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Seminole follow Vols and Sooners in fall from AP poll. Page 7.



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Shoppers flood stores, but profits are lower than expected.

### STATE

#### Woman to be arraigned in fake flu shot case

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman accused in a scheme to administer fake flu vaccines to workers and nursing home residents was scheduled for arraignment Monday.

Martha Denise Gonzales, 48, of Baytown, was charged with conspiring to commit mail and health care fraud, tampering with a consumer product, and lying to federal agents.

A federal indictment accuses Gonzales of marketing the bogus flu shots to medical offices, businesses and pharmacies in Texas and other states.

She and Iyad Abu El Hawa, 35, of Houston, were charged after more than 1,000 Exxon Mobil employees and 14 residents of a suburban nursing home were injected with purified water instead of the flu vaccine. El Hawa is accused of charging Medicare for reimbursement for the flu vaccine.

### NATION

#### Bus overturns on California highway

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — A Greyhound bus with 44 people on board went off a highway and overturned, killing two people and injuring more than three dozen others, authorities said.

The accident occurred about 7:10 a.m. on Highway 101 in Santa Maria in northern Santa Barbara County, said Capt. Keith Cullom of the county Fire Department.

The northbound bus rolled onto its side and slid at least 100 yards before hitting a tree, authorities said.

Cullom said two people were killed but details weren't immediately available.

The bus had left Los Angeles about four hours earlier and was headed to San Francisco, said Kim Plaskett, a spokeswoman for the Dallas-based bus line.

Relief buses were being sent to Santa Maria to collect the passengers who were able to continue their trip, Plaskett said.

Seven people suffered major injuries, four had moderate injuries and others suffered minor injuries, authorities said.

"There are a lot of walking wounded," Cullom said.

Hydraulic equipment had to be used to free four survivors from the wreckage.

Helicopters were sent to airlift some of the injured to hospitals.

### WORLD

#### Japan spacecraft to start journey home

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese spacecraft on an unprecedented mission to bring asteroid material back to Earth is set to start home despite showing signs of trouble earlier, an executive of Japan's space agency, JAXA, said Sunday.

On Saturday, the Hayabusa probe apparently landed on the Itokawa asteroid and collected surface samples. After the landing, the probe hovered about three miles from the asteroid and appeared to be shaking due to a possible gas leak from a thruster, JAXA said.

The probe shut down all its engines Saturday and switched to solar power while JAXA investigated the problem.

"We will meet that deadline, whatever happens," Matogawa said. Otherwise, it would be two more years before the probe would be in the right position to return, he said.

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## Two separate earthquakes rock Asia

### Tembler in Iranian villages leaves 10 dead

By NASSER KARIMI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — An earthquake measuring at least magnitude-5.9 shook a sparsely populated area of southern Iran on Sunday, flattening seven villages and killing 10 people, officials said. The quake was felt as far away as Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

Heidar Alishvandi, the governor of Qeshm, was quoted by state-run television as saying rescue teams were deployed to the affected area and people in the wrecked villages moved quickly to safety.

Another provincial official, Ghasem Karami, told *The Associated Press* that high

casualties were not expected because the area was not heavily developed.

Tehran's seismologic center said the quake measured magnitude-5.9, but the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said it was a magnitude-6.1 temblor. A magnitude-6.0 quake can cause severe damage.

Iran's seismologic center said the epicenter was in the waters of the Persian Gulf between the port city of Bandar Abbas and Qeshm Island. The USGS said the quake was 35 miles southwest of Bandar Abbas.

Masoud Dalman, head of Hormozgan province's emergency affairs, said several

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### 15 killed Saturday in central China strike

BEIJING (AP) — A strong earthquake struck central China on Saturday, killing at least 15 people, injuring more than 450 and destroying hundreds of buildings, the government said.

The official Xinhua News Agency said the magnitude-5.7 quake hit Saturday morning and was centered in central Jiangxi province's Ruichang city near the border of Hubei province. The U.S. Geological Survey reported the quake had a magnitude of 5.5. There was no immediate explanation for the discrepancy.

Most of the damage occurred in Ruichang and in the popular resort town of Jiujiang, it said. At least 14 people were killed and 377 were injured, Xinhua said.

In their village near Ruichang, Zhang Xuping and his family dashed from their home as soon as they felt the ground shaking. Minutes later, their neighbor was killed and buildings near them collapsed.

"I felt very strong shocks, lasting about six to seven seconds," Zhang said in a telephone interview on Sunday. "We fled immediately."

Authorities told villagers not to stay indoors on Saturday but had not provided any more information or assistance since, he said.

"We cut wood to build shelters," Zhang said. "All of the people in the village stayed outdoors last night."

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## THE MONDAY AFTER

### Black Friday segues to Cyber Monday

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
STAFF WRITER

Editor's note: "Cyber Monday" is a theory penned by the *New York Times*. The theory states that Monday, after people have browsed in retail stores, comparison shopping occurs online.

Shopping is a bloody sport no different than ice hockey or Gladiator matches. But, Melanie Granzow, a freshman pre-medical major from Red Oak, takes care of her Christmas gifts online.

Internet shopping is a growing trend she buys into — literally — because it's fast, convenient and a computer will not be rude to her when she asks for a different size.

"I love shopping online because if you already know your size, then there is no waiting," Granzow said. "You save on gas, and you can do it in your pajamas."

Black Friday hit stores without too many stampedes. The lines waiting to see Santa Claus at a Dallas-area mall had a 10-minute wait, instead of the usual half hour, according to an elf.

Instead of hitting the stores at the break of dawn, people now are logging on and taking care of an entire Christmas list with the click of a mouse. The Amazon and eBay generation might be the wave of the future, but the Internet shopping wave is leaving local businesses underwater.

Online shopping is expected to increase 25 percent this holiday season, reaching \$18 billion, according to Forrester Research, a technology research company.

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## Eating disorders heightened during holidays

By DANIELLE NOVY  
STAFF WRITER

With Thanksgiving turkeys now nothing but a pile of bones, and satisfaction spelled out by the number of belts that had to be loosened post-meal, the holiday season has officially arrived.

Gluttony, one of the Seven Deadly Sins, tends to take center stage this time of year, as food-oriented gatherings collide with the swirl of fad diets and weight loss programs.

The Seven Deadly Sins are a list of human offenses originally composed by Charles Panati and shaped into its current form by Pope Gregory the Great in the sixth century.

In addition to gluttony, the list encompasses such timeless characteristics as pride, envy, lust, anger, greed and sloth.

Although multiple items on the list can be connected to the darker side of the holidays, gluttony is a problem made visible in November and December by the magazines and recipe books catering specifically to the snacks and desserts of the festive time.

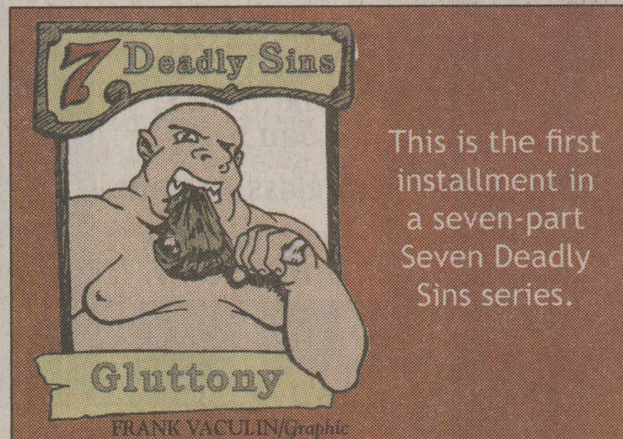
The average American gains between seven and 10 pounds during the holiday season, according to *The Associated Press*.

Becky Wittenburg, a nurse practitioner at Southwest Endocrinology and its accompanying weight management center, said eating disorders are a heightened problem during the month of December.

"I don't think the holidays create eating disorders, but they make them harder," Wittenburg said. "Eating disorders are there, but like anything else, it's more emotional around the holidays."

She said eating disorders used to be primarily an issue for people in their 40s and 50s, while in a

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### DUSTY DUDES



KELLY MATHERY/The Daily Toreador

A DUST STORM rolls through Lubbock Sunday, but Will Rogers and Soapsuds stand unwavering.

# Schwarzenegger mulls granting clemency to convicted killer

Gang founder turned Nobel Prize nominee's execution to be Dec. 13

SAN FRANCISCO, California (AP) — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said he would consider granting clemency to convicted killer Stanley "Tookie" Williams, the Crips gang founder who became an anti-gang activist while in prison and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The governor said Friday he would meet Dec. 8 in a private hearing with Williams' lawyers, Los Angeles County prosecutors and others involved.

Schwarzenegger has the authority to commute a death sentence to life without parole, but he is not obligated to hold a hearing. In Schwarzenegger's case, he decides clemency requests on a "case-by-case basis," spokeswoman Margita Thompson said.

Two other clemency petitions have come before Schwarzeneg-

ger. Neither was granted.

Williams, 51, faces a lethal injection on Dec. 13 for the 1979 slayings of a Whittier convenience store clerk and three people at a Pico Rivera motel. He has maintained his innocence and has asked the California Supreme Court to reopen his case, alleging shoddy forensics wrongly connected him to three of the murders. The Supreme Court hasn't ruled on the petition.

Los Angeles County prosecutors and victims' relatives have demanded his execution.

Along with asking Schwarzenegger to commute Williams' death sentence, his lawyers submitted what they said were signatures of 32,000 people supporting his petition for clemency.

Supporters, including rapper Snoop Dogg and Ras Baraka, the deputy mayor of Newark, New Jersey, have urged Schwarzeneg-

ger to spare Williams' life so he can continue his work with young people as an anti-gang activist.

Williams founded the Crips with a childhood friend in 1971 in Los Angeles, where the gang battled rivals for territory and control of the drug trade.

In prison, however, Williams gained international acclaim for co-writing children's books about the dangers of gang life. An award-winning television movie starring Jamie Foxx, "Redemption," was based on his life.

Schwarzenegger, in dealing with the two previous clemency requests, denied a hearing last year for Kevin Cooper, whose execution was later stayed by a federal appeals court, and held a public hearing this year for Donald Beardslee but declined to spare him.

# U.S.-Mexico Border Patrol agents uneasy about 'Made in Mexico' labels in uniforms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The labels inside the U.S. Border Patrol uniforms have been making many federal agents feel uneasy.

It's not the fit or feel of the olive-green shirts and pants, but what their labels read: "Made in Mexico."

"It's embarrassing to be protecting the U.S.-Mexico border and be wearing a uniform made in Mexico," says T.J. Bonner, president of the National Border Patrol Council, a 6,500-member union.

Agents and lawmakers are concerned about the consequences if the uniforms for agents charged with combating illegal immigration fall into the hands of criminals or terrorists.

"If we're manufacturing uniforms in Mexico, what's to stop someone from walking across the border in a Border Patrol uniform?" asked Rep. John Carter, a Republican from Round Rock. "How do you know who are our guys and who are their guys?"

For more than a year, the shirts and pants worn by agents and inspectors with U.S. Customs and Border Protection have been made in Mexico. The uniforms are supplied by VF Solutions of Nashville, Tenn., which subcontracts its work to plants in the United States, Mexico, Canada and the Dominican

Republican.

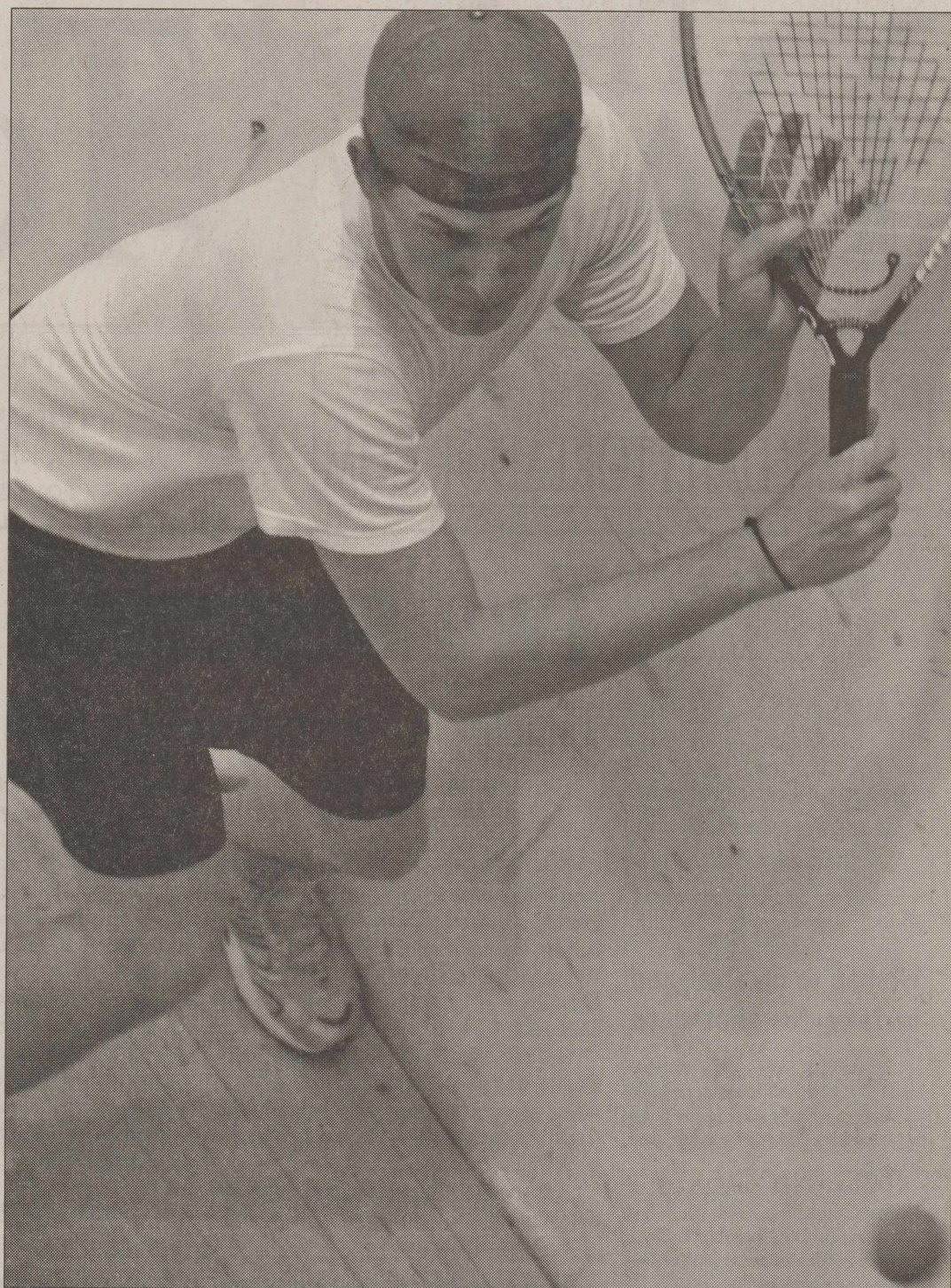
"The principle of it seems almost like an oxymoron," said James Stack, the National Border Patrol Council's vice president for the region that includes Texas and New Mexico. "Most agents don't like it."

Customs officials say they haven't detected any security breaches or misuse of the uniforms. Strict security measures are in place, including on-site inspections at the Mexican plant. U.S. officials conducted a review in August, a statement from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection released Wednesday said.

"Based on this review, a report will be submitted to the CBP commissioner for determination on the made-in-Mexico issue, and no decisions have been made at this point," the statement said.

House members are expected to consider new immigration and border security measures after the Thanksgiving congressional break. Carter and Rep. Rick Renzi, R-Ariz. say they plan to press a measure that would require the uniforms be made in the United States. Renzi said he wants Republican House leaders to include the requirement as part of an immigration enforcement measure expected to be introduced in early December.

## WHAT'S ALL THE RACKET?



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AARON EVANS, A junior from Texhoma, Okla., plays racquetball with his friends Tuesday afternoon at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

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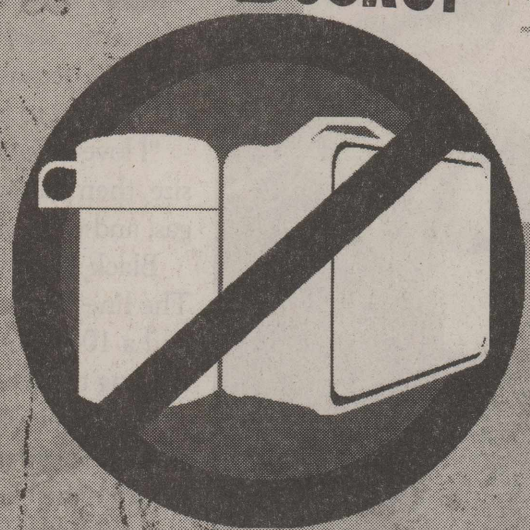
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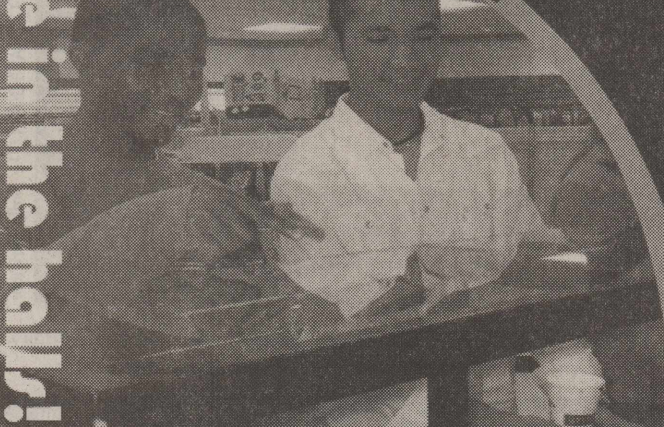
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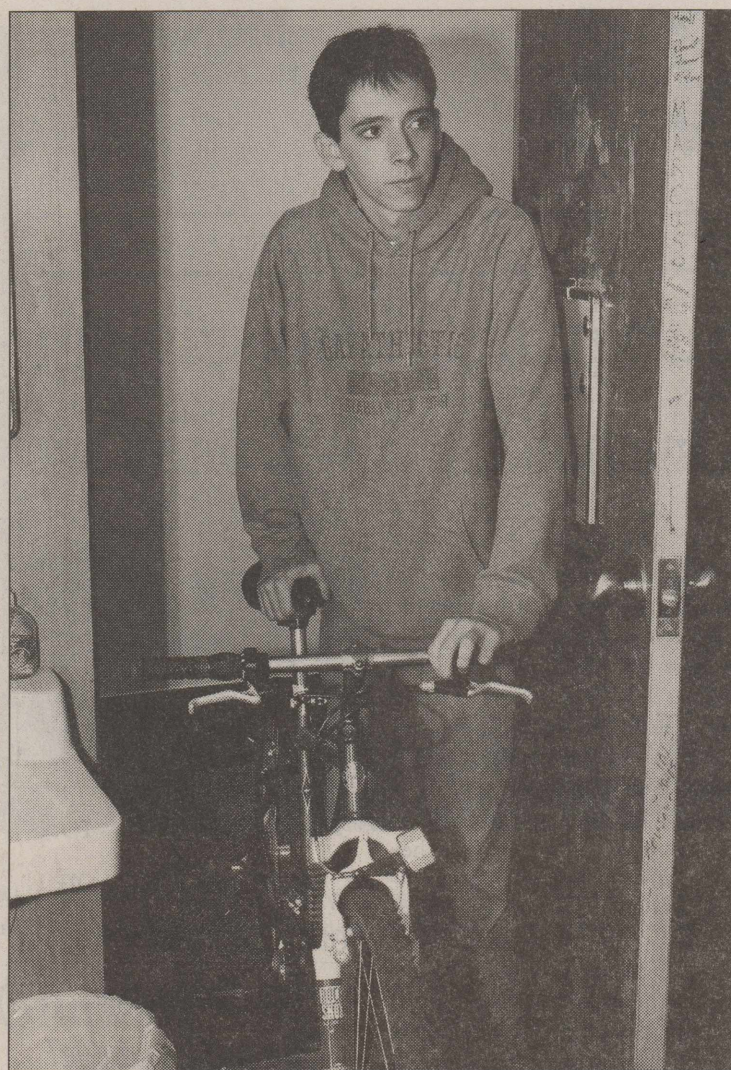
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## A LONG RIDE HOME



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**CHRISTIAN SCHMOKER**, A freshman theater arts major from Eureka, Mo., and a third-floor Wall/Gates resident, rolls his bike into his room Tuesday morning before going home for the Thanksgiving break.

# FEMA to stop paying for Katrina evacuees' leases in March, attempt to help transition

By **JAY LANGLEY**  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The federal government will stop reimbursing the city of Lubbock for housing Hurricane Katrina evacuees beginning March 1.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will terminate all leases the city signed on behalf of evacuees. The evacuees will have to sign their own leases and collect funding for the apartments from FEMA on their own, according to the FEMA Web site, [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

"We are not throwing people out on the street," said Tom Bush, FEMA deputy public assistance officer in Texas. "We are simply transitioning from the Public Assistance Program to the Individual Assistance Program."

The Public Assistance Program serves to shelter people during major disasters. The Individual Assistance Program, Bush said, is where people belong. The program

provides funding for long-term housing or home repair.

"The public program lasted longer than it should have," Bush said. "But the individual program, which is always available, was so busy that we had to use the public funding longer than we wanted to."

Bush said individuals looking to use the Individual Assistance Program must go through an application process with the city in which they wish to live.

Bill Maloy, president of the Lubbock Apartment Association, said there are currently 100 units being rented to Katrina evacuees in Lubbock.

Maloy said leases are done on a case-by-case basis.

"If you are young and can work, then you need to pay your own rent," Maloy said. "But if, for instance, you are older and cannot work, you can apply for the Individual Assistance Program."

Most of the leases signed by evacuees in Lubbock are six-month leases, he said.

"But the evacuee's leases are different in that they can

get out of them whenever they want," Maloy said. "If someone from New Orleans gets their life back together, they can move back home whenever they want without having to worry about breaking the lease."

Maloy said he believes FEMA is handling the situation poorly.

"They have made a mess of the entire situation," he said. "(Lubbock) got lucky. Most places like Dallas and Houston are not being paid to house Hurricane Katrina evacuees."

Bush said Hurricane Katrina created a tough situation for FEMA.

"It was unprecedented," he said. "We did not know how many evacuees we would have to place and exactly where they would be going. But now

that the situation has somewhat calmed down, the evacuees are being housed effectively."

The evacuees who apply for the Individual Assistance Program will continue to receive federal funding for their apartments until March 2007.

FEMA has announced a two-week extension of the deadline for termination of FEMA's hotel program for evacuees from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It will now end on Dec. 15 nationwide, according to the

FEMA Web site. The 10 states, including Texas, with the highest concentration of evacuees also have been given the opportunity to further extend the termination deadline through Jan. 7, 2006, upon application by the governor.

*"We are not throwing people out on the street. We are simply transitioning."*

— **TOM BUSH**  
FEMA Deputy Public Assistance Officer

## Reaching for the stars: Independently developed spacecraft's launch postponed

NASA may not be the only spacecraft company with launch troubles.

Falcon 1, the first spacecraft from independent spacecraft developer SpaceX, failed to see the stars on its maiden voyage Saturday.

The unintentional loss of liquid oxygen and helium was the cause for postponing the launch, according to the SpaceX Web site.

Depending on when they can get more liquid oxygen, the company has tentatively moved the launch date to mid-December.

If it launches, Falcon 1 will be the first privately developed, liquid-fueled rocket to reach orbit and will get there at a lower cost than any existing rocket.

Riding aboard the rocket will be FalconSat-2, a satellite from the U.S. Air Force with equipment designed to measure the space plasma phenomena.

— **Carlos Bergfeld/Staff Writer**

## After 55 years, woman returns to earn college degree

DENTON (AP) — Seventy-one-year-old Virginia McNeill can hardly wait to put her college degree to use.

"People ask me what am I going to do with my degree, and I say 'I'm going to frame it,'" said McNeill, who is scheduled to graduate from the University of North Texas on Dec. 17.

McNeill has owned McNeill's Furniture and Appliance in downtown Denton since 1962.

She started chasing a college degree 11 years before that.

"Thank goodness there's not a statute of limitations on dreams," she said. "Time didn't run out on me, so I'm really lucky. I sure didn't expect it to take so long."

McNeill wanted a business degree when she enrolled at the university in 1951. She left school the next year with 40 hours of credit because she was starting a family and helping with the family business.

Inspired by her aunt, who graduated from college in 1922, McNeill always promised herself that one day, she would return to college, she said.

In 1984, she returned to school and took nine more hours of coursework, but then she left again.

In 2002, she cracked the books once more and promised herself this time she wouldn't quit until she had a college degree.

"I've had a wonderful life, and I wouldn't change any of it, but I always had this nagging feeling that I wanted to go back and get my degree," she said.

The UNT program that fit her best, she said, was the applied arts and sciences in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service.

That program gives students some latitude to take courses that fit them. It also allowed McNeill to apply some of the classes that aren't offered any more, such as shorthand, toward her degree.

One course in the program helped her validate a lot of things she has learned as a business owner.

"That class was a very rewarding experience," she said. "It showed me it was not a silly idea for me to go to school. It showed me I could do this."

And she's celebrating her feat with a daylong open house Dec. 16 at her business.

## Analysis shows Microsoft not profiting from 360 console; accessories another story

Gamers wondering whether to buy a \$400 Xbox 360 may feel relieved to know Microsoft is not making a single dollar in console sales.

In fact, for every premium system manufactured and sold, the company loses \$126, according to an analysis by BusinessWeek.

The first Xbox console cost Microsoft \$323 to produce, which also gave Microsoft a net loss when selling the system for \$299. The new console's price tag comes to \$470 before assembly, according to BusinessWeek.

Although they may have trouble finding one of the consoles, gamers should have less trouble finding the games and accessories for the system, which remain available at many retailers.

BusinessWeek said Microsoft's strategy with the both the Xbox and the Xbox 360 has been to make up their monetary losses with hardware sales on sales of software and peripherals.

— **Carlos Bergfeld/Staff Writer**

## Water supply in Chinese city restored after chemical spill

HARBIN, China (AP) — Running water was restored Sunday in this city of 3.8 million people where a chemical spill forced a five-day shutdown, but officials warned it was not immediately safe to drink.

Water supplies resumed in Harbin at 6 p.m. — about five hours earlier than expected, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It said tests showed a 50-mile spill of toxic benzene in the Songhua River had passed the city in northeastern China.

State television showed the governor of Heilongjiang province, where Harbin is located, drinking a glass of boiled water drawn from a tap at a local family's home.

"It tastes good," said Gov. Zhang Zuoji.

Wang Minghe, deputy general manager of the Harbin water department, said the water was still "dangerous" to drink "because it's been sitting in pipes for five days." He said it should be used only for other purposes, such as washing.

"We will advise citizens when they can drink the water," he told reporters taken on a tour of a water-treatment plant.

Wang did not say how soon the water might be considered safe for drinking.

The government will cut water fees to encourage the public to use water as quickly as possible over the next few days to flush out the old supply and "enable it to be drinkable sooner," Wang said.

Earlier Sunday, Liu Yurun, general manager for the Harbin Water Group, the city's water utility, said local radio and television stations would broadcast a color-based indicator of water safety over the next few days.

Work crews were installing more than 1,000 tons of carbon filters at water plants in preparation for treating supplies from the Songhua, according to state media.

Before service resumed, people lined up for another day in freezing wind holding out buckets and teakettles for free water delivered by truck from wells operated by factories and a beer brewery.

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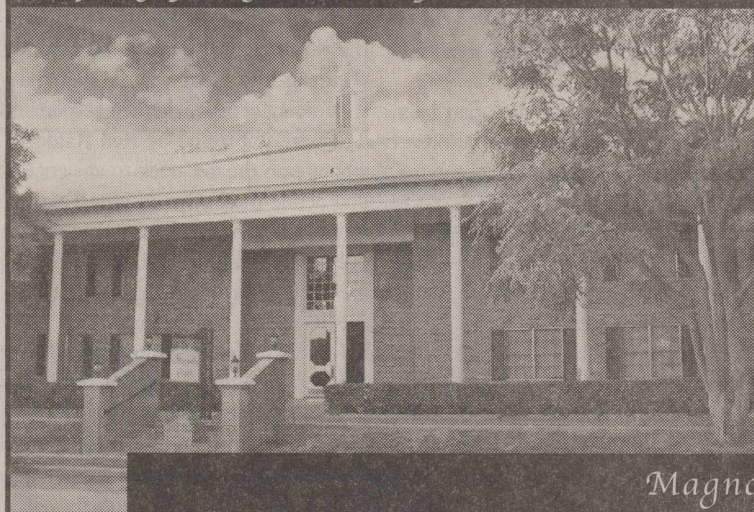
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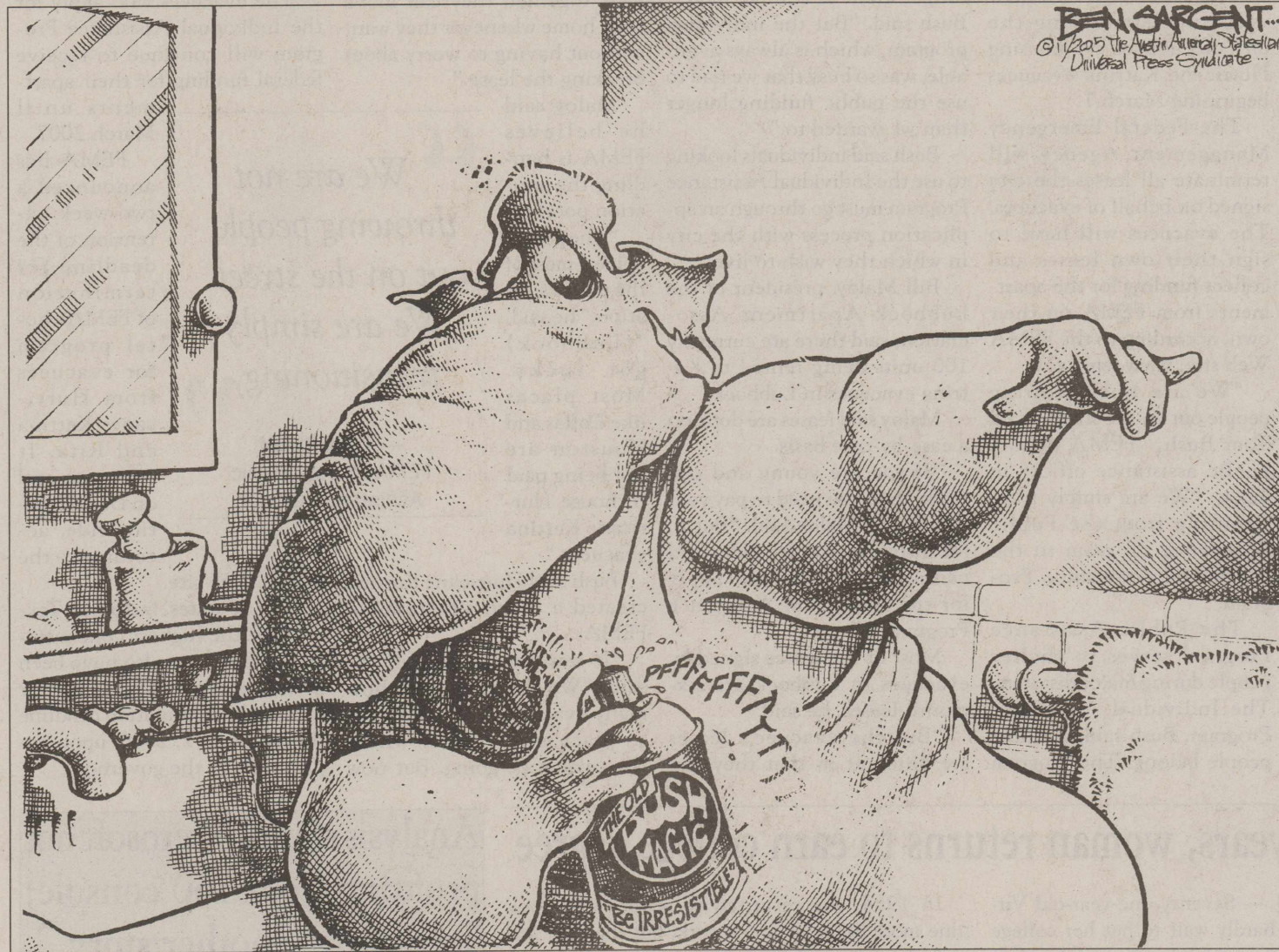
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## Play to win it all in the game of life

Unlike the board game, real life is about more than making money

Two weeks ago, I joined a bunch of people for a game night. I was torn as to whether to jump in on a rousing round of *Trivial Pursuit* or join in as Colonel Mustard in *Clue*, but ultimately, I decided to be the sixth player in the game of *Life*.

It wasn't until I was behind the wheel of my orange station wagon that I remembered I hate that game.

I prefer games that require a degree of skill and *Life* only concerns the spin of the wheel and the luck of the draw. Like *Oedipus*, I was trapped in my fate and could only hope for the best.

As my pink, bald, breastless, armless wife and I cruised around *Life's* corners receiving \$50,000 for winning the Nobel Prize, paying an outrageous \$15,000 for a broken leg and becoming grandparents when we had no children, I began thinking about the game in relation to real life. Other players drew lavish mansions as their homes and had salaries two or three times higher than mine. I grew envious, even though it only was a game.

I started to wonder if in my real life, I had set myself up for disaster. I have invested three and a half years into studying political science and English, fields that do not ensure big paychecks. I finished the game owing money to the bank and living in the crappy retirement village.

I left that night feeling insecure about my choices and contemplating ways to put myself on the path to riches. Less than an hour later, I was studying at the library when I saw a friend there who

I hadn't heard of in awhile. She said she was glad to have run into me because she needed my help.

She and her friends had been bringing food to some homeless men who camped outside a building downtown. She was the only one who hadn't yet gone home for Thanksgiving and wanted someone to go with her to give them one more meal.

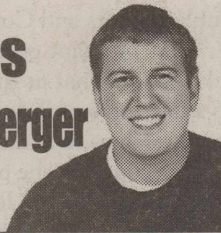
I agreed to go, and we bought some sandwiches, chips and water. As we drove away from the beautiful Texas Tech campus into the run-down areas of Lubbock, she told me about how, since she'd seen me last, she'd felt called to devote her life to service.

As promised, there were three men downtown with nothing more than sleeping bags to keep them warm. They seemed pleased to see us and were grateful for the food we brought. We asked them how they were doing and shared a few laughs before wishing them well and driving away.

Within a few hours, I had been handed two profound illustrations of different motivations. On one hand, the board game had shown me that to win in life, I had to be wealthy. On the other was my friend who spent her time and money helping out people who were down on their luck.

During the break, I saw the movie rendition of the musical "Rent." (Yeah, I'm not the movie critic, but I say it was pretty good.) In the opening scene, the characters wonder in song about what is the best way to measure life. After

**James Hershberger**



Professionals I've met who entered their careers for money are, without exception, miserable.

dismissing daylights, sunsets, midnights and cups of coffee, they conclude it is best to measure in love.

I know many people who measure the worth of their lives in the cost of their cars, the size of their homes and the amount of money in their accounts. They are impressed by Red Raiders who are on the fast track to affluence, and deride those who decide to teach in inner-city schools. They name-drop, vacation in exclusive resorts, pay \$200 for T-shirts and die leaving no legacy in the lives of the less fortunate.

At this school, there are many different kinds of people. Some are meant to be doctors, others to be business people, others to be artists and the list goes on. Diversity is an asset because it takes all types for the world to function.

But we should all be identical in our motivation and in our commitment to helping others.

Our motivation in pursuing our careers should be a genuine interest, not a selfish desire to be wealthy. I've met students who were in their major primarily for a great starting salary. It didn't work out for most of them, and professionals I've met who entered their careers for the money are, without exception, miserable. They range from having unpleasant demeanors to being suicidal.

We all also should conform to the goal of bettering the lives of others. No matter where our aptitudes and talents land us on the pay scale, we need to follow my friend's example and give back as much as we can.

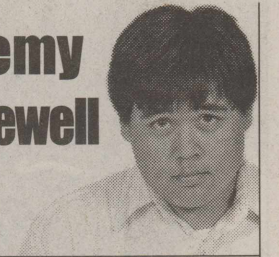
It could be donations of funds, use of job skills in a charitable regard or just old-fashioned helping out. A nation as wealthy as ours has no excuse for not helping the less fortunate as much as we can, both as private citizens and through the government.

In the game of life, both on boards and in practice, we have no control over what sort of challenges will come our way. But we can choose to be driven by love for others, while passing by those who think being rich will help make them win the game.

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## Surviving Thanksgiving: One holiday down, one to go

**Jeremy Glidewell**



As I write this, it's 11:30 p.m. Saturday, and I just got back into Lubbock. This shouldn't concern my two readers (Hi Mom and Dad), but it does lead somewhere. I don't check my e-mail when I am at my parents' house unless I'm there for more than a few days.

Why not? My parents live far enough from civilization that they cannot, without spending inordinate amounts of money, get broadband. Combined with sporadic, at best, phone-line quality, this means the modem is clocking out at warp speeds up to and including 21.6 kilobytes per second. I just don't have the patience. What does this mean?

Not a whole lot except that I didn't get notice of my impending column deadline until right now, and thus, will treat the readers to something not entirely creative — either the story of my Thanksgiving break, or a Gizoogole.com retelling of my first column. (Gizoogole is a Web site that translates any Web site into Snoop Dogg language because, let's face it, Snoop Dogg makes everything better, even Lee Iacocca.)

It's the first week of school, in the newly christened *Daily Toreador's* opinion pizzle is biznack, bring'n you a proverbial "OK Corral" between those that T-H-to-tha-izzink Bizzay is persona non grata n those that thizzay we should repeal the 22nd Amendment ta give him 'a shawty more time ta defeat "that there terrorism." But Bizzay n tha war is not tha only mackin' trippin' this campus in two. Bananas is going extinct fo' sheezy."

Who the crap is Bizzay? Bush? Really? Wow, that's really dumb. Thanksgiving it is.

It should be known before I start that my family has two Thanksgiving dinners, one on Thanksgiving proper for my dad's side, the other on the day after for my mom's side. My dad's side is in general pretty normal, with one mild problem.

There is a significant age gap between my siblings and me, and any other members of my generation in the family — about 7 years in either direction. This leaves me with very little in the way of common ground with either side.

The result being that I am eventually either talked about with my parents, or peppered with questions in a similar fashion to Deputy Mayor Mike Flaherty (sorry, there was a Spin City marathon on earlier today) with one notable exception: My mom doesn't let me smart off to my family. This leads to a situation where a question is asked and then followed by a brief silence during which I think what I wanted to say, and then think of something acceptable.

He would ask: "You want me to lay on you?" and then proceed to lay on the child... Who am I to judge? They both seemed to be having fun.

It is not that their questions are really that bad — "When do you graduate?" "What are you going to do afterward?" "How 'bout them Cowboys?" etc. But they are eerily similar to the type that are used when you meet someone for the first time, and not what would be expected from people you see a few times per year.

The entire day was redeemed by the presence of my cousin's semi-famous husband. He's a pro golfer who I will leave nameless for fear of embarrassing him.

He was playing with his child, whom he rarely sees during the heavy PGA season, in what seemed to me to be an awkward manner.

He would ask: "You want me to lay on you?" and then proceed to lay on the child, without putting his weight on him. Who am I to judge? They both seemed to be having fun. However, seeing a pro golfer bark like a dog, crawl around and, in general, act like a parent was a little different.

The other Thanksgiving dinner is less unique in that I have a similar experience to most people my age. I eat a lot of food and then watch TV, avoiding all verbal exchanges outside of greetings and farewells.

I love my family; I'm just not sure what to talk about. And for some reason, this side prefers to ask my mom the questions and keep me from having to exchange niceties — fine by me, as her version probably is a little more developed than mine is anyway.

The day after Thanksgiving (in a similar fashion to this column) was filled with the most nothing I ever thought could be crammed into one day, and I didn't leave for Lubbock until 5 p.m.

Another holiday down with Christmas left to go — Lather, rinse, repeat.

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VIEW FROM THE BIG 12

## Political classification a problem Low TV ratings: Reality bites

By LINDSAY HODGES  
OKLAHOMA DAILY (U. OKLAHOMA)

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — I always thought I was a pretty mild liberal until about two weeks ago.

Apparently, or so I've been told, the things I write and say paint me to be a libertarian. That was news to me, let me assure you.

I vehemently denied my accuser that I am a libertarian because, although it's a great set of ideals, I don't think I'm quite that liberal.

About two hours after my defensive "discussion" (argument) with my accuser, which I smugly believed I had won, I received an e-mail from someone telling me they liked my opinion column on free speech and asking if I'll be at the next libertarian party meeting. Imagine my surprise.

It really made me wonder if perhaps I am a libertarian and I just don't know it. If that's how I come across in my opinion columns and behavior, then I must not be presenting myself properly, because I am sure I veer to the conservative side of liberalism.

But then I wouldn't write something I don't believe (despite how it may seem

in some of my columns), so maybe I am libertarian. Who knows? Certainly not me.

There is such a problem in trying to classify yourself as one thing and basing your actions off that one ideal. It can lead to closed-mindedness, apathy regarding important issues and a general lack of knowledge about one's political party's ideals.

You should absolutely classify yourself as a "conservative" if every single one of your personal beliefs fits in that mold. And ditto for all the other classifications.

But, honestly, how many people just happen to have exactly the same beliefs that shape a movement on every single topic? Not many, I think.

For instance, and for sake of argument, let's say that I am not a Libertarian, but a liberal. Well, I believe in free speech for all (very libertarian) apart from those who can create harm and hatred (e.g. Nazi rallies). So what does that make me? A conservative libertarian? Deep down I know that those crazy Nazis have the right to say what they want, but I just can't stand the thought of them doing it. I accept their right to spout nonsense, but I don't want to hear them doing it.

By WILLIAM MINOR  
THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION — Reality television. Who came up with that title? Forget that it's a misnomer; try "oxymoron." Reality TV is about as far from an accurate depiction of "the real world" as it gets. Participants are put in ridiculous and absurd situations, expected to scarf live insects, date a mom or even take a million dollars in exchange for "true" love. For better or worse, these shows speak to and of our society, a society entranced by the boob tube of reality.

Wikipedia defines reality television as, "...a genre of television programming which generally is unsanitized, documenting actual events over fiction and featuring 'ordinary' people over professional actors." Well, she may not be "ordinary," but anyone who's seen "Crossroads" can vouch for Britney Spears' amateur actress status at best. So, naturally, UPN offered her a chance at true fame this past summer: The chance to have her own reality television show. But what did America learn from this testament to true creative genius? In short, not much.

Only 3.7 million viewers tuned in to the first episode, and little more than half of that were willing to watch the finale. The show apparently left a lasting mark on its viewers. But according to Nielsen Media Research, 56 percent of all television shows in cable and broadcast are of the reality bent. And hundreds of these shows have been aired or are in the works. So the genre is here to stay, like it or not.

If following the fascinating and fabulous lives of celebs is not your cup of tea, then you might as well skip "The Osbournes" and "Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica" and go straight for the good stuff, "The Real World." This show is the true story of seven strangers, picked to live in a house and show 18- to 24-year-olds the debauched lives we should be living. America knows this is not reality. In fact, an AP-TV Guide poll found that 82 percent of those surveyed said reality TV shows are either "totally made up" or "mostly distorted."

Also, according to the same survey, "Four out of five Americans say they think too many reality shows are on the air." So what is it with our overwhelming fascination of these shows? Why do they constitute the majority of today's television productions? Well, 79 million viewers of "Laguna Beach" will attest, quite simply, that they are entertaining. They show us an extreme world where everything is unbelievable.

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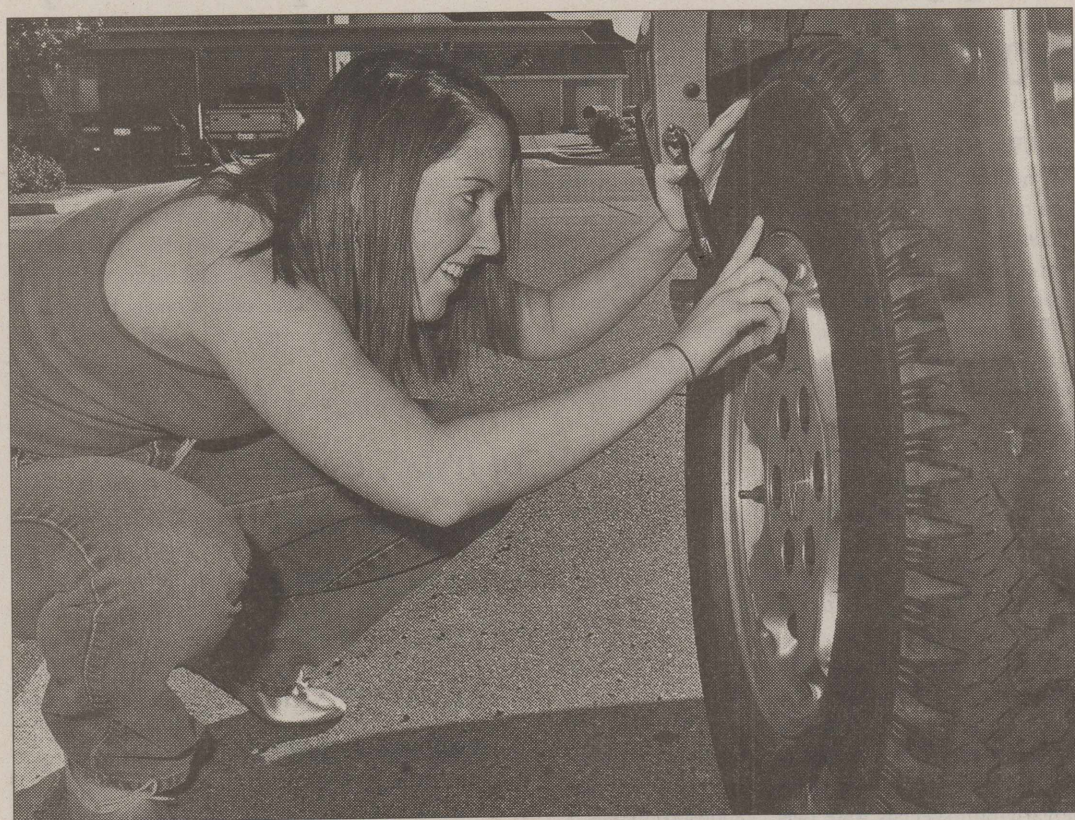
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ANGIE WOOD, A junior fashion design major from Houston, checks the air pressure in her tires before making her nine-hour drive home for the Thanksgiving break Tuesday afternoon.

## Gluttony

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more modern age, eating disorders are cropping up in teenagers and college students.

About 10 percent of female college students are considered to have clinical or sub-clinical eating disorders, according to a set of statistics at [www.annecol-lins.com](http://www.annecol-lins.com).

Wittenburg said both females and males are at risk for eating disorders, but women tend to seek help more than their male counterparts who often opt to deal with their disorders on their own.

"A lot of people don't look for help because they don't want

to be categorized," she said.

It is a fairly common trend in adults who overeat to come from pasts that included anorexia when they were younger, Wittenburg said. Eating disorders tend to manifest themselves in different forms.

About 30 percent of women who seek treatment to lose weight have a binge eating disorder, according to the Web site for Anorexia Nervosa

and Related Eating Disorders Inc, [www.anred.com](http://www.anred.com).

Meanwhile, about 60 percent of adult Americans are overweight, and 34 percent are obese, according to the Web site.

Jessica Cisneros, a teaching assistant from Albuquerque, N.M., said she believes eating disorders and obesity are

problems that are amplified by the media.

"All of the magazines and

TV shows have all these skinny girls," she said. "Real people don't always look like that."

Wittenburg said the media's spotlight on such disorders is unfair, and she does not believe eating disorders should be categorized as "deadly sins."

"Everybody just tries to deal with things the best they can," she said.

Anyone struggling with an eating disorder can seek help at the Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders hotline at (847) 831-3438.

Check out The Daily Toreador Tuesday, as another deadly sin, Pride, will be discussed.

## China

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In neighboring Hubei province, one person died and 81 were injured, including 78 students caught in a stampede during evacuation, Xinhua said.

Chinese Central Television news showed rows of crumbled brick buildings and deep cracks in the walls of buildings still standing in Ruichang.

The news showed a young boy with his head heavily bandaged and a man crying on a bench as he cradled an injured leg. An old man and his injured wife shared a cot at a makeshift medical center set up in the street.

Many people in Ruichang, which has a population of about 420,000 people, were staying outside for fear of more aftershocks and 1,000 tents were being sent to the area, Xinhua said.

Temperatures in the region were relatively mild, hovering around 50 degrees, weather reports said.

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## Iran

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buildings on Qeshm Island were damaged. The island, which has about 200,000 residents, is about 940 miles south of Tehran, the capital.

Shahram Alamdari, head of the rescue unit for the Iranian Red Crescent, said two helicopters were evacuating injured from Qeshm to Bandar Abbas, a city of 500,000 people that also was jolted by the quake.

Iranian television ran video from Qeshm showing minor damages to some buildings and a few injured being taken to hospitals. The report said the villages of Karavan and Kousheh were worst hit, but no footage was shown from those sites.

The quake cut telephone links

between Qeshm Island and the mainland, the report said.

In Oman and the United Arab Emirates, buildings were evacuated and people fled into the streets.

"Power and water supplies were not affected," said Alireza Khorshidzadeh, a local journalist. "People poured into the streets, fearing aftershocks."

In Dubai, one of the seven emirates of the UAE, several buildings in the skyscraper-lined central business district were evacuated. They included the twin Emirates Towers, the highest buildings on the main street, where many international corporations and Dubai government institutions have offices.

"It lasted around 30 seconds or so — you could feel the building moving and the coffee cups shaking," said public relations executive Bina Mathews.

TV shows have all these skinny girls. Real people don't always look like that.

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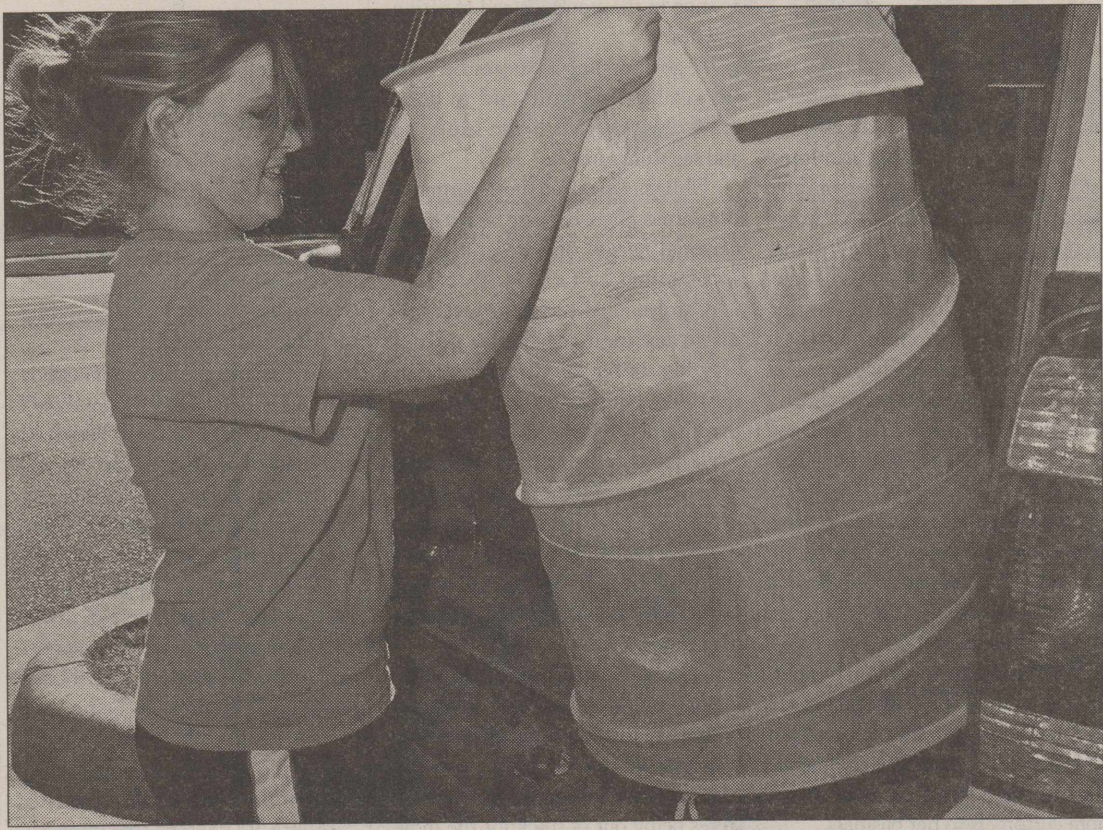
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LAUNDRY LOADING



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MEGAN KENNEY, A sophomore industrial engineering major from Slaton, loads her laundry hamper into the back of her car to take home for the Thanksgiving break Tuesday afternoon.

Shoppers crowd stores but spend only modestly as holiday season kicks off

NEW YORK (AP) — The 2005 holiday shopping season got off to only a modest start over the Thanksgiving weekend as consumers responded initially to aggressive discounting and then retreated.

"There was a lot of hype, a lot of promotions and lot of people, but the results were on the lukewarm side," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers, estimating that the weekend's sales results were down from a year ago. He said heavy markdowns forced retailers to sell more goods in order to meet sales targets.

Analysts said there was heavy shopper traffic early Friday when stores opened even earlier than usual for the day after Thanksgiving, offering deep, deep discounts. When the early-bird specials were over, consumers lost their enthusiasm.

"If you give Americans a bargain, they will get up whatever time to take advantage of it. But I don't think this weekend turned out to be as big as retailers hoped," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, based in Charleston, S.C.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which stumbled in the 2004 holiday season by not offering enough discounts,

was back in the game, attracting hordes of shoppers in the pre-dawn hours Friday with discounted TVs and DVD players. Its efforts appeared to have paid off; it reported better-than-expected sales Friday and also estimated that November sales at stores open at least a year would be up 4.3 percent.

J.C. Penney Co. Inc. said that traffic and sales over the weekend were better than expected, but didn't give details. Toys R Us Inc. spokeswoman Kathleen Waugh said the company was pleased with results for the weekend, and cited such best-selling bargains as Mattel Inc.'s Barbie Fashion Doll and MGA's Bratz doll styling head.

ShopperTrak RCT Corp., which monitors sales at more than 45,000 retail outlets, found that it was a difficult weekend overall. The company said late Saturday that Friday's sales slipped 0.9 percent to \$8 billion, only a small change from a hefty 10.8 percent gain a year earlier. But Niemira, who serves as a consultant to ShopperTrak, said the

company's preliminary figures showed business dropped off dramatically on Saturday, resulting in the weekend's results being weaker than a year ago.

Actual results for Saturday will not be available until Monday, he said.

The National Retail Federation offered a more upbeat report. According to a survey of 4,209 consumers conducted by Bigresearch on Friday and Saturday, total weekend spending from Thanksgiving Day through Sunday totaled \$27.8 billion, a 21.9 percent increase over last year's \$22.8 billion. The figures include online spending.

According to Visa USA, overall sales volume on Visa branded cards for the combined Friday and Saturday period surpassed \$7 billion, a 15 percent increase over the year-ago period.

A clearer picture of how the retailers fared over the Thanksgiving weekend will emerge Thursday, when retailers report sales results for all of November.

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—MICHAEL P. NIEMIRA  
Economist

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New competitor enters next-generation DVD race

While Blu-ray and HD-DVD have gained much media attention in their battle for company support for blue-laser storage mediums, a third company promises to deliver superior technology utilizing an entirely different method.

InPhase Technology, which spun off from Lucent's Bell Labs in December 2002, has developed a form of media, which utilizes holographic storage technology to allow up to 300 gigabytes of storage.

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## FSU latest fixture to fall

NEW YORK (AP) — First Oklahoma fell from the Top 25, then Michigan was gone. Tennessee dropped out a month later and now Florida State.

The Seminoles became the latest Top 25 fixture to fall from *The Associated Press* poll this season, dropping out on Sunday after losing their third straight game.

Florida State is unranked this week for the first time since late November 2001.

With much of the Top 25 idle last weekend, and no big upsets in the limited schedule, there was little movement in the media poll.

Southern California, which was off this week, is No. 1 for a record 32nd straight poll. USC finishes its season Saturday against UCLA.

Texas is No. 2, but the Longhorns lost four first-place votes this week to USC after a tougher-than-expected 40-29 victory at Texas A&M. Texas plays Colorado in the Big 12 title game. If USC and Texas stay undefeated, they'll play in the Rose Bowl for the Bowl Championship Series title.

No. 3 LSU, No. 4 Penn State and No. 5 Virginia Tech held their places in the latest rankings.

Florida State is the seventh team ranked in the AP preseason top 15 to fall out of the rankings at some point this season. The others are Tennessee, Michigan, Oklahoma, Iowa, Louisville and Purdue.

Oklahoma was preseason No. 7 but lost two of its first three games and has been unranked since. The Sooners had been ranked in every poll since 2000.

Two weeks later, Michigan fell out of the AP Top 25 after a 2-2 start, ending a streak of 114 straight weeks in the rankings. It was the longest streak in the nation at the time and dated to Oct. 18, 1998. The Wolverines, ranked fourth in the

preseason, have since started a new streak.

Last month, Tennessee dropped out for the first time in three years after the third of what turned out to be four straight losses. The Vols began the year ranked third.

In Sunday's poll, idle Ohio State jumped to No. 6, slipping past Notre Dame, which dropped a spot to No. 7 after needing a late touchdown to beat Stanford 38-31 and become eligible for the BCS. Oregon is No. 8, followed by Auburn and Miami.

No. 11 UCLA begins the second 10, ahead of West Virginia, Georgia, Alabama and TCU.

The top 15 teams in the *USA Today* coaches poll and the AP poll are the same.

Louisville moved up a spot to No. 16 in the AP poll.

No. 17 Florida defeated then-No. 23 Florida State 34-7, sending the Seminoles to three consecutive losses for the first time since 1983.

Florida State (7-4) dropped out of the Top 25 for two weeks in 2001, but finished the season ranked 15th.

Before that season, the Seminoles last were unranked under coach Bobby Bowden in September 1989 when they started the season with losses to Southern Mississippi and Clemson and finished with 10 straight victories.

Florida State plays Virginia Tech in the Atlantic Coast Conference title game on Saturday.

"I told them we got a ball game next week as big as this one," Bowden said. "That's all you can do when you get beat."

Texas Tech is No. 18, followed by Boston College and Michigan.

No. 21 is Wisconsin and Clemson is 22nd.

Fresno State, a week after nearly upsetting USC, lost to Nevada 38-35 and dropped seven

spots to No. 23. Georgia Tech fell four spots to No. 24 after losing 14-7 to Georgia.

Iowa moved back into the rankings for the first time since sliding out in late September. The Hawkeyes finished their season two weeks ago at 7-4.

### NCAA TOP 25

(AP) — The Top 25 teams in *The Associated Press* college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 26, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pts
1. Southern Cal (55)	11-0	1,615	1
2. Texas (10)	11-0	1,570	2
3. LSU	10-1	1,447	3
4. Penn St.	10-1	1,430	4
5. Virginia Tech	10-1	1,332	5
6. Ohio St.	9-2	1,276	7
7. Notre Dame	9-2	1,252	6
8. Oregon	10-1	1,144	8
9. Auburn	9-2	1,126	9
10. Miami	9-2	989	10
11. UCLA	9-1	942	11
12. West Virginia	9-1	932	12
13. Georgia	9-2	899	13
14. Alabama	9-2	758	14
15. TCU	10-1	740	15
16. Louisville	8-2	600	17
17. Florida	8-3	542	19
18. Texas Tech	9-2	512	18
19. Boston College	8-3	396	21
20. Michigan	7-4	340	22
21. Wisconsin	9-3	317	24
22. Clemson	7-4	225	25
23. Fresno St.	8-3	203	16
24. Georgia Tech	7-4	187	20
25. Iowa	7-4	91	N/A

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 73, South Carolina 64, Florida St. 24, UCF 20, Boise St. 15, Nevada 13, California 10, Nebraska 8, Northwestern 8, Colorado 7, Minnesota 6, Toledo 6, Iowa St. 4, UTEP 2.

## Eagles file tampering complaint against 'Boys

NEW YORK (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles have filed a tampering complaint against the Dallas Cowboys after Dallas owner Jerry Jones suggested on a radio show that his team is often interested in players such as suspended wide receiver Terrell Owens.

"In general, I am a risk-taker. We've gone down that road," Jones said when asked if the Cowboys might be interested in Owens. "I probably have a propensity to try and make things work. ... A top receiver could flourish with Drew Bledsoe. That's always appealing."

NFL spokesman Michael Signora confirmed Sunday the Eagles filed the complaint over Jones' remark and said "the matter is under review."

Owens was suspended for four games by the Eagles on Nov. 5 for criticizing quarterback Donovan McNabb, fighting with team "ambassador" Hugh Douglas and other actions deemed detrimental to the team. Last Tuesday, the suspension was upheld by an arbitrator.

After the suspension ends, the Eagles are expected to deactivate Owens for the rest of the season. He is expected to be traded or released for next season.

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## Shop 'til you drop

Holiday shoppers brave the crowds on Black Friday

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HOUSTON — Rosalyn Brown woke up early on Friday. She dressed herself for comfort and prepared for a long and taxing day. Her quest was simple: find and purchase as many Christmas presents as she could.

There would be many hardships along the way, however. Crowds and hunger were her enemies, she said, but she knew she could prevail.

Post-Thanksgiving Day shopping may seem like a daunting task, but for the shoppers who commit to being a part of the crowds, it is an important tradition.

Brown said she is aware that post-Thanksgiving shopping is hectic, with long lines and crowds.

"I expect it," she said. "I still come out every year."

Brown braves the crowds for the savings she receives at the Thanksgiving weekend sales.

Brown said she arrived at the mall when it opened so she could start shopping before the largest crowds. She said the doorbuster savings were worth the inconvenience of the crowds.

Brown purchased several gifts

for her family members and a few bath items for herself. She said she did not complete her shopping on Friday, but she made a significant dent in her Christmas list.

Cordeloa Richardson, a holiday shopper, said she also purchased many items on her Christmas list. However, she said her main reason for shopping was the savings on clothes. Richardson bought winter clothes for her daughters.

She does not have a problem with the crowds because she avoids them by staying in department stores and other areas that are less frequented by people. Richardson said the clothes departments usually are less crowded because people buy other items for Christmas gifts.

She goes to the malls because it is where the best deals are, she said.

Richardson usually shops either early in the day or early evening, when the bulk of the crowds have left.

"(The stores) have great savings every year," Richardson said. "It's a tradition for me to go."

Sharon Phillips also considers it a tradition. She and her daughter, Autumn Phillips, go every year.

"She thrives on it," Sharon Phillips said of her daughter.

Autumn Phillips said she enjoys being a part of the rush. The tradition causes her to feel like Christmas is starting, she said.

Their tradition is not for Christmas gifts, Sharon Phillips said. It is simply for savings in general.

Autumn Phillips said she bought clothes for the winter season.

Omar Juarez, another holiday shopper, said his family bought him some clothes for the cooler season. He said he needed more pants and shirts.

Juarez said receiving new clothes was the only good thing to come out of his holiday shopping experience. He did not enjoy the traffic and crowds Friday.

"The crowds have been hard," Juarez said. "Everything has run smoothly, otherwise."

He said it is a bothersome experience, but his family insists on coming every year.

He said he sometimes tries to convince his family to let him sleep in and avoid the mayhem of holiday shopping, but they persuade him to go.

As much of a hassle as the holiday shopping day was, Juarez said, it was worth the trouble because of the new items he received.

## Elton John to 'feel the love,' wed Dec. 21

LONDON (AP) — Elton John says he and his partner, David Furnish, will tie the knot next month under Britain's new civil union law.

The ceremony will be held Dec. 21, the effective date of the legislation creating partnerships to give gays many of the legal protections available to married heterosexuals.

"It'll be a very small family affair, and then in the evening there'll be a soiree somewhere, which we have yet to work out," John told Attitude magazine in an interview released Thursday.

The only guests at the ceremony itself, he said, will be his parents and Furnish's parents.

"They've been so fantastic to us and so supportive. Out of respect for their support, we want to just keep it small," John was quoted as saying.

Furnish, a Canadian-born filmmaker, and John have been together for 12 years, and John has publicly credited Furnish with helping him to overcome addictions to alcohol and drugs. The pop star was previously married to studio technician Renate Blauel.

The new law, passed by Parliament last year, does not use the term "marriage," but grants same-sex couples such benefits as rights to their partners' pensions and exemption from paying inheritance tax on a partner's home.

## Katrina University

Displaced New Orleans college students may not be able to seek permanent shelter from the storm

(AP) — Stephanie Swisher is settling in nicely as a freshman at the University of Virginia, enjoying classes, Naval ROTC, club volleyball and football Saturdays.

Things are going so well, in fact, that she would rather not return to Tulane University in New Orleans, the school she had expected to attend until Hurricane Katrina struck.

"The argument that everyone's giving me is that I'm a freshman so I've never known Tulane, I need to give it a chance," she said. "My argument is, why should I have to?"

Swisher probably will have to give Tulane a chance. Despite her wishes, and a 600-signature petition she helped organize, Virginia is sticking by the conditions under which visiting students were admitted after the hurricane: they must return when their school reopens. And Tulane is scheduled to reopen Jan. 17.

After Katrina, colleges around the country took in an estimated 18,000 displaced New Orleans students. Now, the New Orleans schools desperately need those

students to return next semester and pay tuition.

Exactly how many will return won't be known until January. Tulane says 80 percent of its students have already re-registered. Loyola University, which received little damage, just started registration and can only say more than half for now.

The situation will likely be more dire at schools like Xavier and Dillard, which are poorer and suffered more storm damage.

Some students simply want to stay where they are, particularly freshmen who never got attached to their original schools.

Student councils at Virginia, Harvard and the University of California, Berkeley, have passed resolutions calling on their schools to be more flexible in letting New Orleans students at least apply to transfer.

Officially, those and other colleges are saying no, wary of breaking their promises to other schools or, in some cases, of letting students use the situation to "trade up" to a more prestigious school.

## Torriero, Stewart break engagement

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kimberly Stewart and "Laguna Beach" star Talan Torriero say their wedding plans are off.

"It was just too soon to enter into a lifelong commitment," their representatives said in a joint statement. "It is better to have a brief engagement than a short marriage. The couple continue to share their time together and remain open to whatever the future may hold."

Stewart, the 26-year-old daughter of singer Rod Stewart, and Torriero, a 19-year-old star of the MTV reality show, announced their engagement earlier this month.

Stewart's representative, Elliot Mintz, said they "remain friends." Mintz said they began dating "a relatively short period of time" ago. "It would be in the category of weeks as opposed to months," he said.

Stewart is a close friend of Paris Hilton and was at one time reported to be a possible replacement of Nicole Richie on the canceled Fox reality show "The Simple Life."

Torriero has said he's attempting to start a music career.

Read online at [dailytoreador.com](http://dailytoreador.com).

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2005

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7 AM	Jay Jay	Today	Early Show	Believers Voice	Good Morning America (HD)	Jack Hanna
:30	Callou "Winter"			Life Today		Sabrina
8 AM	Bears			Awesome Adv.		Roseanne
:30	Barney			Paid Program		Roseanne
9 AM	Dragon Tales			Judge Mathis	Tony Danza	Martha Billy Bush
:30	Arthur			Paid Program		
10 AM	Sesame Street	Regis & Kelly	Price Is Right	Judge Joe Judge Joe	The View	Tyra Banks
:30	Mister Rogers	Jeopardy!	Young and the Restless (HD)	Judge Hatchett	Paid Program	Starting Over
:30	Teletubbies	Jeopardy!		Paid Program		
12 PM	HomeTime	News	KLBK 13 News	Jerry Springer	All My Children	Access Holywd Extra
:30	Love of Quilting	Days of Our Lives	Bold & Beautiful			
1 PM	Scrapbook	Passions	As the World Turns	Paid Program	One Life to Live	People's Court
:30	Zoom		Guiding Light	Eye for an Eye	General Hospital	Judge Alex
2 PM	The Lions	Inside Edition		Paid Program		Divorce Court
:30	Reading	Oprah Winfrey	Maury	Just Shoot Me	Montel Williams	Ellen DeGeneres
3 PM	Buster	Cyberchase		Becker		
:30	Clifford	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	The '70s Show	Insider	Fox 34 News First @ Four
:30	Arthur		Judge Judy	Malcolm	Geraldo	
4 PM	Maya Miguel	News	KLBK 13 News	Access Holywd	News	Malcolm
:30	Nightly Business	Nightly News	Evening News	Family Feud	World News	Simpsons
5 PM	NewsHour with Jim Lehrer	Wheel Fortune	Who Mil.	Extra	Entertainment	Raymond
:30	Antiques Roadshow	Surface (HD)	King of Queens	One on One	Wife Swap	Prison Break "Odd Man Out"
:30	American Experience	Two & 1/2 (HD)	Out of Practice	All of Us (HD)	"Stonerock/Finley"	
6 PM	Cultivated Life: Thomas (HD)	Medium "The Reckoning" (HD)	CSI: Miami "Shattered" (HD)	Wife and Kids	Wife and Kids (HD)	Fox 34 News @ Nine
:30	Nightly Business	News	KLBK 13 News	That '70s Show	King of Hill	Sinfeld
:30	Charlie Rose	(35) Jay Leno (HD)	David Letterman	Amanda Peet	Fear Factor	News
7 PM	BBC World	(35) Conan O'Brien (HD)	(35) Late Late Show	Paid Program	(35) ET	Friends
:30	Destinos	(35) Last Call	Paid Program	Blind Date	Jimmy Kimmel	Cheers
:30	Destinos	(35) Last Call	Paid Program			Paid Program

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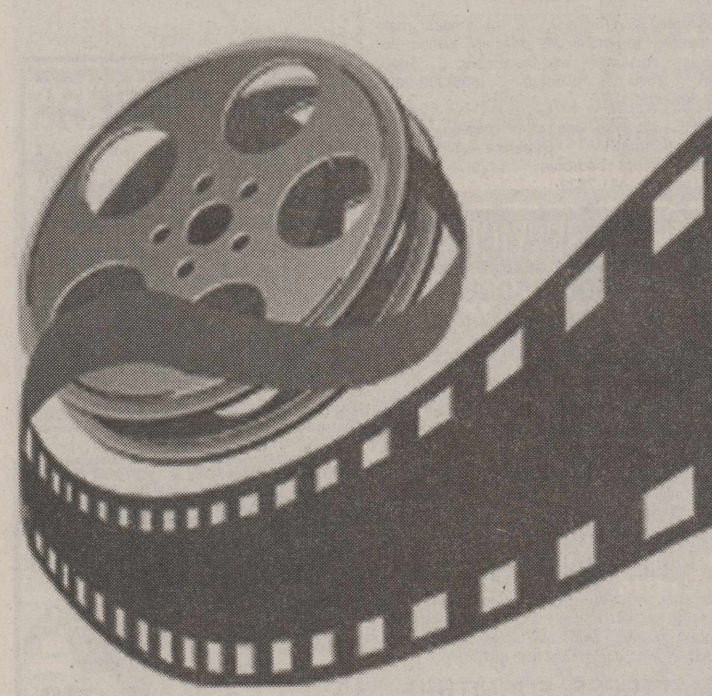
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