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### STATE

### State closes troubled nursing home

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Dozens of people were wheeled out on stretchers and transferred by ambulances from a troubled nursing home after state regulators decided to close the facility.

The 43 residents of Mayfield Care Center were taken to other facilities Saturday, when state officials closed the center over safety concerns.

"We're crying as patients go out the door. It tears my heart out," said nurse Johnny Rodriguez. "We don't have jobs anymore and our residents are suffering. It's horrible.'

### NATION

### Police identify body as missing student

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - Police on Saturday identified a body found earlier in the week as that of a missing Butler Community College student.

The identification of the body of Emily Sander, 18, was confirmed by a forensic orthodontist, El Dorado Police Chief Tom Boren said.

## WORLD

## Saudi bristles over criticism on rape case

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Saudi Arabia is bristling at international criticism over the sentencing of a rape victim to prison and 200 lashes, insisting the West should stay out of its legal system. But the case could empower voices for change in the kingdom's Islamic courts.

The punishment of the "Girl of Qatif" - as the rape victim is known, after her hometown in eastern Saudi Arabia — was labeled "barbaric" by Canada. In a rare criticism of its Mideast ally, the White House called the Saudi court ruling "outrageous."

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal was visibly annoyed.

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# **Bush continues pushing against Congress**

# Spending bills, intelligence legislation, tax law changes top to-do list for lawmakers

By DEB RIECHMANN ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) vacation, including spending bills, ping. intelligence legislation and tax law

again for Christmas."

Among the unfinished priorities people. for the president are approval of this week from their Thanksgiving rules for government eavesdrop-

He urged Congress to complete

aimed at a small number of wealthy stop.'

President Bush has a lengthy to-do money to fight the wars in Iraq and created in 1969, was not adjusted for or remarks on budget-related disputes list for lawmakers when they return Afghanistan and agreement on new inflation. Every year, the tax ensnares a growing number of middle-income taxpayers.

"If Congress fails to pass legislathe annual government spending tion to fix the AMT, as many as 25 "Members are coming back to bills — but not in "one monstrous million Americans would be subject a lot of unfinished business," Bush piece of legislation" filled with money to the AMT," Bush said. "On average, said Saturday in his weekly radio for special interests. In addition, he these taxpayers would have to send address. "The clock will be ticking wants Congress to send him legisla- an extra \$2,000 to the IRS next year.

Since the end of the summer, The alternative minimum tax, Bush has focused at least 17 events with Congress. In his Nov. 17 radio address, Bush demanded that Congress fix that tax. At the Pentagon on Thursday, Bush pressed Democrats to threatened to veto the measure, Senapprove money to fund the Iraq war "without strings and without delay"

After more failed attempts to pass because they have only a few weeks tion that keeps middle-class people This is a huge increase that taxpayers legislation ordering troops home from

to get their work done before leaving from being hit by a tax originally do not deserve and Congress must Iraq, Democrats have said they plan to sit on Bush's \$196 billion request for war spending until next year.

The House has passed a \$50 billion bill that would keep war operations afloat for several more months, but set a goal of bringing most troops home by December 2008. After Bush ate Republicans blocked the measure. In turn, Democratic leaders said they before leaving for the Christmas will not send Bush a war spending bill this year at all.

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THE 49th ANNUAL Carol of Lights celebration took place on campus Friday night. Thousands were in attendance to view a tradition that has grown in popularity since its inception

# 49th-annual Carol of Lights ceremony reflects the beginning of the holiday season

STAFF WRITER

The cold, wet Friday evening did not stop approximately 23,000 people from attending Texas Tech's 49th-annual Carol of Lights: Lighting the Way.

Students, faculty, staff members, alumni and Lubbockites huddled together for warmth as

they waited in the parking lot of the Science Quadrangle and Memorial Circle for the festivi-

"The Carol of Lights really puts us on the map," said Christina Phan, a senior public relations major from Chino Hills, Calif. "We're known nationally for our ceremony. I get e-mails all the time from people in New York or Cornell University asking for advice to start their own."

The tradition started in 1959 with just 5,000 lights, and it increased to 16,000 lights in the first official Carol of Lights ceremony in 1961. Friday, five times more than the original number of lights lit up the campus.

"It's one of the oldest traditions at Texas Tech," said Phan, president of Residence Halls Association. "It's amazing because at the flick of a switch, 25,000 light bulbs are lit."

The Carol of Lights ceremony began with a torchlight processional by the Saddle Tramps,

parading of the Masked Rider and Raider Red and a speech from Phan. Phan said for the first time in Carol of Lights history, the ceremony hosted its first female

soloist, Kathryn Barnes-Buroughs, who sang, "O, Holy Night."

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# New health sciences center building opens in El Paso

By GLENYS BOLLS STAFF WRITER

Administrators for the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center at El Paso cut the ribbon, symbolically opening the center's newest building Thursday morning.

The Medical Education Building is the second of three buildings to be completed at the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, which is expected to have its first class of medical students enter in August 2009, according to a press release.

The school is now two-thirds of the way completed, although the final building will

not be finished before the first class arrives. Founding Dean Dr. Jose Manuel de la Rosa said the building would look familiar to

many of Tech's students, even those on the students arrives. Lubbock campus.

"Like most of the buildings on Tech's main campus in Lubbock, it's done in the Spanish Renaissance style," de la Rosa said. "What we've done is take possession from the construction crew and the architects. Now we'll start furnishing the building and moving in faculty and staff."

The Medical Education Building cost \$48 million to build, de la Rosa said, an amount that was provided for by the 2003 session of the Texas Legislature.

The first building, the Medical Science Building I, hosted its ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 31, 2006. Funding has not yet been secured for the third building, so it will not be finished until after the first class of

"We're putting together a bond request, but it's not funded yet. We can't give an opening date until we have funding, but we'll ask the legislature in the 2009 session.'

The Medical Education Building has been built to adapt to the changing needs of the medical school, de la Rosa said.

"This building is specifically designed for medical education," he said. "It's designed to function with any medical-type curriculum we can come up with. If we want lectures, small group learning, virtual exercises, there are places for all of those. Every function of this building is for education."

The new building is shaped like the letter C, which differentiates it from other

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ADMINISTRATORS WORK TOGETHER to cut the ribbon at the new HSC building.

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## Bush

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Pentagon officials said that if offs, termination of contracts and the necessary political progress. reduced operations at bases.

Defense Department.

"Nobody is going to get hurt and soon." by having this debate go on for ministration, in a conference call lance Act. with reporters.

on the Iraqi government to secure the nation and provide necessary services to its citizens.

"In January, the president anthe money is not approved soon, nounced the so-called troop 'surge' tary Robert Gates has ordered the cal reconciliation," Pelosi said in a cutbacks, including civilian lay- failed by every measure to make

"Democrats are committed to Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., who a new direction in Iraq that holds returned Saturday from a trip to the president accountable, proour troops home safely, honorably said.

another month or so," said Webb, Bush wants Congress to extend tions companies from civil lawsuits Navy secretary in the Reagan ad- the Foreign Intelligence Surveil- for allegedly giving the govern-

D-Calif., said the Bush administragovernment to eavesdrop inside and 2007.

tion is not placing enough pressure the United States without court permission, so long as one end of the conversation was reasonably believed to be located outside

The original law required a the military will have to take cost- to give Iraq's government the court order for any surveillance cutting measures. Defense Secre- 'breathing space' to achieve politic conducted on U.S. soil, to protect Americans' privacy. The White Army and Marine Corps to begin statement released Friday. "Eleven House argued that the law was planning for a series of expected months later, Iraqi politicians have obstructing intelligence gathering because, as technology has changed, a growing amount of foreign communications passes through U.S.-based channels.

"This new law expires on Feb-Iraq, called the threat of layoffs vides real support to our men and ruary 1 while the threat from our "gamesmanship" on the part of the women in uniform and will bring terrorist enemies does not," Bush

The most contentious issue is On the intelligence legislation, whether to shield telecommunicament access to people's private Lawmakers changed the law e-mails and phone calls without House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, over the summer to allow the a FISA court order between 2001

# HSC

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country, de la Rosa said.

"In the middle is a courtyard planted with herbal remedies, in omy," de la Rosa keeping with the idea of a medi- said. "These labs cal school," he said. "We looked provide room for at some buildings in Salamanca, dissection and Spain, and we realized that the studying the courtyard acts as a gathering place. relationship of We thought it would be neat to the structures have a decorative garden where to each other. the students could go, and what This was done better landscaping is there than traditionally by medicinal plants?"

The Medical Education Build- ies. Now the stuing also is different than other dents can study traditional medical schools in this not only in that it has a different architectural the gross anatostyle than most buildings, de la my lab but also Rosa said.

"We put the gross anatomy lab anatomy lab". on the fourth floor for aesthetics and cost savings," he said. "In most puter images to study the body. as well as being somewhat ahead medical school buildings, the gross Histology labs, which focus on of its time. anatomy lab is down in the base- what could is considered microment. The bodies are preserved anatomy, use DVDs and CDs to it all in one short statement, I'd in fluid, and you have to vent the simulate microscopic anatomy les- say it's state of the art and also odors outside through the rest of sons where microscopes and slides somewhat avant-garde," he said. the building. By putting the lab on were used in the past, he said. the fourth floor, we're saving that

The building will serve all the contain classrooms, a digital li- >> glenys.bolls@ttu.edu

three different labs students can according to the press release. medical buildings around the use to study different aspects of the human body.

dissecting bod-

in the virtual

- DR. JOSE MANUEL **DE LA ROSA** FOUNDING DEAN

I'm just very

gratified to see our

hard work turned

into brick and

mortar.

ing is divided into four floors that mortar."

various needs of its medical stu- brary, student support areas, teachdents, de la Rosa said. For anatomy ing laboratories, administrative oflessons, for example, there are fices and simulation laboratories,

"We have computer simulation; manikins, which are very sophisti-"Gross anatomy is large anat- cated; and simulated patients who

> are live people," de la Rosa said. "They're people with a disease so the student learns how to interview, press on the patient's stomach, etc. They're real people with real diseases, but they're only simulating a patient visit because the students are not actually provid-

ing care.' De la Rosa said the building is Virtual anotomy labs use com- on the leading edge of technology

"If I were going to try to capture "I'm just very gratified to see our The 125,000 square-foot build- hard work turned into brick and

## SEWIGOOL



JENNIFER JONES, A senior apparel design and manufacturing major from Dallas, works on one of her final pieces for a circus design class Thursday morning.

# Venezuelans vote on changes that could expand Chavez's powers

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez would take on expanded powers and no longer face term limits under sweeping constitutional changes being considered by Venezuelans Sunday in a contentious vote that has raised tensions in South America's top oil exporter.

An emboldened opposition and recent violent clashes involving protesters point to a potentially volatile dispute if the vote is close, as some pollsters predict.

Lines snaked outside polling stations as voting began. Voters were awakened in Caracas by fireworks exploding in the pre-dawn sky and reveille blaring from speakers mounted on cruising trucks.

"This is transcendental day for Venezuela," voter Raul Perez said, without revealing whether he was voting "yes" or "no."

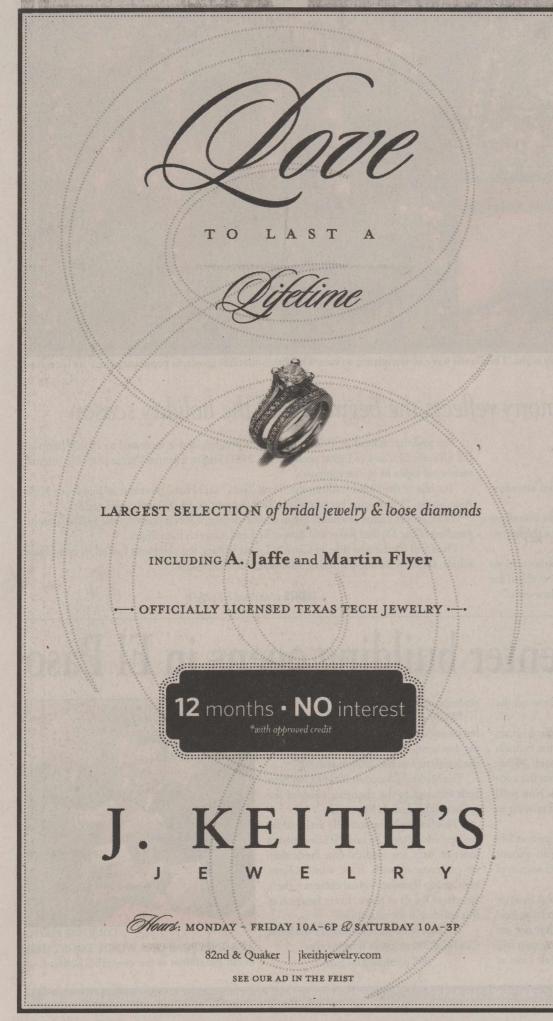
Chavez has warned opponents he will not tolerate attempts to stir up violence, and threatened to cut off oil exports to the U.S. if Washington interferes. His country is a major supplier to the United States, which in turn is the No. 1 buyer of Venezuelan oil.

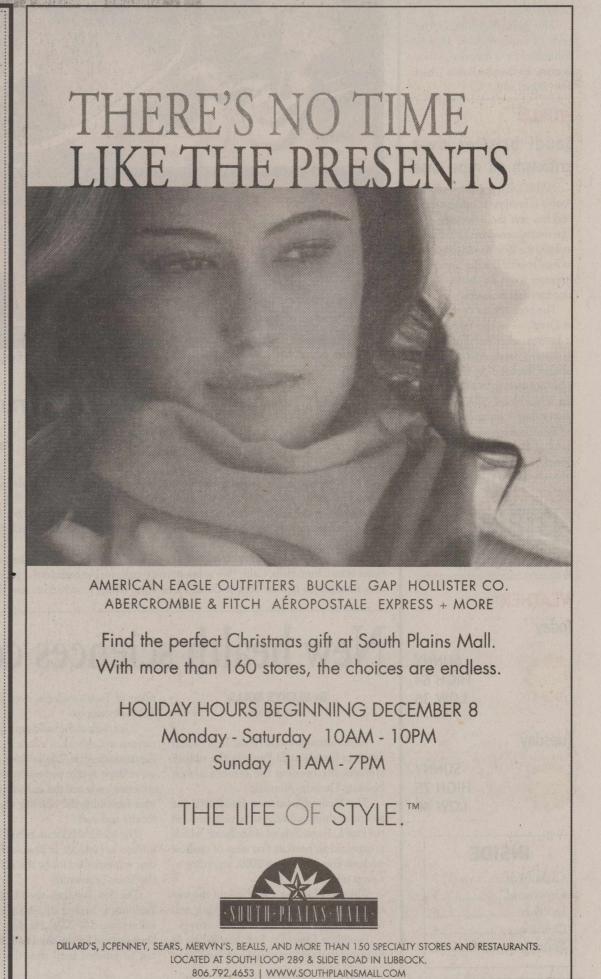
"In the case of an aggression by the United States government, we wouldn't send any more oil to that country," Chavez told reporters Saturday. "Forget about our oil."

Chavez, who has become Latin America's most outspoken antagonist of Washington since he was first elected in 1998, calls the constitutional overhaul vital to making Venezuela a socialist state. He labels those who resist it pawns of U.S. President George W. Bush.

While the Venezuelan government touts polls showing Chavez ahead, other surveys cited by the opposition indicate strong resistance — which would be a change for a leader who easily won re-election last year with 63 percent of the vote.

Pollster Luis Vicente Leon said tracking polls by his firm Datanalisis in the past week show the vote is too close to predict. Which side wins will depend largely on turnout among Chavez's supporters and opponents,





# Astronaut, robots invade Texas Tech

By ADAM YOUNG STAFF WRITER

America's first woman in space, Sally Ride, addressed area high they're going to be going school and middle school students to college." preparing to take their robots to battle as part of the 2007 Texas necessary to compete, Phil-Boosting Engineering, Science and lips said the student-built, Technology Robotics Competition radio-controlled robots are Friday and Saturday in the City Bank limited to a maximum 24-Municipal Coliseum.

Kambra Bolch, associate vice positions, not weighing provost at Texas Tech, said the more than 24 pounds, and competition, which the university is they must be designed to hosting for the second year in a row, perform the tasks of the is an opportunity for area high school and middle school students to design, build and test robots in a competition intended to inspire them to competition committee consider careers in math, science, hubs located throughout engineering and technology.

who became the first American plywood, radio control woman in space in 1983, was invited receivers and circuit boards to speak at the competition's opening to participating schools six ceremony Friday, not only for her weeks before the competiachievements as an astronaut, but tion begins. for her involvement as president and chief executive officer of Sally as far as the materials used," Ride Science, a company focusing he said. "It's just how well on supporting students' interests in they are using their techscience, math and technology.

students, parents and teachers about have, and it teaches them the importance of science and tech- a lot of things in a short nology in education and praised period of time." the students for participating in the competition.

"It's really important that you an opposing robot out of have science and math skills because the way, unlike the televiyou're going to need those to com- sion show "BattleBots" in pete globally and to help this country which robots are designed compete globally," she said, "and it's for the sole purpose of not only important for those of you destroying each other, the who are going to become rocket sci-rules of Texas BEST are entists or microbiologists or robotics that no robots should be engineers to have a good background hurt in the name of the in science and technology."

Students from robotics teams from 27 high schools and middle tionally damaging another schools in Texas, New Mexico robot, they're disqualified and Oklahoma participated in the and removed," he said. event, which was designed to make engineering and electronic specialist engineering notebook exwith Raytheon, a space and airborne plaining the processes of designing systems company in McKinney that and building their robot. sponsored the competition.

ers because it gives them a chance to different perspective of what's out think about 'well, where am I going in the real world by doing this and

in the future?" he said. "Several of the engineering notebooks," he said. able to go into college and be in the careers outside of the sciences will kids will get on each other, and there even going to college prior to getting see what's available to them to be

into Texas BEST, and now

Of the requirements inch cube in their starting competitions: picking up bottles, boxes or both.

Phillips said Texas BEST the state distribute kits Ride, a former NASA astronaut with materials including

"All the teams are equal nology, design, operations Ride lectured the audience of and resources that they

Though Phillips said a robot's operator can nudge competition.

"If they're caught inten-

Students participating

"The whole thing is to whet "This is good for the high school- their appetites and give the kids a

the kids I've talked to today weren't "It gives them an opportunity to sciences."



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

RYAN HORLNY, A student from Victory Lakes Intermediate, guides the robot representing them utilize skills in science and in the competition also his school to drop a block into its cargo area during the Texas BEST robotics competition technology, said Richard Phillips, an are required to fill out an Saturday afternoon inside the City Bank Coliseum.

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literate citizens that can things the right way." make educated decisions and vote responsibly.

convince yourself of that to win the competition. is turn on the TV or go on to science or technology," effect on ecosystems in them make another one." vour area."

potential career opportunities that participateventually can bring for when Texas BEST piqued NASA's interest after designing a game based on changing the batteries in the Hubble Space Telescope with a robot instead for a spacewalk.

ested in it - especially when they went back and the same thing that ya'll

botics coach and teacher at

said. "There's some hard A&M," she said. work sometimes, and the >> adam.young@ttu.edu

require workers have a good knowl- will be some hurt feelings for a day Ride said she believes more edge of science and technology and or two, but then they get over it. We to have more scientifically just want them to learn how to do

He said he assists his students in the designing and building processes "All you need to do to as well as developing their strategy

"We guide them along the way the Web, and you'll see and keep them from going out into story after story after story never never land where they're that is related in some way never going to come up with the answer, and then we'll help them she said. "It might be the build a part and say, 'This is what latest medical study telling you wanted; this is how you have to you the effects of coffee or build it," he said. "We don't turn the it might be the latest data kids completely loose — if they build about global warming and something that doesn't fit right or is climate change and the not good enough, then we'll have

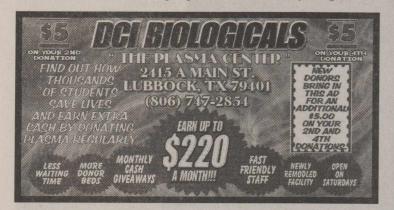
Jonathan Smith, a member of the An example of the Haltom City High School team and high school senior, said he anticipates engineering being an aspect of ing in the competition his education beyond high school.

"I'm not completely sure what students, Phillips said, is I want to major in, but I'm sure engineering is going to come in handy one way or another," he said, "and that's the good thing about it: Whatever we learn in robotics, we know will help us out."

Bolch said she hopes hosting the of sending an astronaut out competition at Tech will raise the student participants' awareness and "They got very inter- interest in pursuing a higher education at the university.

But, Courtney Bucholtz, a memtold their scientists, 'Hey, ber of the Haltom City High School you've got a bunch of kids team and a high school junior, with a \$300 kit of parts in said while her involvement in the six weeks that are doing competition has piqued her interest in pursuing a career in designing are doing in three years remotely-operated vehicles, she and have spent \$6 million currently only has considered Texas A&M University and the Massachu-Steve Bucholtz, a ro- setts Institute of Technology.

"I really haven't looked into Haltom City High School, Texas Tech before, but now I'm resaid his school's robotics ally considering looking into it for its club is an after-school proengineering program as well, and I'm gram open to any student. interested in seeing what they have "We have a blast," he to offer in comparison to M.I.T. and



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# Underground music compromised by commercials

You can't go a day Sonya without hearing some sort of melodic sound. I even write fonza es columns dealing with music every week. But, during the last decade or so, things have changed.

The concept of the "underground" has surfaced, especially of Nirvana, and now it is exposed. cal pop star like Jessica Simpson or Beyoncé – I heard Band of Horses and The Black Keys.

I even saw Bob Dylan in a Cadillac Escalade commercial.

Being a huge fan of the undercould this happen?" I wondered, "Where has the security of the innocence of our music gone?" When



This certainly isn't the first the rise of grunge during the days time these questions have been facebook.com, the music industry Keys since I saw them in 2004. I witnessed four commercials that tween success and selling out has avid music listeners want. And even on mainstream MTV or even featured musicians, and these been written about in everything now the industry has found its VH1? How could advertisers know weren't commercials with the typi- from Web sites to large-numbered books. There are even organized meetings about where to draw the Music Festival in Austin.

People involved in the indusground scene, I asked myself, "How try, whether for creativity or to how to grab the attention of our youth and how to stay holding on.

stars, allowing their faces to be

like www.myspace.com and www. had been "pushing" the Black asked. For years, the battle be- has had easy access to what young, But then I thought, "They're not hostage.

The music industry has realized line, such as various keynote meet- it doesn't need to fork out more music is a constant. But, so is ings at the South By Southwest and more money to obtain the money, and I'm not talking about awareness of our youth - it just money in a way that it is a drivneeds to go really, really cheap.

simply make money, want to know labeled bands don't have the fact that I may not always have a always know the right people. means for a ton of publicity or whole lot of money to buy all the don't have access to the amount CDs I want to buy or to see all the

battle with the emergence of pop they can now be in commercials.

After witnessing not one, but the spokeswomen and spokesmen two different products - Nissan way - taking the "indie" scene they would catch my attention with this?"4

The truth of the matter is that ing force for all of us, since being Because many independently broke is easier. I've accepted the

he popular way of thinking

society. Briefly stated, this means

every aspect of our culture has

a certain hopelessness about it

that there is no ultimate truth.

I don't believe this type of

thinking is beneficial to society.

It makes progress and growth

another. Honesty is one of the

even if we completely

ism's highest values is

individualism. Maybe

people forget how humans

are interdependent upon

one another. We think

individualistically, as if our thoughts and actions

only affect ourselves. I'm currently taking a class

with some environmental

aspects. It has encouraged

me to think about the sort

of impact humans have on the earth and on each

I know some environ-

but to think there are aspects

resources and be less wasteful,

ly, everyone develops a motivat-

ing desire in their lives. In a

other successes; it should not be

the focus itself.

Consciously or sub-conscious-

of our lives that everyone

should live the same way.

If people would conserve

everyone would benefit.

mentalists can be as pushy

as street corner evangelists,

One of post-modern-

ing any kind of truth.

but yourself.

disagree.

right now is self-centered

Since then there has been a steady on their music to make ends meet, to be a writer. So I've immersed the key to seeing all the bands I myself in music journalism, finding all the great magazines and books that teach me about good and Wrangler - that have songs music. Basically, I've stretched But, pop is changing. Rebel- from the blues band The Black myself out more. But, so have has evolved into Darwinism, and lion has become mainstream, and Keys, I felt betrayed and person- these bands. They aren't always musicians are fighting for their with the popularity of Web sites ally hurt by the band because I the richest bands and they don't lives.

> The music industry has evolved into Darwinism and musicians are fighting for their lives.

need to be able to survive. I have

Importance of seeking the truth

want to see for free, and the Shins found out that commercials would secure their financial status for the future. The music industry

We all love music, and some of us even love good music, but throughout it all, I still want to support the good bands. So, let's just support them. If I believe their music has substance and I can see that they're doing something right with their music, I'll still appreciate them, no matter what product they are selling. But, just for the record, you'll never catch me in a pair of Wranglers.

But, to put it bluntly, we all Gonzales is a senior English major from Austin. E-mail her at

aren't here to make me feel good

about myself. Instead, I want to

learn from their greater expe-

rience. There aren't clear-cut

definitions of the right and wrong

answers in some circumstances.

Grading art is more difficult than

grading a multiple choice test.

However, the teacher can't just

grade me on my effort. My design,

Some of these thoughts are why

gelism. Even when evangelism

is done in the most loving way

possible, people are insulted that

someone else would tell them to

change in a particular way. But, I

think this is how we learn. I don't

accept everything my teachers tell

me. I don't take all the advice my

friends give me, but I'm still glad

Everyone needs to change.

'Then we will no longer

in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the

truth in love, we will in all

things grow up into Christ.

From him the whole body,

joined and held together by every supporting liga-

ment, grows and builds



Sadly, Ralphie ended up shooting both his eyes out.

# Celebrating American ingnorance

Two Fridays ago, I attended and admiration for one of the most celebrating a female Supreme former Supreme Court Justice influential women of our time, but Court justice? with several friends about the event celebration?" and different concepts surrounding it. I found a lot of people who disthey did not quite understand my point. I therefore am trying to put it

on paper.

Sandra Day O'Connor's kick off of after the event I kept asking, "Why the "Sandra Day O'Connor Distin- are we celebrating the fact that she America, the "Beacon of Light" guished Lecture Series" and listened was the first female justice on the for the rest of the world, "a nato her speak. Afterwards, I spoke Supreme Court? Is this worthy of tion with a mission (of) demo-

rassment. It took until 1981 for us light of democracy. agreed with me, but when they said to have a female on the Supreme why they did, it made me realize Court? I much rather would sweep this fact under the rug and

> say, "Oh, we've always had females on the ttu.edu. Supreme Court ... It didn't take us 200 years to do so!"

Let's turn our eyes slightly to the north; even here Canada has had a female prime minister, Kim Campbell, desig-What is obvious is that a nated in 1993. Or how about our large percentage of O'Connor's "friends" in the East, Pakistan fame comes solely from her gender. Benazir Bhutto back in '88 (com-Thave spoken to lots of people who pletely ignoring the fact that we absolutely adore her but have no aided a certain commander hold idea what her philosophy is, what a coup against her to allow him any of her former qualifications to suspend the constitution and are or what she even did while on declare himself president i.e. dictathe court. Before I go on, I want tor). Or Margret Thatcher of Great to clarify a few things. Those who Britain? She was in office as prime truly know me as an individual minister in 1979. Israel, Iceland, know how strongly I advocate Malta, the Phillipines, Ireland, women's rights and certain femi- Germany — all have had female nist ideals. I have no intention of presidents. Bangladesh, India, taking away from her accomplish- Netherlands, Poland, Sri Lanka ments, and I have immense respect — need I name more? And we are

We, the United States of cratic peace," seem to be well on To me, this is more of an embar- our way to leading others to the

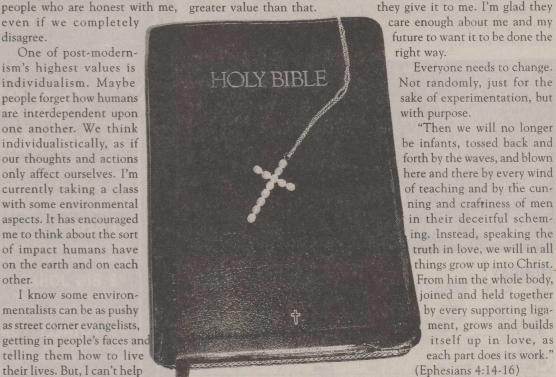
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## Ginger and disoriented from seek-We live in a post-modern Kana Ka

because it is commonly accepted ing in truth. No one will attain perfection on earth, but to im-Morals, truth and even his- prove ourselves continually is separate from my ego, is either tory are all relative. Spiritual or the best we can do. Hopefully, we good or bad. religious beliefs are encouraged, can learn along the way to fuel but they must be kept personal. ourselves and work with the most many people are opposed to evan-Beliefs can't apply to anyone else powerful motivator: love. Important aspects of this goal include

living out truth in love. Often, personal beliefs are difficult when everyone is too diminished to philosophical quesconcerned with offending one tions, debated forever without ever needing answers. But, I greatest values, and I appreciate believe questions should have people who are honest with me, greater value than that.

helping others grow in truth and



C.S. Lewis said, was a time when you asked questions because you wanted answers as a foundation for all growth. and were glad when you had found ter; inquiry for truth."

post-modern society, that desire is one way we're seeking truth. God wants our aim to be seeking is to make yourself happy. I ask, Along with life experiences, we him and sharing his love. is that a good goal? I would like should be learning new informato suggest happiness is a result of tion from our professors.

As an architecture student, I don't necessarily like everything I recommend the goal of grow- my teachers tell me, but they

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itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:14-16) Growth is important and can-Once you were a child. Once you not fully be attained on earth, but knew what inquiry was for. There there are basic truths that God has given mankind that should serve

The world is a broken place; them ... Thirst was made for wa- it is not like it should be. People hurt each other, don't care for each Hopefully, going to college other and pursue selfish desires.

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# Cat survives 19 days with peanut butter jar stuck on head

BARTLETT, Tenn. (AP) changing the feline's name to Cains feared the worst. Survivor.

survived for 19 days with a peanut Tabitha Cain, 25. butter jar stuck on its head.

said Doretha Cain, Tabitha's off her head.

The family saw the cat several her wounds and on Friday she — Tabitha Cain has fed a feral times with the jar on its head and began to eat again. cat she calls Wild Oats for several tried in vain to catch it. But after years, but now she's thinking of not seeing the cat for a week, the nine lives but I think this one

"I thought she was going to die days," Doretha Cain said. That's because she says the cat with that jar on her head," said

They found the once chubby cat heard similar stories of pets "We tried to get her, but being on Wednesday, too thin and weak to getting trapped for days or the type of cat you can't catch, flee. They caught her with a fishing even weeks at a time and she kept running and hiding," net and used some oil to get the jar surviving. Blackburn said the

They gave her water and treated excess fat.

"I've heard of cats having has 19 because she survived 19

Memphis veterinarian Gerald Blackburn said he's cat may have lived off of its

## Student charged after mall Santa gets a pumpkin pie in his face

Santa Claus has been charged upcoming film. with misdemeanor assault.

and shouted, "What do you first.

think of that, Santa?"

— A college student accused was charged Friday. He said he out," said Sgt. Travis Welsh of shoving a pumpkin pie into videotaped the encounter and of the Missoula Police Dethe face of a shopping-mall plans to include the clip in an partment.

Clint Westwood, 22, said ruckus, he expected to approach a girl about 15 years old to he "lightly smooshed" the pie Santa for a signature on a film-finish sitting on Santa's lap into the man's face Wednesday release form, but police arrived before the pie hit his face,

Westwood, a drama student wait around, because I think still sitting there."

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) at the University of Montana, Santa would have laid him

Westwood said he and He said that after the pie companions had waited for "but then we just decided it "It's a good thing he didn't would be funnier if she was

# Union says NASA chief criticism of agency's pilot survey was erroneous

disparaging and misrepresenting a federal air safety project. NASA weeks ago drew intense criticism for withholding results of the research, fearing it would upset travelers and hurt airline profits.

Griffin's criticisms of the program, in which thousands of commercial and private pilots were interviewed. It said his comments to Congress at an oversight hearing in October appeared to reflect fears the pilots own monitoring.

"Our primary concern is that the and technical employees. American taxpayer will be deprived of the fruits of millions of dollars said NASA stands by Griffin's stateand years of valuable aviation safety ments to Congress. "If someone dis-

(AP) — A union represent- of repeated judgment failures by It was correct," he said. ing NASA employees accuses the NASA's senior leadership," the union agency's administrator of unfairly said in a letter sent late last week to of the dispute over the merits and tarnishing agency employees by the House Science and Technology

The union said Griffin's testimony it for NASA. before the committee on Oct. 31 was "shocking" and that its own investigation found "no valid scientific basis for the administrator's technical The union disputed Michael criticism" of the National Aviation ect and was withholding results of Operations Monitoring System.

taxpayer money was wasted on the \$11.3 million project, "an unacceptable conclusion to leave hanging in of the pilot survey — that doing the air," said Matt Biggs, legislative so could undermine public conmight report to NASA higher rates director of the International Fed-fidence in the airlines and could of safety problems than are recorded eration of Professional and Techniby Federal Aviation Administration's cal Engineers. The union represents many NASA scientists, engineers

Agency spokesman David Mould research and development because agrees, we still believe what we said.

The development is evidence goals of the pilot survey, staunchly defended by experts who designed

The union's investigation is at least the fourth probe since The Associated Press disclosed that NASA had closed down the projthe research. Griffin told lawmak-The hearing left the impression ers he disagreed with NASA's written explanation to the AP for refusing to turn over the results affect the airlines' profits.

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fell to 718, an Associated Press are still dying in unacceptable reason to celebrate," said Richard 2006 bombing of a Shiite shrine flicts on civilians agreed, saying

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Dakotas, Illinois and northern taxiway as it was heading to a run-Snow and ice plastered a wide area of Michigan, although some warnings way for a flight to Chicago's O'Hare, the Midwest on Saturday, disrupting were lifted by midday. Six to 16 said airport spokesman Roy Criss. campaigning by presidential hope- inches of snow was forecast in parts. He said none of the 44 passengers

The airport reopened by midafternoon. "We've had some can-Officials decided to close Des cellations but quite a few flights are ings across parts of Nebraska, Iowa, Moines International Airport after gearing up — they're late but there

# Death toll for Iraqis falls for 3rd straight month

Minnesota, Wisconsin, the eastern a United Airlines plane slid off a going to be taking off," Criss said.

Much of Iowa was hit by snow,

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BAGHDAD (AP) — The levels not seen in nearly two years, els of murder to very bad, which tally showed, the lowest monthly numbers. death toll since just before the tory sectarian violence.

closing Des Moines' airport.

posted winter storm and ice warn-

fuls, making highways hazardous and of Minnesota.

The National Weather Service sleet and freezing rain.

The figures come as the mili- in perspective. tary says violence has fallen to

number of Iraqis killed last month while acknowledging that Iraqis is an improvement but not a

An expert on the effect of conwas positive, it needed to be kept

"We've gone from horrific lev- deaths still likely to occur."

Garfield, a professor at New York's Columbia University and a manager of health and nutrition for the World Health Organization.

"At these so-called low levels, there's a massive number of excess

# 4 men arrested in slaying of Redskins' Sean Taylor are charged

were charged Saturday in the shoot- not made a court appearance. ing death of Washington Redskins fessed.

videoconference in Fort Myers. The deadly weapon. fourth suspect, Jason Mitchell, was

All four are charged with unprestar Sean Taylor, with two of their meditated murder in Taylor's death, lawyers confirming some have con- a killing police said was unplanned and arose out of a burglary at the Charles Wardlow, Eric Rivera player's home. They're also charged Monday, but the Redskins safety and Venjah Hunte were denied bond with armed burglary and home was recuperating from a knee injury during a brief court appearance via invasion with a firearm or another and had returned from Washington.

The four were arrested Friday in was shot.

MIAMI (AP) — Four suspects charged Saturday afternoon and had southwest Florida, about 100 miles from Miami.

> Miami-Dade County police Director Robert Parker said the suspects didn't expect Taylor to be home when they broke in early When Taylor surprised them, he

# Prosecuting kids as adults: Some say laws too harsh

A generation after America decided to get tough on kids who criminal justice policy," says Shay Bil-champion community programs for commit crimes — sometimes locking chik, a former Florida prosecutor who young offenders to replace punitive them up for life — the tide may be turning.

States are rethinking and, in some cases, retooling juvenile sentencing laws. They're responding to new research on the adolescent brain, trouble more often, they do it faster and the offenses are more serious.

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heads the Center for Juvenile Justice measures they say went too far. Reform at Georgetown University. and we have to learn from it."

and studies that indicate teens sent trast to the turbulent days of the believe they made it too easy for kids to adult court end up worse off than 1990s when politicians vied to to go into the adult system and it's not those who are not: They get in pass laws to get violent kids off the a good place to be."

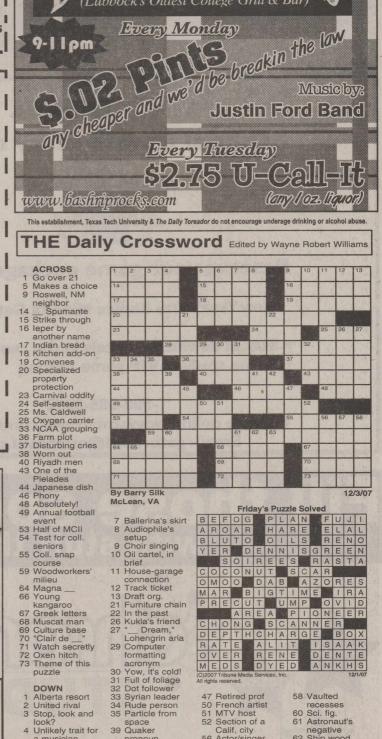
"It's really the trifecta of bad streets. Now, in calmer times, some

"The net was thrown too broadly," "People didn't know that at the time says Howard Snyder, director of systhe changes were made. Now we do, tems research at the National Center for Juvenile Justice. "When you make Juvenile crime is down, in con- these general laws ... a lot of people









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# Carol of Lights



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreado during the 49th-annual Carol of Lights.



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PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador A MEMBER OF the Saddle Tramps walks with flares Friday night THE MASKED RIDER gazes at the lights Friday night at Carol A MEMBER OF the Texas Tech choir sings Friday night during Carol of

# Lights

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Tech's combined choirs sing Christmas carols, keeping alive the tradition of caroling that started with a group of students singing through in the event, with two students excited at the same time and began the residence halls in 1959.

Lindsay Swartwood, a freshman the speeches. music education major from Den-

Choir, said she was excited to par-seconds, the front of campus was who enjoy the tradition. ticipate in this tradition.

"I didn't expect so many people to be there," she said. "I was honored The audience also listened to to be in an organization that is supput me in the mood of the season."

signing the songs and two signing taking pictures.

ton who is a member of University the moment came. In a matter of

illuminated, and cheers issued from

portive of such a great tradition. It from Dallas, said her favorite part she loves attending. of Carol of Lights was after the Silent Raiders also participated lights turned on, when everyone got

"Everyone goes to the Christmas son for everyone," After the carols and speeches, tree to take pictures and admire its she said. Christmas cheer," she said.

> Zach Ormsby, a senior mechani- Morris Wilkes, cal engineering major from Borger, said he has been described the lighting as something going since he was greater than just being simply ma-

"It's about a sense of wonder and about the cerawe," he said. "It's an excitement emony," he said. that you can only feel at Tech — I "The lights are on don't know anyone else who does all the time." this. This is my fourth year going, Kim Petrie, a mother of four chillights went up in September. and it gets better every year. It's the dren, stood outside with her husband Phan said the theme, "Lighting grades you get, but you'll always highlight of my Christmas season."

Kitty Harris-Wilkes, assistant way to start the holidays." dean of the College of Human Sci-

"I think it is very important to Lubbock because I think it signifies

the Christmas sea-Her husband,

a child.

and children in the cold, waiting for the Way," came to her spontaneously remember Carol of Lights. Maybe Students are not the only people the carols to start.

"My husband and I both went to Tech, and we just moved back to started as 'Leading the Way," she felt. It's really something else."

Friday started out rainy and Katie Kellagher, a sophomore ences, said she goes to the event cloudy, but some loyal Techsans said communication disorders major every year because it is something bad weather would not stop them from enjoying the festivities.

It's about a

and awe.

- ZACH ORMSBY

tradition," said Amanda Bratcher, a senior early childhood education major from sense of wonder or shine. Carol

SENIOR FROM BORGER Planning for Tech have.

Carol of Lights

one day.

kids to see the tradition. It's a great through past themes, we realized that none really dealt with light. Naturally, 'Lighting the Way' just seemed perfect."

The theme can be interpreted in a number of ways, meaning either "I go every year because it's lighting the way to next year's grand 50th celebration or merely lighting the way to a new year, Phan said.

> In her speech at the ceremony, Phan said, "Here at Tech, we have honor, spirit, compassion and, most Lubbock. "I never of all, we have strong and wonderful doubted that I was traditions that help keep us a united going to go, rain and dominant force.'

> She said she feels that Tech is so of Lights is about successful in hosting this ceremony coming togeth-or because it is about the family tie and connection that Lubbock and

"It's a tradition that is beyond started as far back as August, and the everything we do," she said. "You won't remember your classes or the you won't remember the songs, or "I'm really into leadership, so it the speeches, but always how you









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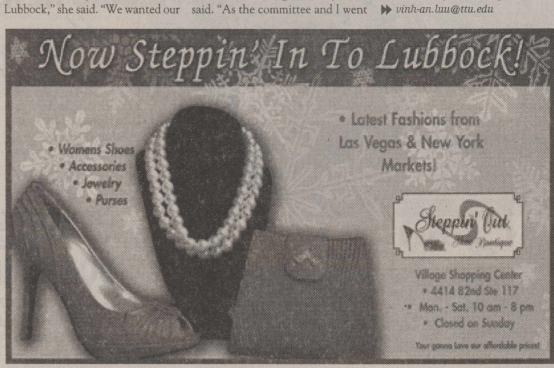
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# Defense and running game carry No. 9 Oklahoma to Big 12 title

ma's pleasure.

The top-ranked Tigers' BCS dreams died Saturday night at the Oklahoma redshirt freshman quargested it should be the Sooners hands — and feet — of the Sooners in the Big 12 title game.

No. 9 Oklahoma, a regular at Big feels amazing." 12 titles, showed Missouri what it ing running game near the goal line. game, the question is "Who's in?"

Oklahoma rushed for three touchnight in the Alamodome.

The Sooners are the first team national championship. souri's pain turned out to be Oklaho- in Big 12 history to win consecutive titles.

> "It's an unbelievable feeling," terback Sam Bradford said after his and immediately started politeammates hoisted their trophy. "It ticking for his team to get a

takes to win one: defense and a bruist he Bowl Championship Series title the No. 1 team that had been

downs, quarterback Sam Bradford No. 2 West Virginia both losing threw for two more and the Sooners Saturday, No. 3 Ohio State gets a souri) No. 1 and we beat them ... for gers with short-yardage rushing TDs. goals." coolly captured their fifth Big 12 boost into the Jan. 7 title game in the second time on a neutral field," championship since 2000, upending New Orleans. Sunday's BCS rank- Stoops said. "No one else played the the upstart Tigers 38-17 Saturday ings will decide what opponent gets No. 1 team in the country." an unexpected chance to play for the

souri, but it isn't.

shot. He repeatedly pointed Now that the Tigers are out of out that a 21-point win over the national darling last week With No. 1 Missouri (11-2) and looks pretty good.

"You all voted them (Mis-

The Sooners (11-2) contained

the Tigers' Heisman Trophy hopeful tie and wrapped up a berth in the It gave the Sooners a 28-14 lead in Maybe it should have been Misquarterback Chase Daniel and three Fiesta Bowl for the second straight the third. times forced one of the nation's best year. Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops sug- offenses to settle for short field goals

was held under 30 points.

When given the chance, Chris Brown scored twice and Allen

instead of touchdowns. It was the and most importantly a win to boost man record 34 touchdown passes. first time this season Missouri his Heisman chances, was 23-of-39 Patrick and Brown combined to rush for 219 yards and no touchdowns. for 159 yards for the Sooners. "This one will hurt for a He ran for the Tigers' only TD in the while," Daniel said. "Some- second quarter but it was far from the souri program ready to shed its times it doesn't work out ultra-efficient performance he put up unglamorous past with a chance against Kansas a week earlier.

"We had our scoring chances," ship. the Sooners pounded the Ti- Daniel said. "But we settled for field

Patrick added another. Bradford's TD a tipped pass intercepted by OU North Division title was their first passes in the second half pulled the linebacker Curtis Lofton that set football championship of any kind Sooners away from a 14-14 halftime up Bradford's first touchdown pass. since 1969.

Bradford was 18-of-26 for 209 Daniel, who needed a big game yards and now has an NCAA fresh-

It was a bitter defeat for a Misto play for the national champion-

Daniel's fiery and efficient play led the Tigers to arguably the great-One of his incompletions was est season in Mizzou history. Their

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# **Tech slated to face Virginia in Gator Bowl**

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

Jacksonville, Fla.

On Sunday, the Red Raiders ac-Minolta Gator Bowl.

on that day," Tech quarterback strategy. Graham Harrell said. "It'll be an we're certainly excited about it."

ence, the Cavaliers finished the the reps — keep those guys fresh 2007 regular season 6-2 in the Coastal Division behind No. 5 Virginia Tech. Overall, No. 21 Virginia racked up nine wins, ending its season with a loss to the Hokies.

The week following Tech's win over Oklahoma to finish the regular season, the Red Raiders have used practice as a way to continue to stay fresh and improve leading up to the Gator Bowl

Harrell said the Red Raiders have not started scouting their opponent but continue to stay polished on the field. "We haven't tried to look

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at anything they've done, prepare for them at all," he said. "We've just been trying to improve as a team. I

think we had a good week of just velop the young guys. We'll 48-14 to Oklahoma in 1991: good work. Once we start getting just work on what we do offensome Virginia stuff in, (we will) The results are in, and the start looking at that, preparing change anything that way. As Texas Tech football team has a for Virginia in particular and coaches, we'll start looking and the Red Raiders overcame this New Year's Day appointment in hopefully get ready to go down preparing, but the team won't be there and execute well."

Tech interim defensive coorcepted an invitation to the Konica dinator Ruffin McNeill said it is routine for the team to pre-"(There are) lots of great games pare for a bowl game using this in school history. This also is the

'This is something we've done exciting day for football. It's a great since the first bowl," McNeill day to play in a bowl game, and said. "We've utilized the practices for two reasons: ... To keep In the Atlantic Coast Confer- the guys that get the majority of

and sharp

sively and defensively. We won't letic director Gerald Myers exposed until right before we go down there." The Red Raiders will be mak-

ing their 31st bowl appearance eighth-straight season Tech will be in a bowl game.

The Gator Bowl welcomes the Red Raiders for the fourth time

"I have always believed the Konica Minolta Gator Bowl is one of the best games of the bowl season," Tech coach Mike Leach then said in a press release. "The opportunity to play on a national stage against a great conference is one of our goals each season.'

This will be the Cavaliers' first bowl since a 2005 win over Minnesota in the Music City Bowl. This will be Virginia's 17th

second in the Gator Bowl. The last time the

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Cavaliers were in the Gator Bowl, Virginia lost

> DANNY AMENDOLA SR WIDE RECEIVER

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TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Danny Amendola will play his final game as a Red Raider Jan. 1 in Jacksonville, Fla. in the Gator Bowl. Amendola has 103 receptions for 1177 yards and five touchdowns rece iving this season. Other notable seniors playing their final game in a Tech uniform are safety Joe Garcia and linebackers Paul Williams and Kellen Tillman.

In a press release, Tech Ath-

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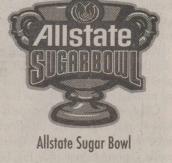
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