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Recreation Center, an A&M hockey team and the public. Brazos County Judge Al Jones and College Station Mayor Lynn McIlhane attended the forum and said they were optimistic about the possibility of an ice-skating rink in the Brazos Valley.

McIlhane said Bryan-College Station's proximity to Houston and Austin would give an ice rink a good chance at success.

In addition to hockey, the facility would also house activities such as rodeos, cattle shows and concerts. An ice rink could be used for non-hockey activities like public skating, figure skating, broomball and curling.

The five-forum panelists discussed the possibility of bringing a professional hockey team to the Bryan-College Station area. The Central Hockey League, an equivalent to minor-league baseball, has several teams across Texas. Professional hockey could be a major source of revenue for an ice facility that could cost at least \$1.5 million to build and maintain as part of the Expo Center, panel members said.

Jones and his commission will make the final decision on the proposition. Jones said he was pleased with the community interest in the rink.

Glenn Hart, president of Arredo Energy in Houston and owner of a professional hockey team in Laredo, offered to invest in the venture.

Groundbreaking for the Brazos County Exposition Center is expected in the spring, on a plot of land in Bryan on Highway 47 north of Easterwood Airport.

Mixed messages



CODY WAGES • THE BATTALION

Lauren Bauml, a disc jockey at KANM radio and junior political science major, broadcasts her "Mixed Messages" program that runs every Monday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. KANM, a student radio station, moved to the basement of the Memorial Student Center in August.

CRASH

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scores of its people, including firefighters and financial workers, in the Trade Center catastrophe just two months ago.

"I just thought, 'Oh, no, not again,'" said Milena Owens, who was putting up Thanksgiving decorations when she heard an explosion.

Furious orange flames towered above the tree-tops, and a plume of thick, black smoke could be seen miles away.

Authorities found the flight data recorder, one

of the two "black boxes" from the twin-engine jet, and said it would be examined for clues.

Witnesses reported hearing an explosion and seeing an engine, a large chunk of a wing and other debris falling off the plane as it came down.

"I saw pieces falling out of the sky," said Jennifer Rivara, who watched through a window at her home about five blocks away. "And then I looked over to my left and I saw this huge fireball, and the next thing I know, I hear this big rumbling sound. I ran to the door and all I saw was big black smoke."

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