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(INBRIEF)
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Charity convicted in terrorism financing trial - dand (A)-AMsuin charity and five of its former leaders were convicted Monday of
funneling millions of dollars to funneling millions of dollars to the Palestinian militant group Hamas
in the retrial of the largest terrorism financing case since the attacks of Sept. 11 .
U.S. District Judge Jorge A. Solis announced the guilty verdicts on
all 108 counts on the all 108 counts on the eighth day of deliberations in the retrial of the
Holy Land Foundation for Relief Holy Land Foundation for Retief
and Development, once the nation's largest Muslim charity.

## NATION

Pres. Bush pardons 14 individuals WASHINGTON (AP) President George W. Bush has granted pardons to 14 individuals
and commuted the prison sentences of two others convicted of misdeeds ranging from drug offenses to tax evasion, from wildlife violatio bank embezzlement.
The new round of White since March and come less than two months before he will end his presidency. The crimes committed by those on the list also include offenses involving hazardous waste, food stamps, and
of government property

WORLD
Suicide bomber targets Green Zone entrance BAGHDAD (AP) - A woman hiding a bomb under her long robe blew herself up Monday the U.S.-protected Green Zone, where lawmakers plan to vote this week on a pact that would let American forces stay in Iraq for up to three more years. The morning attack in central Baghdad killed seven people, by minutes after a bomb destroyed a minibus carrying Trade Ministry employees in the eastern part of the capital. At least 13 people died in that blast, most of them women; some of the bodies were burned so badly that authorities could not

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Iraq since fighting began

## INSIDE

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Sports...


EDDY DUBREE,
 Staff Writer

Not everyone can counto cranberry sauce and cornbread stuffing.
Many families in the mids of hard times rely on the generosity of others to provide Thanksgiving dinner, but charitable donations may fall short in the face of economic difficulties this year.

So far we've been able to just hoping that will last," said just hoping that will last," said
Lyn Garcia, director of de-

## Obama asks for urgent action on economic crisis

By BETH FOUHY
\& DAVID ESPO
Associated Press
He blended criticism of Detroit beleaguered Big Three automaker - General Motors Corp., Ford MoCHICAGO (AP) - Citing a pledge of support for governmen an "economic crisis of historic aid to help them survive. "We can
proportions," President-elect allow the auto industry to $\ldots$ van proportions," President-elect allow the auto industry to ... van
Barack Obama urged Congress ish," he said, although he adde to pass a costly, job-creating that a blank check for an industry stimulus bill as quickly as pos- resistant to change was not the so sible, a rare pre-inaugural call to lution to its long-term decline. action delivered as the outgoing At a news conference in whic Bush administration approved he introduced New York Federal
fresh billions to bail out one of Reserve President fresh billions to bail out one of Reserve President Timothy Ge
the nation's largest banks. the nation's largest banks. $\quad$ thner as his treasury secretary and
Stock prices surged - the named other top economic official biggest two-day percentage gain Obama said restoring the economy for the. Dow Jones industrials to health took priority over deficit in 21 years - as investors took concerns. Still, he said he would heart Monday from the actions :be looking for "meaningful cuts
and words of the incoming and and sacrifices" to restrain federal leparting chief executives. spending.
If we do not act swiftly and The president-elect was expec boldy, most experts now believe ed to stress that pledge at a secon
that we could lose millions of jobs news conference on Tuesday. Dem next year," said Obama, 57 days ocratic officials said he intended to shy of taking office in the shadow name Peter Orszag, currently th of the worst economic crisis since head of the Congressional Budget
the Great Depression.
Office, to be his budget director.


Kipyego makes history with third cross country championship


## Financial Shippers urge naval blockade of Somali coast

adviser contract finalized

## By Jon vandorlaan

A contract agreement between Texas Tech and a financial advising company was reached Monapproved the contract Friday in a special teleconference. NEPC, formerly known as the New England Pension Consultants, reached an agreement with
Tech worth about $\$ 500,000$ per Tech worth about $\$ 500,000$ pet
year duting a three-year contract said Gary Ratliff, the university's Chartered Financial Analyst and assistant vice chancellor and
chief information officer. The company will be one of the advisers looking over the
university's Long Term Investuniversity's
ment Fund as part of Tech's
endowment fund. endowment fund. ates, Cambridge Associates and Prime Buchholz were the three finalists for the contract.
Although the contract with Although the contract with
NEPC was more expensive than the previous contract with Hammond Associates, he said, the
university believed the additional cost was worth it because of an increased potential for greater endowment fund value.
The university worked with Hammond Associates since 2001 ,
Ratliff said, and university officials felt it was time for a change from the company.
The contract includes a 30 . day written notice "out clause," he said, and will include about the same scope of services as
the contract with Hammond Associates. approved the contract Friday
could not disclose the name of the company because the contract was not finalized with the company.
Ratliff Ratliff said only a few minor details were needed to complete
the contract.
NEPC, which was founded in 1986, is an investment consulting firm based in Cambridge, Mass., and has about 265 clients
with total assets of with total assets of about $\$ 300$
million.
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Student Counseling Center By MATT COBB Distinguished professionals
in the medical field are scheduled to speak at a conference
hosted at Texas Tech's Health
Sciences Center.
Tech's chapter of the Ameri-
can Medical Student Assocan Medical Student Asso-
ciation is hosting a regional ciation is hosting a regional
conference, "Falling through onference, "Falling through
the Cracks: Access and the Underserved," Dec. 6-7 at the Health Sciences Center.
This conference is an nual event that will feature
distinguished distinguished speakers who
work in the medical field, said Sarah Hemeida, a second year Professionals will discuss a wide variety of topics ranging from
medical problems underserved communities face, to issues pertaining to transgender health.
Dr. Edward Zuroweste, chief medical officer for the Migrant Clinicians Network, will be one of the keynote speakers at the conference, she said. He will
discuss healthcare issues associated with migrant workers and ilegal immigrants. ubbock, which is a farming Lubbock, which is a farming
community," Hemeida said. In previous years, this event has been hosted in cities including Atlanta, Chicago, Nashville and Houston, she said. This he first time the conference
being conducted in Lubbock.
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia
(AP) - Shiping officials from
around the world called Monday for
a military blockade along Somalia's
coast to intercepp pirate vessels
heading out to sea. Yemen's govern-
ment said Somali pirates have seized
another ship.
Peter Swift, managing director
of the International Association of
Independent Tanker Owners, said
stronger naval action - including
aerial support - is necessary to
battele rampant piracy in the Gulf
of Aden near Somalia.
But NATO, which has four
warships off the coast of Somalia,
rejected a blockade.
Some 20 tankers sail through the
sea lane daily. But many tankerown-
ers are considering a massive detour
around southern Africa to avoid
pirates, which will delay delivery
and push costs up by 30 percent,
Swift said.

| ciation, whose members | crude oil. |
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| 2,900 tankers or 75 percent of | On Monday, Yemen's Interior |
| world's fleet, opposes attemp arm merchant ships because |  |
| could escalate the violence and put |  |
| crew members at even greater risk, | last |
| said. | Tuesday after it had been out to sea |
| "The other option is perhaps putg a blockade around Somalia and | for a week. <br> The ship is called Adina and |
| ing the idea of intercept | as not immediately clear what |
| ing Somalia rather t | cargo it was carrying. The U.S. 5th |
| to try to protect the whole of the | Fleet based in Bahrain could not |
| Gulf of Aden," Swiff said. | confirm the hijacking. |
| The Gulf of Aden, off Somalia | The Arabian Sea stretch |
| nnects to the Red Sea, which | tween Yemen and Somalia. The Gulf |
| turn is linked to the Mediterranean | of Aden links it with the Red Sea. |
| by the Suez Canal. The route is | de àlong Somalia's |
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| cluding a huge Saudi supertanker |  |
| ded with $\$ 100$ million worth of | NATO's supreme allied co |

said Monday the alliance's man
date is solely to escort World Food
Program shins to Program ships to Somalia and to conduct anti-piracy patrols.
Asked what he thought of Asked what he thought of a
Russian proposal to jointly Russian proposal to jointly attack
the pirate strongholds, Craddock the pirate strongholds, Craddock


According to Lt. Nathan Chris-
than 14 warships from Denmark, France, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Russia, the U.S. and NATO are currently patroling a vast international
maritime corridor. They escort some merchant ships and respond to distress calls in the area.
Christensen declined to con
ment on the idea of a blockade.
But the navies say it is vitual But the navies say it is virtually
impossible to patrol he vast around the gulf.
NATO has ruled out a blockade.
"Blocking ports is not contem-
cretary General Jaap de Hoo Scheffer in Brussels. U.N. Security Council resolutions "do not includ these kind of actions and as far a
NATO is concerned, this is at the moment not on the cards," he said Secretary-General of the Arab League Amr Moussa said Monday Arabs should deploy their own naval forces to fight piracy in the Horn foreign fleets in the area
Diplomats of the Arab countries on the Red Sea met in Cairo combat piracy, but some of these nations have been reluctant to get involved.
Rachid Mohamed Rachid Egypt's trade minister, said Monday in Greece that piracy was a big
issue for the country, which draws issue for the country, which draws
substantial revenues from Suez shipping fees.

American Medical Student Assoc.
to host regional conference at HSC

## Troopers $\downarrow$

common unsafe driving habit she
hears of during the holidays is no
hears of during the holidays is no
driving while intoxicated, but is
drowsy driving.
Students want to get home early
she said, and some
little or no sleep.
Food
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 year, she said, and it provides about
18,000 meals per week through vari ous programs. Garcia said the food bank pro-
vides 5,000 Christmas food boxes, vides 5,000 Christmas food boxes
which include either a turkey or which include ether a turkey or a
ham, to tide people over" during the
holiday season when many charitable holiday season when many charitable operations close.
"We want to make sure our fami lies and individuals are taken care
of," she said.


Illusionist reveals correct prediction

By Jon vanderlain


Quant said his entire performance, which included an
illusion with cards and a lottery illusion, consisted of some
statistical measures and some ill wions althoughe wol statistical measures and some illusions, although he would
not specify what parts of the show were illusions. No special inks or preparations before the trick wer used, he said, and for all intents and purposes, he would like the trick to be thought of as a magic trick. Quant revealed his last prediction at First Texa
Bank in Lubbock after the Tect Bank in Lubbock after the Tech vs. Texas footbal
game, in which the score and final play predictions game, in which the score and final play predictions
were correct on the paper he revealed. The predictions were locked in a vault inside the bank until the day $h$ revealed the scores.
Although no locking device was used for this predic ion, he sealed the box with adhesive name tags, which ere signed by two members of the media. jon.vanderlaanetu.edu

Longtime Biden aide picked to fill his Senate seat $\begin{array}{cc}\text { WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) - } & \begin{array}{c}\text { one thing only: serving Delaware". } \\ \text { Speculation on Biden's successor }\end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c}\text { Edward "Ted" Kaufman, a former } \\ \text { aide to Sen. Joe Biden, was named }\end{array} \\ \text { had centered in recent weeks on his }\end{array}$ Monday by Delaware Gov. Ruth Ann Minner to fill the Senate seat Biden is leaving for the vice presidency. Kaufman, co-chair of Biden's transition team and an Obama-
Biden transition project advisory Biden transition project advisory
board member, plans to serve until the 2010 election, when a new senator is elected. He said he is comfortable stepping down after
two years in office.
"I don't think
"I don't think Delaware's appointed senator should spend the
next two years running for office," next two years running for office,"
Kaufman said. "I will do this job to Kaurman said. will do this ob to my days focused on one thing and

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| home early or are distracted while | who need a break during the drive, |
| driving with friends, Massengale | need assis |
| d, they may not always have the | need directions. |
| est habits. | Massengale said the program is de- |
| One way the office has attempted | signed to help get sudents off the road |
| to stop these habits is with the Road | and get them to their destination safely. |
| Raiders program. | Another program the department |
| Road Raiders are a collectio | is trying for |
| of Tech parents and families along | winter break |
| traveling routes of Tech students th | live in Houston a free bus rid |

But Beau has made it clear from the moment he entered public life that
any office he sought he would earn had centered in recent weeks on his But last week the younger Biden announced that he planned to fulfill his National Guard duties and wouldn't accept an appointment
his father's U.S. Senate seat Hiden is a prosecutor for the 261 Signal Brigade, which left for Iraq last week. The unit is due back in September 2009, in time for Biden to run for his father's Senate seat. The elder Biden said in a statement, "It is no secret that I believe my son, Attorney General Beau
Biden, would make a great United States Senator just as I believe he has been a great attorney general. Just before announcing Kaufacknowledge appointee, Minner the younger Biden being picked for the post and said she weold have strongly considered him
"The fact that Beau Biden is committed to fulfilling his obligation and not seeking appointment
to this office tells us everything we need to know about his character," she said. "Should Beau choose to
run for hhis office in 2010 , he will as worl this office in 2010 , he will on his own the trust of the people of Delaware."
and from the city. The bus only had enough room for 54 students, she list for the bus ride.
Although the office does not have plans to expand the program, Massengale said, the office has received interest from individuals to expand
the program to the Dallas Fort Worth the program to the Dallas Fort Worth,
Austin and San Antonio areas. Austin and San Antonio
people on Thanksgiving. "We rely a lot on donations,
and this year our donations have and this year our donations have
really been down," Hudson said. really been down," Hudson said.
"We'll still continue to provide the meals, but they may not be the nic-

## est meals."

Garcia said the food bank's an-
nual community nual community-wide food drive - which begins Dec. $1+$ typically generates about $\$ 150,000$ in
monetary donations and 600,000 pounds of food, but it's uncertain whether that goal will be met this holiday season.
The food bank encourages donations of items that fulfill basic
staple needs she said staple needs, she said. Canned fruits and vegetables, dried pasta, rice or
beans, and canned meats are always beans, and can
in demand.
"People say they don't want to give a case of green beans again, but
we love that," Garcia said. "They we love that," Garcia said. "They
are basic nutritional things people need."


## BEYOND THE BLOTTER

University officials: Paintball, airsoft guns prohibited, too similar to real guns


## Police respond to two residence hall fire alarms

Nov, 17
An officer investigated ha-
rassment at 2 p.m. on the Texas rassment at 2 p.m. on the Texas Tech campus in which a student
was being harassed over the telephone.
An officer investigated an
ccident at $3: 20$ p.m. in the accident at $3: 20$ p.m. in the
1500 block of Tech Parkway 1500 block of Tech Park
No injuries were reported. No injuries were reported.
Graffiti in the Educatio building was investigated by an officer at-4:43 p.m. A perma-
nent marker was used to draw in an elevator. An officer investigated theft at $5: 29$ p.m. in the Human
Sciences building in Sciences building in which a
student's book was reported student's book was reported
stolen. inal mischief at $9: 16 \mathrm{p}$.m. in the Music building in which a door was damaged.
Nov. 18
An officer investigated burAn officer investigated bur-
glary of a vehicle at $1: 50 \mathrm{p}$.m. in glary of a vehicle at 1.5 p.m. in
the C-11 parking lot in which
a pair of sunglasses, a textbook a pair of sunglasses, a textbook
and currency were reported stolen from a vehicle. An officer investigated theft at $2: 16 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the $\mathrm{R}-21$ parking
lot in which a generator was reported stolen. Criminal mischief in the Z-6B parking lot was investigated by an officer at 3:08 p.m. A vehicle's mirror was
broken.

An officer investigated theft at $3: 21 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at Coleman Res
dence Hall in which a
Ancle was reported stolen.
A oficer investigated criminal An officer investigated criminal
mischief at $3: 40 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the Z-6A parking lot in which a vehicle was shot by a paintball gun.
An officer investigated theft
at $3: 57$ p.m. in the Flint Avenue Parking Garage in which a front
license plate was rente license plate was
from a vehicle.
An officer investigated an ac
An officer investigated an ac
cident at $5: 16$ p.m. in the C-1
parking lot. No injuries were eported.
A student was arrested at 9:15 p.m. in Bledsoe Residence Hall for possession of drug paraphernalia.
The student was issued a Lubbock The student was issued a Lubbock pending the filing of charges for possession of marijuana.
An officer ine
An officer investigated crimi-
nal mischief to a vehicle at 10:23 nal mischief to a vehicle at $10: 2.2$
p.m. in the $Z-4 M$ parking lot.

Nov. 19
A non-student was arrested
t $9: 15 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. in the 900 block of Joliet Avenue for possession of marijuana. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock
County Jail. County Jail.
An officer
An officer responded to a medical call at $1: 05$ p.m. at the Sneed Residence Hall Sam's Place in
which a student passed out, fell and hit his face. The student was transported to the University Medical Center emergency
room. An officer documented a miss An officer documented a miss

An officer investigated theft
5:30 p.m. in the Z-4M parking at $5: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the $\mathrm{Z}-4 \mathrm{M}$ parking
lot in which a black rear wheel lot in which a black rear wheel
cover from a parked Honda was cover from a pa
reported stolen.

An officer responded to a fire Weymouth Residence $1: 19$ a.m. at Chitwood Whyouth Residence Hall in from the trash container bottom of the trash chute. The Lubbock Fire Department also responded.
ged proper documented damaged property at $9: 32 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. at the Medical Pavilion in Cente freight elevator and walls were damaged.
An officer responded to a medi
cal call at $11: 25$ a.m. at the HSC Medical Pavilion in which a non student fell from a wheelchai and was transported to the UMC
emergency room. mergency room.
An officer inves An officer investigated an ac
cident at $3: 25$ p.m. in the Z-2D parking lot. No injuries were reported.
An officer investigated crimi
nal mischief nal mischief at $5: 05 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the A-3 parking lot in which a ve hicle's driver-si
punched in.
An officer investigated burglary of a habitation at 6:07 p.m. in Murdough Residence Hall in which an Xbox console and con-
troller were reported stolen. troller were reported stolen.
Three students were arrested Three students were arrested
11:07 p.m. in Sneed Resi-
dence Hall for possession of drug
paraphernalia. One student was paraphernalia. One student was
released pending the filing of released pending the filing of
charges for possession of marijuana.

Nov. 21
A student was arrested for public intoxication at $2: 23 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. The student was released pendin he filing of charges. An officer docur
mation about an investigatio of missing cash from the Larr Combest Community Health and Wellness Center at 9:30 a.m. An officer documented inforpermit at $2: 43$ p.m. in the $Z-5 B$ parking lot. An officer investigated thef at 10 p.m. on the west side of the University Library in which icycle was reported stolen.

Nov. 23
An officer documented infor mation about a party at $3: 53$ a.m.
in Sneed Residence Hall after receiving a report from Community Advisers.
An officer investigated telephone harassment at $6: 35 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Sam's Place Sam's Place.

An officer responded to a fire alarm at $1: 12$ a.m. at Coleman Residence Hall in which the del ge system was activated

Chavez allies win in Venezuela, opposition gains
China keeps hold on Tibet and tests Dalai Lama

XIAHE, China (AP)-Chinese midday teachings in the main hall
paramilitary police with riot shields and immediately shuffled to anparamilitary police with riot shields and immediately shuffled to an-
and batons abruptly took up posts
other meeting - a rollout of a new and batons abruptly took up posts other meeting - a rollout of a new
Monday on the main street of this government-ordered study session. Tibetan town, disrupting the bustle of Buddhist pilgrims in a reminder of China's determined control of the region.
With so With some Tibetans pushing harder against Chinese rule, the mined to pacify the area. The show of
meant to deter unrest while
a local court a local court
sentenced a group of Tibet-
ans for taking part in large
anti-govern. ment protests in March in Xiahe, a small town abutting a sprawling
complex of complex of
golden-roofed temples.
Though the verdicts were not publicly announced, the trial also seemed timed to answer the complaints of the Dalai Lama and other exiled leaders
meeting in Indiza over the weekend that Tibetans' patience with China's domination was thinning.
Seven months after Tibetans the largest uprising against Chinese rule in nearly 50 years, the authoritarian government is adjusting tac-
tics. Police checkpoints and guard posts in place for months are sudposts in place for months are sud-
denly dismantled, only to reappear without warning days later. "We are in the grip of the Communist Party. Tibet is occupied. The Dalai Lama has fled to India. My heart is sad," said a monk who has
studied at Xiahe's Labrang monastery for 15 years and declined to give his name for fear of government reprisals.
On a spare altar in his small
coom was a framed portrait of the room was a framed portrait of the
Dalai Lama. Monday's police action in Xiahe came after several weeks in which
tiot squads had rarely been seen on riot squads had rarely been
Helmeted police with truncheons
and six-foot-long poles stood outside and six-foot-long poles stood outside
the courthouse and government the courthouse and government
buildings. At a checkpoint with buildings. At a checkpoint with
sandbags chest high on a bridge, cation papers and stopped all but a cation papers and stopped all but a
few dozen vehicles from entering the one-street town.
On high-altitude grasslands 90 miles to the south, the 200 -year-old Xicang monastery, site of a violent demonstration in March, was open again for visitors, but tense. Senior
clerics finished leading Sunday
${ }^{6}$ We are in the grip of the communist

Party. ${ }^{29}$

## MONK FROM XIAHE'S LABRANG MONASTERY

"Tibet's traditions and culture are weakening rapidly. Can the
exiles survive for another 20 years if their policies fail and if the Chinese government continues to resist a compromise?" asked Wang Lixiong, a Chinese writer and convert to
Tibetan Buddhism who lives in Beijing.
"The
"The current Chinese govern-
ment is not going to solve the Tibet ment is not going to solve the Tibe problem. Under one-party rule,
power is crucial, and they are the

The region around Xiahe - pro
nounced SHAH-HUH - stands as a gateway between the more fertile
plains where Han Chinese and Hui plains where Han Chinese and Hui
Chinese Muslims farm, and the Chinese Muslims farm, and the
mountains and upland plateaus that are home to Tibetans. Off and on for centuries it straddled a fuzzy line of control, some 800 miles northeast the Tibetan capital of Lhasa.
In the days since the Dalai L In the days since the Dalai Lama called the extraordinary meeting on Tibet's future, Beijing has gone out
of its way to display its commanding of its way to display its commanding
position in the tug-of-war. A senior Chinese official rejected a proposal this month to incorporate Xiahe and other Tibetan lands in one autonomous Tibet region governed b Lhasa, but still part of China. China started a series of trials of Tibetans who took part in the March rebellion. In Luqu, a town of 7,000 where monks from Xicang tossed stones at local government offices, the court sentenced four people last week, a court officer said, refusing to disclose the verdicts.


CARACAS, Venezuelà (AP)

- President Hugo Chavez said Monday that allies' victories in state and local elections mean
Venezuelans want him to press ahead with his spcialist policies, but his opponents gained ground by winning the two
largest states and two largest largest states and two largest
cities. cities.


## Chavez was jubilan

 "The people are telling m 'Chavez continue down the same road,"" said the president whose " 2 1st century socialism has seen him nationalize key industries and centralize authority while building an anti-US ity while building an anti-U.S
alliance with leftist friends such as Cuba.
He also hinted at a renewed
effort to make constitutiona changes that could expand his powers and let him run for reelection indefinitely
Vresident's proposed yearected the president's proposed overhaul o
the constitution, which would the constitution, which woul
have abolished term limits that prevent him from running in 2012.
Pro-C

Pro-Chavez candidates held
on to gubernatorial pasts in on to gubernatorial posts in 17
states in Sunday's vote, includ states in Sunday's vote, includ
ing Chavez's home state of Bari ing Chaver's home state of Bari-
nas, where his brother survived a tough race to succeed their father as governor.
But the oft-battered opposition also gained by winnin five of the 23 states, including the two biggest - Miranda and
Zulia - as well as mayoral races
in the two largest cities, Caracas administrators.

The mixed res The mixed result offered a rare ulition in Venezuela's polarized pleased. Opposition candidate Anonio Lederma defeated a close Chavez confidant to become the next mayor of Caracas, the capital, while the most prominent Rosales beat a Chavez ally in the second-largest city, Maracaibo. "What's important is that the map of Venezuela has started to change," Rosales said.
The opposition also won gov-
ernorships in Nueva Esparta ernorships in Nueva Esparta, Carabobo and Tachira states.
Some voters in Caracas said they support Chavez on some issues but are dissatisfied with the city's rampant crime, trash and crumbling infrastructure.
Cesar Oliveros, a 48 -year-old said he backed Ledezma because he saw him as the best option for improving the city, saying some of Chavez's allies "do things half-


Many Chavez supporters, however, followed the party line and
voted for the president's chosen voted for thes.
candidates. His dominance was especially apparent in poorer, rural states, while the opposition seemed to fare best in the affluent cities. Chavez party spokesman Alberto Muller played down the
opposition's resurgence. "We are the country's foremost political force," Muller said, flanked by other red-clad Chavez allies. "We don't see an opposi-
tion victory on a political map tion victory
painted red."
In 2004 state elections, Chave 2 allies swept all but two of 23 governorships and a majority of After a decade in office, the president still enjoys solid popularity, but last year's defeat of his attempt to scrap term limits energized the opposition, which complaints about unchecked corruption, deteriorating public services and inflation that has
NOVEMBER 25,2008

## Count blessing despite economic hardship

| By PAUL PAYER <br> Massacwuster Daw Couccix <br> (U. Massachusems) <br> T's that time of year again. <br> Professors attempt to cram L in one more paper or exam re the Thanksgiving break and ents begin to long for the end of emingly endless semester. The re campus begins to realize the pect of trading a diet of Pita Pit Easy Mac for the far more enble combination of homemade ing and fresh turkey. <br> Yes, the celebration of Thanksng is only days away, and we not wait to ditch nights in the ary with our books and laptops long weekend of rest and relaxn in the comfort of our homes. But with this serenity we must e again confront the clichés of nksgivings past. What are we kful for this year? <br> With an economy in a full-blown |
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pundits and newsroom anchors
across this country would have us
believe there is not very much to be
grateful for this November.
Agreeing with his cynical view
of the world would be a terrible
mistake. In fact, if we honestly look
at our own lives, one would likely
find plenty to e thankful about.
We live in arguably the most
powerful and democratic nation
in the world. As Americans, we
respect and are ensured the liber-
ties of freedom and equality. As a
nation we continue to demonstrate
an agenda of progress and social
change. Despite the influx of pes-
simism and gloom in regards to the
future of the American economy
and scoiety, we as Americans enjoy
a quality of life far superior to the
vast majority of the world.
Although cable news stations
continue to report every develop-
ment of the collapse of Wall Street
and

Traveling home is a luxury we undervalue

By BECKY DAVIES

P$\mathrm{P}=$ gested with horses competing with coal-powered trains puffing black soot
into the air. Columbia College is located on 50 th Street, below the future shantytowns and farm animals soon oo be replaced by paths, ponds and pastures. Weal hy and desperate to es-
cape, you pack your weekend bag and head to your vacation house in Upper Manhattan. The recent extension of to the countryside faster than ever! Heights since September, I feel the same itch to escape. The difference
is that when I think about leaving it's not for Inwood or Westchester -gone, East Coasters), which in my homesick moments assumes the hy perbolic image of the pioneer home-
stead amid pine trees and mountains. However, in reality, my home relies on
buses, cars, jets, and highways. From sudent in 2008, the conditions and options have changed but the senti options have ch
ment remains.
Ease of movement allows people cheaply compared to the past (no more pesky problems like cholera and broken wagon axles). Yet we pay to move fast and far.
Our cavalier attitude towards privilege in which we neglect to afford to shuttle between coasts and continents. Columbia benefits greatly nixture of people, but the community fitting cross-country or "across the pond. Ifrequently hear students toss ravel abroad on trips squeezed within While appealing and well-inten-
Wreaks. ioned, these discussions return me to of class for a trip to Disneyland. While I prized the indulgence of missing two
days of class, my mother urged me not 0 volunteer my plans to classmate emphasizing that travel and vaca everyone. Even now, embarrassmen comments from friends at hom us for New York," as if I wore trave ke a flashy fur coat.
mel leavins our ex urban enclave for Portland, which is and feels eerily empty after a semester in New York City.
Consequentially, I highly value any opportunity to travel. Some of my
fellow students international travel

## familiarity with the United State Columbia students represent all 50

 states plus related territories but fewpeople express a desire to see much of
the U.S., particularly the Midwestern, Southern, and rural areas. In fact, I sense only a limited
desire among students to visit the desire among students to visit the and Brighton Beach, Brooklyn demmeasure of cultural and geographical
Yet you can travel far and land somewhere very similar to your
starting point. Technological and instarting point. Technological and inour cavalier attitudes towards travel
ontribute to this sense of sameness. Except for vegetation, parts of my the suburbs of anywhere else. Yet two miles from my house lives Roy 95 -year-old farmer who dug the continues to shuffle down rows of corn in blue coveralls, h
base of the stalks.
Only now Roy sits and rests at the
nd of each row, and he usee corn from end of each row, and he uses com from genetically-modified seeds because, do it and his fields looked mighty fine
last summer! (Rumor has it the com tastes worse for it.)
I can barely imagine my neighbor-
ood at the time of Roy's birth -my vision of home would appear less exaggerated - but I bet there are a lew places in the United States that
come close, retaining more than the mere traces of localism left in much of too closely at modern technological
improvements in plumbing and cars. Speaking of which, we cannot ignore that for all of our energy-saving ef forts, long-distance travel contributes
an increasing amount to our carbon emissions and is projected to tise.
I cannot deny the benefits experiencing life beyond our borders, given our misconceptions of
some countries and their reciprocal misunderstanding of ours, thanks
to fallacious representations of the to fallacious representations of the
United States in American popular media. Also, it's easier for
on ourselves from afar. But let's sot undermine the value
of traveling not only within our country, but our states, our cities, conception, ourselves. A friend o student travel grants applicable to student travel grants applicable to
the U.S. None exist that I know of
but I think it's a wondeful idea that would help counteract our collective tendency to
of travel. Furthermore, it might slowly stem the tide of post-graduates flockCity in search of more vitality than they leave behind in distant suburbs. Perhaps then we would have a better appreciation for the luxury of travel,
more espect for our environment, and


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persevere. Sure, in Washington. Astimistic and trusting that we will even more than in recent years past . This economic crisis has in Washington. But to hang our heads and admit heads and admit despair and defeat would only serve to serve to cement our current ecoour current eco- nomic situation nomic situation bound and positive economic fu- ture which surely awaits. Recent poll. Recent poll- ing data indicates ing data indicates firmly believe that their indi- vidual and navidual and na- tional economic situation will im- recover fond trusting that we will past. This economic crisis ha recover from times of trouble and taken much from people around continue to progress as a nation. the country, but it has granted There is a belief in this country one valuable tool in the form of that har purpose challeng hallenge. It is

The opportunity to realize wh less. The principles lives is pric $I$ is this philosophy of unreand greed have consumed our cul should all give thanks for. It is the philosophy which led this country become evident in the corporas through world wars and civil rights culture which has accelerated the movements. It is the philosophy crash of financial markets in recent which this country stands upon. As in years past, we should take Thank the opportunity this holiday and to recogngize the should be a time the opportunity this holiday and to recognize the truly importan step back to think about what we aspects of our lives. Perhaps the are truly thankful for. Yes econom- collapse of financial markets and ics are important, but to let our the ensuing rampant spread of ersh poios and bank accounts economic concerns actually serve family and traditions would be not to acesent the perfect opportunity only a disservice to a holiday, but, strating the fragility and volatility of money we may realize the strength There is. or this Thanksgiving, perhaps the simpler things in life.


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foregoing a national holiday to up. But student workers don't serve you tacos. You may reason have anyone to go to. If you ing Thanksgiving because of the there's just not enough time in tips or atmosphere or whatever, the day to work and see them. but trust me, you're wrong. That's why it's extremely Many businesses that are open important to think ahead and
on Thanksgiving require every think compassionatly stating on Thanksgiving require every think compassionately starting
employee to work, just because today. If you usually get hun of the logistical and managerial gry later in the day after your concerns associated with letting feast, go to Safeway this week who worked eight hours last meals. Buy some coffee to make Thanksgiving, I remember the on Thursday, instead of going
sentiment surrounding the day sentiment surrounding the day.
Nobody - absolutely nobody that I talked to wanted to work. Even though we made a considerable amount of money, it just
wasn't worth it. Many waitresses seeing one. Heck, buy some
beer and have a party at home spend time with your family.


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ing this holiday season. There is closed on Thanksgiving. It's naive nothing better you can do than again to Think that this is just a ro go out on Friday, after Thanks- case of the good old-fashioned giving is over, and buy a T-shirt Starbucks goodwill. The store is or DVD player. We've already most likely closed because it isn't or DVD player. We've already most likely closed because it isn't seen businesses like Mervyn's profitable enough. That's that. and Linen's $N^{\prime}$ Things go under, and the rest are counting on nesses around the area, think how these Black Friday sales to stay many Thanksgivis It's too bad that many students urn the We may not be able to we just might be capitalism, bu difference in at least one student' Thanksgiving, but working then difference in at least one student isn't as bad as losing your job. Plus, holiday. And really, wouldn't the no matter how many people boy. triumph of tesponsible capitalism cott Black Friday, it seems naive to be a great American accomplishthink they'll stop the sales. Black ment to celebrate? Our country is Friday is so entrenched in our criticized for its rampant disregard culture, and there's so much riding for the worker, but we could prove on it, that these students will be everyone wrong Thanksivi Rut our what $$
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The Lone Ranger never clued in that Thanksgiving wasn't really a holiday his Native-American friend felt like "celebrating.
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## Holiday Video Game Gift Guit <br> a gamer on this year's shopping list? No worries. The DT's opinions editor to the rescin

It's the start of the holiday season. Time to plan trips home, study for finals, and most importantly, figure out what awesome video games you're going to put on your Christmas wish list.

This is made increasingly difficult by the fact that more games were released in the past couple of months than Santa could possibly fit in his sleigh - and December promises at least a few more.


But never fear! With this guide, it is my intention to at least help get your greedy gaming hands started.

Ignoring most games that came out much earlier in the year - really, people, you should have bought "Grand Theft Auto 4" and "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" already - here are some of the biggest and best games this holiday season, separated by categories better to suit your playing style.

## THE ACTION GAMER



Unlike "Call "Call of Duty: World at War" of Duty: World at War" goes back to the battles of World War II. However, it uses the same engine that made "CoD4" immensely fun and popular, delivering great gameplay and a fantastic online experience. For the 360 , PS3, Wii and PC. "Far Cry 2"
Set in Africa, this open-world first-person shooter is packed with action, mercenaries, guns and wildfres. While the plot may be lacking, players have a lot of choices of which directions they will take in any given scenario. For the 360 , PS 3 and PC. "Gears of War 2"
"Bigger, better, and more badas"" than the original, "Gears of War 2" combines "Bigger, better, and more badass" than the original, "Gears of War 2 " combines multiplayer modes. For the Xbox 360 . "Prince of Persia"
Coming in early December, "Prince of Persia" promises to build on everything that made the "Prince of Persia: acrobatic feats have never looked this good. For 360 and PS3.
"Resistance 2"
The alternate-history war with the monstrous Chimera isn't over. This sequel to the best-selling first-person shooter is more hectic than ever, with a 60 -player online deathmatch and eight-player online cooperative play

## THE ROLE-PLAYER

On the downside, this is the same adventure Yoou nenjoyed on the SNES 13 years ago. On the
upside, this is the same adventure you enjoyed on the SNES 13 years ago. It's got the same amazing upside, this is the same adventure you enjoyed on the SNES 13 years ago. It's got the same amazing
plot and timeless gamenlay that fans remember and love. Tons of extras and refinements make this the definitive version of the classic. For the DS. "Fable 2"
This fantasy epic lets you become the world of Albion's greatest savior ... or its most feared villain. In addition to a main story featuring open-world gameplay and third-person combat, you're given a large variety of side activities and choices. You can hang out at the pub, buy houses, slaughter villagers, get married (to more than one woman if you so choose) and even choose whether to have protected
or unprotected sex. The world is yours to play in. For the 360
"Fallout 3 "
want -even if they never want to follow the game's main storyline. Impactul decisions between good and evil are present, giving you choices that not only affect the story or individual lives but even whether an entire town will be saved or nuked. A rich story and possibly more than 100 hours of gameplay await. For 360 , PS3 and PC.
When "The Wirchen" was release Witcher: Enhanced Edition"
When "The Witcher" was released last year, it was welcomed with high acclaim and was heralded
one of the best PC RPGs in years. But a lot of people ignored the experience. Now "The WViche Enhanced Edition" is the definitive "Witcher" experience, with a rewritten script and rerecorded voice acting, as well as upgraded visuals and fewer bugs. If you missed out on this dark fantasy epic before, don't make that mistake again. For the PC.
"World of Warcraft: Wrath of the Lich King"
If you're already a "World of Warcraft" addict, you probably already have its second expansion pack, "Wrath of the Lich King." But if you've been holding back, don't miss our on the chance to explo

THE STRATEGIST \& PUZZLE-SOLVER
"Professor Layton and the Curious Village"
Exercising your brain is rarely as fun as it is when solving mysteries with Prof. Layton. In a great, stylish murder Exercising your brain is rarely as fun as it is when solving mysteries with Prof. Layton. In a great, stylish murder
mystery in which players have more than 100 touch-screen puzzles to solve, this game should be on the wish list of anybody who likes to use their brain. For the DS. "Spore"
From the creator of "The Sims," "Spore" gives you the task of creating a creature and guiding it through all the stages of evolution - from simple organism to space-faring powerhouse. The creature creator alone will be enough to satisfy, as it allows for near-limitless creativity. For the PC

World of Goo"
anding value in "World of Goo," which has players using their Wii remotes to build crazy goo structures in order to help goo blobs reach their goal and èscape imprisonment from an evil corporation. For the Wii.

## THE TOE-TAPPER



The "Guitar "Guero" name is a lirtle Tour"
The "Guitar Hero" name is a little less appropriate now,
as "Wortd Tour" follows in "Rock Band's" footprints and add drums and vocals to the mix. Along with a song creator, fans of the series will find a lot to love with this new addition For PS2, PS3, 360 and Wii
If you're a karaoke fan, this is the game for you. With a variety of songs out of the hox as well as the ability to add
songs from your own music library off of your MP3 player or songs from your own music library off of your MP3 player or
Xbox hard drive, theres a lot of enjoyment to be had here. Wireless microphones included. For the 360 .
"Rock Band 2"
More than just a song pack, "Rock Band 2" addresses a lot
of the problems that fans encountered in the original, making of the problems that fans encountered in the original, making it even more of an absolute blast to play b
friends. For the PS2, PS3, 360, and Wii.

## THE HORROR FAN

Taking the best aspects of classics like "Bioshock" and "Resident Evil 4," "Dead Space" is an extremely good and immensely terrifying survival horror game in which you have to cut off the limbs of undead aliens and discover the shocking fate of Planet Cracker class ship USG Ishimura. For the 360 ,
PS3 and PC PS3 and PC.
I's "Left 4 Dead"
It's zombies vs. humans in this multiplayer gore fest. A band of four human players must work together with friends, but avoid it if you never intend to play online with others. For the 360 blast when played

## THE SPORTS ENTHUSIAST



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rakes things out of the desert and somewhat more lush scenery orignal, "Pacific Rifr" trakes things out of the desert and somewhat more lush scenery.
With twice as many tracks as the orginal and great multiplayer, off-road racing fans should enioy this one. For the PS
Rem "Tecmo Bowl: Kickoff"
Remember "Tecmo Bowl" back from your old Nicktendo days: les back, and provides the heloved over-the-top, all-A merican football experience you would want. Easy to pick up and play -both alone and with friends, online and off -it's a football title that can be enjoyed by more than just "Madden"
fans. For the DS.


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You make the memories, we'll do the rest.
 ics major from Lubbock, plays ping pong Monday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.
U. Illinois students join 'No-Shave Novembeard'

By KELLY quSTAFSON
Dair lume (U. lunois)

For some students on the University of Illinois campus, Novem-
ber marks a month of stoic rebellion; they put down their razors and participate in "No-Shave Novembeard" by growing beards, mustaches, and it is a fad that usually only affects the men on campus, women are also welcome to participate.
For Eric Anderson, sophomore
in LAS, the month-long challenge in LAS, the month-long challenge offers him an excuse to skip the daily shaving routine. His steadfast
determination to stick it out the entermine month has persevered; he insisted he will not shave until Dec. 1 , though he admitted the task proved to be more challenging than he originally anticipated.
"It itches like crazy, but $I$ am
going to get the 'Kyle Orton neck
beard, I will not shave it," Ander-
son said. son said.
Anderson's roommate and sophAndere in Aviation, Kyle Johnson, is also braving the challenge. The pair views the month as an opportunity for friendly competition to see who can grow the longer, thicker, more
grizly-like beard. grizzly-like beard.
"It's a testosteron Anderson said. "Our egos like to Anderson said. "Our egos like to
think we can grow a sweeter beard than the other guy."
Anderson said the money they save from shaving supplies this month is going toward the apartment video game fund. Sophomore in LAS Sean Berfor the first time because of the competition between him and his housemates.
see who can come out on top, who can h.
said. said. Both Anderson and Johnson first heard of the event while they were in high school but had not taken the idea seriously until this year. "II's something I've always
looked to do but never had anyone looked to do but never had anyone
to do it with," Johnson said. "Plus, to do it with," Johnson said. "Plus,
in high school you're still under the thumb of your parents, and my mom is not a fan of my facial hair." Johnson said he recently told his mother of his commitment to the cause, but thinks he will be force
to shave for Thanksgiving to shave for Thanksgiving.
"She will definitely see the age that has been done," Johnson said.
Anderson added that he hadn't told his parents yet; his bear-like told his parents yet; his bear-like
beard was going to be a "Thanksgiv-
ing surprise."

## Chris Brown snags 3 American Music Awards while Kanye West collects 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Chris
Brown's gal pal, Rihanna - who perform her love ballad, "Rehab" - was named favorite female artist in both the pop/rock and soul/R\& categories. Alicia Keys was anothe double winner: Her CD, "As I Am,"
was both pop/rock and sou/R\&B was both pop/rock
album winner.
The American Music Awards traditionally centers on its perfor mances, and Sunday was no excep tion. The show featured high-energ sets from Miley Cyrus, Ne-Yo and Beyonce, though a pair of lackluste medleys opened the program at the channeled Madonna and the New Kids on the Block channeled an earlier version of themselves as each sang their latest singles and greatest hits.
Pink's new track, "Sober," wa awkwardly introduced by slurring rocker Scott Weiland, formerly of
the Stone Temple Pilots. Also performing were The Jonas Brothers, the Pussycat Dolls, Coldplay and
of Me
${ }^{\text {II }}$ I never thought I would live to see the day that I could be 5 years old standing on a stage, Lennox said as she accepted the
trophy from Justin Timberlake "It' trophy from Justin Timberlake. "It
been an incredible journey. Music my friend, my accompaniment through life."
Other winners included Brad Paisley for favorite country artist, Taylor Swift for favorite femal country act, and Rascal Flatts fo favorite country favorite band, duo or group.
"I didn
chance at winning," Swift confessed backstage. "I thought, yes, it's good to be nominated, but I honestly didn think I was going to win this award I can't believe that I did. I can believe that the fans did that fo
me. Everybody on MySpace, they're me. Everybody on MySpace, theyre
the reason I am holding this awar right now." Fans chose the $n$
through online votes.

Boy George goes on trial for false imprisonment
LONDON (AP) - A Norwe- $\quad$ singer through a Web site and went $\quad$ beating me and punching me and gian escort told a court Monday that Boy George manacled him to a bedroom wall and beat him with a metal chain after accusing him of George sent a series e-mails accusin hacking into his computer but Carlsen nonetheless gerred tore The former Culture Club singer is turn for a second photo session several on trial for the false imprisonment of weeks later in April 2007. 29-year-old Audun Carlsen.
The 47 -year-old singer, who is standing trial under his real name, George O'Dowd, denies the charge.
Carlsen told I London's Snares brook Crown Court that he met the Carlsen said he was able to escape by unscrewing the hook and running for the door.
"I took a bit of time getting the doo open and he had a metal chain that he was hitting me with," Carlsen said. Carlsen said he ran into the street clad only in his underwear. The cour was shown photographs of red welt on Carlsen's head and injuries to $h$ arm which he said
during the attack.

O'Donnell plucks teen from obscurity for TV movie $\begin{array}{llll}\text { DETROIT (AP) - Rosie } & \text { Lifetime network movie alsostarring } & \text { popular downtown eatery, when } \\ \text { O'Donnell and Ruby Dee that is set } & \text { O'Donnell spotted him and asked }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { O'Donnell saw a teenager at a De- O'Donnell and Ruby De that is set } & \text { O'Donnell spotted him and asked } \\ \text { whether he would be interested }\end{array}$ troit restaurant and thought he had for broadcast in February.
a face thar belonged in pictures.
Johnson, a senior at Cass
in trying out for a film. He took a a face that belonged in pictures. Johnson, a senior at Cass in trying out for a film. He took a $\begin{aligned} & \text { Now } 17 \text {-year-old Philip Johnson } \\ & \text { has the lead role in "America," a eatogical High School, was screen test the next day and wo } \\ & \text { hat }\end{aligned}$


## Bill Snyder returns as Texans defense improved coach at Kansas State in 16.6 win over Browns

| After a restless retirement, coach Bill |  | said it might be time to "put Kansas |
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|  |  | State on a slow boat to the M |
|  |  | Valley (Conference)." |
| ree years after hand | fald, who approved the hiring of Snyder in 1988 after the school had | One reason for the urgency in firing Prince with three games left was |
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|  |  | ons. But Snyder's |
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| to national championship contend- | "He's in great physical shape, his | ng |
| ers. Prince was fired this month | mi | St |
| completing the season. <br> "The Kansas State family is | "He's | "So far, we've had a very p "action," Krause said. |
| flux right now," Snyder said at a | ing legend - 81 -year-o | Many believe that w |
| news conference Monday. "I want to | terno of Penn State - warned that | der, Kansas State might not be a |
| be able to help. I want to be able to | he |  |
| othe the waters. I've le | "He told me I'd get awful sick and |  |
| ons and there are | tired of seeing Little League baseball | he on |
| will do to encompass | mes," he said. <br> From 1989-05, Snyder com- | y referred to as |
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| ere is Bill Snyder |  | But by 1997, Snyder's Wildcats |
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| Bob Krause said. Krause said he had | severe NCAA p | ate made him the entury." |


| HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Texans defense has been widely criticized in recent weeks, with much of the blame for a three-game skid falling to the unit. <br> It got so bad, some fans were calling for defensive coordinator Richard Smith to be fired immediately. <br> On Sunday the Texans fought back, turning in the best defensive performance of the year in a 16-6 win over the Cleveland Browns, their first road victory in more than a year. <br> "I never got the sense that we can't get it done," coach Gary Kubiak said. "So, we've kept working. Our confidence has stayed high and everybody's kept a positive attitude and it showed." <br> The Texans entered the game with the worst turnover margin in the NFL but forced five against Cleveland, tying a franchise record. The last time Houston produced that many was almost two years ago. <br> "That's definitely what we need," Mario Williams said. "We've been on a drought with turnovers and we haven't been winning the turnover battle." | By doing so Sunday, Williams said the defense was able to give the Texans offense a shorter field on which to work. "The turnovers were huge for us," he said. <br> The Browns weren't able to get anything going Sunday thanks to a defensive effort Kubiak called "spectacular." <br> "We needed to be aggressive and make plays," Kubiak said. "We stayed aggressive defensively. We went after them. And we're going to look at our share of mistakes along the way, but we're going to see a great deal of plays. And if you get five turnovers in a game, you are going to find a way to win even if you are struggling on offense in the second half." <br> The Texans were leading 13-6 early in the third quarter when Sage Rosenfels was intercepted by Brodney Pool, giving the Browns the ball at their own 45 . Houston's defense responded with Williams dropping Jamal Lewis for a 3 -yard loss before Anthony Weaver intercepted a Brady Quinn pass. <br> Quinn was benched in favor of Derek Anderson later in the quarter after an interception by cornerback Fred Bennett, his first | of the season. <br> Cleveland's 240 total yards were the fewest Houston has allowed this season and the six points tied a season-low. <br> Linebacker DeMeco Ryans said playing well meant a lot to the defense after giving up 102 total points in the last three games. <br> "We'd been struggling a little bit lately and for us to finally come back and hold these guys to six points, that was big for us," he said. "We'd been giving up way too many points - way too many big plays. But (Sunday) we overcame the obstacles and we made the big plays. We made the big turnovers to help our team win the game." <br> Williams had one of his best games of the season despite not get ting a sack. He hurried and harassed both quarterbacks for most of the day and had the key tackle for a loss on Lewis. <br> "Mario, he played big for us," Ryans said. "That's what we expec out of Mario, to be in the backfield, making big plays like that. That the type of player that he is and just know he'll continue to do tha for us." |
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## Classifieds



## Oklahoma's win sets stage for varying scenarios as season closes

## By ALEX YBARRA

 Oklahoma Sooners in Norman Okla., was too much to ask of Texas Tech team that just played
two of the biggest games in school history back-to-back.
The Texas Longhorns know how it feels. After all, they beat Oklahoma, Missouri and Okla homa State before losing to the Red Raiders on the road. OU's shocking 65-21 victory
over Tech created a three-way tie in the Big 12 Conference' South Division. Now UT has a win over OU, Oklahoma has a win over Tech and Tech has
a win over Texas. So basically a win over Texas. So basically,
one team will finish ahead of a team it lost to when the nex 30 , which ultimately will dictat which Big 12 South team goes to whe title game.
It is the nature of the beast called the Big 12 . "We went four-straight games and we beat No. 15 , we beat N and we're the feature game three weeks in a row," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "Fell short on the fourth one, we were hoping to be the first team to beat four Top 25 teams in a row; we weren't able to
do it. Only a few teams have do it. Only a few teams have beat
three in a row, and we're lucky three in a row, and we re
enough to be one of those."

## Assuming Tech beats Baylor, Oklahoma wins at No. 11 Okla- homa State and the Longhorns homa State and the Longhorns

 day, the Big 12 South representative in the conference title game team in the BCS standings. C6... we were hoping to be the furst team to beat four Top 25 teams in a row. 9$)$ MIKE LEACHfor the
confer- TECH FOOTBALL COACH
homa $45-35$ in Dallas on Oct. 11 a win against A\&M and a Tech loss would put the Longhorns in the title game. But as confusing as it all
sounds, if Oklahoma beats Okla sounds, if Oklahoma beats Okla-
homa State, then the Sooners should have the high-
est ranking in the BCS standings come Nov. 30 , putting them
in the title game with in the title game with
a shot at the BCS national champion As for which Big 12 team will make the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl,
an official in attendance of the OU-Tech game said although
he was "surprised" to he was "surprised" to
see Tech lose so badly, the decision is still up
in the air considering
 how many scenarios remain

TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Michael Crabtree is tackled by Okta BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador ship. If they win, they most
likely will play the winner for the likely will play the winner for the
Southeastern Conference ChamSoutheastern Conference Championship game between Alabam
and Florida. and If OU lo and Tech wins against Baylor, then Leach would back into his first division title, thanks in large part to UT safety Blake Gideon dropping an interception and the unforgettable last-second Crabtree in a $39-33$ win ove Texas on Nov. hand with several weeks left in
the regular season. the regular season.
"We'll certainly let the season play out," he said. "We don't even start talking about who we might get in our game until after that
last game, which really is the Bi 12 Championship, Saturday nigh Dec. 6. We learned a long, lon time ago that a lot of things can happen right up until that last
game so it really doesn't behoove us to start trying to speculate what might happen."

Jets, Giants build Super Bowl hopes for New. York football fans
NEW YORK (AP) - Nick said. "Obviously, the Jets are on Mangold was getting the oil in his a run and we are, too, so I am just car changed when two mechanics got happy for both franchises.
into it near the water cooler.
The Eli Manning led Giants "One of them kept trying to talk about the Giants and the other guy kept trying to talk about the Jets," the Jets center said Monday. "It was neat to see they were both able to go
back and forth because both teams back and forell because both teams
are doing well at this point in the season."
So well, in fact, that fans are starting to spread the news: They're dreaming about a New York-New
York Super Bowl, something thats York Super Bowl, something thát's never happened in the previous
years of the NFL's big game. years of the NFLs big game.
"It's a good thing for New York,", re the defending Super Bowl
champions and are standing tall champions and are standing tall again with a $10-1$ record and a six-game winning streak. Brett
Favre and the soaring Jets are 8.3 and leading the AFC East $8-3$ and leading the AFC East
after consecutive victories at New after consecutive victories at New
England and previously undefeated Tennessee.
"There's a lot of excitement in the air," Jets fullback Tony Richardson said. "You turn on the
news and they keep talking about news and they keep talking about
the Jets and the Giants, and I think the Jets and the Giants, and Ithink
the Knicks even won last night, so it's pretty cool."


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Lady Raiders prepare for tough test in Virgin Islands
By ADAM COLEMAN The Virgin Islands is known to most as one of the best vacationing spots around.
When the Lady Raiders visit St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
to compete in the 2008 Paradise to compete in the 2008 Paradise
Jam, it will be anything but Jam, it will
vacation.
 The Texas Tech women's bas
ketball team leaves today for the Virgin Islands to face its toughest opponents yet in lowa, No Iowa is the defending Big 1 Conference regular-season champions, South Florida is $4-0$ to start
the year and Cal has established itself early as one of the best teams in the country.
Out of this list of teams, the
one that may stand out the most is one that may stand out the most is
No. 3 Cal -the Lady Raiders' first No. 3 Cal - the Lady Raiders' first
ranked opponent of the season. ranked opponent of the season. Tech coach Kristy Curry said
although Cal presents a challenge, there is an lowa team the Lady Raiders have to worry about before Cal is even a concern. However, she said the op-
portunity to make a portunity to make a statement
by knocking off a conference's by knocking off a conference
defending champions in Iowa and one of the best teams in the nation in Cal, is why these games are scheduled. "It prepares you for January
(with Big 12 Conference play)," Curry said. "That's what it's about. You wanna have some tough experiences early to see how you're
going to handle January. Regardless of what happens, you know you're going
ing them."

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