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• Thanks for a great year at the UnderAge Page. We'll be back for the 2009-10 school year. Until then, save those memories and keep writing and capturing memories.

Final words from local teens

One nation under bailout

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With the current economic crisis, the debate rages on about whether or not federal government bailouts of major corporations are just.

President Barack Obama once stated that, "If the people cannot trust their government to do the job for which it exists — to protect them and to promote their common welfare — all else is lost."

In agreement with our president, some argue that the bailouts are just because they are part of the government's responsibility to provide for the common good at all times. Bailouts are really just government investments in private assets until the economy recovers

improve homeowners' credit ratings and mortgage rates can go down, said Laurence Kotlikoff, economic professor at Boston University. The government

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has to provide funds to shore up the financial firms at the center of the global trading system.

However, those opposed to these bailouts are more aligned with what President Abraham Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

Their arguments are essentially that bailouts of major corporations are not just because they place money into the hands of the people that did wrong in

to know where their money and talent are valuable, and profits and losses are key indicators of that.

Also, some people argue that bailouts are a politically illegitimate use of people's money. The Government Accountability Office said that the Troubled Asset Relief Program has no mechanism to track how businesses are using the \$150 billion injected into the banking system.

In times of economic strain, bailouts are actually cost-beneficial for society. The government's infusion is designed to get more money to lenders. In fact, the bailouts biggest beneficiaries are average Americans like you and me. In 1979 for example, the U.S. government guaranteed \$1.2 billion worth of loans to Chrysler. When the struggling automaker rebounded four years later, the government reaped more than \$300 million in profits.

In 1971 the government bailed out Lockheed Aircraft Co., which was then the third-largest aircraft manufacturer, with millions of dollars in loan guarantees. And after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, airlines received about \$5 billion in cash and \$10 billion in loans to tide them over. All of these actions have proved both necessary and successful to the American economy.

By allowing these corporations to stay in business, the government avoids businesses being forced into bankruptcy and saves millions of jobs, while simultaneously restoring public confidence. Public confidence in the system is crucial because the economy is heavily dependent on consumer spending to maintain economic prosperity.

History has proven the success of bailouts, and without them, we jeopardize our suffering economy even further. Sen. John Sununu of New Hampshire said that bolstering confidence in financial markets is key to maintaining access to student loans, home loans, and other credit which American families so heavily depend on.

Don't know what you got 'til you've moved on

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When a person moves, they might look back at what they left behind and compare it to everything they gained by making the move.

Personally, moving from a big city like San Antonio to a smaller city like Temple takes a while to get use to.

I've heard a lot of people talk about Temple. The sad thing is everything being said is bad and

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it's coming from people who live in Temple.

I think Temple is actually a beautiful city with a lot of potential, and people should be proud to live here.

At first I thought moving was going to change my life for the worst, but since I've been here, I see that's not true. I enjoy living in Temple mostly because I can walk the street and be able to hear myself think.

In San Antonio there was construction everywhere, including around schools. What I like most is that most everyone knows everybody else because in some way everyone is connected.

Being in a bigger city also means more schools, which means less money going to each school.

The mall may not have an Abercrombie or a Hot Topic, but those are small problems that in time could be fixed. There will always be positives to a town, just like there will always be negatives.

What is surprising is that when I ask what Temple is like, I hear people say "it's boring" or "there's nothing to do here."

To be honest, those comments are what made me upset to be here. But I know some people take where they live for granted at times, not because they want to, but because they don't realize how much they have until they move away.

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and the private sector pays back the government.

According to Bianna Golodryga of ABC News, Main Street is the basis of all of the economy by which Wall Street trades and prospers. The responsibility of the government is to prevent a meltdown of the American global economies. Without bailouts, either jobs or benefits will have to be cut, which causes the common American to have fear in the stability of the places they invest their money.

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Mark Jewell of The Associated Press said institutions make up the foundation on which consumer access to credit is built. For example, by purchasing some of Fannie and Freddie's mortgage obligations, the government could help

the first place while leaving innocent people to suffer.

Federal government bailouts of major corporations sacrifice fundamental rights of citizens. To paraphrase Stalin, if one wants to make an omelet, one must break a few eggs; those eggs, being us taxpayers. Having the government extract billions of dollars from the citizenry so that their employer can survive is not any different from taking this from the people by force.

Bailouts benefit few at the expense of many. Bailouts are politically risky because they violate the separation of powers by giving unchecked legislative power to the Secretary of the Treasury. The government is giving all of these major corporations significant amounts of money, with almost no control over how it is used. These bailouts are being poured into businesses that are relatively unsuccessful at satisfying consumer desires. Employees and investors need

THANK YOU!!!!

Before you dive into Summer, we'd like to say thanks to our writers, photographers, and especially our readers, for a great year at the UnderAge Page! School's out for summer and so are we. Have a fun break and don't forget to save those memories and send them to the UnderAge Page next year.



Temple Animal Shelter utilizes humane policy

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Euthanasia refers to the practice of ending a life in a painless manner.

Animals are euthanized for reasons such as illness or in experimentation. Euthanization also occurs in certain animal shelters where overcrowding becomes an issue.

The Temple Animal Shelter is a limited no-kill shelter. This means that because of certain policies many animals are guaranteed to not be killed. However, this does not mean that no animals will ever be put down. The shelter is considered to be an Unlimited Access shelter, which means they take all animals.

Walter Hetzel, director of Animal Services, said, "All unlimited access shelters have to put some animals down. This is because some animals are not adoptable for any one of many reasons, and also because the building becomes full of animals and there is not room to take in more."

The Temple Shelter chooses to be a limited no kill shelter to "make a public statement that we care about the animals and that we avoid euthanasia when we can," Hetzel said. He added that by being a limited no-kill shelter you gain "public trust and confidence that taxpayer dollars are being used appropriately, and that euthanasia is not based on convenience."

The city of Temple's animal shelter searches for new homes during crowded times because euthanization is considered a last resort. Animal overpopulation is the main reason for the euthanization of pets.

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