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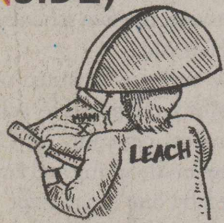
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Leach finds some not-so-hidden treasure.
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STATE

Student tip leads deputies to bombs at 3 homes

KYLE (AP) — Hays County sheriff's deputies seized homemade explosives at three homes after a high school student told school officials about bomb-making activities by other students. School district and law enforcement officials said Tuesday they interviewed each of the four Jack C. Hays High School students involved and are confident there was no plot to harm students or the school. They declined to say why the students had bomb-making materials or what they planned to do with them. "I think it was really just ignorance on their part," said Sheriff Allen Bridges.

NATION

Court rules in favor of immigrant

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Tuesday increased the chances for some immigrants to remain in the United States if they have been convicted of drug possession under state laws. The justices' 8-1 ruling came on the same day the court heard arguments in another immigrant case in which a man in California is trying to avoid deportation after pleading guilty to a theft charge. The ruling came in the case of Jose Antonio Lopez, a 16-year permanent U.S. resident who pleaded guilty in a South Dakota court to telling someone where to obtain cocaine.

WORLD

World powers fail to reach Iran accord

PARIS (AP) — Six world powers made "substantive progress" but failed to reach an accord on a U.N. resolution to punish Iran for defying U.N. demands to halt its nuclear program, the French Foreign Ministry said after talks in Paris Tuesday. Tehran made a new threat of retaliation if the powers opted for sanctions.

DEATH TOLL

2906

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by Department of Defense

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Leach situation remains unclear

Dykes to take offensive coordinator position

By **TRAVIS CRAM**
MANAGING EDITOR

While rumors of Texas Tech coach Mike Leach possibly leaving the Hub City continue to dwindle in the college football world, one thing for sure — Tech offensive lineman Glenn January will not be the next coach of the Miami Hurricanes.

"I will not be the coach for Miami next year,"

January announced to reporters jokingly after the conclusion of Tuesday's workouts.

Red Raider players interviewed Tuesday could not shed much light on the subject, simply saying nothing was clear right now and they did not know what was going to happen with Leach or who may take over as the new coach if he were to leave.

Senior wideout Joel Filani said the concentration of the team for preparing to play

Minnesota Dec. 29 in the 18th annual Insight Bowl will not be blurred by the rumors, but did offer his opinion on what may be answered when Leach returns to Lubbock today.

"Right now we don't really know what is going on as far as that," he said of the Leach rumors. "Coach Leach will be back tomorrow you know, and I'm pretty sure he's staying. So everything will be focused as far as beating Minnesota. So I think everything will be fine."

Although Leach could not be reached

after repeated calls by *The DT*, canesport.com, part of the Rivals.com Web sites, reported Leach had nothing more than a conversation with Miami athletic director Paul Dee Monday evening and that interviews had moved to current Hurricanes defensive coordinator Randy Shannon on Tuesday.

"Have they offered me anything? No. Are they going to? I don't have the faintest idea," Leach told canesport.com Tuesday. "I haven't been offered anything. If I am, what will I do?"

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Daily Toreador recalls the Top 10 news stories of 2006

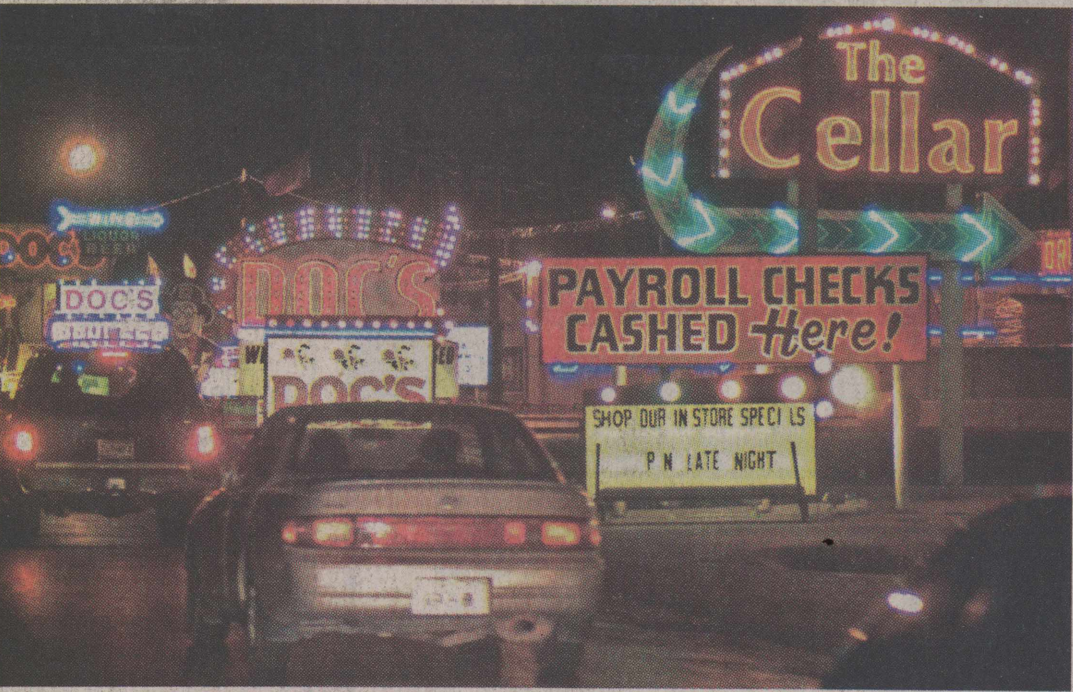
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TOP 10 LOCAL NEWS STORIES OF 2006:

- 10) David Miller becomes Lubbock mayor
- 9) Texas Gov. Rick Perry re-elected
- 8) Immigration protests affect Lubbock
- 7) Texas Tech implements incentive-based tuition
- 6) Annexation of "The Strip"
- 5) Texas Tech student regent Chad Greenfield resigns

- 4) Texas Tech Chancellor David Smith resigns/Kent Hance named as replacement
- 3) Lubbock teachers Peggy Merimon and Kay Harrelson go missing
- 2) Roof collapses at Little Panda
- 1) Joanna Rogers body found

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COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador
H. ALLEN ANDERSON, left, a historian at the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library, and Jan Bradley, Leading Ladies director with Wells Fargo, mingle with Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance Tuesday afternoon in the City Bank Room of the United Spirit Arena.

Hance meets Lubbock leaders

By **JOSH HULL**
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Leaders of the Lubbock community gathered to hear Kent Hance give his thoughts about accepting the chancellorship at Texas Tech and returning to Lubbock.

Hance delivered a similar message to the one he gave Tech employees Monday. He expressed his desire to continue the advancement of the university through scholarships and student body growth, announcing his plans to have 40,000 students enrolled by

2020. Currently, 27,996 students are enrolled at Tech according to the Institutional Research and Information Management Web site.

Referencing his string of recent public appearances, Hance said he wants to get his message out to everyone, not just at Tech, but across the state.

"I think the main thing is just to excite people that there's going to be a lot happening," he said. "This is kind of my pregame speech I guess. I'll be coming back to them with harder assignments."

Though his primary focus will be on the growth of Tech, Hance said

he believes strongly in the symbiotic relationship the university and the city share.

"I know the mayor and know the members of the City Council, and I look forward to working with them," he said. "When Texas Tech is doing well the city of Lubbock does well, and vice versa, so we've got a lot of things in common."

Donald Haragan, former Tech president and interim chancellor, said he believes Hance's ability to raise money will be a major benefit to both the university and the Lub-

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Tech police blotter

By **PAUL ROBERTS**
STAFF WRITER

Dec. 1

A Texas Tech student was arrested for six outstanding Lubbock County Sheriff's Office warrants. The student was located in Weymouth Hall after being flagged down by a Lubbock County constable who was on campus searching for the student. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A gold ring was reported stolen in the second floor restroom of the Civil Engineering building. Tech police did not locate any suspects.

Tech police investigated criminal mischief in Murdough Hall. Tech police said an unknown suspect shattered a window with an unknown object. Lubbock police did not locate any suspects.

A Tech student was arrested by Tech police in the R3-1 parking lot for tampering with a government document. Police said the student was released pending the filing of charges with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office.

Tech police responded to a 911 call at the Foreign Language building when a nonstudent was choking on a piece of candy. Tech police said the Heimlich maneuver was performed by a faculty member, which caused the nonstudent to stop choking.

A Tech student was arrested for public intoxication in the Z3-E parking lot. The student was released pending the filing of charges of public intoxication.

Two Tech students were arrested by police for alcohol-related offenses in the 1200 block of Flint

Avenue. Police said the driver of the vehicle was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and the passenger was arrested for public intoxication. Both students were transported to the Lubbock County Jail and the student's vehicle was towed.

A Tech student was arrested for public intoxication in the lobby of Coleman Hall. The student was transported by police to the Lubbock County Jail.

Dec. 2

Tech police responded to a medical emergency call at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center when an employee fell on ice and struck her head. The employee was escorted to the University Medical Center for treatment of injuries.

A student was arrested by Tech police for possession of alcohol by a minor following a traffic stop in the 2600 block of 18th Street. Police said the student was issued three Lubbock County Citations and released.

Tech police investigated criminal mischief in the Z4-P parking lot. Police said a driver- and passenger-side mirror were damaged on a victim's vehicle. Tech police did not locate any suspects.

Tech police investigated a bicycle theft at the bike racks of Murdough Hall. Police said an unknown suspect stole an unsecured men's 21-inch GMC Denali bicycle from the west bike racks.

A Tech student was arrested by police for public intoxication at Gate 6 of Jones AT&T Stadium. Tech police transported the student to the Lubbock County Jail.

Tech police arrested a nonstudent for driving while intoxicated following a traffic stop in the 1800 block of Texas Tech Parkway. Tech police arrested the passenger of the vehicle for public intoxication. The driver of the vehicle was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and the passenger was released to a responsible party.

Dec. 3

Tech police arrested a nonstudent for driving while intoxicated following a welfare check in the 2500 block of Fourth Street. Police said the nonstudent was transported to the Lubbock County Jail and his vehicle was towed.

Tech police investigated a wallet theft at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Tech police said the wallet was left unattended for several hours.

A student was transported to the hospital after suffering from flu-like symptoms. Tech police responded to the medical emergency call and transported the student to the University Medical Center.

Dec. 4

A nonstudent was arrested by Tech police for driving with an invalid license following a traffic stop in the University Medical Center D4 parking lot. The nonstudent was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and his vehicle was towed.

Tech police responded to a fire alarm in the A Pod of the Tech HSC. Tech police said a sewage pipe leak activated the alarm. The building was evacuated, but the Lubbock Fire Department did not respond.

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back community.

"He's not ashamed to beg and grovel," Haragan said. "Anybody who has achieved the things that Kent has achieved knows about fundraising."

Although not an official criterion for the chancellor position, Haragan said the Board of Regents expressed a desire to bring in someone who was from West Texas and familiar with Texas Tech.

"The Board of Regents preferred that the next chancellor be one of us," he said. "You look at Kent's background, and I think we can all conclude he is one of us."

Lubbock Mayor David Miller said he believes his personal relationship with Hance can only improve the current relationship between Tech and the Lubbock community.

"The chancellor and I go back

almost 40 years, when I was at Tech," Miller said. "It's a huge step in many ways, but the relationship between the city and Tech, because of the relationship the mayor and the chancellor have, I think is about to go through the roof."

Miller said he will be working closely with Hance on many issues, including the industrialization of research at Tech that can bring new businesses to Lubbock.

"One of the first things on our agenda will be technology transfer," he said. "There are so many products that can be launched into new companies, and it's going to take cooperation between industry, the city, finance and the university to do that."

Rep. Carl Isett, state representative for District 84, said he believes Hance will generate new interest in Tech that will help the university continue to grow and succeed.

"I think that he's going to bring a lot

of excitement to the community," Isett said. "I think he's going to build on the efforts of the last two chancellors and take Tech to literally new heights."

Isett said he believes any changes Hance will make that benefit Tech can only benefit the city as well because of the close relationship the two have.

"The fortunes of Tech and the fortunes of Lubbock are closely tied together," he said. "Tech has the opportunity to bring in a lot of kids every year to fall in love with our community. Hopefully a lot of them will stay, and we can continue to grow as a community."

Hance said he was glad to be back at Tech and back in Lubbock. To summarize his feelings, Hance quoted legendary college coach Bear Bryant when he made his return to his home state of Alabama.

"He said, 'When momma calls you gotta go home,'" Hance said. "That's how I feel."

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HSC SGA has last meeting of year

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Several topics were discussed Tuesday evening at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Student Government Association meeting.

Guest speaker Lisa Welch addressed the SGA about a community service project for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Volunteers will help raise support by personalizing letters sent out by St. Jude. Lisa Welch can be contacted at (806) 743-2531 for more information.

After the approval of minutes and roll call, HSC SGA President Tracilyn Hall conducted officer business.

Hall announced the first Student Congress meeting will be Jan. 18, 2007. The senates from both the HSC and Tech will meet in an effort to achieve unity between

the two systems, Hall said.

Updates were given on the committee investigating the medical service fee. The committee is recommending that the fee be increased to \$75 over a two-year period.

Hall said the HSC Thank-A-Thon went well and all spots for the evaluation committee are filled.

The vice president of operations, Chelsey Slayton, requested class reports be turned in promptly and explained the requirements for a person to qualify as Senator of the Month. The Senator of the Month will receive a temporary parking pass to park in an officer parking spot for a month. The winner will be announced at a later date.

The vice president of finance, Srividya Bhadriraju, was unable to conduct her officer business. Hill said Bhadriraju was not in attendance because of illness.

The next order of business was committee updates. Social Com-

mittee Chair Lindsey McDonald thanked the SGA for their help with the Holiday Extravaganza. The community service committee chair was not present at the meeting.

Hall, who is also chairing the scholarship committee, said applications are due Friday for the Phone-A-Thon Talk-A-Thon Scholarship. She also said people who volunteer to help raise funds for scholarships need to meet their obligations and show up to the events they sign up for.

The HSC SGA meeting scheduled for Dec. 12 has been canceled because of conflicting finals schedules between the five schools of the HSC, Hall said.

New business consisted of brief discussions on possible scheduling conflicts regarding HSC SGA meetings in the spring and a request received by one senator for lotion dispensers in the bathrooms.

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SGA discusses residence hall demolitions and appointment of senator-at-large

By **BEN MAKI**
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The Student Government Association conducted a special meeting Tuesday to vote on issues including the demolition of Thompson Hall and the appointment of a new senator-at-large.

For this special meeting, there were 39 of 67 SGA senators present. If less than 34 members are present, there are not enough members for a quorum and the meeting is immediately adjourned. SGA Internal Vice President Matt Fowler said he expected absences for Tuesday's meeting.

"Since our meeting was scheduled for last Thursday," Fowler said, "I followed Texas Tech policy, which canceled classes after 4 p.m., because we didn't know if the roads would have been too icy to travel on. We still had important business to get done, like the Thompson Hall legislation, so I called a special session. There are some of the most active students on campus involved in SGA, so I expected there would

be some people missing."

With a unanimous vote, the SGA voted to recommend the demolition of Thompson and Gaston residence halls to construct a new parking lot in their place. Sen. Ralph Pettingell said there were no other feasible plans for the use of the space.

"That location doesn't serve the needs of the campus," Pettingell said. "It is too far north on campus to be effective. The only other building we could put there is another dorm. Our dorms are at 80 percent occupancy right now, so that isn't really an option."

Kyle Crowl, a sophomore personal financial planning major from Conroe, was appointed as a senator-at-large for the Budget and Finance Committee.

"I'm looking forward to working as the senator-at-large," Crowl said, "because I will be working for the student body as a whole and not just for a specific college."

Fowler recommended Crowl's appointment, and then brought it to a vote Tuesday. Crowl previously worked for Chris Huff, SGA external vice president, on the Government

Awareness Committee.

"He will be a great asset to the Student Senate," Fowler said, "because he is really focused to make a difference for Texas Tech and to have his voice heard."

The Student Senate declined to impeach Sen. Andrea Gage for her two unexcused absences during the current session. Gage said she was absent because she was in class and she will not have class on Thursdays, the regularly scheduled day for SGA meetings, next semester.

The SGA voted to congratulate Kent Hance on being named chancellor of Tech and to thank Donald Haragan for his work as interim chancellor. Haragan took over as interim chancellor after Dr. David Smith resigned as chancellor.

"Haragan did a great job as the interim, and, as representatives of the students, we wanted to let him know of our appreciation for him," Sen. Jessica Hurdt said. "We are also really excited about the prospect of having Mr. Hance's arrival and seeing what he can do to help Texas Tech."

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I don't know."

Tech president Jon Whitmore also denied any possibility that Miami had met or contacted Tech athletic director Gerald Myers about permission to speak with Leach on taking the Hurricane

coaching position.

"Well, the only thing I know is our athletic director Gerald Myers has never been contacted by the University of Miami and that would be the protocol that they would follow," he said Tuesday around 2 p.m. "As far as we know (Leach is) not talking to anyone because the protocol would be to talk to our athletic director first, and no one has talked to him. And that's all I can say."

Tech assistant athletic director for media relations Chris Cook and Miami's football sports information director Rick Korch both denied reports of a possible press conference Tuesday to announce Leach as Larry Coker's replacement.

Cook said reports may have originated after a person called-in to a Houston sports-talk radio show and

mentioned the Leach press conference to make an announcement.

One announcement that is supposed to be made on Wednesday is the introduction of Sonny Dykes as the new offensive coordinator for Mike Stoops at the University of Arizona.

Tom Duddleston, sports information director for Arizona, said because of Arizona state laws, the job opening must remain opened for seven days before any formal announcement can be made.

Duddleston said an announcement is expected to be made today and Dykes, who was back in Lubbock Tuesday at football workouts, was being considered for the position and had interviewed with Arizona officials.

Tech assistant head coach Ruffin McNeill said Sunday that Dykes would be missed and that no plan was in effect for who would take over his duties in the Insight Bowl if he did not stay with the team through then.

Check out www.dailytoreador.com for more information on Leach and Dykes throughout the holiday break. ► travis.f.cram@ttu.edu



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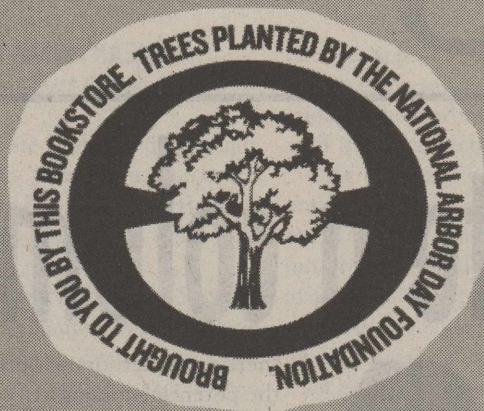
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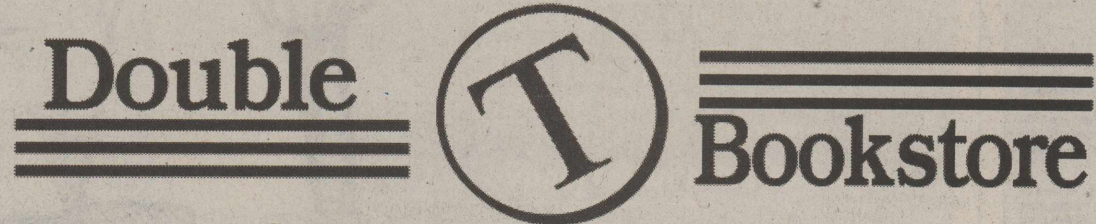
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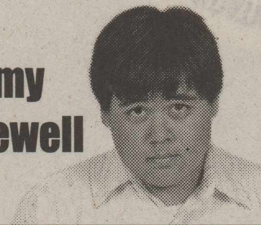
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OPINIONS

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How to write a column

Jeremy Glidewell



With all the speculation regarding the possibility of coach Mike Leach leaving Lubbock for Coral Gables (for some reason, neither the University of Miami nor Miami University is in the city of Miami), another important person is being overlooked and overshadowed. I, too, am leaving Texas Tech. And I know what you're thinking, "So?" What is so tragic about an esoteric columnist for *The Daily Toreador* graduating from college? Nothing really. In fact, any other job I get would be both an upgrade in pay, respect and, quite frankly, something for which I am much more highly qualified.

For coach Leach, the situation is almost exactly the same (yes, I am comparing myself to a coach who makes more than a million dollars per year. Hey, we both never played competitive football at any level). Let's face it. Despite the egocentric nature of our fan base, the Miami job is an upgrade in almost every way. It is just better to wave goodbye and start the search for potential replacements.

And while I do not know much about the nature of the coaching profession, I do know a little bit (just how much depends on whether you ask the Student Government Association for their collective opinion) about writing for *The DT*. And if I have proven anything by my one-and-one-half-years as opinion columnist, it is that anyone can write for our school newspaper. You (meaning the entire student body) are qualified to be a columnist. You don't even have to share an actual opinion.

Take this column for instance. Up to this point, I haven't even written about anything, and that's OK. As

there are a plethora of options for the potential columnist.

Then, the writer should start to promulgate seemingly factual information that is, for the most part, based on fallacious statements. It's about time America did something about the moon. I mean, we own it, right? Who else is going to protect our property from Martian terrorists? You should disregard silly facts like the United States and Russia giving up claims to ownership to the moon in the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 and continue to make up facts.

Perhaps at this point, you can claim ownership is covered in the Monroe Doctrine as Roger Klotz does in an episode of "Doug" regarding a lucky hat. If that's too factual, then make up a doctrine that seems to fit and blame it on an unpopular or unknown president. Might I suggest the Finders Keepers Doctrine signed into law by William Henry Harrison in 1841 during his month in office?

As the new columnist approaches the end of the piece, he or she should begin to find a way to close it out. There are several options available. One is to try to sum everything up in a rhetorical question. With this option, the writer must cleverly recapitulate the entire column in a few words and then come up with an equally witty question under the preface of making the reader think.

The second possibility is to make a call for the student body to do something in order to effect change. This possibility is filled with self-importance and jumps to the conclusion that enough people will respond to your call for them to stop drinking Mountain Dew.

The last, and most popular, choice for ending a column is just to stop.

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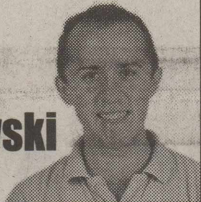
A year of change

As the calendar year winds down, one reflects on their experiences this year. Some were amazing. Others were the pits. We've each had these unique experiences that shaped us into who we became this year. Hopefully, we embodied those characteristics of those people we strive to become.

Saying goodbye to the year 2006 will be hard, for you and I shared so many memories together. When the holiday break begins, the hub of West Texas will be on my mind. Not in a yearning to return to what is comfortable, but a desire to know how the year will turn out. The best indicator of this will be the examination of the past year. I was in Washington, D.C., for the summer, working for Congressman Randy Neugebauer — he has six vowels in his name. The sights and sounds of the world's political center were intoxicating. Billions of dollars got thrown around like chump change, and sadly the United States of America did not give a damn. By seeing such insincerity and uncouth behavior on an hourly basis, I became disillusioned with our "honorable representatives." Thank goodness America voted for change. Please do the same in 2008.

My time away from Texas gave me a better appreciation for what I have been given: a loving family, amazing friends, financial stability and good health. My friends spent large chunks of their summer away from home, encountering disparate people and events that hopefully made them appreciate all they've been given. We all branched out, left the eagle's nest and finally let our parents be empty nesters for a summer. But be very afraid moms

Matt Wisniewski



and dads, we will be back.

Goal numero uno for this semester was self improvement. Contributing this editorial brought versatility to my writing. I learned the nuances of life that got me that much closer to the adjectives I want to embody: confident, caring, charismatic. At times, my opinions were long manifestos describing matters worldly, political and personal. The treat being that each entry gave you, the viewer, a better understanding at the question eating at people. Who is Matthew David Wisniewski?

Airports, taxicabs and hotel rooms became commonplace this year. My job as a "Halo 2" Judge for the world's largest console league (Major League Gaming) required me to travel around the United States to Chicago, New York City (twice), Orlando and Las Vegas. Two hands are not enough to count the number of flight delays, cancellations and mechanical failures I experienced. With today's polyglot airline corporations, the miracle of flying has become extremely overrated. Sorry, Orville and Wilbur.

I became a mentor to kiddos entering the Honors College this fall. For them, being away from mom and dad represented more than a rite of passage into adulthood. Entering college represents the culmination of finally getting to see the many unknowns the world tempts high schoolers with. It was truly a

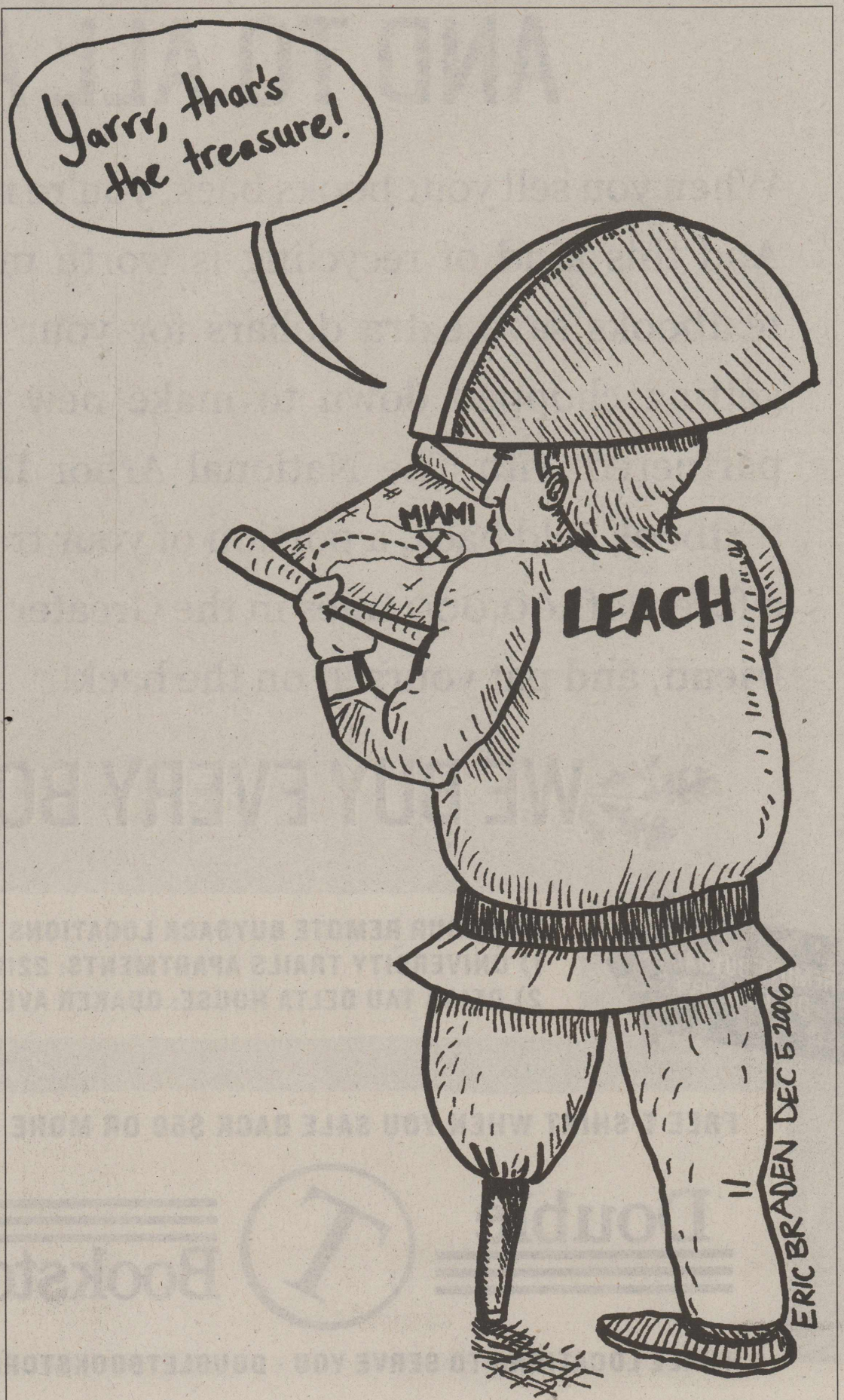
pleasure to guide these students to Texas Tech's social, academic and cultural resources. I want them to be proud of themselves, for here at Texas Tech, anything is possible if you set your mind to it.

Most importantly, optimism, not deep-seated pessimism, grew on me. Naturally, I am not this way. Due to personal experiences, I hold grudges and behave like I have a chip on my shoulder. This year though, I was influenced by my roommate, who always thinks anything can happen. No matter what impediment or weakness you may face, with desire and commitment you can transform it into a strength. I never inwardly believed this until this semester. It was about time I put flesh and bones to my words.

Matthew Wisniewski's slogan for 2006 comes from Benjamin Disraeli: Nothing can withstand the power of the human will if it is willing to stake its very existence to the extent of its purpose.

My parting words for this year: At times, life always seems to throw up a detour sign, trying to steer us away from our destiny. I am here to tell you to cut through the median and get back on the road. All of us have our struggles. Some are physical, others are financial. They appear to be permanent — even an act of God cannot change them. So you trudge along, barely making it by, but the pain is still there. Believe me when I say this, I know how you feel. So for this New Year's, follow my slogan, and you will not be disappointed.

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Student voter turnout lower than expected

By **NAOMI KASKELA**
STAFF WRITER

There are 22,851 undergraduate students at Texas Tech. But in the November election, Tech students on campus cast a little more than 300 votes.

Voting precincts 49 and 50 make up the Tech campus. According to a summary report of registered voters in Lubbock County from September, there are 1,154 registered voters in Precinct 49 and 1,186 registered voters in Precinct 50.

According to the unofficial Lubbock County precinct report from Nov. 14, 116 individuals cast ballots from Precinct 49, and 189 individuals cast ballots from Precinct 50.

Neale Pearson, professor emeritus of political science at Tech, conducted research on voter turnout during the November election, including the Tech student voter turnout. He said he has been doing similar studies since 1984.

"Our numbers were low. They were much higher in the presidential race," he said. "I've collected election data going back to 1984, and I think 1984 was the highest percentage of college students voting in the last 30 years."

According to numbers he has collected through his research, Pearson said 73.5 percent of registered voters at Tech voted in November 1984.

This year, only 10 percent of students in Precinct 49 voted, while 15.9 percent of students in Precinct 50 voted, according to the unofficial Lubbock County precinct report and the summary report of registered voters in Lubbock County.

"I think there are a number of reasons why it has dropped off," he said. "1984 was 10 or 12 years after 18-year-olds got the right to vote."

He also said the presence of a popular president, Ronald Reagan, in the race may have drawn students to the polls.

The presence of popular candidates, or candidates who make an

effort to appeal to college students, is something several Tech students said may draw other students to the polls in future elections.

"At least that would give some understanding of where each politician stands," said Kayla Greer, a junior early childhood education major from Houston, about candidates visiting college campuses. "A lot of young people might not know what each politician stands for, and that might make them hesitant to vote."

Pearson said he was surprised more individuals did not vote for independent gubernatorial candidate Kinky Friedman in the November election.

He said he heard about the reception Friedman received on many campuses, including Tech, and said he does not understand why college students did not take the initiative to vote.

"There were a lot of students who turned out and thought, 'Gee, he's great,'" he said, "but they didn't take the next step of voting, and I have no idea why."

Pearson said incentive programs have been discussed as a way to increase voter turnout. The idea of a voter lottery has already been presented, and voted down, in Arizona.

Proposition 200 proposed to create the Arizona Voter Reward Act that, according to the Arizona Secretary of State's Web site, would "establish \$1,000,000 prize for randomly selected voters who vote in primary or general election; establishes funding source of 20 percent of unclaimed lottery prize money; creates Arizona Voter Reward Commission and Fund and criteria for selecting winners in a public drawing; requires commission sponsorship of nonpartisan voter registration and turnout events."

Pearson said other forms of voter incentives are used in Latin America.

"There is one thing that is a little bizarre, and it is a variation of what

they do in Latin America," he said. "Well, you have some upcoming concert, and/or you have a hockey match, and for every student who brings a form from an election judge that he or she voted, they get a free pass."

He said he believes there would be many reactions about the idea if it were to be implemented.

"I know there would be an outrage by some students saying, 'Well, you're buying students' votes,'" he said. "Well, yes we are."

Pearson said this idea could be implemented in other college towns as well to increase voter turnout among college students, but the chance of this happening is slim.

Ysidro Gutierrez, county commissioner from Precinct 3, said he believes the chances of voter incentives being used in Texas in the near future is unlikely.

"I think any incentive that would raise voter turnout is good," he said. "In Texas, the time has not come for a concept like this to come at all."

Gutierrez said incentives to vote cannot be offered in Texas because it is prohibited by law, so a voter incentive program similar to the one proposed in Arizona could not occur.

"We, here in Texas, take voting as something that is instilled in us by parents or by fellow students," he said. "In Texas it is prohibited by law to tie an incentive to casting a ballot."

He said he was disappointed by the college student voter turnout in November, especially with the ease with which students could vote on campus.

Gutierrez said because of the opportunity afforded to students to vote in the Student Union Building, many more should have taken advantage of it.

"I think voter turnout at the university is a little bit beyond disappointing," he said.

Other methods to encourage students to vote, beyond voter in-

centive, include peer influence and getting students to register to vote in Lubbock County, Gutierrez said.

"Habit is a major determinant in whether someone will vote," he said. "I think the main factor would be fellow students. I think if a college student is in the habit of voting, they could talk to their friends and influence them."

Johnnie Jones, Lubbock Democratic Party County Chair, said she does not think incentives would make students want to vote more than they already do. Instead, she said the issues should make them want to cast a ballot.

Specifically, changes in tuition and college funding should make college students interested in expressing their opinion through voting, she said.

"If that won't drive you out, I don't think the chance to win money will," Jones said. "There's no way to make them vote, but the best way to encourage them to vote is to have discussion."

Jones said she wished political discussion would occur more often on the college campus. She said the political discussions would allow students to hear different opinions and learn more about the candidates and their parties.

Jean Anne Stratton, president of the Lubbock Area Republican Women, said she does not think incentives should be offered to encourage individuals to vote.

"I don't think people should be bribed to vote," she said. "I wouldn't encourage it."

She said individuals should have enough interest in the election and the issues surrounding it to want to vote on their own accord.

Stratton said she does not know what would motivate college students to vote in future elections.

"I really am of the opinion that they should have enough interest in what is going on in the world to participate," she said.

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Man wounded in NYPD 50-shot barrage gets out of hospital

NEW YORK (AP) — One of two men wounded in a hail of 50 police bullets that killed their unarmed friend hours before his wedding was released from a hospital Tuesday, more than a week after the shooting.

"I thank Al Sharpton and the community for sticking by me," Trent Benefield said from a wheelchair flanked by his mother, attorney and pregnant fiancée.

Benefield didn't address the Nov. 25 confrontation or the investigation into it.

Benefield, who was shot three times in the legs, arrived by black limousine with his attorney and relatives at a meeting of community leaders called by Sharpton, the minister and former presidential candidate. The group announced a mass march Dec. 16 through midtown Manhattan's shopping district.

Benefield, 23, and Joseph Guzman, 31, were badly wounded in the shooting by five officers outside a Queens strip club as the men sat in their friend Sean Bell's car. Bell, 23, was killed hours before he was to marry his high school sweetheart.

Police have said an undercover officer began following Bell and his friends to their car after overhearing Guzman threaten to retrieve a gun in a dispute with

another man.

As the car started to pull away, it bumped the officer and smashed into an unmarked police van, police said.

The five officers have been put on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of a grand jury investigation by the Queens district attorney's office.

Through his lawyer, the initial shooter has insisted he had his

badge out and had identified himself when he opened fire, believing Guzman was pulling a gun. He and other witnesses also have said there was a fourth man in or near the car who escaped on foot, possibly with a weapon.

"No," Trent Benefield told NY1 News before he was discharged. "No fourth man."

Guzman, speaking from his hospital bed, told the *New York Daily News* that the officer didn't identify himself and there was no fourth man in the car.

The Rev. Calvin Butts, of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, said community leaders planned to meet again with Mayor Michael Bloomberg soon and were considering calling for the resignation of police Commissioner Ray Kelly.

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of the Abyssinian Baptist Church

Clinton continues outreach on likely presidential bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has made several key staff hires for her likely presidential bid and in her outreach to New York Democrats convinced at least one she soon would become a candidate.

"I don't think she ever outright said it, but there's no doubt in my mind that she's going to run," said Rep. Joseph Crowley, who spoke with Clinton on Monday. "It was a very exciting and exhilarating conversation. I don't know how often it happens in a lifetime when someone calls you up and says, 'I want you to know I'm doing this and I want your support.'"

The New York senator, who tops every national poll of likely Democratic candidates, had tried to keep private many of her overtures to supporters and new staff. The deliberations have started to become more public in the last week as the field of likely contenders has begun to expand.

In head-to-head matchups against a leading potential GOP opponent, Sen. John McCain, Clinton runs even with the Arizona senator or slightly behind him.

Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack declared his candidacy last week, and Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh said Sunday he was forming a presidential exploratory committee.

Illinois Sen. Barack Obama has attracted tremendous publicity around a possible run, vaulting to second place behind Clinton in many polls even though he is relatively new to the national political scene.

Obama's emergence as a potential contender has led some observers to suspect Clinton has stepped up her timetable for making a decision about a run. Her aides dismiss that notion, saying she is observing the timetable she has long planned.

Other likely candidates include 2004 nominee Sen. John Kerry; his vice presidential running mate, former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards; New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson; and Sens. Joseph Biden of Delaware and Chris Dodd of Connecticut.

The Clinton team has added several top staff members. Karen Hicks, a veteran field organizer who served as New Hampshire director for Howard Dean's up-

start 2004 campaign, will come aboard as Clinton's national field director. Phil Singer, a veteran of Kerry's presidential campaign who most recently was spokesman for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, will join the communications team.

"I'm going to do everything I can to help her if she decides to run. Hopefully, she'll make a decision soon," Singer said.


The campaign has also signed a national finance director, veteran Democratic fundraiser Jonathan Mantz.

The staff additions came as Clinton spoke to several members of New York's Congressional delegation about a possible presidential run, a process she began early last week. She also contacted Andrew Cuomo, the state attorney general-elect and son of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo.

Clinton easily won re-election to the Senate last month. Throughout that campaign, she vowed she would not begin exploring a run for her party's presidential nomination until the midterm elections were over.

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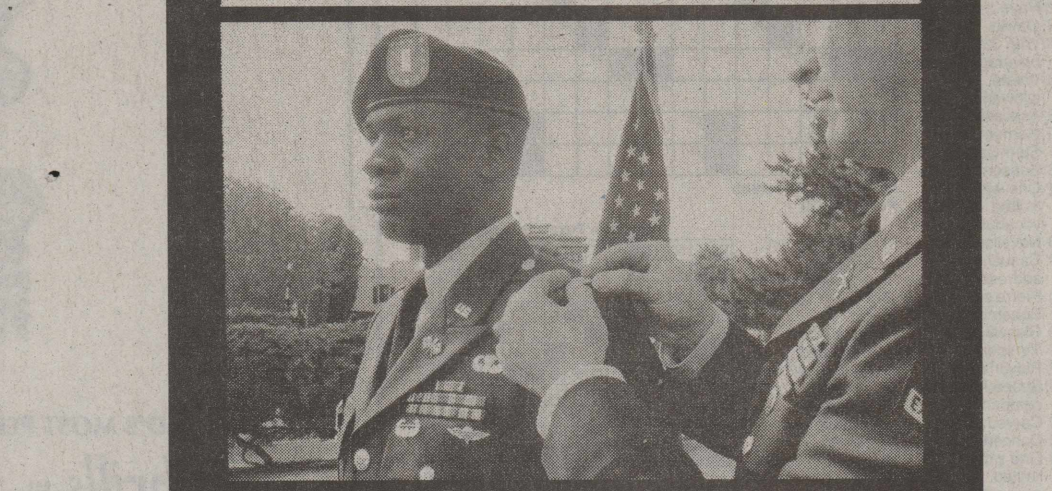
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Business class goes beyond textbook instruction, raises thousands for charities

By ANNA SCHUMANN
STAFF WRITER

Though many professors may seem content assigning their classes papers and tests, Claudia Cogliser said she wanted to try something different.

Cogliser, an assistant professor of management, called this semester's organizational behavior class her "project."

Cogliser said she divided her 62 students into groups of between nine and 11 classmates. These groups were given the assignment of raising money for one of three charities: the Ronald McDonald House, the American Cancer Society and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Cogliser said she purposely gave the students few guidelines and little structure for the assignment. Groups only knew they had 10 weeks to raise the most money for charity.

"I wanted to see their creativity," she said. "It was amazing to see how clever students were."

To start the groups off, she said she gave each group \$30 from her own pocket to take care of any startup costs. Each team was required to document every dollar raised. Students could collect monetary donations, provide service hours at \$5 per hour and gather other types of donations such as vouchers and gift cards.

Cogliser said students were graded on the 20-page group paper written after the experiment was complete.

She said the groups came up with many ways to raise money for charities. The group that raised the most money had a series of concerts at West Texas Icehouse. The money generated by the concert went straight to the American Cancer Society.

Cogliser admits she did not think the concert fundraiser would work.

"I tell you what, did I have to eat my words," she said.

She said other groups worked at the concession stands at Texas Tech football games, partnered

with Shallowater Independent School District and adopted a room at the Ronald McDonald House.

At the end of the course, Cogliser said, more than \$13,000 in funds were raised, and students contributed more than 300 service hours.

She said she was both surprised and impressed by the work.

"I expected maybe \$500," she said. "I've never had students work so hard for a class before."

Cogliser said she believes students learned leadership in action and conflict in action.

Wilson Baker, a senior management major from San Antonio, said he had only good things to say about the class.

"It was wonderful," he said. "It was nice to be able to give back to the community."

Baker, whose group raised more than \$3,000, said he enjoyed the practical experience he gained in the class.

"It's not like classes where you get a case study or read about a

business you don't care about," he said. "There is a tangible outcome here."

Baker said he feels he learned a lot from the class and that everyone could participate.

"It was really interesting as far as group dynamic goes," he said. "There was a lot of conflict, but it worked once we all got to know each other. It was educational beyond the text material and group projects that are the norm."

He said the charitable aspect of the project got people motivated.

"It was a great way to put us in a competitive environment, and the fact that we're giving back to society fueled people. I guess the dollar figure shows how involved people got."

Though the project turned out well for his group, Baker said he did not think it would be successful because of the lack of direction and group communication.

"Nobody thought we'd be able to raise any money," he said. "She wanted us to learn about forming

a team, and nothing happened until people got to know each other."

Irisa Nolan, a senior marketing major from Bedford, said she believes the class was enjoyable and taught her lessons in dealing with people.

She said after taking the class, she learned more about herself and learned to work with people she would not necessarily want to work with.

Though this class was not required for Nolan, she said she does not regret taking it.

"It's a lot of busy work and takes a lot of time," she said, "but it gives better career and real-world experience than we can get in most classes."

Cogliser said she is excited to teach the class next semester, but she has one concern.

"How do you top this?" she laughed. "I'll tell my students next semester, 'Oh, look what they did. You can do better than that.'"

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- 9) U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld resigns
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Search intensifies for father missing in Oregon wilderness

MERLIN, Ore. (AP) — Searchers scouring a rugged canyon Tuesday found a pair of pants matching the description of those worn by a missing man who struck out for help after his family's car got stuck in the snow.

A helicopter with heat-sensing equipment joined other helicopters, snowmobiles and foot patrols Tuesday in the hunt for 35-year-old James Kim of San Francisco. His wife and two daughters were found Monday after being lost for more than a week.

Searchers found the pants Tuesday afternoon.

"It could be a sign he's trying to indicate the path he was going," Lt. Gregg Hastings of the Oregon State Police.

Officials said it appeared Kim was

within 5 miles of the car he'd left Saturday morning wearing only tennis shoes, pants, a sweater and a jacket. Trackers had followed his footprints until dark Monday night.

Searchers said he had headed downhill and apparently walked out of an area covered with snow toward the Rogue River. Search and rescue teams checked the river with rafts Tuesday.

Kim — whose family told rescuers he had some outdoor experience and had eaten berries while stranded, not knowing if they were poisonous — took two lighters with him when he left the car, Anderson said. "Maybe he got a fire going," he said at a news conference.

Overnight temperatures have been in the mid 20s to mid 30s.

A helicopter crew spotted his wife, Kati Kim, 30, waving an umbrella Monday afternoon. She and her daughters Penelope, 4, and Sabine, 7 months, were flown to a hospital in Grants Pass.

They were in very good condition Tuesday and Sabine was expected to be released from the hospital, said Linda Rankin, vice president for patient care at Three Rivers Community Hospital.

Kati Kim might lose a toe, her father, Dr. Phil Fleming, told The Associated Press on Tuesday as he and his wife, Sandy, awaited a flight to Oregon from Albuquerque, N.M. He said his daughter breast-fed the children to keep them nourished during the ordeal and "the children are doing extraordinarily well."

"You think about a soldier being killed or an individual in a car accident, and you often time wonder how difficult that is," said Fleming, of Gallup, N.M. "But take a whole family and subject two kids to it — it's just unbearable."

Gates says U.S. not winning in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert Gates, seemingly clinching confirmation as the new secretary of defense, said Tuesday the United States is not winning in Iraq and he's confident President Bush will listen to his ideas about forging a new war strategy.

He won speedy and unanimous approval from the Senate Armed Services Committee after five hours of testimony, a bipartisan show of support that suggested how eager many lawmakers are to replace Donald H. Rumsfeld at the Pentagon. The full Senate could seal Gates' confirmation as early as Wednesday.

"In my view, all options are on the table, in terms of how we address this problem in Iraq," he told the committee. But he also acknowledged the complexity of the challenge.

"There are no new ideas on Iraq," he said during a discussion of

the bipartisan Iraq Study Group, which previewed its findings and recommendations to President Bush Tuesday and will release them Wednesday. Gates was a member of the group until Bush announced his nomination for the Pentagon job last month.

The senators voted 24-0 to support the nomination to replace Rumsfeld, who has become a symbol of the Bush administration's steadfast course in a war that has long since soured with the public and much of the world.

"I voted yes because in both the substance of his answers and the tone of his answers, he seemed open to course correction," said Carl Levin, D-Mich., who will be the committee's chairman when Democrats take control of the Senate next month.

During his appearance, Gates would not commit to any specific new course of action in the conflict. He said he would consult first with commanders and others.

Asked directly by Levin whether the U.S. is winning in Iraq, Gates replied, "No, sir." That response appeared to contradict Bush, who said at an Oct. 25 news conference, "Absolutely, we're winning."

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Miracle at South Plains Mall Department store Santa Claus speaks out

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

Clyde Beaver does not know how to fly nine reindeer and a sled. He has no list that needs checking. There's nothing especially magical about the way he cracks his lips into a smile, and when he slides his apple-red jacket off his bony shoulders, he shows off a vest of body-padding.

Beaver is not the Saint Nicholas who teases children's dreams throughout the month of December, but to a line of waiting children, he is nothing short of enchanting.

Beaver, who spends his winters working as a department store Santa Claus in Lubbock, said he keeps coming back after 19 years of putting on the suit because of the children.

Tawny Reed, a 7-year-old girl with missing front teeth and a crimson red dress, rocks back

and forth on her heels waiting in the 20-minute line to see Santa Claus.

She swore she's been a good girl this year and, as a reward, she said she wanted a pink RAZR cell phone.

"I don't know why I like Santa Claus," she said. "He's just nice."

Beaver said he has worked in a variety of malls during his adult life. He has put on the red suit in Ohio, New York, South Carolina and, for the last four years, he has called Lubbock his North Pole — at least for the month of December.

He said he lives just outside Kerrville, but every December, he leaves his wife to go and stay in an apartment the South Plains Mall provides for him during his 34 days of work.

When he is not asking children what they want for Christmas, Beaver works in an antique shop he owns. But he said every year

both he and his wife take at least a few cruises with the money he earns from being Santa Claus.

"Sometimes I'm sitting here thinking, 'Why am I doing it?' And then I'm like, 'Oh yeah, I remember why,'" he said with a laugh.

The line to see Beaver never quite dwindles down. He said it is hard for him to take his break sometimes.

He has had visitors as young as a few days old and as old as 87. He said usually someone would stop seeing him after the age of 7, although he occasionally gets a college student or two.

"The only way I know or have a pretty good idea of the amount of kids I see is the giveaways (mall personnel) purchase every year to give out," he said.

Standing in line waiting to see Santa Claus, Emily McAnally said she has been a good girl this year and wants to ask Santa for a

princess tent.

"I'm really excited to see him," she said between giggles.

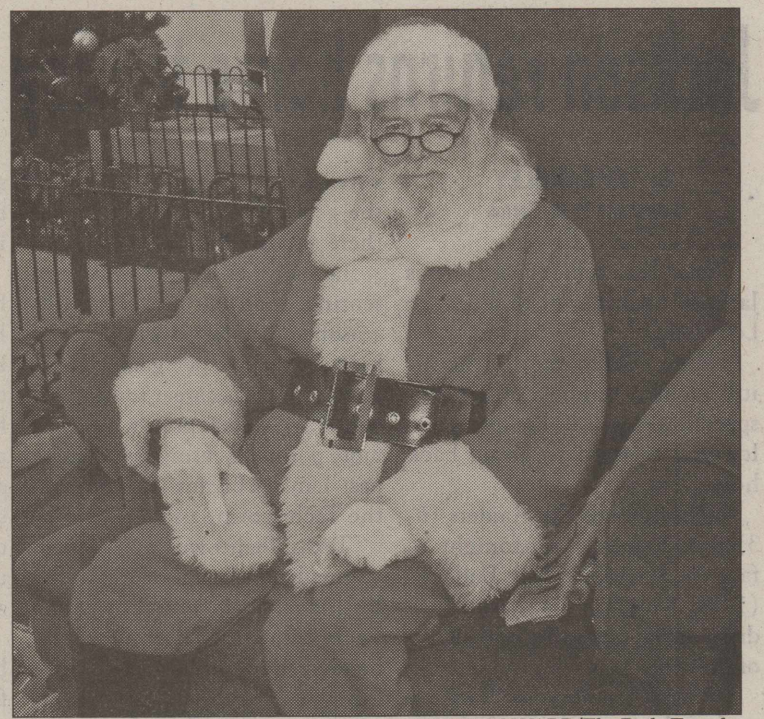
Throughout the years, Beaver has seen the average gift request evolve from Nintendo systems to Xbox 360s. He said this year princess castles have begun to make a comeback.

"The folks cringe when (their children) are asking for (Xboxes)," he said.

Beaver's average day starts at around 9:15 a.m. when he arrives at the mall to get ready to brace the crowds.

He grabs a garden salad from Chick-Fil-A and then takes a breather before he has to be on set at 10 a.m. He works until the mall closes and said he does not get any bathroom breaks, but he does get two one-hour breaks for lunch and dinner.

"I'll retire whenever it gets to the point where I wake up and I think this is not for me,"



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreador
CLYDE BEAVER, A department store Santa Claus, waits for Christmas wishes in the Dillard's department store wing at South Plains Mall.

he said. For an entire month, Beaver is away from his wife, which he said can be hard at times.

"She says, 'That's your thing,'" he said. "But I've got a bunch of cell phone minutes."

Beaver said separation can be hard, and he is often asked why he continues to put himself through the agony of crying children every

year. "I've learned just to block that part out and just concentrate on whoever's with me," he said. "The best part is when you have one that won't come to you, and you work with them. A lot of times they'll cry because they don't want to leave. I think they've found a friend."

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Tennis center collects toys for children

By KATIE HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

The holiday season may not be merry and bright for all children around the Hub City, which is why a local tennis center is providing a "Toys for Tots" drop-off.

The Burgess-Rushing Tennis Center, in cooperation with the South Plains Tennis Association, will host the sixth annual Toys for Tots Scramble on Saturday.

Bianca Blacketer, an organizer of the scramble, said the first year they put the event on, they received approximately 80 toys.

"Last year we had almost 250 toys," Blacketer said. "It's always been good, and every year it just gets better."

Blacketer said the scramble features tennis matches in which players are paired with others at the same level. The game time is limited to assure that all participants will have a chance to play.

"People play each other, and we have a lot of stuff to eat," she said. "We don't keep track of winners or losers; it's just to have fun."

The scramble will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. This event is open to all adults and juniors, and admission is an unwrapped toy with a \$5 value. There will be homemade taco soup, bread and desserts for participants.

Blacketer said she and her husband, who was in the Marines,

have started collecting gifts to donate to Toys for Tots wherever they have lived.

"My husband has a lot of respect for the cause," she said.

Zachary Gutierrez, who takes lessons as part of a tennis clinic, said he thinks Toys for Tots is a good thing and has been to the scramble for the past three years.

"A lot of people come out and we have a bunch of fun," Gutierrez said. "The people that are not playing talk with each other about all the different things they gave."

Blacketer said those wanting to participate can eat, watch, help and stay as long — or as briefly — as they wish.

"It's a good feeling at the end because you know someone is happy to receive those toys," she said. "We like it."

The Burgess-Rushing Tennis Center is operated by City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation and located at 3030 66th St. Operating hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The facility consists of 12 lighted courts, a full-service pro shop, bleachers, ball machine rentals and offers lessons and clinics throughout the year. For more information call 806-767-3727.

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- 4) The Raconteurs — "Broken Boy Soldier"
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- 8) Man Man — "Six Demon Bag"
- 9) Wolfmother — "Wolfmother"
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- 1) Ed Bradley, the veteran CBS newsman, dies at the age of 65.
- 2) Tom Cruise freaks out during interviews with Oprah and Matt Lauer
- 3) Katie Couric leaves NBC's today show for positions of both anchor and managing editor for the "CBS Evening News"
- 4) Britney Spears and Kevin Federline split
- 5) Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes wed
- 6) Michael Richard's racist rant
- 7) Mel Gibson's drunken rant
- 8) Reese Witherspoon and Ryan Phillippe
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Jackson returns home to play with the boys

By JAY LANGLEY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech senior guard Jarriss Jackson cannot wait to return to Louisiana.

"I am really excited about it," Jackson said. "I'm kind of speechless about it. I'm just really looking forward to going back home."

Jackson leads the Raiders (6-3) into Ruston, La., tonight to face the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs (1-5). Ruston is a 15-minute drive from Jackson's hometown of Monroe.

"I'm not too nervous," Jackson said of playing in front of a home crowd. "I'm more anxious and excited."

Texas Tech takes the court with coach Bob Knight one win shy of tying Adolph Rupp for second in all-time coaching victories. The Raiders come into the game after an 11-point loss Sunday against Stanford in which Texas Tech shot just 33 percent in the first half and was out-rebounded by 10.

"We just had way too many mistakes on the defensive end," Jackson said of the loss. "And we didn't execute the game plan at all on offense. The coaches did a

very good job of preparing us for the game. We just didn't go out there and execute it."

Jackson has led Texas Tech in scoring in all but one game this season and comes in with a team-high 22 points per game. He is sixth on Tech's career scoring list with 1,742 career points. With 21 more points, Jackson would move past Lance Hughes into fifth on the Tech scoring list.

Texas Tech owns a 5-2 head-to-head advantage against the Bulldogs. Last year Louisiana Tech came into Lubbock and handed the Raiders a 68-53 loss. But the 2006-2007 Bulldogs return one starter from last year's squad and have not eclipsed the 70-point mark in six games this season. In contrast, the Raiders average 76.7 points per game this season.

Louisiana Tech's lone returning starter, Marcus Elliott, leads the team with 11.8 points per game. On the season, the Bulldogs have more turnovers than assists. With Louisiana Tech's tallest player at 6 feet 7 inches, the Raiders should have a rebounding advantage, something that has plagued the team in the early season. Texas Tech has been out-rebounded in

seven of nine games this season despite having a size advantage in many games.

"I haven't done anything to help out the team," forward Jon Plefka said. "That's just ridiculous because I worked hard during the summer on rebounding and haven't done anything on my part. All the big guys just need to step it up. The guards have been doing all the work. We haven't done anything, and if we can step up and help them out, we can be a complete team."

The Louisiana Tech game will be the fifth consecutive road game for the Raiders.

"I think it will help us a lot," Plefka said. "Last year we were horrible on the road. I think it will help us out a lot heading into the Big 12 season because we will have to go to a lot of tough places once we begin conference play."

Plefka said the memory of last season's home loss to the Bulldogs will motivate the Raiders.

"We have something to prove," he said. "We need to pick up the intensity because that loss left a bad taste in our mouths."

Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Thomas Assembly Center. jaymie.langley@ttu.edu

Tech women searching for own reflection

By STEPHEN MONAHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

After an 0-2 showing against Fresno State and No. 14 Stanford during the weekend, the Texas Tech women's basketball team is looking for a reflection emulating that of the start of the season.

The Lady Raiders started the season 4-0, but have gone 3-3 since, averaging just 59.1 points per game compared to 76.2 per game in their first four wins.

That 3-3 record could be a result of the team having to play those six games in the last 10 days, but Tech coach Kristy Curry has no excuses.

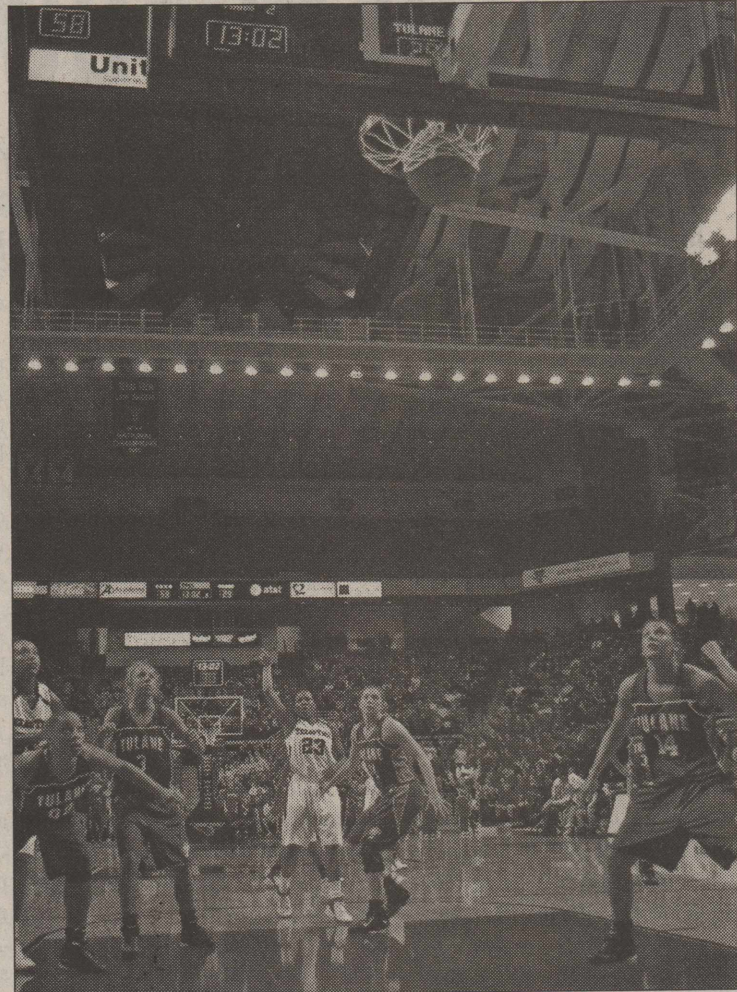
"It is what it is," Curry said. "Instead of finding excuses, I think we all just want to look in the mirror and find a way to get better from it."

In their 74-65 loss to Fresno State Friday and 73-49 loss to Stanford on Sunday, the Lady Raiders shot less than 40 percent from the field, including just 28.3 percent against Stanford — their second game this season without hitting 30 percent of their shots.

In order to get back to the win column, the Lady Raiders (7-3) will need to relinquish the thoughts of their two-game skid, Curry said.

"There's no reason to beat a dead horse," the coach said. "You can either get better or worse. There's no staying the same. We can't keep bringing up the past. We've got to focus and try to take each game. The only game that matters is UTA."

Next up on schedule is the University of Texas-Arlington (3-4) — an opponent that has personal implications for both teams. The Mavericks have former Tech walk-on in senior forward Ashley Bobb, a pre-season second-team selection in the Southland Conference who averages 9.7 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. The Mavericks also sport one of Plainview's own in Tojjinay Thompson — a former high school teammate of Tech senior forward Alesha Robertson.



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TEXAS TECH SOPHOMORE guard Tiny Henderson makes a basket during the Lady Raiders' 77-50 victory over Tulane at the United Spirit Arena.

While Bobb and Thompson will get their minutes, Tech may have its hands full against leading scorer Terra Wallace, who averages 16.6 points per game.

Curry said she believes UTA has the most athletic prowess at each position that her team has seen all season.

"They are the most athletic team of anybody that we've played as far as one through five, one through 12," Curry said. "They are relentless on the boards, and they're going to shoot it quick."

Senior Brooke Baughman said she and the rest of her team want to leave its performance in California behind them and not overlook UTA.

"I think we want to play good," Baughman, who averages 9.3 ppg, said. "Coach Curry said today, 'It doesn't matter who you play, you need to come out and play hard.'"

Robertson agreed. "They can beat us easy if we overlook them," Robertson, Tech's leading scorer at 13.1 ppg, said. "They've got what it takes to do it."


With four games to go before Christmas break, many members of the Lady Raider squad want an early New Year's resolution, especially freshman Jordan Murphree.

"The past, we can't do anything about it, so we've got to forget and move on," Murphree said. "Hopefully before Christmas and before conference starts we'll be 11-3."

Tip-off for the game is slated for 7 p.m. at the United Spirit Arena. Fans who attend the game may bring one unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots. Those who donate a gift will receive one free general admission ticket.

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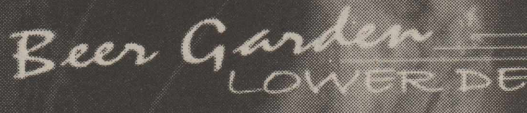
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- Kobe Bryant pours in 82, becomes second all-time in single-game scoring
- Paul Tagliabue resigns as NFL commissioner
- Texans draft Mario Williams No. 1 instead of Reggie Bush
- Cinderella George Mason reaches

Final Four

- Barry Bonds and MLB steroids scandal
- Heat rally from 2-0 deficit to beat Mavs 4-2 for NBA Title
- Florida wins NCAA tournament
- Italy wins 2006 World Cup
- St. Louis Cardinals defeat Detroit Tigers in World Series
- Pittsburgh Steelers win Super Bowl XL

Sports Forewells

- Golf legend Byron Nelson
- Former Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler
- Former Boston Celtics coach Red Auerbach
- Miami defensive lineman Bryan Pata shot and killed
- Northwestern coach Randy Walker
- Army women's basketball coach Maggie Dixon
- Tiger Woods' father Earl Woods

Top 10 Texas Tech moments of 2006

- Marsha Sharp retires after 24 years — Kristy Curry named replacement
- Defensive backs coach Dave Brown dies of heart attack
- Sally Kipseygo wins first-ever individual cross country national title
- Robert Johnson hauls in 37-yard TD to beat A&M at Kyle Field
- Bob Knight strikes Michael Prince

during chase for coaching record

- Will Griffin breaks school record with 12-under par
- Alabama wobbly kick beats Tech 13-10 in AT&T Cotton Bowl
- Bob Knight has first losing season since 1970-71
- Lady Raiders miss NCAA tournament for first time in 17 years
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15TH FLOOR penthouse 2400 sqft or 2600 sqft. 2-3 bedrooms. Only \$500 each. Call 747-5236 for a private viewing.

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX
Close to Tech. Central heat/air. Washer/dryer included. 2, 3 & 4 bedroom houses for rent. 771-4056, 778-7225. www.lubbockrentz.com.

2/1 WITH 2 living areas. W/D hookups. 2214 47th. Call 781-0194 or 548-0364.

2/2 DUPLEX, nice, central h/a, close to Tech, yard maintained, pet friendly. 1808 Ave. V. \$600/mo. \$500/dep. Call Joe (806)441-0611.

2218-15TH #B, newly remodeled 1 bed 1 bath, central heat & air, washer, dryer, dishwasher, fenced patio, close to Tech, \$425. Call 797-9839 or 543-4223.

2223-15TH, 1 bed 1 bath, spacious, hardwood floors, close to Tech, \$395 Call 797-9839 or 543-4223.

2322-18 SPACIOUS 2 bed 2 bath, hardwood floors, washer, dryer, central heat & air, fenced yard, storage shed, close to Tech, \$750. Call 797-9839 or 543-4223.

2323 C Main, 2-1.5 in four-plex, appliances, washer/dryer hookups \$650, water paid, available now. John Nelson Realtors 794-7471.

2411 22ND rear, 1-1-1 duplex, bills paid, appliances, hardwoods, January 6-26, \$550, John Nelson Realtors 794-7471.

2630 22ND Street. Large 2/2/1. Central H/A. Washer/dryer hookups. All appliances in kitchen. Alarm system. \$850/mo. Schulz Realtors. 795-1200.

2BR 2BA 1/2 mile from Tech Avail. 1/1/07 Quite Complex w/ on site laundry, gym and business center. Take over lease thru 6/30/07 \$569 plus utils. Will reimburse \$25 ap. fee upon approval by contract. Leave Msg 806-252-6681 806-252-6681

3 BEDROOM 2 bath 2 car garage. Owner maintains yard. 10 minutes from campus. 806-548-0401.

3/1.5/1 CLOSE TO TECH 3506 23rd \$595/mo. \$300 Dep. Central H/A, W/D Connections. Pets OK 806-794-6969.

3/1/1 HUGE ROOMS! 2705 39th, New paint/btile, nice deck. \$315/month. Available Mid-December. Call Jeff @ 806-773-4311

3/2 HOUSE Near Tech. Updated. 3015 42nd. \$1150/month. 470-7088.

3/2 HOUSE Near Tech. Updated w/ fireplace. 2104 20th. \$995/month. 470-7088.

3/2/2 HOUSE Near Tech. Updated 3320 28th. \$1150/month, 470-7088.

3/2/2 nice clean brick home. Near Fraternity ISD and shopping mall. Fireplace and A/C. 6812 Hyde Avenue. \$875/ mo. \$600 deposit. Avail 12/15 or sooner. (806) 789-1516 or 806-798-2023.

4/2 HOUSE. 2418 30th- \$1000 Great condition. Hardwood floors, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, disposal. Central air/heat. Tree-covered yard. Available December. Private Properties, 512-695-2002.

4/3/2 GREAT HOME FOR ROOMMATES
3810 26th Nice large 4 bedroom home. W/ D Pets permitted. \$1400. 806-239-0677 or 312-933-7284.

4902 8TH, 3-2-1, out pets ok, no refrigerator, central heat/air, washer/dryer hookups, available now. \$700. John Nelson Realtors 794-7471.

503 A N. Chicago, 3/3/2 Duplex, Utilities, Basic Extended Cable & High Speed Internet Included, \$1200/month. Fleming Investment Prop. 806-793-7355, ext. 12.

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6105 A 38th, 2-hollywood bath-1, appliances, washer/dryer hookups, fireplace, out pets ok, Jan 6-16. \$625. John Nelson Realtors 794-7471.

6303 34TH Place, 3-2-2, fireplace, garage, opener, sprinkler system, no pets, Dec. 22-Jan. 1. \$850, John Nelson Realtors 794-7471.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Specials on the following properties: 5909 13th, 7105 Wayne, 3304 32nd, 5442 6th, 2503 30th. 797-2212.

AVAILABLE JAN 2007
3 bedroom, 2 bath, carport, washer/dryer/refrig supplied, fenced back yard, 4202 39th St, \$825/mo. \$450/dep. 795-5009 or 773-4248.

AVAILABLE JANUARY
3/2/1 house near Tech/hospitals. Carport, refrigerator, stove. \$700/mo. \$700 deposit. Call 794-1054.

AVAILABLE PROPERTIES:	1901	418
St. 1/1 all bills paid	\$450	1201
36th St. 1/1	\$325	2420 39th 2/2/2
2 living areas \$795	3207 1st Place	
2/1 with carport, C/H/A	\$550	914 B
82nd St. 2/1, C/H/A	\$550	3408
8919 St. 3/2/2 + fireplace	\$995	
5919 16th St. 3/2/2 home in Fraternity school district	\$895	5909 13th
3/2/2 + fireplace in Fraternity School District	\$850	30th St. 3/2
\$695. 6103 18th St. 4/3/2 + fireplace, appliances including W/D		
1100, 3304 32nd St. 4/2	\$850	W/D
son-Night Property services	8212	
thaca #8.	797-2212.	

AVAILABLE. 3/2/2, patio, fireplace. All appliances furnished. 5744 37th. (37th & Frankford). 863-4781 leave message.

BIG 2/2 2421 30th. Close to Tech. Completely remodeled. Hardwood floors, central h/a. 2 closets in each room, big living room. \$850/mo. 806-781-3357.

CLOSE + PRIVATE
2406 Slide road. Rear house, 1 bedroom efficiency. Water paid. Dec 1. \$350 + 794-7471.

CLOSE TO CAMPUS
Available December 15. Lease today: we have some wonderful and exciting one bedroom homes in quite residential neighborhoods at reasonable prices. Nice appliances and lovely fenced yards. Friendly pet welcome. For appointment come by and visit with Ann at 4211 34th (near 34th & Quaker), 795-2011.

CLOSE TO TECH. Nice 2/2 house. Central heat/air, dining room, hardwood, 2503-21st \$775/month. \$400/dep. 787-2323, 544-3600

CUTE 2 BEDROOM HOUSE
Close to Tech. Fenced yard. Washer/dryer included. \$500/month. 789-6001, 747-3083.

CUTE 2/1 central h/a, wood floors, one car garage, close to Tech, pet friendly, 2008 33rd. 600/mo 500/dep call Joe 804.441.0611

CUTE 2/1 central h/a, wood floors, one car garage, close to Tech, pet friendly, 2008 33rd. 600/mo 500/dep call Joe 804.441.0611

CUTE 3 BEDROOM HOUSE
Two blocks from Tech. Central heat/air. Great for 2 or 3 people. 789-6001, 747-3083.

CUTE DUPLEX
3501 Elgin. 2/1. Washer/dryer connection. Like new. January 1. \$595. 793-8759

DETACHED EFFICIENCY/RANGE/REFRIGERATOR/OFF street parking. \$315. No pets/smoking parties. Ernestine Kelly, Realtor. 795-7113 Owner.

DOWNTOWN LOFT Apartment. 1600 sq ft. 2 Bedroom, one bath. \$850/month. 747-0193.

EFFICIENCY APARTMENT. 2204 29th Rear. \$275/mo + bills. 535-1905.

FIRSTMARK REALTORS
3/3/2, 529 A Chicago, \$795/month; 3/3/2, 526 A Clinton, \$795/month; 3/2, 2211 23rd, \$795/month. FIRSTMARK. We Have More Rentals! Call Us: 806-793-8759!

FOR LEASE AVAILABLE JAN 1.
6 month or 1 year lease: 2622 26th Street, nice 3/2, \$1125; 2218 20th Street, 3/2, 2 story house, \$1050; 2201 20th Apt B, nice large 2/1, \$500. Call Bill 470-7037.

FOR RENT: 2523 21st, Walking Distance to Tech! 4/2, Completely Renovated, All Appliances, C/H/A, Ceramic, Carpet, HW, Available to view 12-7. Available to rent 1-1-08, \$1600 rent, \$800 deposit. ALSO 1/1/1 Butler's Apt. available 1-1-06 at rear of property, restoration in process. 574-825-4447.

GARAGE APARTMENT
December 15 - May. One bedroom, separate living, kitchen. 3 blocks off campus. Appliances, W/D hookups. \$285. Private fenced yard. Parking. See Ann at 4211 34th. 795-2011.

GREAT HOUSE. Take over Lease, 3/1, \$750/mo, pets, 4108 33rd Street. 214-893-1782.

HALF BLOCK Tech. Small, remodeled garage type efficiency apartment. No pets. Parking. Serious Students only. A/C. \$325/month, bills paid. 792-3118.

HARDWOOD FLOORS
Bear Flats: 4204 17th. New 2006. Loft style 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors, metal ceilings, studio room. Washer/Dryer connections. Exterior: Stucco, iron rails, metal roof. Virtual tour @ www.lubbockapartments.com. 806-792-0828.

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HOME FOR RENT 3/2/2
Very clean house. 15th and Slide. Large bedrooms. \$950/ month, \$100 off first month if signed by Dec. 12th. Brenton (205) 451-6994.

HOUSE - 3/2/2 VERY NICE!
Very new nice/ safe neighborhood. Alarm, water system, fireplace, large master with jacuzzi tub, dishwasher, washer/ dryer connect, central heat/ air, backyard, lots of room, must see! 8 min from Tech. \$1125/ mo - Ask for Mace. 806-577-9280.

JANUARY SPECIAL
ALL NEW: 2216 28th, 3-1 or 2-1+ den, big deck + yard, laundry with w/d, \$735 + 793-8759.

LARGE 3/2 2 story house; Carport, yard, dining, hardwood, Ch/va. 2008-26th, \$825/mo. \$400/dep. 787-2323, 544-3600.

LARGE DUPLEX
One bedroom. Tech Terrace area. Washer/dryer included. \$350/month. 789-6001, 747-3083.

LEASE: DEC 15 THRU MAY
1 bedroom house near 23rd & Boston. 3 blocks off campus. Separate living, bedroom. Appliances. W/D. Extra 10 x 20 storage building. Private yard, parking. \$425. For appointment to view see Anne 4211 34th. 795-2011.

MERIDIAN PARK APARTMENTS PRE-LEASING
for January. Mention this ad and receive an additional 5% off our already special price! 5710 4th St. 797-5647. www.stellar-management.com.

MOVING! QUEEN mattress set \$119. Twin mattress set \$99. New, Clean. Washer \$255. 806-549-3110.

NEAR TECH. Sharp 2/2. 2 story townhouse apartment. Spanish tile. French door. Courtyard. \$625. Water, gas & cable paid. 4408 22nd. 252-4598, 797-5229.

NEW HOME. Pick Roommates. Have parents buy a new home for their favorite college student. Pick your roommates for Spring Semester. 3BR/2BA, at 86th & U. 806-777-8262 or see www.crehomesales.com.

NEW! ROOMMATES WELCOME!
Convenient to TTU! Spacious 3BR/2BA with Oversized 2 Car Garage. Washer/Dryer Connections. Security Gate, Deck, Internet-Cable Ready. Hurry - Only 3 Left! \$850/mo. 5834 - 7th 806-783-3040

NEWLY REMODELED 2/1/1 duplex, yard, w/d hookups, great location 3414 49th \$625 806-791-0993 Other Properties Available 806-791-0993.

NEWLY REMODELED 1, 2 & 3 & 4 bedroom houses for lease. Convenient to Tech. Call 771-1890.

NICE 2 bedroom, 2 living areas, 2 bath house near campus. 796-0774.

NICE 2/1 duplex near campus. Central heat and air. Carport, yard, water paid. 2401-B 22nd, \$600/400. 787-2323, 544-2600.

NICE 3/2/2 house off campus. Ch/va, yard, W/D connections,

EXPERIENCE Rec Sports

Student Rec Center Hours
 Monday-Friday 6:00 am - 12:00 am
 Saturday 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
 Sunday 12:00 pm - 12:00 am

Aquatic Center Hours
 Monday-Friday 6:00 am - 8:45 am; Noon-9 pm
 Saturday-Sunday 12:00 - 7 pm

PLEASE NOTE: THE REC CENTER & POOL WILL CLOSE AT 7 PM TODAY!!

Exercise your mouse at www.recsports.ttu.edu

Heartbeats
 A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

Wilderness First Aid Class!
January 13-15
 This class features Nationally Recognized Certification, includes all books and lab materials, and is a 27 hour curriculum. Registration forms are available at www.WildMedCenter.com. For more information contact Jordan Messerer at Jordan.messerer@ttu.edu or at 806.742.2949.

Sneak Peek! The Outdoor Pursuits Center Spring Trip Calendar Now Available On-line!
 Are you already tired of the cold winter weather and eagerly anticipated Spring's arrival? Well, don't worry, Spring isn't too far away and the Outdoor Pursuits Center has many exciting Spring trips planned just for YOU! Get a sneak peek at these trips on-line at www.recsports.ttu.edu (click on Outdoor Pursuits). Start planning your Spring schedule now!

Wet Set T-Shirts Available for Purchase?
 Did you swim around the Island of Manhattan? If so, don't forget to purchase your Wet Set T-shirt for only \$10 so you can brag about your accomplishment to your friends! Call the Aquatic Center at 742.3896 to order!

Sports Ticker...
Recent Sport Club Scores
Wrestling @ Arlington, TX Meet
 Ryan Blair - 2nd
 John Prillman - 3rd
 Mike Villancio - 4th
 Chase Wesley - 4th

Powerlifting @ Austin, TX meet
 Nick King - 1st in 500kg
 King, Nick Brittain, Michael Bristol & Daron Chatham - all collegiate qualifiers

Men's Lacrosse
 Cobra Men's Lax 13, **TTU 12**
 TTU 12, Coppell Men's Lax

Men's Soccer (Tempe, AZ)
TTU 1, Ohio U 0
TTU 0, Cornell 0
TTU 2, Minnesota 1
 Arizona 1, **TTU 0** (3-2 PK)

Women's Soccer (Tempe, AZ)
TTU 2, MTSU 1
TTU 1, Rutgers 0
TTU 3, Illinois 2
 James Madison 1, **TTU 0**

Men's Volleyball
 7th @ TCU Tournament

Cricket @ Midland, TX
TTU 99/110, MCC 101/8

FITNESS JAM!

Thurs., Dec. 7 at 5:30pm
FREE EVENT!

SCAPE BINGO GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

FITNESS/WELLNESS

Beat those holiday blahs and come work out at **Fitness Jam**, the master fitness class TOMORROW at 5:30 PM! You want it, we've got it with classes from gliding and Irish Dance to Powerball and Cardio Funk. It's a FREE event and prizes will be given away along with free smoothies from Keva Juice. Even better, Xcape Bingo Grand Prizes will be drawn! Fitness Jam will be held on basketball court 8.

PLEASE NOTE: All fitness classes will be canceled from 5:30 pm-on TODAY, December 6th. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Holiday Fitness Schedule begins on December 8th! ALL CLASSES, INCLUDING RAIDER X2, ARE FREE! Pick up a schedule today or download one at www.recsports.ttu.edu.

Aquatic Center Saturday Morning Special!

Underwater Hockey!
 Come check out underwater hockey this Saturday from 10-11:45 am!

Underwater Hockey is an exciting and addictive game played at the bottom of a pool with a short stick and a lead puck. If you enjoy a great physical workout and other fun pool activities then Underwater Hockey is for you. It's FREE—all you need is a bathing suit and a great attitude!

INTRAMURALS 2006 nirsa all-tournament official

Congratulations to Jason Buchta for being named an All-Tournament Official at the 2006 NIRSA (National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association) Regional Flag Football Championships at Arizona State University on Nov. 10-12! Jason, who was one of only four officials to receive this honor, has received an all expenses paid trip to officiate at the Flag Football National Championship at the University of Texas-Dallas on Jan. 2-4. **Congratulations Jason!**

Congratulations to the 2006 Winter Slam Tournament Champions!

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Intramural Winter Slam Basketball Tournament held last Saturday, Dec. 2nd! The 2006 Winter Slam Champions were team **Hickory**. CONGRATULATIONS!

Pictured above: 2006 winners: Hickory (top left to right): Derek Hansen, Dutch, Kendall McDonald, Josh Brown, Andy Messamore (bottom left to right): Dallas Killingsworth, Zack Rice

OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTER OPC SPRING TRIP SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE!

Experience Spring Break OPC Style!

Spring Break Dogsledding! March 9-18, 2007
 Travel by dogsled and cross-country skis for 5-days in the Boundary Waters Wilderness area in Minnesota. Winter in the Boundary Waters is mesmerizing, peaceful and exhilarating.

It is a place of spectacular extremes, trackless snow, bracing air, glowing warm embers, intense silence and solitude. All you will have to provide for this trip is a positive mental attitude, cost for meals and lodging while traveling to the and from the activity site, and personal clothing. We will provide transportation, meals at the activity site, heavy winter clothing (including boots), and all camping and activity equipment. More information about this trip can be found at www.recsport.ttu.edu, or calling 742-2949. This trip will fill fast so sign-up early to assure a trip of the life-time. Registration is being taken at the Outdoor Pursuits Center at the north entrance of the SRC. Cost for this trip is \$975.

Ski & Snowboard Rentals! The Outdoor Pursuits Center is offering ski and snowboard rental packages for Winter Break. We have brand new snowboards with Burton strap-in bindings and freshly tuned shaped skis. This equipment is priced to get students out on the slopes! The quality of gear and price cannot be beat here in town or at the slopes. We use "K2" skis and "Burton" snowboards. Come check us out today.

Package price includes all equipment: skis, boots, and poles or snowboard and boots. Cost for a **Wednesday, December 13**, pick-up and return date of **Tuesday, January 2**, is \$60 for skis or \$90 for snowboards. If you want to keep the equipment until January 10 the price is \$120 for skis or \$180 for snowboards. Stop by the Outdoor Pursuits Center located at the north entrance of the Recreation Center or call us at (806) 742-2949 for more information. We are now taking reservations!

Happy Holidays from Rec Sports!
 With the semester quickly coming to an end and the holidays approaching, the Rec Center will be operating on revised hours beginning, TODAY, Wed., Dec. 6th.

*Please note: The Rec Center will close at 7 pm TODAY.

Thurs. & Fri. (12/7-8): Rec open 6 am-10 pm
 Saturday (12/9): 8 am-10 pm
 Sunday (12/10): Noon-10 pm
 Mon. & Tues. (12/11-12): 6 am-10 pm
 Wed.-Fri. (12/13-15): 6 am-8 pm
 Sat. & Sun. (12/16-17): 2-6 pm
 Mon.-Fri. (12/18-22) 6 am- 7 pm
 Saturday (12/23): 12-4 pm
 Sun.-Tues. (12/24-26): CLOSED

You can download the complete holiday schedule of operating hours on-line at www.recsports.ttu.edu.

Midnight Breakfast

Join us Thursday, December 7th
 10 p.m. to Midnight at
 Horn/Knapp Dining Hall
 Hulen/Clement Dining Hall
 Bledsoe/Gordon Dining Hall

FREE for all Resident Dining Plan Holders
 All others: \$4.95

Late-Nite Breakfast @ Sam's Place at Murray, Chitwood/Weymouth, Wall/Gates and Sneed
 Dec. 8th and 10th.

With the purchase of a loaded breakfast burrito receive a complimentary coffee or 24 oz. fountain drink during Late-Nite hours!

For a complete listing of close down times and locations see our Web site www.hospitality.ttu.edu
 Thank you for dining with us this semester.

Who The Heck Is Sam

We've grown and changed to meet your needs!

How long has Sam's Place been in operation?
 Look for Sam in today's paper to find the answer. Then, clip and submit your entry at Sam's Place in the SLJH by Dec. 5 to enter a drawing for an iPod!

If you want it, Sam's has it!

Sam's is the place to be!

- Convenient dining locations across campus
- Dining Plans accepted at all locations, any time
- Coffee Bar in Murray
- Late-Nite hours - avoid hassles of going off-campus
- Value for our customers
- Grab-N-Go meals

Sam's Mini-Markets are located in Murray, Chitwood/Weymouth, Sneed, Wall/Gates and the Student Union Building. We also have a Law School kiosk.

For more information, including store hours, visit www.hospitality.ttu.edu

Hospitality services **Sam's Place**