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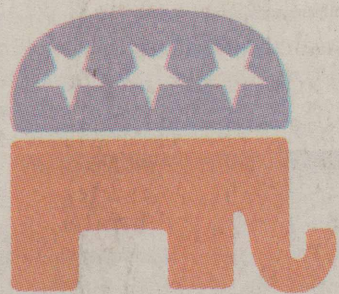


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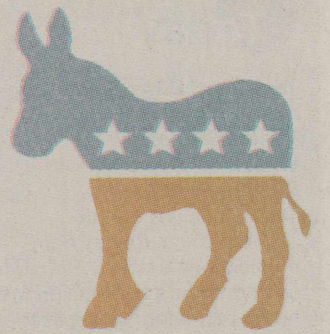
Combined 538 electoral votes. Candidate needs 270 to win election.



Romney is projected to receive 206 electoral votes.

95 electoral votes are considered toss-ups.

Obama is projected to receive 237 electoral votes.



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## FOUR CORNERS

A look into issues associated with the 2012 Presidential Election

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### Economy:

With the unemployment rate at 7.9 percent and the national deficit at more than \$16 trillion, the economic differences between President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney have been the focal point of the 2012 elections.

According to the Obama campaign, the United States has been experiencing 32 consecutive months of job growth and 5.4 million new jobs in the private sector.

However, these figures may be a bit deceiving, Ronald Gilbert, Ph.D., and associate professor in the Department of Economics, said.

"We've had very mediocre results," Gilbert said. "High unemployment rates, very low economic growth rates, no increase in standard of living, and all we got out of it (was) a very dismal outlook on the future."

Gilbert said it is obscure for the president to take any credit for job creation. He said government spending has grown about 16 percent per year since Obama took office, and the American people have seen nothing to show for it.

"The government sector is the cause of these problems," Gilbert said. "The government sector is never the solution to any economic problem."

Throughout the debates, most of the differences between the candidates have been in their tax plans.

"My view is that we ought to provide tax relief to people in the middle class," Romney said during the first debate. "But I'm not going to reduce the share of taxes paid by high-income people. High-income people are doing just fine in this economy. They'll do fine whether you're president or I am."

According to Romney's tax plan, his goal is to maintain current tax rates on interest, dividends and capital gains, while making a permanent 20 percent cut in the marginal rates.

Gilbert said a 20 percent tax decrease is unrealistic, and if that is Romney's plan, he will have a difficult time enacting it.

During the first debate, the president said Romney's tax plan would enact \$5 trillion in new tax cuts that are geared toward millionaires and billionaires, not the middle class.

"The fact is that if you are lowering the rates the way you described," Obama told Romney during the debate, "Governor, then it is not possible to come up with enough deductions and loopholes that only affect high-income individuals to avoid either raising the deficit or burdening the middle class. It's math. It's arithmetic."

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### Obama

- Create incentives for business to manufacture in America
- Increase taxes on households making more than \$1 million
- Invest in manufacturing and infrastructure
- Support equal opportunity

### Romney

- Make a 20 percent tax cut in marginal rates
- Cut corporate taxes to 25 percent
- Set federal government's cap spending at 20 percent of GDP
- Cut the red tape

### Education:

As the budget deficit continues to loom over the heads of American citizens like a dark cloud, the financial distribution for education continues to be an important issue.

The education system in the United States is unique. Along with federal oversight, the local and state governments have authority over education as well, making the role of the executive office less important than most voters think.

However, Peggy Johnson, Ph.D., the associate dean for Teacher Education, said the federal government's role has been growing. Through programs like No Child Left Behind, Johnson said the federal government has enhanced beneficial practices and provided support for children who have not been served by public schools well.

Despite party affiliation, she said financial support for education needs to be a top priority. Education is not only vital for those who are being educated, Johnson said, but it also is vital for society and the strength of the country.

"We spend money, so we have to decide what to spend it on," Johnson said. "It seems to me that investing in the future of the country through the education of its children makes a lot of sense."

Both candidates understand the importance of education, and both agree that providing more training for teachers and improving schools has an important place in fixing the nation's economy. Yet, their plans to enact these changes are a little different.

Making education a federal funding priority has been a major platform of President Barack Obama's campaign. During the final debate, Obama said an increase in government funding for teachers would determine whether or not new businesses are created in the United States.

According to Obama's website, his plan for K-12 education is to strengthen public schools, prevent teacher layoffs and expand Race to the Top, also while giving states the flexibility to make local solutions. Race to the Top will cause states to raise their standards for college and career readiness, his campaign says, and has a plan to recruit 100,000 science and math teachers.

Obama's budget plan for the 2013 fiscal year includes a \$14 billion one-time investment for education programs and increasing college affordability, the U.S. Department of Education says.

Governor Mitt Romney has responded to the president's attacks regarding Romney's purported disbelief in the importance of class size.

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### Obama

- Bring home troops from Afghanistan by 2014
- Rebuild the United States' international relations
- Pursue a world without nuclear weapons
- Increase non-military aid to Pakistan

### Romney

- Increase sanction pressure on Iran
- Pursue market-based economic relations with South America
- Work closely with Israel
- Proposed \$2 trillion addition to military spending

### Romney

- Promoting school choice
- Reform No Child Left Behind by emphasizing responsibility
- Encourage private sector participation in financial aid
- Look for cuts in education spending

### Obama

- Increase investment in public schools
- Continue the Race to the Top initiative
- Goal to cut tuition in half in the next decade
- Continue the repayment cap on federal student loans at 10 percent

### Foreign Policy:

Anyone who watched the third presidential debate about foreign policy probably had a reaction similar to this: "How are these candidates any different?"

That is an accurate response because the debate was two hours of President Barack Obama discussing his accomplishments and the current policies he has on foreign policy, while Governor Mitt Romney praised Obama's record on foreign policy and discussed few changes he would make if elected.

Dennis Patterson, Ph.D., an associate professor of political science at Texas Tech, said the president has been trying to show why he is better on foreign policy than the challenger, while Romney's goal was to draw few distinctions and render Obama's accomplishments in foreign affairs as an irrelevant criterion of choice.

"There are really a very few differences," Patterson said. "When it comes to protecting America, people are in agreement. There might be some slight differences. The truth is, I don't see Romney going and starting a war with Iran, I don't see him doing anything different in Bengasi, and I don't see him doing anything different in China, despite his rhetoric."

There may be a few stylistic differences, Patterson said, but most of them are aimed toward

pleasing constituents. An example of this would be with Israel, where Romney has tried to show himself as the defender of Israel, he said.

The fact of the matter is the United States has already established a strong foreign policy apparatus, Patterson said, and there are a lot of think tanks on both sides of the political spectrum.

"They're all producing papers," Patterson said. "You've got people running around Capitol Hill, all producing papers with all these very well funded institutes. One may be a little bit more conservative than the other, but they are all designed to do the same thing."

Beneath the surface, there are minor differences in terms of foreign policy between the two presidential candidates. John Barkdull, Ph.D., a political science professor who specializes in international relations theory, international organization and international ethics, said the major differences are in defense spending and trade with China.

As far as defense spending, Barkdull said Romney wants to raise defense spending much more than Obama, whose defense budget will rise, but at a rate that is much more parallel to the budget. Whether or not an increase in the defense budget is needed is a different debate within itself, Barkdull said, but Romney believes the services and equipment need replenishing.

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### Social Issues:

When it comes to social issues, most voters know where the candidates and their respected party stand.

Social issues have historically been prominent topics during presidential debates, but it appears they have taken a back seat to economic discussions throughout this election.

Jeremy Kitchen, a senior political science major from Meadows Place, and the executive director for the Texas Tech Young Conservatives, said most voters are focused on jobs and the economy.

"I definitely agree that people wouldn't say social issues are more important than the economy and jobs right now," Kitchen said, "but I do think there is the possibility of it being a huge deal, depending on what happens on Nov. 6."

In the United States, social issues in elections typically revolve around abortion, contraception, same-sex marriage and immigration.

Although the issues are not getting much coverage at the moment, Kitchen said they have the potential to become more important than ever. He said a lot of analysts believe three Supreme Court Justices might retire in the next presidential four-year cycle.

"I think the one thing to note is that, with the availability of three (judges) going away, is that President Barack Obama has already appointed two," Kitchen said. "So when you think about it, let's say he won re-election; he would have the availability to appoint five (judges), which is the majority on the Supreme Court. So I'd say that's a big deal in social issues."

According to Obama's website, in his four years at the White House, he has signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to fight pay discrimination, aided women's accessibility to birth control with the Affordable Care Act, endorsed same-sex marriage, and urged Congress to pass the DREAM Act.

Brenda Cruz, a senior political science major from Laredo and former secretary of the Tech Student Democrats, said the Democratic Party is more welcoming in terms of social issues.

"I feel that, in general, Democrats are more able to emphasize with any person — man, woman, child or anyone," she said. "I feel that we don't see solutions as a whole. We feel that to understand a problem or a solution, we need to really talk to the person and get to know why they feel that way and what options are out there for them."

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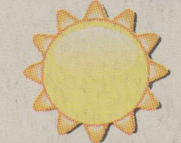
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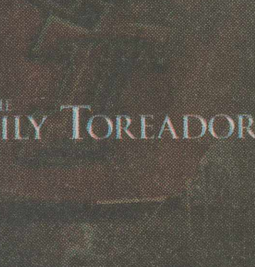
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**Time:** 10:50 a.m.  
**Where:** None  
**So, what is it?**  
 Texas Tech will test its TechAlert! emergency communications system. Everyone should update their cellphone, home phone or text message information at emergency.ttu.edu.

**Alan White Speaking at Chief Executives Roundtable**  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Rawls College of Business Administration  
**So, what is it?**  
 Alan White, chairman and CEO of PlainsCapital Corporation will speak at the Chief Executives Roundtable.

**Tuesdays at the Art Factory**  
**Time:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Where:** Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and create a new and exciting fine arts project. \$20 every Tuesday.

**Support Group**  
**Time:** 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Lubbock First Four-square Church  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and meet with a support group of survivors and caregivers of Women's Reproductive Cancers.

## Wednesday

**Free Car Clinic**  
**Time:** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Commuter West C17 Parking Lot  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and have your vehicle's fluids, belts and other basics checked for free. Also, enter to win a free ePermit.

**Texas Tech Volleyball vs. TCU**  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Where:** United Spirit Arena  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and support the Red Raiders play against the Horned Frogs.

**Trombone Ensemble Concert**  
**Time:** 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Hemmle Recital Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy a free concert from the Trombone Ensemble.

**Scrabble Club**  
**Time:** 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Market Street  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and meet with the local Scrabble Club. All levels of competition are welcome.

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# Lubbock preps for state, county elections

By **CAITLAN OSBORN**  
 STAFF WRITER

While citizens across the United States are focused primarily on the presidential race today, there are many other choices on the ballot that will determine the fate of the state and Lubbock County for the next two to four years.

Carl Tepper, chairman for the Lubbock County Republican Party, said while Lubbock and Texas are both considered heavily conservative, the party is not taking anything for granted.

One important race for Texas is that for United States Senator, Tepper said. Currently, Republican Ted Cruz is running against Democrat Paul Sadler.

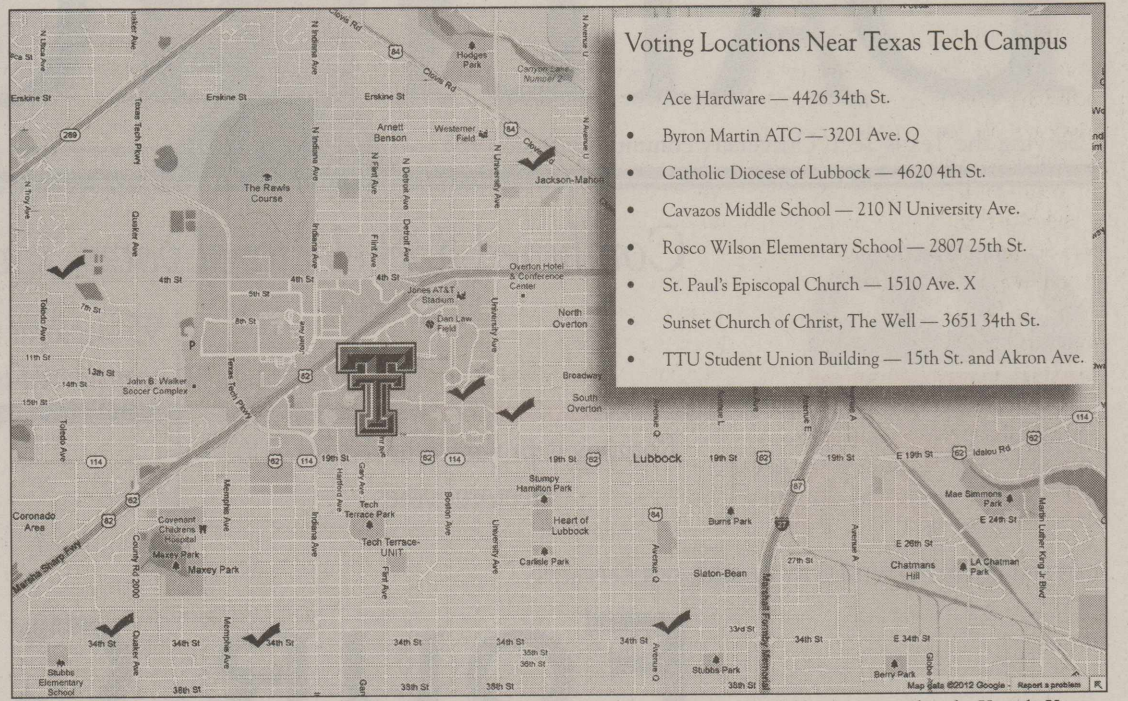
"I'm going to go ahead and take a chance and call it," Tepper said. "We're excited to see Ted Cruz become a United States Senator. For the local races, we don't even have opponents, really. We've got John Frullo, a state representative for District 84, completely inside the county and he is running against a Green Party candidate (Leann Lamb-Vines). We don't take anything for granted, but we expect John to win pretty handily."

Kenny Ketner, chairman for the Lubbock County Democratic Party, said Sadler has a strong platform.

"Mr. Sadler's got a lot of good experience from the legislature and is focused on getting education funded in Texas, which we certainly need at the national and the state level," he said.

Another important race is the representative for the State Board of Education for District 15, Ketner said. Republican Marty Rowley opposes Democrat Steven Schafersman.

"(Schafersman's) race is really important because he's an opponent of creationists, and of course the State Board of Education is the governing body that selects textbooks for Texas schools and things like that," Ketner said. "Mr. Schafersman has an excellent background of advocating appropriate sciences being taught in the classroom."



Voting Locations Near Texas Tech Campus

- Ace Hardware — 4426 34th St.
- Byron Martin ATC — 3201 Ave. Q
- Catholic Diocese of Lubbock — 4620 4th St.
- Cavazos Middle School — 210 N University Ave.
- Rosco Wilson Elementary School — 2807 25th St.
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church — 1510 Ave. X
- Sunset Church of Christ, The Well — 3651 34th St.
- TTU Student Union Building — 15th St. and Akron Ave.

Map courtesy of Google Maps, information provided by votelubbock.org, graphics by Cassidy Ketron.

All voting locations are listed on [www.dailytoreador.com](http://www.dailytoreador.com)

While there are a number of unopposed Republican candidates for Lubbock County, there are no unopposed Democratic candidates.

Both chairmen said a key area in Lubbock County is Precinct 3, which traditionally votes for Democratic candidates.

Republican Ysidro Gutierrez is running for County Commissioner of Precinct 3 against Democrat Lorenzo "Bubba" Sedeño. Republican Ricky Wallace is running for constable of Precinct 3 against Democrat Marina Garcia.

"We're really hoping for some wins there and that would mean that the Republican Party can have representation in all corners of Lubbock County," Tepper said. "We think we can represent the voters of Precinct 3 as well as any other part of the county. The Republican Party in Lubbock County is incredibly unified right now and we're hoping that we can take that efficiency and that unity and turn it into some wins in Precinct 3, so we're sending our prayers and crossing our fingers."

Keeping Precinct 3 Democratic is the party's chief concern, Ketner said.

"That's our Democratic stronghold in Lubbock," he said. "It's

basically north and east Lubbock County, and includes the Texas Tech campus, so student votes are very important. We solely encourage everybody to vote a straight Democratic ticket because that will help our candidates in Precinct 3. It's a very vibrant area. It's been in Democratic hands for decades and we aim to keep it there."

Brad Clardy, chairman for the Lubbock County Libertarian Party, said it is important that the group is represented among voters as well.

"While there may be other (third) parties on the ballot, most of them haven't really been organized for that long," he said. "It's very difficult to get placed on the ballot and it's a battle we've been waging since the '70s."

One of the party's most important candidates is Richard "Chip" Peterson, a professor emeritus at Texas Tech. Peterson is opposed by Republican Randy Neugebauer for United States Representative for District 19. There is no Democratic candidate for the position. He said other important Libertarian candidates include John Jay Myers for U.S. Senator, M.J. "Smitty" Smith for State Senator of District 28 and Jerry R. Russell,

Jr. for Lubbock County Commissioner of Precinct 1.

He said the party's focus is to support Gary Johnson, who is the Libertarian candidate for president.

"He's very outspoken on all of our issues, which are kind of socially tolerant and economically conservative positions," Clardy said. "He's in a position to kind of move people that really support those positions from kind of both sides, people that are disenchanting with Republicans and Democrats."

Libertarians are on the ballot in 48 states and the District of Columbia, he said, which is a major accomplishment for the party.

"That's actually quite significant," he said. "We would hope that everyone will see the light and vote Libertarian (in Lubbock). I don't know that that's going to happen, but I think that over time and it is happening more and more people realizing that we need viable alternatives and that more of the same isn't going to get us where we need to go."

For a full list of candidates and voting locations, visit [votelubbock.org](http://votelubbock.org).

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# Case hearing for US Army general accused of sex crimes

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — U.S. Army prosecutors offered the first details of a rare criminal case against a general, alleging in a military hearing Monday that he committed sex-related crimes involving four female officers and a civilian.

A hearing on evidence in the case against Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair opened Monday at Fort Bragg, home to the 82nd Airborne Division. Officials said the Article 32 hearing, similar to a grand jury proceeding in civilian court, was expected to last at least two days.

The first witness called was Maj. Gen. James Huggins, the former commander of the 82nd Airborne and Sinclair's direct superior during his most recent combat tour to Afghanistan.

Huggins recounted that on March 19, a female captain came to his office late at night in tears. She reported that she had been involved in a three-year-long sexual affair with Sinclair, then her direct commander and a married man. Adultery is a crime under the military code of justice.

Huggins said he knew the female officer to be a good soldier whom Sinclair had specifically asked to have transferred under his command.

According to Huggins, the captain said Sinclair had once forced her to perform oral sex on him, but that she also had sex willingly with her boss both at Army bases in the United States and on deployments to Germany, Iraq and at the airborne division's headquarters in Afghanistan.

# Tech professors explain difference between popular, electoral votes for 2012 campaign

By **KATELIN KELLY AND NICOLE MOLTER**  
 STAFF WRITERS

In a presidential election race with poll numbers so close, it is possible that the minority candidate will win the election. A minority candidate does not win the popular votes, but could still win the electoral votes and therefore, win the election, as was the case in 2000 with Bush v. Gore.

"The popular vote is the vote of the people," said Gregg Murray, assistant professor of political science, "so it'd be all the votes cast — all your friends, and neighbors, and me, and all the people across the State of Texas, for instance." The popular vote determines

the party electors who go to the Electoral College, he said. The Electoral College does not have a particular party affiliation. Electors for a party vary by each state.

Once all the state's electors are sent to the Electoral College, the electoral votes are deposited in the Senate, Murray said, and the vice president counts them.

Electoral votes for Texas are 34, he said. There are 538 electoral votes total. To win the election, a candidate has to receive 270 electoral votes.

Dennis Patterson, associate professor of political science and concentration director for the university's interdisciplinary graduate program in International Studies, said the winner of the electoral vote

always wins the presidency because of the system in place created by the Founding Fathers. "Our president is president of the United States," Patterson said, "not the president of the American people." Patterson said it is important to remember that when the Constitution was created, the colonies were identified at a state level, and considered to be most important. "What you're actually voting for is a state of electors," Patterson said, "and while some states have manipulated how many electors go to what depending on the vote, most states are that if you get 50 percent plus one vote you get all of that states electors, so the electoral college rules." Some states, such as Maine and Nebraska, split their electoral votes, which requires a legislative act and is usually done for partisan reasons. In those states, Patterson said it is possible, but rare, for the elector to cast his or her personal vote, rather than the popular vote winner in their state. "Electors are not necessarily bound by the party that they serve, they can cast their vote anyway," Patterson said. "That was really the original idea, that they would just go cast their ballots for who they thought was the best person on the ticket."

As a citizen, Patterson said, popular votes matter to each individual state, which should effect electoral votes, therefore determining who wins the election. "One state can change the entire Electoral College," Patterson said. The number of representatives and senators in a particular state determines the number of electoral votes given to each state. Even though every state elector casts an official ballot in Washington D.C., Patterson said, the president is known before the electoral votes are cast.

"Those electors who will actually cast the ballot are usually a party people within the state," Patterson said, "so the Republican governor of Texas will pick certain people that he prefers to have going in casting those ballots." Although there have been elections where there are exceptions, Patterson said, the majority of states for the majority of the history of the country have given all of the electoral votes to whoever wins the popular vote within the state. Patterson said he believes if voters understand the way the system was designed and works, it will determine citizens' reactions to the minority candidate winning the election. "If it's a landslide, if somebody is more popular than the other," Patterson said, "then the popular vote as well as the Electoral College is going to reflect that." On the other hand, Patterson said, if a race is close like this year's election, who wins the election is going to depend on the states. Since some states are more populous than others, even if a candidate dominates the smaller states' Electoral College, larger states with more electoral votes can change the race, which is why candidates are swarming the swing states in the last days of the election. According to Rasmussen Reports 2012 Electoral College Scoreboard, electoral votes are 172 safe Obama, 12 likely Obama, 53 leaning Obama, 167 safe Romney, 24 likely Romney, 15 leaning Romney and 95 toss-up.

According to Gallup Politics, 49 percent of registered voters are for Obama, and 46 percent for Romney. Likely voters are 48 percent Obama and 49 percent Romney.

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**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Things to wear
- 5 Chemists' rooms
- 9 One who asks too many questions
- 14 Campus sports gp.
- 15 Irish name for Ireland
- 16 Christina of "Speed Racer"
- 17 Dough dispensers
- 18 Fiscal attitude underlying a facade
- 20 Letter to Santa, essentially
- 22 Pennsylvania in Washington, for one
- 23 Summer in Lyon
- 24 Sent a quick note online
- 25 The Hulk's alter ego
- 30 Barnyard brayer
- 33 Woman in Poe's "The Raven"
- 34 J. Paul Getty or J.R. Ewing
- 36 Dubai bigwig
- 37 "to it mildly"
- 38 Piece of ice
- 39 Revolutionary toy of the '70s-'80s?
- 42 "Boyfriend" singer Justin
- 44 Fr. holy woman
- 45 Song covered by Michael Buble, say
- 47 Glasgow velvets
- 48 Toronto's prov.
- 49 Dining room necessities
- 52 Photos at the precinct
- 57 Aunt Jemima competitor
- 59 Auth. unknown
- 60 Perfumer Laurier
- 61 "As I see it" online
- 62 Maker of Duplo toy bricks
- 63 Just behind the runner-up
- 64 Overly compliant
- 65 Filer on a pole, and at the ends of 18-, 25-, 45- and 57-Across

**DOWN**

- 1 Emulate a beaver
- 2 Play beginning
- 3 Farm butters
- 4 Big party
- 5 Beatles tune that starts, "When I find myself in times of trouble"
- 6 Like some Navy rescues
- 7 Champagne designation
- 8 Set eyes on
- 9 "Ignorance is bliss," e.g.
- 10 Upset
- 11 Clickable pic
- 12 Sandy-colored
- 13 Levitate
- 19 Humped beast
- 21 Sidelong look
- 24 Mid. name substitute
- 25 Anoint
- 26 Put the check in the mail
- 27 Bring together
- 28 Veggie on a cob
- 29 Pride and prejudice, e.g.
- 30 Caribbean resort
- 31 Like a teletotaler
- 32 Bergen's dummy
- 35 Scored 100 on
- 37 Domino dots
- 40 Practiced in the ring
- 41 Art of verse
- 42 Thailand's capital
- 43 OB's mistakes
- 46 "Well said"
- 47 African river
- 49 Atkins of country
- 50 Silence
- 51 Pro debater
- 52 Auntie of the stage
- 53 45 minutes, in soccer games
- 54 Scott Turrow work
- 55 Roman robe
- 56 Smooch, in Staffordshire
- 58 —dandy

By Neville Fogarty 11/6/12

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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# States help for displaced residents to vote

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP) — One storm-battered New Jersey county was delivering ballots to emergency shelters Monday while New York City was lining up shuttle buses to ferry people in hard-hit coastal areas to the polls. With the presidential election looming just a week after Superstorm Sandy's devastation, authorities were scrambling to make voting as manageable as possible while election watchers warned that confusion over balloting could disenfranchise residents.

Election officials in both New Jersey and New York were guardedly optimistic that power would be restored and most polling places would be open in all but the worst-hit areas for Tuesday's election. In West Virginia, officials relocated a handful of polling precincts because of continuing power outages from Superstorm Sandy.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed an executive order Monday allowing residents to cast a so-called "affidavit," or provisional ballot, at any polling place in the state for president and statewide office holders, an opportunity New Jersey was extending to voters as well.

"Compared to what we have had to deal with in the past week, this will be a walk in the park when it comes to voting," Cuomo said.

Affidavit or provisional ballots are counted after elected officials confirm a voter's eligibility.

Authorities were also sensitive to concerns about potential disenfranchisement and were taking steps to ensure voters were kept informed of continued problems or changes to their voting locations.

Ernie Landante, a spokesman for the New Jersey Division of Elections, said fewer than 100 polling places around the state were without power compared to 800 just days ago, and that the state has abandoned its earlier plan to use military trucks as makeshift polling places. Most voters will be able to cast ballots at their regular polling sites, he said.

But Landante also said the state had taken extra steps to make sure people displaced by Sandy's destruction would be able to vote, like allowing "authorized messengers" to pick up as many mail-in ballots as they request for people in shel-

ters or away from their homes.

"We are doing everything we can in this extraordinary situation not to disenfranchise voters displaced by Sandy. Their voices and their votes will be heard no differently than anyone else's," Landante said.

But authorities abruptly switched gears on an additional directive New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's office announced allowing displaced New Jersey residents to vote through email and fax.

The directive allowed voters to request and file a ballot electronically. But under pressure from voting rights advocates, officials said those voters would have to submit a paper ballot along with the electronic filing — a rule the state's military personnel and residents living overseas are required to follow as well.

Larry Norden, a voting-rights advocate at New York University's Brennan Center for Justice, said the email and fax option wouldn't be viable for voters still without power.

"My biggest concern about all this is confusion. These places need to take statewide action to make sure people who

have been displaced know there is some way they can vote," Norden said.

Some regions most affected by Sandy were seeking creative ways to help residents cast their ballot.

In Ocean County along the New Jersey coast, officials hired a converted camper to bring mail-in ballots to shelters in Toms River, Pemberton and Burlington Township. Some 75 people in Toms River alone took advantage of the service on Monday, officials said. The camper will either continue to serve the shelters or be converted into an emergency voting precinct on Tuesday.

"It's great. This is one less thing I have to think about," said Josephine DeFeis, who fled her home in storm-devastated Seaside Heights and cast her ballot in the camper on Monday.

In New York City, authorities planned to run shuttle buses every 15 minutes Tuesday in storm-slammed areas to bring voters to the polls.

Elections Commissioner J.C. Polanco said the buses would service parts of Staten Island, the Rockaways and Breezy Point in Queens, and the Coney Island

section of Brooklyn.

"An election on a normal day in New York is difficult as it is. Think of how difficult it is after a hurricane," Polanco said.

Just 60 of the city's 1,350 polling sites were unusable and residents who vote in those places would be directed elsewhere, Polanco said. He said if a voter relocated to another polling site didn't show up on the list of people eligible to vote, he or she would be given a provisional ballot.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg urged city residents to check the Board of Elections website to find out about polling changes.

"Vote. It is our most precious right. It is the one that guarantees all our other rights as Americans. It is the essence of being a citizen," Bloomberg said.

In a city of 4.6 million voters, bumps were inevitable.

In Brooklyn, workers were still pumping water out of Middle School 211, which was supposed to serve as a polling place. The neighborhood's new polling site, Canarsie High School, is a few blocks away, but there were no signs posted at either school alerting voters to the change.

Staten Island resident Paul Hoppe said he probably wouldn't vote. His home, a block from the beach, was uninhabitable, his family was displaced and their possessions were ruined.

"We've got too many concerns that go beyond the national scene," Hoppe said.

Five counties in West Virginia were moving or combining 14 precincts into a total of 10 temporary locations. Lewis, Randolph and Tucker counties are each relocating one precinct. Upshur County is moving four while Preston is relocating seven.

Secretary of State Natalie Tennant said officials will post notices on the closed precincts, and are spreading details through the media and on her office's website. West Virginia's elections chief, Tennant warned voters not to believe phone calls offering new precinct locations.

"Those are false calls," Tennant said, citing complaints alleging such ploys during prior elections. "Call your county clerk to double-check, or the secretary of state's office."

# CoMC research team analyzes presidential debate reactions

By EMILY GARDNER  
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A research team for the College of Media and Communication collected research on the presidential and vice presidential debates during the month of October.

The research team consisted of Erik Bucy, the marshal; Sharleen Formby, Regents professor of strategic communication in the Department of Advertising; Glenn Cummins, director of the Center for Communication Research in the CoMC; Shawn Hughes, a Texas Tech Ph.D. candidate in media and communication and the originator/co-principle investigator of the study; and Trent Seltzer, the department chair for public relations.

"What we are looking for is what really kind of drives viewer response when they are watching a televised debate," Bucy said, "and is it what's said or is it the way the candidates interact with each other."

A study ran during the presidential and vice presidential debates, along with a pilot study about one of the Republican primary debates, Hughes said.

The researchers collected data using dial testing, Cummins said. The subjects held the dial in their hands and twist the knob whenever they reacted to a candidate or a statement.

"The way that the equipment works

is it gives us a continuous response from each of the subjects as they watched the debate," Hughes said. "And so, that's a lot more accurate over an hour and a half period of time to gauge how people are responding to certain messages as opposed to asking them after the debate how they felt because they may not remember all the different feelings they had during the debate."

The benefit of this testing, Cummins said, was they were able to gather quantitative data to be analyzed later, along with real-time feedback from the debates.

The researchers' goal was to discover how people felt while the debate was happening, Hughes said. They looked at William Benoit's Functional Theory for the three messages they looked for: attack, acclaim and defense.

Bucy said he looked at how the audience reacted to the candidates' nonverbal communication.

"Once we've analyzed what the messages were, we go back and look at the data," Hughes said, "and find out how people reacted to those messages."

The subjects of the study were mostly undergraduate students, but at the last debate, they observed members of the community as well, Bucy said. The research team was studying four categories of people: Democrats, Republicans, females and males.

The number of people in a category was not always equal, but that does not

invalidate the study, Cummins said. There also was a restriction on the number of dials that could be used in one session.

"The first solution is we will do another session and have people come in and watch the debate a second time," Cummins said. "But the problem with that, obviously, is that once the debate is over, then it's hard to ignore news media's analysis of how candidates did. So it was really important that we collect this data live as it was happening because that's the only way to get a pure look at the audience response, not based on the influence of news media."

Hughes said he wanted to do this project because he had studied debates in the past, and the equipment was there to be used.

This study could have been conducted on any debate because the researchers were looking at the different debate strategies, Cummins said.

"The value and benefit of doing this research during the presidential election is that, obviously, people have invested interest in the candidates and what's being said," Cummins said. "So it really ensures that people are going to pay attention and respond to what's being seen on screen. If I were to have candidates in Lubbock, Texas, watch a debate from a Virginia House of Representatives race, then viewers may not be invested in it."

They usually time their preparation

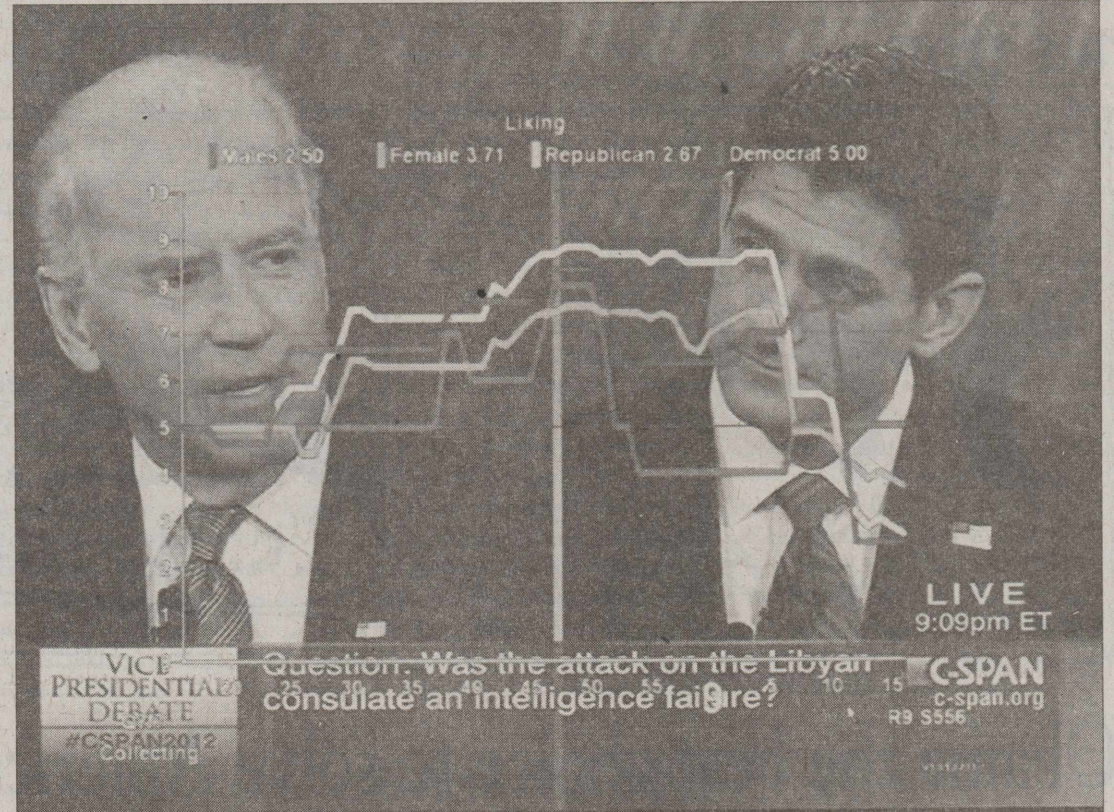


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COLLEGE OF MEDIA and Communication research team ran a study during the presidential and vice presidential debates and then collected the research using dial testing.

of the data collected with a scholarly article or a conference, Bucy said.

Proposals have been submitted to conferences, and they should have the preliminary results by January and a more definitive analysis complete in the spring.

"I think it's a good opportunity for people to see some of the ways that Texas Tech researchers are conducting new forms of research," Hughes said. "This is a tool that's been in use for a while in the business world in analyzing commercial messages and such, but we're really just beginning to use this in debate analysis."

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# Department of Political Science to conduct post-election research

By EMILY GARDNER  
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Texas Tech's Department of Political Science will conduct a post-election telephone survey.

The survey is conducted every semester by the undergraduate research methods course, Cindy Rugeley, assistant professor of political sciences, said. This semester, the two campaigns and elections classes will help create and conduct the survey.

"We're going to be looking at people's attitudes toward the next few years," assistant professor of political science Gregg Murray said, "what our next round of leaders will be facing, what do people feel is the most important problem facing whoever the next president is going

to be and how do people feel about democracy after having gone through this election, and how do people feel about the way the elections were conducted."

The survey is conducted like other phone surveys, said Sara Tumanek Norman, interim director of the Earl Survey Research Lab. They will use a questionnaire edited to include information about the current election and order a phone sample. Surveyors will call the cell phones of Texas residents, and complete a random digit dialing for landlines in Texas.

"Since it's a random survey, we'll have a good random survey over Texas residents," Tumanek Norman said. "Basically, it spreads over all demographics and we also account for cell

phone use. It will basically tell us how Texas, in general, overall, feels about the election."

The students will rate the information residents give them on a scale from one to five as far as high priority or low priority, and whether or not they tend to lean to the conservative or liberal side, Keeli Boyles, an Earl Survey Research Lab supervisor, said.

"Since it's for a class, they have to have a certain number of sessions that the students have to meet," Boyles said. "But they usually have a base number of survey completes that they want and so we go until we complete those."

The classes will start conducting the survey a day or two after the elections, Murray said.

The students will spend three

to four weeks in the lab to get it done, Rugeley said.

"We've always traditionally identified it as kind of a state of the state survey because we have a lot of the same questions on there," Rugeley said. "We're changing some of them this time. We are going to start a new baseline poll because the issues of the state have changed."

"It's an interesting survey and kind of goes into our theory that as political scientists, we have three functions. One is to educate our students, two is to do research, and three is perhaps give back a little bit to the state, and this survey is one way we can do that by providing information to the state on issues that citizens think are important."

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# Court upholds sale of polygamous church assets

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled Monday that a polygamist sect on the Utah-Arizona border waited too long to challenge a court-ordered takeover, clearing the way for state authorities to break up a church trust and sell assets including homes, businesses and farms in two small towns.

A three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a federal judge in Salt Lake City, who ruled nearly two years ago that Utah's takeover violated the constitutional rights of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. U.S. District Judge Dee Benson's decision had frozen the sale of church assets in Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz., and put Utah's takeover in limbo.

Utah seized control of the community trust in 2005 amid allegations

of mismanagement by church officials, including now-jailed polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs.

The appeals court panel didn't rule on the constitutionality issue. Instead, it determined the FLDS waited too long — nearly three years — to take legal action.

The FLDS sued the attorneys general of Utah and Arizona, along with the Utah district judge overseeing the takeover and the fiduciary appointed to break up the church trust, Bruce Wisan. The first lawsuit was filed in state courts in 2008, but as the church waited for a decision it took a similar case to federal court. Ultimately, the Utah Supreme Court ruled the church was too late to file a claim anywhere — not because it missed a fixed deadline but because changes had been made to the church trust that could not be undone.

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## Civility, respect, maturity necessary in politics

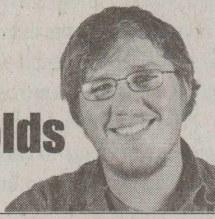
Lubbock made national news again last week and, in true Lubbock fashion, for all the wrong reasons. Several articles were circulated through news outlets describing the most recent of the outbreaks of political hostility here.

According to *The Huffington Post*, several large pro-Obama yard signs have been stolen and vandalized during the past week. The worst of these were found riddled with bullet holes and plastered with mustard and racial slurs.

When I read this, I kind of blew it off as just more nonsense in Lubbock happening to make headlines. After all, campaign signs being targeted for vandalism in Lubbock is usually just a bunch of middle or high school hooligans who have nothing better to do with their time.

However, I later read another article in *The Texas Tribune* that contained a YouTube video of a pickup full of what looked like — judging

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from the quality of their clothing and the shiny new Silverado truck they were riding in — pampered, white frat kids whose rich parents sent them to Texas Tech and who probably either aren't intelligent enough or mature enough to have formulated political thoughts of their own. In this video, they were the ones being caught vandalizing the signs.

The group of cowards proceeded to drive off screaming, "Romney!" They later returned to the scene, got out of the truck, shouted racial slurs at the cameraman (who was a Hispanic Democratic Party volunteer) and punched him in the face before driving away while screaming, "Go

back to Mexico!"

This video made my blood boil for several reasons.

First, infringing on another person's constitutional right to free speech, be it through vandalism or violence, is inexcusable. Moreover, ganging up on one person and causing them bodily harm because their skin isn't the same color as yours or because they don't agree with your political views — or your those of your rich parents — is not only spineless, but utterly shameful. Through their actions, this gang of cowards might as well have taken

a dump on the Constitution of the United States itself.

What's more, this video also confirmed to me what a colleague of mine wrote in *The Daily Toreador* a couple of weeks ago. As much as I would like to think otherwise, my generation is not the one to move our society on from racism and hate crimes based solely on the color of someone's skin.

It is absolutely astounding that in the U.S., even though we are now well into the 21st century, you can still see racial slurs written all over campaign signs for an African-American candidate and shouted at

politically active Hispanic citizens.

Finally, what gets to me as I watch this video is that I'm seeing violence shown to an American citizen by other American citizens over their political ideas. This is an election between two candidates who really aren't even that far apart on the political spectrum. The fact that people are being physically assaulted in my hometown over center-right versus center-left politics is saddening to me.

Growing up with an interest in politics in Lubbock, one comes to discover a few things about Lubbock's community dynamic. There's what I like to call the "Tea Party Towers of Cube Power" that local headline conservative campaigns set up on every street corner when it comes time for Congressional elections.

It's not unusual to see the Texas flag "SECEDE" bumper stickers on every other truck that passes you on your way to church or a coffee

shop where you'll overhear a group of older gentlemen sitting around talking about how socialism and homosexuals are destroying America.

I may only be old enough to remember three elections, but I don't remember any of them being as polarized or heated as this one. With the Tech campus being an exception, it is a wonder there exists any liberal presence whatsoever in this town.

The idea that you may need to know how to defend yourself and your beliefs if you live here and do not adhere to the "Good Ol' Boy" rich, white, conservative viewpoint is an idea that I've never totally dismissed, but never wanted to seriously consider a reality. I sincerely pray that this incident is not what future elections in the free world will look like.

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### THE TROTS



BY ANDREA FARKAS

## Romney the best choice to solve America's problems

By MELANIE WILCOX  
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Four years ago, Barack Obama promised the American people hope and change. Today, President Obama has a track record to evaluate, and by objective measures, it is not good. The president acknowledges this, and his message is now, "I need more time. If we stay the course, things will get better." Clearly, he cannot run on the slim accomplishments of his first term.

The facts are damning, even considering the economic mess the president inherited in 2009. Today, over 23 million Americans are unemployed or underemployed. The unemployment rate is now 7.9 percent, higher than when he took office. After calling former President George W. Bush "irresponsible" and "unpatriotic" for piling up \$4.9 trillion in debt in eight years, Obama has added over \$5.3 trillion in just four. If reelected, the national debt will skyrocket to a whopping \$20 trillion by 2016, with yet another likely downgrade to the U.S. credit rating.

The unemployment rate among youths (aged 18 to 29) is worse than the national average, at 12 percent. This does not include those who have given up looking for work. More than 5 million women are unemployed, and more women are in poverty — 25.7 million — than at any other time in our history. I find this frightening. To mask the facts, the president has diverted attention by creating a fictional case for a "War on Women" by the Republican Party, citing access to birth control as a top campaign issue. This is a ruse to mask the real problem: abysmal economic conditions for women and men of all ages. Who's waging the real war on women? How do these seemingly abstract numbers impact college students? It's simple. High debt slows economic growth that, in turn, negatively impacts the job market. Can't find a job after graduation? Stuck with educational loans? Without a job, or without a well-paying job, it will be painful to meet these obligations. Every Dartmouth student is subject to the economic effects of our government's actions and policies. Four years is enough. The president tried, yet a record 47 million Americans are on food stamps and nearly 50 million are in poverty. "Trust

me, things are getting better" is not a strategy. Hope, however sincere, is not sufficient for our success.

Instead, we have an opportunity to elect a man who has the proven experience to get our country back on the right course.

Mitt Romney knows we can't borrow and spend our way out of this mess. Unlike the incumbent, Romney has a clear plan to rein in government spending, expand trade, increase access to energy, rationalize our tax system and reform outdated entitlement programs so that our generation will not be punished for the fiscal blunders of previous generations. In short, Romney has a verifiable track record of success in precisely the things that matter the most right now.

How likely is it that real change will occur in Washington? According to Dartmouth's own Andrew Samwick, director of the Rockefeller Center for Public Policy, Romney is a "results-oriented" person who can work effectively with Republicans and Democrats to get 60 votes for legislation in the Senate.

This results-driven approach enabled him to build Bain Capital, one of the nation's best private equity firms, from the ground up. Romney's penchant for results was evident at the 2002 Winter Olympics, which he saved from massive debt and possible relocation and transformed into one of the most successful and profitable Olympics in recent history. It was evident when, as governor of Massachusetts, he negotiated with decisive Democratic legislative majorities in both houses to pass legislation that moved the state forward. It will also be evident as president of the United States.

Against Romney's record of accomplishment, President Obama can only offer four years of failed economic policies, legislative gridlock, continued government spending and acute economic pain that show no sign of subsiding.

America needs a leader who intuitively understands the private sector and will implement common sense policies that will create private sector growth, not growth in government. This will lead to job creation. Mitt Romney has the experience and vision to make this happen. So when you go to the polls and vote, think about what you want the next four years to be like. When I cast my ballot, the choice is clear: Mitt Romney.

## Obama the best choice to solve America's problems

By MASON COLE  
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When you go to the polls, you will face a stark choice between a president who entered office with two wars raging and an economy on the brink, but nonetheless brought us to a point of stability, and a formerly moderate governor who wants to bring back failed economic policies and backward social policies. We are all about to enter the "real world," and what happens on Tuesday will matter.

What's important in this election? Former President Bill Clinton is famous for saying, "It's the economy, stupid." Well, President Barack Obama took a stumbling economy and immediately worked to stop further job loss. He introduced a stimulus bill, which not only helped to bring our economy back to life, but also gave tax relief to millions of Americans and began the process of modernizing our crumbling infrastructure. When Mitt Romney said that we should let Detroit go bankrupt, Obama decided to make an investment in the auto industry that is paying off. When circumstances called for bailing out the banks, Obama not only made sure that the money was paid back but also that struggling homeowners would be helped. Have a student loan? By

taking out banks as the middlemen, Obama has already cut the cost of student loans. We all benefit from Obamacare, which allows students to stay on our parent's insurance until we turn 26 while creating exchanges that leverage the power of competition.

Romney and Rep. Paul Ryan are nowhere near the financial experts that they claim to be. Although they present themselves as concerned about the deficit and middle America, they propose a tax cut for the wealthy that can only be balanced by increasing taxes on the middle class. They have abandoned the idea of completely replacing Medicare with a voucher system, but the system they propose would still cannibalize Medicare and would bankrupt the system sooner. Why should we trust these people with our economy when they can't even get their numbers to add up? Want more details on their plan? Wait until after the election.

And this election is about more than just the economy. Reproductive

freedom, LGBT equality, our environment and immigration reform are all at stake.

What's tragic is that Romney used to be somewhat moderate. He used to support a woman's right to choose. Before he mocked global warming at the Republican National Convention, he advocated for research in renewable energy. And before he started pandering to the gun lobby, he supported sensible gun control that made the streets of Massachusetts safer. While my vote in this election would likely be the same, the old Romney would have been a formidable challenger for Obama. He would have shown that moderate Republicans still exist. But this isn't the man running for president.

There is only one candidate in this race who supports an "equal pay for equal work" bill. There is only one candidate in this race who stands on the side of marriage equality and has worked to protect the right of LGBT Americans to serve in the military and receive federal benefits. There is only one candidate in this race who embraces a woman's

right to choose. There is only one candidate in this race who has fully embraced the DREAM Act.

I was not always such an enthusiastic Obama supporter. I supported him after he won the Democratic primary, but his goals still seemed lofty to me, and I was unsure if he would bring about real change or whether "real change" could even be defined. But looking back, I know that America made the right choice. Are we better off than we were four years ago? If you look at job growth: yes. If you believe that women, gays and children who are "illegal" through no fault of their own deserve the same shot at the American dream: yes. And if you agree with Vice President Joe Biden that we are better off when "bin Laden is dead and General Motors is alive:" yes.

We still have work to do. No one thinks that our health care problem is completely solved. Our economy is not fully back on track and we need to find a way to fix it without further increasing our deficit. Immigration reform needs to happen. But there is only one candidate who has shown a willingness to face these issues head on and doesn't change his positions for political expediency. Obama has already taken the first steps to solve the tough problems from which many of his predecessors have run. I'm voting for Obama so he can finish the job.

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**Economy** ←

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Obama said he would retain the current individual income tax system, but would increase taxes on high-income people to reduce the budget deficit.

Along with taxes, Romney's economic plan also includes cutting red tape. Romney has openly accused the Obama administration of burdening the economy with excessive regulation.

The Governor said he would reduce the amount of red tape and implement free market policies, thus bringing confidence to the market and increasing business investment.

With all the government spending, Gilbert said many people have been given incentives to not try as hard and spend too much.

"The benefits of a free market economy would be wonderful because it would make the economy much more efficient," Gilbert said. "You'd have far better economic choices."

The focal point of Romney's campaign has been how the government can increase economic growth, while at the same time decreasing federal spending. Both candidates claim their economic plan will reduce the deficit, while their opponents will not.

According to Obama's website, his plan is based on the assumption the country will do best when everyone gets a fair shot. His plan focuses on education, skills for American workers, research development and tax breaks for companies who bring their companies back to the United States.

"I want to build on our strengths," Obama said during the final debate, "and I've put forward a plan to make sure that we're bringing manufacturing jobs back to our shores by rewarding companies and small businesses that are investing here, not overseas."

The president accused Romney's plan to cut taxes and increase spending on the military of being destined to increase

the deficit. Romney responded by pointing out he was successful in balancing the budget while governor of Massachusetts.

During the debate, Romney said his plan to balance the budget includes making cuts in federal programs, which would include repealing the Affordable Care Act, and setting the federal spending at 20 percent of the gross domestic product.

Gilbert said it's hard to cut government spending, but they need to slow the growth by switching to an incentive-based system where people have the incentives to control their own costs.

Another way the government needs to control the deficit, he said, is to let GDP grow faster than government spending. In result, this will shrink the percentage that government is getting past a larger GDP.

Despite whichever candidate is elected, Gilbert said he expects the economy to grow during the next four years.

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"So I reject the idea that I don't believe in great teachers or more teachers," Romney said during one of the presidential debates. "Every school district, every state should make the decision on their own."

On his website, Romney said the current president did not create the problem in our education system, but has compounded it. Romney said the billions of dollars the president has invested on education have simply gone to the teachers unions that elected him.

When it comes to his K-12 education plan, Romney's focus has been on promoting choice and innovation.

Peggy Johnson said the idea behind school choice is that parents receive money vouchers so they can choose a school for their child to attend. The purpose of school choice is to provide competition for the schools, thus making them better.

"The problem with it is that not all parents have the same

wherewithal and the same assertiveness to go out and shop for the best school for my child," Johnson said. "So, the child himself is hardly to blame for having a parent who either is or is not that assertive shopper."

Obama has criticized No Child Left Behind, which Romney said he supported.

"I happen to be someone who supported No Child Left Behind. I thought it was important for us to finally start testing our kids," Romney said during the Republican Primaries.

According to WhiteHouse.gov, Obama said No Child Left Behind has created incentives for states to lower their standards, and plans on increasing flexibility for the states.

The notion of not leaving any child behind is good, Johnson said. However, the way the law has been interpreted, it doesn't benefit all of the children of all the states, she said.

In regard to higher education, Johnson said most of the discussion involves student loans. She said the states are paying less attention to education while

students have been paying more. Most of the president's attention has been on the expansion of federal aid for students.

"We've expanded Pell Grants for millions of people, including millions of young women, all across the country," according to Obama's website. "We did it by taking \$60 billion that was going to banks and lenders as middlemen for the student loan program, and we said, 'Let's just cut out the middleman.'"

According to Romney's website, if elected, his plan would be to alter Obama's plan to grant subsidies to private lenders. In effect, this would bring private lenders back and tighten eligibility requirements for the grants, the website said.

Looking ahead at the election, Johnson said education has become more important than ever.

"Right now, we need to have an educated population in order to do the work of the 21st century," Johnson said. "Lots of it requires higher-order thinking. It requires teamwork."

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**Foreign** ←

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According to Romney's website, his plans as commander in chief would be to modernize and replace aging inventories of the Air Force, Army and Marines with a core defense spending at a floor of 4 percent of the gross domestic product.

Another difference between the candidates, which is much more minor and received less attention during the foreign policy debate, is the investment and trade with China.

Barkdull said Obama's main point of concern would be to remove tax incentives that lead countries to go abroad in search of things like cheap labor, while Romney focuses on the currency manipulator, which is the accusation of China keeping its exchange rate artificially low to make Chinese products cheaper.

Despite these differences, Barkdull said it would be difficult for the any candidate to set any major regulations.

"My guess is that if (Romney)

walks into the White House and declares China a currency manipulator on day one, as he's promised to do, he's going to find a lot of resistance from the U.S. business community on that. Besides which, if Obama is correct, the exchange rate is actually moving in the U.S.'s favor, so it would probably be a moot point by then, anyway."

Other pressing issues on which both candidates share similar views are the military's role in Afghanistan, Syria and Iran.

Both candidates agreed to pull troops out of Afghanistan by 2014, and despite Romney's early criticisms toward Obama for not providing arms to the Syrian opposition, both candidates don't seem to be in support of military involvement, Barkdull said.

"Is Romney going to walk in there and start handing (weapons) out like candy? No," Barkdull said. "He's going to do what the Obama administration is doing. He's going to make sure he knows who he's dealing with, and that's what Obama has said."

Barkdull said Romney also said he'll toughen sanctions on Iran, but doesn't understand how that is possible without launching a war.

"(Obama) really tightened down sanctions, as tight as they'll go," he said. "He also got others to cooperate. That's always the hard part with sanctions. You can impose all the sanctions you want, but if they can go trade with someone else, then it's not necessarily a major (hindrance)."

Looking ahead, Barkdull said the presidential candidates don't have very many differences on foreign policy. He said Congress has given the commander in chief a lot of authority with foreign policy, but it's important to remember the president is just one man and only has a limited amount of attention to give to certain policies.

"Presidents are very important, but it's going to be with a caveat," he said. "You know, there are limitations on what the president can do. And of course, in part, that's going to depend on the president's own personality and policy preference."

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According to Governor Mitt Romney's website, he is pro-life. Romney said life begins at conception, and the next step for the Supreme Court is to overturn Roe v. Wade.

If the decision was to be overturned, Romney said the states could determine their own abortion laws.

In terms of contraception, Romney said he believes in access to contraception for American women.

"I just know that I don't (think) bureaucrats in Washington should tell someone whether they can use contraceptives or not," Romney said during the second debate, "and I don't believe employers should tell someone whether they have contraceptive care or not."

Romney said he plans on repealing the Affordable Care Act, which gives women greater access to contraception.

The Republican Party likes to view abortion as a state issue first, Kitchen said. As an individual, he said he doesn't support abortion, but according to the 10th Amendment, it's a states' rights issue.

Romney said he opposes same-sex marriage, but also opposes discrimination against anyone.

He said he believes marriage should be between a man and a woman, and supports the constitutional amendment that defines it that way.

"It's important to have a national standard for marriage," Romney said during the final debate. "And I'm committed to making sure that we reinforce the institution of marriage in this country by insisting that all states have a right to have marriage as defined as between a man and a woman."

In response to Romney's position, Brenda Cruz said she doesn't understand why she can marry a man, but anybody next to her who may be gay or lesbian can't marry the person they love.

She said the government should

not have a role in telling people how to live their lives.

Obama was the first president to endorse same-sex marriage, according to his website.

Romney said he opposes the DREAM Act, a piece of legislation that would allow some young immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children to gain citizenship. Romney said he would veto the act if Congress passes it.

According to WhiteHouse.gov, Obama believes it is the responsibility of the federal government to secure the borders and plans on enacting laws that reunify families and encourage individuals who are educated in the United States to stay and contribute to the economy.

Both political parties have strong views on social issues, and the issues will continue to be debated about, Kitchen said.

Maine, Maryland and Washington will vote on the issue of same-sex marriage in the general election.

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**Where will housing be found for Sandy's victims?**

NEW YORK (AP) — Government leaders are turning their attention to the next crisis unfolding in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy: finding housing for potentially tens of thousands of people left homeless.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said it has already dispensed close to \$200 million in emergency housing assistance and has put 34,000 people in the New York and New Jersey metropolitan area up in hotels and motels.

But local, state and federal officials have yet to lay out a specific, comprehensive plan for finding them long-term places to live, even as cold weather sets in. And given the scarcity and high cost of housing in the metropolitan area and the

lack of open space, it could prove a monumental undertaking.

For example, can enough vacant apartments be found? Will the task involve huge, Hurricane Katrina-style encampments of trailer homes? And if so, where will authorities put the trailers? In stadiums? Parks?

Authorities cannot answer those questions yet.

"It's not going to be a simple task. It's going to be one of the most complicated and long-term recovery efforts in U.S. history," said Mark Merritt, president of Witt Associates, a Washington crisis management consulting firm founded by former FEMA director James Lee Witt.

Tactics that FEMA used in other disasters could be difficult to apply in

the city. For example, Merritt said, it's impossible to set up trailers in people's driveways if everyone lives in an apartment building, and it's harder to find space to set up mobile homes.

Sandy killed more 100 people in 10 states but vented the worst of its fury on New Jersey and New York. A week after the storm slammed the mid-Atlantic and the Northeast, 1.4 million homes and businesses remained in the dark.

Another storm — a nor'easter packing heavy rain and gusts of 50 to 60 mph — was headed for the metropolitan area Wednesday, threatening more flooding and power outages that could undo some of the repairs made in the past few days.

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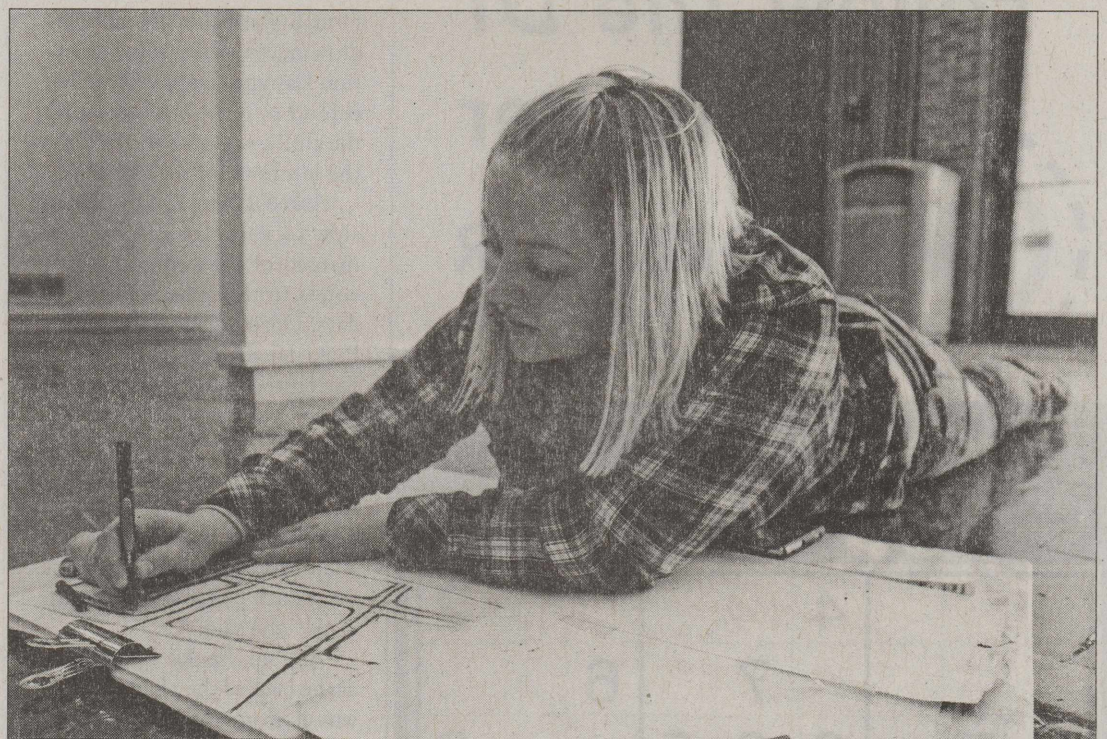


PHOTO BY DAVID VAUGHAN/The Daily Toreador  
SARA PETROSS, AN apparel design and manufacturing major from McCamey, draws perspective incorporating the masks on the walls of the Art building student exhibit Monday in the Art building.

**Pa. zoo: Wild dogs killed boy who fell in exhibit**

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A zoo where a 2-year-old boy fell into an exhibit and was fatally mauled by African wild dogs had met or exceeded all safety standards for animals and visitors, proving that no exhibit is "fail-proof," the zoo's president said Monday.

Nearby staff responded "within seconds" on Sunday but quickly determined the dog attack was fatal and didn't send handlers into the enclosure to intervene, Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium president Barbara Baker said.

Instead, the dogs were recalled into an indoor enclosure as they've been trained to respond, though four of the 11 lingered near the boy even after blank anesthetic darts, used out of an abundance of caution for the boy's safety, were fired to shoo them away. One of the dogs, which are endangered, was fatally shot by police.

Baker said the zoo has been open since 1898 and this is the first time there's been "a visitor incident of this magnitude." She called the boy's death a "horrible, horrible tragedy" and said there's "no such thing as a

fail-proof exhibit."

Baker struggled to maintain her composure during her Monday news conference and made clear she was careful to consider the family's feelings before answering questions, including one about how the boy died.

She paused several seconds before saying, "I'm trying to think of a family-sensitive way to address that. The child did not die from the fall. The child was mauled by the dogs."

Police were investigating, though police Cmdr. Thomas Stangrecki, who attended Baker's news conference, said he was there only to observe.

The boy's mother had put him on a wooden railing at the edge of a viewing deck before he fell late Sunday morning. He bounced out of netting below before dropping more than 10 feet into the dogs' enclosure.

Baker said the Allegheny County medical examiner's office determined the boy survived the plunge. The medical examiner's office has not publicly confirmed its findings or released the boy's name. Pittsburgh media outlets reported the boy was

from suburban Whitehall, but The Associated Press couldn't immediately confirm that.


A spokesman for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, which accredits zoos and aquariums that meet certain standards, said the Pittsburgh Zoo successfully completed its five-year review in September. And Baker said the U.S. Department of Agriculture had inspected the zoo and found it safe in recent months.

The wild dogs, about as big as medium-size domestic dogs, resemble wolves. They hunt in packs, targeting prey such as antelopes, gazelles

and wildebeest calves, and their kills are noted for their savagery. Visitors view the zoo's dogs from a wooden deck that's enclosed except for the front, where the roughly 4-foot-high wooden railing is located.

The exhibit is closed indefinitely, and the dogs have been quarantined, though Baker said they will not be euthanized. The zoo also has been closed since the boy's death but will reopen Tuesday, Baker said.

Mourners left teddy bears and other items outside the zoo and responded to a condolence message on the zoo's Facebook page.

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## Humans vs. Zombies emerge for 7th semester

By KATELIN KELLY  
STAFF WRITER

Every semester, students wearing green bandanas can be seen chasing each other through Memorial Circle with rolled-up socks and Nerf guns.

The Humans vs. Zombies game has become a tradition on the Texas Tech campus every semester since fall 2009. HvZ is played every day for a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Gina Zhang, a freshman petroleum engineering major from Wichita Falls, said she decided to play in the game after her friends talked her into it.

"Everybody starts out as a human except for (original zombies)," Zhang said, "and they will look like humans too, and they can tag any of the humans, and that's how they will form the zombie group."

Original zombies are determined through an application process. Humans can be identified by a bright green bandana tied around their arm. Once hu-

mans are tagged, they wear their bandanas around their necks for 45 minutes before transferring it to their head, signifying they are officially zombies, Zhang said.

The rules are few and simple: Players cannot tag inside of buildings or within 15 feet from doors, and a human can shoot a zombie with a Nerf gun, after which a zombie cannot tag anyone for 10 minutes.

"What motivates zombies to keep tagging people," Zhang said, "is if you don't tag people for 48 hours, you'll starve."

Adam Wiggins, a freshman architecture major from San Antonio, said he heard about HvZ before he got to Tech and has been waiting to sign up since school started.

Roy Gollahon, a freshman electronic engineering major from Lubbock, said the number of zombies is rapidly increasing.

"It went from 32 to 43 in about 30 minutes," Gollahon said. "Today it started even lower. It was 12 when I started my first class at 11 (a.m.)."

Gollahon said the main areas of threat to stay away from are Memorial Circle, the Student Union Building and the Library because they are the most crowded.

"I plan on staying away from dead zones," Gollahon said.

Students playing the game still have to walk to class and when doing so, need a plan of action. Wiggins said he is going to rely on his speed to get him to and from class.

"My only plan is that I rely on speed," Wiggins said. "I'm faster than most people, so it's just evading, and socks."

Zhang said rolled-up socks are popularly used in place of Nerf guns for students who are not willing to buy Nerf guns.

"It just gives a chance for people to have fun and meet other people," Gollahon said. "An easy way to put it is a Nerf gun on campus is a really easy way to start a conversation, whether you're a zombie or not."

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THE HUMAN TEAM puts their Nerf guns up during a clip-check during the first mission of the popular on-campus game Humans vs. Zombies being held outside of Carpenter/Wells Complex on Monday. The game will be this entire week and nightly missions are hosted for both the human and the zombie team.

## Springsteen, Jay-Z, put the pop in O

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Someone has to introduce the president.

On Monday, the final day of the presidential campaign, President Barack Obama, however, didn't bring along an opening act. He brought along two main acts.

Bruce Springsteen. Jay-Z. Theirs wasn't an introduction, it was pop culture moment.

The Boss was spending the entire day with Obama, traveling on Air Force One from Madison,

Wis., to Columbus, Ohio, and then to Des Moines, Iowa, where Obama planned a coda for his campaign, a finale where his run for the presidency began five years ago.

Jay-Z boomed his way into Columbus's Nationwide Arena, performing a rendition of his hit "99 Problems" with a political twist for a crowd estimated by fire officials at more than 15,000 people. He changed a key R-rated word to make his own political endorsement. "I got 99 problems but Mitt

ain't one," he sang.

"They tell the story of what our country is," Obama said of the two performers, "but also of what it should be and what it can be."

Springsteen added a whole new sense of vigor, even giddiness, to the Obama entourage, with many of the president's aides and advisers clearly star-struck by the rocker's presence.

Springsteen, in jeans, black boots, a work shirt, vest and leather jacket, was not wearing the typical Air Force One attire. But the Obama camp has left formality aside; many aides are growing beards through Election Day and ties have been left behind in favor of sweaters for the chilly outdoor events during the last hours of the campaign.

Asked if there was any downside to using celebrity glitz instead of substance to drive voters to the polls in the final days, Obama spokeswoman Jen Psaki laughed. "I think Bruce Springsteen might be offended by you calling him glitzy," she said.

"Bruce Springsteen, and some other celebrities who have been helping us, reach a broad audience that sometimes tune out what's being said by politicians," she said.

As Psaki spoke to reporters at the back of the plane, Obama was up front and on the phone with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie discussing the recovery from Superstorm Sandy. Christie, who says he has attended more than 100 Springsteen concerts, said Obama then handed the phone to Springsteen, a New Jersey native whose songs often have been tributes to his youth in the state.

Upon landing in Columbus, Springsteen told a reporter that it was his first trip on Air Force One. Grinning, he said: "It was pretty cool." As for New Jersey, he said "I'm feeling pretty hopeful" that the state's hard-hit shore will recover.

In Madison and Columbus, Springsteen serenaded audiences with renditions of top anthems "No Surrender," "Promised Land," and "Land of Hope and Dreams." But he also has a custom made campaign song named after the Obama motto "Forward" - "Not the best I've ever written."

"How many things rhyme with Obama?" he asked.

Obama, no doubt, didn't mind.

"I'm going to be fine with Bruce Springsteen on the last day that I'll ever campaign," he said above the din of the crowd.

"That's not a bad way to bring it home. With The Boss. With The Boss."

## Ski, Snowboard Club travels outside of Lubbock for trips

By LIANA SOLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Distance from cold weather and lack of snow doesn't keep a passionate skier or snowboarder from what they love most.

The Texas Tech Ski and Snowboard Club already has started planning various trips they will take this school year.

Patrick Gres, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Giddings, is the president of the S.S. club.

"The club was first started four years ago, but got shut down due to several problems," Gres said. "So we decided to start it back up again last winter season."

During the last spring semester, the club traveled to Wolf Creek, Colo. for three days of skiing and snowboarding.

Laura Grey, a junior human development major from Southlake, is the secretary of the S.S. club.

"For the last trip, we mostly covered our own expenses," Grey said. "We had some help from some organizations, but not a lot since we hadn't gotten the word

out about the trip much."

Since last year when the club began again, it has grown in size, Gres said.

Now with about 60 members and growing recognition, the club is seeking sponsorships from local resorts, board companies and other surrounding organizations.

Austin Nettleton, a junior public relations major from Queen City, is the public relations coordinator for the club.

"Right now, we are looking at trying to get not only local places to sponsor us, but big companies like Burton and Monster Inc. as well," Nettleton said. "We're not only doing this to benefit the club, but to benefit all of Texas Tech."

The next trip the S.S. club will take is Nov. 28 to Taos, N.M., Laura said. As of Monday, about 25 people have signed up for the trip.

"There are still 10 spots available for the trip," Grey said, "and we are going to continue accepting payments for the trip until Nov. 8."

Occasional trips to ski resorts are not the only traveling the club does, Gres said.

"We have also made trips such as going to Palo Duro Canyon and other places for hiking and other outdoor activities," Gres said. "We just want people to know that we're a very diverse group that does a lot more than just skiing."

Along with planning various future trips, the officers and club members also are in the process of starting fundraising events to help pay for a dry slope ramp to be built on campus, Nettleton said.

"It's a fairly new idea, but something we know would benefit us and the campus," Nettleton said. "Because we are so far away from any ski resort, we want the club members to have a place where they can practice without having to travel far."

The next meeting will start at 8 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Canyon room of the Student Union Building, Gres said.

"You don't have to be an expert in skiing or snowboarding to join," Nettleton said. "The club is open to anyone who either loves the sport or is interested in learning."

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## LIVESTOCK LIVING



PHOTO BY EMILY MCCARTHY/The Daily Toreador

ANIMAL SCIENCE BUILDING employee and head of the Livestock Arena upkeep, Chase Vineyard, a freshman animal science major from Stephenville, keeps the livestock stalls clean for upcoming shows and competitions Monday in the Livestock Arena.

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Today's  
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Puzzles by PageFeller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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## Tech soccer receives first NCAA tournament berth

By HOLDEN WILEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's soccer team will continue its 2012 season after being selected to participate in the 64-team field as part of the NCAA Division I women's soccer championship tournament.

The players watched on a projector at the John B. Walker Soccer Complex on Monday as Tech (15-5-1) was the fourth-to-last team to hear its name called. Not only is the selection the first in school history, but Tech also will host the match at 7 p.m. Saturday against North Texas.

Tech coach Tom Stone said few teams get the opportunity to host an NCAA tournament game in their first appearance, but his team deserves the opportunity based on the successful season it had.

"We finished 22nd, and we had a great season," Stone said. "We only lost to four teams because we lost to one twice. We should have played at home. We're glad that happened."

The Red Raiders were one of three Big 12 teams to earn NCAA tournament bids, along with Baylor and West Virginia. The Bears play against Arizona State on the road, and West Virginia will host Princ-

eton. Freshman forward Janine Beckie, the Big 12 Rookie of the Year, said she found herself crying as she heard Tech announced, and she was really excited.

"It's unbelievable, the feeling of even making the tournament," Beckie said. "It's the first time in school history. It's the first time for these seniors. It's something they've been working toward all four years that they've been here, so it's really special for them. For me, it's just (that) I'm an athlete and the competitor in me comes out when these things happen."

If the Red Raiders advance, there are some interesting matchup possibilities in the later rounds, Stone said. In the second round, Tech would face the winner of Florida State, a No. 1 seed, and Mississippi Valley. In the third round, Tech could potentially face Stephen F. Austin, Texas A&M or Ohio State.

Despite some quality opponents in later rounds, Stone said it is important to not look ahead and remain focused on North Texas.

"As every coach will tell you, especially at tournament time, it really is one game at a time," Stone said. "Literally, you either survive and

(are) moving on, or you're done for the year. If we do get to go on, then I'm excited. There are some huge names in that next round."

Junior midfielder Hayley Haagsma said earning a bid to participate in the NCAA tournament is a huge moment for her and her teammates. While she said it is important to advance in the tournament, she thinks just getting selected means a lot because of all the time and effort the team has put in throughout the past few seasons.

"It's kind of the day that makes you think of all the hard work you've put in and the struggles you've been through in your college career so far," Haagsma said. "You know it's worth it finally. It all comes to something, something to be proud of and something to look back on and say, 'Oh, I did this.'"

While earning a bid in his sixth season as coach of the Red Raiders is rewarding, Stone said, he is most happiest for the girls. The team has truly come together, he said, and it has been exciting for him to see the relationships between the players grow and watch them care for each other.

Stone said he also was happy about the selection because it reaffirmed the commitment the university has shown to women's soccer.

With support from athletics director Kirby Hocutt, former athletics director Gerald Myers, and associate athletics director and senior women's administrator Judith Henry, Stone said every effort has been made to make women's soccer successful at Tech.

Administrators have kept every promise made when he accepted the head coaching position, Stone said.

"I would say Texas Tech under-promised and over-delivered," he said. "They've just been behind us all the way."

While earning a bid is great, Stone said his team is not done and he wants them to have the same experience he did as a player when he played for Duke. The players want to win postseason games, he said, and continue meeting the goals they made before the season started.

"I had a tremendous college experience as a player, and I know what it feels like to sit in the room and see your name called," Stone said. "Just being able to see them go through that was bigger than any victory. Watching them hug each other, the seniors and the leadership come together in a magical season — we

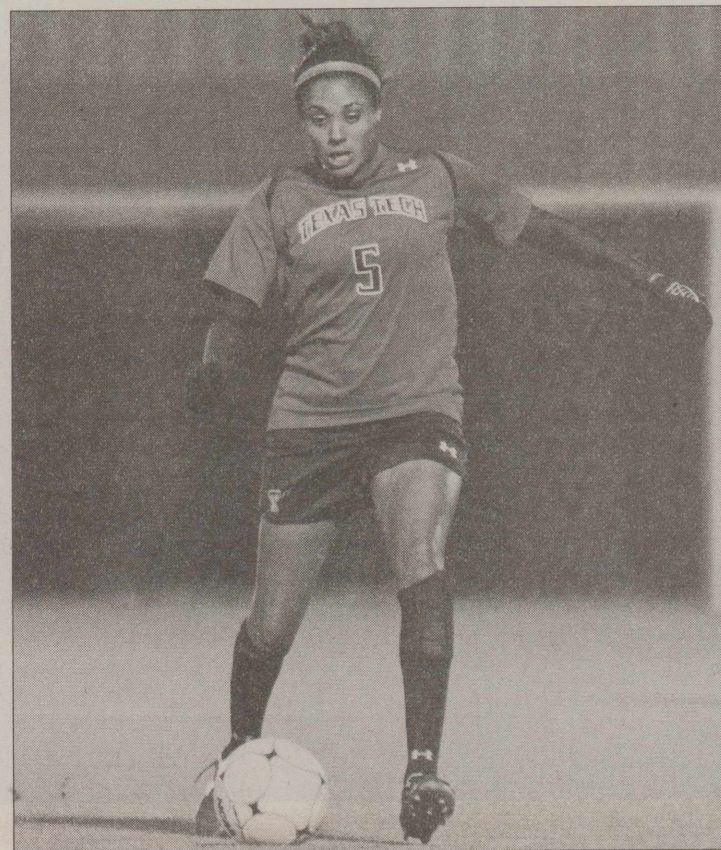


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SOPHOMORE MIDFIELDER ERIN Inman has played an important role both offensively and defensively for Texas Tech. Inman and the Red Raiders finished the season ranked 22nd in the country.

hope that this is just the beginning. Now we've got some postseason games to go win." [hwilen@dailytoreador.com](mailto:hwilen@dailytoreador.com)

## Football notebook: Red Raiders likely out of conference championship contention

By MICHAEL DUPONT II  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech (6-3, 3-3) slid to fifth place in the Big 12 Conference standings after suffering a 31-22 loss at Jones AT&T Stadium to the Texas Longhorns (7-2, 4-2).

Tech dropped to 22nd in the most recent Bowl Championship Series polls, marking the fourth consecutive week the Red Raiders have garnered a national ranking. Texas rose to 17th in the current BCS standings, placing the Longhorns on the inside track to a potential Cotton Bowl appearance.

The Red Raiders will continue their Big 12 Conference play next weekend when they face Kansas (1-8, 0-6) at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

**Big 12 Championship seemingly out of reach**

With a third conference loss, Tech's chances of being

crowned as Big 12 Champions have begun to fade as players begin to look toward bowl game opportunities.

Senior quarterback Seth Doege said he thinks although the aspirations of winning a conference championship have faded, the Red Raiders need to continue to practice with the same resolve that has fueled them at times during this season.

"Maybe we didn't win the Big 12, maybe that opportunity is kind of out the door," Doege said. "But we still have a great opportunity to do something special and a great opportunity to send the seniors out on the right note, and we just need to prepare like we've been doing."

The Red Raiders were adamant about their goal of winning a Big 12 Championship before receiving a third loss, which proved to be a blow too crushing to overcome with only four games remaining and teams like Kansas State

in the conference who remain undefeated.

Senior safety D.J. Johnson said Tech proved it was better than most anticipated, although the Red Raiders may have fallen short in terms of personal goals.

"As I said, our goal was to come out undefeated this season," Johnson said. "We weren't able to do that. We did fairly well. We did a lot better than anyone anticipated of us, so with that, that's huge for us. We were able to overcome a lot of adversity and a lot of doubts, and people not really giving us a chance. I mean, that's huge in that perspective. But from our perspective, we didn't achieve what we wanted to achieve."

**Chain gang seeks enthusiasm**

Tech has played in five consecutive 2:30 p.m. football games. This week, the Red Raiders are forced to deal with

having an 11 a.m. kickoff, meaning Tech players will have to find a way to be energized and ready to play earlier in the morning.

Johnson said it is important the Red Raiders adjust positively to the earlier start time and do not come out slow against Kansas.

"It's going to be huge that we make sure we're up and we're ready to go," Johnson said. "We can't come out sluggish, we can't come out slow, we have to come out focused and we have to come out with energy, and that's something that's go-

ing to have a major impact on this game."

Kansas has not won a Big 12 Conference game this season. However, the Longhorns were forced to switch quarterbacks to rally and overcome a late Jayhawks lead.

Johnson said it is very important Tech's defense is seen chest-bumping and high-fiving each other during games to not only keep fans engaged but also to keep each other focused during games.

"I've talked about it, I talk about it every week," he said. "That's one thing I harp on is enthusiasm, making sure that we are the most excited to play because a

lot of times that will win you games, when people see that excitement across the ball from you, it's kind of an intimidation factor because they know that you mean business and they see how serious you are about it."

**Tuberville's corner**  
Tech's offense was without sophomore tight end and red zone target Jace Amaro for another week in the loss against Texas.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said Amaro will be evaluated by doctors Thursday.

"Jace being out has probably been our biggest loss," Tuberville said. "He gives us the tight end blocking, plus (he is) the guy that when you put him in, you don't know whether he's going to be down tight end blocking — or a guy split out playing wide receiver, which is just as valuable."

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