

Meat Judging Team takes first place at latest competition

The Texas Tech Meat Judging Team won first place at the American Royal Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest on Sunday.

This is the team's fifth consecutive time to win the competition in Omaha, Neb.

Out of the 15 universities that competed in the contest, the team finished with a total of 4,074 points. Oklahoma State placed second with 4,019 points.

The win is a "huge accomplishment" compared to the Eastern National Competition two weeks ago in which the team finish seventh, said Mark Miller, faculty coach, Horn professor and San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Chair in Meat Science.

"Students kept working hard and fulfilling their desire to represent Texas Tech well," he said. "Our expectation would be to win the last two contests, which include the national championship."

Individual placements are as follows: Bo Hutto, a junior from Hondo, was awarded high individual; Dan Crownover, a junior from Italy, placed second; Tanner Adams, a junior from Sanger, finished 11th in the alternate division; Heather Rode, a junior from Doss, was awarded high individual; Trevor King, a junior from Winnsboro, placed second; Colton Christian, a junior from Farwell, was third; Valerie Manning, a junior from Mabank, was sixth.

The team spends between 60 and 80 hours practicing the week before competition, Miller said, which includes visits to meat processing plants for additional meat judging practice.

Members judge beef, pork and lamb and evaluate the quality of the meat including leanness and fat content, Miller said.

Team members are eligible to compete for one year, he said, and members for the 2013 team have begun training this fall.

The team is coached by graduate students Collin Corbin and Henry Ruiz, along with Miller.

The team's next competition will be Nov. 4 in Plainview and the national contest will be Nov. 18 in Dakota City, Neb.

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Students act out different forms of oppression

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the different forms

By VICTORIA HOLLOWAY STAFF WRITER

Actors throughout the Student Union Building Ballroom are dramatically reenacting socially unjust scenarios filled with anger and passion.

Tuesday and today, University Student

Housing is hosting the Tunnel of Oppression, which includes monologues and acted-out situations of various forms of oppression such as immigration, homophobia and racism.

of oppression and Every 10 bias that exist here minutes, starting at in the Texas Tech noon Tuesday, groups of six to 20 students were taken through the Ballroom and were exposed to a multitude

the Tunnel of Oppression by leading groups throughout the Ballroom to the different scenes.

"It's a very interactive and powerful set of scenes that are meant to showcase the different forms of oppression and bias that exist here in the Texas Tech and Lubbock community," Grabsch

said. "All of our scenes are based on incident reports, assessments and things that have happened here in Lubbock or at Texas Tech."

Freshman education major, Jasdmere Barnes, a volunteer at the event, said it is to show how people struggle with oppression from a firstperson point of view and how someone can get help for the unjust situations. "Being a

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Tech Advertising Team nominated for Lone Star **Chapter Emmy Award**

By EFRAIN DUARTE STAFF WRITER

The 2011-2012 Texas Tech Advertising Team was nominated for an Emmy in the Lone Star Chapter.

The category the team is nominated for is the College/University Student Production commercial. Nissan was the team's client this names of the commercials. "Lola" year.

The Advertising Team consisted of 20 members who were divided into categories, such as a creative category and production category.

Taylor Shofner, a senior advertising and visual communications major from Lubbock, was a writer, director, editor and producer for the project.

"We started brainstorming last fall over what we wanted our entire campaign concept to be," Shofner said.

The team came up with the concept of "Love What Drives You.'

Rachel Bottlinger, a senior

advertising major from Hamilton, said the concept came from the idea of how people name their cars.

"Car commercials are cliché, we wanted to break away from that," Bottlinger said.

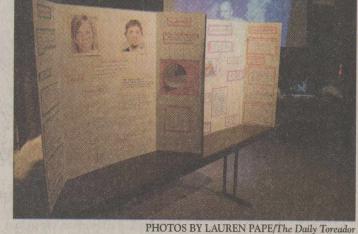
The team came up with two commercials for their district competition in Shreveport, La.

"Lola" and "Sasha" were the depicts Zach Dominguez, a senior advertising and electronic media and communication major from Arlington, with a puppy.

Dominguez begins narrating the commercial with anecdotes about Lola and his love for the dog. It is revealed in the end that Dominguez was talking about a car, named Lola, the whole time and not a dog. The commercial for "Sasha" had the same concept, but had a couple instead of a dog.

Shofner said the commercials were a great way of exploring the concept because they were unique and humorous.

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TOP: AN ACTRESS performs a monologue about rape at the Tunnel of Oppression Tuesday in the Student Union Building. The University Student Housing event allowed students to view scenes, which depict the topics of class, body image, immigration, homophobia, religious oppression, relationship violence, sexism and race. ABOVE: Posters about racism are displayed in front of a screen showing a scene from "Project X" at the Tunnel of Oppression Tuesday.

and Lubbock community.

DUSTIN GRABSCH COORDINATOR **RESIDENCE LIFE**

of scenes addressing social issues. Each group spent about 45 minutes to an hour in the Tunnel of Oppression. The event lasted until 10 p.m. and will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Residence Life Coordinator from Kingwood, Dustin Grabsch, is a member of the Social Justice Education Committee, which is in partnership with University Student Housing for the event. He served in

diverse person, it gives people

an idea of the adversity you go through," Barnes said.

This is the eighth consecutive year the event has been at Tech.

Grabsch said the Tunnel began in the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles and was adapted by universities for their own uses.

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Dance company performs shows, expands membership

By TORI O'HARA STAFF WRITER

Vitality Dance Company is thriving after almost a year of existence.

These dancers may not have sole or pom-poms, but they have ample passion and talent.

Stephanie Casey, a sophomore honors, arts and

letters major from Corpus Christi, started Vitality Dance Company her freshman year.

"I wanted a place where I could express myself,"

Casey said. "I think people being able to express come out," she said. "We are really just a group of girls themselves through dance is beautiful. I wanted to be able to facilitate that for others as well. Though, I never expected Vitality to become so big so fast. We have had a really good turnout for being such a new organization.'

sciences major from Corpus Christi and Vitality's historian, said the members of the dance company work hard to be more than just a dance organization.

"We often see the student organization side of it

who are balancing school, sororities, jobs and other things. Some other dance groups focus so much on practicing that the student organization side is lost.

It's really nice because we don't allow ourselves to not know everyone's names and see each other only Anissa Galvan, a sophomore exercise and sport at practices. We ask if we can study together, we go to bonding nights and we are becoming a close-knit group of girls."

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Correction

In an article on The Daily To- have read there were five elreador's website, "Tech Culture ementary and middle schools Day displays diversity, different present at the event. The DT cultures on campus," should regrets this error.

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PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/The Daily Toreador

PROFESSOR JOYCE ROBINSON and Silvia Escobedo, a freshman apparel design and manufacturing major from Laredo, line directional cloth for a gathered skirt project in a clothing construction class Tuesday inside the Human Sciences building.

Emmy 🔶

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Kyle Parker, a media and communication graduate student from The Woodlands and director of photography, said the age group responded well to the humor. Parker assisted in the production of the commercials.

Shofner said the team's target market was the multicultural Millennial generation.

The team said they conducted focus groups and handed out surveys during the concept stage, before production on the commercial began.

The commercials were taken to a competition in Spring 2012 and received third place.

Shofner said the nomination process of the Emmys begins in the summer. Entries are called for in the summer, industry professionals review the entries, and then nominations occur, Shofner said.

The team was notified of its nomina-



PHOTO BY DAVID VAUGHN/The Daily Toreador

THE 2011-2012 TEXAS Tech Advertising Team was awarded an Emmy Award by the The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Lone Star Emmy Chapter in the College/University Student Production-Commercial

category for their Nissan commercial emphasizing the tagline "Love What Drives You."



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tion at the end of September.

Shofner said even though the Tech Advertising Team had not received an award at its competition in the spring, the Emmy nomination was like a trophy for them.

Beginning with the creative brain-

storming process in September 2011, the comes to things like meeting deadlines. execution of the advertisement process took until March 2012 to finish.

Parker said the team's campaign is like an actual client campaign, when it between the client and the advertise-

The only thing Parker said was different, when it comes to the Tech Advertising Team, was the lack of communication

The 10th annual Lone Star Emmy Awards will be Nov. 10 at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

ment team.

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HSC hosts safe treat for hearing, speech impaired children

By CAROLYN HECK STAFF WRITER

Children in Halloween costumes flocked to the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center to play games, win prizes and go trick-or-treating at the Speech and Hearing Clinic's annual safe treat event Tuesday night.

Mallory McCart, an audiology graduate student and treasurer of the Student Academy of Audiology, was in charge of planning and running the event. The event is a safe, fun opportunity for the clinic's speech, language and hearing patients and their families to celebrate Halloween, she said.

"It just gives them an environment that is safe," McCart said. "We understand hearing loss, we understand speech each room hosted a different game, and language, and so we can kind of provide them with an opportunity to safely trick-or-treat.'

Some of the regular activities on Halloween night might be more difficult for kids with speech or hearing disabilities, she said.

"It just gives them an opportunity because, especially a lot of the hearing impaired kids, they have difficulty saying 'trick or treat," she said, "or pronouncing other words appropriately with their speech. And same with the speech kids."

The event lasted from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and featured different activities and games for the children to do, she said. The halls were decorated with paper

cutouts, streamers and cobwebs, and

she said.

The first activity the children came to was a seatbelt safety talk, in which children are taught the importance of buckling up their seatbelts while they are in the car, said Amanda Rodriguez, an audiology doctoral student from El Paso.

Some of the activities included face painting, ring tosses, pin the tie on the skeleton, limbo, ghost bowling and pumpkin decorating.

"You pretty much get to do the activity and you get a ticket," McCart said, "and then at the end however many tickets you have, you get that many prizes. So it's really more of a rewarding system than a win or lose type thing."

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and cupcakes also were available.

The event was staffed by undergraduate and graduate student volunteers who worked at the clinic, like Rodriguez.

This year was Rodgriguez's third year volunteering, and she said the event has become somewhat of a clinic tradition.

"We see a lot of the same kids and parents that we see in clinic for our parents," she said. "Every year it gets bigger and bigger."

Not only do the volunteers hope to make it a safe place, Rodriguez said, but also a comfortable and familiar place for the children.

"The whole point is that it's a familiar place for the kids to come trickor-treat at," she said. "A lot of these kids have disabilities, whether it's speech impediments or hearing loss, so it's easier for them to be in a facility they know, and they know all the same people, they know all the same therapists."

The safe treat is just as fun for the volunteers as the children, Rodriguez said.

"I've been here for three years, and I think it's absolutely great," she said. "I really like to see the kids dressed up, and it's kind of a fun time for all the student faculty to dress up and get to know each other on a kind of off-work basis."

Kathleen Burrell and her daughter Harper, a patient at the clinic, said they had been to the event before.

"We came last year," Burrell said, "and she really loved it last year, so we came back this year."

One of the things Burrell said she likes most about the event is that it is for her daughter.

They really enjoy it," she said, "and there's lots of activities and it's safe."

Whether it is the candy, the games, or the fun of dressing up, Burrell said they are definitely coming back next vear.

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Students start up food-delivery service

By VICTORIA HOLLOWAY STAFF WRITER

A new business has created a simple way for customers to get food from any restaurant in the city without having to leave the order, your name, payment type house.

Butlers Lubbock is a service that delivers food from any restaurant in Lubbock. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Friday and Sat-

urday. Richard Obi, senior fashion retail major from Canyon, is the founder and owner of the business.

"I came up with the concept when I had one of those days where I woke up and just didn't want to get out of my bed, but was really hungry for Chipotle," Obi said.

To get his business up and running, he said he contacted the

get together a business plan.

"I started talking to other people and asking them, 'Am I the only one who actually wants some food delivered?"" Obi said. "From the feedback that I had gotten, it seemed like a lot of people would actually enjoy something like that."

Obi said the name of the business came from the idea of a butler being applied to his food delivery service.

"When you think of a butler,

to do whatever you want," Obi said. "You tell them to go fetch this, and they do it.'

The service works by texting the name of the restaurant, exact and the address to be delivered to, Obi said.

"We'll text you back and confirm the order and order amount, and then we go pick the food up Thursday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and deliver it to you. You pay when

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> **RICHARD OBI** FOUNDER/OWNER BUTLERS LUBBOCK

Dallas El-Student Business Association to kins and his roommate, Alec Costilla met Obi at a party earlier this year, and he introduced them to the idea of Butlers Lubbock.

'We were all for it," Elkins said. "We liked the idea and the business plan behind it, so we signed on and kind of rolled with it from there. I think the business is great especially because there's not too many business like this."

Elkins and Costilla are partowners of the business.

He said the business is going to thrive because there is a need for

you think of someone being able it among busy college students and working professionals.

"We're trying to take and make it more simple for people to order food," Elkins said.

One of its customers, junior business marketing major from Mesquite, Dan Burcham, heard about Butlers Lubbock from wordof-mouth.

"I use the service because I don't have to leave my house to get food or get pizza and Chinese food all the time," Burcham said.

He said they usually deliver within 20 to 25 minutes, but over the weekend it took about 45 minutes.

"The only improvement I would make is faster delivery service," Burcham said.

Obi said the team is working on getting an app for the service to make taking orders easier and more efficient.

"If we have an app you can edit your order instead of texting back and forth about it," Obi said.

He said currently the business is trying to break even because the business is just starting up, and there are expenses for fuel.

"Right now we pay ourselves with Pop-Tarts and Ramen noodles," Obi said.

Family members are investing into the company right now, Obi said.

He said in the future, he is hoping to expand the business idea to other markets in West Texas and bordering states.

"Time is crucial with people going to school and in the work force," Obi said. "Our service allows them to save time and get what they want when they want it, instead of settling for something else."

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ALEC COSTILLO, A freshman exercise and sports sciences major from Austin, is the vice president of logistics of Butlers Lubbock, a company that delivers food from restaurants that do not offer a delivery service.

Dillards South Plains Mall

she first got to college.

"Vitality really helped me get back into the dancing mindset," Stephenson said. "Vitality is a great organization for people who

have danced before and who want

Dance + CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 Galvan was one of the first girls

Stiler said. "We give them helpful critiques, and we ask if they want their dance to be considered to be in the show. Some girls do not have enough faith in themselves,

sets the standards, she said. Currently, Vitality has members who major in anything from

to audition for Vitality.

"I was really nervous," she said. "I really wanted to make it. It was pretty organized for a new group. We came in, got our numbers and filled out a basic information form. There was a group warm-up, across the floors, basic kicks, turns and leaps. They taught us a small dance, which we performed in groups of about three to four girls."

Casey said Vitality will have its first stand-alone show at 6 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Creative Movement Studio near Holden Hall. They will perform 10 pieces total, which have all been choreographed by the members of the dance company.

Vitality's vice president, Alexandra Stiler, a junior multidisciplinary studies from Austin, said they expect all of the members to choreograph a dance for the show.

"We understand that not everyone is an expert at choreography,"

though. Some girls come up with really great pieces and think that they have no talent at all."

Stiler said among practicing basic skills, such as right and left double pirouettes, kicks, leaps and calypsos, the dancers need to be confident when trying out for Vitality.

The tentative date for spring auditions is Jan. 26. Stiler said unlike last year, there will only be one tryout time.

"Last year we had three different audition times because people really wanted to try out, but couldn't make the first time," she said. "That was really crazy and way too hectic."

Vitality is open to all Texas Tech students who have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, preferably with some type of dance background, Casey said. The group sets the tone for the auditions, and cuts are made depending on how high the group

studio dancers or have been on a drill or dance team. And although the group is currently all women, men are welcome and are encouraged to try out, said Casey.

dance to exercise and sport sciences. Some members have been

For those who are worried about joining Vitality because it might be hard to balance with school, Galvan said Vitality is an easy organization to fit into any schedule.

This group is for someone who is a busy student working toward a degree and who is also a dancer," she said. "There's not too much practice with there only being practices on Tuesdays changing. My biggest goal for Viand Saturdays, and Vitality isn't a needy organization. We look at everyone's schedules and determine what times and dates work best with everyone. We do not have outrageously expensive dues."

Elizabeth Stephenson, a prenursing major from Carrollton, said she had stopped dancing when

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nel of all these different experiences, but at the end there's the Hall of

Hope," Killpack said.

Tunnel.

to continue or get back into dancing in college, but don't want it to be their whole life. We are all working towards something, and Vitality is there for us to continue dancing, not to take away from our work."

Casey said even though Vitality has only been an organization for about a year, it has already grown.

"People are starting to hear about us more, either from wordof-mouth or from fliers," She said. "We are learning from our mistakes, and we are constantly tality is for it to continue thriving even when I am no longer here. I think that would be the best footprint to leave here at Tech, an organization where people can come together and express themselves around people who truly understand them.' >>>vohara@dailytoreador.com

pick up that relate to the issues presented in the Tunnel, Grabsch said. "When you are there, it feels like "It's like the light at the end of

the tunnel," Killpack said. "People can see even though there's all this bad stuff that happens, there is something you can do about it." >>>vholloway@dailytoreador.com

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"In the past we've had different renditions of it," he said, "but this year we're going back to the grassroots (Museum of Tolerance) model."

An actor in the Tunnel of Oppression, Dustin Killpack, a higher education and administration graduate student from Logan, Iowa, said he did a scene regarding racism.

"In my scene, a student returned to her door, and someone had (written) the word 'chink' on her doormat," Killpack said. "I displayed right off the get-go that I was really angry, trying to figure out who did this and

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Friends of the Library that anger phase into the attitude of, 'This has happened multiple times. It isn't funny anymore. We're done with discrimination and being called that word."" He said he did not know what to

why they did it. It switches from

expect the first time he walked into the ballroom.

"There's a lot of anger within the people who are displaying the scenes," Killpack said. "Once it starts, you just get quiet. You get really involved in the scene and the characters that are there. You start to feel what they feel just because there is so much raw emotion."

He said the name of the event does not mean anything to people until after they go through the

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Presidential debate reveals intolerance in society

respect and love.

After coming home to watch the third and final Presidential Debate, I was fully prepared to analyze body language, imaginary policies and binders of women. I was ready to discuss how President Obama speaks with his hands and looks at the governor with a sometimesunbelieving smile. I was ready to discuss Governor Romney's untrustworthy smirk and stories that don't add up. My focus completely changed, however, when I logged on to Twitter.

"Obama... your a porch monkey who wasn't even born in this country. Your sole purpose is to benefit the other low life's that don't deserve it.'

"Obama looks like a monkey. He belongs in a zoo!"

"Obama is just your regular porch monkey."

Of course, Obama was not the only one to be attacked.



I'm sure most of us have seen the constantly reposted picture of someone listing why they are voting for Obama and not Romney. The notorious picture gained fame when TMZ stated the rapper Snoop Dogg posted it on his Instagram.

The reasons against Mitt include: "He a white nigga," and "He's a Mormon, but he ain't got no hoes." The reasons for Obama include: "He a black nigga," and "that nigga look like he can fight."

One of my peers tweeted a few weeks back that when he sees ignorant comments in support of President Obama, he is disappointed. I can wholeheartedly say that the girl was wearing an munity. Doesn't this sound good? criminate — to think socially that I agree with this statement. Obama T-shirt, and law enforce-The ignorance and disrespect come in droves from both sides. I do not believe that this is the To me, the real issue is that a type of sup-

port our president hopes

for. Sunday night in Winnsboro, La., a 20-year -old woman was attacked and set on fire by three men in white

> hoodies. The news went viral Monday night, retweeted and shared on social networks, saying, "Black female burned in Winnsboro, La. for wearing Obama T-shirt by three Ku Klux Klan members."

> The mother of the young woman has denied the rumors

ment officials are unsure whether or not the men were white. hate crime of

this sort is still possible. We must not fight What does that say about ignorance with more us and about ignorance. We fight general? it with knowledge, Excuse me,

but I thought the year was 2012. Purportedly, the world should

Inequality of two-party system starts with debates

be ending soon. Ours is a country that prides itself on being the proverbial "melting pot." We are gradually trying to accept the homosexual community. We have accepted the Italians, Irish, Hispanics, African-Americans and

Yes, equal rights sound great,

but superior rights do not. Are we only tolerant of accepting these minority groups into our communities as long as they do not have too much power? I've heard so often that if Obama were fully black, he would not have been elected.

Would an openly homosexual humanity in candidate be elected? Would a woman be elected (even though we nearly saw this in 2008)? What about Hispanics or Italians? The moral of this story is this: As accepting as we would like to seem, we are not a truly evolved people. Even being an African-American woman, I am guilty of this myself. Call me cynical, but I do not believe we truly and fully accept all people in this country.

In spite of my pessimistic views, we must not lose sight other minorities into our com- of ourselves. It is so easy to dis-

unacceptable thoughts. But we must remember that at the end of the day, we are all humans. We may not agree with each other's lifestyles or political views, but this does not give us the right to verbally eviscerate one another.

Slandering Governor Romney because he is white and Mormon, or President Obama because he is black and Christian, solves nothing. Evil begets evil. We must not fight ignorance with more ignorance. We must fight it with knowledge, respect and love.

So no matter who you support, I urge you to not forget your integrity in this election. The circle of violence and hate is never-ending. Once we enter, it is nearly impossible to exit.

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People should think before getting tattoo

By IRENE DRAGE OSU DAILY BAROMETER (OREGON STATE U.)

Back when I was a freshman -long ago, at a university far, far away - I got the only tattoo I've ever regretted. Breaking up with a tattoo is harder, and more expensive, than dumping a live-in significant other. Your options are basically either a cover-up tattoo or laser removal — or some combination of both.

I'm not arguing against tattoos; that would be astoundingly hypocritical of me. I'm not covered, but I have a few, one of which is a sleeve - incidentally, one covering the

To get your perfect design, you need to collaborate with your artist. Tell them what you want and bring them reference pictures, and they'll

sketch up something for you. Tell them what you do and don't like about that sketch, and they'll draw you up another one. Repeat the process until there's nothing you don't like about the design. Don't settle on this. Remember: the rest of your life.

The process of working with the artist in designing your ink is also Your best bet is not getting a tattoo a good way to make sure you don't you're going to regret in the first placevir annoy the crap out of each other. You're going to be trapped under their needle for what might be hours; being able to tolerate each other will be a good thing.

> Please don't just pick the nearest tattoo parlor and the artist who's free

By IAN TIMBERLAKE IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein and vice presidential candidate Cheri Honkala were arrested Oct. 16, the night of the second presidential debate.

Complying peacefully, they were charged with disorderly conduct after they were refused entry into Hofstra U., the location of the debate.

Stein and Honkala are the predominate Green Party candidates who show up on 85 percent of the nation's ballot, including Iowa. After the Commission on Presidential Debates disallowed them from participating in the events, Stein and Honkala protested by sitting outside the debate hall with an American flag, surrounded by police officers preventing them from entering the facility.

Jailed for more than eight hours,

behavior, especially as a presidential candidate, was of slightly too high intensity. Fair enough. That same kind of pacifistic mentality strips everything it means to be a democracy. I would like to note that when Stein debated Romney in Massachusetts in 2002, the Boston Globe claimed "[Stein] was the only adult in the room"

Larry King has decided to be a moderator for a live-stream debate in Chicago for minor-party presidential candidates at 7 p.m. CT this Tuesday on Ora.tv/ora2012/thirdparty. The debate includes: Libertarian Party, Gary Johnson; Green Party, Jill Stein; Constitution Party, Virgil Goode; Justice Party, Rocky Anderson

Larry King made it clear none of them will win, going on to say: "They have a story to tell. It's a valid story. It's a two-party system, but not a two-party system by law." The presidential elections you've seen televised since 1987 are formed and run by the Democratic Party and Republican Party. The commission is technically "nonprofit," but the money comes from contributions of various foundations and corporations. And when a corporation has money flow and is under the control of the Republican and Democratic national committees, it becomes quite apparent nobody is going to devote attention or resources to a third party of any kind. In 2000, Ralph Nader filed a

lawsuit against the Commission on Presidential Debates, which cited a monetary favor to the Republican and Democratic national committees and stated that was against the Federal Election Campaign Act. He lost the lawsuit on the basis he failed to provide enough evidence the commission was favoring or denying any party.

presidential debate.

In 2008, the Center for Public Integrity found 93 percent of commission's money came from just six donors, all of which were kept secret.

Just a month ago, Libertarian Party presidential candidate Gary Johnson filed a lawsuit against the Commission on Presidential Debates for denying competition by the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, a century old act that denies business from restraining competition in the market. Johnson asked the court to put a hold on all presidential debates until the lawsuit was completed or until all presidential candidates were allowed debate time by the commission and had the 270 electoral votes to win an election. That request was denied.

Do you notice a trend here? Two active presidential candidates and three former presidential candidates in recent times have all protested both formally and informally for the right to a fair election process, and all have lost and/or been arrested. Regardless of what the court finds in Johnson's lawsuit and regardless of the likelihood of a third party getting elected, all parties that have a spot on an American presidential ballot should have the right to an equal and fair election process — what is this, a democracy?

aforementioned regretted tattoo. If you want a tattoo, go for it.

Before you do, though, don't just choose a design because it's pretty or trendy. This ink is going to be with you for the rest of your life. Let me repeat that so it sinks in: the rest of your life — there's a lot of dude-bros out there regretting their tribal armbands 10 years later. If you're going into this planning to have the tattoo removed at a later date, you should save some money and go get a temporary transfer from the quarter machines or just draw on yourself with a Sharpie.

Also, keep in mind that you're in college, presumably to earn a degree to qualify for a specific career. In other words, if you want to teach fifth graders, don't get a neck tattoo.

Your design should do more than look totally awesome — though it should obviously do that as well. It needs to mean something. It doesn't need to mark an epiphany, but it should mean more to you than just your first tattoo. And for goodness' sake, don't get your significant other's name tattooed on your body. Just, no. In all my years as a tattoo junkie I have never met anyone with their special someone's name on them who was still with that special someone. A rule of thumb for names is: they should only be your children's or a dead person's.

when you wander in off the street. Shop around. The artists will have portfolios of their work on display in their shop. Leaf through their books until you find someone whose style speaks to you, amazes you and makes you want to look at it every day for the rest of your life. This is a big decision. My artist is three hours away, because what she does with color is amazing. For me, that's worth the drive.

Tattoos hurt. Anyone who told you otherwise was either lying or drunk. A reputable artist will never tattoo anyone they know to be under the influence, and not only because they'll lose their license. If it's not worth the pain, don't get a tattoo; it's as simple as that. If you absolutely have to look like a d-bag, try the transfers and Sharpie route, or I hear they have fabric "tattoo sleeves" at Spencer's. Keep in mind that anywhere the skin is thin, or the bones are close to the surface, is gonna hurt like a mother. I don't recommend one of those areas for your first, but I'm not the boss of you, so do what you want.

If you have any questions, ask your artist! They're your number one resource — utilize them.

If after reading this you still get an ironic — or stupid — tattoo, your pain when it's getting lasered off or covered up will be my sweet, sweet revenge.

the candidate's campaign manager Ben Manski said: "The arrest was outrageous and shouldn't be tolerated in a country that is a leading proponent of democracy. ... They knew that there was the possibility that they would be arrested. Their intention was to enter the premises and bear witness to the mockery of democracy that is tonight's debate." Many might argue that Stein's

debate is organized by the Free and Equal Elections Foundation.

To go back to Manski's remark about "mockery of democracy," there seems to be a very legal but very shady way our debates are organized. Here's a not so well known secret: The Commission on Presidential Debates is actually a private corporation.

You heard that right. All the

The commission has drawn outlash over the years, leading to protests at its headquarters and demanding of contact information being posted on its website. The list of allegations is endless.

In 2004, Green Party candidate David Cobb and Libertarian candidate Michael Badnarik were arrested for civil disobedience after ignoring the police request to not enter the

U.S. should engage in more collaborative foreign policy

By THE ORACLE EDITORIAL BOARD

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While former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama squabbled over Libyan diplomacy and the U.S.'s presence in Syria, the premise of their arguments were off base.

As Romney spoke of the U.S. purpose in making "the world more peaceful," and Obama spoke of "spreading our values," both alluded to concepts of American diplomacy rooted in the zenith of the nation's Golden Age.

While the U.S. is still largely considered the most powerful leader of the free world and does have a responsibility as a member

of the global community to further peace and stability, the candidates seemed oblivious of the U.S. bearing in light of the economic recession that has plagued the nation in recent years.

The primary focus of the candidates' thoughts in terms of international policy placed the U.S. as the standard-setter for international nation building, bringing "gender equality" and "civility" to the lump sum region of the Middle East and alluding to setting up puppet leaders in place of leaders deemed in opposition of U.S. values and democracy.

But gender equality remains an issue in the contiguous 50 states, with women earning between 55 cents and 87 cents per dollar that

men earn, according to Slate. These issues must be addressed at home as well as abroad, and cannot be handled with credibility outside the U.S. until the standards in our own country are upped.

As Romney spoke of Russia and Obama expressed support for Israel, a point of hot-cold contention for him, the candidates / money. Showing respect to our did acknowledge the need for nation-building in the U.S. But they failed to address the weaknesses within the U.S. that they were quick to point out overseas.

While these values may have been ones all followed while the U.S. was at the peak of its economic height, it is no longer so, and building ties with countries

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and governments around the world and proving American credibility should be prioritized by each candidate as opposed to finding ways to expand the nation's overseas defense presence.

As countries like China gain stronger economic footholds, the global power that is attached to diplomacy values will follow the foreign allies and working in partnerships with them will go further than imposing our beliefs and values upon them and attempting to help create "civil societies."

For the U.S. to maintain its status, it must focus on building credible, lasting and peaceful partnerships with allies rather than imposing values onothers.

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WOMEN'S RUGBY

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TENNIS CLUB Tennis Club won the USTA West **Regional Tournament**

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL Women's Club Volleyball won the Texas State Tournament

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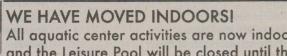
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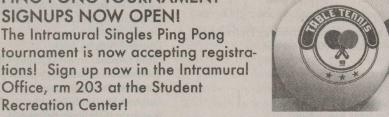


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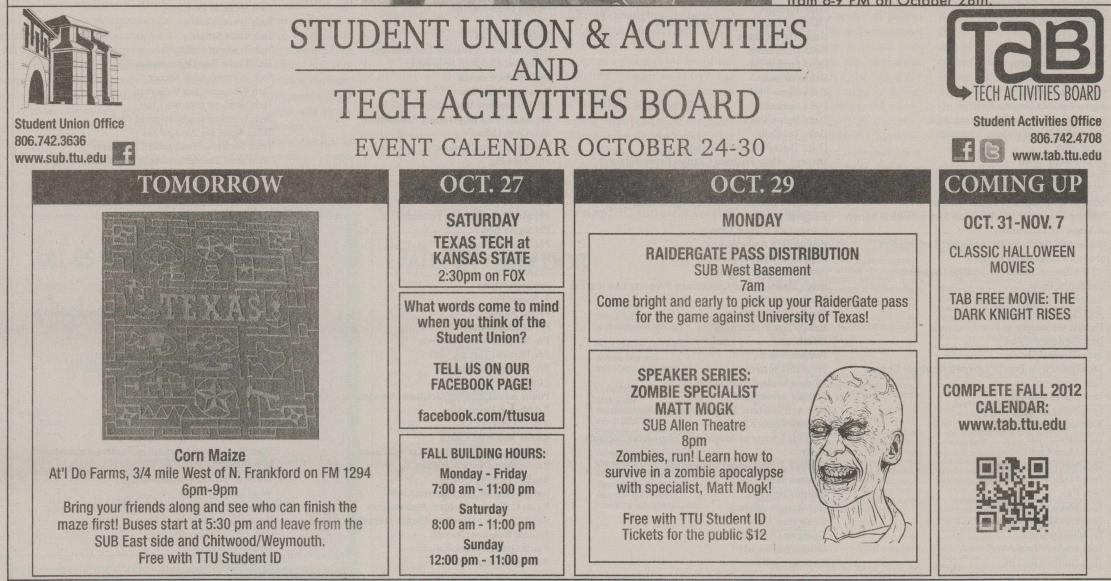
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SPORTS

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Golfer sets high expectations By MEGAN KETTERER that put her in 14th place with a com³ she said, and her game has been improv³ rest of the team, Robertson said. Texans enter by eas

By MEGAN KETTERER STAFF WRITER

September's Big 12 Women's Golfer of the Month Kim Kaufman has big goals ahead of her this golf season: The Texas Tech senior wants to win a college tournament.

Kaufman has come close to reaching her dream this season. The Clark, S.D. native completed her first tournament course, the Ptarmigan Ram Classic in Fort Collins, Colo., with a three-round combined score of 211, allowing her to place second.

She followed with a performance

that put her in 14th place with a com- she said, and her game has been improvbined score of 221 at the Windy City Collegiate Championship in Golf, Ill. At the Susie Maxwell Berning Classic in Norman, Okla., Kaufman was able to break through the top five scores with a combined score of 216.

"I think definitely — individually - I am still trying to get my first win," Kaufman said. "I have a lot of runner-ups, and this is my last year to try."

Kaufman said playing golf has been a lifelong hobby. She began her golf career at the age of 4 and started taking lessons when she was 6, she said.

She has played well so far this season,

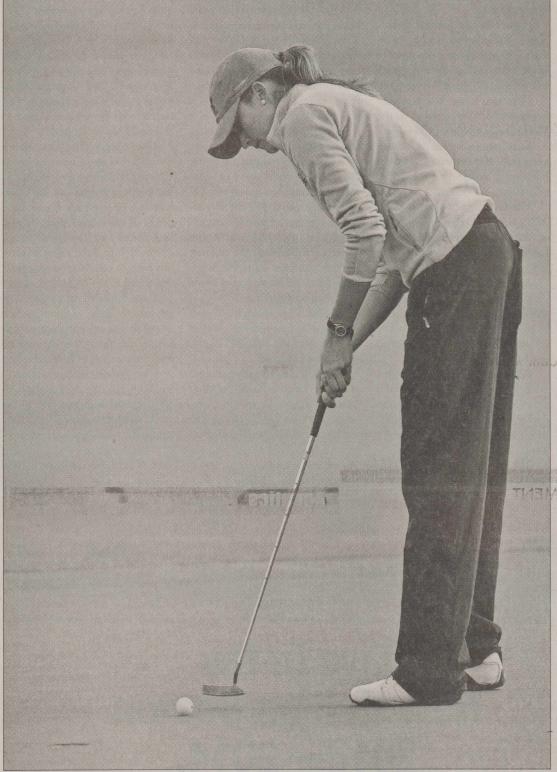
ing since the beginning of the season.

Tech women's golf coach, JoJo Robertson, said Kaufman has hoped for a better performance in the previous tournaments, but Kaufman knows where she needs to improve.

She has been a great team player for four years, Robertson said, and has improved since she began her collegiate career.

"She's a good leader," Robertson said. "She's a hard worker, she's a great student. She's everything a coach could ask for." Kaufman's accomplishments, goals

and work ethic set a good example for the



Kaufman said golf is a mental game and she is trying to be more relaxed this year. She said she has to remind herself to go with the flow and to stay calm during tournaments.

"My focus is to take one shot at a time, which is kind of a cliché in golf, but when you really do that, you can do really well," she said. "I'm trying to be a little more relaxed this year, which is kind of weird for me. It's been a good thing though."

The golf team can rely on Kaufman to finish each tournament with a good score that will help the team, Robertson said.

"She's been our steadiest player and our top player in every tournament," she said. "She leads the team. She's just picking up where she left off last year." Kaufman was named a 2012 All-

American and has a career average of 74.3 a tournament.

"For me, going to nationals last year was a huge deal, and winning eighth there and then receiving the All-American award was exciting. I wasn't expecting that at all," Kaufman said. "To go there and play really well is by far the highlight of my career so far."

A surprise she was not expecting was receiving the Academic All-Big 12 first team honor, but was equally rewarding Kaufman said.

She believes the team has talent and can succeed in tournaments, she said.

"We have high expectations," Kaufman said, "but I think we can definitely go to nationals this year."

Once Kaufman nabs her first tournament victory, she will be hard to stop, Robertson said.

Robertson said she is looking forward to see how far Kaufman will excel in this year's tournaments. She has improved physically and mentally, she said.

"She's learned how to be mentally stronger, more patient and to slow down a little bit," she said. "Kim likes every-Athing to happen in order, and as she's found out with golf, you don't always know what you're going to get. She's learning how to manage all of that, and she's so steady and so consistent. I think that is probably the best part of

The best thing she can do, Robertson

The four-year coach for the Tech

"We've been through a lot of good things together," Roberston said. "She helped get the program to where (it is)."

Kaufman and the women's golf team

are preparing for the Landfall Tradition

said, is to use this tournament season as

a stepping stone for a professional golf

women's golf program said her first year

as head coach was Kaufman's first year as

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HOUSTON (AP) — The Texans needed a win over Baltimore to enter their bye with the AFC's best record.

The lopsided victory gave them that, and clearly separated them from the second-place Ravens and the rest of the conference.

Still, the Texans (6-1) know they can't be too impressed with what they've accomplished so far.

"You can't look at the big picture because when you get too far ahead of yourself, that's when bad things happen," Andre Johnson said.

But with a dominant defense allowing the second fewest points in the AFC coupled with the secondhighest scoring offense in the conference, they've become the team to beat in the AFC.

Aside from Houston and Baltimore, New England (4-3) is the only AFC team with more than three wins. Houston will get a shot at the Patriots on Dec. 10.

The Texans are well on their way to winning a second-straight AFC South title with a three-game lead over second-place Indianapolis (3-3).

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Giants on to World Series with 9-0 win over Cards

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco's players, soaked to the core in a driving rain, began running around the field slapping high-fives with fans. Sergio Romo danced through the raindrops and Angel Pagan waved a black Giants flag as he ran, then stayed outside with his daughter well after everyone else had taken the celebration indoors to the clubhouse.

The World Series is back in the Bay Area — two years after the Giants won their first championship in San Francisco.

"We showed up here to win," Pagan said. "And we're going to carry that over into the World Series."

The Giants got there with another improbable comeback, stunning the defending champion St. Louis Cardinals with a 9-0 victory in Game 7 of the NL championship series after falling behind 3-1 at Busch Stadium.

Hunter Pence got the Giants going with a weird double, Matt Cain pitched his second clincher of October and San Francisco rode Marco Scutaro's steady bat yet again.

"The rain never felt so good," Scutaro said. "We're going to the World Series, this is unbelievable."

San Francisco won its recordtying sixth elimination game of the postseason, completing a lopsided rally from a 3-1 deficit.

The Giants, who won it all in 2010, will host reigning AL MVP and Cy Young winner Justin Verlander, Triple Crown slugger Miguel Cabrera and the Detroit Tigers in Game 1 on Wednesday night.

Verlander is set to pitch Wednesday's opener at AT&T Park. Giants manager Bruce Bochy insisted before Monday's game he had not planned any further in advance.

Scutaro, the NLCS MVP, produced his sixth multihit game of the series and matched an LCS record with 14 hits, and Pablo Sandoval drove in a run for his fifth straight game

The Giants outscored the wildcard Cardinals 20-1 over the final pitching from Barry Zito, Ryan Vogelsong and Cain.

"It's unbelievable, what else can you say?" Vogelsong said. "Just when you say we're down, we stand up again."

They also benefited from some strange bounces.

On Pence's double that highlighted a five-run third, his bat broke at the label on impact, then the broken barrel hit the ball twice more. That put a rolling, slicing spin on the ball and caused it to change directions — leaving shortstop Pete Kozma little chance to make the play. Kozma broke to his right, figuring that's where the ball would go, but it instead curved to left-center.

"It was going to go in the hole and it ended up going up the middle." Kozma said.

Injured closer Brian Wilson, with that out-of-control bushy black beard, danced in the dugout and fans in the sellout crowd of 43,056 kept twirling their orange rally towels even through rain in the late innings - a downright downpour when Romo retired Matt Holliday on a popup to Scutaro to end it.

Scutaro just told himself to make sure he caught the ball.

Romo embraced catcher Buster Posey as fireworks went off over McCovey Cove beyond right field.

"It's just very fitting the way everything has gone for us this season," Romo said of ending in the rain. "The ups and downs, the injuries, the personal issues, whatever. What a ride for us all. It's very, very fitting that it rained right there."

The NL West champion Giants won their first postseason clincher at home since the 2002 NLCS, also against the Cardinals.

These 2012 Giants have a couple of pretty talented castoffs of their own not so different from that winning combination of 2010 "castoffs and misfits" as Bochy referred to his bunch — with Scutaro right there at the top of the list this time around. Acquired July 27 from the divi- they got it done.'

three games behind stellar starting sion rival Colorado Rockies, Scutaro hit .500 (14 for 28) with four RBIs in the NLCS. The 36-year-old journeyman infielder, playing in his second postseason and first since 2006 with Oakland, became the first player in major league history with six multihit games in an LCS.

> Now, he's headed to his first World Series.

The Giants have All-Star game MVP Melky Cabrera to thank for helping his teammates secure homefield advantage in the postseason ---while Cain was the winning pitcher the National League's 8-0 victory in July. Cabrera was suspended 50 games Aug. 15 for a positive testosterone test, then wasn't added to the roster by the Giants after his suspension ended.

After rain fell on the Cardinals during batting practice, the skies turned blue and the weather cooperated. Anxious players on both sides hung over the dugout rails as the game began.

Cain joined St. Louis' Chris Carpenter as the only pitchers with victories in two winner-take-all games in the same postseason. Carpenter, who lost Games 2 and 6 in this series, did it last year.

Cain also pitched the Giants' Game 5 division series clincher at Cincinnati, when San Francisco became the first team in major league history to come back from an 0-2 deficit in a five-game series by winning three consecutive road games.

"I think to do it, the guys actually have to believe it can happen," Posey said.

Cain delivered on an even bigger stage Monday as San Francisco saved its season once again. The Giants won their 20th NL pennant and reached their 19th World Series.

Cain walked off the mound to a standing ovation when Jeremy Affeldt entered with two outs in the sixth. Affeldt then got Daniel Descalso to pop out with two runners on.

"These guys never quit," Bochy said. "They just kept believing and



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