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INCOMING FRESHMEN GATHER near the Red Raider Orientation information desk yesterday in the Student Union Building. Members of Red Raider Orientation received their first advising session yesterday afternoon.

Obama visits Gulf, observes recovery efforts

By ERICA WERNER THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — The compensation fund, as President Barack Obama set out on a fact-finding have the legal authority" to do that. tour in the stricken Gulf Coast that the oil company's leaders.

lars," although he wouldn't give a president's announcements. specific amount.

nesses in the Gulf area become whole again," the spokesman said.

in London to discuss deferring its second-quarter dividend and putting ing every power of the presidency to here on Mississippi's coast, where he billowing from BP's runaway well.

White House said Monday BP appears Obama was ready to force BP, if necthe calamity. willing to set up a massive victims essary, to set up the fund, and Burton said Obama aides are "confident we

Obama's two-day trip to Missishe said would help him get tough with sippi, Alabama and Florida is his lat-Spokesman Bill Burton, speaking come to grips with the nation's worst place possible.' to reporters traveling with Obama environmental disaster. The president aboard Air Force One to the Gulf, plans to address the nation from the argue for passage of comprehensive president said. said the White House and BP were Oval Office Tuesday night after his energy and climate change legislation, "working out the particulars," such return, and will announce some new a case he has been making recently some local residents. as the amount of the fund and how steps to restore the Gulf Coast ecosys- almost every time he addresses the it will be administered. The account tem, already battered before the spill, spill. Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., would be run by an independent said a senior administration official. said he Monday hopes Obama will

"We're confident that this is a meeting for the first time with BP critical way in which we're going to executives, probably including the Office for an address for the first time lion gallons of oil a day by the end of be able to help individuals and busi- company's much-criticized CEO, Tony Hayward. Later in the week, company officials will have to face himself, Burton said. BP's board was meeting Monday Congress in hearings on the spill.

Burton said, for example, that Obama on Tuesday night will address both worker safety and food safety "to make sure the American people know est step as the administration tries to we're monitoring in each and every need to make sure that individuals

produced by coal-fired power plants 5,000 feet below the ocean's surface. Then on Wednesday Obama is and other large polluters.

the money into escrow until the extract concessions from BP as efforts said that the two days in the region company's liabilities from the spill continue to stop the leak. They add would help him prepare for Wednesup to Obama's most concerted efforts day's showdown with BP. In particu-The administration had said so far to assert leadership in face of lar, Obama said there continues to be problems with claims for damages and with effective coordination.

"We're gathering up facts, stories, right now so that we have an absolutely clear understanding about we're doing everything we can and how we can best present to BP the and businesses are dealt with in a fair Obama also will use the speech to manner and a prompt manner," the

He then headed to lunch with

The administration said earlier Monday that BP had responded to a letter sent over the weekend asking third-party entity, Burton said, and The source spoke on condition of directly support legislation that puts the company to speed up its ability to would run into "the billions of dol- anonymity so as not to upstage the a price on carbon dioxide emissions capture the spewing oil from its well

> In its response, BP said it would The symbolism of using the Oval target containing more than 2 milin Obama's presidency was deliberate, June, up from about 630,000 gallons and a decision made by the president of crude a day now. High-range estimates from researchers advising the Obama's first stop on Monday was government have said that as much The White House has been us- a briefing at a Coast Guard station as 2.1 million gallons a day could be

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KELLY BENNETT

Medical Director

Student Health Services

population.

By EVAN JANSA STAFF WRITER

Red Raider Orientation is now giving future Texas Tech students another opportunity for peace of mind if they plan on living in a residence hall.

Meningitis vaccinations are being offered to students during orientation. The vaccination is currently available at the Student Wellness Center for \$120, according to Student Health Services chief pharmacist Melanie Bixler.

However, according to managing director of University Student Housing

Sean Duggan, shots are also available at the City of Lubbock Health Department for \$10.

Bixler said that the vaccination covers the A,B,C,Y and W-35 strands of meningitis.

Beginning in January, all students that were going to move into residence halls were mandated by the state to show proof of the meningitis vaccination.

"They just have to provide

received the vaccination and it's been 12 years at Tech. at least ten days prior to moving into the halls," Duggan said.

The ten-day period ensures that the vaccination has become active by the time students enter their residence hall, Duggan said.

If students do not wish to get the vaccination there is an alternative that still allows them to live in a residence hall. Duggan said that a student can fill out a form on the Texas Department of State Health Services website. After submitting the form to the state, the university then needs a copy of the exemption form in order for the student to live on campus.

During orientation, students will be provided transportation to the Student Wellness Center by bus.

There is a sizable disparity in the number of new students living in residence halls during the fall semester as compared to this past spring semester.

"In January we had around 350 (new) students (living in the residence halls)," Duggan said. "Now with a freshman class of 5,000, we've got to make extra efforts to make sure everyone knows."

The vaccine itself covers all but one of the types of meningitis, said medical director of Student Health Services

Kelly Bennett. It also lasts the student three to five years.

It is advantageous for students to receive the vaccination due to the fact that there are cases of viral meningitis every vear on campus. "We have

ten to 20 cases of viral (meningitis) a year,' Bennett said. "Freshmen in dorms have a higher rate than the general population."

She said she has not seen a

documentation for us that they have single case of bacterial meningitis in her

If students do not present either a proof of vaccination or an exemption document there will be a consequence.

"We put a hold on records—it won't prevent students from registering, but it will let them know that this is some business they've got to get done before moving into the halls," Duggan said.

Student Health Services have already seen an increased number of inquiries about the vaccination.

"There's definitely been a lot of questions," Bixler said. "We haven't given that many more (vaccinations) yet, but we will before the summer is over." >>> evan.jansa@ttu.edu

2,352-page FBI file indicates Kennedy was a death threat magnet

BY ANDREW MIGA AND GLEN JOHNSON THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the threats decades after gunmen shot down continued, his brothers, Sen. Edward Kennedy lived under constant assassination FBI documents disclosed Monday.

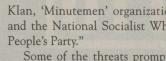
Five years after President John I really mean it." F. Kennedy was killed and shortly after Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot, one letter warned that the third brother was next: "Ted Kennedy number three to be assassinated on Oct. 25, 1968. The Kennedy residence must be well protected on that date."

Nearly two decades later, in 1985, this time

including

threats of his own, sometimes chill- the Republican president as well ingly specific, as he became a target as the liberal Democratic senator: for extremist rage, previously private "Brass tacks, I'm gonna kill Kennedy and (President Ronald) Reagan, and

Kennedy's FBI file, many of them concerning threats over the years, the agency said on its website: "These threats originated from multiple sources, including individuals,



In 1977, the FBI even looked car backfired. into allegations that Sirhan Sirhan nedy. The prisoner, who was housed next to Sirhan for 18 months, told and a car but declined.

President Kennedy was assasanonymous persons and members of sinated in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. radical groups such as the Ku Klux Robert Kennedy was slain in Los anticipated by historians, scholars

Klan, 'Minutemen' organizations Angeles on June 6, 1968. Their and others interested in the life word to Washington headquarters youngest brother's life, and prompt-Some of the threats prompted ed fears he, too, would be targeted by investigations, some resulted in an assassin's bullet. Indeed, Kennedy warnings to Kennedy or local law wrote in his memoir "True Compass" enforcement authorities. There is that after his brothers were killed he through Freedom of Information nedy — the vehicle's driver — was no indication any attempts were was easily startled by loud sounds and would hit the deck whenever a

the man who assassinated Robert 🛾 ing brain cancer. Kennedy's widow, 🗸 off the coast of Massachusetts that Releasing 2,352 pages from fellow prisoner to kill Edward Ken- comment on the document release through a spokesman.

Most of the documents released extortion attempts against the Massachusetts Democrat.

The release had been highly

ated Press and other media orga- Mass. nizations requested the documents Act requests.

There is relatively little on a major controversy, Kennedy's car Kennedy was driver is not being He died last year at 77 after fight- accident on Chappaquiddick Island Robert Kennedy's campaign.

ment, but authorities kept his identity quiet at the start.

and the National Socialist White deaths cast a long shadow on the and long public career of one of at 2:45 p.m. EDT on July 19, 1969, America's most prominent and after being notified by Police Chief powerful politicians. The Associ- Dominic Arena in Edgartown,

It also said, "Stated fact Senator

The advisory said that Ken-

revealed to anyone."

Kopechne drowned after Ken-Kennedy — had attempted to hire a Victoria Reggie Kennedy, declined killed Mary Jo Kopechne, a young nedy drove the car in which she was woman who had been a worker in riding off a bridge into a pond. He swam to safety, leaving Kopechne The files do show that the FBI in the car. Kopechne, 28, was found the FBI he was offered \$1 million Monday are about death threats and was told almost immediately of the dead in the submerged car's back accident and Kennedy's involve- seat 10 hours later. Kennedy, then 37, pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident and got a sus-The Boston FBI office relayed pended sentence and probation.

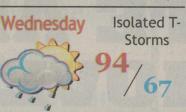
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Texas Tech Dept. of Theatre and Dance to kick off Summer Rep' 2010

STAFF WRITER

JUNE 15, 2010

The Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance is proud to present Summer Rep' 2010, a summer play lineup including two plays that will be performed in the week to come.

The first play is "The Big Friendly Giant," The play will premiere Thursday and its last showing will be June 22. It will be directed by Hannah McKinney and is recommended for children 5 years of age and older.

"The Big Friendly Giant" is named Carnelle Scott who be-

named Sophie who accompanies the Big Friendly Giant on a journey from Giant Country to Buckingham Palace and how, together, they save the children of England from the mean giants.

The second play is "The Miss Firecracker Contest," which will be performed from June 28 to July 3. The play is directed by Alex Moore, and is filled with small-town drama.

The play is about a woman

based on a book from the award- lieves winning a beauty pageant satire and witty humor that winning author Roald Dah. The is her only opportunity to leave the audience is sure to enjoy," play is about a young orphan her small Southern hometown "in a blaze of glory."

> However, her efforts to secure the Miss Firecracker title are complicated by the fact that she is not beauty pageant material. In the play, Carnell Scott goes through her journey of smalltown life with humor and simple

> Moore said the audience will greatly enjoy the play because it is something they will be able to

> > "This play is crammed with it brings."

Moore said.

Benito Vasquez, a graduate student with a master's in Fine Arts Performance Pedagogy, is an actor in both plays. He said both shows bring something different to the table, but display stories the audience will enjoy.

"The Miss Firecracker play is a play I'm sure the West Texas audience will be able to relate to," Vasquez said. "They will be able to connect with the small-town life and drama that Big Friendly Giant" because the giants in the play will interact with the audience by using the audience as an extension of the stage itself, Vasquez said.

Christina Jones, a senior theatre major from Midland, is also in both plays and said she really enjoys acting for both.

"I find the Miss Firecracker play interesting because it's more about the characters," Jones said. "There is a little bit for everyone, whatever mood you're in."

Jones said she also believes "The Big Friendly Giant" will

Children will enjoy "The have a positive reaction from the audience because it is full of high energy and the story will be fun for children.

'We will attract a crowd with both plays," Jones said, "and the costumes are going to be really neat and a lot of fun that the audience will hopefully appreciate."

Tickets for Summer Rep' 2010 will be \$10 for individuals and \$5 for children and students with a valid Tech I.D. All of the performances are at 7:30 p.m. in the Maedgen Laboratory Theatre. >>> hallie.davis@ttu.edu

Camera survives 1,100-mile float from Aruba to Key West

The Coast Guard investigator waded ankle-deep into the water to fish out camera, small enough to fit in the palm of his hand. Its waterproof plastic case was covered with six months' worth of was almost pristine when he found it online. May 16.

test his investigative skills.

There were photos of two men pre-

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MIAMI (AP) — Paul Shultz was There was a mysterious relic settled deep miles from Key West. walking along the pier of a Key West into the sea floor. And even a puzzling marina when he saw what looked like video clip of splashing water that apa rotting tomato pounding against the peared to have been taken as the camera craft was in Aruba the day the photo was America and Aruba ... first with the thrashed around under the control of taken. There was a blue-roofed building something that wasn't human.

the ocean rubbish: a bright red Nikon that said this camera belongs to so and school poster written in Dutch. so," Shultz said.

tures, Shultz adopted the screen name professor of physical oceanography at crusty sea growth, but the camera itself of "Aquahound" and took his hunt the University of Miami, said such an

However, clues to tracking down its board.com, hoping some diving aficiona- currents could have taken the camera owner were few. So Shultz decided to dos could help identify where they were taken. Within days, the Internet sleuths had parsed the pictures and found some paring to scuba dive and a towheaded clues all pointing to Aruba, a Dutch resolution came quickly. He posted

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There was a plane's tail number and a computer search showed the airthat searchers pinpointed to the island "There was nothing on the pictures using Google Earth. And there was a

But could the camera make such After looking through the pic- a trip? Villy Kourafalou, an associate odyssey is possible. The buoyancy of He uploaded the images on Scuba- the plastic case combined with various a tragic end. to Key West, she told The Associated

family nestled together on a couch. island off Venezuela's coast that's 1,100 the pictures on the travel websites Cruisecritic and Aruba.com, and within two days was contacted by an Aruban trying to take a bite out of the floating children in some of the photos as classmates of her son.

She contacted the family, the de Bruins, and all the pieces came together.

"I have a smile on my face ... I can't stop laughing about it," Dick de Bruin said in a phone interview from Aruba. "It's really big news (on the island) and in Europe."

De Bruin, a sergeant in the Royal Dutch Navy, has been stationed with his family in Aruba for three years. The camera floated away from de Bruin while

protected Aruba, a major oil producer, from German forces during the war.

"There's a big connection between anchor, and now the camera brings us together again," de Bruin said.

The camera is on its way to the de Bruin family via FedEx and should be there any day.

Shultz said he's thrilled the story is ending well — for a brief moment when he first viewed the mystery video, he feared the camera's owner had met

There was footage of the divers recovering the anchor, and then in the next video, "the camera started thrash-With Shultz's search narrowed, the ing around and a fin came into the picture," Shultz said. "Then 20 seconds in I realized there was no blood."

The culprit: a hungry sea turtle woman who said she recognized the camera in January, two months after it was lost. The camera's leash apparently got caught on its flipper, and the animal's splashing turned on the video camera. Shultz's best guess is that the episode happened off the coast of Honduras.

> That video clip has been seen more than 200,000 times on YouTube, with viewers everywhere from Alaska to Africa to Australia. It's de Bruin's favorite part of the whole story.

"When I told people what Paul had done, they were astonished. They didn't believe it," he said. "But we have the sea turtle on film proving the camera floated from Aruba to the U.S. It's unbelievable,

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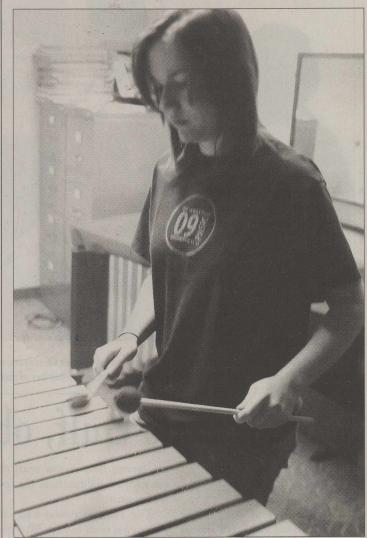


PHOTO BY BEN LIU/The Daily Toreador SARAH HARRIS, A senior music performance major from Lake Jackson, plays the vibraphone yesterday in the Music building

Feds under pressure to open US skies to unmanned aircraft

United States.

The Federal Aviation Adminplanes to carry out civilian and law-enforcement functions but has aircraft and can stay aloft far longer. been hesitant to act. Officials are hundred feet off the ground.

tiniest are small enough to fly these different sizes of vehicles.' through a house window.

deterred the civilian demand for pilotless planes. Tornado research-

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WASHINGTON (AP) — ers want to send them into storms to Unmanned aircraft have proved gather data. Energy companies want their usefulness and reliability to use them to monitor pipelines. in the war zones of Afghanistan State police hope to send them up and Iraq. Now the pressure's on to to capture images of speeding cars' allow them in the skies over the license plates. Local police envision using them to track fleeing suspects.

Like many robots, the planes have istration has been asked to issue advantages over humans for jobs that flying rights for a range of pilotless are dirty, dangerous or dull. And the planes often cost less than piloted

"There is a tremendous pressure worried that they might plow into and need to fly unmanned aircraft airliners, cargo planes and corpo- in (civilian) airspace," Hank Krarate jets that zoom around at high kowski, FAA's head of air traffic altitudes, or helicopters and hot operations, told European aviation air balloons that fly as low as a few officials recently. "We are having constant conversations and discus-On top of that, these pilotless sions, particularly with the Departaircraft come in a variety of sizes. ment of Defense and the Department Some are as big as a small airliner, of Homeland Security, to figure out others the size of a backpack. The how we can do this safely with all

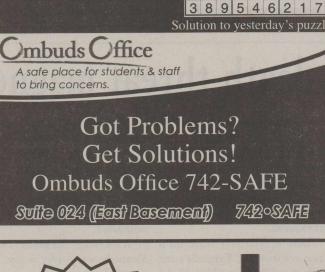
There are two types of unmanned The obvious risks have not planes: Drones, which are automated planes programmed to fly a particular mission, and aircraft that are remotely controlled by someone on the ground, sometimes from thousands of

Last year, the FAA promised defense officials it would have a plan this year. The agency, which has worked on this issue since 2006, has reams of safety regulations that govern every aspect of civilian aviation but is just beginning to write regulations for unmanned aircraft.

"I think industry and some of the operators are frustrated that we're not moving fast enough, but safety is first," Krakowski said in an interview. "This isn't Afghanistan. This isn't Iraq. This is a part of the world that has a lot of light airplanes flying around, a lot of business jets."

One major concern is the prospect of lost communication between unmanned aircraft and the operators who remotely control them. Another is a lack of firm separation of aircraft at lower altitudes, away from major cities and airports. Planes entering these areas are not required to have collision warning systems or even transponders. Simply being able to see another plane and take action is the chief means of preventing accidents.







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Singer, sausage entrepreneur Jimmy Dean dies in VA home

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — limmy reconstructed home. Dean, a country music legend for his smash hit about a workingman hero, Sunday. He was 81.

her husband died at their Henrico fame, for showing up late for gigs. County, Va., home.

She told The Associated Press that he had some health problems but was came as a shock. She said he was eating in front of the television. She left the room for a time and came back and he was unresponsive. She said he was pronounced dead at 7:54 p.m.

"He was amazing," she said. "He had a lot of talents."

Born in 1928, Dean was raised in poverty in Plainview, Texas, and dropped out of high school after the ninth grade. He went on to a successful entertainment career in the 1950s and '60s that included the nationally televised "The Jimmy Dean Show."

In 1969, Dean went into the sausage business, starting the Jimmy Dean Meat Co. in his hometown. He sold the company to Sara Lee Corp.

Dean lived in semiretirement with his wife, who is a songwriter and recording artist, on their 200-acre estate just outside Richmond, where he enjoyed investing, boating and watching the sun set over the James River.

In 2009 a fire gutted their home, but his Grammy for "Big Bad John," a puppet made by Muppets creator Jim Henson, a clock that had belonged to Prince Charles and Princess Diana and other valuables were saved. Lost were a collection of celebrity-autographed books, posters of Dean with Elvis Presley and other prized possessions.

Donna Meade Dean said the couple had just moved back into their

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With his drawled wisecracks and quick wit, Dean charmed many fans. "Big Bad John," and an entrepreneur But in both entertainment and busiknown for his sausage brand, died on ness circles, he was also known for his think it's the dumbest thing. But you tough hide. He fired bandmate Roy His wife, Donna Meade Dean, said Clark, who went onto "Hee Haw'

More recently, a scrap with Sara Lee led to national headlines.

The Chicago-based company let still functioning well, so his death him go as spokesman in 2003, incit-hold. His mother showed him how ing Dean's wrath. He issued a statement titled "Somebody doesn't like His father, who left the family, was a Sara Lee," claiming he was dumped because he got old.

"The company told me that they the harmonica.

were trying to attract the younger housewife, and they didn't think I was the one to do that," Dean told The Associated Press in January 2004. "I know, what do I know?"

Sara Lee has said that it chose not to renew Dean's contract because the "brand was going in a new direction" that demanded a shift in marketing.

Dean grew up in a musical houseto play his first chord on the piano. songwriter and singer. Dean taught himself to play the accordion and

Dempsey not certain World Cup goal counted

the World Cup.

His 25-yard drive bounced twice and into the arms of goalkeeper Robert Green, then squirted out in soccer's version of hot potato.

"I didn't know exactly that it went all the way to net or not, but I just wanted to see what the linesman was doing," Dempsey said. "I saw the linesman running back with his flag, so I knew that they counted the goal and I just went and celebrated with the whole team on the bench.'

Dempsey's goal tied the score Saturday and gave the United States a 1-1 draw; now it's on to Friday's game with Group Cleader Slovenia, which opened with a 1-0 win over Algeria.

A victory would push the United

Clint Dempsey wasn't even sure his goal the first time since 2002 and help erase counted in the U.S.-England opener at the lingering memories of the 2-1 loss to Ghana that eliminated the Americans

> The 27-year-old midfielder from Nacogdoches, Texas, is becoming one of the most accomplished goalscorers in American soccer history. Having also scored against Ghana in 2006, he joined Brian McBride (1998 and 2002) as the only U.S. players with goals in multiple World Cups.

His out-of-nowhere 20-yard chip against Juventus in March, which put Fulham in the Europa League quarterfinals, is the most inventive big-goal score by an American in Europe, one that became instantly famous at Craven Cottage and caused the club to sell commemorative T-shirts.

This is not your average American trying to make it in the world's game.

"He is still a player with some flair,

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — States toward the knockout phase for some attacking ability, some creativity, a guy with a great competitive edge and somebody that has a nose to get goals and an aggressiveness in the box to score, and score different kinds of goals," U.S. coach Bob Bradley said.

Known as "Deuce" for the rap recording he once cut, Dempsey developed his early soccer skills playing with Mexican immigrants. He played club soccer in Dallas, attracted attention and went to Furman, where he played alongside current national team midfielder Ricardo Clark.

After playing for Major League Soccer's New England Revolution from 2004-6, Fulham acquired him for a \$4 million transfer fee. He scored six goals in his first full season with the Cottagers, eight in 2008-9 and nine last season. Many big goals, too, like the one against Liverpool in May 2007 that pretty much ensured Fulham wouldn't be relegated to a lower division.

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OPINIONS

Transition to renewable energy sources will be slow, complicated

By CHRIS LEAL

split atoms, seen the rise of commercial an issue of politics. aviation and we now live our lives seamers and software code.

out of a work of science fiction. Yet, despite the vast wealth of knowledge we have gained in the last century, we still continue to fuel our lifestyles and our ideology to care about the earth? We emautomobiles by burning the decomposed remains of dinosaurs and organisms that aspect of our lives, so why not here? lived hundreds of millions of years ago. Think about that.

when you die; so far it seems the answer is that you're buried, you decompose, and put inside a machine that burns them to oil companies. generate electricity.

your laptop, or that your iPhone was coal the regulated, or the amount of money powered; what a funny piece of technol- spent by oil companies lobbying or doogy that would be. Yet, we live in a world where news about oil spills and coal mine can be sure those figures are high). When accidents are still all-too-common; the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the West Virginia coal mine accident, a smaller oil spill occurred this weekend in Salt Lake City, and those are just accidents in the even. Exxon, Conoco Phillips and United States.

coal mine accidents in just one week, prise a market cap of over \$500 billion. injuring hundreds and killing dozens. Doesn't this seem a bit arcane in a world where we have the technology to harness enough solar energy to power the entire

The last 100 years have seen un- topic is that it has been brutally politiprecedented growth in technology and cized. Instead of being an issue of logic science. We've been given Einstein's and sustainability of the planet, it has ron, combined, control about 20 billion General Theory, put man on the moon, been painted red and blue and become

lessly integrated with all sorts of comput-piece because I didn't want to come off as a "crazy left-wing environmentalist" (no It seems as if we truly live our lives offense to crazy left-wing environmentalists, I really do love you). But even that characterization is absurd. Since when do you have to belong to a certain political brace technology in almost every other

Though the adoption of renewable energy technologies is certainly the People wonder what happens to you future of mankind, how fast we get there remains to be seen. The biggest headwind slowing this process is the then your remains are excavated and relationship between governments and

By "relationship", I don't mean the Imagine if you had to put gasoline in typical coziness between regulators and nated to political campaigns (though you I use the term "relationship" I mean that for the vast majority of the world, the government is the oil company.

Oil companies are big, right? Huge, Chevron are privately-owned companies This year, in April, China had four everybody's heard of, and combined com-

But the oil crisis of the early 1970s really accelerated the growth of a trend in government-owned oil companies.

Today, national oil companies world in less than 1% of the total land those sponsored or owned by government

-account for more than half of global oil One of the most tragic aspects of this production and own or control almost 90 percent of all global oil reserves.

Exxon, Conoco Phillips and Chevbarrels of oil reserves; however, Saudi Arabian Oil Co., Petroleos de Venezuela I was skeptical of even writing this and National Iranian Oil Co. combined control 500 billion barrels of proven oil

Granted, it makes some sense that governments would own and/or control oil companies; when your only source of power is black fossil gunk, it's wise from a political and national security standpoint to be able to control production of that

The only governments not on the national oil company bandwagon are primarily western governments such as those in North American and European nations. But the inability to secure and control the production of your power supply is a competitive disadvantage to consumers of that country and can be dangerous to national security.

It's important to understand that the process of weaning a world off of fossil fuels will be terribly slow and complicated. The entire infrastructure currently in place is created to work with these fossil fuels, and we will be going from solely fossil fuels to a whole portfolio of energy sources such as solar, nuclear, and wind.

But complication is no excuse for inaction, and with the a majority of the world's governments also doubling as giant oil companies, it will be up to the freemarket-loving western nations to pioneer the way forward in this science-fiction life that we live and make the move toward renewable energies.

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Cable news should display diversity of opinion

By THOMAS LOTT

Why can I not watch a single cable news network and get an opinion from both sides?

I am always getting either "Outfoxed" or tuning into the "Communist News Network." Do these hosts have Why can't I get a little of both on

one channel? There has been plenty of war between the news channels of Rupert Murdoch and Ted Turner. There has even been a documentary entitled "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism" which describes the bias

that had been displayed by Fox News in their history, and any news station with Ted Turner as its owner leans on the liberal side.

When I turn on the television, I want to be entertained. But at the same time, I want to be informed. Honestly, I like to watch Glenn Beck. He may lean heavily

toward the conservative side, but the bottom line is that the man is entertaining. He is so passionate about what he says that his passion rubs off on you.

But I also like to watch some of Larry King. He is about as opposite of Glenn

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one channel?

Beck as you can get. He is passionate, though. He believes what he says and he is one of the best interviewers on television news today.

So, the question I ask is this: Why can't we put these two shows back to back? Or at least two shows with similar passions and equal talent that keep me informed and entertained.

I know that

those two hosts could never be put right next to each other in a time slot on the same channel, but wouldn't that be ideal?

Now, there was a time when something similar to what I am proposing ran. The show Hannity & Colmes had the right idea. They had the conservative Sean Hannity and the liberal Alan Colmes on the same show and they would discuss each topic from both view points.

Honestly, I think that a news station that would put shows side-by-side in order to present both sides of an issue would be a huge success. I don't see why this type of station would not render CNN and Fox

I know that this isn't done mostly because of owner's biases. I mean, I can't see a man like Ted Turner, who was strongly in favor of "Obamacare", called people who are against abortion "bozos" and thought that families should be cut off at having two children, putting anything on his channel with any hint of conservative views to it.

I also don't see a man like Rupert Murdoch going for it either, considering the repeated complaints that people have made about his channel's blatant lean toward being conservative.

But who is to say that the talk show hosts will not leave their stations and come together to create a station that tells the truth from different angles? Do these hosts have such strong beliefs that they won't even come together to give the public the whole truth on one channel?

I just wish that I didn't have to change the channel to see both sides of a story. Why does everything have to be conservative or liberal? Can't we get a little bit of both? >>> tlott33@yahoo.com

Liu: Challenges of life after college

By BEN LIU MANAGING EDITOR

A college degree is priceless — especially if you are from California and have that degree signed by the "Gover-

However, today's economy

By Robert Fisher

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So keep your heads in those books and study. The hard work will pay off.

Knowledge is a valuable tool that can shape lives and keep you out of your parents' base-

It certainly worked for me. As I said, education opened up doors and opportunities, even in

this depressing economy. My degree in journalism taught me how to refine my communication skills and to network. It presented me with career opportunities and experiences I would have never thought were possible. It

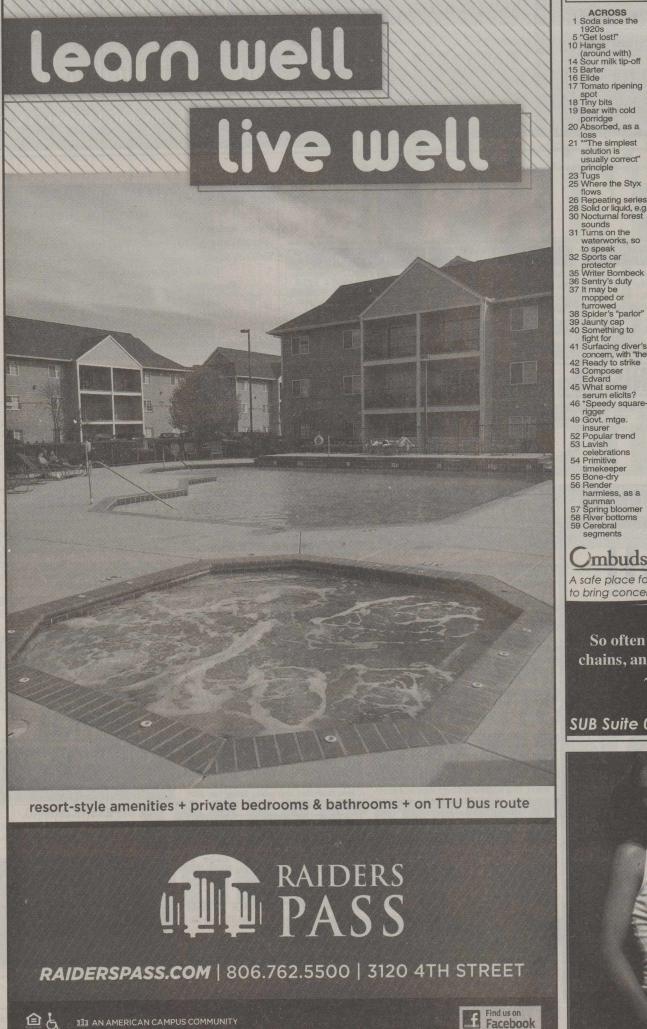
changed my outlook on life. Without those communication and networking skills, I never would have worked in a political office or served as an appointed park and recreation commissioner.

The gloomy economy reminded me just how valuable my degree is. And with the Terminator's autograph, it is priceless. But I still needed to make myself more marketable. But how?

That's when I remembered those famous words "I'll be back" and went back to school — this time to learn how to teach.

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