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Which political party is getting the most donations from the TCU community? Tomorrow in News

## Donations continue despite economic drag

By Melissa Hawkes  
Staff Reporter

Donations to the university are slowly but steadily flowing in spite of the financial crisis looming across the country, a university official said, but nonprofit organizations on campus are having a harder time reaching their fundraising goals.

David Nolan, associate vice chancellor for development, said the majority of donations to the university come from individuals, including alumni, parents and friends of the university. Some donations also come from

corporations, such as Alcon and BNSF Railway, he said.

"Corporation donations account for about 5.3 percent of TCU's total philanthropic support," Nolan said.

According to data from Giving USA Foundation, a foundation that publishes data and trends about charitable giving, the amount of charity giving for education falls an average of 1.9 percent during recession periods that last at least eight months. Philanthropic support for schools, colleges and universities will grow 5.3 percent for the academic year that began July 1, even though over the past

20 years, the average annual rate of growth for giving to education has been 7 percent, according to the Philanthropy Journal, a nonprofit news bulletin.

"When the economy shows stress, whether it is a recession or not, giving may grow more slowly, but it is important to note that giving still grows," Nolan said in an e-mail.

Nolan said total commitments to TCU from corporations are up about 250 percent this fiscal year from last.

According to the University Development office, corporate commitments are up \$1,185,086 compared to this time last year.

At the end of the fiscal year in September 2007, corporations had donated a total of \$474,237. As of Sept. 30, 2008, corporate donations had reached \$1,659,323.

Nolan said the university is not expecting a drop in fundraising. The worst case scenario would be slower growth, he said.

### Corporate Commitments

2007	\$474,237
2008	\$1,659,323

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### CLARIFICATION

A photo in Wednesday's Skiff of Mr. and Ms. TCU should have been credited to the TCU Yearbook.

### HARDCOVER FICTION BEST SELLERS

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### PECULIAR FACT

HONOLULU — The best bargain at the Salvation Army thrift store in Kailua-Kona was a Richard Simmons videotape. But Mikela Mercier, 11, decided to pass up the chance to buy the tape for a few coins after she found a surprise inside: \$1,000 in \$100 bills.

— Associated Press



Halloween is an opportunity to be creative. Opinion, page 3

### TODAY'S WEATHER

79 58  
HIGH LOW  
Sunny

Tomorrow: Sunny  
81 / 58  
Saturday: Mostly sunny  
83 / 59



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## HITTIN' THE POLLS



Students, faculty and community members place their votes early for the 2008 presidential election in the Brown Lupton University Union.

## Campus voting site sees up in traffic

By Landon Dinnin  
Staff Reporter

More college students are casting ballots in the early voting elections than in the previous presidential election, an early voting official said.

Rena Brown, an early voting clerk stationed at the Brown-Lupton University Union who also worked as a clerk at TCU during the 2004 election, said having an early voting station on campus increases the number of students who vote because they can stop by to vote on the way to class or while

getting something to eat as opposed to standing in long lines somewhere off campus.

After the early voting polls closed on Tuesday, 314,099 of the 940,000 registered voters in Tarrant County had voted since the polls opened Oct. 20, Brown said.

According to the Tarrant County Elections Web site, 307,246 voters casted ballots early for the 2004 presidential election.

Early voting at TCU, which opened Monday morning at 7 a.m., drew in 622 voters by the time the polls closed

at 7 p.m.

"The first day a location opens is always busy because it has been heavily advertised, but Tuesday and Wednesday tend to be slower," Brown said. However, Tuesday and Wednesday voter figures increased to 1,426 total voters as of Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., Brown said.

Brian Kym, a senior finance major who voted early, said he enjoyed how easy it was to be able to vote on campus.

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## Study says illnesses in college affect GPAs

By Chelsea Smith  
Staff Reporter

Cristina de la Guardia was halfway through her first semester at TCU when she began experiencing severe headaches accompanied by nausea and vertigo.

Her symptoms were caused by hydrocephalus, a chronic condition characterized by an excessive accumulation of fluid in the brain. De la Guardia was first diagnosed with hydrocephalus when she was 6 years old, and she an operation to install a shunt, which is a tube that allows the excess fluid to drain from her brain.

That October, something went wrong with de la Guardia's shunt, forcing her to take the rest of the semester off to go home for medical tests and observations.

When she came back, de la Guardia said she struggled to make up the work from her first semester courses while taking new classes as well. Doing so "definitely" affected her GPA, she said.

"I got a C in all the classes I got incompletes in," de la Guardia said. "Handling eight classes in one semester was taking my focus in different directions."

De la Guardia is not the only student to have health problems impact her academic perfor-

mance. A recent study conducted by the University of Minnesota's Boynton Health Service found that Minnesota undergraduate students who had been diagnosed with a chronic or acute health problem within the past 12 months reported a lower mean GPA on average than students who had not. The GPAs of students who had been previously diagnosed with a chronic health problem, but said it did not affect them academically, were similar to those of students without a chronic health problem. On average, students who had been diagnosed with a chronic health problem within the past 12 months reported a mean GPA of 3.21. Students who had been diagnosed with a chronic illness more than a year ago reported a mean GPA of 3.26 as did students who had never been diagnosed with a chronic health problem.

Karen Bell-Morgan, the assistant dean of Campus Life in charge of health promotion, said the study's findings did not surprise her.

"If the chronic condition was diagnosed before going to school, and they have it under control, then a lot of times students don't have any problems," Bell-Morgan said. "A lot of times, when you're dealing with a chronic condition, the first few months of being diag-

### BY THE NUMBERS

3.20

Average GPA of students who experienced poor physical health on three or more days out of the last 30

3.27

Average GPA of students who experienced poor physical health on two or fewer days out of the last 30

3.21

Average GPA of students who had been diagnosed with a chronic health condition within the past year

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## Gmail tool aims to nix drunken e-mailing

By Logan Wilson  
Staff Reporter

A sophomore put himself in an uncomfortable situation after a night of drinking when he accidentally forwarded an e-mail to the wrong person.

"I was dating one girl and talking to another girl when I wasn't supposed to be," said the student, who asked to remain anonymous. "The girl who wasn't my girlfriend sent me pictures of herself, and I accidentally forwarded them to my actual girlfriend. My girlfriend at the time looked at them and threw a fit. The girl who wasn't my girlfriend found out and was (upset) too. The moral of the story is to not e-mail your girlfriends... or to pay attention to what you're doing."

Although this student may have learned his lesson, many others still send texts and e-mails they later wish they hadn't. These mistakes often occur late at night and after a few drinks.

Jon Perlow, an engineer for Google's web-mail provider, Gmail, has too experienced the regret of sending messages he shouldn't have, leading to his creation of a new feature called Mail Goggles.

With Mail Goggles activated, users have to answer five simple math problems correctly within 60 seconds before they can send their

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## Library gets new media databases

By Yusi Cheng  
Staff Reporter

San-ky Kim, assistant professor of voice and music, said when he wanted to show students video clips of certain performances, he would have to refer to videos on YouTube.com.

The problem with YouTube, Kim said, is that the clips' quality and credibility are not guaranteed.

Sometimes, students are required to go to live performances but might not be able to make it to them.

Now his students can find video clips of some performances in new media databases available on the music and media library Web site.

The music and media library has implemented new databases for online video streaming, especially opera, theatre and music video clips, said Laura Ruede, assistant librarian in the music and media library.

"We call this the 21st century research because we believe streaming is the way of future," Ruede said.

Cari Alexander, librarian of the music and media library, said the music and media library bought the databases from Alexander Street Press, a company that provides scholarly databases in arts, humanities and social sciences.

A Vision in Action grant provided \$107,000

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# NEWS

## DONATIONS

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Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration, wrote in an e-mail that his office has not seen a decrease in contributions to the university.

The university's donation base may seem stable, but some organizations on campus that rely on donations are having a tough time fund raising.

Alex Pierce, the fundraising director for FrogHouse, a nonprofit Habitat for Humanity project that is led by students, said the organization is having problems raising money. FrogHouse builds a home for a Fort Worth family each year,

and it relies on donations from alumni and students' parents.

"We haven't really received a lot of money coming in from the parents," Pierce said.

He said it has been difficult to get people to donate to FrogHouse, and there has been a drop in donations in comparison to this time last year.

Pierce said FrogHouse raised a total of \$42,000 last year; this year its goal is to raise \$56,000. Currently, FrogHouse has raised \$12,000. FrogHouse hopes to gain more donations through their letter writing campaign, which kicks off on Nov. 1. Its fundraising deadline is Dec. 1, Pierce said.

"It will be hard to raise the

\$56,000, but I don't think it will be impossible," Pierce said. "We are going to have to work three times as hard to earn the same amount of money they did last year."

Dani Folks, vice president of Amnesty International, a campaign to educate students on the reality of human rights violations, said the organization is "definitely having to count pennies."

Most of Amnesty International's donations come from students, and the group's financial problems are due largely to inflation, Folks said.

"We just have to be really careful and prioritize things when we spend money," she said. "The current situation has made us more aware of the struggle."

## MAIL GOGGLES

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messages. The difficulty level of the questions can be adjusted. However, the questions are intended to be easy when sober and difficult when under the influence.

Although the novel feature has received positive feedback on the Official Gmail Blog, some students said Mail Goggles probably wouldn't help them even when they have those beer goggles on.

Paul Kantner, a junior accounting and finance major, said even if he had a Gmail account, he wouldn't enable Mail Goggles.

"I don't need it because I don't e-mail late at night anyway,"

Kantner said.

Jeff Zych, a junior marketing major, said he could probably answer the math questions correctly even while drunk. He also said, however, the time it takes to answer the math problems could be effective in making people reconsider the message they are trying to send.

Both Zych and Kantner also said that drunk texting and drunk dialing are much bigger problems for most students.

"Oh, texting is the worst," Zych said. "I don't know how this technology would work on texts, but that would be the way to go. I think that's how most drunk people communicate."

Leon Kotlyar, a Google spokes-

man, said Mail Goggles is a tongue-in-cheek feature introduced by Gmail Labs, which serves as a public testing ground for experimental Gmail features.

"Labs features can be incredibly useful (like one-click access to any bookmarkable URL in Gmail) or downright silly (like a game of snake you can play while your inbox loads)," Kotlyar wrote in an e-mail. "Based on user feedback, we'll decide which ideas to retire and which to convert into fully-baked Gmail features."

Users can enable Mail Goggles by clicking on "Settings" in the upper-right corner, and then clicking on the "Labs" tab and selecting Mail Goggles, Kotlyar said.

## EARLY VOTING

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"It was very convenient being able to vote here while I was getting food and meeting up with some friends," Kym said.

Kym said if it weren't for the campus site, he would have hated having to deal with the long lines at Paschal High School.

On Monday, the College Re-

publicans hosted a rally on campus to kick off the early voting period. Tuesday, the TCU Democrats hosted a fundraiser in the form of a professor dunk-a-thon at the Campus Commons, aiming to encourage people to vote.

Carrie Zimmerman, director of the First Year Experience, said she agreed to be dunked because she thinks voting is an important part of the democratic process.

"If you choose not to vote then you have given up your right to voice your opinion about anything that goes on in the country for the next four years," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman was also prepared to brave the colder weather while being dunked in water.

"For America and patriotism, I would be dunked in a snow-storm," Zimmerman said.

## HOUSE REPAIR



ALLIE BROWN / Multimedia Editor

After some circuit board errors and a few burnt out light bulbs, the jumbo-tron was removed temporarily for some fix-ups. It will be back up before the next home game.

## RESEARCH

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for the music and media library to purchase the databases, Alexander said. The Vision in Action grant provides funds for campus projects, from academic programs to technology infrastructure.

Ruede said the music and media library bought the databases from ground level, so all any new clips added to the databases are already paid for.

"It is a lot of money at the beginning," Ruede said. "But it saves a lot of money in the future."

Alexander said the university purchased three streaming video databases of opera, theater and music, as well as databases featuring texts with some images, graphics, charts and music notes, including Classical

Music Reference Online, Classical Scores Library, African American Music Reference and Garland Encyclopedia of World Music.

She said the music and media library bought the databases in the summer and went through a weeding process, which saved a lot of space on the shelves in the library.

Ruede said most of the video and audio clips used to be in physical formats, so only one student could check out an item at a time, or some pieces couldn't last through two checkouts, which meant the item reached few people.

Now up to three students can watch the videos online at the same time.

"This really is a win-win solution for the library and the students," Alexander said.

She said the videos on the da-

tabases also have an introduction and related information of the video clips, which offers students a complete learning process.

Students can find videos through the library catalog or enter keywords on the library Web site to find the videos they need for their classes.

Christen Glennon, a senior vocal performance major, said the databases are beneficial because before their implementation, she had to make special trips to go to the music and media library to watch performances required for her classes.

All students and faculty have access to the databases, and guests have limited access to some of the sources in the databases, Ruede said.

"This is multi-sensory learning," Ruede said. "And students learn better this way."

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nosed is just a lot of what medication works best for you, what medication doesn't work best for you... It can definitely be a hardship on students."

Bell-Morgan said students with health problems that might affect their academic performance should set up an appointment with the Campus Life office, which can help with resources needed for success.

The data contained in "Health and Academic Performance: Minnesota Undergraduate Students" is based on survey responses from

about 10,000 students at 14 different colleges and universities in Minnesota. The survey addressed physical and mental health issues and included questions related to how students' physical and mental health impacted their academic performance. It also contained questions about health-related behavior like exercise habits and alcohol consumption.

For the most part, the study confirmed the validity of advice students' parents have been doling out for decades.

Students who reported receiving four or more nights of "adequate sleep" the week before taking the

survey had higher mean GPAs than their sleep-deprived counterparts, researchers reported. They also found "strong relationships" between students' academic performance and the number of hours per day they spent watching TV or using the computer for reasons other than schoolwork. The students with the highest GPAs were the ones who didn't watch TV or waste time on the computer at all.

However, the study also produced some unexpected results, Katherine Lust, Boynton Heath Service's research director, said. She said she was surprised that the study showed no correlation between a student's GPA and the number of hours he or she worked for pay.

"The other thing that surprised me was that there was no relationship found among perceived level of stress," Lust said. "Where the relationship was found was relative to ability to manage stress."

Lust said she thinks the study demonstrates the importance of spending time wisely.

"Are you choosing to spend a lot of time on the computer playing video games, not studying? Are you choosing to engage in high-risk drinking?" she said. "This really speaks to some things that the individual could choose or not choose that impact their grade point average."

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## Horned Frog athletes need more support

There is no reason why attendance at home sporting events should be as low as it is.

The football team is having one of its best seasons since the last national championship year of 1938, and the stadium is nearly half empty.

The game against Brigham Young University was awesome, mostly because the atmosphere created by the fans, and there is no reason that support can not be duplicated for every home game.

The volleyball team is having one of its best years, also. The team is 17-6 overall and 6-4 in conference, but 8-2 at home. And still fans only show up when they are promised some TV time and free shirts. A record-setting 1,036 fans showed up for last week's match, a loss to San Diego State, but just two days later, 605 fans showed up for Saturday's win against UNLV.

At Monday's Wilson/ITA Southwest Regional championship, which featured a TCU team in the doubles final and a TCU player in the singles final, had maybe 20 fans in the stands. That number includes teammates and coaches from the other schools.

Now basketball season is right around the corner, and the attendance for those games has never been good.

The teams haven't gotten much respect from fans in recent years, but it is a new era in the men's basketball program with new coach Jim Christian. The women's team had been to the NCAA championship tournament the last seven years before going to the NIT last season. So, there is no reason not to get out there and support your teams.

*Sports Editor Billy Wessels for the editorial board.*

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#### Politician wardrobe criticism stems from cost, not fashion

Ms. Martinez's ploy of offense at a perceived slight is insulting to both the group she's supposedly defending (women politicians) and the intelligence of her intended audience.

To sum up the flap over Gov. Sarah Palin's Republican National Committee-funded wardrobe as somehow sexist or demeaning to women indicates that she doesn't really understand what all the fuss is about.

Sen. Obama wears \$1,500 suits, John Edwards likes \$400 haircuts, Sen. McCain has been spotted wearing \$500 Italian loafers — why is Palin's wardrobe any different?

The difference is the former pay for their wardrobe and tonsorial services out of their personal funds, not with campaign funds.

No, the issue is not what Palin is wearing, nor where it came from, but who paid for it. Palin's wardrobe (and that of her family, including husband Todd and baby Trig) was paid for by Joe Six Pack when he donated to the Republican National Committee — a move which is possibly illegal under the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform laws.

"Ironic" may not be a strong enough

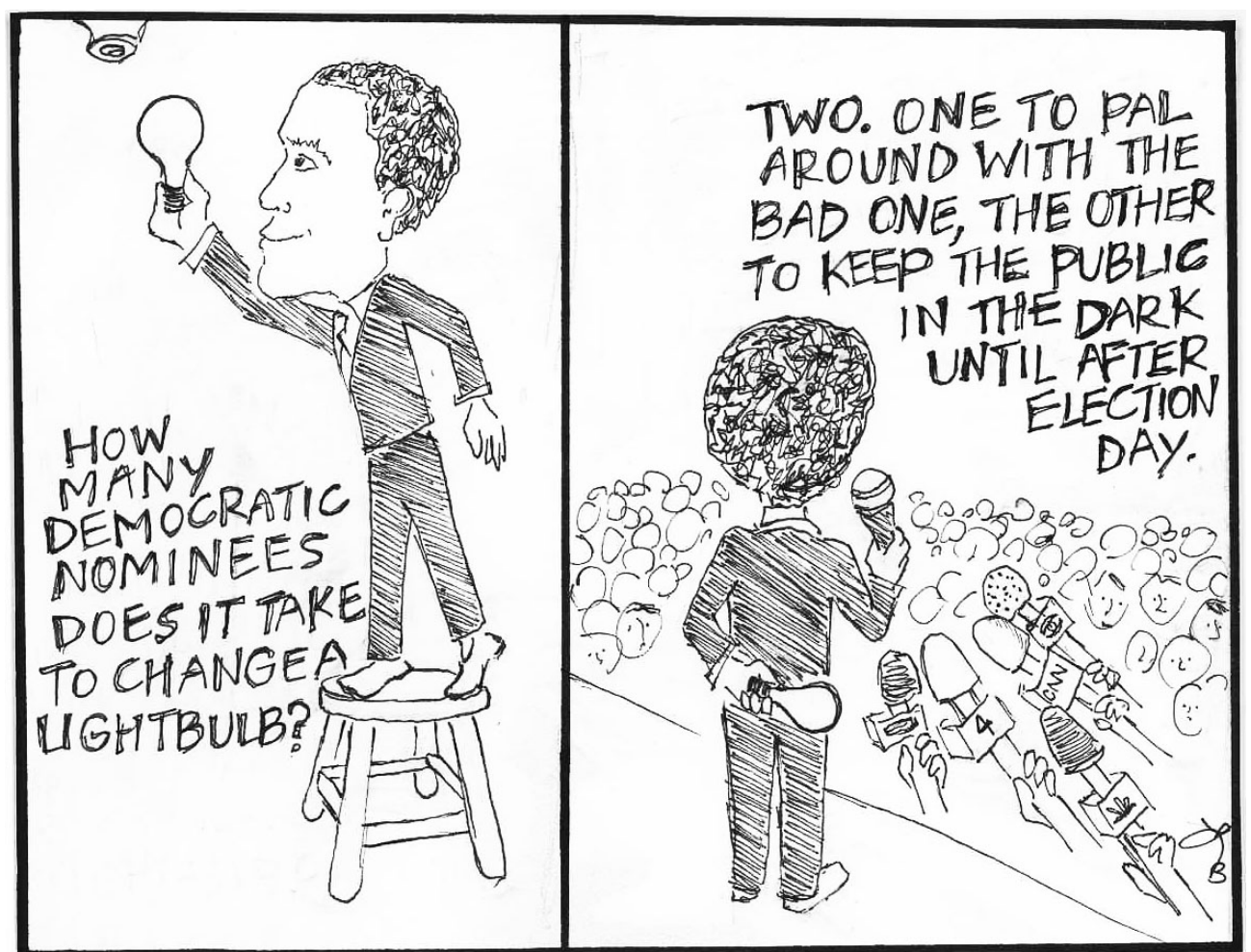
word to describe that eventuality. The deeper issue here is that Palin beats the fiscal conservative drum while lavishly spending campaign donations and taxpayer money on herself and her family.

In her first 19 months in office, she charged the taxpayers of Alaska for spending 300 nights at home and working out of a satellite office in Anchorage instead of moving into the governor's mansion and working from her official offices in Juneau. Note that the Governor's mansion and the offices in Juneau must still be maintained, in addition to the costs to run the offices elsewhere.

That's like Gov. Perry deciding that he doesn't like Austin and moving his whole staff to El Paso, then collecting per diem for "official travel."

This isn't just temporary travel, it's how she has conducted day-to-day business because she prefers it that way. I've always thought that fiscal conservatives took pains to eliminate unnecessary and excess spending, but Palin has demonstrated that she's willing to take advantage of every perk and allowance she's entitled to. It may be legal, but it is hardly the behavior of a "maverick."

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*Lana Blocker is a senior advertising/public relations major from Heath.*

## Campus waterway should be appreciated more by students



Many campuses have wonderful features such as streams, gardens and art incorporating the environment, and I absolutely love it. TCU has miraculous things to offer as well, they are just a bit tucked away. For example, we have the lovely foyer of the J.M. Moudy building filled with fabulous sculptures, Frog Henge in front of the dance building and we must not forget the Worth Hills pond and stream. This watershed happens to be of particular interest to me, because I was born with a deeply-rooted infatuation with lakes, streams and oceans; I love them all. Due to my interest in the restoration of urban streams, the Worth Hills stream and I were a match made beyond heaven.

Now many of you may not even know we have a stream that runs far beyond the pond and flows behind Pond Street Grill and the Physical Plant all the way to Bellaire Drive North. It then flows from the lush TCU grounds into a concrete channel way, making its way through Colonial Golf Course and into the Trinity River. Yes folks, we are stewards of a

fork of the Trinity!

I strongly encourage you to go down and check out the stream because it has so much to offer ecologically and socially. On any day, at any time, you can see the masses of little fish swimming around: the resident egret, black crawfish, numerous dragonflies and damselflies, about ten monarchs of specific interest during their current migration. And even a red

**The Worth Hills stream should not be overlooked due to the condition of the Worth Hills pond, which gets frequented with large amounts of trash.**

fox if you are lucky.

All these creatures are easily seen, but let us not forget the aquatic and terrestrial invertebrates that call this stream their home too. Geologically, there is a wonderful outcrop of fossils imprinted in the limestone near the location of the damn connecting the pond and the stream. The wild flowers, plants and trees overwhelm the banks and there are many comfortable natural spots to sit. Beneath an outcrop of elm trees is a great clearing where students can take advantage of this great weather, bring out a blanket and

have a picnic or study.

The Worth Hills stream should not be overlooked due to the condition of the Worth Hills pond, which gets frequented with large amounts of trash. Recently, environmental science classes have been visiting the stream to practice water quality assessment techniques and determine the condition of this urban wetland. Personally, I have also been compiling data to write an urban stream restoration plan to highlight our campus' wonderful and under appreciated waterway.

Based on my experiences with the stream, I want to share my passion for this hidden gem and allow others to have a connection with our campus on a personal and natural level. Where else can you go to hear the tranquil flowing of water? Where can you meet a friend to have a picnic beneath a grove of elm trees? Where can you go to clear your head from stressful studying?

If we don't show our support of this stream as a student body, it is going to continue to be overlooked, plans of paving the stream over will proceed and we will lose the single most exquisite area on campus. I strongly encourage you to check out my favorite place on campus, a stream that has enchanted me and has honestly become such an integral part of my life among the last 10 months.

*Gretchen Wilbrandt is a junior environmental science major from Woodstock, Ill.*

## Halloween lends opportunity to show creativity, imagination



**JACKIE BURLISON**

With Halloween right around the corner, everyone is beginning to think about this year's costume of choice. Whether you are going as this year's most featured flick or dressing up as this year's political candidates, this Halloween is going to be a big one. Why not make it an even bigger one by dressing up in an over-the-top outfit?

Here's a list of the top outfits bought so far across the country. No doubt with elections just days away, many people, both men and women, are dressing up as their favorite political candidate. With women going for Gov. Sarah Palin and Michelle Obama and males going for Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama, this year's political race will surely come out on the faces of many party guests this season.

For the female crowd, the top-selling costume is Hannah Montana. Her influence has been huge and is con-

tinuing to grow. Disney has recently announced a seven-figure book deal with Miley Cyrus, the actress who plays Hannah Montana, which makes her the most popular character right now. The second follows right along with the Disney theme with the Sharpay Evans, a High School Musical character. This character is popular right now with the recently released High School Musical 3 movie.

The '60s theme is also big with the re-emergence of the hippie character and peace signs in the media. This not only follows the current tie-dye bright color trend but also plays along with the huge eco-friendly trend that is currently influencing many brands.

The most interesting costume I found when researching is the reversible costume. This costume allows someone to be more than one character without the hassle of purchasing multiple outfits. The recent one that has come out is the bee/ladybug outfit, which allows you to get the best of both costumes and allow yourself to transform your outfit in a matter of minutes.

For the male crowd, there is no doubt that characters from "The Dark Night" will be seen all over, and not only Batman but the Joker, too. Also

seen on the shelves is the Halo Master Chief costume, which is new to costume stores this year and goes along with previous Halo costumes.

Iron Man and Indiana Jones characters also hit the top charts this year making them popular candidates for costumes, continuing to prove that the media plays the largest role in what movies, shows, video games and other pop culture icons become pinnacle choices in costumes.

But if you don't have time or money this season to go out and buy the top costume and don't want to be the typical movie character, why not try making an original costume? This can be easily done by taking a classic idea such as a vampire and adding a twist to it. Do something that draws people's attention and maybe a few laughs.

For example, you can take an average vampire costume and pair it up with some silly golfing pants, golfing shoes and a golf club. Tell everyone it was your day off and you like to play golf in between bouts of sucking blood. If you have a large group you could dress up in matching outfits, such as a group of fun-loving rednecks or the Addams Family.

If homemade costumes aren't your

thing, try looking online for some great costumes. One Web site with crazy, fun costumes is [www.inventorspot.com](http://www.inventorspot.com), which features many weird, out-there costumes that will be sure to draw a laugh this Halloween.

No matter what, be funny, original and express yourself with your costume

of choice. Whether you make your costume or buy it, make sure to add parts or your own imagination and creativity so that your outfit stands out against others at this year's Halloween bash.

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## NEWS

## Galveston still lies in ruins, post-Katrina nation unmoved

By Amy Wilson  
McClatchy Newspapers

GALVESTON, Texas — Coming over the causeway onto the island, you can smell the mildew.

Then you see the boats strewn every which way. Apparently, a month ago they simply came in on the 14-foot tide and didn't go out with it. And so they remain, upside down or resting on their keels, in parking lots and on boulevards, in front yards and in esplanades, ruined beyond salvation, waiting for the 110-mph winds that drove them here to drive them back to the sea.

Would that everything would go back out to the sea and wipe the place clean, especially that massive mountain of garbage that grows hourly in the vacant lots where the Cotton Exchange warehouses used to welcome everyone to one of the



MELANIE BURFORD / Dallas Morning News via MCT  
Rusty Vann gets a high view as he tries to find his safe among the ruins beside Offatts Bayou, where an entire neighborhood was destroyed by what residents are calling a tornado during Hurricane Ike in Galveston on Sept. 24.

nation's most important ports.

That was a long time ago, when Galveston had money and swag-ger.

Which is why it has battled back every time from every storm thrown on its shores in the last century. There was that most famous one in 1900 that killed 6,000 or more. Another in 1915 in which the brand new seawall proved its worth. Then the ferocious Hurricane Carla in 1961 and the equally devastating Alicia in 1983.

I'm not sure it can survive this time. Mostly because, post-Katrina, nobody can be moved to come and look.

Best guess is that 75 percent of the homes have flood damage. That only 60 percent of the 60,000 people who lived here on Sept. 13 when Hurricane Ike blew through are back. That the main economic engine of the island will most likely lay off 4,000 workers in the next month, that it already would have if not for the Texas legislature intervening.

I could tell you about the billions in damage. I could tell you that the historic "Wall Street of the South" downtown took on 11 feet of water. That the University of Texas Medical Branch hospital will most likely go from a 600-bed facility to a 200-bed facility when it opens again. That the shorebirds and the sea gulls have not returned and it's not clear when they will. That the wind insurance people say the surge is a water insurance problem and the flood insurance people say the surge is a wind insurance problem and that everybody with either or both is getting screwed.

That because of flood-insurance regulations, half of the homes damaged by floods will be destroyed completely by the city and rebuilt only on 11-foot stilts. Neither the Federal Emergency Management Agency nor standard insurance will pay for the difference in rebuilding costs, so only the wealthy

will be able to rebuild. The rest will simply leave the ruin or the empty lot and the financial chaos behind them.

Seven thousand people here still don't have power. A lot don't have land-line phone service or natural gas. You have to wait in line to shop at the Target because not enough people have returned to staff the stores. You can shop at will at Wal-Mart, but there are armed guards watching.

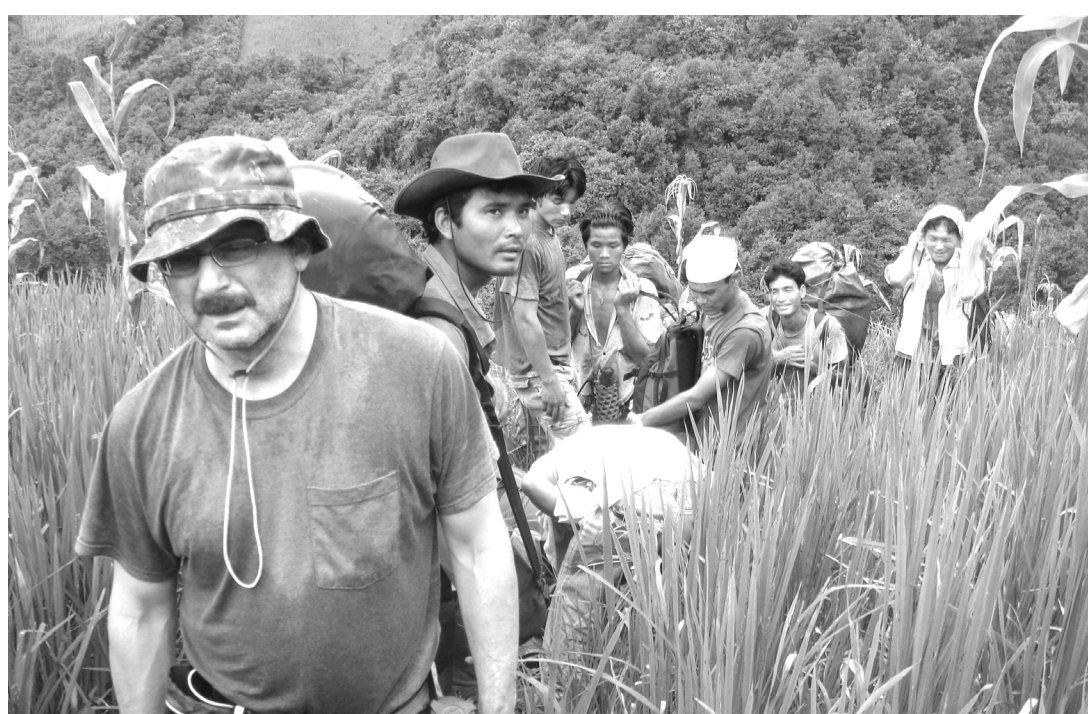
The first wave of trash that went to every curb was copious amounts of wet stuff. Imagine everything in the first level of your house in one giant sopping wad. A lot of it represents everything that has ever happened to you or for you or before you were even here and it's worthless now.

The 'dozers and the machines with claws and the big trucks came by and gathered that stuff — so far, 1.5 million cubic yards of it — and took it to the mountain of trash to be trucked off the island sometime in the future.

Then the second wave of trash got hauled to the curb. It was the sheetrock and the insulation and appliances and the ductwork and electrical and it was still there as the first month anniversary came around. Hence the mold spore infestation that seems to be growing in everyone's lungs.

An American town is going under. Its people are living in makeshift shelters or other people's extra second-floor bedrooms. Its churches are still feeding hundreds of meals a day, free to anyone who comes by. Its shelters are about to close but are still full.

Its stores — if you don't count the two big groceries, the Home Depot and the car repair shops — are trying to figure out how to open for a few hours, if at all. Its tourist business is hard to imagine. It has, essentially, no economy to help it off its knees and no press machine to call attention to its woes.



COURTESY GARY Zaetz / Raleigh News & Observer via MCT  
Recently Gary Zaetz and porters make their way on the trail to the crash site of his uncle's World War II bomber in the Himalayas in far northeastern India.

## Over Internet, lost flights found

By Jay Price  
McClatchy Newspapers

RALEIGH, N.C. — Exhausted to the point of collapse and plagued by leeches, Gary Zaetz crawled on all fours along a rocky trail in one of the least-known corners of the Himalayas.

A computer expert who usually deals with nothing more dangerous than digital glitches and eyestrain, Zaetz, 54, could scarcely have been farther from his desk at IBM or his home in Cary, N.C.

Nonetheless, he had traveled to India this month in a quest to bring home the remains of his uncle, 1st Lt. Irwin Zaetz. The flier and seven other crew members died in 1944 when their World War II bomber crashed in this remote region.

It had taken Zaetz months to decide that he had to visit the wreckage in person, despite the dangers of the trip and his sparse experience in foreign travel.

Clayton Kuhles, an Arizona adventurer who hunts down wrecks on foot in the Himalayas, had found the remains of the plane in 2006. Six months later, Zaetz read about it on Kuhles' Web site and started a campaign that pushed the U.S. government to negotiate with the Indian government this year. A resulting agreement allows U.S. teams to seek his uncle's plane and perhaps hundreds more that crashed along the notorious supply route through the Indian Himalayas known as The Hump.

This month, Zaetz stepped away from his keyboard and into Kuhles' grueling world, flying to India and entering one of the most remote

places in the world. He set out on a dangerous, six-day trek to try to find the mountainside site, two miles up, where his uncle's bomber crashed Jan. 25, 1944, on a supply mission.

The soft-spoken Zaetz is back to his IBM job after recuperating from the harrowing adventure.

He had wanted to see the site, for himself and for the families of the other crew members, before a U.S. military team could start a recovery dig, perhaps in 2009.

Some of the family members are elderly and worried that they won't live long enough to receive the results of an excavation. Formal identification of the remains could take a couple of years or longer.

Once Zaetz hit the trail in India, his feet quickly blistered, and the leeches began their assault. They infested the vegetation along the trail and attached almost immediately upon finding skin. Zaetz tried to brush them off his pants, only to find that they fastened to his hands.

The squirmy bloodsuckers were so numerous that Zaetz's guide, Oken Tayeng, dubbed the site of their first overnight stop "Leech Camp." After six hellish hours on the trail they had traveled less than three miles.

On the second day, Zaetz missed a foothold, took a 30-foot fall and whacked his head on a tree. "I just kept tumbling and tumbling," he said. "It seemed like it went on forever."

On the third day, he was still so tired that often all he could think about as they climbed was his next breath, or when he could again stop for a rest without embarrassing him-

self. Finally, the terrain flattened, and Tayeng flashed him a "V" sign for victory — the climbing was mostly done.

As they walked through the jungle, one of the porters said simply "Hot as Hell" and Zaetz looked around, quickly spotting shredded pieces of aluminum. One had numbers and letters on it: B-24J. The model of bomber his uncle had been flying.

"It was just an awesome feeling, being there after all that, and also emotionally," Zaetz said. "I had been hearing about the crash site and talking to politicians about it for so long."

Farther along, a whole engine rested on its side, in pretty good condition given more than 60 years of sitting in the jungle. Most of the rest of the wreckage, including an entire wing, lay down an incline.

The group took pictures and video, then Zaetz read out prayers he brought along for the dead crew members — Catholic, Jewish and Protestant.

The flier Irwin "Zipper" Zaetz was the older brother of Gary Zaetz's dad, Larry.

During the search, Gary Zaetz had kept his father informed all along, using Internet cafes and other means. Now, on the mountainside, the search was over.

Then it was time to leave, or they'd never make it back to their last campsite before night fell on the treacherous Himalayas. After traveling for seven days in planes, in trucks and on foot, Zaetz had spent only two hours on the site.

"I've never done anything as physically or spiritually demanding in my life," he said. "It was like a pilgrimage I had to do for my uncle."

Now he's going back to his strengths. He will continue pressing the government to recover the Hot as Hell crew as soon as possible.

Kuhles has identified seven other planes — they are listed on his Web site, [www.miarecoveries.org](http://www.miarecoveries.org) — and finds more every year, during weeks-long expeditions he pays for himself with some donations. It will be years before the U.S. government gets around to searching those sites for remains, and in some cases the relatives don't even know Kuhles has found them.

It's important, Zaetz said, that they know what happened to their fliers, too.

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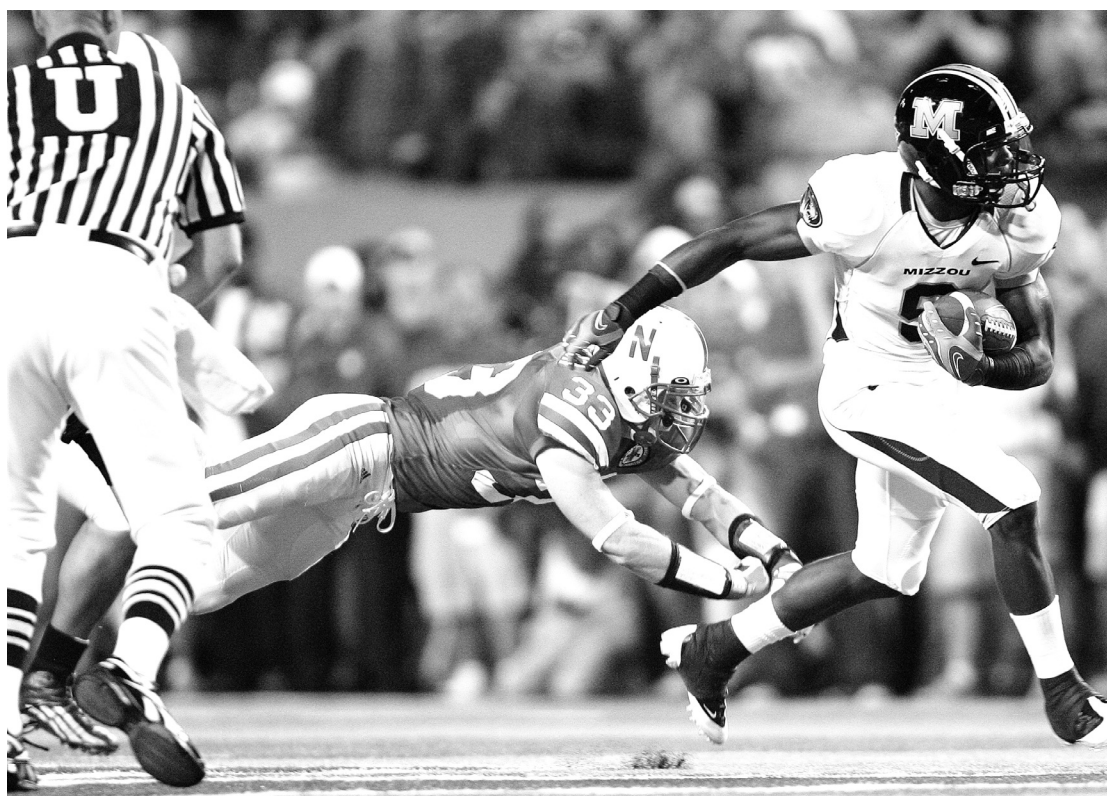
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Missouri's Jeremy Maclin takes off on a 58-yard touchdown catch during the first quarter against the Nebraska Cornhuskers on Oct. 4 in Lincoln, Neb.

## Maclin moving up ladder in Missouri's record books

By Mike DeArmond  
McClatchy Newspapers

COLUMBIA, Mo. — In the summer following his All-America recognition last season, Jeremy Maclin probably didn't need to break a sweat.

He made it all look so easy, like he had set an NCAA freshman record with 2,776 all-purpose yards while on cruise control.

Heck, when Sports Illustrated came in for a photo shoot, Maclin was so cool that the photographer's assistant sprayed water on Maclin's face to make it look as though he had been exerting himself.

Only Missouri coach Gary Pinkel saw a different Jeremy Maclin, a player who wanted so desperately to better himself that he repeated — to the point of exhaustion — drill after drill after drill.

"That was a great visual for our program," Pinkel said this week as No. 14 Missouri prepared for Saturday's 2 p.m. game at Baylor. "It was neat to see a guy like that go through struggles and mature through that."

It is why — although opponents have most often kicked or punted away from Maclin all season — Maclin still leads the nation with an average of 193.25 all-purpose yards (kick and punt returns, rushing and receiving) per game.

"He's playing a lot better than he was a year ago," Pinkel said. "He's stronger, faster, quicker. He knows the game better."

"He's having a phenomenal year. I'm elated with how he's playing."

And ...  
"He plays that well all the time. He plays football regardless of all the circumstances."

A year ago Maclin, as a redshirt freshman, ran back two punts and a kickoff for touchdowns. He ran back another kickoff 99 yards for a

touchdown in Missouri's 2008 season opener, giving Missouri the lead 13 seconds after Illinois had established one of its own.

Since the returns have been sporadic. Against Nebraska and Texas, Maclin didn't get a single punt-return yard. Against Southeast Missouri State and Colorado, Maclin didn't get a single kickoff-return yard.

"It does get frustrating," said Maclin, who last season gained 1,346 yards on punt and kickoff returns but this season has amassed only 666 yards by those avenues through seven games.

"But if it gives us the ball on the 50-yard line instead of kicking to me, I can't get mad about it at all."

**"He plays that well all the time. He plays football regardless of all the circumstances."**

**Gary Pinkel**  
Missouri Coach

We'll take the ball at the 50-yard line anytime."

Missouri's field position hasn't been quite that good, although last Saturday in a 58-0 victory over Colorado it was close — the Tigers' average starting position was the MU 43.

Missouri's average starting field position for the season has been the MU 34. Only in one game has the averaging starting point been short of the MU 30, the average against Southeast Missouri being the MU 27.

What has been taken away by directional and out-of-bounds kicks Maclin has made up for by catching nearly every pass thrown his way by Daniel.

A year ago Maclin caught 80 passes for 1,055 yards in 14 games. This season Maclin has — in eight games — caught 58 passes for 800 yards.

If he maintains his current all-purpose average, Maclin will again top 2,700 yards if MU plays in the Big 12 championship game and a bowl game.

His average may be about to jump.

Of Missouri's final four opponents — Baylor, Kansas State, Iowa State and Kansas — in the regular season, Baylor is the highest ranked in total defense at No. 7 in the Big 12.

At any rate, Maclin should eclipse Brad Smith's MU record for career all-purpose yards on Saturday.

Smith, a quarterback who did not return kicks, ran up 4,419 all-purpose yards in four seasons. In 22 games, Maclin has 4,322.

"I had no idea I was close to breaking a record like that," Maclin said. "Being put in the same category as a guy like that, of Brad's stature, that's definitely a great accomplishment."

But not one on which Maclin will dwell, or even take the most credit.

"A lot of credit goes to Chase (Daniel)," Maclin said of the quarterback who has thrown him seven touchdown passes, including two the last game.

"A lot of credit goes to my receiving corps. It makes my job a lot easier when you've got Chase Coffman making one-handed grabs. Guys have to worry about him, too."

Then there is what Maclin brings to the table. Swivel hips, excess speed and a willingness to go anywhere to catch a pass, including over the middle where the hits come hardest.

"I don't mind it at all," Maclin said. "I don't mind it at all."

Pinkel shakes his head over it all. "He's very explosive," Pinkel said. "He's catching everything. He makes it look effortless."

It's not, of course. It just looks that way, because except for coaches and teammates on the practice field, few have ever seen Jeremy Maclin sweat.

## As more kids join ranks of obese, health clubs target young members

By Dahleen Glanton  
Chicago Tribune

Facing a generation of couch-potato kids at risk of obesity and illnesses such as diabetes, parents are spending big bucks for health club memberships, fitness equipment and personal trainers designed to get youngsters — some just toddlers — up and moving.

As the nation's schools have cut back on physical education classes, the youth fitness industry has flourished: American families now spend an estimated \$2 billion a year on child fitness.

"There is an emphasis on sports in our culture, and people turn there when they are looking for ways to get their kids active," said Dr. Anthony Luke, director of primary care sports medicine at the University of California San Francisco. "Really, they are just trying to be good parents."

And businesses are tapping into that parental desire.

Youth memberships are one of the strongest growth areas for the fitness club industry, and clubs catering to young people have spread across the country. Little Gym and Gymboree offer ways for infants and toddlers to get active. Chains such as Fitwize 4 Kids, which has an outlet in Schaumburg and another opening in Deerfield next year, offer everything from yoga to rigorous circuit training to resistance exercises.

Danielle Vavra of Streamwood said her 12-year-old daughter, Sarah, started out at an adult gym with a personal trainer, but she has been more successful at Fitwize for Kids.

"She has been coming here since the end of May, and she is down 17 pounds, firming up and doing well," Vavra said of Sarah, who suffers from Prader-Willi syndrome, a genetic disorder that keeps her brain from knowing when she is full. "She's here every day working out 45 minutes to an hour doing

circuit training and cardio."

Fitness club memberships for youths age 6 to 17 have more than doubled in the past two decades, rising from 1.3 million in 1987 to 3.9 million in 2007. More than 1.3 million of those memberships were for children 6 to 11, according to the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association.

About a quarter of the adult fitness businesses in the country have children's programs, and many YMCAs and private and public schools offer weight machines, recumbent bicycles and other fitness equipment for kids.

Home gyms, furnished with bright yellow treadmills and mini-elliptical trainers, tailor-made for

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**Dr. Anthony Luke**  
Sports Medicine Director at the University of California San Francisco

children and selling for \$300 to \$1,500, also are popular. The video-game industry has joined the fitness bandwagon too. Beyond Wii Fit, Nintendo's interactive exercise program, there is also Gamercize, a device that makes video games work only when the player is stepping or cycling.

New guidelines released this month by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommend an hour or more a day of moderate or vigorous aerobic physical exercise for children and adolescents, including activities such as bicycle riding, soccer or jumping

rope at least three days a week.

Outdoor games such as hopscotch and tag that kept baby boomers fit when they were kids have largely fallen by the wayside. With busy family schedules and concerns about neighborhood safety weighing on parents' minds, many youths are more likely to play video games inside than ride a bike outside.

As a result, more than 19 percent of children ages 6 to 11 are considered seriously overweight, resulting in an increased risk of cardiovascular disease such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol as well as Type 2 diabetes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than 80 percent of overweight children are likely to become obese adults, the CDC said.

Mostafa Davoudi of Marietta, Ga., said he became concerned when his son began gaining weight three years ago, so he enrolled him at Imagym Kids Play and Fitness Center in Sandy Springs. Three times a week, 9-year-old Sahand comes in to sweat off the pounds on the exercise bikes, work his muscles on the chest press and lateral pulls and improve his concentration with karate lessons.

In the process, his father said the boy has maintained his weight and become more self-confident.

"Kids these days need this to get active and get away from in front of the TV and computer," Davoudi said. "My wife and I said if we can keep him active and having fun, it's a great accomplishment."

Involving children in fitness early can help them become healthier adults, said Carla Civita, owner of Imagym.

"We don't want children to come for one month and leave," said Civita, who charges \$69 to \$125 per month for membership.

"This is an investment in our kids so that they will have a healthier lifestyle. By exposing them at a young age, hopefully it will become a lifestyle that will continue into adulthood."

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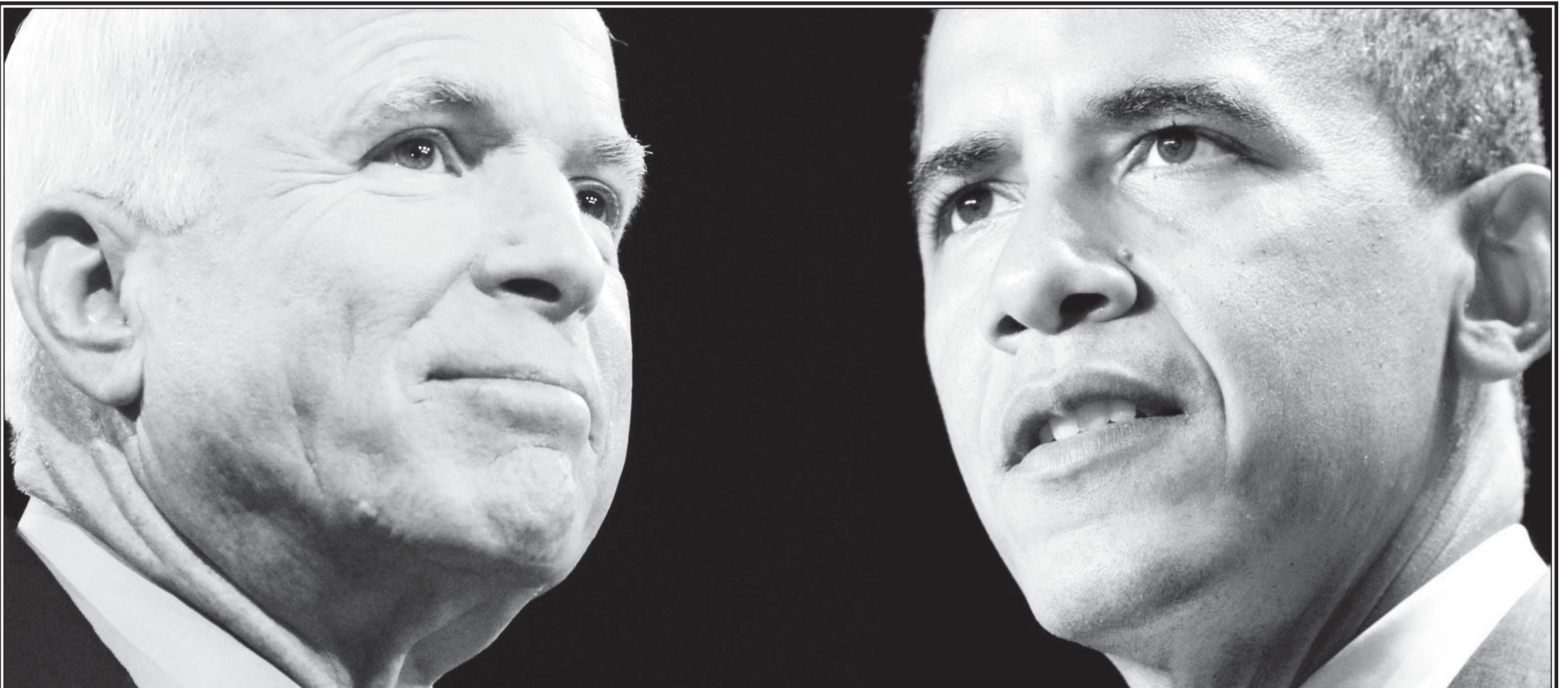
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## THE ISSUES

### ECONOMY

By Lauren Rausch  
Staff Reporter

#### What's at stake:

The nation's falling economic prosperity has caused Americans' comfort levels to go into a tailspin. The crisis has become the No. 1 issue in the presidential election and will most likely remain a top concern until Tuesday.

"Almost nothing could change the kind of feeling people have had in the last three weeks in the next two," said Jim Riddlesperger, professor of political science.

The next administration will have the responsibility to make changes to economic policy and reform the financial sector.

"I think that if things don't settle down a bit more, we may need some sort of further stimulus in terms of spending and/or tax reductions. And I think the next president is likely to do something like that," said Neeley school associate professor Ira A. Silver.

With the banking crisis comes problems for the economy that will not disappear quickly. Because of the fear factor, consumers are spending less and clutching their savings. This means less money into the markets, less profit for businesses and less available jobs to go around.

Consumers, in general, will feel the main drawbacks of the economic illness, Silver said. Declines in wealth, housing, stock market and retirement funds are the symptoms.

However, college students in particular won't be immune. Loans will be harder to come by, but the students graduating in the next two years are the ones Silver said will see a difficult job market.

"Unemployment tends to continue moving up even after the economy turns around because businesses are not quick to rehire and start expanding until they are very confident that the economy is going to continue growing," Silver said.

#### Obama says:

Obama proposes tax increases for wealthier couples and individuals and tax cuts for people making less than 200,000 in order to compensate for the payroll tax, according to his campaign's Web site.

"I want to end the tax breaks for companies that are shipping jobs overseas and provide a tax credit for every company that's creating a job right here in America... Let's help families right away by providing them a tax cut — a middle-class tax cut for people making less than \$200,000," Obama said in the third presidential debate Oct. 15.

Obama's plan would incorporate capital gains tax and Social Security tax increases, buying mortgages and maintaining the current corporate taxes, according to Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine.

#### McCain says:

McCain plans to keep the tax rates at their current levels in order to allow entrepreneurs to continue to create jobs and maintain job security, according to his campaign's Web site. He also wants to cut the corporate tax rate.

"Why would you want to increase anybody's taxes right now? Why would you want to do that when we have such a tough time, when these small business people, like Joe the plumber, are going to create jobs, unless you take that money from him and spread the wealth around? We're not going to do that in my administration," McCain said in the third presidential debate on Oct. 15.

McCain's economic plan would also include keeping the capital gains tax and Social Security taxes at their current levels, providing relief for banks by buying mortgages and lowering the corporate taxes.

### SUPREME COURT

By Valerie Hannon  
Features Editor

#### What's at stake:

In the next presidential administration, the Supreme Court will likely be facing a number of social issues that could shape the country, such as abortion, marriage rights, the right to bear arms and affirmative action, said Jim Riddlesperger, professor of political science.

Riddlesperger said the decisions of justices to step down during the next administration might depend on which candidate wins.

"Supreme Court justices can retire whenever they want to," Riddlesperger said. "If a president is elected who they feel comfortable replacing them, they're more likely to retire than a president who makes them uncomfortable."

For example, Riddlesperger said, if McCain is elected, Antonin Scalia may feel comfortable retiring and if Obama is elected, John Paul Stevens, the oldest member, may step down.

If McCain is elected president, Riddlesperger said, his appointments likely face a tougher confirmation than Obama's, because the Democrats are

expected to keep a majority in the Senate.

"The simple reality is that the Supreme Court appointment process has become contentious, even when it is a relatively friendly Senate to the president," Riddlesperger said. "Their appointments are so scrutinized that it's hard to know even if you have a president and Senate of the same party whether the confirmation process is going to be easy?"

#### Obama says:

Obama also said at the same debate that he would not have litmus tests.

"I will look for those judges who have an outstanding judicial record, who have the intellect, and who hopefully have a sense of what real-world folks are going through," Obama said.

#### McCain says:

In the Oct. 15 presidential debate, John McCain said he would not have a litmus test for judges.

"I will find the best people in the world — in the United States of America — who have a history of strict adherence to the Constitution, and not legislating from the bench," McCain said.

### ABORTION

By Valerie Hannon  
and Krystal Upshaw  
Features Editor and Staff Reporter

#### What's at stake:

The next administration will have the opportunity to keep or change the decision of Roe v. Wade on abortion.

"I've heard in my [pro-life] education that there's been a lot of talk about how poorly written the Roe v. Wade decision was and that it takes away the electoral process of the states in terms of deciding what the laws of the land should be," said Melinda Castro, a senior modern dance major and co-founder of TCU Students for Life.

Sara Cleveland, executive director for NARAL Pro-Choice Texas, said some believe if Roe v. Wade were overturned, the issue would strictly go to the states.

"However, they're not taking into consideration that there are already a number of states where abortion bans will be in effect because they have trigger bans on the books," Cleveland said.

Fifteen states will immediately trigger an illegality clause for the state, Cleveland said, and 13 have anti-abortion legislatures and governors

that would likely outlaw abortion if Roe v. Wade were overturned.

#### Obama Says:

Sen. Barack Obama is an abortion rights supporter. He plans to preserve the rights guaranteed in Roe v. Wade and will oppose any amendment to the decision made in that case, according to his campaign Web site.

To reduce the amount of unintended pregnancies, Obama cosponsored the Prevention First Act in 2007, which will increase access to contraception, health care services and preventative care. The act also prevents discrimination from insurance companies regarding contraception, according to his Web site.

#### McCain Says:

Sen. John McCain plans to reverse the decision made in Roe v. Wade, except in cases of rape and incest. McCain wants to return the abortion decision to individual states by nominating judges who believe courts should not legislate from the bench, according to his campaign Web site.

McCain plans to promote adoption as the first option for pregnant women struggling with an unwanted pregnancy.

### EDUCATION

By Jason Fochtman  
Staff Reporter

#### What's at stake:

The next president will have the opportunity to shape education policies, such as the No Child Left Behind Act, for the next four years.

While the goal of the No Child Left Behind Act was good, the reality has fallen short of those expectations, senior early childhood education major Emily Fore said.

The No Child Left Behind Act is the main federal law affecting education from kindergarten through high school, according to U.S. Department of Education Web site. The act focuses on four principles: accountability, parent choices, greater local control and doing what works best based on scientific research, according to the Web site.

The act was signed by President Bush on Jan. 8, 2002.

"It has potential," Fore said. "It's going to be hard to find a solution because it's hard to assess that many children."

#### Obama says:

Sen. Barack Obama's plan calls for the creation of assessment models that would track a student's progress and allow teachers to improve student learning, according to his campaign Web site.

His plan would also include funding for additional assessments that would evaluate other skills, such as students' ability to use technology and present and defend their ideas.

#### McCain says:

Sen. John McCain's plan focuses on improving education standards and attracting quality teachers, according to his campaign Web Site.

McCain plans to set aside \$250 million in competitive grants for virtual math and science programs in addition to online tutoring.

McCain would also give 5 percent of Title II funding to states that recruit educators in the top 25 percent of their class or participate in alternative recruitment programs, such as Teach for America.

Title II, part A, is intended to raise the academic achievement of students by helping schools and school districts improve teacher and principal quality, according to the Scholastic Web site for federal funding.

The U.S. Department of Education distributes funds to state education agencies, who in turn distribute funds to school districts. Local school districts must allocate the funds to qualifying school campuses based upon student enrollment, according to the Web site.

For more information about the candidates education plans go to: [www.johnmccain.com](http://www.johnmccain.com) and [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com)



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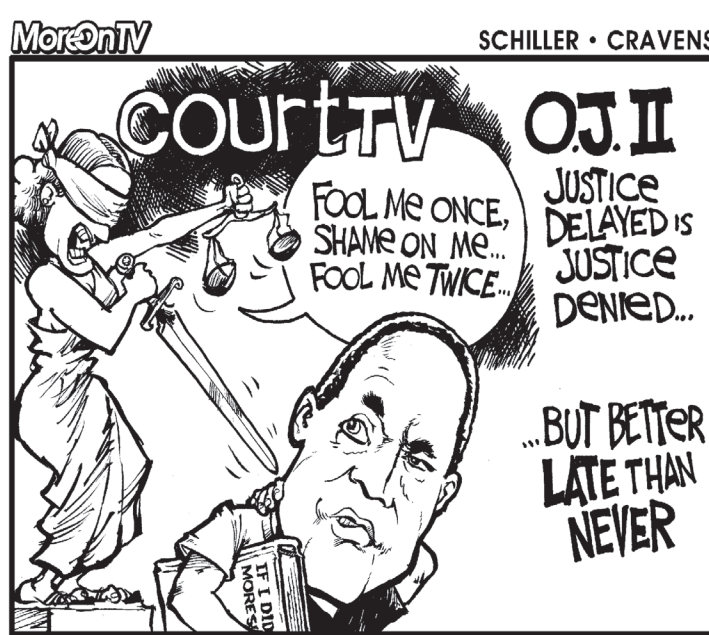
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Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Friday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

**Wednesday's Solutions**

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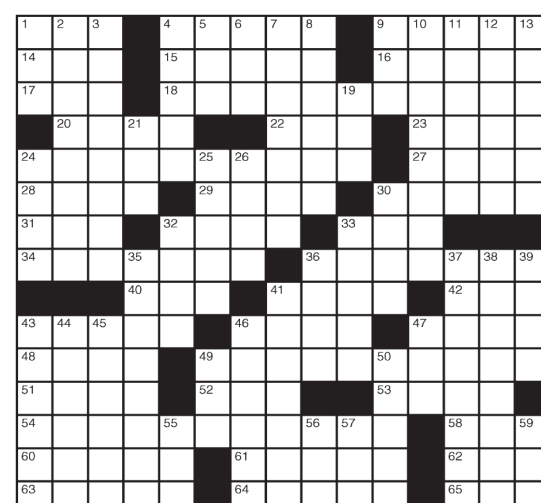
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- Bob and Elizabeth
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- Start of Bernard Baruch quote
- Cost of living?
- Boardroom bigwig
- Factual
- Part 2 of quote
- Olympic sled
- Deposited
- Piccadilly Circus statue
- Chart anew
- Columbus Day mo.
- Lena of "Chocolat"
- Former French coin
- Part 3 of quote
- Part 4 of quote
- Pers. pension
- Symbol of cheer
- Número \_\_
- Deer sirs
- "South Park" boy
- Glee club voice
- Baloney!
- Part 5 of quote
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- Chem. contaminant
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- Blew it
- Churchill
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- 1969 Peace Prize grp.
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By Alan P. Olschwang  
Huntington Beach, CA  
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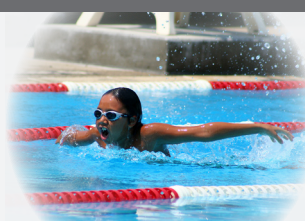
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## BIG WEEKEND



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Freshman outside hitter Sarah Joekel attempts to spike during the volleyball team's loss against Utah on Oct. 2 at the University Recreation Center Special Events Gym. The team plays two road conference games this weekend.

## Team faces tests in Utah

By Michael Carroll  
Staff Reporter

The volleyball team will look to improve upon its 6-4 conference record with two weekend matches in Utah.

First up for the squad is Brigham Young University, a team the Horned Frogs swept in three straight sets earlier this month. The Cougars have a 3-6 conference record.

Junior Katelyn Blackwood, who plays the defensive specialist libero position, said she expects a much stiffer challenge from the Cougars this time around.

"We're not going in thinking that this is going to be an easy win just because we took them at home," Blackwood said. "We're preparing for them just like we would any other opponent."

Senior setter Nirelle Hampton said the Cougars have made some changes since their first meeting.

"I know they've done some adjusting with their lineups," she said. "We're just focusing on what we need to take care of to make sure that we come

out successful again."

After their Friday match against BYU, the team will travel about 45 miles north to face the University of Utah on Sunday. Utah beat the Horned Frogs 3-0 when they faced off Oct. 2.

Head coach Prentice Lewis said her team simply didn't show up to play for their first match against the Utes.

"You have to have your team playing their best to know what else they need to do," Lewis said.

Lewis said the game plan for Utah will be similar to what it was a month ago.

"There are some adjustments, things we've watched on video of the last month of them playing," Lewis said.

Blackwood said the squad has learned from its disappointing loss to Utah the first time around.

"You never want to get swept," Blackwood said. "Obviously that's not something you look forward to, but we're going to use it as fuel."

The team knows Utah will be a tough matchup once again, especially now that the

Utes will have home-court advantage.

"Utah obviously has a lot of size so we're going in thinking about that," Blackwood said.

Utah's 7-2 conference record puts the squad in second place.

The Horned Frogs are currently tied with UNLV for fourth place in the conference. Two victories this weekend could give the team a big boost as it heads into the final stretch of conference play.

"We would love to win out," Blackwood said. "That would really secure our spot in the NCAA Tournament and that's our ultimate goal."

It won't get any easier for the Frogs after their weekend trip to Utah. The team will return home to face conference foe Wyoming next Thursday. Two days later, the Horned Frogs will host conference leader Colorado State.

The Horned Frogs will finish out conference play with a Nov. 15 match at Air Force and a Nov. 21 match at New Mexico.

TCU VS UNLV MATCHUPS

## Frogs' defense should lead to win

Quarterbacks

TCU: Sophomore Andy Dalton has put together two impressive games in a row since coming off his injury. Dalton has thrown for 504 yards, six touchdowns and completed 28 of his 41 passes over the last two weeks. He has also rushed for 40 yards on 12 carries in those games.

UNLV: Sophomore Omar Clayton is quietly having a great season in Las Vegas. Clayton has started all eight games this season and has thrown for 1,849 yards and 17 touchdowns. Head coach Gary Patterson said Tuesday that Clayton is a faster version of TCU quarterback Marcus Jackson.

Advantage: UNLV

Running backs

TCU: The ground game for the Frogs has been almost as consistent as the team's defense, ranked No. 14 in the nation and averaging 220.1 yards per game. Junior tailback Joseph Turner is leading the Frogs with 113 carries, 425 yards and 10 touchdowns.

UNLV: The Rebels have run a pretty balanced offense, having just eight more rush attempts than pass attempts, but they are only averaging 137.2 yards per game rushing. Senior Frank "The Tank" Summers, as he is referred to in UNLV's weekly press release, leads the Rebels with 138 rushes, 615 yards and seven touchdowns.

Advantage: TCU

Wide Receivers

TCU: With the recent success of Dalton, the wide receivers for the Frogs have been just as successful. Sophomore wide-out Jimmy Young had the best game for a wide receiver in school history Saturday, recording 226 yards on five catches and scoring three touchdowns.

UNLV: The Rebels have had five different receivers catch a touchdown pass this season. Ryan Wolfe leads the Rebels with 59 catches and 712 yards receiving.

Advantage: UNLV

Offensive Line

TCU: The offensive line for the Frogs has played a major role in the team's successful running game, paving the way for TCU's 1,981 yards on the ground. The left side of the line has been locked down by junior left tackle Marshall Newhouse, who has started 22 straight games.

UNLV: The Rebels' offensive line has allowed just eight sacks so far this season, two less than the Frogs, but the offense has rushed for 1,098 rushing yards. Sophomore Matt Murphy has made 17 starts in his career at UNLV, including all eight games at left tackle this season.

Advantage: TCU

Defensive Line

TCU: The Frogs' defensive line has been the most dominant in the nation, helping the defense accumulate 35 sacks, six more than second-place University of Texas. Junior defensive end Jerry Hughes continues to make offensive tackles look silly, leading the nation with 12 solo sacks.

UNLV: The Rebel defense is ranked No. 114 in rushing defense, giving up 229.1 yards per game, and is No. 99 in sacks per game with 1.25. Sophomore Isaako Aaitui leads the defensive line with 23 total tackles, five of which for

QUARTERBACKS



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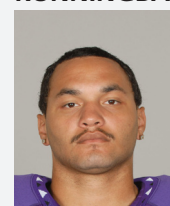


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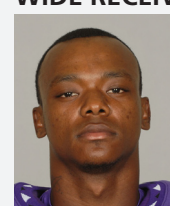


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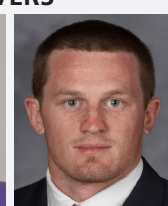


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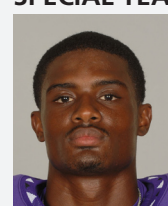


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SPECIAL TEAMS



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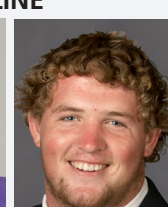


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OFFENSIVE LINE



Newhouse



Murphy

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DEFENSIVE LINE



Hughes



Aaitui

PREDICTION

The Rebels might have the offensive edge, but the Frogs' defense is too dominant. TCU wins 48-12.

a loss, and has recorded two sacks this season.

Advantage: TCU

Linebackers

TCU: The Frogs have been overthrown as the nation's top defense, now ranking No. 2 behind the University of Southern California, though TCU has played two more games than the Trojans and average 218.8 yards allowed per game. Senior Robert Henson shined last week, recording two tackles for a loss, one sack and a forced fumble.

UNLV: The Rebels total defense is ranked No. 107 in the nation, allowing 440.63 offensive yards per game, the second-worst in the Mountain West Conference. Junior Jason Beauchamp leads the Rebels with 90 total tackles and has recorded 4.5 tackles for loss and two sacks.

Advantage: TCU

Secondary

TCU: The Horned Frogs have the No. 35-ranked pass defense, allowing 187.6 yards per game through the air, and have only let three teams throw for more than 200 passing yards in a game this season. Senior safety Stephen Hodge leads the secondary with 50 total tackles.

UNLV: The pass defense for the Rebels is ranked No. 67 in the nation, allowing 211.5 passing yards per game. Junior safety Daryl Forte has 47 tackles and one of the team's

three interceptions.

Advantage: TCU

Special Teams

TCU: The Horned Frogs are No. 3 in the nation in average kickoff return yards with 28.62. After the Wyoming Cowboys scored their only touchdown of the game last week, senior running back Aaron Brown responded with an 85-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

UNLV: The Rebels are ranked No. 102 in the nation in average yards per return with 5.8. Junior kicker Kyle Watson has been perfect on his kicks all season, making all 26 point after touchdowns and all three field goals attempted.

Advantage: TCU

Coaching

TCU: Head coach Gary Patterson recorded his 70th victory as a head coach, all at TCU, last week in his 96th game. TCU's defense is No. 1 in the nation in fewest first downs allowed per game with 11.7. The offense still leads the nation in time of possession with an average of 35:08.

UNLV: Head coach Mike Sanford is in his fourth year with the Rebels and has been trying to earn his 10th career win for the last four weeks. Sanford's defense is ranked No. 109 in red zone defense, allowing opponents to score 93 percent of the time when they get inside the Rebels' 20-yard line.

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