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### STATE

### Charity convicted in terrorism financing trial

DALLAS (AP) — A Muslim charity and five of its former leaders were convicted Monday of 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 eighth day of deliberations in the retrial of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief 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 violations to bank em-

The new round of White House pardons are Bush's first 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 the theft 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 among Iraqis waiting to enter 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 an Iraqi count, and came about 45 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 immediately identify them.

### **DEATH TOLL**



Iraq since fighting began

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PHOTO BY KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreado

EDDY DUBREE, A volunteer, packs food into Thanksgiving boxes for families in need at the South Plains Food Bank Monday.

By TINA L. ARONS STAFF WRITER

Not everyone can count on

Many families in the midst of hard times rely on the gen- food boxes. erosity of others to provide charitable donations may fall difficulties this year.

"So far we've been able to future. meet the demand and we're just hoping that will last," said Lyn Garcia, director of de-

velopment at the South Plains Food Bank. "We'll need more and more food and funds."

She said the food bank has cranberry sauce and cornbread seen a 20 percent increase during the past six months in the number of people who receive

Donations have been consis-Thanksgiving dinner, but tent with previous years, Garcia said, but an increasing number short in the face of economic of individuals and families in need has led to concern for the

The South Plains Food Bank

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### **OPPORTUNITIES** TO DONATE

U Can Share Food Drive Dec. 1-6: Drop-off locations include United Supermarkets and various Lubbock businesses.

Contact the South Plains Food Bank at (806) 763-3003 for more ways to help.

Tech Can Share Food Drive Residence halls, the Student Wellness Center and the Rec center will continue to accept donations until

.Contact the Center for Campus Life at (806) 742-5433 for more information.

Neighborhood House Contact Joy Loper at (806) 741-0459 or e-mail joy.loper@lsss.org

# Obama asks for urgent action on economic crisis

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stimulus bill as quickly as possible, a rare pre-inaugural call to action delivered as the outgoing Bush administration approved fresh billions to bail out one of the nation's largest banks.

for the Dow Jones industrials in 21 years — as investors took departing chief executives.

"If we do not act swiftly and the Great Depression.

He blended criticism of Detroit's beleaguered Big Three automakers — General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC - with CHICAGO (AP) — Citing a pledge of support for government an "economic crisis of historic aid to help them survive. "We can't proportions," President-elect allow the auto industry to ... van-Barack Obama urged Congress ish," he said, although he added to pass a costly, job-creating that a blank check for an industry resistant to change was not the solution to its long-term decline.

At a news conference in which he introduced New York Federal Reserve President Timothy Geithner as his treasury secretary and Stock prices surged — the named other top economic officials, biggest two-day percentage gain Obama said restoring the economy to health took priority over deficit 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

The president-elect was expectboldly, most experts now believe ed to stress that pledge at a second that we could lose millions of jobs news conference on Tuesday. Demnext year," said Obama, 57 days ocratic officials said he intended to shy of taking office in the shadow name Peter Orszag, currently the of the worst economic crisis since head of the Congressional Budget Office, to be his budget director.

# DPS to increase State Troopers during breaks

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

Texas Department of Public Safety officials will look for people who are intoxicated or otherwise not paying attention to the rules of the road this holiday

Tela Mange, a spokeswoman with the department, said all available troopers will be on the road looking for people who are speeding, not secured in their vehicle or are driving while intoxicated.

The extra measure of troopers will be out from Wednesday to Sunday in preparation for Thanksgiving, she said, and will not be concentrated in any

specific area.

any trends in such behaviors to prompt the additional forces, Mange said, but the increased number of people on the roadways traveling to and from their homes warrants more troopers to keep drivers safe and following traffic laws.

In addition to the Thanksgiving holiday, she said all available troopers also will be on the road around the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Elizabeth Massengale, director of the office of parent and family relations, said the office hopes students will drive safely, but she knows they do not always follow traffic laws or make wise decisions when driving home.

However, she said the most The department has not seen TROOPERS continued on page 2

# Kipyego makes history with third cross country championship

By KAYLA PARHAM STAFF WRITER

If Sally Kipyego had not already made history with seven individual national championships, she did it this weekend by grabbing her eighth.

The Texas Tech women's cross country team turned in a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Cross Country Championships Monday in Terre Haute, Ind. Tech was led by Kipyego, the first female to win three consecutive cross country championships.

The final one ended up being the toughest, Kipyego said.

"It was hard," she said in a press release. "It was cold and windy and the girls that were running next to me were running hard out there. It was probably the hardest NCAA cross country of all the three. I am just happy to get through and win."

The No. 9 Lady Raiders' finish at the

NCAA Championships moves them to No. 7 in the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. This was after Tech had captured the Big 12 Conference championship and the Mountain Regional championship.

Tech coach Jon Murray said with the mix of good competition and bad weather conditions, he believes his athletes competed

"They did better than their rankings which is good," he said. "Sally had a great race. It was very competitive for her. It was her closest win of the three championships."

Murray said Florida State's Susan Kuijken offered Sally a real test in the beginning of the race, adding it wasn't until the 3K mark that Sally began to pull away.

Kipyego won the race with a time of 19:29 seconds on the 6K course, only six seconds faster than second-place runner Kuijken.

The Lady Raiders had other honors as well.

Kipyego was named All-American along with Lillian Badaru, who placed 14th with a time of 20:28. Asia Diaz finished 50th with a time of 20:55, Gladys Kipsang placed 83rd with a time of 21:16 and Michelle Guzman finished 124th in 21:40. Addison LeMaster placed 171st and Chep Boit finished 203rd.

Big 12 foes Baylor and Nebraska finished 19th and 25th, respectively, while Mountain Region teams New Mexico and Northern Arizona finished 18th and 23rd.

The Top 10 teams finished in the order of No. 1 Washington with 79 points, No. 2 Oregon with 131 points, No. 3 Florida State with 163 points, No. 4 West Virginia 198 points, No. 5 Princeton with 220 points, No. 6 Villanova with 248 points, No. 7 Tech with 272 points, No. 8 Stanford with 299 points, No. 9 Georgetown with 305 points and No. 10 Illinois with 318 points.

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PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreadon SALLY KIPYEGO COMES across the finish line to win the 800 meter run at the Texas Tech Invitational.



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# adviser contract finalized

**By JON VANDERLAAN** STAFF WRITER

A contract agreement between Texas Tech and a financial advising company was reached Monday after the Board of Regents approved 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 year during 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 Investment Fund as part of Tech's endowment fund.

Ratliff said Hammond Associates, Cambridge Associates and Prime Buchholz were the three finalists for the contract.

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 30day written notice "out clause," he said, and will include about the same scope of services as the contract with Hammond Associates.

The Tech Board of Regents approved the contract Friday could not disclose the name of the company because the contract was not finalized with the

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 about \$300 million.

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In Sudoku, all the

numbers 1 to 9 must

be in every row,

column and 3 x 3 box. Use

logic to define the answers.

# Financial Shippers urge naval blockade of Somali coast

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Shipping officials from around the world called Monday for a military blockade along Somalia's coast to intercept pirate vessels heading out to sea. Yemen's government 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 battle 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 tanker owners are considering a massive detour around southern Africa to avoid pirates, which will delay delivery and push costs up by 30 percent,

The association, whose members crude oil. own 2,900 tankers or 75 percent of the world's fleet, opposes attempts to arm merchant ships because it could escalate the violence and put crew members at even greater risk,

"The other option is perhaps putting a blockade around Somalia and introducing the idea of intercepting vessels leaving Somalia rather than to try to protect the whole of the Gulf of Aden," Swift said.

The Gulf of Aden, off Somalia, connects to the Red Sea, which in turn is linked to the Mediterranean by the Suez Canal. The route is thousands of miles and many days shorter than traveling around Africa's Cape of Good Hope.

Somali pirates have become may be effective," Swift told reportincreasingly brazen, seizing eight vessels in the past two weeks, including a huge Saudi supertanker loaded with \$100 million worth of

guest speakers, there will be a

number of interactive events

attendees can participate in,

Hemeida said. There will be

clinics, panel discussions and

breakout sessions to learn how

to apply information gained from

this conference to real-world

lot of interactive sessions."

"About half (of the conference)

Premedical students will have

an opportunity to participate in a

mock interview with actual Tech

This will give students an oppor-

tunity to practice a real-life medi-

who are in charge of admissions.

"All pre-med students are

Even though most of the peo-

The conference is free to the

public. The event will be hosted

in the TTUHSC Academic Class-

ple who attend these conferences

are medical students, the public is

On Monday, Yemen's Interior Ministry said Somali pirates had hijacked a Yemeni cargo ship in the Arabian Sea. It said communication with the vessel was lost last Tuesday after it had been out to sea for a week.

The ship is called Adina and it was not immediately clear what cargo it was carrying. The U.S. 5th Fleet based in Bahrain could not confirm the hijacking.

The Arabian Sea stretches between Yemen and Somalia. The Gulf of Aden links it with the Red Sea.

A blockade along Somalia's 2,400 mile coastline would not be "But some intervention there

ers on the sidelines of a shipping conference in Malaysia.

U.S. Gen. John Craddock, NATO's supreme allied commander,

said Monday the alliance's mandate is solely to escort World Food Program ships to Somalia and to conduct anti-piracy patrols.

Asked what he thought of a Russian proposal to jointly attack the pirate strongholds, Craddock answered: "That's far beyond what I've been tasked to do."

According to Lt. Nathan Christensen, 5th Fleet spokesman, more than 14 warships from Denmark, France, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Russia, the U.S. and NATO are currently patrolling a vast international maritime corridor. They escort some merchant ships and respond to distress calls in the area.

Christensen declined to comment on the idea of a blockade.

But the navies say it is virtually impossible to patrol the vast sea around the gulf.

NATO has ruled out a blockade. "Blocking ports is not contemplated by NATO," said NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer in Brussels. U.N. Security Council resolutions "do not include these kind of actions and as far as 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 of Africa and also cooperate with foreign fleets in the area.

Diplomats of the Arab countries on the Red Sea met in Cairo last week to coordinate efforts to combat piracy, but some of these nations have been reluctant to get

Rachid Mohamed Rachid, Egypt's trade minister, said Monday in Greece that piracy was a big issue for the country, which draws substantial revenues from Suez shipping fees.

### American Medical Student Assoc. to host regional conference at HSC

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

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 American Medical Student Association is hosting a regional is going to be lecture-oriented," conference, "Falling through she said, "but there will still be a the Cracks: Access and the Underserved," Dec. 6-7 at the Health Sciences Center.

This conference is an annual event that will feature administrators, Hemeida said. distinguished speakers who work in the medical field, said Sarah Hemeida, a second year cal school interview with people medical student at TTUHSC. Professionals will discuss a wide variety of topics ranging from highly encouraged to come," she medical problems underserved said. communities' face, to issues pertaining to transgender health.

Dr. Edward Zuroweste, chief medical officer for the Migrant encouraged to attend the event, Clinicians Network, will be one Hemeida said. Medical students of the keynote speakers at the from Oklahoma and Louisiana conference, she said. He will already have confirmed their atdiscuss healthcare issues associ- tendance. People will travel from ated with migrant workers and across the country to participate illegal immigrants.

"This is very relevant for Lubbock, which is a farming community," Hemeida said.

In previous years, this event room Building located at 3601 has been hosted in cities including Atlanta, Chicago, Nashville and Houston, she said. This is the first time the conference is being conducted in Lubbock.

# Illusionist reveals correct prediction

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

The illusion artist who predicted the Texas Tech vs. Texas football game final score and final play again revealed a correct score Monday in his prediction of the Tech vs. Oklahoma football game.

Irving Quant, a junior business management major from Lubbock, revealed his predicted final score of the game — which was sealed in Abuelo's Mexican restaurant Wednesday. The score he showed the crowd correctly read that Oklahoma beat the Red Raiders 65-21, and he predicted a game-changing play would occur at 1:04 of the second quarter.

Oklahoma running back Chris Brown scored a touchdown on a four-yard rush to make the score 35-7 at 1:04 in the second quarter.

Quant said his entire performance, which included an illusion with cards and a lottery illusion, consisted of some 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 were 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 Texas Bank in Lubbock after the Tech vs. Texas football 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 he revealed the scores.

Although no locking device was used for this prediction, he sealed the box with adhesive name tags, which were signed by two members of the media.

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# Longtime Biden aide picked to fill his Senate seat

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Edward "Ted" Kaufman, a former aide to Sen. Joe Biden, was named 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 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 Delaware's appointed senator should spend the next two years running for office," Kaufman said. "I will do this job to the fullest of my ability, and spend my days focused on one thing and one thing only: serving Delaware."

Speculation on Biden's successor had centered in recent weeks on his son, Attorney General Beau Biden. But last week the younger Biden announced that he planned to fulfill his National Guard duties and his father's U.S. Senate seat.

Biden is a prosecutor for the 261st 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.

But Beau has made it clear from the moment he entered public life that any office he sought he would earn

Just before announcing Kaufman as the appointee, Minner acknowledged speculation about wouldn't accept an appointment to the younger Biden being picked for the post and said she would 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 this office in 2010, he will as will whoever runs — have to earn on his own the trust of the people of Delaware."

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common unsafe driving habit she su do ku hears of during the holidays is not driving while intoxicated, but is drowsy driving. brought to you by

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Students want to get home early, she said, and sometimes will drive on little or no sleep.

Because students want to get home early or are distracted while driving with friends, Massengale said, they may not always have the safest habits.

One way the office has attempted to stop these habits is with the Road Raiders program.

Road Raiders are a collection of Tech parents and families along traveling routes of Tech students that

need assistance with their vehicle or need directions. Massengale said the program is designed to help get students off the road

and get them to their destination safely. Another program the department is trying for the first time during the winter break is giving students who

live in Houston a free bus ride to

will open their homes for students and from the city. The bus only had who need a break during the drive, enough room for 54 students, she said, and there already is a waiting 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, Austin and San Antonio areas.

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feeds about 92,000 individuals per year, she said, and it provides about 18,000 meals per week through various programs.

Garcia said the food bank provides 5,000 Christmas food boxes, which include either a turkey or a ham, to "tide people over" during the holiday season when many charitable operations close.

"We want to make sure our families and individuals are taken care of," she said.

Joy Loper, the director for the

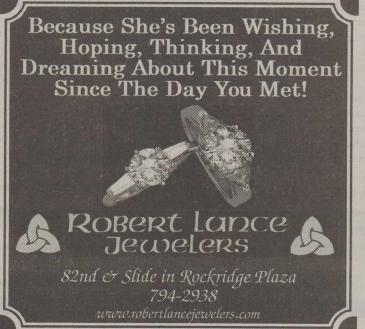
said the program has seen a "tre- baskets to families in need, Loper mendous" increase in the amount of said, because it allows families to people seeking meals. "I can pinpoint exactly when

things went awry," she said. "It's when the gas prices started going

of many commodities, Loper said. The increase may mean a family's normal monthly budget lasts for half a month instead of the entire month because of a higher cost of living. She said economic woes may

impact donors' and charity programs' ability to give.

Lubbock's Neighborhood House



Neighborhood House in Lubbock, provides about 100 Thanksgiving remain in their homes to celebrate the holiday instead of traveling to a busy soup kitchen.

However, she said, the baskets were more costly to put together this Increased gas prices raises the cost year and limited what the program could provide. Diane Hudson, shelter direc-

tor for Salvation Army's Family Services Center, said the Salvation Army still needs several basic components for its Thanksgiving dinner, such as pies and dinner rolls. And a turkey or ham is always

Because the number of people who attend the center for regularly provided meals has increased, Hudson said, the Salvation Army plans to need more from the nearby community during the upcoming

In previous years, she said, the center has fed between 350 and 400 people on Thanksgiving. "We rely a lot on donations,

and this year our donations have really been down," Hudson said. "We'll still continue to provide the meals, but they may not be the nicest meals." Garcia said the food bank's an-

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. Canned fruits and vegetables, dried pasta, rice or beans, and canned meats are always in demand.

"People say they don't want to give a case of green beans again, but we love that," Garcia said. "They are basic nutritional things people

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### **BEYOND THE BLOTTER**

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

paintball or air soft guns, are dis- confiscated and the student will couraged on campus by both the Texas Tech Police Department and University Student Housing.

In the misconduct section of the Student Code of Conduct, pellet guns, BB guns and paintball guns are among the weapons prohibited on campus.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of Tech police, said while "toy" guns are not found often, sometimes a paintball or airsoft gun looks so similar to a "real" gun, officers cannot tell the difference.

Hoffman said if the weapon in question is prohibited on campus, the police will respect those rules, confiscate the weapons and report the student to Student Judicial Programs.

D'aun Green, unit associate director for University Student Housing, said when a residence hall employee confiscates one of the weapons, the student is reported to SIP and the weapon is confiscated until the next time the student travels home.

The student can take the weapon back, she said, with the understanding that the next time he or she is caught with the

Non-lethal weapons, such as weapon, it will be permanently be referred to SJP again.

The main problem with such weapons, Green said, is safety. Legal liabilities and the possibility of students being injured by the

> weapons means the department must restrict some student freedoms to keep other students safe.

If students feel they need to shoot a paintball or soft gun, she

said, places exist in Lubbock off campus where students can legally partake in such activities.

"We're not trying to rain on anybody's fun," she said.

Hoffman said if a paintball gun leaves paint somewhere, the person who shot the gun could be charged with criminal mischief. In addition, he said, any injuries caused to another person with the weapons could bring charges on the person shooting the gun.

No trends or spikes in violations have been evident with these types of violations, he said.

A criminal mischief violation was investigated Nov. 18 in the Z-6A parking lot where a vehicle was found to be shot with a paintball gun.

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### POLICE BLOTTER

# Police respond to two residence hall fire alarms

An officer investigated harassment at 2 p.m. on the Texas telephone.

An officer investigated an 1500 block of Tech Parkway. No injuries were reported.

Graffiti in the Education building was investigated by an in an elevator.

An officer investigated theft Sciences building in which a student's book was reported

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 9:16 p.m. in the Music building in which a door was damaged.

### Nov. 18

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 1:50 p.m. in stolen from a vehicle.

An officer investigated theft County Jail. at 2:16 p.m. in the R-21 parking lot in which a generator was reported stolen.

An officer investigated theft at 3:21 p.m. at Coleman Resiing R-21 permit at 1:39 p.m.

dence Hall in which a Next bicycle was reported stolen.

was being harassed over the parking lot in which a vehicle was reported stolen. shot by a paintball gun.

An officer investigated theft accident at 3:20 p.m. in the at 3:57 p.m. in the Flint Avenue Parking Garage in which a front license plate was reported stolen from a vehicle.

An officer investigated an acofficer at 4:43 p.m. A perma-cident at 5:16 p.m. in the C-1

A student was arrested at 9:15 at 5:29 p.m. in the Human p.m. in Bledsoe Residence Hall for possession of drug paraphernalia. The student was issued a Lubbock County citation and was released pending the filing of charges for possession of marijuana.

> An officer investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle at 10:23 p.m. in the Z-4M parking lot.

### Nov. 19

A non-student was arrested the C-11 parking lot in which at 9:15 a.m. in the 900 block a pair of sunglasses, a textbook of Joliet Avenue for possession and currency were reported of marijuana. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock

An officer responded to a medi-Residence Hall Sam's Place in Criminal mischief in the which a student passed out, fell p.m. A vehicle's mirror was sity Medical Center emergency

An officer documented a miss-

at 5:30 p.m. in the Z-4M parking paraphernalia. One student was An officer investigated criminal lot in which a black rear wheel released pending the filing of Tech campus in which a student mischief at 3:40 p.m. in the Z-6A cover from a parked Honda was charges for possession of mari-

### Nov. 20

An officer responded to a fire alarm at 1:19 a.m. at Chitwood/ public intoxication at 2:23 a.m. which smoke was seen coming from the trash container at the the filing of charges. bottom of the trash chute. The nent marker was used to draw parking lot. No injuries were Lubbock Fire Department also mation about an investigation

> aged property at 9:32 a.m. at the Wellness Center at 9:30 a.m. Tech Health Sciences Center Medical Pavilion in which a mation about an altered parking freight elevator and walls were permit at 2:43 p.m. in the Z-5B damaged.

An officer responded to a medistudent fell from a wheelchair bicycle was reported stolen. and was transported to the UMC emergency room.

An officer investigated an acparking lot. No injuries were in Sneed Residence Hall after rereported.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 5:05 p.m. in the A-3 parking lot in which a ve- phone harassment at 6:35 p.m. cal call at 1:05 p.m. at the Sneed hicle's driver-side door lock was at the Murray Residence Hall punched in.

An officer investigated bur-Z-6B parking lot was inves- and hit his face. The student glary of a habitation at 6:07 p.m. tigated by an officer at 3:08 was transported to the Univer- in Murdough Residence Hall in troller were reported stolen.

Three students were arrested uge system was activated. at 11:07 p.m. in Sneed Resi- >>> jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

An officer investigated theft dence Hall for possession of drug juana.

### Nov. 21

A student was arrested for Weymouth Residence Hall in in the 3000 block of 18th Street. The student was released pending

An officer documented inforof missing cash from the Larry An officer documented dam- Combest Community Health and

> An officer documented inforparking lot.

An officer investigated theft cal call at 11:25 a.m. at the HSC at 10 p.m. on the west side of the Medical Pavilion in which a non- University Library in which a

### Nov. 23

An officer documented inforcident at 3:25 p.m. in the Z-2D mation about a party at 3:53 a.m. ceiving a report from Community

> An officer investigated tele-Sam's Place.

### Nov. 24

An officer responded to a fire which an Xbox console and con- alarm at 1:12 a.m. at Coleman Residence Hall in which the del-

### China keeps hold on Tibet and tests Dalai Lama

Monday on the main street of this Tibetan town, disrupting the bustle the region.

harder against Chinese rule, the Xicang Monastery's Rule of Law communist government is determined to pacify the area.

meant to deter unrest while a local court sentenced a group of Tibetans for taking part in large anti-government protests in March in Xiahe, a small town abutting a sprawling complex of golden-roofed temples.

Though the

verdicts were not publicly an- impoverished area, while preserving nounced, the trial also seemed timed to answer the complaints of the Dalai Lama and other exiled leaders meeting in India over the weekend domination was thinning.

Seven months after Tibetans across western China exploded in million, Tibetans are spread across the largest uprising against Chinese a quarter of China and remain loyal rule in nearly 50 years, the authoritarian government is adjusting tactics. Police checkpoints and guard posts in place for months are suddenly dismantled, only to reappear called to discuss a so-far failed policy without warning days later.

munist Party. Tibet is occupied. The other exiled leaders said they would Dalai Lama has fled to India. My heart is sad," said a monk who has autonomy with China. studied at Xiahe's Labrang monastery for 15 years and declined to give his name for fear of government 20 years a period of "great danger" reprisals.

Dalai Lama.

Monday's police action in Xiahe came after several weeks in which riot squads had rarely been seen on the streets, residents said.

Helmeted police with truncheons and six-foot-long poles stood outside the courthouse and government buildings. At a checkpoint with sandbags chest high on a bridge, uniformed officers studied identification 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

XIAHE, China (AP) — Chinese midday teachings in the main hall paramilitary police with riot shields and immediately shuffled to an- are weakening rapidly. Can the and batons abruptly took up posts other meeting — a rollout of a new exiles survive for another 20 years if

About 90 monks sat on the cold government continues to resist a of Buddhist pilgrims in a reminder stone courtyard. In front of them compromise?" asked Wang Lixiong, of China's determined control of hung a red banner with white Ti- a Chinese writer and convert to betan and Chinese writing: "Work Tibetan Buddhism who lives in With some Tibetans pushing Meeting for the Second Phase of Beijing.

veer into po- power-holders." We are in keep the clergy

the grip of the maintains the communist promoting se-Party.)) cession, not reconciliation, MONK FROM XIAHE'S LABRANG MONASTERY bringing economic devel-

> opment to an Tibet's culture and religion.

But the communist leadership's heavy hand over Tibet and disregardfor the Dalai Lama is adding to the that Tibetans' patience with China's gloom of Tibetans in China and in China started a series of trials of exile.

> Though they number only 5 to the Dalai Lama, a popular international figure who gives their cause a global impact.

After the weeklong meeting of rapprochement with China after "We are in the grip of the Com- 50 years in exile, the Dalai Lama and maintain their push for genuine

But the Dalai Lama struck a pessimistic note, calling the next for Tibet — a seeming reference to On a spare altar in his small Tibetans' ability to persevere and, at room was a framed portrait of the 73, his ability to live on and remain a rallying point.



# "Tibet's traditions and culture government-ordered study session. their policies fail and if the Chinese

"The current Chinese govern-Propaganda Education Campaign." ment is not going to solve the Tibet Such mandatory campaigns - problem. Under one-party rule, The show of force Monday was which stress that religion must never power is crucial, and they are the

> The region around Xiahe — prohave been used nounced SHAH-HUH — stands as repeatedly to a gateway between the more fertile plains where Han Chinese and Hui Chinese Muslims farm, and the mountains and upland plateaus that are home to Tibetans. Off and on for Dalai Lama is centuries it straddled a fuzzy line of control, some 800 miles northeast of the Tibetan capital of Lhasa.

> In the days since the Dalai Lama and that the called the extraordinary meeting on government is Tibet's future, Beijing has gone out 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 by Lhasa, but still part of China.

As the talks in India went on, 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.

The police action in Xiahe qui-

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### Chavez allies win in Venezuela, opposition gains

- President Hugo Chavez said and Maracaibo. Monday that allies' victories in ahead with his socialist polipleased. cies, but his opponents gained

results early Monday.

'Chavez continue down the second-largest city, Maracaibo. same road," said the president has seen him nationalize key change," Rosales said. industries and centralize authoralliance with leftist friends such

powers and let him run for re- crumbling infrastructure. election indefinitely.

president's proposed overhaul of prevent him from running in

Pro-Chavez candidates held on to gubernatorial posts in 17 states in Sunday's vote, including Chavez's home state of Barinas, where his brother survived a tough race to succeed their father as governor.

But the oft-battered opposition also gained by winning five of the 23 states, including the two biggest - Miranda and Zulia — as well as mayoral races

CARACAS, Venezuelà (AP) in the two largest cities, Caracas administrators.

The mixed result offered a rare state and local elections mean situation in Venezuela's polarized Venezuelans want him to press politics: both sides said they were Opposition candidate An-

ground by winning the two tonio Ledezma defeated a close largest states and two largest Chavez confidant to become the next mayor of Caracas, the Chavez was jubilant at the capital, while the most prominent anti-Chavez politician, Manuel "The people are telling me: Rosales beat a Chavez ally in the

"What's important is that the whose "21st century socialism" map of Venezuela has started to allies. "We don't see an opposi-

The opposition also won govity while building an anti-U.S. ernorships in Nueva Esparta, Carabobo and Tachira states.

Some voters in Caracas said He also hinted at a renewed they support Chavez on some iseffort to make constitutional sues but are dissatisfied with the changes that could expand his city's rampant crime, trash and

Cesar Oliveros, a 48-year-old Voters last year rejected the telecommunications technician, said he backed Ledezma because the constitution, which would he saw him as the best option for have abolished term limits that improving the city, saying some of Chavez's allies "do things halfway" and don't do a good job as

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Many Chavez supporters, however, followed the party line and voted for the president's chosen candidates. His dominance was especially

apparent in poorer, rural states, while the opposition seemed to fare best in the affluent cities. Chavez party spokesman Al-

berto Muller played down the opposition's resurgence.

"We are the country's foremost political force," Muller said, flanked by other red-clad Chavez tion victory on a political map painted red."

In 2004 state elections, Chavez allies swept all but two of 23 governorships and a majority of local offices.

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 has also sought to capitalize on complaints about unchecked corruption, deteriorating public services and inflation that has

topped 35 percent in Caracas.

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# Count blessing despite economic hardship

By PAUL PAYER MASSACHUSETTS DAILY COLLEGIAN (U. MASSACHUSETTS)

t's that time of year again. grateful for this November. Professors attempt to cram a seemingly endless semester. The find plenty to be thankful about. entire campus begins to realize the prospect of trading a diet of Pita Pit stuffing and fresh turkey.

once again confront the clichés of vast majority of the world. Thanksgivings past. What are we thankful for this year?

pundits and newsroom anchors persevere. Sure, across this country would have us sales figures will believe there is not very much to be likely indicate a

Agreeing with this cynical view travagant spendin one more paper or exam of the world would be a terrible ing this Friday, before the Thanksgiving break and mistake. In fact, if we honestly look but as in years students begin to long for the end of at our own lives, one would likely past, families

We live in arguably the most will still sit down powerful and democratic nation in their dining and Easy Mac for the far more en- in the world. As Americans, we rooms with fesjoyable combination of homemade respect and are ensured the liber- tive moods for ties of freedom and equality. As a lavish feast Yes, the celebration of Thanks- nation we continue to demonstrate of turkey and giving is only days away, and we an agenda of progress and social mashed potatoes cannot wait to ditch nights in the change. Despite the influx of pes- on Thanksgiving library with our books and laptops simism and gloom in regards to the Day. for a long weekend of rest and relax- future of the American economy ation in the comfort of our homes. and society, we as Americans enjoy tend to downplay But with this serenity we must a quality of life far superior to the the economic cri-

Although cable news stations continue to report every develop-With an economy in a full-blown ment of the collapse of Wall Street which commands the highest level and that they are far better off

cutback in ex-

across America

I do not insis our country faces. In fact, it is a serious matter

... to hang our heads and admit despair and defeat would only serve to cement our current economic situation and refuse the rebound and positive economic future which surely

awaits.

our current eco- challenge. nomic situation tive economic fu-

ing data indicates next five years to ourselves.

despair and de- There is a belief in this country feat would only that hard work and a sense of serve to cement purpose can deliver us from any

It is this philosophy of unrebound and posi- should all give thanks for. It is the philosophy which led this country movements. It is the philosophy Recent poll- which this country stands upon.

As in years past, we should take that the major- the opportunity this holiday and to recognize the truly important ity of Americans step back to think about what we aspects of our lives. Perhaps the firmly believe are truly thankful for. Yes econom- collapse of financial markets and that their indicis are important, but to let our the ensuing rampant spread of vidual and na- stock portfolios and bank accounts economic concerns actually serve tional economic overshadow the importance of to present the perfect opportunity situation will im- family and traditions would be not to accomplish this goal. By demonprove during the only a disservice to a holiday, but strating the fragility and volatility of

recession and our country lacking and national economy, the Ameri- of attention and concern amongst than generations before them. for this Thanksgiving, perhaps the simpler things in life.

authority and respect abroad, the can way of life will most likely the population and by our leaders As Americans, we are naturally even more than in recent years in Washington. optimistic and trusting that we will past. This economic crisis has But to hang our recover from times of trouble and taken much from people around heads and admit continue to progress as a nation. the country, but it has granted one valuable tool in the form of perspective.

> The opportunity to realize what really matters in our lives is priceless. The principles of materialism and refuse the re- lenting determination which we and greed have consumed our culture in recent decades, and it has become evident in the corporate ture which surely through world wars and civil rights culture which has accelerated the crash of financial markets in recent months.

> > Thanksgiving should be a time money we may realize the strength There is plenty to be thankful and stability of family, friends and

# Traveling home is a luxury we undervalue

By BECKY DAVIES COLUMBIA DAILY SPECTATOR (COLUMBIA U.)

in 1850, the streets con-Southern, and rural areas. gested with horses competing with coal-powered trains puffing black soot desire among students to visit the cated on 50th Street, below the future and Brighton Beach, Brooklyn demsite of Central Park, which consists of onstrate, distance is not an absolute shantytowns and farm animals soon measure of cultural and geographical to be replaced by paths, ponds and variety. pastures. Wealthy and desperate to es-

perbolic image of the pioneer homestead amid pine trees and mountains. buses, cars, jets, and highways. From genetically-modified seeds because, New Yorkers in 1850 to me, a college well, Elmer down the road started to student in 2008, the conditions and do it and his fields looked mighty fine options have changed but the senti- last summer! (Rumor has it the corn

Ease of movement allows people to move fast and far.

travel creates a culture of expected too closely at modern technological privilege in which we neglect to improvements in plumbing and cars. acknowledge that not everyone can Speaking of which, we cannot ignore afford to shuttle between coasts and that for all of our energy-saving efcontinents. Columbia benefits greatly forts, long-distance travel contributes from having a geographically diverse an increasing amount to our carbon mixture of people, but the community emissions and is projected to rise. also harbors a sense of normalcy about

a fifth grade memory of sneaking out on ourselves from afar. of class for a trip to Disneyland. While like a flashy fur coat.

In contrast, another friend expressed discomfort leaving our sub- renew our pride in our origins and urban enclave for Portland, which is stem the tide of post-graduates flockonly 13 miles east of my hometown ing to megalopolises like New York and feels eerily empty after a semester City in search of more vitality than in New York City.

any opportunity to travel. Some of my appreciation for the luxury of travel, fellow students' international travel more respect for our environment, and experiences amaze me, as does their a renewed sense of place.

unfamiliarity with the United States. Columbia students represent all 50 states plus related territories but few icture this: You're amid the people express a desire to see much of bustle of Lower Manhattan the U.S., particularly the Midwestern,

In fact, I sense only a limited into the air. Columbia College is lo- outer boroughs. As Astoria, Queens

Yet you can travel far and land cape, you pack your weekend bag and somewhere very similar to your head to your vacation house in Upper starting point. Technological and in-Manhattan. The recent extension of dustrial modernization coupled with urban railroads enables you to shuttle our cavalier attitudes towards travel to the countryside faster than ever! contribute to this sense of sameness. Having barely left Morningside Except for vegetation, parts of my Heights since September, I feel the suburb appear little different from same itch to escape. The difference the suburbs of anywhere else. Yet is that when I think about leaving, two miles from my house lives Roy, it's not for Inwood or Westchester a 95-year-old farmer who dug the but rather Oregon (Or-a-gin, not Or-root cellar for his house in 1933 and a-gone, East Coasters), which in my continues to shuffle down rows of corn homesick moments assumes the hy- in blue coveralls, hoeing weeds at the base of the stalks.

Only now Roy sits and rests at the However, in reality, my home relies on end of each row, and he uses corn from tastes worse for it.)

I can barely imagine my neighborto visit each other frequently and hood at the time of Roy's birth - my cheaply compared to the past (no vision of home would appear less more pesky problems like cholera exaggerated — but I bet there are a and broken wagon axles). Yet we pay few places in the United States that a non-monetary price for our ability come close, retaining more than the mere traces of localism left in much of Our cavalier attitude towards the country. At least if you don't look

I cannot deny the benefits of flitting cross-country or "across the experiencing life beyond our borpond." I frequently hear students toss ders, given our misconceptions of around suggestions and invitations to some countries and their reciprocal travel abroad on trips squeezed within misunderstanding of ours, thanks to fallacious representations of the While appealing and well-inten- United States in American popular tioned, these discussions return me to media. Also, it's easier for us to reflect

But let's not undermine the value I prized the indulgence of missing two of traveling not only within our days of class, my mother urged me not country, but our states, our cities, to volunteer my plans to classmates, our neighborhoods, and in Thoreau's emphasizing that travel and vaca- conception, ourselves. A friend of tions were luxuries not available to mine recently asked if there were any everyone. Even now, embarrassment student travel grants applicable to washes over me when I try to respond the U.S. None exist that I know of, to comments from friends at home but I think it's a wonderful idea that such as, "There she goes again, leaving would help counteract our collective us for New York," as if I wore travel tendency to undervalue the luxury

Furthermore, it might slowly they leave behind in distant suburbs. Consequentially, I highly value Perhaps then we would have a better

# On Thursday give thanks, don't go shopping

By ANDI BERLIN ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT (U. ARIZONA)

Africa every time you buy a dark as undergraduates last year.

roast, but this Thursday you'll be destroying Thanksgiving as well. Two for the price of one.

Considering the country's lack of consumer morality and all-around ambivalence, it's not so surprising that Thanksgiving is the busiyear for many restaurants, bars, movie theaters and coffee shops. Year after year, people justify or fail to real-

ize — or care

- that the tips or atmosphere or whatever, the day to work and see them. but trust me, you're wrong.

Nobody - absolutely nobody that I talked to wanted to work. Even though we made a considerable amount of money, it just spend time with your family. wasn't worth it. Many waitresses are college students.

This may seem callous to say, but students probably take the worst hit on Thanksgiving Day. t's upsetting that you A quick look at the 2007 UA have to worry about Factbook shows that 10,306 starving bean pickers in nonresidents were admitted

This is even

more than the Considering the number of residents, which is 9,397. And country's lack of "resident" means that consumer you live in morality and Arizona, not just Tucson. A all-around huge number of students go ambivalence, it's home either to Phoenix not so surprising or somewhere else over the that Thanksgiving holidays. but college est day of the is the busiest day of the ones who the year for many typically work these jobs and restaurants, bars, are forced to sacrifice. At movie theaters and

coffee shops.

dren and slap a pie or two people working these jobs are into the oven before the day is foregoing a national holiday to up. But student workers don't serve you tacos. You may reason have anyone to go to. If your that people actually like work- family is in a different city, ing Thanksgiving because of the there's just not enough time in

least a mother

can go home

to her chil-

That's why it's extremely Many businesses that are open important to think ahead and on Thanksgiving require every think compassionately starting employee to work, just because today. If you usually get hunof the logistical and managerial gry later in the day after your concerns associated with letting feast, go to Safeway this week someone default. As a waitress and pick up some ready-made who worked eight hours last meals. Buy some coffee to make Thanksgiving, I remember the on Thursday, instead of going sentiment surrounding the day. out. Rent a movie, instead of seeing one. Heck, buy some beer and have a party at home. Watch television, eat turkey,

Wait until Black Friday to are single mothers who were sac- go out and spend your money. rificing their kids' Thanksgiving Inside Tucson Business just as well, and just as many servers published an editorial lamenting the state of the economy

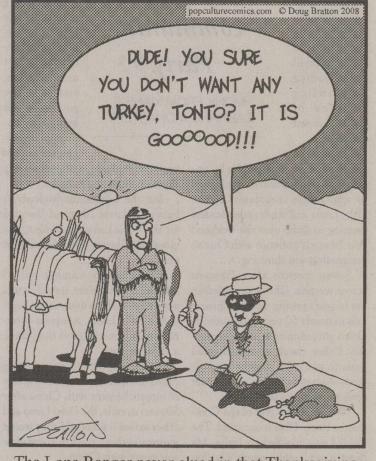
seen businesses like Mervyn's profitable enough. That's that. and Linen's N' Things go under,

working no matter what.

on the local level. Unlike many but also if we had something we others around town, the Starbucks were proud of to celebrate.

and the plight retailers are fac- on University Boulevard will be 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 to 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

If we can do this to other busiand the rest are counting on nesses around the area, think how these Black Friday sales to stay many Thanksgivings we can save next year. We may not be able to It's too bad that many students turn the tide of capitalism, but will have to work the day after we just might be able to make a Thanksgiving, but working then difference in at least one student's isn't as bad as losing your job. Plus, holiday. And really, wouldn't the no matter how many people boy- triumph of responsible 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. Thanksgiving would be much stronger if every-But you can make a difference one were allowed to celebrate it,



The Lone Ranger never clued in that Thanksgiving wasn't really a holiday his Native-American friend felt like "celebrating."

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# liday Video Game Gift Guide a gamer on this year's shopping list? No worries. The DT's opinions editor to the rescu

t's the start of the holiday season. Time to plan trips home, study for finals, and most Limportantly, 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 Bros. Brawl" already — here are some of the biggest and best promises at least a few more.

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

than Santa could possibly fit in his sleigh — and December games this holiday season, separated by categories better to suit your playing style.

### THE ACTION GAMER

### "Call of Duty: World at War"

Unlike "Call of Duty 4," which brought the series into modern warfare, "Call 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 wildfires. 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, PS3

"Gears of War 2"

"Bigger, better, and more badass" than the original, "Gears of War 2" combines adrenaline-laced gameplay with excellent graphics, a great story, and outstanding

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: Sands of Time" trilogy on the last generation of consoles such a success. With a new, cel-shaded art style, insane acrobatic feats have never looked this good. For 360 and PS3.

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 HORROR FAN ...

### "Dead Space"

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,

"Left 4 Dead"

It's zombies vs. humans in this multiplayer gore fest. A band of four human players must work together to survive hordes of human-controlled undead with explosive results. The game is a blast when played with friends, but avoid it if you never intend to play online with others. For the 360 and PC.

### THE SPORTS ENTHUSIAS'I

"Motorstorm: Pacific Rift" Continuing in the tradition of the gorgeous visuals of the PlayStation 3's launch title original, "Pacific Rift" takes things out of the desert and somewhat more lush scenery. With twice as many tracks as the original and great multiplayer, off-road racing fans should enjoy this one. For the PS3.

"Tecmo Bowl: Kickoff"

Remember "Tecmo Bowl" back from your old Nintendo days? It's back, and provides the beloved over-the-top, all-American 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.

### "Chrono Trigger"

On the downside, this is the same adventure you enjoyed 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 plot and timeless gameplay 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.

In this post-apocalyptic open-world RPG, players are given absolute freedom to do whatever they want — even if they never want to follow the game's main storyline. Impactful 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.

"The Witcher: Enhanced Edition"

When "The Witcher" was released last year, it was welcomed with high acclaim and was heralded as one of the best PC RPGs in years. But a lot of people ignored the experience. Now, "The Witcher: 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 out on the chance to explore the icy realm of Northrend or explore the intricacies of the new Death Knight class. For the PC.

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### 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 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.

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" As a \$10 downloadable title, there's an outstanding 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 escape imprisonment from an evil corporation. For the Wii.

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### THE TOE-TAPPER "Guitar Hero World Tour"

The "Guitar Hero" name is a little less appropriate now, as "World Tour" follows in "Rock Band's" footprints and adds 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.

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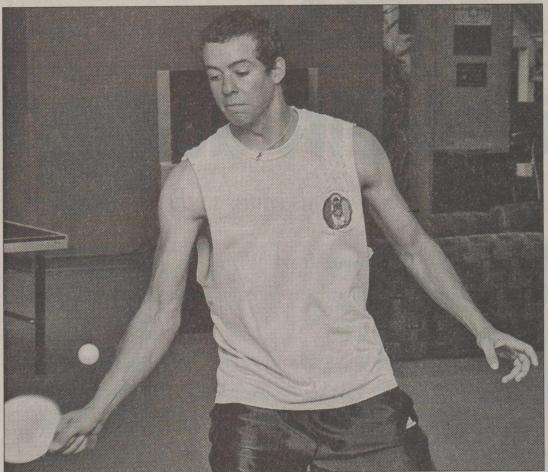


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RYAN NIMRY, A freshman agricultural economics major from Lubbock, plays ping pong Monday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

### U. Illinois students join 'No-Shave Novembeard'

By KELLY GUSTAFSON DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

For some students on the University of Illinois campus, November marks a month of stoic rebellion; they put down their razors and participate in "No-Shave Novembeard" by growing beards, mustaches, and in some cases, mutton chops. While 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 offers him an excuse to skip the daily shaving routine. His steadfast determination to stick it out the entire 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

beard,' I will not shave it," Anderson said.

Anderson's roommate and sophomore 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 grizzly-like beard.

"It's a testosterone-fueled event," 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 Berbert said he is also participating for the first time because of the competition between him and his

"We figured it might be fun to

going to get the 'Kyle Orton neck see who can come out on top, who can hold out the longest," Berbert

> 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.

"It's something I've always looked to do but never had anyone 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 forced to shave for Thanksgiving.

"She will definitely see the damage that has been done," Johnson

Anderson added that he hadn't told his parents yet; his bear-like beard was going to be a "Thanksgiving surprise.'

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

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chris Brown was the big winner, but it was Kanye West's night at the American

— a trend West started four years ago when he lost the favorite new artist prize — the rapper claimed two trophies Sunday and called on his colleagues to up their game.

"It's our responsibility as musicians to keep pushing each other," West said. "We will be the new Beatles, the new (Jimi) Hendrix. I want to be Elvis." West was named favorite male

rap/hip-hop artist and his CD, "Graduation," won favorite rap/ hip-hop album. Brown took the night's top honors — artist of the year — as well as

rock and soul/R&B categories. "I was shocked," the 19-yearold crooner said backstage. "I'm so thankful and grateful. I thought Coldplay should have won the

award, but I'll take it."

favorite male artist in both the pop/

Brown's gal pal, Rihanna — who wore chains and a leather corset to perform her love ballad, "Rehab" - was named favorite female artist Instead of his typical tantrum in both the pop/rock and soul/R&B categories. Alicia Keys was another double winner: Her CD, "As I Am," was both pop/rock and soul/R&B album winner.

> The American Music Awards traditionally centers on its performances, and Sunday was no exception. The show featured high-energy sets from Miley Cyrus, Ne-Yo and Beyonce, though a pair of lackluster medleys opened the program at the Nokia Theatre. Christina Aguilera 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," was awkwardly introduced by slurring rocker Scott Weiland, formerly of the Stone Temple Pilots. Also performing were The Jonas Brothers, the Pussycat Dolls, Coldplay and

Annie Lennox, who won the Award

"I never thought I would live to see the day that I could be 53 years old standing on a stage," Lennox said as she accepted the trophy from Justin Timberlake. "It's been an incredible journey. Music: my friend, my accompaniment through life."

Other winners included Brad Paisley for favorite country artist, Taylor Swift for favorite female country act, and Rascal Flatts for favorite country favorite band, duo

"I didn't really think that I had a chance at winning," Swift confessed backstage. "I thought, yes, it's good to be nominated, but I honestly didn't think I was going to win this award. I can't believe that I did. I can't believe that the fans did that for me. Everybody on MySpace, they're the reason I am holding this award right now."

Fans chose the night's winners through online votes.

### Boy George goes on trial for false imprisonment

LONDON (AP) — A Norwe- singer through a Web site and went 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 hacking into his computer.

The former Culture Club singer is on trial for the false imprisonment of 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 London's Snares-

brook Crown Court that he met the

to his London home for a naked photo shoot. After the encounter Boy George sent a series e-mails accusing Carlsen of hacking into his computer, but Carlsen nonetheless agreed to return for a second photo session several weeks later in April 2007.

Carlsen told the jury that when he arrived Boy George and another man held him down and beat him before the singer handcuffed him to a hook in the bedroom wall.

"George was slapping me and during the attack.

beating me and punching me and screaming things," Carlsen said.

Carlsen said he was able to escape by unscrewing the hook and running for the door.

"I took a bit of time getting the door 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 court was shown photographs of red welts on Carlsen's head and injuries to his arm which he said had been inflicted

### O'Donnell plucks teen from obscurity for TV movie

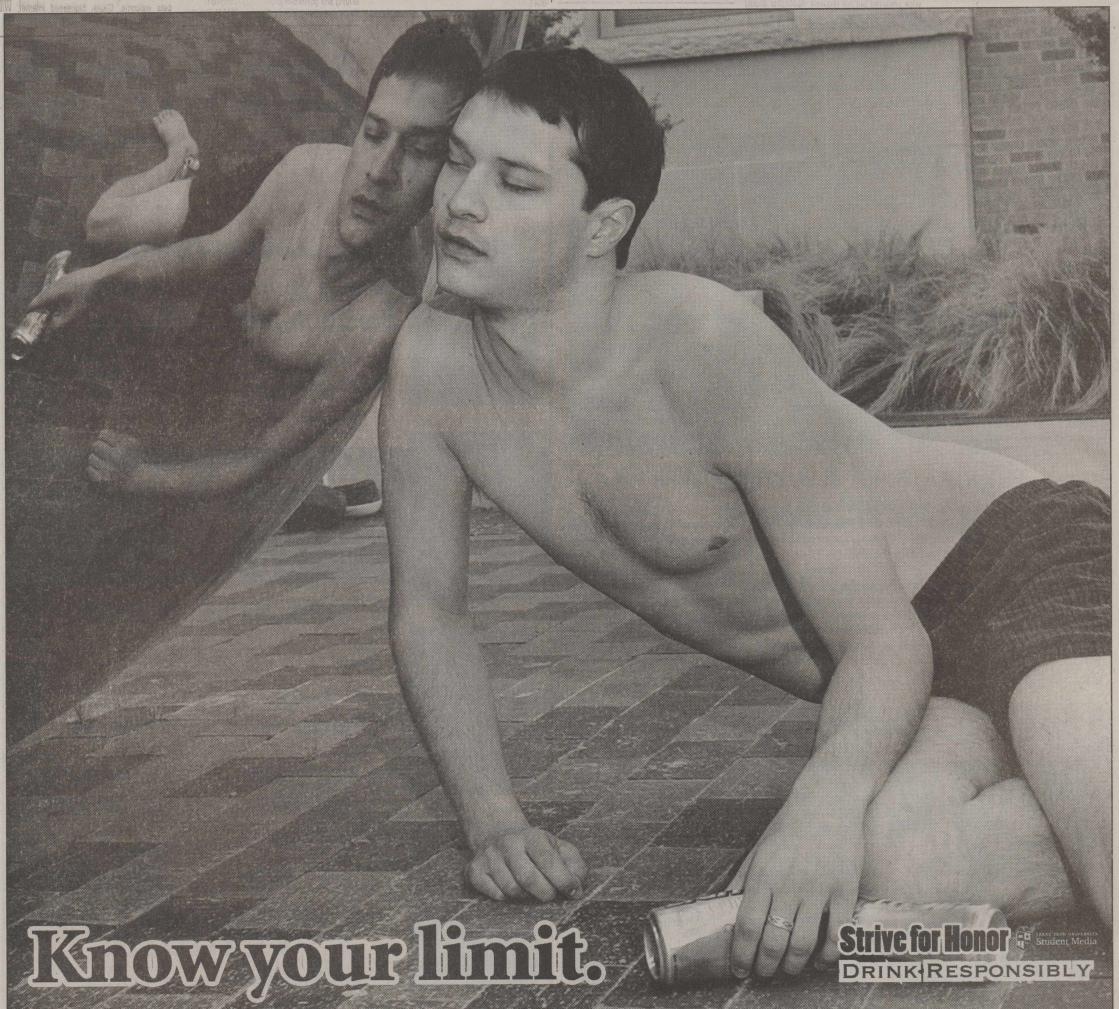
DETROIT (AP) - Rosie Lifetime network movie also starring popular downtown eatery, when O'Donnell saw a teenager at a Detroit restaurant and thought he had

a face that belonged in pictures. Now 17-year-old Philip Johnson has the lead role in "America," a

O'Donnell and Ruby Dee that is set for broadcast in February.

Johnson, a senior at Cass Technological High School, was eating lunch at Small Plates, a

O'Donnell spotted him and asked whether he would be interested in trying out for a film. He took a screen test the next day and won



# coach at Kansas State

Snyder is ready to turn Kansas State into a winner again.

Three years after handing off a successful Wildcats program to Ron Prince, the 69-year-old and wispyhaired Snyder was hired to take charge of the school he transformed from college football's biggest losers to national championship contenders. Prince was fired this month but is completing the season.

"The Kansas State family is in flux right now," Snyder said at a news conference Monday. "I want to be able to help. I want to be able to soothe the waters. I've learned some lessons and there are some things I will do to encompass my family."

He is returning to the sidelines at a school where his name is much in evidence. Turn off Interstate 70 and there is Bill Snyder Highway. About 20 minutes later, there is Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

Snyder signed a five-year contract for a base salary of \$250,000 and a total compensation of about \$1.85 million annually, athletic director Bob Krause said. Krause said he had made no offers to anyone else.

After a restless retirement, coach Bill long as he is able to coach and is successful in coaching," he said.

> Kansas State president Jon Wefald, who approved the hiring of Snyder in 1988 after the school had gone 0-21-1 its two previous years, is certain the winningest coach in school history still has the "fire in

> "He's in great physical shape, his mind is sharp as a tack," Wefald said. 'He's ready to roll."

Snyder said another aging coaching legend — 81-year-old Joe Paterno of Penn State — warned that he might not like retirement.

"He told me I'd get awful sick and tired of seeing Little League baseball games," he said.

From 1989-05, Snyder compiled a 136-68-1 record. While that may not turn heads at Alabama or USC, it sure did at a university that had won only 130 games the previous 51 years. The 12 head coaches who preceded Snyder from 1945-88 had only 116 victories among them.

When the Wildcats were slapped with severe NCAA penalties in the mid-1970s, former Nebraska coach

and athletic director Bob Devaney said it might be time to "put Kansas State on a slow boat to the Missouri Valley (Conference)."

One reason for the urgency in firing Prince with three games left was widespread fan apathy. Empty seats seemed to multiply at every game the past two seasons. But Snyder's return seems certain to energize the fan base, particularly among older K-Staters.

"So far, we've had a very positive reaction," Krause said.

Many believe that without Snyder, Kansas State might not be a member of the Big 12 Conference today. When he arrived, Kansas State was 299-510, the only major college with 500 losses. The Wildcats, derisively referred to as "Mildcats" by rivals, had enjoyed only two winning seasons in 34 years.

But by 1997, Snyder's Wildcats were contending for national as well as conference honors. They hit their high point in 2003, beating Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game.

Oklahoma's Barry Switzer once said Snyder's achievements at Kansas State made him the "coach of the century."

# Bill Snyder returns as Texans defense improved in 16-6 win over Browns

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.

It got so bad, some fans were calling for defensive coordinator Richard Smith to be fired imme-

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

"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.

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

"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.

The Browns weren't able to get anything going Sunday thanks to a defensive effort Kubiak called 'spectacular."

"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."

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.

Quinn was benched in favor of Derek Anderson later in the quarter after an interception by cornerback Fred Bennett, his first

Cleveland's 240 total yards were the fewest Houston has allowed this season and the six points tied a season-low.

Linebacker DeMeco Ryans said playing well meant a lot to the defense after giving up 102 total points in the last three games.

"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."

Williams had one of his best games of the season despite not getting a sack. He hurried and harassed both quarterbacks for most of the day and had the key tackle for a loss on Lewis.

"Mario, he played big for us," Ryans said. "That's what we expect out of Mario, to be in the backfield, making big plays like that. That's the type of player that he is and I just know he'll continue to do that for us."

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

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

Beating Bob Stoops and the Oklahoma Sooners in Norman, Okla., was too much to ask of a Texas Tech team that just played two of the biggest games in school history back-to-back.

The Texas Longhorns know in that how it feels. After all, they beat scenar-Oklahoma, Missouri and Oklahoma State before losing to the Soon-Red Raiders on the road.

OU's shocking 65-21 victory could over Tech created a three-way end up tie in the Big 12 Conference's South Division. Now UT has a win over OU, Oklahoma has souri a win over Tech and Tech has a win over Texas. So basically, one team will finish ahead of a for the team it lost to when the next confer-BCS standings are released Nov. 30, which ultimately will dictate chamwhich Big 12 South team goes to the 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 No. 1, we beat No. 6, we lost to No. 5 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 beat three in a row, and we're lucky enough to be one of those."

Assuming Tech beats Baylor, Oklahoma wins at No. 11 Oklahoma State and the Longhorns take out Texas A&M on Saturday, the Big 12 South representative in the conference title game would be the highest-ranked team in the BCS standings.

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**MIKE LEACH** TECH FOOTBALL COACH

ship. If they win, they most likely will play the winner for the Southeastern Conference Championship game between Alabama

and Florida. If OU loses to the Cowboys 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 touchdown by receiver Michael Crabtree in a 39-33 win over Texas on Nov. 1.

Since Texas defeated Oklahoma 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 Oklahoma State, then the Sooners

> should have the highest ranking in the BCS standings come Nov. 30, putting them 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 see Tech lose so badly, the decision is still up in the air considering

the regular season.

"We'll certainly let the season time ago that a lot of things can Fiesta Bowl Web site. happen right up until that last what might happen."



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreado

how many scenarios remain at TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Michael Crabtree is tackled by Oklahoma defensive back Dominique Franks hand with several weeks left in during the Sooners 65-21 victory over the Red Raiders, Saturday at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium.

The Fiesta Bowl will include play out," he said. "We don't even the Big 12 champion unless that start talking about who we might team goes to the national chamget in our game until after that pionship game. If that is the case, last game, which really is the Big the next best Big 12 school will 12 Championship, Saturday night fill the void left by the confer-Dec. 6. We learned a long, long ence champion, according to the

Leach, who has a vote in the game so it really doesn't behoove USA Today Coaches' Poll, gave us to start trying to speculate Oklahoma the credit that Stoops already started lobbying for after

the definitive win over Tech.

"Then we like the Big 12 better than the SEC, and plus Oklahoma has impressed me this year more than Alabama," Leach said. "So Oklahoma is at the top."

After saying he had not thought much about the unfairness of Tech being ranked behind other one-loss teams such as No. 5 Southern California, No. 4

Florida and No. 2 Texas, Leach found some time to express his opinion.

"Probably, we shouldn't be dropped behind them," he said. "As far as I'm concerned it shouldn't ... throw them all in there, we should be the top-rated, one-loss team. If you're a oneloss team, stick us right there at

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### Jets, Giants build Super Bowl hopes for New York football fans

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.

about the Giants and the other guy champions and are standing tall kept trying to talk about the Jets," again with a 10-1 record and a the Jets center said Monday. "It was six-game winning streak. Brett neat to see they were both able to go Favre and the soaring Jets are back and forth because both teams 8-3 and leading the AFC East are doing well at this point in the after consecutive victories at New

So well, in fact, that fans are starting to spread the news: They're dreaming about a New York-New in the air," Jets fullback Tony York Super Bowl, something that's Richardson said. "You turn on the never happened in the previous 42 news and they keep talking about years of the NFL's big game.

Giants defensive end Justin Tuck it's pretty cool."

NEW YORK (AP) - Nick said. "Obviously, the Jets are on

The Eli Manning-led Giants 'One of them kept trying to talk are the defending Super Bowl England and previously undefeated

"There's a lot of excitement the Jets and the Giants, and I think "It's a good thing for New York," the Knicks even won last night, so

# Lady Raiders prepare for tough test in Virgin Islands

**By ADAM COLEMAN** SPORTS EDITOR

The Virgin Islands is known to entered this tournament. most as one of the best vacationing spots around.

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands to an NCAA Tournament berth. to compete in the 2008 Paradise However, Iowa has one loss to Jam, it will be anything but a start the season against Kansas.

ketball team leaves today for the the conference in scoring with Virgin Islands to face its toughest 21.3 points a game. fornia and South Florida.

pions, South Florida is 4-0 to start the year and Cal has established itself early as one of the best teams in the country.

No. 3 Cal — the Lady Raiders' first last season. ranked opponent of the season.

there is an Iowa team the Lady castle. Raiders have to worry about before Cal is even a concern.

However, she said the opportunity to make a statement by knocking off a conference's defending champions in Iowa, and one of the best teams in the of the season. nation in Cal, is why these games are scheduled.

"It prepares you for January looks forward to. (with Big 12 Conference play), Curry said. "That's what it's about. You wanna have some tough exyou're going to be better for hav- surprise a few people." ing them."

If Curry's goal was to face teams that can really test the Lady Raiders, she achieved it when Tech

Last season, the Hawkeyes tied with Ohio State with 13 When the Lady Raiders visit conference wins, leading them One bright spot for the team is The Texas Tech women's bas- Megan Skouby, who is second in

pponents yet in Iowa, No. 3 Cali- Cal's 66-52 win over then-No 3 Rutgers on Nov. 22 has the Iowa is the defending Big 10 Golden Bears in the right place Conference regular-season cham- in the rankings. Ashley Walker and Alexis Gray-Lawson lead the team with 22 and 14.7 points per game respectively.

Now 4-0, South Florida fin-Out of this list of teams, the ished 16-15 last season after an one that may stand out the most is appearance in the Women's NIT

Heading into the trip, one Tech coach Kristy Curry said of the bright sports for the Lady although Cal presents a challenge, Raiders is freshman Jordan Barn-

She is third on the team in scoring with 12 points a game so far in her young collegiate career. This weekend against Lamar, she had 14 points and 13 rebounds, good for her second double double

For Barncastle, the challenge of facing Cal is something she holidays as they play Iowa on

"I've never been put in this position before to play a Top 10

The trip to the Virgin Islands

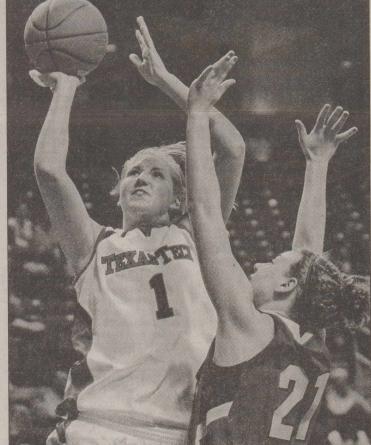


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TEXAS TECH'S JORDAN Barncastle heads into the Paradise Jam with two double-doubles as a freshman.

will keep the Lady Raiders away from their families during the Thanksgiving Day.

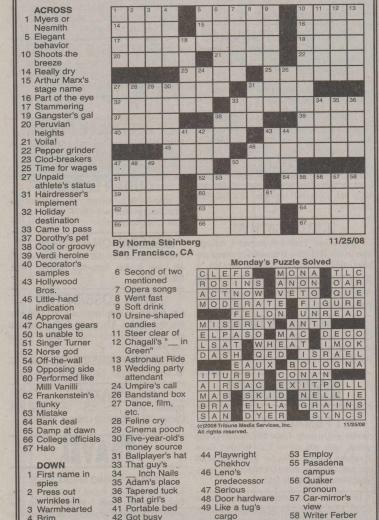
Used to not being around her immediate family at this time team," she said. "It's just awesome is Tech guard Tiny Henderson, periences early to see how you're to get that exposure early in the as she said the trip is not only going to handle January. Regard- season and to get a chance to open a chance to face some marquee less of what happens, you know some people's eyes and maybe teams, but it is an opportunity to build team chemistry.

"We're usually always together

during Thanksgiving and I just feel like it'll be great," she said. "May not have the traditional turkey and dressing with our family, but this is our second family."

Tech starts the 2008 Paradise Jam with Iowa on Thursday at 5 p.m. The Lady Raiders continue with No. 3 Cal on Friday and South Florida on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and 5 p.m., respectively.

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