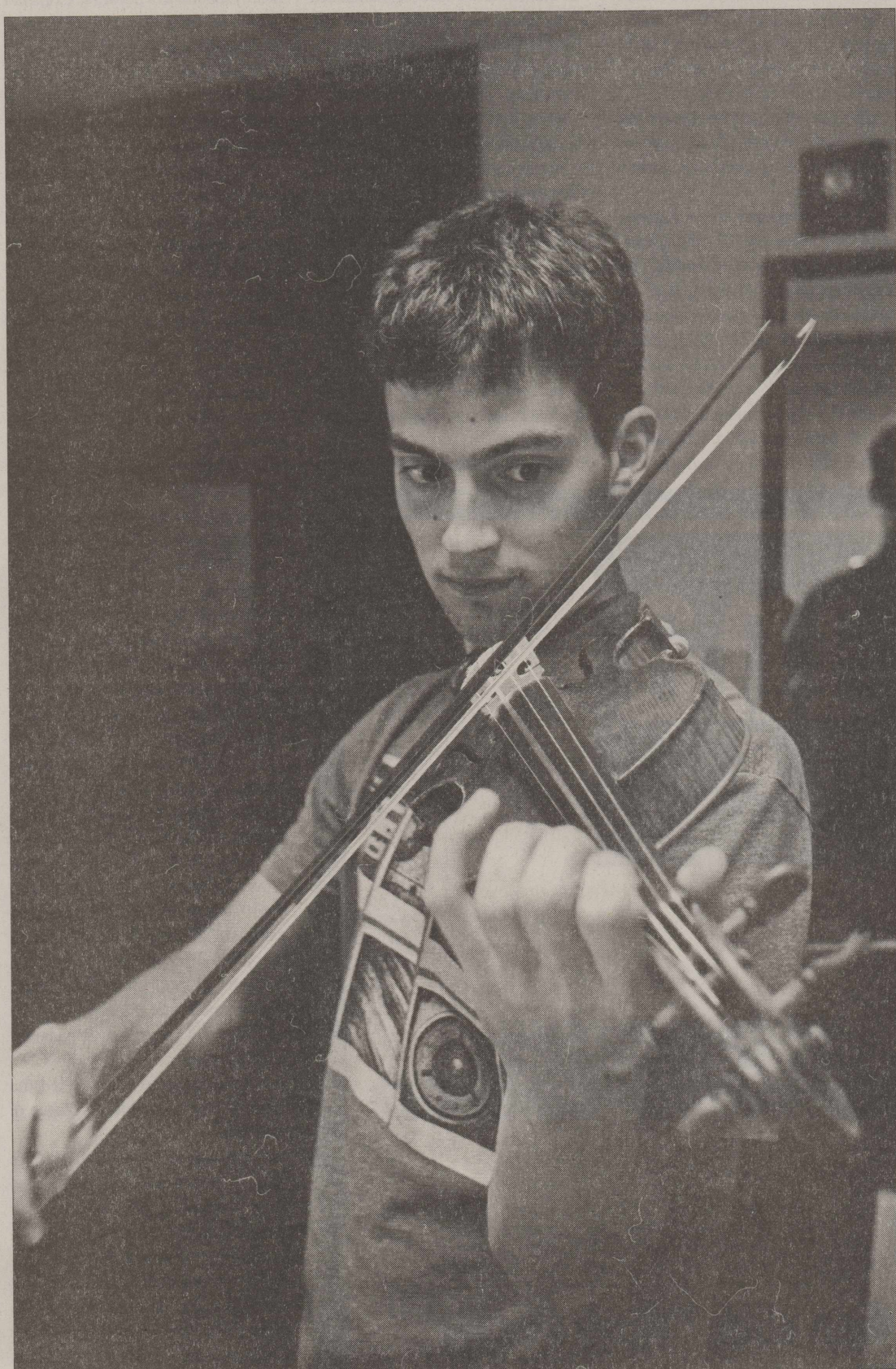


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ALEX NORRIS, A graduate student violin performance major from Madison, Wis., gets a head start on his end-of-the-year recital piece Tuesday in the basement of the Music building.

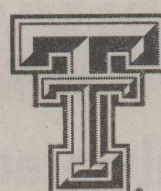
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# Raider Red competes in mascot contest

By **EMILY GARDNER**  
STAFF WRITER

Countless hours of preparing, chanting, cheering and bleeding scarlet and black have paid off as Raider Red is competing in the Capital One Mascot Challenge for the first time.

The original nominations and applications were due May 1, Patrick Mendoza, spokesperson for Capital One, said. That same week, a group of panelists assembles and evaluates all the applications submitted by the NCAA, Football Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Subdivision programs in order to determine who advances to the top 16.

The panel evaluates the mascots on their creativity, originality, enthusiasm, costume and also looks at any awards the mascot has received in the past five years.

Cheer and mascot coach Bruce Bills, and Raider Red and spirit program director Stephanie Rhode were notified of their selection onto the top 16 in mid-June. Raider Red then flew to Los Angeles in early August to participate in video shoots and promotional campaigns, Bills said.

"Raider Red, when we got the news, almost jumped out of his boots," Rhode said. "He was pretty excited because Raider Red loves Texas Tech and it was a great opportunity for him to take his pistols west."

Raider Red participated in the National Cheerleaders Association camp this summer where he learned skits, characterization of the mascot and was selected as an All-American mascot at the end of the camp, preparing him for the Capital One competition, Bills said.

The entire summer was spent preparing for this event, Rhode said. Raider Red perfected his walk and his characterization of the mascot's original cartoonist Dirk West's image.

"I love Texas Tech, we bleed red and black," Rhode said. "We are always looking for ways to represent this university through our spirit program and this takes it to another level. This gets Raider Red out there as one of 16 mascots that were chosen and we couldn't be happier or prouder."

The Capital One Mascot Challenge began in 2002 as part of the sponsorship of the Capital One Bowl allowing the fans to have a unique way of supporting their favorite college mascots, Mendoza said.

Capital One encourages fans to vote for their favorites every week and have even created videos featuring different mascots that will be posted on their Facebook page throughout the fall.

Voting began Monday and will continue through Nov. 26, Mendoza said. Each week the mascots will face

a different opponent and at the end of the regular season, the top eight mascots with the best head-to-head records will compete in a bracket style, single elimination competition to determine who will win Mascot of the Year.

"We will announce the winner at the Capital One Bowl on New Year's Day," Mendoza said. "The winner gets awarded a \$20,000 scholarship that goes to help fund the school's mascot program."

Fans can vote online at <http://www.capitalonebowl.com>, or use social media sites Facebook and Twitter, Rhode said. Voters can support Raider Red an unlimited number of times on the website and once a day by visiting <http://www.facebook.com/MascotChallenge> and by using the hashtag #capitaloneraiderred on Twitter.

Raider Red faces the mascot for University of Delaware this week followed by mascots from Colorado State University, Louisiana State University, University of Missouri, University of Oregon, University of Nevada, Michigan State University, University of Miami, University of Maryland, Brigham Young University, North Carolina State University and University of Arizona in the coming weeks.

"Go vote for Raider Red," Rhode said. "Put a reminder every day to vote for Raider Red."

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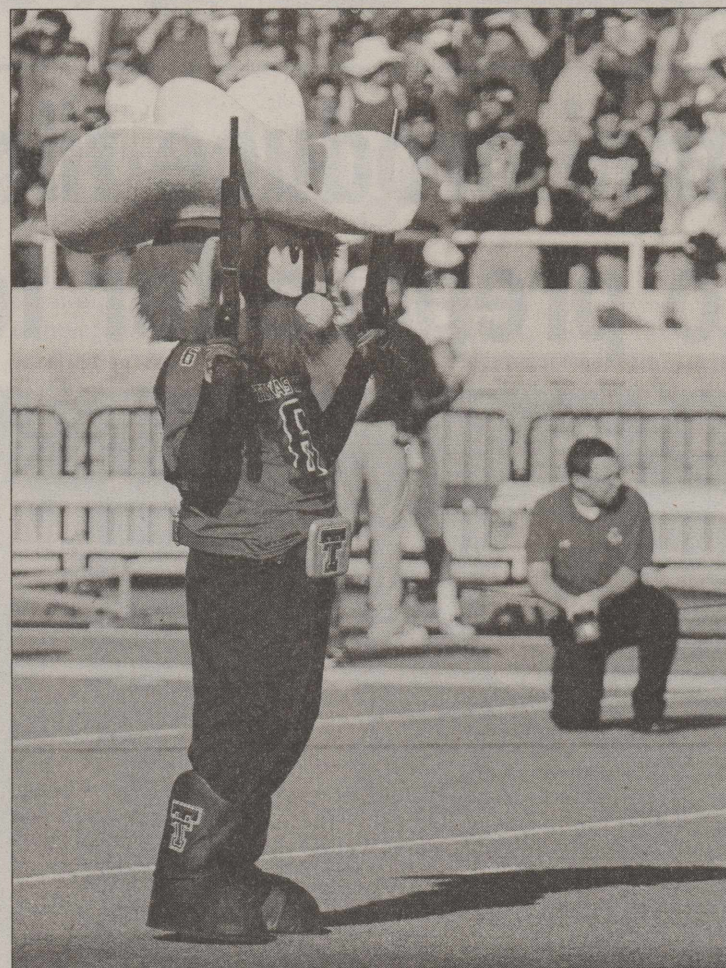


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RAIDER RED IS one of the 16 mascots competing in the Capitol One Mascot Challenge for Mascot of the Year. Voting ends in November.

## Arab-Muslim Simon Baz to join 'Green Lantern' comic series

DETROIT (AP) — When DC Comics decided to blow up its fabled universe and create a brave, diverse future, Geoff Johns drew from the past for a new character: his own background as an Arab-American.

The company's chief creative officer and writer of the relaunched "Green Lantern" series dreamed up Simon Baz, DC's most prominent Arab-American superhero and the first to wear a Green Lantern ring. The character and creator share Lebanese ancestry and hail from the Detroit area, which boasts one of the largest and oldest Arab communities in the United States.

"I thought a lot about it — I thought back to what was familiar to me," Johns, 39, told The Associated Press by phone last week from Los Angeles, where he now lives. "This is such a personal story."

The Green Lantern mantle in DC Comics is no stranger to diversity with its ranks made up of men, women, aliens — animal, vegetable and mineral — from across the universe.

Earlier this year an alternate universe Green Lantern was reintroduced as openly gay.

Baz's story begins in a standalone "zero issue" available Wednesday that's part of a companywide effort to fill in the gaps or tell the origins of a character or team. Johns has no plans for Baz to fade into the background — the character in February is bound for the Justice League of America, one of DC's premier super team books, to fight alongside Green Arrow, Catwoman and Hawkman.

Johns said he took economic as well as ethnic cues for the character from his native Detroit area, with Baz resorting to stealing cars after being laid off from his automotive engineering job. He steals the wrong car, which inadvertently steers him into a terrorism probe and, eventually, an unexpected call to join the universe's galactic police force.

The olive-skinned, burly Baz hails from Dearborn, the hometown of Henry Ford and the capital of Arab America. His story begins at 10 years old, when he and the rest of his Muslim family watch their television in horror as airplanes fly into the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Events unfold from there as U.S. Arabs and Muslims find themselves falling under intense suspicion and ostracism in the days, months and years following the attacks.

"Obviously, it's affecting everybody," said Johns, who grew up in nearby suburbs in a Lebanese Christian household and got into comics when he discovered his uncle's old collection in his Arab grandmother's attic. "One of the things I really wanted to show was its effect on Simon and his family in a very negative way."

Baz is not the first Arab or Muslim character to grace — or menace, as has historically been the case — the comic world. Marvel Comics has Dust, a young Afghan woman whose mutant ability to manipulate sand and dust has been part of the popular X-Men books. DC Comics in late 2010 introduced Nightrunner, a young Muslim hero of Algerian descent reared in Paris. He is part of the global network of crime fighters set up by Batman alter-ego Bruce Wayne.

Frank Miller, whose dark and moody take on Batman in "The Dark Knight Returns" in 1986 energized the character, took a different tack in his recent book, "Holy Terror," which tells the story of The Fixer and his efforts to stamp out Islamic terrorists. The graphic novel initially took root as a look at Batman's efforts to fight terrorism, which grew out of Miller's experiences of being in New York on 9/11.

A broader mission to bring Islamic heroes and principles to the comic world comes from Naif Al-Mutawa, creator of "The 99." The U.S. educated psychologist from Kuwait has been gaining followers across the globe since the 2006 debut of the comic book that spawned a TV series. "The 99" is named after the number of qualities the Quran attributes to God: strength, courage, wisdom and mercy among them.

The series gained a wide audience in 2010, when it worked with DC on a six-issue crossover that teamed the "The 99" with The Justice League of America.

Johns, who also has written stories starring Superman, The Flash and Teen Titans, said going diverse only works if there's a good story, and he believes he found that with Baz. But don't mistake him for a hero in the beginning: Baz disappoints both devout Muslims — his forearm tattoo that reads "courage" in Arabic is considered "haram," or religiously forbidden — and broader society by turning to a life of crime.

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19 1997 Peter Fonda role  
20 Like some stadiums  
21 Drove (on)  
22 "Head"  
26 Like prison windows  
30 Doesn't mention  
31 Toe the line  
32 Peach pit  
33 Close, as a windbreaker  
36 "Come  
40 Glamour VIPs  
41 Denmark's Islands  
42 Suffr with tip or truck  
43 Erin of "Happy Days"  
44 Mathematician Pascal  
46 "Board  
49 Decree  
50 Tummy soother  
55 One in a four-part harmony  
56 "Do  
59 Gubernatorial turnaround  
60 Cassette half  
61 Prefix missing from the starred clues  
62 Composer Satie  
63 — once in a while  
64 Like Broadway's Yankkees

**DOWN**  
1 Inexact words  
2 Gazpacho, e.g.  
3 Easy run  
4 Hint of things to come  
5 Begrudged  
6 Meaningful pile of stones

7 Bldg. coolers  
8 "Steady as \_\_\_ goes"  
9 Mason's tray  
10 Comic's rewards  
11 "Any volunteers?" reply  
12 Sails force?  
13 Scrutinized  
18 Award two stars to, say  
21 Glyceride, for one  
23 Improper  
24 Start of a parliamentary proposal  
25 Math ratio  
26 Hint of things to come  
27 Not yet stirring  
28 Game callers  
29 Caraway-seeded bread, often  
32 Comic Silverman  
33 Tubular pasta  
34 Urban addition  
35 Ceremonial pile  
37 In progress, to come  
38 Causing puckers  
39 Fed. benefits agency

43 N. Zealand's highest peak  
44 "Deep penetrating pain relief" brand  
45 Subject to a penalty fee, maybe  
46 Thumb twiddler  
47 Capone henchman  
48 More wise  
49 Roof overhang  
51 2007 A.L. MVP  
52 Vena  
53 Gossip column couple  
54 "Coming Home" actor  
56 Language suffix  
57 Letters for Louis Quatorze  
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# Texas Tech alumna receives middle school teaching award

By **TORI O'HARA**  
STAFF WRITER

Science Teachers Association of Texas recently awarded Aimee Ayers, a May 2011 education graduate, Outstanding Middle School Science Teacher of the Year.

"I was shocked," Ayers said. "I wasn't expecting to win. I am a first-year teacher. Other nominees have been doing the exact same thing I have been doing for 10 to 15 years."

While she was at Texas Tech, Ayers said she was very involved with the College of Education, in the Honors program and in Kappa Delta Sorority.

"Kappa Delta really taught me how to work with my peers," Ayers said. "I was a part of the council for the sorority. I got to experience what it was like working with a group of people who were all working towards the same purpose — the success of the sorority."

Ayers said she was also a part of the Center of the Integration of STEM Education and Research, which provided her with wonderful experience to get familiar with the field she would later teach.

"I shadowed science teachers and later wrote curriculum for the topics," she said. "I spoke at conferences and led some workshops. It was just a wonderful learning experience."

Susan Talkmitt, the associate director of outreach who also works with CISER, remembers Ayers as always being dedicated to her work.

"Aimee constantly set high standards for herself," Talkmitt said. "She was so

driven and so highly accomplished."

Talkmitt said as a part of CISER, Ayers would have to teach large workshops to already experienced teachers.

"Here she was, just a student, teaching a group of 100 veterans who know more than she does," Talkmitt said. "She had them all participating, being hands on, and afterwards all the teachers wanted to talk with her. She was simply amazing."

"You can be driven and be good at what you do. But Ayers had the true heart of a teacher. I believe that is what made her successful."

Ayers said she has always wanted to teach.

"When I was in first grade, I already knew that I wanted to be a teacher," Ayers said. "If anyone asked, that is all I would say. I wanted to work in an elementary school with little kids. I never even looked at middle school or teaching science until my father said that if I wanted to be a teacher, I would have to start looking at teaching science."

Even though she lacked the interest at first, Ayers said, she really enjoys knowing she is teaching something students will remember.

"I love seeing their 'ah-ha' moments every day," Ayers said. "We do labs and they can actually hold and do what they are learning about. And the students will remember what they learned because they actually did it. They'll say 'Hey, I remember when we did this lab and this and this happened.' It is a great feeling."

STAT is the organization that chose Ayers to receive the award. Talkmitt said while CISER is heavily involved with

STAT, they had no say in who would be chosen.

Talkmitt said it shocked her when the president of STAT, RossAnn Hill, called her about Ayers.

"She called and asked me if I knew how achieved Aimee was in her career," she said. "Aimee is really accomplished, so it wasn't hard to provide her with that information."

Both Talkmitt and Hill said STAT looks for candidates who are accomplished in their field, who are innovative with their teaching and who give back to their field. Hill said a panel of judges review each individual application and rank them according to who best meets the criteria.

Ayers said another teacher she collaborated with in the past nominated her for the award.

"I had no idea I was being nominated by her until I got an email," Ayers said. "I had to fill out all of this paperwork if I wanted to be put into the running. Once I turned it in, I kind of forgot about it."

Ayers teaches sixth grade science at O.L. Slaton Middle School. She said she loves relating her real-life experiences when teaching science to her students.

"I had permission to break a window to enter a house," Ayers said. "I took pictures of it so that my students, who are learning about lab safety, could learn from it. I had them write down all the safety rules I broke. It was great for them, because they learned what was dangerous and what they should do instead, all while looking and laughing at funny pictures of me."

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## Red Raiders prepare for Texas State

By **MICHAEL DUPONT II**  
STAFF WRITER

Texas State (1-0, 0-0) proved in week one it is not the same team that Texas Tech beat 50-10 last season.

The Bobcats traveled to Houston on Saturday and defeated the Cougars 30-13.

Texas State will host the Red Raiders (1-0, 0-0) this weekend and payback will likely be on the minds of many who traveled to Lubbock last season.

Junior linebacker Will Smith said discipline will determine the success of Tech's defense.

"Challenge-wise, you have to do your assignment," he said. "(You have to) play your role this week."

The Red Raiders built confidence in their defensive prowess this past weekend keeping the offense of Northwestern State to six points.

This is a new week for the Tech, Smith said, and he did not expect for the Bobcats to open up as strong as they did last week against Houston.

"It's a wake-up call," he said. "But no matter who it is, we have to come out ready to play. You've got to come out strong, so you take everything that you need to know into the game and then after that, it's just handling business on the field."

Tech head coach Tommy Tuberville said the team was surprised

by Texas State in the first half last season, going into the locker room down 10-9, but will not be surprised by Bobcats next week.

"We didn't know what to expect last year, offensively," he said. "It was their coaching staff's first game and (they) surprised us some. (There) won't be as many surprises this year."

This will be the first game in San Marcos for Texas State since making the jump from Football Bowl Sub-division to Football Championship Sub-division. Many teams throughout the years have wanted to make this transition but don't put the effort into it, Tuberville said.

"Texas State has done it right," he said. "They put money into it, they've hired a coaching staff, and they've hired a coach that's been there, done that. They're not a wannabe. They're putting their money where their mouth is and we're walking into a tough situation."

The Red Raiders unveiled a diamond formation last week, which may have taken 'air raid enthusiasts' aback momentarily.

"We ran a little bit of it last year," Tuberville said. "When the running backs started going down, we didn't have enough guys to run and dot an 'I' much less run the diamond. It's good. It gives the defense problems in terms of misdirection and gives you a lead blocker on both sides."

Senior running back Eric Stephens said he likes the formation because it gives the running backs more field.

Stephens said he felt a little sore after the game last week, but he is continuing to get healthy.

Stephens played with a brace on his knee as a precaution stemming from the ACL and MCL tear he suffered last season.

"The biggest thing with the knee brace is I don't get full flexion, so I can't really run," he said. "I'm not sure if it's going to be this week or in the future, but I'm going to start practicing a little bit without it. I just want to get off of it because I'm able to run a little better without it."

The Red Raiders rushing attack has been a topic of discussion recently, as in the game against the Demons three Tech running backs combined to rush for 177 yards on 42 attempts.

Stephens said being able to count on contributions from Kenny Williams and SaDale Foster is not just huge for him, but for the team as well.

"I think we are going to run the ball a lot more," he said. "We never ran the ball that much since I've been here. I think it's going to continue. We're definitely going to continue to try to work on the running game."

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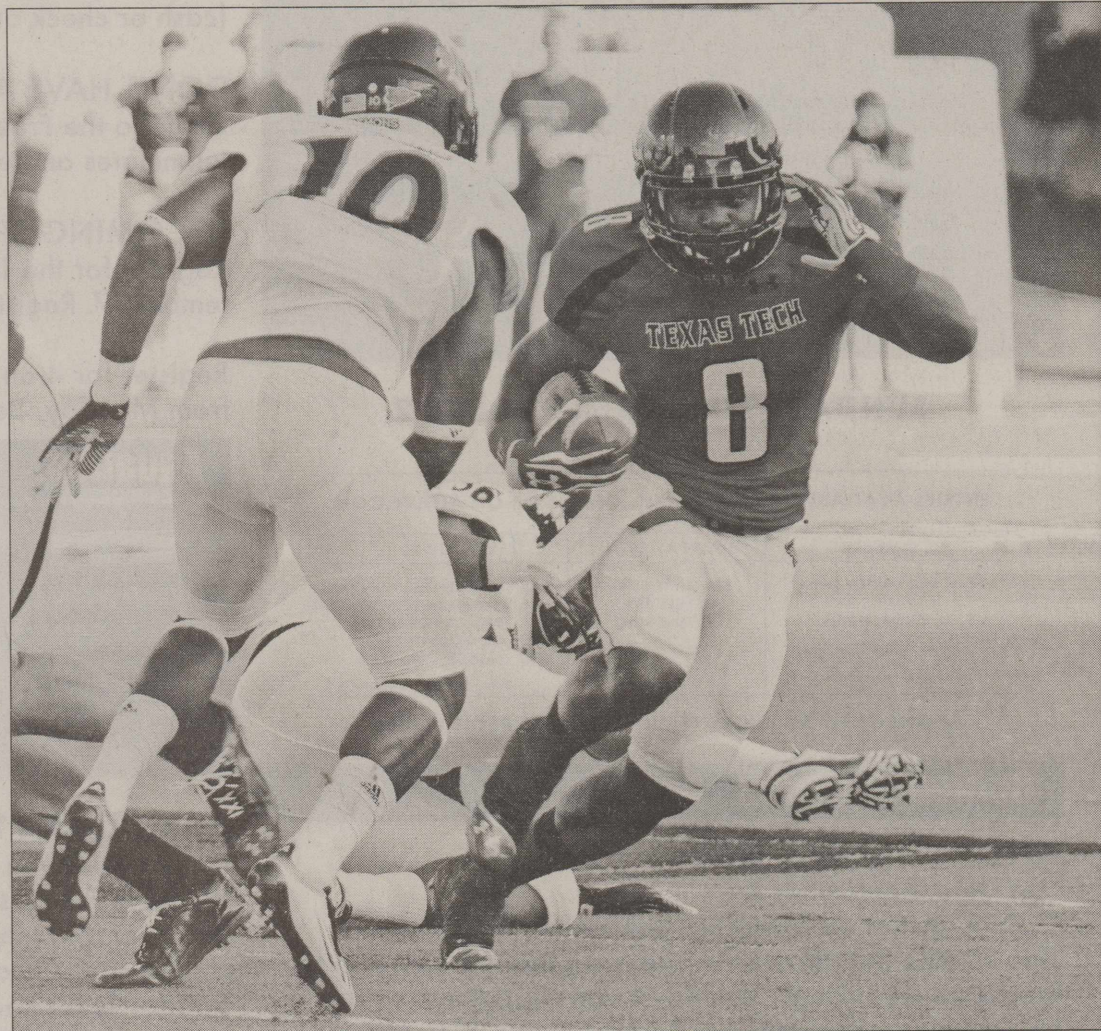


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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back SaDale Foster carries the ball down the field during the Red Raiders' 44-6 victory against Northwestern State on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

## NFL champion Giants kick off season vs. Dallas Cowboys

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — A good start is what is on the line this time when the New York Giants host the Dallas Cowboys in the NFL season opener.

The stakes were much greater the last time the NFC East foes faced off to close the last regular season. New York won to claim the division title en route to the Super Bowl title. Dallas was left out of the postseason.

On Wednesday night at MetLife Stadium, the winner will take the

early upper hand in the divisional race.

For Eli Manning and the Super Bowl champion Giants, this will be a chance to silence the critics and detractors who have sounded off repeatedly after they beat the New England Patriots in February to claim their second title in five seasons.

The Giants heard it all. They were lucky to get into the playoffs with a 9-7 record. They really didn't

beat the Packers or 49ers, they were just handed the games. There is a lot more, but that is the gist.

That is now over.

The goal for Tom Coughlin's players is to show they have constructed that bridge the 65-year-old coach urged them to build to link their late-season 6-0 run to the title to the 2012 campaign.

"The leadership we have on this football team, that's going to be the spine of the bridge, if you will,"

defensive captain Justin Tuck said. "I think we're in a good place as far as where we want to be coming into the game."

The Giants are confident, and they don't care what outsiders are saying about them.

"We've already showed people who we are," safety Antrel Rolle said. "We can care less about that. We leave that up to spectators. We're just going out there and playing ball. And that is what it is all

about. We can care less about what kind of recognition we are getting or who is crowning us and who is not crowning us. None of that matters coming into the 2012 season."

Jerry Jones' Cowboys face a much different task after an 8-8 campaign that ended with an embarrassing 31-14 loss to the Giants on New Year's Day.

The outspoken owner, who boasted to fans that his team would kick the Giants' posteriors in Dallas

when the clubs meet a second time this season on Oct. 28, knows the window for the aging Cowboys to return to the franchise's glory years is fading fast.

"It's a great opportunity for us to 'how I look at it,'" Jones said of the season opener. "So very meaningful. Everybody has all the appreciation in the world for what we're up against here, the quality of the team, so to have success up there would be very meaningful."

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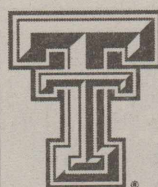
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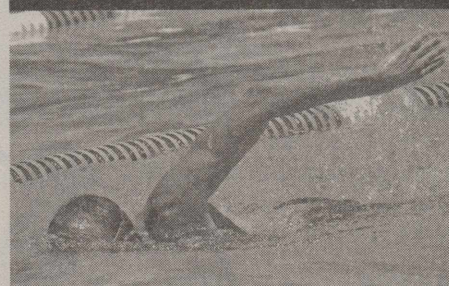
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**UPCOMING SPORTS REGISTRATIONS**

Register for the Tennis Singles and Doubles Tournament that will begin play on Monday, September 17. Registration is from Tuesday, September 4 - Thursday, September 13.

Register for 4 on 4 Sand Volleyball that will begin play on Friday, September 21. Registration is from Monday, September 10 - Wednesday, September 19

**Aquatics**



**SWIM FIT**

Train with an experienced instructor and improve your technique and endurance. \$40 for TTU/SRC Members. \$45 for Non-members. Register at the Leisure Pool.

Register by TODAY!!!

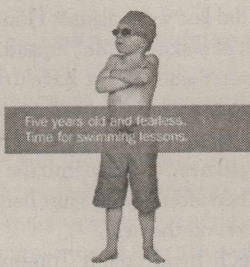
Class Dates: Thursdays from 7:00pm - 9:00pm from September 6 - October 25 in the Aquatic Center

**ADULT LEARN TO SWIM**

Do you wish you knew how to swim? We have the class for you! Adult Beginner and Intermediate swim classes start October 2. The cost is \$40 for Texas Tech Students, Faculty and Staff and \$45 for community participants. For more information, please go to: [bit.ly/aqcprogram](http://bit.ly/aqcprogram).

**YOUTH LEARN TO SWIM**

Register now for Youth Learn to swim. Classes start on October 1 in the Aquatic Center. Classes for the fall include parent and me to level 3. For more info, check the Rec Sports website at [www.recports.ttu.edu/youth.php](http://www.recports.ttu.edu/youth.php)



**Outdoor Pursuits**

**APPLEBUTTER BIKE RIDE**

Trip Date: September 8  
 Early Registration Deadline: September 8 - \$25.00  
 This 20-mile Saturday bike ride is a great introduction to long-distance biking! This trip is van supported, so don't be afraid to join in the fun! Expect about 20 companions to bike beside on this exciting single day trip.

**PALO DURO MOUNTAIN BIKING**

Trip Dates: September 16  
 Registration Deadline: September 12 - \$40.00  
 A very flexible single-day trip for bikers of all skill levels. See the secret scenic side of the South Plains on some thrilling bike trails through canyon country. Palo Duro showcases some of the best mountain biking in the state, so expect a fun-filled day with about 10 fellow mountain biking beginners and enthusiasts!



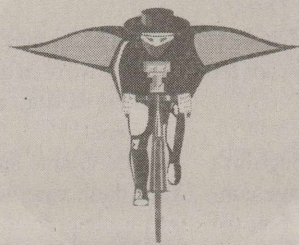
**CAPROCK DAY HIKE**

Trip Date: September 16  
 Registration Deadline: September 12 - \$40.00  
 Experience the historical side of the West Texas high plains on this single-day trip through the home of the Texas state bison herd. A wonderful chance to see some flora and fauna, including the majestic Golden Eagle! The trip will include about four hours of hiking with about fifteen companions, including a nice break for lunch at a scenic viewpoint.

**GUADALUPE CANYONEERING**

Trip Date: September 21 - 23  
 Early Registration Deadline: September 12 - \$1130.00  
 A challenging trip through the rugged Guadalupe Mountains. You and your eight companions will descend over 2500 feet into a canyon system, while learning and practicing advanced outdoor skills like rappelling, scrambling, and tyrolean traverse. Guadalupe canyoneering is a dynamic event for the confident adventurer, sure to create a once-in-a-lifetime wilderness experience.

**Fit/Well**



**REGISTER FOR RAIDER X2 CLASSES TODAY!**

There are still spots available in your favorite Raider X2 classes! From spin to Raider Fit in the Raider Performance Room, you can register in the Fit/Well right now! For more information and for the Raider X2 schedule, go to [bit.ly/raiderx](http://bit.ly/raiderx)

Raider X2 Classes available:  
 Boot Camp, Intro to Triathlon, Belly Dance, Salsa Dance, Jazz Dance, Ballet, Kettlebell, Fitness Instructor Training and Spin.

**NEW! RAIDER PERFORMANCE ROOM!**

We have a new workout room on the lower level at the Rec Center! This room has pull up bars, a heavy rope, squat stations, and jump boxes. Classes are available in the room including TRX Circuit, RaiderFit, and RPR Circuit. And for those that truly want a workout, we have a new class that will prepare you to enter the Navy Seal training program. Sign up in the Fit/Well today!

**GROUP FITNESS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING CLASS - INFO MEETING TONIGHT!**

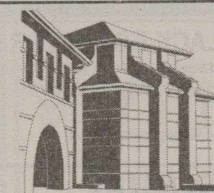
Do you want to be a Group Fitness instructor? Come to the meeting tonight at 5:30pm in room 201 of the Rec Center. This class will teach you the basics of leading a class through warm up, instruction, cool down and everything else you will need to be a great instructor! For more information, please email Johanna at [johanna.valencia@ttu.edu](mailto:johanna.valencia@ttu.edu)

**WELLNESS BLOOD SCREENINGS - SEPTEMBER 13**

Make a commitment to better health. Begin by learning your current blood levels and continue with exercise, better nutrition and stress management. All tests are administered by Covenant Corporate Services. Once blood is drawn, a number of tests can be run. Register by Wednesday, September 12 at noon by calling 806.742.3828. For more information on screenings and pricing, go to: [www.recports.ttu.edu/fitwell/wellnessprograms.php](http://www.recports.ttu.edu/fitwell/wellnessprograms.php).

**START THE YEAR OFF WITH A PERSONAL TRAINER!**

Looking to start the year off right? Check out our personal training program! We will match you with a personal trainer to help you achieve your fitness goals. Starting at \$25 an hour!



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**STUDENT UNION & ACTIVITIES  
 AND  
 TECH ACTIVITIES BOARD**

EVENT CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 5-11



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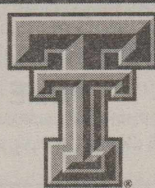
**SEPTEMBER 5-6**

**WEDNESDAY, 9.5.12**  
 TAB FREE MATINEE:  
 THE AVENGERS  
 SUB Escondido Theatre  
 3:30pm

**COSMIC BOWLING**  
 South Plains Lanes  
 5150 69th Street  
 9pm-12am  
 Free w/ TTU Student ID!

**THURSDAY, 9.6.12**  
 AFTER HOURS:  
 OPEN MIC NIGHT  
 Barnes & Noble Cafe  
 7pm  
 Listen to your fellow students sing their hearts out and enjoy some refreshments!

**SEPT. 8**



TEXAS TECH  
 AT  
 TEXAS STATE  
 WRECK 'EM!

**SEPT. 11**

**MR. GATTI'S NIGHT**  
 2001 50th Street  
 6pm-9pm  
 Come out and enjoy free pizza & games!  
 Just bring your TTU Student ID!

**COMING UP:**

**WEDNESDAY, 9.12.12**  
 VOLUNTEER FAIR

**THURSDAY, 9.13.12**  
 TAB SPEAKER SERIES  
 PRESENTS:  
 REED TIMMER  
 As seen on Discovery Channel's Storm Chasers

**WEDNESDAY, 9.18.12**  
 TYE DYE T'S

**STARS & STRIPES DRIVE-IN NIGHT**  
**THURSDAY, 9.20.12**  
 HUB CITY BBQ

**FALL BUILDING HOURS:**  
 Monday - Friday  
 7:00 am - 11:00 pm  
 Saturday  
 8:00 am - 11:00 pm  
 Sunday  
 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm

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**tra-di-tion**  
*v. [truh-dish-uhn]*  
 the handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, customs, information, etc., from generation to generation, especially by word of mouth or by practice.

**COMPLETE FALL 2012 CALENDAR:**  
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**BARNES & NOBLE FALL HOURS:**  
 Monday-Friday  
 7:30am-5:00pm  
 Saturday  
 4 hours prior to home game kickoff; otherwise closed

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