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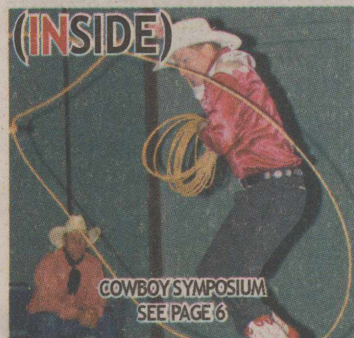
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## Man in wheelchair robs 7-Eleven of condoms

DALLAS (AP) — A robber rolled into a Dallas convenience store came armed with a bat and a knife. He left with a lot of condoms and an energy drink.

Dallas police Cpl. Kevin Janse said Friday that a man in a wheelchair entered a Dallas 7-Eleven Wednesday afternoon, rolled straight toward the cash register and beat it with a baseball bat until it opened.

But he didn't grab any cash. Instead, police say he stole 10 boxes of condoms and an energy drink before making his getaway Wednesday afternoon.

NATION

## Boeing, machinists negotiations fail

SEATTLE (AP) — Despite a 48-hour contract extension, negotiations between Boeing Co. and Machinists union officials have failed and the union declared: "The strike is on!"

The Machinists bargain for about 25,000 aircraft assembly workers in the Puget Sound area, 1,500 in the Portland, Ore. area and about 750 in Wichita, Kan.

Picket lines went up in Wichita early Saturday and West Coast machinists were set to walk out at 12:01 a.m. PDT.

This is the Machinists' second strike in as many contract negotiations. They struck for 24 days in 2005.

WORLD

## Canada's PM. dissolves Parliament, calls election

TORONTO (AP) — Canada's prime minister has dissolved Parliament and called an early election.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper hopes the election campaign will strengthen his minority government's hold on power.

He announced the election in a statement that was handed to reporters in Ottawa on Sunday.

The Conservatives unseated the Liberal Party in 2006 after nearly 13 years in power. But as a minority government the Conservatives have had a tenuous hold on power, forced to rely on opposition lawmakers to pass legislation and adopt budgets.

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## Officials announce takeover of mortgage giants

By ALAN ZIBEL  
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration, acting to avert the potential for major financial turmoil, announced Sunday that the federal government was taking control of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Officials announced that the executives and board of direc-

tors of both institutions had been replaced. Herb Allison, a former vice chairman of Merrill Lynch, was selected to head Fannie Mae, and David Moffett, a former vice chairman of US Bancorp, was picked to head Freddie Mac.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson says the historic actions were being taken because "Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are so large and so interwoven in our financial system that a failure of either of them would cause great turmoil in our financial

markets here at home and around the globe."

The huge potential liabilities facing each company, as a result of soaring mortgage defaults, could cost taxpayers tens of billions of dollars, but Paulson stressed that the financial impacts if the two companies had been allowed to fail would be far more serious.

"A failure would affect the ability of Americans to get home loans, auto loans and other consumer credit and business finance," Paulson said.

Both companies were placed into a government conservatorship that will be run by the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the new agency created by Congress this summer to regulate Fannie and Freddie.

The Federal Reserve and other federal banking regulators said in a joint statement Sunday that "a limited number of smaller institutions" have significant holdings of common or preferred stock shares in Fannie and Freddie, and that regulators were "prepared to work

with these institutions to develop capital-restoration plans."

The two companies had nearly \$36 billion in preferred shares outstanding as of June 30, according to filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Paulson said that it would be up to Congress and the next president to figure out the two companies' ultimate structure.

"There is a consensus today ... that they cannot continue in their current form," he said.

## A DAY IN THE DUNGEON

A tale of Dungeons and Dragons strikes Lubbock



PHOTOS BY KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Treador

GATHERED TO PLAY Dungeons and Dragons, everyone waits for the game to start on Saturday afternoon at Jasco Games on 34th Street.

By MATT MCGOWAN  
FEATURES EDITOR

Creativity was sold separately Saturday in a small shop off 34th Street.

In the shop, the role-playing game Dungeons and Dragons ruled the afternoon.

"This is like simulated reality," said the shop's owner, Jason Hawronksy, 22, a Texas Tech undergrad who opened the shop more than three weeks ago. "You can do things you couldn't do in real life because of consequences.

"It's like writing short novels every time."

Of the seven men socking it to wicked enemies, the youngest was 11-year-old Marshall Veal, a ranger who liked to use his crossbow.

"I'll use my reaping strike on him," he said during the group's melee with a series of unhygienic pond creatures.

The reaping strike was a success, resulting in 10 damage points, and

was just enough to save one of his adult counterparts, Charles Short, a network technician at Tech and the first to enter a cave where monsters lurked, waiting.

A series of heavy — though imaginary — blows in the cave took its toll

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## Hurricane Ike looms as trouble for Gulf

By BRIAN SKOLOFF  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Powerful Hurricane Ike rolled down an uncertain path Sunday that may lead to the U.S. Gulf Coast late this week, forcing emergency officials to pay attention and leaving millions of people from Florida to Mexico to wonder where it will eventually strike.

Officials in the Florida Keys started a phased evacuation for residents Sunday morning after telling visitors a day earlier to get out. Ike, a dangerous Category 4 storm with winds early Sunday of near 135 mph, was forecast to affect the Keys starting Monday night on a potential track for the central Gulf.

Ike roared across the low-lying Turks and Caicos island chain before dawn Sunday as people in the British territory sought refuge in emergency shelters or in their homes.

At 11 a.m. EDT, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said Ike's eye had passed over Great Inagua Island in the Bahamas and was about 15 miles west-southwest of the island. It was moving west about 13 mph on a path that was expected to take it through the southeastern Bahamas and near or over eastern Cuba Sunday night and central Cuba late Monday.

The center said a hurricane watch was issued at 11 a.m. for the Florida Keys from Ocean Reef, Fla. southward, including the Dry Tortugas.

"These storms have a mind of their own," Florida Gov. Charlie Crist said after a meeting Saturday with mayors and emergency officials. "There are no rules, so what we have to do is be prepared, be smart, vigilant and alert."

Florida Keys officials began resident evacuations on the low-lying chain of islands in phases, starting at the end in Key West by 8 a.m. and continuing throughout the day — at noon for the Middle Keys, and at 4 p.m. for the Upper Keys, including Key Largo. Visitors were told to leave Saturday.

"We do understand the inconvenience of evacuations for Keys residents and visitors, but their safety is our top priority," said Monroe County Administrator Roman Gastesi. "It's just too close to not react to it."

Still, the streets of Key West were practically empty Sunday morning, but not because of the storm — the town stays up late and sleeps late.

Rick Van Leuven, 46, manager of the Rick's and Dirty Harry's Entertainment Complex, said everyone is pretty much waiting until Monday to see where the storm will go.

## Chamber, PAC push alcohol petition

By MIKE GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce formed a political action committee and is considering hiring a consulting firm in efforts to bring a petition to Lubbock voters for legalizing the sale of alcohol in the City of Lubbock and possibly all of Lubbock County. In July, the Chamber of Commerce issued a survey to its some 2,000 Lubbock businesses members. The principle question was, regardless of how store owners would vote in a general election, should the issue of alcohol sales in Lubbock come to a vote?

Twenty percent of owners responded to the survey, and of those, 80 percent voted in favor of letting Lubbock voters decide whether Lubbock should remain a dry municipality or legalizing the sale of alcohol within city limits, said Norma

Johnson, vice president of legislative affairs for the chamber.

The Chamber of Commerce has formed the "Let Lubbock Vote" political action committee.

The political action committee is considering working with consultants to make the petition effort as successful as it can be, Johnson said.

"We're looking at a couple of consultants," she said. "That's really all I can say at this point. But we're meeting with consultants who have a 100-percent success rate in this area of petition efforts."

Johnson declined to comment where the consultants were located, but said the consulting firm has dealt with 130 petition efforts in 70 jurisdictions and all efforts had succeeded.

Currently, the political action committee is developing a petition that would legalize alcohol sales in the city of Lubbock, but all of Lubbock County could be included on the petitions, Johnson said. It has not been determined whether the petition will only include the sale of beer and wine like in Wolforth or if distilled spirits will be included.

"The purpose of the political action committee is to promote the petition effort that would

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# Tech, LGE Execs partner for commercialization of research

By JON VANDERLAAN  
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Texas Tech entered into an agreement with LGE Execs, an Austin-based company made up of retired executives, Tuesday to push the commercialization of university research.



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Commercialization, which is the marketing of technology to companies outside of the university, helps boost the university's reputation and draws in revenue for the university. Generally, other than publishing research in journals, this is accomplished through the creation of companies that will market that technology for the researcher.

LGE Execs, who would establish management teams, raise start-up

capital and develop new companies to further develop products developed by Tech faculty and students and take them to market, was not immediately available for comment.

David Miller, vice chancellor for technology commercialization, said the group would license certain technologies that come out of Tech research to existing or startup companies that could market the technology.

The Office for Technology Commercialization, which opened in 1998, has been supported by Tech's administration at times in its history, and has patented ideas, but has struggled to market those ideas, Miller said.

"We're trying to do a better job of reaching out to faculty," he said. "One thing we haven't done is I believe there is a huge number of students who have potentially great ideas that could impact the marketplace."

Miller said there is a large number of students and faculty members who do not understand the process of research and invention marketing through Tech because it has not historically been successful.

Since the Office for Technology Commercialization opened, he said there have been more than 600 research disclosures.

However, research disclosures have increased by 40 percent in the last year for the university system and license agreements have increased more than 200 percent.

The purpose of his office, Miller said, is to seek innovations made by faculty members and students and assess which ones can be protected by patents and taken to market.

The licensing process allows LGE to market the technology, but Tech still owns the research and patents. LGE pays Tech to keep the licensing, and Tech receives a percentage of the profit from the company and the rest goes to LGE,

Miller said.

About half the revenue Tech receives is given to the inventor, a percentage goes to the college the inventor is in, and the rest goes to the university in order to pay for more research, he said.

Because LGE will receive some of the revenue from the marketed technologies, Tech does not pay any money out-of-pocket for LGE services, and Miller said the company is essentially taking a risk by gambling their time, resources and money on some technologies becoming successful.

The only money Tech will need to pay is for the patent fees on the technologies.

Although the partnership is not yet wide-scale, Miller said it is a good agreement for Tech because when products get in the marketplace and raise awareness, Tech benefits. Only a certain audience reads the journals some research is published in, he said, and this

partnership will show that research to a larger audience.

David Sharbutt, a former CEO of Alamosa Holdings, Inc., started a group of local investors to raise a fund to help support the new companies, Miller said. Sharbutt was not immediately available for comment.

Miller said the goal of the group is to raise \$20 million through external investors, but because the fund is separate from Tech, it is not a "gift" to the university. He said the purpose is to provide a return to the investors.

The university so far has licensed four technologies, one of which is a potential treatment for Alzheimer's Disease; the other three are to improve reproduction rates in animals.

Jon Weidanz, who is an associate professor at the Tech School of Pharmacy in Abilene, said without a company such as LGE, discovery of one's research is mostly circum-

When Weidanz created Receptor Logic in 2003, a biotech company he uses to market his own research, he said it became successful, but it took several years. With a company such as LGE and a fund for companies, he said new technology could be marketed sooner which makes a big difference when considering patents, resources and money.

"In the end, it would have made it easier for those two years that I was trying to see how I could get some money to start a company, and not only money but get some business leadership on board," he said. "Because you can't do both; you can't be an academic researcher and try to run a business."

Weidanz said he believes marketing research is his duty as a professor and that he wants to develop his research further for commercial value to make Tech and the state of Texas competitive in regards to research.

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## CERN fires up new atom smasher to near Big Bang

GENEVA (AP) — It has been called an Alice in Wonderland investigation into the makeup of the universe — or dangerous tampering with nature that could spell doom.

Whatever the case, the most powerful atom-smasher ever built comes online Wednesday, eagerly anticipated by scientists worldwide who have awaited this moment for two decades.

The multibillion-dollar Large Hadron Collider will explore the tiniest particles and come ever closer to

re-enacting the big bang, the theory that a colossal explosion created the universe.

The machine at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, promises scientists a closer look at the makeup of matter, filling in gaps in knowledge or possibly reshaping theories.

The first beams of protons will be fired around the 17-mile tunnel to test the controlling strength of the world's largest superconducting magnets. It will still be about a month before

beams traveling in opposite directions are brought together in collisions that some skeptics fear could create micro "black holes" and endanger the planet.

The project has attracted researchers of 80 nationalities, some 1,200 of them from the United States, which contributed \$531 million of the project's price tag of nearly \$4 billion.

"This only happens once a generation," said Katie Yurkewicz, spokeswoman for the U.S. contingent at the CERN project. "People are certainly very excited."

The collider at Fermilab outside Chicago could beat CERN to some discoveries, but the Geneva equipment, generating seven times more energy than Fermilab, will give it big

advantages.

The CERN collider is designed to push the proton beam close to the speed of light, whizzing 11,000 times a second around the tunnel 150 to 500 feet under the bucolic countryside on the French-Swiss border.

Once the beam is successfully fired counterclockwise, a clockwise test will follow. Then the scientists will aim the beams at each other so that protons collide, shattering into fragments and releasing energy under the gaze of detectors filling cathedral-sized caverns at points along the tunnel.

CERN dismisses the risk of micro black holes, subatomic versions of collapsed stars whose gravity is so strong they can suck in planets and other stars.

But the skeptics have filed suit in U.S. District Court in Hawaii and in the European Court of Human Rights to stop the project. They unsuccessfully mounted a similar action in 1999 to block the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York state.

## Alcohol

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result in placing alcohol sales on the local ballot," she said. "The political action committee is most interested in the effort so Lubbock voters can decide on this issue."

For the alcohol sales petition to go active, the political action committee must file official notifications and intentions to the Lubbock County Elections Office. The Elections Office then will have to approve the language in the petition and return the petition to the political action committee.

The committee will have 60 days to gather approximately 16,000 signatures — or more if the petition applies to the whole county.

The Chamber projects the petition effort will begin in late September or in October, Johnson said.

The political action committee is considering another petition that would run concurrently with the alcohol sales petition, she said. This petition would allow for restaurants in areas of Lubbock annexed after 1971 to sell mixed drinks.

Currently, restaurants in areas annexed after 1971 that sell mixed drinks have to operate as private clubs, she said. A petition and subsequent passed proposition on the May 9, 2009 ballot would allow private clubs to become open to the public.

Dorothy Kennedy, a Lubbock County Elections Administrator, said to sign the petitions or vote for or against the issue in subsequent propositions on the May ballot, one must be a registered voter in the area the petitions and propositions will impact. For example, if the alcohol sales petition is only for the city of Lubbock and not the county, one must be a registered voter in the city to sign the petition.

To exercise one's voting rights, petition signers must be registered with the Lubbock County Elections Office for more than 30 days.

To register to vote in Lubbock County, Kennedy said one must be a citizen who is at least 18 years old, have a social security number, must not be a convicted felon with no appeals remaining and must have a permanent address in Lubbock. Residence hall rooms are considered a permanent address.

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# Tech professor aids in water-rights conflict between Israel, Palestine

By **MIKE GRAHAM**  
STAFF WRITER

Not a day goes by that Israeli-Palestinian relations don't make headline news. To an international audience, it seems the two nations can't compromise.

Gabriel Eckstein, a professor in the Texas Tech School of Law, straddled the line between Israel and Palestine as a neutral adviser in the Geneva Initiative's negotiations over water rights Aug. 18 through 21 in Annapolis, Md.



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The Geneva Initiative, a non-government program consisting of experts in their fields not affiliated with their respective governments in Israel and Palestine, was founded in 2003 and aims to produce compromises, Eckstein said. Several neutral advisers work to help the two parties form a compromise in their expertise.

The group of experts works to produce realistic model treaties that would be as close to realistically acceptable as possible by the Israeli and Palestinian governments, he said.

"There's just not enough water for everyone in the Middle East to go around," Eckstein said. "The average Israeli uses one-fifth of the water per capita that the average American uses and Palestinians use even less than that. If you don't have water, you're not going to survive as a country. Israel is the most powerful nation in the region. They control most of the water in the region but the Palestinians believe they have a right to some of that water based on international law."

In 2003, Eckstein was hired by the Tech School of Law as a water law professor, he said. In 2006, Eckstein received tenure and the George W. McCleskey Professor of Water Law endowed chair. The McCleskey Chair was the first endowed chair for Water

Law chair in the United States. In addition, Eckstein is the director of the Tech School of Law's Center for Water Law Policy, the first of its kind in the United States. Eckstein has authored numerous articles on environmental and water laws over the course of his career and worked with the United Nations in meetings concerning international transboundary water issues since 2003. In many of the meetings he has attended, he was the only American expert of water law policy invited.

Eckstein's reputation as an expert in water law rights made him the premiere choice for the Geneva Initiative conference, said Phillip Caroom, a judge and law expert from Annapolis who was involved in the conference, through e-mail.

Eckstein was born in Jaffa, Israel, a suburb of Tel Aviv and spent his early childhood in and around Jerusalem before his family immigrated to the United States for his father's job.

Because Eckstein is an Israeli native, the organizers of the Geneva Initiative questioned whether either party would object to Eckstein participating as a neutral adviser.

"We told both Palestinians and Israelis about Professor Eckstein's background," Caroom said. "Eckstein also made it clear to all that his strongest contacts were American and that he would be neutral in his participation. On this basis, both sides agreed to accept him as a well-qualified advisor."

Eckstein said he was happy to find out he had been accepted to the conference. "I'm pleased that everyone looked at me positively instead of negatively and recognized that I could be a benefit in the negotiations," he said.

Per the Geneva Initiative's policy, dialogue between the parties is confidential, but Caroom said Eckstein followed through on his pledge to be a neutral adviser.

"Professor Eckstein preformed very well, going right to the heart of legal issues and having handy comparable treaties between other nations as well as other international law references," Caroom said.

Eckstein said he considered the negotiations a success.

"It's a very difficult, complex issue so there may need to be another meeting," Eckstein said. "But both sides were pleased with the progress made and both sides made a wonderful effort. The participants were very friendly and civil towards each other and the conclusion of their work was mutually beneficial and fair to both parties."

Eckstein has been busy since August. This semester, he is a visiting professor at the University of Oregon in Eugene and will teach at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore. next semester before returning to Tech.

"These schools have very well-known programs in environmental law," Eckstein said. "Many of the professors here are internationally known and people I have looked up to during my career. It's an honor to be up here and have the opportunity to pick their brains."

From Lewis and Clark, Eckstein said he will teach his seminar on International Water Law. The course will be taught to students at Lewis and Clark and will be webcasted live for Tech law students enrolled in his course. Two years ago, Eckstein's course was taught from the Tech School of Law and webcasted live for students enrolled in a water management and conservation course at Texas A&M University.

"He's a very impressive guy," said Walter Huffman, the dean of the Tech School of Law. "He has done nothing but validate all the reasons we were so excited to bring him to Tech."

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# Festival celebrates international students in engineering at Tech

Eye-catching international flags were displayed Friday in Texas Tech's Engineering Key to kick off the school year by honoring students who come to the College of Engineering from all over the world.

"This is the first time we've done something like this," said Jeff Woldstad, an associate dean. "It provides a bit of outdoor fun for engineering students."

The outdoor fun was complete with a rock wall, ice cream, food and volleyball as well as informa-

tion provided at various academic booths focusing on study-abroad programs, career services and the different student organizations that exist within the college.

"This event was prompted because Dean Eibeck wanted to increase retention of students in the college," said Toni Vaughn, a unit coordinator of external relations.

Vaughn said he admits the idea to host the festival was partially inspired by the large increase of freshman this semester.

Official enrollment reports will

not be available until the tenth day of class, but university officials are projecting about a 12 percent increase in new freshmen, according to a report presented to Tech's Board of Regents last month.

The engineering school is certainly not suffering from the lack of majors, Vaughn said, but it is still important to the college to try to encourage engineering as much as possible.

This event was sponsored by Schlumberger, Encana, Halliburton, Conoco Phillips and Chevron.

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# McCain takes on GOP and Bush along with Obama

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Barack Obama isn't John McCain's only opponent. Sometimes McCain sounds like he's running almost as hard against President Bush and the Republican Party as he is against Obama, his Democratic rival for the White House.

The GOP is guilty of indulging in a spending spree of taxpayers' money, McCain laments. They haven't solved huge problems such as the looming insolvency of Social Security and Medicare, passing on huge IOUs and perplexing issues to future generations instead of fixing them as they had promised. He doesn't name Bush but the implication is clear: It happened on his watch and he signed bills that made the deficit soar.

"We began to value power over principle," McCain said in Colorado Springs, Colo. Some lawmakers turned corrupt and wound up in jail, he told a rally in Albuquerque, N.M.

"Change is coming, change is coming," McCain promised, projecting an image of independence and political populism.

One of his challenges is to separate himself from the unpopular incumbent in the White House and fight against Obama's charge that a McCain presidency would

amount to a third term for Bush.

"On the core issues, the economy and the war, he has been joined to Bush at the hip," said Democratic pollster Mark Mellman. "On the other hand, Bush is a lead weight dragging him down. He has to rely on rhetoric to separate (himself) but he can't separate himself on policies important to the American people."

Eager to keep control of the White House, Republicans are keeping their mouths shut about McCain's barbs.

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## Putting the drama into today's politics

The fight for undecided voters has recently taken a dramatic turn. Instead of plying voters with policies about foreign policy and immigration, both campaigns have turned to fashioning a more dramatic flair to their campaigns.

### Ryan Thorpe



John McCain has recently selected Sarah Palin, a former beauty queen turned governor. Palin's experience is lacking, but her sex appeal is certainly present. She has often been extolled as the sexiest governor in America, but now she will have to do more than smile and support ANWR drilling.

natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, shall be eligible to the Office of President."

Allegations have recently been raised against both candidates concerning their eligibility to run for office because each candidate was born under unusual conditions.

A token appointment for vice president is not the only card being played. Both parties are contesting the candidate's eligibility for the presidency. This politicizing stunt cloaked in political activism is easily the most grotesque action to date.

Each party cites Section 1 of Article II of the U.S. Constitution, which explains, "No Person except a

John McCain was born on a Panama military base while his father was stationed there with the military. Democrats raised questions about the nature of the term "natural-born citizen" because his place of birth was outside of the United States. The issue became so prevalent that the candidates themselves had to respond to these allegations.

Nothing resulted from them, but the accusation is often enough.

Barack Obama maintains his own questions on rightful citizenship. Although he claims to be born in Hawaii, rumors swirled that he refused release his original birth certificate for press scrutiny.

Speculation of why his birth certificate remained confidential caused rumors to fly. Some speculated that Obama was actually born in Kenya, and he would therefore be ineligible to run for president. This possibility seemed remote at best and was mostly the fervent wishes of Republicans.

Another speculation was that the birth certificate would reveal that his middle name was Muhammad instead of Hussien. While Hussien is hardly the dream middle name for a presidential candidate, Muhammad speaks directly to the xenophobic fears of many Americans. But the consequence from a truth like this hardly seems large enough to warrant such a conspiracy.

The final conspiracy is that Barack's real name is Barry, which while inciting a minor identity crisis, is not likely to injure him more than the

*"During all of this, though, I find myself asking the crucial question: why all the drama? Real politics should not sound like a lost script from 'The West Wing.'"*

polls have this last week.

Birth certificates can also show personal data like marital status of

the mother and the stated religion of the family, but these issues once again seemed too small to warrant a refusal of full disclosure.

During all of this, though, I find myself asking the crucial question: why all the drama? Real politics should not sound like a lost script from "The West Wing." Art is supposed to imitate life, not the other way around.

After Bill Clinton left office (and took the sex with him), politics has scrambled to find an alternative to grabbing people's interest. Nationality debates, the kind of pasta Cindy McCain prefers, and the stiff manor McCain addresses supporters are merely footnotes to the far more important debate: the issues themselves.

Character debates were invented to draw people's attention away from the issues themselves. The GOP states very clearly that Obama lacks the experience, but they do not couple this claim with a list of facts about faults in his policy statements. Instead, they are

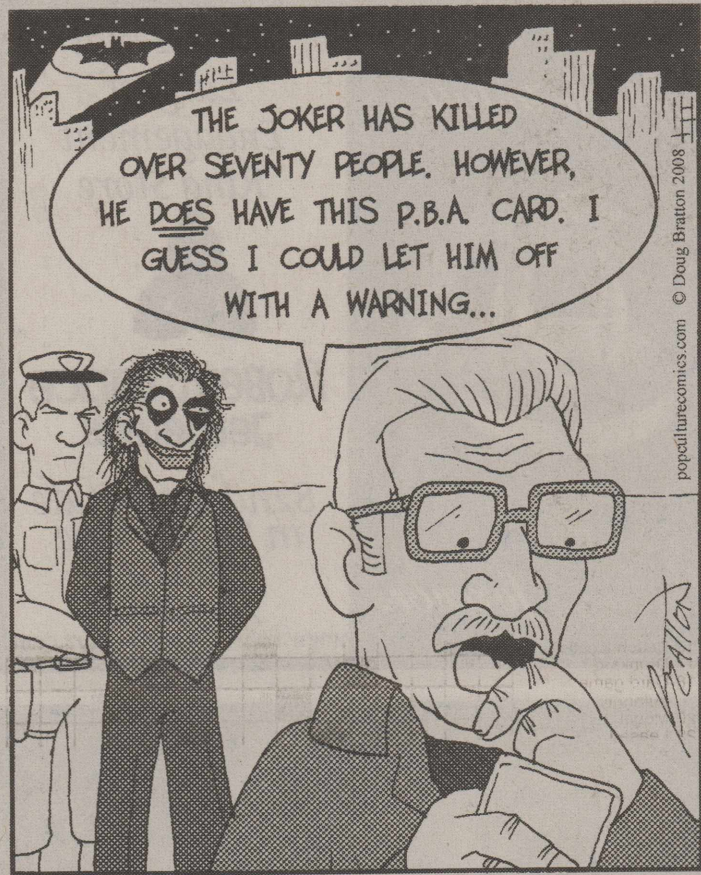
content with the mere accusation.

These political jobs represent the worst kind of campaigning, and the only people to blame are the American people themselves. Campaigning has quickly developed into a kind of legitimized tabloid where the public can feast upon the private details of the powerful, and as a whole, we are content with this.

A simple Google search will provide gossip seekers with plenty of useless information: Is Obama the anti-christ? Who is secretly thinking Obama will lose? And if Cindy McCain is so good looking, is she really an alien?

When you visit the polls this fall, just remember to keep the seventh grade gossip in the past and study a few issues. Those few minutes could do America some good.

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Why Batman's Job is Never Done

## Information age makes November choice easy

BY KIMI TIMMERS  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK (U. SOUTH CAROLINA)

In every election cycle, there's usually some kind of effort launched to capture the attention of young voters and get them fired up about November. For whatever reason, this has become a pet cause for many celebrities. I guess it is in some attempt to paint voting as the "cool" thing to do. By all accounts, ours is an elusive demographic, and one that is largely apathetic to the political process. However, I don't believe apathy is much of an excuse this time around.

Now, more than ever, people are getting involved in politics. With the power of Internet tools such as blogging, one can read an incredibly diverse amount of material on the Web - not just opinion from political analysts, but

from the average Joe, with similar backgrounds and common experiences, as well. In many ways, bloggers have become such a force to be reckoned with that both candidates have their own blogs, which they often use to counteract negative publicity. Both candidates also have extensive Web sites where you can go to learn about their platform. And if you don't want the spin, sites like [ontheissues.com](http://ontheissues.com) provide detailed lists of which legislation elected officials have voted for or against.

It's true that we've been inun-

dated with election coverage, and most of us are tired of it on some level. It also seems like a much more ambiguous election than

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in years past; I know many people who are still undecided about their candidate of choice. However, the amount of information available to voters is unparalleled, and making an informed decision now is easier than it was in the past.

But aside from all that, one very big reason we shouldn't be apathetic is because of how monumental this election really is. On one side, we have the historic first

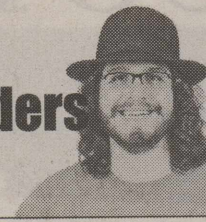
of an African-American man; on the other, a female running mate who is the first woman to be on a Republican ticket, and only the second female running mate in history. No matter what you think about the victorious candidate, the result will make history. The election hype might be a bit stale, but with such an interesting and revolutionary matchup, its understandable.

A lot of politicians at both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions have stressed the importance of the 2008 election. They may have overstated it, but the fact remains that this is still a groundbreaking election, and one that for many college students, will be their first opportunity to vote. The fact that Obama and Palin have made it this far is a testament to the great American tradition of opportunity for all - and another American tradition is the freedom to get out there and vote.

## Shout out to the sizzle

What a day. It's Monday, the start of a new week, you might be a little hung-over and here on the opinion page of the Daily Toreador is this highly unprofessional column title. "Shout out to the sizzle?" Who actually let this guy write for the paper? How unprofessional.

### Kevin Saunders



Professionalism isn't a hairstyle or a manner of dress, it is an attitude. Do you have a Mohawk? Pink hair? No Hair? Full sleeve tattoos? Do you enjoy wearing funny hats? There is a strong chance that because of your personal sense of style someone has or will call you unprofessional. Your stylistic choices cause people to look at you funny. That might even be why you do it. I'm going to put forth a new and rebellious idea: let's not judge people on the way they look. Okay, so it may not sound that revolutionary, but I think it is an idea that can stand to be looked at again. It is an idea that expands beyond skin color and gender.

Why does a pair of jeans seem unprofessional? Because we say it does. "We" of course is used to identify that arbitrary "Business Population," that is, the folks who work in office buildings and banks, those people who say looks are everything. We (see the previous definition) say that to be professional one has to look professional. A better word for unprofessional would be uncomfortable. People don't want to have to deal with a funny pair of pants.

First impressions are supposedly permanent and can never be overcome. Should they be? If people put so much work into first impressions why don't we pay attention to second impressions instead? That would be a better way to truly get to know people. Of course focusing on second impressions could have some unforeseen consequences as well (but what

doesn't these days). If the focus of judgment expands to include first and second impressions, it could conceivably expand to include third impressions and fourth and fifth impressions too. We could be soon living in a world where people are constantly reevaluating their opinions of each other based on what they do. What a crazy world that would be.

One of the arguments for so called professional-looking wear is that it takes time and effort to look professional. But looking unprofessional can take quite a bit of work as well. My friend Jimmy (I have no such friend) takes up to half an hour daily working on his hair to make it have that just-got-out-of-bed look and then spends even more time perching his ironic baseball cap on his head in a manner that does not line up with any of the standard alignments of his head. Does this time spent count less than the amount of time taken to tie a double Windsor knot? What is a necktie anyway? Is it some kind of plumage used to attract potential mates?

I hope to never work in an office building, but if for some reason I end up in one, I would love to see cowboys working next to punks working next to more traditional office folks. I want people to wear what they want, not what they think they should wear. It's called freedom.

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## Religious rhetoric an insult to American electorate

BY ANDREW WAGNER  
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For many college students, the first years away from home are a time to reevaluate our lives in an unfamiliar setting. A common occurrence in college is for many students to take a break from the religious practice they've been brought up in. I myself have, for the moment, let go of my Catholic upbringing. I do not belong to any church or hold any strong views on the subject of religion other than that I had my fill of it while I was growing up and need a break from it. However, religion never really leaves our lives, as it continues to shape how people think and respond to issues long after a church, mosque or temple service is over.

Given the large role religion plays in society, it is no surprise that political campaigns and public figures seek to use religion as a justification or selling point for their platform and character. The presi-

dential campaign season has already seen its fair share of religious issues. However, I can't help but feel the public discussion of religious issues, particularly in a political context, makes a mockery out of faith.

When Sarah Palin was picked by John McCain to be his vice president, she was widely celebrated in conservative, evangelical circles as a woman whose beliefs resembled their own. Thus, it is no surprise that someone with a background like Palin speaks to church groups or uses religious references in her speeches. Yet I was surprised with the content of a speech she gave to the Wasilla Assembly of God earlier this summer. In that speech, she first asked the audience to pray for a natural gas pipeline, saying, "I think God's will has to be done in unifying people and companies to get that gas line built, so pray for that."

Several minutes later in the speech, Palin again invoked God. She says, "Pray for our military men and women ... that our leaders, our national leaders, are sending them

out on a task that is from God. That's what we have to make sure that we're praying for, that there is a plan and that that plan is God's plan."

I came across this speech while I was trying to find out more about Palin. At first glance, I didn't really have any problem with the statements. Furthermore, the speech occurred before the presidential campaign. However, as I thought about it, I began to feel that these comments really include a tremendous amount of hubris involving assumptions about the plan and will of God.

The divine intervention Palin prayed for in the case of the natural gas pipeline came in the form of a half-a-billion-dollar giveaway to a Canadian oil company. Furthermore, the thought that God's hand has somehow played any part in the sordid affairs of the Iraq conflict is enough to make anyone a committed atheist. Hearing someone make religious appeals based on either of these situations, with their backroom deals, political posturing and opportunistic self-interest, is

disturbing.

Beyond Palin, the mid-August faith forum that both Barack Obama and McCain participated in does not seem like a good precedent. In this instance, the impermanent nature of religion in all of its permutations and possibilities make it ill-advised to attempt to devote a question-and-answer session to the issue. Who selects the questions on faith? Rick Warren, the moderator of the debate, is the pastor of a 20,000-member evangelical Christian church. Does this qualify him to decide the questions? Perhaps a rabbi or a priest should have chosen them. All in all, I feel the whole religious interview process simply suffers from too many flaws to be worth doing. After all, who's to say whose religion is right?

For the rest of this presidential election season, I hope religion has now been exhausted in the discourse between the candidates. The problem with involving religion in the presidential campaign boils down to one thing: There's no way to prove who's right and who's wrong.

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## 2008 Presidential Lecture Series begins today

By **MIKE GRAHAM**  
STAFF WRITER

Author David Callahan will kick off the 2008 fall semester's Presidential Lecture & Performance Series at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building-Alan Theatre. Callahan graduated from Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., and then received a Ph.D. in political science from Princeton University, according to his Web site. He formerly wrote about American public policy before shifting his writings towards ethics in American society. "I got bored after 15 years of writing about public policy," Callahan said. "I wanted to start writing about ethical



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issues that are closer to home." Callahan said his most recent book, "The Cheating Culture," is based on his theory that the dog-eat-dog economic culture of the past 20 years forces people to cheat to get ahead of their competition. "I looked around at businesses like Enron, people cheating the tax system, students cheating in school and athletes cheating in their sports," he said. "I wanted to answer the question, 'Why do people cheat?'" Prior to speaking in Alan Theatre, Callahan will meet with the Student Government Association from 9 to 11 a.m. Callahan will then meet with the Texas Tech ethics committee from noon to 2 p.m., followed by a book signing in the Student Union Building From 2 to 3 p.m. "I'm always eager to share my ideas on ethics," Callahan said. "This is a great opportunity to share my ideas with students and the community."

Callahan's lecture is the first of four events in conjunction with the Presidential Lecture & Performance Series, according to the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series Web site. KOHM's program "From the Top" host Christopher O'Riley will host a performance and recording of young musicians from Lubbock and the South Plains on Sept. 16 in the Allen Theatre. The recording will air on the radio nationally at a date to be determined. The Presidential Lecture & Performance Series was established in fall 2006 and has hosted many academic speakers, according to the Web site. Mark Bowden, the writer of "Black Hawk Down" spoke in the fall of 2006 and Chris Gardener, who's life was portrayed by Will Smith in "The Pursuit of Happiness" spoke in the spring of 2007. "Our programming is connected to our academic programs," said Mary Jane Hurst, a professor of English and special assistant to the president. "We try to get our speakers involved

with the Tech and local communities. When Mark Bowden came, he spoke to creative writing students and when Chris Gardener was here, he spoke to students in the business school. When the Santa Fe Opera visited in spring 2007 and 2008, we bussed in 2,000 Lubbock Independent School District students to see them perform." Hurst said the selection council of the Presidential Lecture & Performance Series tries to avoid people seen on TV daily. "You can see those people all the time," Hurst said. "We want people who people wouldn't ordinarily see in West Texas." While the Presidential Lecture & Performance Series has not finalized its 2009 spring semester calendar, historian and social commentator Sarah Vowell is expected to speak on March 3 and poet and fiction writer Amy Castillo is expected to speak on April 9. More speakers, performers and events for the 2009 spring semester are to be determined. >>> [michael.graham@ttu.edu](mailto:michael.graham@ttu.edu)

## Auto industry request \$50B in loans

WASHINGTON (AP)—Auto industry allies hope to secure up to \$50 billion in government loans this month that would pay to modernize plants and help struggling car makers build more fuel-efficient vehicles.

With Congress returning this coming week from its summer break, the industry plans an aggressive lobbying campaign for the low-interest loans. The situation is growing dire after months of tumbling sales, high gasoline prices and consumers' abandoning profitable trucks and sport utility vehicles.

Lawmakers authorized \$25 billion in loans in last year's energy bill to help the companies build fuel-efficient vehicles such as hybrids and electric vehicles. With credit tight, automakers and suppliers now want lawmakers to come up with the money for the program—and expand the pool of money available to \$50 billion over three years.

Industry leaders have argued that the loan guarantees are not a government bailout because it would hasten production of fuel-efficient vehicles and reduce dependence on imported oil.

"This is not about benefiting Wall Street," said Ford Motor Co.'s President of the Americas Mark Fields, referencing recent federal support for the investment firm Bear Stearns and troubled mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. "This is benefiting Main Street, the working men and women. The auto industry is part of the backbone of the U.S. economy."

The low-interest loans, at rates of about 4 percent to 5 percent, would pay for up to 30 percent of the cost of retooling plants to build hybrids, plug-in hybrids, electric cars and other alternatives.

Ford and General Motors Corp.'s credit ratings have fallen below investment grade, making it difficult for the companies to borrow money at affordable rates. Chrysler, which has been heavily dependent upon truck sales, has been similar problems accessing capital.

"This industry could fall down, literally, or be absorbed if they don't get something in place very soon. I think it's that severe," said Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Mich. "Something has to happen pretty quickly because they can't compete paying 15 to 20 percent (interest)."

Industry lobbyists pressed the issue at the recent presidential conventions in Denver and St. Paul, Minn., and members of Michigan's congressional delegation have talked to legislative leaders and the Bush administration about the program. Discussions surround a three-year plan that would make \$25 billion in loans available in the first year, followed by \$15 billion the second year and \$10 billion in the third.

To provide \$50 billion in loans, Congress would need to set aside about \$7.5 billion to guard against a loan default. Automakers want to secure the money for the loans before November's election because a new president and Congress could delay the companies' ability to access the loans.

The White House said last week it was talking to members of Congress and the industry about the financing. The issue, meanwhile, has gained a foothold in the presidential campaign in states with many auto workers such as Michigan and Ohio. Democrat Barack Obama has criticized Republican rival John McCain for not supporting the full \$50 billion loan program. McCain said last week he supported fully covering the \$25 billion loan program in the energy law.

## Hospitality Services offering students healthy options

By **HANNAH BOEN**  
STAFF WRITER

Smart Choices has offered students an alternative to fried foods on campus. Now, Texas Tech is expanding its Smart Choices idea into campus-wide healthy living. The Smart Choices store in the Student Union Building serves low-calorie, low-fat foods. Customers can build their own salads with low-fat dressings and sauces, or choose from a daily fish or baked chicken entrée. The intent of Hospitality Services is to take the idea behind Smart Choices and put it into every meal concept on campus, said Kirk Rodriguez, associate director for retail of Hospitality Services. Tech already has incorporated some aspects of Smart Choices across campus. The Market allows students to build their own salads and offers brands such as Kashi and Lean Cuisine.

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STUDENTS ENTER SAM'S Place Thursday afternoon inside the Student Union Building. Demonstration with Dewey through the healthy living Web site. With increasing national obesity rates, Rodriguez said he wants to help students make healthy choices. "More and more students are asking us to help them make wise choices," Rodriguez said. "We're out to provide you a service, but we still have a financial bottom line." Rodriguez said he is pleased with the food Hospitality Services offers, and is not afraid to try out new, healthy options. However, he admits not all the healthy food tastes good. He said although profit is never Hospitality Service's number one priority, rising food costs are forcing the Hospitality Services team to think about how to make healthy options affordable to customers and to the university. With substantial increases in food cost, Rodriguez said he is looking not only at nutritional value, but at the cost to the university and customers. McMurrey said, while healthier food is more expensive, "It's safer and more satisfying to know that it is good for you." Rodriguez said the university continues to buy products that cater to students who want healthy options. However, student budgets and buying habits still decide some of what Hospitality Services can offer. "It's unfortunate that chicken strips, fried burritos and fried chicken sandwiches are still the number one movers," Rodriguez said. Some students will always prefer a Krispy Kreme doughnut over an all-bran muffin, Rodriguez said, but he and his staff are "trying our best to provide items for you to feel good." >>> [hannah.boen@ttu.edu](mailto:hannah.boen@ttu.edu)

*"I'm constantly testing new products and new recipes, always looking for healthier and organic and more natural products."*

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demonstrations for students who would like to know more about preparing food. McMurrey said the cooking method can be just as important as the food one cooks when it comes to eating healthy. Students can book a cooking

As part of the program to encourage healthy eating, Rodriguez said Hospitality Services is seeking new products. Part of that search included a beverage company visiting Tech's campus to test a healthy alternative to a sugary slush.

Tech students tasted free samples of Swirl last week in the Student Union Building.

Swirl offers a line of frozen, non-carbonated, vitamin-enriched beverages, said Chris Burtz, a representative of Swirl. With enough positive feedback from last week's tasting, the drinks soon may be served on campus.

Burtz said feedback has been positive, primarily due to the product being 100-percent juice and not containing high-fructose corn syrup or added sugar.

"It rivals just drinking orange juice," he said.

The Swirl drinks may be offered on campus as part of a new nutritional program at Tech, Burtz said.

Clifton Johnson, a senior electronic media and communications major, tasted the product and said he thought it was "all right," but prefers cola flavored slushes at 7-Eleven.

He said he still hopes the Swirl drinks will be offered on campus, as

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- 9 Pal of Porthos
- 14 Honest pres.
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- 20 Model
- 22 Leased
- 23 Pine product
- 24 Noted Swiss psychologist
- 25 "Waterloo" group
- 27 "My Life in Court" writer
- 29 Distort
- 33 Family of Canadian quillpens
- 35 Ice cream brand
- 37 Dockers' org.
- 38 Deep chasm
- 39 Derriner (latest fashion)
- 40 Cooper's Bumppo
- 42 Feeling poorly
- 43 Coffeehouse
- 45 Play site
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- 51 Artistic piece
- 53 Letter flourish
- 55 Bakery odors
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## Dungeons

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on Short, the human paladin.

"I have a strange feeling that this is really gonna hurt," he said before one such blow. "Do something," he said to the others. "Do it quick."

Short eventually made it out of the cave within a whisper of his character's life.

"It's like creating your own story," he said after the game.

"You're allowed to be creative and moving along in your own time. There are choices you make, and it's a really wide forum. It's almost like a movie."

Ed Veal, Marshall's father, sat in

front of a map grid strewn across the table. He was the Dungeon Master — or a half-moderator/half-narrator non-player who, in a sense, runs the show.

The events he narrated Saturday during the RPGA sanctioned D&D game, he said, were based loosely on the online post of this month's quest. The story he told turned and twisted through dark, enchanted stone warehouses full of crooked customs agents.

*"I need your unconsciousness"*

**BRAD SUMNER**  
THE GROUP'S ONLY WARLOCK, AS HE PUSHED THROUGH THE MERCENARIES' DOOR

"When you do a game of your own from your own imagination, a lot of it is thinking on your feet," he said.

"When you download the adventures from RPGA, it's a lot more scripted. Most of the ones we play, almost none

of it is scripted."

Like the sporadic laughter around the table, spells were cast in clusters. Blood was shed and sodas were downed amidst friendly banter.

"When you play (role-playing games) online, you can still have interaction, but it's not as easy," said Kenny Mahan, a more than six-foot-tall Lubbock Christian University student and a dwarf. "It's not as natural. It's not the same, socially."

Responding to Mahan, 20-year-old Tech junior Stephen Galvan said he knows of enthusiasts who play the game via Webcam.

During Saturday's four-hour game, the band of characters worked as a group to accomplish three missions that would help qualify them for the Flaming Fist, a type of police force in the fantasy world of D&D.

An important shipment to a nobleman needed to be delivered from the hands of officials who were on the take. A logging and smuggling ring needed busting, and a cave needed to be rid of its water-monster inhabitants so children could return to hunt for sea shells.

"Somebody get the militia in here," Galvan said after Ed Veal's announcement of the first two monsters popping up. "Damn."

Many people misunderstand role-playing games, Jasco owner Hawronsky said, and the culture gets "a bad rap."

"A lot of people just associate it with nerdy people," he said, "but it's a good game. A lot of good people play it."

After the cave was cleared, shady mercenaries kidnapped many of the town's local inhabitants, and the Flaming Fist top brass breathed down the

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: A TIMELINE

**1974:** The first Dungeons and Dragons game, originally known as "The Fantasy Game," is published. 1,000 games are sold in the first year.

**1976:** The first Dungeons and Dragons tournament is held.

**1977:** TSR Hobbies, the company that owned Dungeons and Dragons, publishes the first hard-bound book released by a gaming company. It contains more than 350 monsters to challenge players.

**1980:** A note written on TSR stationery about a fictitious assassination plot (part of a play test for the Top Secret espionage game) brings the FBI to the offices of TSR Hobbies. The Role Playing Game Association is formed to promote quality role-playing and unite gamers across the nation.

**1982:** Exclusive distribution of the D&D game is established in 22 countries. French is the first language adaptation for the D&D game and many other translations follow: Danish, Finnish, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, and Swedish, to name a few.

**1997:** Wizards of the Coast, Inc., the maker of "Magic: The Gathering," buys TSR, Inc.

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neck of the group's lieutenant.

But he would just have to wait.

Short's paladin was in bad shape and needed rest to restore his health, so the group slept in shifts before barging into the mercenaries' chambers.

"I need your unconsciousness," declared Lubbock printer Brad Sumner, the group's only warlock, as he pushed through the mercenaries' door.

Becoming a role-playing gamer, Hawronsky said, comes easily to a lot of people in Lubbock.

Drawing from his experiences at a Dallas-area shop that he opened, he said Lubbock has a better gaming market than the Metroplex.

"I think our customer base is actually going to be a bit larger here," Hawronsky said, "just because there's not that much to do here. There are sporting events, but really during the summer when school's out, there isn't that much to do. Playing games is a good option."

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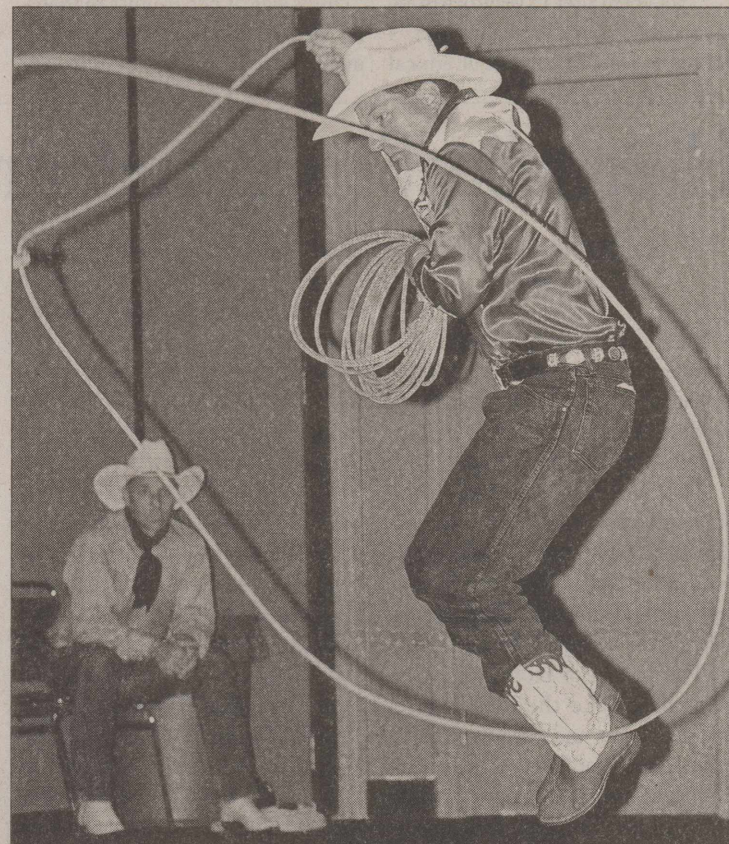


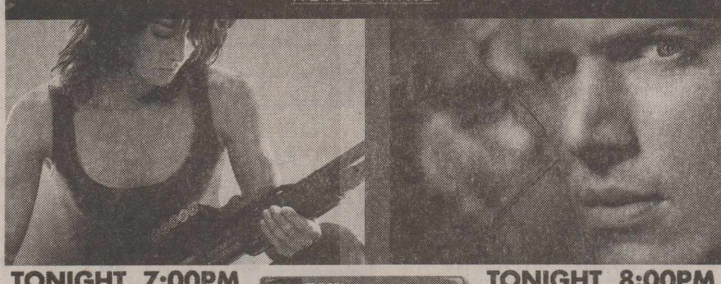
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KEN DURHAM COMPETES Saturday afternoon in a trick rope contest at the Cowboy Symposium at the civic center.

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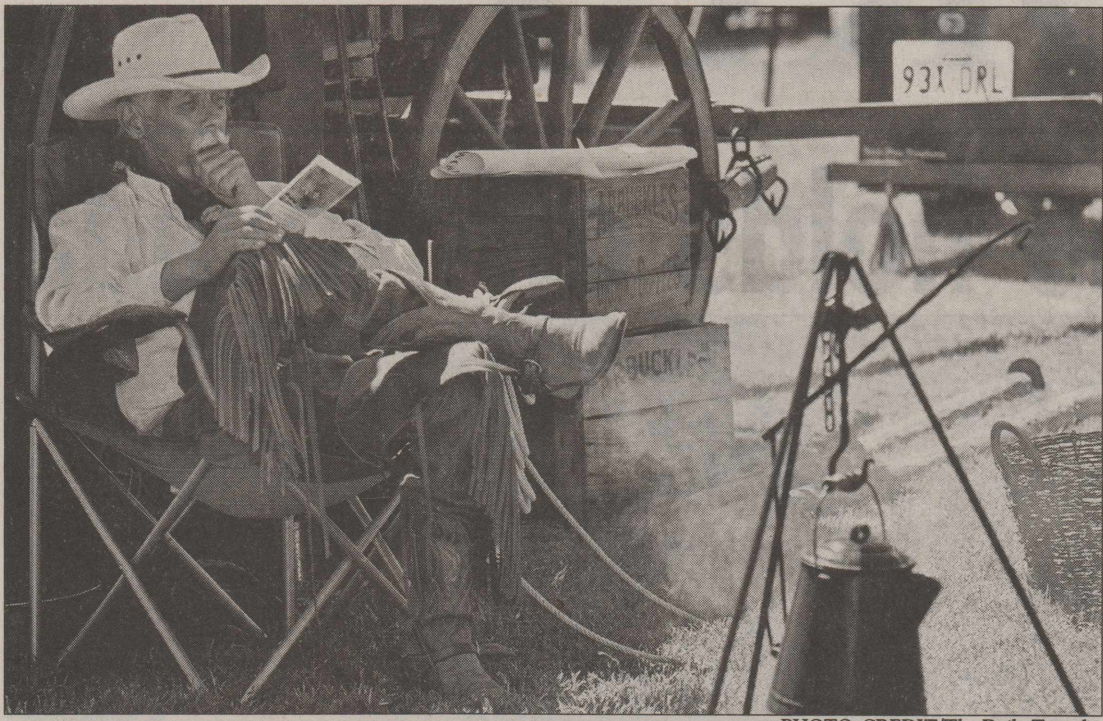
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TRUETT BRANNON, FROM Lubbock, heats up a pot of coffee at the National Chuck Wagon Championship Cook-Off Saturday evening at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The cook-off consisted of more than 30 wagon teams that competed for trophy buckles, cash awards and other prizes, said Monica Hightower, manager of the symposium. Each team was assigned with the task of preparing a meal of chicken fried, pinto beans, potatoes, fruit cobbler and cornbread, sourdough biscuits or yeast rolls. Each wagon had a head cook, one assistant cook, and two helpers. Hightower said the symposium included storytelling, musical acts and a roping contest, and played host to an audience from more than 30 states and more than 30 nations.

# Student media distribution, funding in decline nationwide

By MATT STEPHENS  
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

As journalism evolves with advances in technology, decline in the circulation of campus newspapers has forced many universities nationwide to make cutbacks to their papers.

Student newspapers from coast to coast are cutting back on staff or publication days. The Spartan Daily, the campus newspaper for San Jose State University in California, has expanded the size of its staff, but a decrease in funding has forced the daily publication to scrap its Friday edition and downsize the paper.

The Spartan Daily's cutback comes at a time when the newspaper's staff is developing new ways to reach its audience. Faculty advisor Tim Hendrick said the publication has a cellphone-accessible edition of the paper

and a changing online edition that includes video and podcasts. Cutting the paper's Friday edition has not affected the newspaper's circulation because fewer students have class on Fridays, Hendrick said.

The Daily Orange from Syracuse University in New York and the University of California-Berkeley's Daily Californian also reduced their publication to four days a week. Ohio State's Lantern reportedly cut its summer publication completely.

Texas Student Media Director Kathy Lawrence admitted that The Daily Texan's circulation - about 20,000 - is not as high as it was 20 years ago but does not believe growing popularity of online news is a reason for the decrease in circulation. Most users who access The Daily Texan online are not UT students, Lawrence added.

"We serve a large community but still a very niche audience," Lawrence said. "People care about

the University and what goes on around campus."

Lawrence said a younger audience could be a reason for the decrease in circulation, though she said that 85 percent of students still consider a newspaper their primary source of information.

"Every year, freshmen have to be re-educated about picking up a newspaper," she said.

Despite cutbacks of other campus publications, Lawrence said she does not foresee any changes to the Texan.

"I suppose I could see a time where we could go to a different format in the summer, but not any time soon," she said. "I believe that in the future, we will continue to be strong, vibrant and able to generate the ad revenue to sustain our readership."

Wanda Cash, a journalism professor, said the state of print journalism is in flux.

# Tech professor promotes art appreciation, explains his love of music

A good professor gets students further interested in a topic. A great professor shares his passions with the community.

The founder of the group "Los Sonsabitches," Bryan Wheeler not only has been creating works of art and teaching art appreciation for years at Texas Tech, but has written original music, even developing a small band of loyal followers. With a passion for both music and art, Wheeler integrates West Texas culture into his work.

As I sat in on one of his classes on Wednesday afternoon, I saw that many students responded to Wheeler well. He put up a slide presentation of works of art on the projector then proceeded to offer 10 bonus points to the students who could name the musical artist in the background.

When one student offered the correct answer — Miles Davis — I

## Chelsea Roe



realized that this was not just any old effort to gain a good report with his students, but it was a process of slowly teaching them to appreciate.

Afterward I was able to ask the professor a few questions.

Roe: Is there one area you prefer, music or art?

Wheeler: Jerry Reed, a legendary songwriter, guitar player and actor was asked which he preferred and he said it was like asking which leg he liked better. Music and art are the same thing, just making something out of nothing, noise out silence, presence out of absence. They complement

each other too, in the sense that making art is solitary. You spend hours by yourself, living in your own head. Music is collaborative and social. I mean you're often alone when you're writing, but the process isn't complete until you're playing with other people, in front of other people, out having a good time.

Roe: How does your music spill over into your art and vice versa?

Wheeler: When I'm looking at a piece that I'm working on, trying to figure out what to do next, I'll often be playing, hammering out something new. When I'm actually working on a piece, I'll usually be singing or humming something that I'm working on. I don't think there is a literal connection between the end products of the two, like, say, there is with Terry Allen, where several of his songs are about art or the art world, though.

Roe: Is one more difficult for you

than the other?

Wheeler: Initially, I think making art came a little easier, probably because I had always, even as a kid, drawn, colored, painted, etc. Plus, my brother Jeff was already in grad school for art, making cool stuff when I decided to start making things. That was when I was 25 and I'd been playing guitar and writing for four years. I was living in Montana at that time, where winters are long, cold and dark and a person needs hobbies. I think both music and art were difficult, but because I had so much time to do it — I would play anywhere from four to eight hours a day from the time I first picked up a guitar. I got better quickly. Now, generally, the technical side of both are pretty intuitive; it's the ideas that I struggle with.

Roe: Where do you draw your inspiration for each?

Wheeler: Even after I started mak-

ing a lot of art, I wasn't really looking at artists as inspiration. I began writing much earlier than either playing or making art and was heavily influenced by writers and poets like Thomas Pynchon, John Barth, Joan Didion, Denise Levertov, Richard Hugo, Ed Dorn and, later, David Foster Wallace. Musically, I grew up listening to my mom's country 8-tracks: Willie Nelson, Charlie Rich and Glen Campbell. I went through a Grateful Dead phase and, when in Montana, listened to a lot of jazz and blues, from delta blues to big band, bop and fusion. At that time too, grunge was coming down I-90 from Seattle and influencing what local scene there was. I was living in Missoula at the time. Bands like the Melvins, Mother Love Bone, Soundgarden, Mudhoney, and later of course, Nirvana were huge up there.

Roe: Are there any running themes both share?

Wheeler: A majority of my experience has been in, and all over, the American West. So there are Western themes in my art and I use some of the musical forms that have come out of the West or at least are now associated with the West, like the occasional slow waltz. The main themes of both though have a lot to do with examining alternative viewpoints to the dominant kind of trajectories of contemporary Western culture. My old man was a preacher who, along with my mom, was always telling me and my brothers to think for ourselves; don't let anybody tell us what is or isn't, what's right or wrong, to be critical, figure things out for ourselves. So a lot of my work is just that, trying to figure things out for myself.

■ Roe is The DT's music critic. E-mail him at [chelsea.l.roe@ttu.edu](mailto:chelsea.l.roe@ttu.edu).

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# SPORTS

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## No. 12 Tech defense holds off Nevada

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Graham Harrell and Texas Tech's Air Raid offense was off, so the Red Raiders got big plays from their defense and special teams to pull away from Nevada.

Graham Harrell and Michael Crabtree hooked up for an 82-yard touchdown pass and Eric Morris returned a punt 86 yards for a score to lead No. 12 Texas Tech to a 35-19 victory over Nevada on Saturday night.

Shannon Woods also ran for two touchdowns for the Red Raiders (2-0), who overcame an off night for Harrell to score 30 or more points for the 18th time in their last 20 games.

Tech's defense limited Nevada to four field goals until Wolf Pack quarterback Colin Kaepernick threw a 48-yard touchdown to Marko Mitchell with 10:30 remaining and the game largely out of reach.

"The day was carried by our defense," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "We had some tough periods out there, we had some tough everything. But to win this game the way we did, I'm proud of our guys."

Nevada (1-1), which had 488 yards total offense to Tech's 421, appeared to take a 15-14 lead in the third quarter on quarterback Colin Kaepernick's 3-yard score and the officials signaled touchdown, but after a lengthy review, they overturned the decision and ruled he had fumbled the ball away to Texas Tech.

"That was a big play. We really dodged a bullet there," said Tech defensive end Brandon Williams, who had two of the Red Raiders' four quarterback sacks and deflected a ball into an interception when Nevada was threatening early in the game.

"The thing about our defense, we



COURTESY PHOTO/David Dowden

TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Shannon Woods ran for 47 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries while also catching one pass for four yards in Tech's 35-19 victory over the Wolf Pack.

have confidence in the player who is playing next to us," he said.

Kaepernick completed 24-of-35 passes for 264 yards and ran for another 92 yards on 13 carries.

Harrell, who threw for 536 yards last week and led the nation with 5,705 passing yards a year ago, was intercepted twice and completed only 19-of-46 of his passes for 297 yards — 132 on two passes to Crabtree.

Harrell was 10-of-25 for 119 yards in the first half, but his 50-yarder to Crabtree set up Woods' 1-yard touchdown run to give Tech a 14-6 lead 5:18 before the half.

"We struggled a little bit but we knew it was only a matter of time before we'd find our rhythm. Nevada did a nice job but we just were a little

out of rhythm," Harrell said.

Leach said the team has come to expect Harrell to finish strong despite a slow start.

"That's what makes him what he is, with all of the comebacks in his career he has," Leach said. "He's a guy that never gives up. He never gets rattled and just stays in there and tries to make a play."

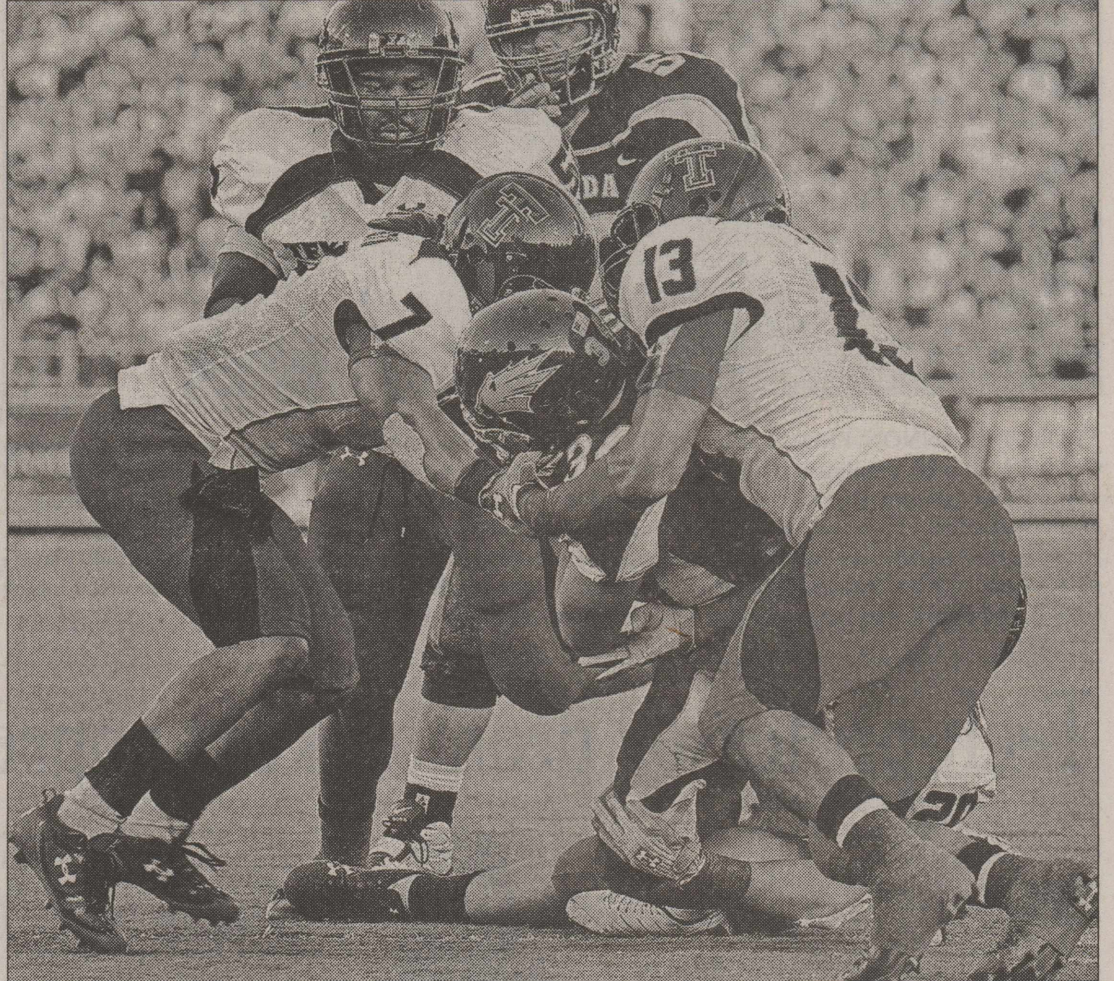
Nevada coach Chris Ault said his defense did a good job of pressuring Harrell and played well for three quarters but had some "major breakdowns" in the final quarter.

"They have a great offense and a lot of people underestimate their defense," Ault said.

Kaepernick completed 24-of-35 passes for 264 yards and ran for another 92 yards on 13 carries for Nevada.

"We let one get away from us," he said. "Offense got in the red zone too many times unsuccessfully but our defense stepped up and did great."

Nevada lost for the season the Western Athletic Conference's leading returning rusher, Luke Lippincott, to a torn knee ligament in the second



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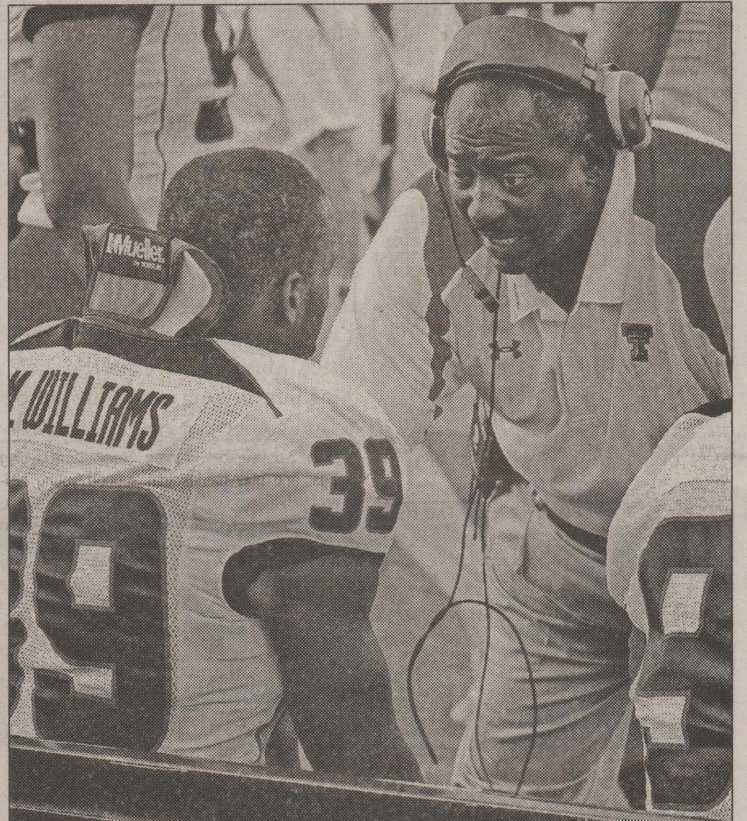
THE NEVADA OFFENSE outgained the Red Raiders on offense, earning 488 yards of total offense compared to 421 for Tech, but the Wolf Pack was held to one touchdown and four field goals.

quarter.

Brett Jaekle made a 31-yard field goal to cut the Texas Tech lead to 14-12 with 6:40 left in the third quarter.

Nevada then tried an inside kick but Texas Tech recovered it at Nevada's 39 and after Harrell passed 15 yards to Tramain Swindall, Morris went in motion, took a hand off and ran 13 yards for a touchdown and a 21-12 lead at 5:20 in the third.

Jonathan Amaya intercepted Harrell's pass at Nevada's 47 with 14 minutes left in the game but Nevada failed to make a first down and Harrell passed to near midfield where Crabtree hauled it in, juked a defender and took off for the 82-yard scoring play and a 28-12 lead with 12:59 left in the game.



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TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE Coordinator Ruffin McNeill's defense held Nevada to 19 points Saturday.

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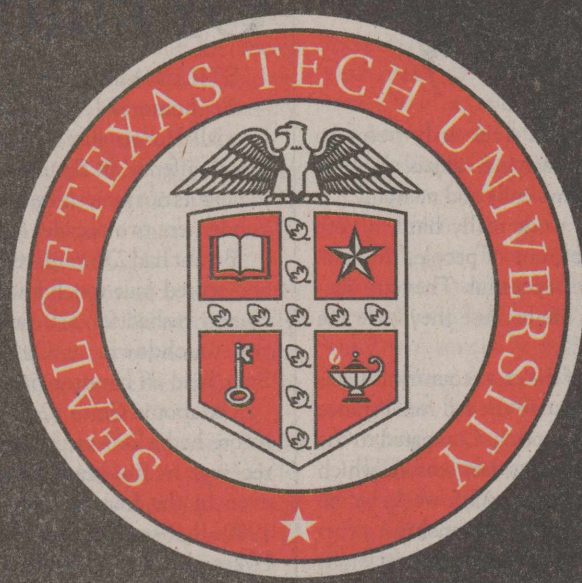
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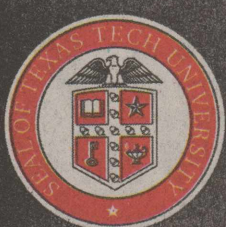
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