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Perry wants more federal payments over hurricane

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry says Hurricane Ike caused \$11 billion in damage to Texas and he wants the feds to extend some 100-percent recovery payments.

Perry on Tuesday announced he's asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to extend, for 18 months, its full payment of Ike emergency protective measures and debris removal costs.

Full federal payment is set to end Oct. 27.

In some disasters, FEMA pays 75 percent reimbursement and the remainder comes from local jurisdictions.

NATION

Fed to buy commercial paper from funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve announced Tuesday that it will start buying commercial paper — a crucial short-term funding mechanism many companies rely on for day-to-day operations — from money market mutual funds.

It is the latest effort by the central bank to break through a credit clog that has hobbled lending and threatens to plunge the country into a deep and painful recession.

WORLD

China releases terror blacklist in Olympic plot

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese police called Tuesday for the extradition of eight alleged separatists accused of plotting a campaign of terror to coincide with the Beijing Olympics — a scheme that reportedly included bomb attacks within China and in unspecified countries in the Middle East and South Asia.

A Public Security Ministry spokesman said the eight men, all Chinese citizens, were believed to have financed, incited and organized attacks during and around the Aug. 8-24 games as part of an ongoing insurgency against Chinese rule in the traditionally Muslim west.

Wu Heping told reporters at a news briefing that the men were members of the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, a murky collection of extremists believed to be based across the border in lawless areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

DEATH TOLL

4186

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Iraqi Cabinet says US pact needs change

By ROBERT H. REID
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's Cabinet decided Tuesday to ask the U.S. for changes to the draft agreement that would keep American troops here three more years, as key Shiite lawmakers warned the deal stands little chance of approval as it stands.

The decision, reached in a closed-door meeting that lasted nearly six hours, raised doubt that the agreement can be ratified before a new American

president is elected next month.

Parliament must approve the draft before the current U.N. mandate expires on Dec. 31 or no legal basis will exist for the U.S.-led military mission.

Such an outcome would force hard decisions in Baghdad and Washington on the future of the unpopular war.

Critics maintain the draft falls short of Iraqi demands for full control of their own country after nearly six years of U.S. occupation. Supporters insist Iraq still needs U.S. military

and political support as it builds its security forces and governmental institutions.

Opposition, however, is divided, with different parties objecting to different parts of the agreement, which could make it difficult to win broad support for the entire document before the year end deadline.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and his ministers reviewed details of the draft, hammered out in months of tortuous negotiations, and concluded that changes were needed "to raise the

agreement to a nationally acceptable level," government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said in a statement.

Cabinet members will prepare a list of proposed changes to present to the Americans, al-Dabbagh said without giving a timeframe.

Government officials said al-Maliki wanted the proposed changes submitted Wednesday so the full Cabinet could consider them Sunday. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not supposed to release the information.

The officials said the ministers of planning, defense and interior — which rely heavily on U.S. support — agreed to accept the draft without any changes. Others in the 37-member Cabinet raised various objections to the draft.

There was no immediate comment from the U.S. Embassy and no indication whether the U.S. would agree to further changes. Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said last Saturday that it would be difficult to reopen the negotiations.



hearing impaired

Study: Loud headphones may lead to long-term hearing loss

BY TINA L. ARONS
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Listening to an MP3 player may be a great way to tune out the world, but listening to it too loudly could cause permanent damage.

A study released last week by the European Union's Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks found that those who listen to personal music players for five hours per week at high-volumes put their hearing in jeopardy.

"It's a real concern in the ear, nose and throat industry, because we're afraid we're going to see more hearing loss," said Dr. John Marchbanks, an ear, nose and throat specialist at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's Division of Otolaryngology.

The study estimated that 50 million to 100 million people in 27 European countries listen to portable music players daily, and approximately 5 to 10 percent of those listeners — between 2.5 million and 10 million people — risk permanent hearing loss because they listen to music at high volumes for more than an hour per day each week.

According to the PEW Internet & American Life Project, more than 22 million Americans owned personal music players in 2005.

At 10 percent, that would mean 2.2 million Americans could face the same permanent loss of hearing.

Ignacio Ramirez, a sociology professor at Tech, said

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ACCORDING TO THE STUDY

Between 184 million and 426 million portable audio devices were sold between 2005 and 2007 in the European Union.

The number of mobile phones sold reach a similar number.

The levels of exposure to sounds from personal music players range from 80 to 115 decibels.

The difference in earphone type and insertion depth may increase that level.

Average weekly exposure to music ranges from less than one to 14 hours and is typically longer for men than women.

Most personal music player users are adolescents and children.

Twelve studies found some association between increased blood pressure and noise-induced hearing loss.

Nearly 20 studies have found indications that chronic noise exposure causes delayed reading acquisition in children.

Children frequently exposed to noise are less motivated when placed in situations where achievement depend on persistence.

Source: EU Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

Alcohol PAC claims success in petition drive, raising funds

By MIKE GRAHAM
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The political action committee interested in having an election to expand alcohol sales in Lubbock County is trying to raise more than \$100,000 to pay a firm hired to gather more than 18,000 signatures for the PAC's petitions.

Let Lubbock Vote believes it accomplished its objective last week of obtaining 18,747 official signatures on its two petitions concerning the expansion of alcohol sales, allowing them to become propositions on the county's May 2009 ballot.

Approximately 23,000 unverified-unofficial signatures were gathered on each petition, respectively, less than two weeks after the petition drives' 60-day time windows simultaneously began, said Eddie McBride, a staff supporter of Let Lubbock Vote and President of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

"We were pleasantly surprised at the speed and accuracy of our petition drive," he said. "We're extremely pleased people came out to sign the petitions and will

allow Lubbock County to vote on alcohol sales."

McBride said two separate petitions to allow alcohol to be sold county-wide and to allow mixed alcoholic beverages at restaurants in Lubbock gained enough signatures to become propositions if county election officials verify that 18,747 registered Lubbock County voters signed the petitions.

If the petitions officially pass, he said they will become propositions on the May 2009 ballot. A simple majority of voters will need to vote in favor of the two propositions before they are enacted.

McBride said Let Lubbock Vote has not submitted the petitions to the county yet and will not until Texas Petition Strategies, the firm in charge of the petitions' distribution, can confirm there are enough valid signatures on the petitions.

Let Lubbock Vote will raise funds through the end of November, he said, to pay Texas Petition Strategies for their petition efforts before shutting down operations.

McBride declined to comment on PETITION continued on page 2

Early numbers reinforce projections of record voter turnout nationwide

By MATT COBB & MATT MCGOWAN
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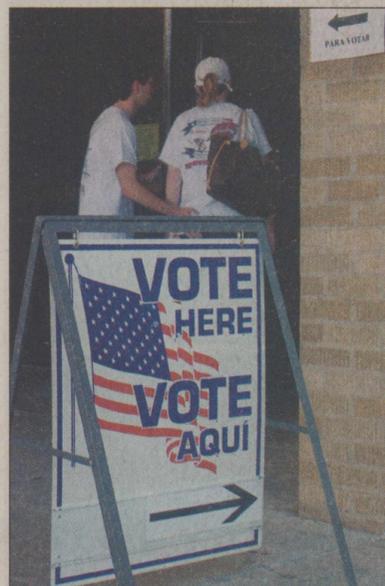


PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Treador
A "VOTE HERE" sign outside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center indicates early voting is available inside. Early voting will be available through Oct. 31.

Unprecedented turnouts at Lubbock County polling booths during the first two days of early voting show Lubbock, like the United States, is on track to see a record number of voters before the polls close on the evening of Nov. 4.

More than 13,000 voters in Lubbock County cast their ballots at about 15 polling locations located throughout the county during the first two days of early voting this week. This year's early voting turnout, so far, is more than twice the amount of early voters during the first two days of early voting for the last presidential election in 2004.

Dorothy Kennedy, elections administrator at Lubbock County's Elections Department, said Lubbock's and Texas' large early voting numbers are not surprising.

She said Lubbock County has 163,714 registered voters, of which about 110,000 probably will vote this fall, which is a significant increase from 2004, when 93,578 of the county's 162,229 registered voters cast a ballot.

Kennedy said she expects about 50 percent of the county's voters to take advantage of the early voting opportunity, which will end 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

The other 55,000 people who are expected to vote in Lubbock County, she said, probably will be "cramped" into the 50 locations open Election Day.

Kennedy said the county will implement a pilot VOTING continued on page 2



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Tech School of Law earns 2 national championships at weekend competition

By JON VANDERLAAN
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It wasn't good enough for the Texas Tech School of Law to win two national championships the first time they competed in either event—they won both in the same weekend.

The Entertainment Law team and Hispanic Law team both won national championships during their separate competitions Oct. 17-19.

Walter Huffman, dean of the school of law, said two national championships in one weekend is a record for Tech, and may even be a record among all law schools.

Huffman said the school has won 21 national championships in the 42 years of its existence.

Although the university has had Hispanic law teams in the past, he said, this is the first time a national championship was conducted for the category.

Because of the changing demographics in Texas, Huffman said, it was important the Hispanic Law Student Association, the organization that sent the team to the competition, won the championship.

"I'm very proud of our students for taking a leadership role within the Hispanic law student community," he said, "and I'm proud of our school for its commitment to ensuring we're doing what our society needs us to do in terms of preparation for professionalism in that demographic."

It was the first time the school participated in the Entertainment Law competition, Huffman said, which is one of the largest competitions in the country.

The result of the first time the school competed in this competition speaks well of the new coach, he said, who took control of the team earlier this year.

Robert Sherwin, the director of Advocacy Programs and coach of the team, showcased his coaching abilities during the competition, Huffman said.

As a school, he said, winning both competitions on the same weekend shows the strength of the advocacy program and validates the quality of the school, students and professors.

The Entertainment Law team topped 23 other teams in Malibu,

Calif., at the National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition, according to a news release. The team defeated South Texas College of Law in the final round.

The Hispanic Law team defeated the Northern Illinois University School of Law team in the final round in Albuquerque, N.M., during the first annual National

Latino Law Student Association National Moot Court Competition, according to the release. Ricardo Barrera, a member of the team, was elected chairman of the Rocky Mountain Region of the organization.

Members of both teams also were given special honors during the competitions. Julie Caskey, a brief writer on the Entertainment Law team, was given the Best Respondent's Brief Award, and Benton Ross, of the Hispanic Law team, was named outstanding oralist of his team's competition.

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Houston Senator, Whitmire, demands crackdown on contraband smuggling

AUSTIN (AP) — Hit with reports of widespread contraband smuggling and illegal cell phone use inside the state prison system, Texas political leaders pressed authorities Tuesday to crack down on corrupt guards and upgrade security at state lockups.

State Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, said he was "disgusted with our prison officials" for failing to stop what he described as rampant security failures. Whitmire received calls from a death row inmate who, using a contraband cell phone, called him repeatedly and told Whitmire he knew the names of the senator's daughters.

Whitmire grew increasingly angry and agitated as the hearing wore on, telling prison officials that he wanted immediate action and "zero tolerance" for contraband smuggling.

"What I'm looking for is urgency!" Whitmire said, pounding on his desk. "Urgency of the moment."

Prison officials arrested the mother of the cell-phone wielding inmate, condemned killer Richard Tabler, on Monday. The breach prompted Gov. Rick Perry to order

a systemwide lockdown and search for contraband.

"The exposure to the general public is great," Whitmire said. "No citizen should expect to receive a phone call from someone on death row."

Investigators say they have closed or are working on 21 cases of prohibited cell phones or cell phone components on death row this year. Some 700 cases are being investigated systemwide among the state's nearly 160,000 prisoners, including one case where officials have an X-ray of an inmate with a phone and charger inside the prisoner's body.

John Moriarty, inspector general at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said prison officials were conducting major sweeps and that there is "a lot of stuff being gotten rid of as we're speaking." Moriarty blamed a handful of corrupt guards for smuggling in cell phones, which can go for as much as \$2,000 inside prison walls and are sometimes used to coordinate with gangs on the outside. He said the same system is used to smuggle in dope and cigarettes.

"All it takes is one (guard) and

you've got a big problem," Moriarty said. "He can bring in a lot of phones and a lot of contraband."

Whitmire, chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, called a special hearing after Monday's arrest of Tabler's mother. Lorraine Tabler, 60, was arrested at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport on charges of providing a prohibited item to an inmate, Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials confiscated a phone from her son.

Authorities found out about the phone when Richard Tabler made several calls to Whitmire between Oct. 7 and 19. At least nine other inmates shared the phone, and authorities are expecting to make more arrests in the case.

In the meantime, Whitmire and other senators on the panel pressed authorities to make immediate security changes, including physical pat downs of guards, the installation of more metal detectors and cameras and the use of drug-sniffing dogs.

Prison authorities acknowledged some contraband has slipped through metal detectors, but said

internal policy prohibited patting down all correctional officers who enter prison facilities. They also said the combination of low salaries and big pay-offs for smuggling contraband kept their investigators busy.

"Every day we fight this battle and we do the best we can," said Maj. Joe Smith of the Polunsky Unit, home for male death-row inmates. "We do have good officers ... unfortunately we do have some that are corrupt."

The senators also pressed officials to use cell phone jamming technology, even though federal authorities are supposed to grant permission first.

In South Carolina, officials want to jam cell phone signals in prisons to prevent convicts from committing further crimes, but are blocked in that pursuit by the federal Communications Act, which prevents states from using jammers or otherwise interfering with federal airwaves. The Federal Communications Commission can give federal agencies the authority to use such jammers. But there's no such provision for state and local law enforcement.

McCain reminds Biden he's been tested in crisis

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Republican John McCain told voters in this key electoral state Tuesday he was personally tested by the same kind of crisis that Democratic vice presidential nominee Joseph Biden warned Barack Obama will almost certainly face if elected president.

McCain recalled being ready to

launch a bombing run during the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, which Biden said over the weekend tested a new President John F. Kennedy and was the template for the kind of "generated crisis" the 47-year-old Obama would face within six months of taking office.

"I was on board the USS Enterprise," McCain, a former naval

aviator, said in the capital city of Harrisburg. "I sat in the cockpit, on the flight deck of the USS Enterprise, off of Cuba. I had a target. My friends, you know how close we came to a nuclear war."

As the crowd of several thousand began to swell with cheers and applause, he added with dramatic effect: "America will not have a

president who needs to be tested. I've been tested, my friends."

Biden told two fundraising audiences in Seattle over the weekend that he expected world figures to test Obama early if he wins the election in two weeks.

"He's gonna need you — not financially to help him — we're gonna need you to use your influ-

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program for the second time during this year's election that allows Lubbockites to cast a ballot at a polling station in any precinct,

whereas previous elections required them to vote only in the precinct in which they were registered.

"If you missed early voting and your only option is to vote on Election Day, instead of having one place to go, you now have 50 choices," she said.

Few may realize it, she said, but those who are registered in Texas may still vote in Lubbock County for the president and for all of the races that are the same between the two counties — the candidates often listed in the "top part" of the ballot — regardless of whether they applied for an absentee ballot or changed their status of residency.

No voter with a voter registration card or photo identification — and even those who do not — will be denied a provisional ballot, Kennedy said. Such ballots, however, often must be verified before their votes are counted. Provisional voters later will be notified via mail about the validation of their vote.

"It's a system where nobody can be left behind," she said. "You cannot be turned away at the polling place for any reason. At the very least you must be offered provisional balloting."

Donetta Davidson, vice chair of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, said voter registration officials across the nation have been "overwhelmed" by new voter registrations,

one of many indications this year's national turnout may set records.

With early voting hitting full stride in Lubbock, election administrators are advising voters to learn the voting drill before they arrive at polling stations.

Analysts predict a record turnout of youth voters during this year's presidential election, Davidson said, but many younger, first-time voters may be unclear about the ins and outs of voting.

She encouraged student voters to research the voting process and their rights therein before they arrive at voting stations.

"Definitely, we want students to be educated," Davidson said. "Education is power, certainly. Review the laws of your state. Know what they are. Be educated."

She said voters are encouraged not to wear any politically oriented attire, such as T-shirts or campaign buttons endorsing a candidate, when they go to polling stations. Those who do may appear to be stumping for a candidate or issue and, in some cases, asked by election officials to leave.

"It's against the election code to wear anything that would be deemed electioneering," Kennedy said. "So any kind of Obama or McCain T-shirt, or any kind of political cam-

paing-type stuff cannot be worn 100 feet within the front door."

Despite common misconceptions about the power of an individual vote, Davidson said, every one counts. She referenced the 2000 presidential election between Al Gore and George Bush as an example. The gap between the two candidates narrowed as more ballots were counted in Florida. It quickly became apparent that every vote indeed would count.

And an election is not over until it is over.

For instance, Texas may be considered a Republican bastion, she said, and some of its voters may have a mentality that their vote will not make a difference there, but they are mistaken.

While many states have histories of either being decidedly red or blue, she reminded voters that there is more than a presidential race at stake.

Local candidates and issues also are on the ballot.

"You may even see a dog catcher on the list," Davidson said. "You've got the sheriff and you've got issues on the list. These things affect you. You're part of a democracy. We need to remember it is our responsibility and honor to vote."

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exactly how much the Let Lubbock Vote PAC will pay Texas Petition Strategies but said it will pay the firm more than \$100,000.

The PAC is accepting contributions through its Web site, www.letlubbockvote.org.

McBride said a pro-alcohol sales PAC will be formed to advocate the expansion of alcohol sales in the county. He declined to comment on who would be involved with the pro-sales PAC, but said it may include several members of the Let Lubbock Vote committee.

"There have been several members in Let Lubbock Vote that have

expressed interest in joining the new PAC," he said.

Larry Jones, the administrator for the Truth Against Alcohol Sales, a PAC against the expansion of alcohol sales, said TAAS is continuing to develop its foundation and advertisements.

Jones said TAAS will go 'full steam ahead' to counter advocates for the expansion of alcohol sales around the beginning of the new year.

As of press time, members of TAAS directly involved with management were not immediately available for comment.

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TEXAS TECH POLICE BLOTTER

Two cases of assault reported, all-terrain vehicle reported missing

Oct. 15

A former employee of Traffic and Parking Services was issued a criminal trespass warning at 10 a.m.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 11:45 a.m. in the Z-5B parking lot in which the driver-side window of a vehicle was broken.

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 1:10 p.m. in the R-7 parking lot in which a Texas Tech hanging parking tag was reported stolen.

Two non-students were arrested at 5:31 p.m. in the 1600 block of Texas Tech Parkway after it was reported the two non-students were looking into vehicles in the Z-4P parking lot. One of the non-students was transported to the Lubbock County jail for possession of a prohibited weapon and the other was issued a criminal trespass warning from all Tech property and was released.

An officer investigated a report of disorderly conduct at 7:19 p.m.

in the Health Sciences Center in which a visitor reportedly yelled profanities at lab staff.

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 7:23 p.m. in the University Medical Center D-6 parking lot in which the passenger-side window was broken and several items were reported stolen from the vehicle.

Oct. 16

An officer investigated a hit-and-run accident at 5:35 a.m. in the Carpenter/Wells R-19 parking lot in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle.

An officer documented information about a student that fell off a bicycle at 10:33 a.m. in the 1000 block of the Engineering Key. The student refused Emergency Medical Services transport.

An officer investigated a burglary at 11:36 a.m. in the Education building in which a person entered a locked room and reportedly stole

university property and personal items of a staff member.

An officer investigated theft at 4:30 p.m. at the Computer Center bicycle rack in which a Schwinn bicycle was reported stolen.

Two officers investigated theft at 6:31 p.m. in the Administration building in which a wallet was reported stolen.

Two officers investigated theft at 7:08 p.m. in the University Library in which an LG cell phone was reported stolen.

Oct. 17

An officer investigated theft at 8:06 a.m. in the Education building in which several iPods were reported stolen.

An officer investigated a threat made to a staff member at 8:15 a.m. in the HSC in which the boyfriend of a staff member reportedly threatened to get the staff member fired and damage her vehicle.

A non-student was arrested at

9:35 a.m. in the 1000 block of University Avenue for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

An officer investigated a bicycle collision at 11:01 a.m. near the Student Union Building. A student struck her head and EMS responded to the scene. The student was transported to the UMC emergency room.

An officer investigated a report of a stolen all-terrain vehicle and trailer at 11:21 a.m. at the Range and Wildlife Complex. The vehicle was reported abandoned near Shallowater and was still missing.

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 12:01 p.m. in the Z-5C parking lot in which a purse was reported stolen from a vehicle.

Two officers investigated a bicycle accident at 4:50 p.m. in the 1800 block of Boston Avenue in which a student was transported to the UMC emergency room.

Oct. 19

An officer documented damage to a vehicle at 6:30 p.m. in the Z-6B parking lot in which a vehicle had a dent in the rim of the tire.

Oct. 20

An officer investigated assault at 9:27 a.m. in the Music building in which a student reportedly pushed a professor using his chest after confronting the professor about a failing grade.

An officer responded to a medical call at 9:54 a.m. in the Human Sciences building in which a staff member passed out and struck her head. The staff member was transported to Covenant Medical Center.

An officer investigated an accident at 2:19 p.m. in the 3000 block of Drive of Champions. No injuries were reported.

An officer investigated an accident at 2:38 p.m. at the intersection of Texas Tech Parkway and

Indiana Avenue. No injuries were reported.

An officer investigated an accident at 3:15 p.m. in the Z-5C parking lot. No injuries were reported.

An officer investigated forgery at the Texas Tech Federal Credit Union.

A non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning at 4:20 p.m. from all Tech Federal Credit Union property.

An officer investigated assault at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building in which an employee threatened another employee.

An officer investigated theft at 5:25 p.m. at the south bicycle rack of Murray Residence Hall in which a Trek bicycle was reported stolen.

An officer documented information about a phone call at 8:31 p.m. in Sneed Residence Hall in which a student received a phone call from an ex-girlfriend's father.

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ODDBALL DAILY

Suspect in golf cart eludes Utah sheriff cruisers

MORGAN, Utah (AP) — A Utah sheriff's office has found that it shouldn't underestimate the golf cart as a getaway car.

A suspect in a souped-up cart managed to elude officers who pursued him last month through

an alfalfa field — but only for a while. He was arrested the next day at his grandmother's house.

Officers started pursuing the driver after he was spotted spinning out in a city park in Morgan. He took off into an alfalfa field

and jumped irrigation ditches that the sheriff's cruisers couldn't cross.

Morgan County Sheriff's Sgt. Scott Peay suspects the cart was fitted with a car engine instead of the original electric motor.

SoCal officials bring back music-making asphalt

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — The folks who silenced the nation's first "musical road" are singing a different tune.

Workers on Wednesday began carving grooves on Avenue G that will produce notes of the "William Tell Overture" when cars drive over them.

The high desert city north of Los Angeles placed the grooves on another road, Avenue K, last month for a Honda commercial. The quarter-mile strip was engineered to play the notes — better known as the theme for "The

Lone Ranger" — when motorists in Honda Civics hit them at 55 mph.

It was believed to be the first such musical road in the United States, although there are others in Japan, South Korea and Holland.

The city paved over that stretch two weeks later after neighbors complained the noise was annoying and kept them awake.

The city, however, received hundreds of calls praising the road and decided to recreate the road in an industrial area away from homes.

"It will be a tourist attraction. It will pull people off the freeway," Mayor R. Rex Parris said.

Many residents also liked it. "You drove over it and you didn't know what to expect. When we got to the end of it, I was smiling ear to ear," said Genevieve Skidmore, 80.

The City Council has approved spending up to \$35,000 for the work, but officials said there has been interest from several companies in sponsoring the road and reimbursing the cost in return for publicity.

Camel reported stolen from small Texas zoo

CEDAR CREEK (AP) — A 6-foot-tall camel named Moses and his pint-size pony sidekick Coco are missing from a small Texas zoo.

Officials at Capital of Texas Zoo in Cedar Creek, about 15 miles southeast of Austin, have reported the theft of the kid-friendly creatures.

Zoo founder Michael Hicks says that the 3-year-old, 500-pound camel and the nearly

quarter-century old pony are "best friends" and follow each other.

"The staff and I are heartbroken," Hicks said. "We raised Moses on a bottle. He thought he was a person, loved everybody ... It was comical; they went everywhere together. Coco is over 20 years old, and she mothered the camel like he was her baby."

Hicks, who lives on the grounds of the zoo, told The As-

sociated Press that both animals were wearing halters when he last saw them in a front pasture Tuesday night.

He discovered the one-hump camel and the female Shetland/Welsh mix pony were gone Wednesday morning. Hicks says overnight rain washed away any potential vehicle tracks.

Hicks has offered a \$400 dollar reward for information leading to the safe return of his animals.

Iowa couple ordered apart after woman bites fiance

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — A judge has ordered an suburban Chicago woman to stay away from her fiance — two weeks before their wedding.

Johnson County, Iowa, Judge Stephen Gerard ordered 23-year-old Rucha (ROO'-chuh) A. Patel

on Monday not to have contact with the man after she was charged with domestic abuse causing injury.

Her fiance's name was not released.

Police says Patel drove over the man's foot and then bit his hand

when he took away her keys to prevent her from driving Monday in Iowa City. It was not known why he tried to stop Patel.

Patel told the judge the marriage was scheduled in two weeks.

A call left for Rucha Patel was not returned.

89-year-old charged with keeping kids' ball

BLUE ASH, Ohio (AP) — Police in Ohio say an 89-year-old woman is facing a charge of petty theft because neighborhood children accuse her of refusing to give back their football.

Edna Jester was arrested last week in the Cincinnati suburb of Blue Ash.

Police say one child's father complained that Jester kept the youngsters' ball after it landed in her yard. Police Capt. James Schaffer says there has been an ongoing dispute in the neighborhood over kids' balls landing in the woman's yard.

Jester said Monday she has received many calls and didn't

have time to discuss the matter any more.

Jester is to appear in court next month. The maximum

penalty for a petty theft conviction in Ohio is six-months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

Russia, Iran, Qatar discuss forming gas cartel

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Russia, Iran and Qatar made the first serious moves Tuesday toward forming an OPEC-style cartel on natural gas, raising concerns that Moscow could boost its influence over energy markets spanning from Europe to South Asia.

Such an alliance would have little direct impact on the United States, which imports virtually no natural gas from Russia or the other nations.

But Washington and Western allies worry that closer strategic ties between Russia and Iran could hinder efforts to isolate Tehran over its nuclear ambitions. In addition, the United States opposes a proposed Iranian gas pipeline to Pakistan and India, key allies.

In Europe — which counts on Russia for nearly half of its natural gas imports — any cartel controlled

by Moscow poses a threat to supply and pricing.

Russia, which most recently came into confrontation with the West over its five-day war with Georgia in August, has been accused of using its hold on energy supplies to bully its neighbors, particularly Ukraine.

Moscow cut natural gas exports to the former Soviet republic over a price dispute during the dead of winter in 2006 — a cutoff that caused disruptions to European nations further down the pipeline.

The 27-nation European Union expressed strong opposition to any natural gas cartel Tuesday, with an EU spokesman, Ferran Tarradellas Espuny, saying: "The European Commission feels that energy supplies have to be sold in a free market."

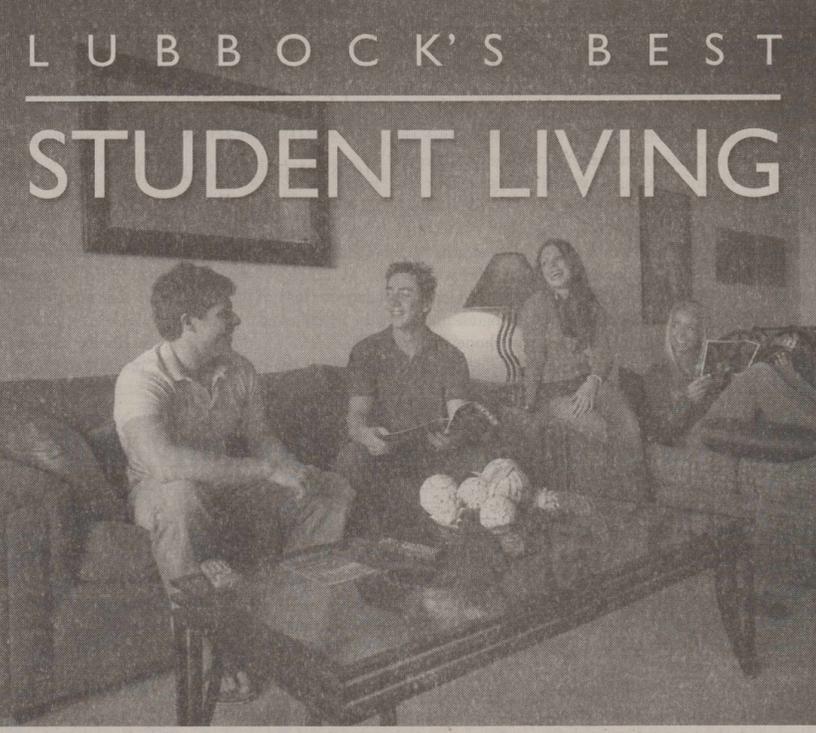
Together Russia, Qatar and Iran account for nearly a third of world natural gas exports — the vast majority

supplied by Russia — according to U.S. government statistics. The three hold some 60 percent of world gas reserves, according to Russia's state-controlled energy company Gazprom.

The United States — the world's largest consumer of oil and gas — produces most of its natural gas needs at home, importing only from Canada and Mexico.

Russia is also a major oil producer, though not an OPEC member. For its part, Iran, in its standoff with world powers over its nuclear program, has threatened to choke off oil shipments through the Persian Gulf if it is attacked.

A gas cartel could extend both countries' reach in energy and politics, particularly if oil prices bounce back to the highs seen earlier this year, prompting renewed interest in cleaner-burning natural gas and other alternative fuels.



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College yearbooks are waste of paper

When I was a freshman, I bought a yearbook. It seemed like the right thing to do at the time. I've got, after all, a stack of them from high school up in my parents' attic, and in spite of the embarrassing things they hold, I am glad to have them. They are treasure troves of nostalgia — requiems, if you will, for long-lost friends, loves and crushes.

Naturally, I figured I would want a college yearbook, too. So at registration I signed up for one, forked over \$85, and went on with my life.

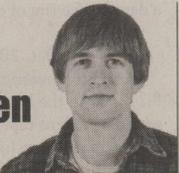
Cut to later that semester when I showed up at the Student Union Building to have my picture taken for the yearbook. I recall entering a large and strangely empty room — just the photographer and me.

I think it was at that moment that I began to suspect I had made a mistake.

My suspicions were certainly confirmed when I finally received the thing. It was massive, large enough to kill a man. Maybe even a bear.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with a good, dense yearbook. But

Eric Braden



when I opened it up, the metaphorical moths began to fly out of it. Basically, half of the book was filled not with pictures or stories, but a long list of all of the students on the Tech campus. The number of students who had failed to get their picture taken included almost all of my friends.

I put that behemoth away, and as no bear has yet to attack me since then, away it remains.

But even if it held photos of every student at Tech, the yearbook would still seem arcane compared to something else I signed up for — for free — as a freshman: Facebook.

Facebook, when you think about it, is the ultimate yearbook, because it is personalized for everyone. As a document of the passing of time, nothing else is as rich with photographs, yearbook-like messages, and even a solid record of the ef-

fervescent relationships of college students.

As they say, "It's not official until it's on Facebook."

— And Facebook evolves. When your mother picks up her 1971 high school yearbook and re-examines her peers, she's living in the past. In thirty years, if the End of Days has not come by then, I will be able to look back through old photos, too, but I will also be able to see new ones, from wherever my friends are in the world. And, within seconds, I will be able to contact those friends to see what's up.

Even without Facebook (and countless other community-oriented Web sites), the yearbook would probably still be foundering at large schools like Texas Tech. It's simply impossible to create a close-knit community out of nearly 30,000 people. There are many small communities within Tech, though, and there's a kind of beauty in that. To be a student here can mean many different things.

When Tech was small enough that you could get to know, say,

half of your peers, a yearbook was probably more appropriate. Today, however, Tech is so large a single yearbook is simply cumbersome. Organizations and clubs have long since learned to document their own experiences, from fraternities hiring professional photographers to students sharing photos online after returning from a canoe trip.

Tech's yearbook, La Ventana, has been around since 1925. It has been a good run (go check out all the old ones at the Merket Alumni Center sometime, it's fun), and the La Ventana staff receives my admiration for working diligently to save it. (Last year they lowered the price to \$65 and slimmed down the book.) But it seems to me they're fighting a losing battle.

La Ventana means "the window" in Spanish, but our yearbook is more like a "libro telefónico" — a phone book. Like that ancient tome, the yearbook is out-of-touch, obsolete, and overdue for deletion.

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Bad news has negative impact

Chicken Little may be right — the sky could very well be falling. Not much of what we hear tells us otherwise, but I believe there are consequences when the vast majority of news coverage is of a negative nature.

I watch the news — local and national (and yes, from a variety of sources) — and there has been a wave of incredibly startling information thrown viewers' way. We can't deny that our economy is in turmoil, or that our country's character is being called into question globally, but how effective is the constant repetition of these facts?

On each channel, on each program, the same statistics are given — just from a different perspective. So if you're a conscience consumer of information, you end up hearing the same thing all the time, every day, everywhere.

Now, yes, alarm strategies can be effective. They make me jump from my chair and want to know where I can help and how. I search for answers on how to ensure that my future is protected, because from what I'm told, the outlook is bleak at best. But scaring people by constantly reminding them of all their woes is only perpetuating the problems.

It's well documented that in times such as the ones we are experiencing now, it's not only our pocketbooks that suffer. There is an increase in cases of insomnia, depression, anxiety and even suicides, which should be cause for just as much concern, perhaps greater. Authorities are urging people to seek the assistance of counselors and hotlines in record fashion.

And though the United States has been fortunate enough to have been spared an abundant amount of this type of suffering, we can look to economies such as in Japan and Hong Kong to see that the statistics and outcomes can be startling.

Research done by Tan Ee Lyn (Reuters) shows, "In Japan, the number of suicides leapt to 32,863

Janine McCord



in 1998, compared with 24,391 in 1997 — a development blamed on a rising tide of bankruptcies after Japan's economic bubble burst."

We certainly don't want to see this trend happen here at home.

But we saw a similar phenomenon after Sept. 11, when we were inundated with images and stories of suffering and loss. It was just too much for many to take. These were, in fact, coupled with accounts of heroism, but the negative, more sensational accounts were of the heartache it caused.

Now, here we are again, in the midst of another type of tragedy — home foreclosures and unemployment — and our news media again is shoving it down our throats.

And there seems to be no end in sight.

Associated Press journalist Kelli Kennedy states, "Across the country, authorities are becoming concerned that the nation's financial woes could turn increasingly violent, and they are urging people to get help. In some places, mental-health hot lines are jammed, counseling services are in high demand and domestic-violence shelters are full."

I admit I harp on the news media quite a bit, but it's incredible the impact this avenue of data has on American people.

Yes, people need to be informed. Yes, we look to the media to take on this task. But I believe it needs to be handled with kid gloves, not with media-driven scare tactics. It's our health at issue here too.

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Obama could escape Bradley Effect

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On a November morning in 1982, California residents awoke to see a San Francisco Chronicle story about Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tom Bradley with a headline boasting "Bradley Win Projected."

Unfortunately for California's first black gubernatorial nominee, despite his seemingly insurmountable lead in the polls leading up to election day, he lost by one percentage point to the Republican candidate.

His election defeat would be cemented forever in American history. His last-minute loss became known as the "Bradley Effect."

Repeated in races from New York City to Virginia, from individual states' Houses of Representatives to the U.S. Senate, the term has come to describe elections in which black candidates for public office lead the polls for the majority of their campaigns, only to lose on election day.

With the presidential election less than three weeks away, political pund-

its are increasingly preoccupied with the possibility that the Bradley Effect may make this presidential election closer than the current 7-to-8-percent polling lead Sen. Barack Obama holds over Sen. John McCain. Pundits are also weighing the possibility of Obama losing the election.

There are two reasons why punditry, political scientists and doubters alike are all wrong.

First, the theory behind the Bradley Effect is questionable.

The idea is that white, middle-class voters say they will vote for the black candidate for fear of being assumed a racist when asked in phone and exit polls.

The other reason is that there

was an external factor that seemed to contribute more strongly Bradley's loss — the presence of Proposition 15 on the ballot in California.

Proposition 15 would have banned the sale of personal firearms in the state. This served to fire up the National Rifle Association and conservative interest groups. They underwent massive get-out-the-vote efforts that ended up supplementing the Republican candidate's vote total.

In reality, situational influences were more instrumental in Bradley's loss, for the black candidate for fear of being assumed a racist when asked in phone and exit polls.

A reverse Bradley Effect may actually be present in this year's

election, skewing Obama's polls in the opposite direction, making them seem less impressive than they actually are.

A recent study conducted by two University of Washington researchers indicated that during the primaries, Obama outperformed his early polling numbers.

In three of 15 states, Obama didn't show as strongly as his polling numbers predicted. In the 12 others, the Illinois senator's performance beat pre-election polls by more than 7 percent.

The researchers conclude that Obama could end up adding three or four percentage points nationally to his already statistically significant polling lead.

For all of the early talk of a tight election, come election night, we could be looking at not only a popular vote blowout, but an electoral one, too.

Barring an October surprise in favor of McCain and a quick economic recovery (both of which seem implausible), we may become witnesses to the inaugural year of the "Obama Effect."

"A reverse Bradley Effect may actually be present in this year's election, skewing Obama's polls in the opposite direction, making them seem less impressive than they actually are."

Obama should bail out economy with campaign money

By STUART BAIMEL
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Sen. Barack Obama has again surpassed all fundraising expectations and raised \$150 million in the month of September, doubling his own fundraising record of \$66 million set the month before. His fundraising over the past two months is more than almost any presidential candidate ever.

John McCain, for his part, fundraised nothing, as he is limited to spending \$84 million under public financing rules. His campaign — in violation of the spirit of McCain's own campaign-finance legislation — is directing fundraisers to the Republican National Committee, which continues to pull in huge amounts of money and spend it on McCain's behalf.

Despite the fact that Obama has much more money than seems necessary, his campaign continues to ask for money. His campaign manager David Plouffe sent out an e-mail yesterday to supporters announcing how much the campaign had raised.

"It's not too late to own a piece of this campaign," Plouffe wrote. "In fact, your support is needed more urgently now than ever before. Watch the video and make a donation today." Despite fundraising \$5 million per day last month, the campaign still sends out daily e-mails asking for money, as if the campaign needs it.

I can imagine what Obama does

with all the money he hasn't spent: Overworked Obama staffers are told to "take a break in the Vault" and dive into the campaign vault, where they roll around in Benjamins sent in by college professors, Scarlett Johansson and Oprah fans — the job's best perk for sure.

Given that Obama is already outspending McCain four-to-one in most swing states, it's not entirely clear how much more money Obama needs to defeat McCain, and whether additional dollars now will actually lead to additional votes. Obama's huge financial advantage has caused him problems before. When fighting Hillary Clinton in Pennsylvania, he outspent her three-to-one, but still lost the state by 10 points.

A similar result happened in Ohio. It's hard to imagine that Obama could drop another \$100 million he has not already committed in the next three weeks and not waste the vast majority of it.

TV advertisements, to which most campaign funds are directed, certainly exhibit the principle of "diminishing returns." If voters have seen nine TV ads in the span of an hour, it is unlikely that the tenth will change their minds. Obama raised record amounts in the primaries which enabled him to outlast Clinton, but also spent record amounts, barely defeating the greatly outspent and bankrupt Clinton in the end.

Obama's financial record has inspired conservative critics to snarkily observe that Obama's

spending record compares to how "tax-and-spend liberals" use government money: unwisely and in great amounts.

There's certainly a better use for all the money Obama has raised. It's clear that in the final month of the election, Obama is going to raise something like \$150 bajillion and not have any real use for it. Rather than going toward the Obama 2012 reelection campaign or funding exceptionally lavish inauguration parties, Obama can put this money to good use by immediately bailing out the American economy. We need it, to be certain, with a recession looking more and more likely and the credit markets still

locked up.

I can even think of a good place to start with the bailout and "liquidity injections" (which honestly do not sound all that appetizing): my bank account. It's grown smaller in recent months, though not necessarily due to the stock market or declining house prices.

But that doesn't matter. It has grown smaller. That's what matters. I can even think of good taglines for this: "Investing in a Youth" and "Supporting Tomorrow's Leader." Obama has no idea what to do with his embarrassment of riches. I am not yet rich. I think this sounds like something that has traction.



Sarah Palin and Jamie Lynn Spears' mom form a surprising friendship.

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Season 3 of 'Robot Chicken' delivers uncensored hilarity

When it comes to stop-motion animation, family friendly shows like "Wallace and Gromit" are out, and "Robot Chicken" is in.

Using toys, dolls, clay and similar items, the team behind "Robot Chicken" creates very short (sometimes no longer than a few seconds) comedy sketches that are typically filled with pop culture references. These sketches are compiled into episodes that run approximately 10 minutes on Cartoon Network's "Adult Swim."

The recently released third

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season in a two-DVD set contains 20 of these episodes, as well as an assortment of special features.

The results are often quite funny. Sketches like "1776" — a parody of the film "300" set during the American Revolution — could easily have you laughing out loud

with friends. If you love making fun of popular culture, there's a lot to enjoy here.

However, there are points where the show falters. Certain sketches simply aren't funny, especially if you don't have a friend to enjoy them with. And in a couple of cases, entire episodes simply disappoint in their non-humor.

There's also the issue of the show's humor not appealing to everyone. A lot of the laughs are derived from the pure randomness (and blatant stupidity) of what's happening on screen. Some people will find this hilarious while others

will find it pointless.

There's also the issue of controversy. "Robot Chicken" doesn't pull punches in any regard. Politics, religion, sex, language — anything and everything is free game.

This is compounded by the fact that the DVD is uncensored. It includes all of the language and sexual content the creators originally intended to be seen. In one instance, this involves a very real topless model who appears in a sketch through the power of green-screen technology.

If all of this sounds perfectly

acceptable (and extremely entertaining) to you, then there's a good chance you are a fan of "Robot Chicken" already. And there is a lot in this set for you to love.

There is a commentary track for every single one of the 20 episodes in the set, and said commentary often includes fairly large guest stars (at least, large to the slightly more nerdy audience that the show often appeals to), such as comic book guru Stan Lee.

There are also deleted sketches, video blogs, a studio tour given by the show's co-creator Seth Green and a gag reel.

If you're not a fan of the series, this DVD set probably won't change your mind, despite showcasing some of the best work the show has seen so far. If you're a casual fan, you may find reason to enjoy the show even more.

And if you're already a "Robot Chicken" fan?

This set may be a no-brainer. Packed with features and the kind of humor you know and love, it's hard to go wrong with this DVD.

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YOU GOT SERVED



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

GUY HOFFMAN, A senior history and political science major from Round Rock, serves a volleyball Monday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Hoffman was helping teach an intramural volleyball referee class.

UMass Quidditch team to compete in World Cup

By VINCENT CAPONE
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The University of Massachusetts Quidditch team will compete in the second national multi-college Quidditch World Cup Tournament for the first time next week, hosted by Middlebury College in Vermont.

Quidditch is a sport played by characters in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter book series.

In 2005, Middlebury College brought the game of Quidditch to the "Muggle," or human,

world. It's played on the ground instead of the air, but many rules closely mirror Rowling's literary portrayal.

Muggle Quidditch has four positions: three Chasers, two Beaters, a Keeper and a Seeker. The game combines elements of tag, football, lacrosse and rugby.

Since its creation, "Muggle Quidditch" has expanded into a national phenomenon, with over 180 registered teams nationwide.

Fourteen colleges and universities are expected to join UMass and Middlebury in the tourna-

ment, including Amherst College, Boston University, Chestnut Hill College, Emerson College, Princeton, Vassar, Louisiana State, University of Washington, McGill University, Carlow University and Green Mountain College.

Junior Matt Drake started UMass' Quidditch last spring. This will be the team's first major competition. UMass Quidditch is a Registered Student Organization and has enough members for two full teams, allowing them to play games and practice scrimmages and drills.

"I think the best part about the world cup is that we can go in with no expectations, except for a good time," said Drake. "We're bringing 20 people and all of them are incredibly enthusiastic just to have the opportunity to play."

"I'm really proud of how the team has come together for the event," he said. "It's really been a team effort to plan out transportation, shirts, capes, a banner and general preparation for game strategies. There's so much that goes into it, and it's so great to see our group all working at that same goal."

Headphones

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several factors contribute to how loudly people listen to music.

"When you think of music, it's an expression of yourself and your feelings," he said. "The way that people interact with each other, the way they dress, the types of music they listen to, when they listen to music, and how loud they listen to their music — that's a group effect."

One example of this effect, Ramirez said, would be a high school student observing college students who listen to loud music and then mimicking the behavior of the "cool crowd."

Type of music and context also make a difference, he said. People often listen to louder music at concerts or while they exercise.

"It's going to be an expression of themselves and how they feel,"

he said. "Do they want to scream out their emotions or be more passive?"

Regardless of the reasoning behind loud music, Marchbanks said, the more intense the sound exposure, the more irreparable the damage.

"You go to concerts and they advertise that their sound systems put out about 120 decibels," Marchbanks said, "but, in comparison, a jet plane is also about 120 decibels."

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety & Health Administration determined that workers typically can be exposed to 90 decibels of sound throughout a 40-hour work week without suffering from hearing damage.

Elena Metcalf, assistant director for the OSHA office in Lubbock, said the department's occupational noise standard is determined by the average amount of noise a person is

exposed to during varying amounts of time. The standards also account for both short- and long-term damage that results from the exposure.

Workers can be exposed to more than 90 decibels of sound at one time, she said, and still have an average noise exposure within regulation standards.

Most people do not know when their hearing has been damaged, Marchbanks said, because most warning signs are too subtle to notice.

"One way you can tell is if your ears are humming," he said. "That tells you the sound is too loud and you're damaging your hearing."

Hearing occurs when sound waves travel down your ear and hit your eardrum, Marchbanks said. Three bones in your ear transfer the sound to the inner ear, which contains three tubes of fluid. The third bone acts like a piston in a car and pushes on the fluid. When the fluid moves, it bends the hair

cells and sends electrical impulses to the brain.

"When you are exposed to extremely loud noise it kills the hair cells of the inner ear," he said.

The European Union study reported that regularly listening to personal music players at high-volume settings early in life often has no immediate effect on hearing, but is likely to result in long-term hearing loss.

"People only lose the ability to hear certain pitches," Marchbanks said. "Their overall hearing will still be good, so they're not going to notice until they get older."

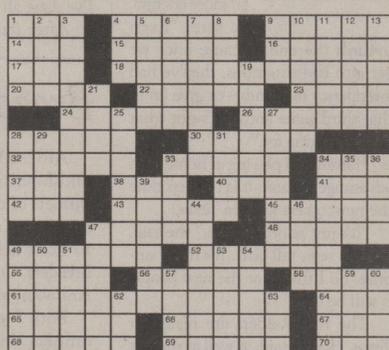
He said the problem with noise-induced hearing loss is that it is cumulative.

"I usually tell my patients it's the same as if you take a knife and cut a little bit of your finger off over time, you'll still end up losing your finger," Marchbanks said. "It doesn't regenerate or repair itself."

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Tech football to encounter toughest test so far

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

If Texas Tech wins its next four games, everyone will forget about its weak non-conference schedule and narrow victories against Nebraska and Texas A&M.

There will be no more media members saying the Red Raiders are overrated.

With the nation's longest win streak at nine games, No. 8 Tech — 7-0 for the first time since 1976 — has a chance to prove its legitimacy against No. 23 Kansas, No. 1 Texas, No. 6 Oklahoma State and No. 4 Oklahoma in the upcoming weeks.

"This is the time of the season that's gonna make or break us," right guard Brandon Carter said, "Nothing in the past really matters at this point. What's ahead of us is really our biggest competition coming up."

No. 1 Texas started its bundle of games against ranked Big 12 Conference opponents two weeks ago against then-No. 1 OU in the Red River Rivalry. With a 45-35 win against the Sooners followed by a 56-31 spanking of Missouri, the Longhorns are tops in the nation.

In addition, UT quarterback Colt McCoy is the Heisman Trophy front-runner thanks to his leadership and flawless execution.

"I get excited, I'm giddy right now," McBath said. "This is what it's about, playing the best in the country. We got four weeks straight where we get to do that."

It starts this Saturday against the Jayhawks in Lawrence, Kan., where KU has won 13 consecutive games — the fourth longest current home winning streak in the nation.

In the past under Mike Leach, the Red Raiders consistently lost a game they should have won. In the past two years, it was Colorado, Missouri and Oklahoma State handing Tech unexpected losses.

Despite wins against teams with a combined record of 22-28, the Red Raiders have proven they have what it takes to win close games. After trailing 23-20 at halftime against Texas A&M, Tech's defense shut down the Aggies by holding them to 32 yards, five first downs and two points in the second half, while Tech's offense scored on four of six possessions.

One week earlier against Ne-

braska on homecoming weekend in Lubbock, the Red Raiders surprisingly were escorted to overtime where it looked like its dream season could come crumbling down all too soon. But with Tech up 37-31 in overtime, cornerback Jamar Wall ended Nebraska's upset bid with a game-ending interception.

Tech's left tackle Rylan Reed said it is wins like those that prepare teams for the nation's best teams.

"We've battled a lot of adversity," he said. "You know I'd love to go out and win a game 80-0, but at the same time, eventually you're gonna play those games where you're gonna be in tough competition. Those teams that have gone through adversity early in the season know how to get through it."

Leach said each of the next four games will be treated the same as any other week.

"Same as the other ones, just do the same thing," Leach said. "Just have good weeks of practices, good weeks of preparation and go out and play the best we can."

It seems like the Red Raiders are doing a good job of not looking ahead or peeking at the BCS standings or national polls, something



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S MARLON Williams and the Red Raiders will face four ranked opponents before playing Baylor to finish the 2008 season. The Red Raiders will play No. 22 Kansas at 11 a.m. Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

Leach said he preaches to his team. After a win against Texas A&M on Saturday, Tech running back Baron Batch had to ask a reporter

who the next opponent was.

"I don't even know who we play after this to be honest," Batch said. "We'll enjoy this until tomorrow and

then we'll get to work on — who do we play next? Kansas, and then we'll get to work on Kansas." daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

Tech volleyball returns home to face No. 3 Texas

By KEVIN CULLEN
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Beating Texas will be a tall order for the Texas Tech volleyball team.

Tech takes on No. 3 Texas at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

The Red Raiders (5-16, 0-10 in Big 12 Conference) are coming off a loss in straight sets to Kansas State, whereas the Longhorns (14-2, 8-1 in Big 12) enter this contest on an eight-match winning streak including their latest victory, a sweep of Missouri.

Tech assistant coach Mike Moffitt said Texas' strength is its height, although it no longer has to rely on its physical attributes as it did in the past.

"Typical Texas team — they're huge," he said. "But they are getting better. I think their skills are better than they have been in the past. They're a solid team."

The Longhorns boast one of the top players in the country in Destinee Hooker.

Hooker's 4.30 kills per game are good enough for No. 1 in the Big 12 and No. 17 in the country.

Moffitt said approaching a match featuring a player of Hooker's caliber

is always exciting but can be intimidating at times.

"She's a phenomenal athlete," he said. "With her high jump abilities and her volleyball, she's a scary player. We've done a pretty decent job against her over the years and we'll try to continue that. We try to scout her pretty well, but she's a great player

and great athlete, so there's gonna be times she's just gonna hit it over us. But it is fun to get ready for something like that."

Tech libero Jenn Harrell said one of the only things a team can do against a player as good as Hooker is hope she does not have a great game and take advantage of the mistakes she does make.

Tech boasts two athletic players of

its own, Moffitt said, in freshmen Karlyn Meyers and Amanda Dowdy.

"I think, honestly, Meyers and Dowdy are in a comparable group as far as athleticism," he said. "They're not gonna be way out-matched, but it's something that they can see how someone can dominate a game like that the way that (Hooker) does, just athletically."

"...they are getting better. I think their skills are better than they have been in the past."

MIKE MOFFITT
TECH ASSISTANT COACH

After losing 18 of their last 19 sets, Moffitt said resiliency is something the Red Raiders have lacked at times this season, which has to improve as they approach the second cycle of Big 12 play.

"(We need) just a little bit more will, a little bit more energy," he said. "Even

towards the end, because once we get into bad situations, they've had a tendency to crumble or give up in that third game and that's not what we are looking for."

Harrell said playing at home is an advantage because it is the first time the newcomers will see Texas.

"It's just another team," she said. "We've seen tall girls. It's not a surprise. So I think for the new people it will be fine."

The Red Raiders are ready for Texas, Harrell said, as well as the rest of play Big 12.

"I think we're OK," she said. "I think we're ready to see Texas and ready for round two. That advantage of we've seen everybody, we know that we can hang with everybody and that's encouraging. As hard as it is losing, it's encouraging knowing we have competed."

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49ers fire Nolan, promote Singletary

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Mike Singletary replaced his coaching mentor Tuesday with a vow to build on what Mike Nolan started with the San Francisco 49ers.

Singletary acknowledged mixed feelings when the 49ers asked him to be the interim successor to Nolan, the dapper coach whose teams never played as well as he dressed. Nolan was fired Monday night after seven games in his fourth consecutive dismal season.

Singletary, the former linebacker who made the Hall of Fame during his stellar career with the Chicago Bears, praised Nolan's work in raising the 49ers to a measure of respectability after they arrived in town nearly four years ago to take over the NFL's worst team. After accepting the job with Nolan's blessing, Singletary said he thinks San Francisco can improve quickly.

"Right now, the guys realize that we do have something here," Singletary said. "To what degree, I don't know, but we do have something special here. It's a matter of stepping in and being able to bring it together, and that's something I've done all my life."

After four straight losses cul-

minating in Sunday's 29-17 defeat to the New York Giants, the 49ers didn't even wait until their bye next week before replacing Nolan with Singletary, who has been Nolan's right-hand man since he entered coaching in 2003. Singletary also will be a candidate for the permanent job after the season, general manager Scot McCloughan said.

"I don't think there's one right time for a decision like this," McCloughan said Tuesday. "If you go off past experience and talking to people, the bye week is usually the best for this, but I think with the distractions on the outside, the most important thing this week is for us to be ready for the Seahawks."

The 49ers also fired offensive line coach George Warhop, one of Nolan's original assistants. San Francisco has yielded a league-high 29 sacks this season.

Nolan cut a striking figure on the 49ers' sideline in his custom-made dress suits and ties. His team's performances, however, could not match his sartorial splendor. He was 18-37 in nearly 3½ seasons with the 49ers, who hired the veteran defensive coordinator to run every aspect of the club in January 2005.

Nolan restored competence to a franchise that finished with the NFL's worst record in 2004, but he has the lowest winning percentage (.327) among any San Francisco coaches who made it through more than one season with the team. He barely avoided dismissal after finishing 5-11 last season, but couldn't even make it to midseason this fall.

Instead of logically delaying a decision on Nolan's fate until the bye following Sunday's home game against Seattle, McCloughan and owners John and Jed York suddenly couldn't wait another day to get rid of the family's choice to fix the 49ers, who have endured five consecutive losing seasons and haven't made the playoffs since 2002.

"In 2005, Mike Nolan took over a bad football team," Jed York said. "Mike (Nolan) and I have gotten to be pretty close. This obviously was not an easy decision to make, but this was about what happens on the field. Mike made this place better, he made me better, but unfortunately, this didn't translate into victories. I'm very excited to see what Mike can do and bring out the passion and intensity in our football players."

Breeders' Cup Juvenile attracts top 2-year-olds

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — Midshipman and Street Hero, winners of the major 2-year-old races in California, lead the 13-horse field for the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile on Santa Anita's new synthetic surface.

Both 2-year-olds are proven runners on the artificial surface, with Midshipman winning two of his three starts on it, and Street Hero finishing in the money on it in five starts. His lone victory came over Midshipman in the Norfolk Stakes at Santa Anita on Sept. 28.

Trained by Bob Baffert, Midshipman drew the No. 11 post for Saturday's Juvenile,

one of 10 races on that day's Breeders' Cup card.

Street Hero, a son of Street Cry who is bred, owned and trained by Myung Cho, will break from the No. 8 post.

Post positions for the \$5 million Classic, the \$2 million Ladies' Classic and two other races were to be drawn and odds announced later Tuesday.

The 14 races to be run Friday and Saturday are worth \$25.5 million.

Midnight Lute returns to defend his title in the \$2 million Sprint for Baffert. Saturday's 6-furlong race will be just his second start this year and third since winning the Sprint by 4¼ lengths last year at New Jersey's Monmouth Park.

Midnight Lute will be ridden by Garrett Gomez and break from the No. 4 post.

Baffert also considered running Indian Blessing in the Sprint, but opted instead to run her in the \$1 million Filly &

Mare Sprint, where she drew the No. 5 post.

Kip Deville will defend his title in the \$2 million Mile on the turf for trainer Rick Dittus, who will be without Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Big Brown. The colt was suddenly retired because of an injury, denying the Breeders' Cup its most intriguing matchup between Big Brown and Curlin in the Classic.

"It's kind of anticlimactic because we've been running big races all year and pointing toward this," said Michael Ivarone, Big Brown's principal partner who attended the draw.

Kip Deville drew the No. 2 post; he started from the seven hole when he won by one length last year on Monmouth's turf that had been softened by pouring rain.

This year's Breeders' Cup features an all-female, five-race card on Friday, capped by the Ladies' Classic, previously known as the Distaff.

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Coach Stone suspended for 1 soccer game

The Texas Tech women's soccer team will be without its leader for this weekend's Big 12 Conference finale against Texas A&M.

Tech coach Tom Stone has been suspended one game by the NCAA for excessive yellow cards and will have to watch his team from the stands Friday. Stone received his fifth yellow card of the season against Nebraska Sunday. By rule, this warrants a one game suspension.

He will not be allowed to have contact with any of his players or assistant coaches once the game begins. However, he said he will be allowed to have exactly the same involvement with the team on game day until kickoff.

"It is unfortunate," Stone said, "but I have a great staff. The team will be ready and well prepared. We are really looking forward to Friday night."

He also is missing practice this week because he is in Los Angeles coaching the under-21 USA women's soccer team as it tries to qualify for the under-21 World Cup. Tech Assistant Coach Aaron Gordon is stepping into Stone's spot, running practice all week and will make his first official appearance as head coach of the women's soccer team Friday.

"I am sure Tom is telling Aaron exactly what to do," goalkeeper Tina Rincon said. "It is kind of a good thing because Tom is not going to be able to coach us on Friday and this gives Aaron a real opportunity to have the whole week to be the head coach."

Gordon said he is not worried about taking the extra responsibility this week because he led the team for most of the spring while Stone took trips to work with the under-21 USA team.

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Tech holding on to final Big 12 Tournament spot

By STEVEN RYAN
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If any of the Texas Tech women's soccer players suffer from claustrophobia, they might want to get it checked out now.

From here on out, the Red Raiders have little breathing room as it tries to hold on to the eighth and final ticket to the Big 12 Tournament.

"Obviously you don't ever like to be eighth," defender Jennifer Kammerer said. "It is not the position we thought we were going to be in. But once we get to the tournament I think we will be able to get a win no matter where we are ranked."

With a 3-6 record in conference play, the Red Raiders have nine points in the conference standings. This puts Tech five points ahead

of the two teams tied for ninth, Oklahoma and Baylor, and eight points ahead of last-place Iowa State.

Although this may seem like a comfortable lead, the Red Raiders have only one more conference game to collect points while OU, Baylor and Iowa State each have three.

"It kind of sucks because we put ourselves into a position where we have to wait around and see what the other teams do," goalkeeper Tina Rincon said.

On top of that, Tech's final Big 12 game comes up against the two-time defending regular season



RINCON

Big 12 champions, No. 6 Texas A&M. The Aggies arguably have dominated the Red Raiders in recent years, with eight straight wins by a combined score of 40-5.

Meanwhile OU gets three home games to finish up its conference schedule with one coming against the only team without a win in conference play: Iowa State.

"It is a tall task for anyone of those three teams to leapfrog us," Tech assistant coach Aaron Gordon said. "We beat those three teams. We had to take two of those into overtime, but even the two games in overtime I thought we were the



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better team."

OU, Baylor and ISU have a combined 2-15-4 conference record — one win less than Tech has this season.

"Whenever we played all those teams, we said these were the three teams we wanted to be behind us," Rincon said. "Luck could be on their side but we definitely put ourselves in a good position by beating those three teams and distinguishing ourselves from them."

Although the Red Raiders are not extremely thrilled to be in eighth place, the players and coaches said they believe it is a good situation to be in considering the circumstances.

"With as many injuries as we have had and overcome, I think it shows a sense of resiliency in our team," Gordon said. "We have had

to play different lineups and certain players in different places. We have had to adjust on the fly at times and our team has responded."

Of the 11 opening day starters for Tech, four have missed considerable time because of injuries. Shannon Sims has missed eight games, Zhaleh Rezaie has missed four, Kendyll Myggatt and Halie Cdebaca have been out for the season since Sept. 28.

Despite all the injury issues, the players believe if they can get into the tournament anything can happen.

"If we get in as the eight seed we will relish the eight seed because no one likes to play Tech," Gordon said. "In fact everyone hates to play Tech."

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Cincinnati Bengals' 0-7 start not unusual, losing might continue

CINCINNATI (AP) — All the losing is wearing on Cincinnati Bengals receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh.

"It's tough to be in this position," said Houshmandzadeh, a Pro Bowl receiver on the NFL's worst team. "But you just have to have some pride. That's it, bottom line. If you have pride in yourself, things should turn out better than what it looks like it's going to be."

Looks like the losing is going to go on for a while.

For the first time this season, the Bengals (0-7) fell apart near the end of a 38-10 loss to Pittsburgh on Sunday. The Steelers scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter, when Cincinnati's offense and defense collapsed. They missed tackles, blew coverages and dropped passes.

"It was 12:38 left to go in the football game, where it's a seven-point game, and things began to dissolve in a lot of ways," coach

Marvin Lewis said.

It's a bad omen when the team disintegrates and the coach can't do anything about it.

With the midpoint of the season approaching, the Bengals still don't have a win and don't seem to have a clue about how to get one. The next game is at 2-4 Houston, which is coming off a victory over Detroit — the NFL's only other winless team at 0-6.

After that is a home game against Jacksonville, followed by a bye week.

If the Bengals are 0-9 at that point, all the talk will be about how they're on the verge of matching the worst start in franchise history — not the way to spend a week off.

"We've got to win one to get that momentum and get that taste out of our mouths," receiver Chad Ocho Cinco said.

If history is an indication, they won't get many more than one. It's the sixth time in franchise history that

they've opened a season with seven losses. They didn't win more than four games in any of those seasons. The benchmark is an 0-10 start in 1993 under coach Dave Shula.

Since Mike Brown took control of the franchise following his father's death in 1991, the Bengals have opened the season five times with an 0-7 mark. No other NFL team has done it more than twice.

Losing seven games in a row isn't unusual at all for the Bengals. They've done it eight times in the 18 years that Brown has run the operation, a mind-boggling run of bad football in a league ruled by parity. And there's no telling how long the current streak will last.

Quarterback Carson Palmer will miss his third consecutive game Sunday with a sore passing elbow that raises doubts about the rest of his season. If the elbow doesn't heal in the next few weeks, Palmer will have to

consider surgery or simply sitting out the rest of the season.

Backup Ryan Fitzpatrick was sacked seven times by the Steelers and lost a fumble. The Bengals failed to get a first down on any of their first five possessions, an indication of how bad things have gotten.

In a lot of ways, it's like the old days.

Some fans wore bags over their heads in embarrassment during the loss to the Steelers, who had thousands of fans in the stands. At least one fan wore a T-shirt that said: "Mike Brown Step Down." Fans headed for the exits early, leaving Steelers fans to twirl their Terrible Towels in celebration.

The game also reminded fans about the franchise's biggest problem: a lack of direction. The Bengals don't stay with a plan for very long, which leaves them in constant flux at various positions.

They drafted quarterback Akili Smith in the first round in 1999, and discarded him before he had played an entire season. They took Chris Perry in the first round in 2004, saying he would eventually replace Rudi Johnson as their No. 1 running back.

Perry finally got the job this year. Less than halfway through the season, he has lost it because of poor production (a 2.6-yard average per carry) and five fumbles. Cedric Benson, signed as a free agent two weeks ago, started against the Steelers and ran for 52 yards. Now, no one knows where the franchise is headed at that important position.

Two losses into his career with the Bengals, Benson is starting to sound like one of them. Asked what happened against Pittsburgh, he was as mystified as everyone else.

"It's a little hard to put your finger on it," Benson said.

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<h3>TYPING</h3> <p>LOCAL TYPING and transcription service. Average \$2.50 per page. Can also edit for additional charge. Very fast, reliable, and accurate. 979-525-3184.</p>	<h3>HELP WANTED</h3> <p>JAKE'S IS HIRING ALL POSITIONS! Greeters, waitstaff, security, bartenders. We are flexible with school schedules. Apply at 5025 50TH Street.</p> <p>KENNEDY & ASSOCIATES Marketing design firm looking for part-time commission based sales rep. Flexible hours. Internship credit. Contact chelsea@kennedyymktg.com.</p> <p>MAKE UP TO \$75 each taking Online Surveys. www.CashToSpend.com</p> <p>MYSTERY SHOPPERS needed in Lubbock. Get paid to shop and eat out for free. There are no fees involved. Contact fox2x2@aol.com.</p> <p>NOW HIRING servers, line cooks, greeters, dell help. Apply in person. Stella's 50th & Ulta.</p> <p>NOW HIRING wait staff and delivery drivers at Orlando's Italian Restaurant. Waits must be able to work some weekday lunches. Experience preferred and TABC certification a plus. Delivery drivers average \$10+ an hour up to \$20 an hour with flexible schedules. A great place to work. Apply in person between 2-5 PM at 6951 Indiana.</p> <p>OHANA'S RESTAURANT is seeking experienced waitstaff, bartenders, manager, and assistant manager. Call Annie at 806-544-2316.</p>	<h3>HELP WANTED</h3> <p>Jason's deli Jason's Deli Interviewing Food Line & Registers (Part Time/AM Shift). Starting pay \$7/hr! Flexible Shifts, 401K, Health/Dental Insurance, & MORE! Apply In Person @ Jason's Deli, 4001 S. Loop 289 Lubbock 79423 EOE</p>	<h3>UNFURNISHED</h3> <p>4 BEDROOM/4 Bath. 3 car garage 1890 s.f. Free November/December rent. \$1800/month through May 2010. 928-9936.</p> <p>AVAILABLE NOW Houses, duplexes, townhouses. Visit www.lubbock4rent.com. WestMark Property Management.</p> <p>DETACHED EFFICIENCY off street parking, yard maintained, range, refrigerator, no pets or smoking. 2506 26th St. rear \$320. Owner Ernestine Kelly Realtor. 795-7113.</p> <p>DOWNTOWN STUDIO APARTMENT Not your typical cookie-cutter apartment experience. 2 bedroom / 2 bath unit - 1450 sq. ft. New construction / remodel of old warehouse. 15' exposed wood/metal ceilings. Stained concrete floors. Wireless internet available. Very quiet, laid-back community. Perfect for Tech faculty/staff, graduate, law, & medical students. NOTE: all units require nonsmoking. \$950/mo. Available November 1. Ask about our move-in specials. 601 Main St. 763-8097.</p>	<h3>FOR SALE</h3> <p>BRAND NAME Queen orthopedic eurotop mattress set, new. Can deliver. \$109. 806-438-0081.</p> <p>CHERRY 6PC dining table and chairs. New! Perfect for holiday meals. \$399. 806-438-0081.</p> <p>CUTE UPDATED 2/1 New floors, CHA, appliances included. Close To Tech, 2416 26th. \$68,000. 817-929-3419.</p> <p>FULL SIZE orthopedic mattress set, in plastic \$130. New twin size \$99. 806-549-3310.</p> <p>KING PILLOW top mattress and box spring. Sealed in plastic. \$225. 806-549-3310.</p> <p>MATTRESS, FURNITURE 5127 34th Street (34th & Slide). 785-7253.</p> <p>NEW 5PC bedroom set. Boxed. Holiday guest? \$475. 806-438-0081.</p> <p>NEW MICROFIBER sofa, love seat, 3 tables, boxed. Can deliver. \$550. 806-549-3310.</p> <p>OWNER CARRIES two great rental homes in Tech area; 5515 Auburn (3/2/2) & 5713 7th (2/2). Garden home. Flexible terms & payments. 797-6358.</p> <p>RENTAL QUALITY Halloween costumes. Ave. L & 84th St. flea market. Good prices.</p> <p>UNDISTURBED SLEEP! New memory foam mattress and base. \$380. 806-438-0081.</p>	<h3>ROOMMATES</h3> <p>MALE ROOMMATE now or reserve for spring semester. House all appliances, cable, and internet. All utilities paid. \$100 deposit, \$350/mo. Call 806-729-8418.</p> <p>NEED ONE ROOMMATE (Male or female) to fill a room in a nice 3/2 2-story house <1 mile from Tech! Excellent place to live! \$475, bills included. Contact Blake: (281) 450-7872. blake.rupard@ttu.edu.</p> <p>ROOMMATE NEEDED. 4/2. \$213 plus 1/4 of bills. Available ASAP. Call 806-544-5407.</p> <p>ROOMMATE WANTED for 3/1. \$500/mo. All bills paid. Available ASAP. 254-717-1061.</p>
<h3>TUTORS</h3> <p>COLLEGE TUTORING - ALL SUBJECTS In your home or a convenient location. Calculus, geometry, trig, algebra, chemistry, physics, biology, writing, english composition, foreign languages. Subject not listed? Don't worry - we tutor everything! Affordable rates, qualified tutors and flexible schedules. Call today! 806-368-5629 or email www.clutzb.com</p>	<h3>HELP WANTED</h3> <p>\$12.00/HR. (up to). Perfect student job. Conduct phone surveys. Opinion Resources, 3602 Slide B-26.</p>	<h3>FURNISHED</h3> <p>1 FURNISHED bed/bath in 3 bed/bath. University Trails. \$480/month. ASAP! Call 682-557-1088.</p> <p>1/1 IN 3/3 at University Pointe. Move in ASAP. \$510/mo., all bills paid. 806-632-4561.</p>	<h3>UNFURNISHED</h3> <p>1 UNIQUE 2 bedroom. Polished oak floors. Cute, like new, spotless. Manicured lawn kept. 2302 18th. \$645. Water paid. No pets. 765-7182.</p> <p>1/1. \$375. 1701 Peoria, one block East of Quaker. 762-6302. 777-4029.</p> <p>2/2 HOUSE. Carport, yard, dining. Hardwood. CHA. 1911 25th St. \$625/mo., \$400 deposit. 787-2323. 544-3600.</p> <p>2/2/1 HOUSE. Hardwood, huge storage. CHA, loft, W/D connections, appliances. 2204 24th. \$695/month. \$400 deposit. 787-2323. 544-3600.</p> <p>3/2 TWO Story house. Hardwood, CHA, yard, W/D connections, appliances. 2310 28th. \$895/mo \$400/dep. 787-2323. 544-3600.</p> <p>3/2 TWO story house. Near campus. Dining. W/D connections. 2432 21st. \$875/mo \$400 deposit. 787-2323. 544-3600.</p> <p>3/2/CP. HARDWOOD. CHA, dining, W/D connections, appliances. 2208 30th. \$675/month. \$400 deposit. 787-2323. 544-3600.</p>	<h3>ROOMMATES</h3> <p>NEED CASH Buying any gold/silver jewelry. Any Condition. Avery and others. Varsity Jewelers 1311 University.</p> <p>TEXAS TECH officially licensed rings. Men's from \$495. Women's from \$275. Varsity Jewelers. 1311 University.</p>	<h3>SERVICES</h3> <p>\$5000 PAID EGG DONORS plus expense. Nonsmoker, ages 19-29 SAT>1100(ACT>24, GPA>3.0. Contact: info@eggonorcenter.com if qualified.</p> <p>EZ DEFENSIVE DRIVING. Free Chicken Fried Steak Included! Only \$28.95. Call 781-2931. More Information www.LubbockClass.com.</p> <p>GUITAR LESSONS all styles/levels by internationally acclaimed guitarist. Study with the best! 806-747-6108. www.susangrisanti.com</p> <p>IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS Whittenburg Law Firm 820 Buddy Holly Ave. Pan Am Legal Building, Suite #11, Lubbock, 79401. 806-712-2800.</p> <p>INCH LOSS/DETOX Too much the night before? Detox and lose 900-1200 calories with infrared body wrap. Lindsey's Medical Day Spa 687-5757.</p> <p>WAXING Brazilian, \$35. Bikini, \$20. Lip & brow, \$15. Camille, 797-9777x245, @ Lindsey's 3307 83rd.</p>
<h3>BEST COLLEGE JOB</h3> <p>Apply in store or online at www.getasupertan.com. SuperTan 3 locations in Lubbock. 82nd & University, 82nd & Slide or 4th & Slide Road.</p> <p>BLESS YOUR HEART now hiring cashier & kitchen positions. Apply at 3701 19th. Lunch & dinner shifts. Must be able to work weekends.</p> <p>COPPER CABOOSE Hiring bartenders, cocktails for Texas Hold'Em Tournaments. Tue/Thur/Sun 7pm. 56th & Ave Q. 744-0183.</p> <p>DOCTOR'S OFFICE looking for flexible part time clerical. Must be people person, smart, and nonsmoker. Great place, great job. 3415 19th St.</p> <p>EARN EXTRA INCOME in your spare time. Independent distributors needed for nutritional products. Unlimited earning potential. 745-5848.</p> <p>EARN EXTRA money. Students needed ASAP. Earn up to \$150 per day being a mystery shopper. No experience required. Call 1-800-722-4791.</p> <p>EL CHICO now hiring wait staff for lunch shifts. Apply in person 4301 Marsha Sharp (Brownfield Highway). Next to Otto's and La Quinta.</p> <p>FEDEX GROUND hiring part time package handlers. Starting pay \$9.50/hr. \$1500/year tuition assistance available. 3:30-8a.m. Tuesday - Saturday. Apply at 8214 Ash Ave (SE corner of Central Freight).</p> <p>HILLCREST GOLF & Country Club is now hiring experienced servers and bartenders. Apply in person at 4011 N. Boston.</p> <p>HIRING SERVERS, greeters, & cooks. Apply in person at Fox & Hound, 4210 82nd Street.</p>	<h3>PART TIME SALES</h3> <p>Business Hygiene is seeking P/T Sales Associates in Lubbock. Mornings/afternoons available. Great earnings potential. Call David at 791-3388 to schedule interview.</p> <p>PERFECT STUDENT work! Process rebates online! \$200+ daily possible. www.RebateProcessors.info.</p> <p>REDRAIDERSNEEDJOBS.COM Paid survey takers needed in Lubbock. 100% free to join. Click on Surveys.</p> <p>SEASONAL PART time warehouse work. Must be able to lift 20 lbs. Need to be able to work some hours during the week and some weekends. Job includes sorting, loading and unloading. Call 787-0219.</p>	<h3>3/3 APARTMENT</h3> <p>Equal sized bedrooms and closets. Perfect for roommates! Ample storage space. Tile flooring. Pet friendly. Call College Pointe Apartments for our Student Specials! 806-763-2626.</p> <p>3020 46TH Rear apartment. 1/1. Close to Tech. Quiet neighborhood. Wood/ceramic. \$400/mo. \$300 deposit. Available mid December. 806-252-8668.</p> <p>3704 25TH Street. 3/2. Close to Tech. Wood/ceramic. Quite Neighborhood. W/D connections. \$900/mo. \$500 deposit. Available mid December. 806-252-8668.</p>	<h3>FOR SALE</h3> <p>2009 TECH calendar available at Barnes & Noble, Red Raider Outfitter, Varsity Bookstore. Great gifts for family and friends. For more info call 806-687-5993.</p> <p>4 POSTER oak bedroom set. New from factory, sturdy, \$1380. 806-549-3110.</p> <p>ALL LEATHER 5pc sofa set. New with warranty. List \$2099, sell \$625. 806-549-3110.</p> <p>BLACK IRON canopy bed and new mattress for bedroom! \$295. 806-549-3110.</p>	<h3>MISCELLANEOUS</h3> <p>"W" Focus Groups - Free Food and possible \$\$\$! The College of Mass Communication is conducting research into audience reaction to the film "W". Moderated discussions will take place over the next three weeks. Complimentary food and drink provided and cash payments possible (pending budgetary approval). Contact Dr. Robert Peaslee at robert.peaslee@ttu.edu or 742-6500, x283 if interested.</p> <p>LOOKING FOR A GREAT CHURCH HOME? www.c3power.org.</p> <p>THE GOLD STOP Cash for gold, silver, jewelry, coins, watches, etc. 2423 34th. Open M-F 9am-6pm. 806-747-4653, 790-7074.</p> <p>ROOMMATES 2 ROOMMATES needed ASAP. 3/2, \$525.00 monthly. Utilities paid. Pets ok if they get along with mine. Call 806-535-5649 for info.</p> <p>3 MONTHS RENT FREE! Female roommate needed for 3 bedroom @ Grove. Spring '09. 475\$ a month, all bills paid. Call 214-783-8340.</p>	<h3>TRAVEL</h3> <p>#1 College Ski & Board Week BRECKENRIDGE Ski 20 Mountains & 5 Resorts for the Price of 1 Beaver Creek, Arapahoe Basin & Keystone \$179 U.S. Ski & Snowboard 1-800-754-0453 www.ubski.com</p>

EXPERIENCE Rec Sports

Playoffs are now starting for Flag Football and Softball! The Softball schedule will be released this afternoon on the Rec Sports website at www.resports.ttu.edu!

Phone: 742-3351

Website: www.resports.ttu.edu

Box 2151

Don't forget that Raider X2 Session 2 Classes are on sale now! Get into your favorite classes for the second session! All of your favorite classes are back, and we have added a new dance class, Argentine Tango!
Both Mind/Body and Spin classes are on discount!
Spin pass for 12 different classes - \$40!
Mind/Body pass for 16 classes - \$35!

Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

Intramurals-

Playoffs for flag football have started!
Volleyball starts tomorrow!
Softball brackets come out this afternoon at www.resports.ttu.edu.
-Sign up for the Swim Meet starting today! The Swim Meet is on November 6!

Sport Club Score

Kuk Sool Won @ World Tournament (Houston)
Sparring
Elisha Hooper - 2nd
Benjamin Hooper - 1st
Matthew Wilson - 2nd
Trey Porter - 3rd
Stephen Torrence - 3rd
Ketan Khare - 3rd
Traditional Forms
Elisa Hooper - 4th
Trey Porter - 2nd
Sean Mullen - 2nd
Stephen Torrence - 2nd
Na Young Kim - 2nd
Staff Spinning
Trey Porter - 2nd
Techniques
Trey Porter - 2nd
Stephen Torrence - 2nd
Cycling @ Raider Road Race
Category A
Wade Wolfenbarger - 1st
Wesley Wolfenbarger - 2nd
Category B
Chris Nybom - 1st
David Preston - 2nd
Eric Wright - 3rd
Women's Race
Clare Chandler - 1st
Jessica De La Garza - 2nd
Racquetball @ UTA Tournament
Women's Doubles
Brinda Dass & Cristina Arratia - 2nd
Men's Doubles (C)
Charlie Winfrey & Ty Stolp - 3rd
Men's Doubles (C)
Tim Stolp & Jerred Moon - 2nd
Men's Doubles (D)
Evan McFarden & Kyle Engstrom - 4th

Outdoor Pursuits Center

Free Activities For You!
Monday: Women's Only Climbing from 8:30 - 10:00pm
Tuesday - Road Biking from the OPC at 5:30pm
Wednesday - Mountain Biking from the OPC at 5:30pm
Thursday - Kayaking from 7:00 - 9:00pm at the ESC Pool

Fit/Well

THRILLER WEEK

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THRILLER!

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 26	5:30PM - 6:30PM
MONDAY	OCTOBER 27	8:00PM - 9:00PM
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 29	7:15PM - 8:15PM
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 30	8:15PM - 9:15PM

PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME ON OCTOBER 30TH!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29
9:00AM - 12:00PM
REC CENTER
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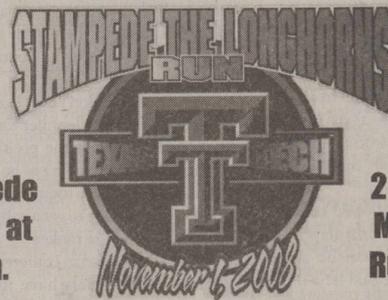
Flu Shots

We will be hosting OccMed Associates of Lubbock for flu shots on Thursday, November 6 from 4-7 pm in Room 201. Cost is \$22 (exact cash or check made out to OccMed). Payment is due at time of the shot. Open to anyone affiliated with Tech. Minimum age limit is 4 years old. Immediate families can be included. Must call 742.3828 to register by noon on November 5. Shots will be first come first served but all those who have registered will get a shot. Questions? Call 742.3828 or stop by the Fit/Well. Please go to www.resports.ttu.edu to look at the detailed flyer on the shots and to download the form that can be filled out in advance for the shots.

Aquatic Center

Register now for Youth Learn to Swim
We offer a fall class of our first 3 levels of Youth Learn to Swim. These classes fill fast, so make sure you get your registration in early! Lessons are \$35 for TTU community and \$37 for Lubbock Community. Register by calling the Aquatic Center at 742-3896.

Fall Class: Tuesday's and Thursday's October 28 - November 20 6:00 - 8:00pm



Stampede begins at 9 a.m.

2 & 4 Mile Runs

Free T-SHIRTS TO THE FIRST 150 RUNNERS!

LOCATION: Begin at the Student Rec Center and run through campus on a 2 mile or 4 mile route [maps will be available]

T-SHIRTS: The red "Stampede the Longhorns" t-shirts furnished by Hospitality Services.



Hospitality services

Outdoor Pursuits

Last Chance to sign up for Scuba!

Intro to Scuba

Sign up by: Oct. 24
Trips Dates: Nov. 8-9
Cost: \$345

For only \$345, you can become a PADI certified open water diver! This class and trip is the best way to get your certification! Register by Oct. 24, and then attend the classes on Oct. 28, 30, Nov. 4 and 6, then you will head to Balmorhea State Park for your certification dives!



Caprock Bike Tour

Registration deadline: Nov. 6
Trip Dates: Nov. 15 - 16
Cost: \$65

This new trip will take you over a 32 mile converted railroad track in west Texas! This trip is a great way to relax and get away from school. If you don't have a mountain bike, you can rent one from the OPC for an additional fee.

One hour massage for \$35.00



Discount available now in Fit/Well

Book it between Oct. 22 - 31

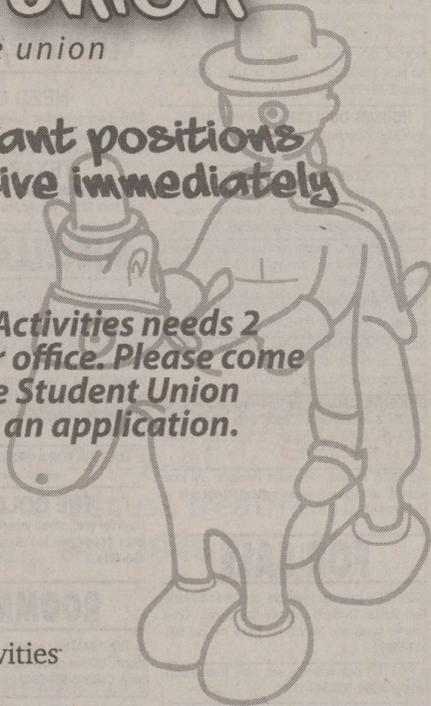
*Massages purchased at discount price must be used on or before (no gift certificates)
Book by phone: (806)742-3828 Dec. 4 Email for more info: fitwell.rec@ttu.edu

student union

coming together in the union

student assistant positions available, effective immediately

Student Union and Activities needs 2 students to work in our office. Please come by Room 203 in the Student Union Building to fill out an application.



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activities

whats coming up at the union

Chemistry Wizard

Wednesday, October 22
SUB Courtyard | Noon

Capitol Steps

Wednesday, October 22
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm

Corn Maize

Thursday, October 23
At! Do Farms | 7:00 pm

Broadway Attractions --The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Thursday-Saturday, October 23-25
Lubbock City Bank Auditorium | 7:30 pm

Paranormal State

Wednesday, October 29
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm

For more information about activities in the Student Union visit www.tab.ttu.edu

student organization updates...

OrgSync Training

Wednesday, October 22
SUB Playa Room | 5:00pm