

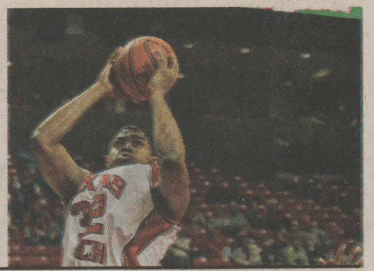


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## STATE WaMu keeping San Antonio center open

AUSTIN (AP) — Washington Mutual revealed Tuesday that despite nationwide layoffs it is keeping open a regional operations center in San Antonio that employs 1,800 people and is at the core of its job creation agreement with the state of Texas.

WaMu became the largest bank to fail in the ongoing financial crisis and was taken over by JPMorgan Chase & Co. in September. JPMorgan Chase announced this week it is cutting 9,200 Washington Mutual jobs nationally.

## NATION

### Officials: Obama to tap Richardson

CHICAGO (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama plans to name New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson as his choice for commerce secretary on Wednesday, adding another former campaign rival to his Cabinet, Democratic officials said.

The incoming chief executive has chosen another adversary-turned-ally, Hillary Rodham Clinton, to be his secretary of state. Obama has moved quickly to fill out his Cabinet, having named more than half of it in the month since he was elected the country's 44th president.

## WORLD

### UN concerned over treatment of detainees

BAGHDAD (AP) — The United Nations expressed concern Tuesday about overcrowding and "grave human rights violations" of detainees in Iraqi custody — in one case, 123 men crammed into a single cell.

The warning comes as the U.S. prepares to turn over control to the Iraqis of thousands of security detainees in its custody under a new security pact that would end the U.S. mission here by 2012. The pact, approved last week by Iraq's parliament, calls for American forces to transfer all detainees believed to be a major threat and to release the rest "in a safe and orderly manner."

## DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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# Counterterrorism research a success

By ADAM YOUNG  
NEWS EDITOR

Congressional leaders, Texas Tech officials and researchers will announce recent test results that demonstrate the effectiveness of a decontamination wipe developed for counterterrorism efforts.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, Lubbock-area congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Texas, and Tech administrators and researchers will be on hand for a news conference at 11 a.m. today in the Market Alumni Center to highlight the success of national tests on a nonwoven wipe developed, in-part, by researchers at

Tech's Institute of Environmental and Human Health.

Ronald Kendall, director of the Institute of Environmental and Human Health at Tech, said the material was tested and approved by researchers at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory at the University of California and could be used in commercial and military applications in the near future.

Seshadri Ramkumar, an assistant professor and researcher at TIEHH, said

he has worked on the development of the nonwoven fabric that absorbs toxins and can help prevent contact with toxic chemicals used in chemical warfare and terrorism.

Ramkumar said the material is a blend of cotton or polyester and carbon and "has been rated as the best dry-state wipe," according to a previous article in *The Daily Toreador*.

Kendall said research and development for the nonwoven fabric totaled about \$2 million, much of which was

provided by grants from the United States Department of Defense.

Tech could receive royalties through the commercial sale of the nonwoven wipes, which were recommended as the top product in the nation by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Kendall said the potential for applications from the newly-developed material is "tremendous all the way from face masks to protective suit liners to filters. It's a platform technology."

In conducting counterterrorism research, Kendall said the TIEHH works with other institutes, departments and colleges at Tech, including the College of Engineering, which is working on a project that could provide a solution

to the dangers of improvised explosive devices, one of the biggest threats facing U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In September, the Department of Defense designated about \$1.2 million for Tech's Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr. National Program for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats at the TIEHH, a portion of which was designated for the nonwoven fabric project.

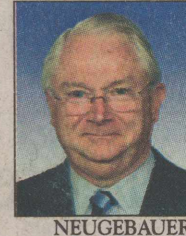
In 2007, the Department of Defense awarded Tech's efforts in counterterrorism research with a \$4.1 million grant, a portion of which also helped fund the nonwoven fabric research.

Tech's Zumwalt National Program was created in 1998.

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## Miss the Mall Madness

E-shopping remains steady despite analysts' predictions of increased holiday sales

PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

PEOPLE WALK AMONG the Christmas decorations Tuesday at the South Plains Mall.

By TINA L. ARONS  
STAFF WRITER

Christmas gift solutions may only be a mouse click away for the computer-savvy.

Many shoppers scoured the Internet for deals on Cyber Monday, which kicked off the online holiday shopping

season with about the same amount of Internet traffic as last year. However, industry analysts predict e-shopping will increase between 15 and 20 percent from 2007 as the holiday season progresses.

"The benefit of going to the store is that you get what you want right then," said Zach Grubbs, a sophomore

mechanical engineering major from Dallas. "The benefit of online shopping is some better deals and a better way to compare items."

Grubbs said he utilizes the Internet to hunt for hard-to-find electronics or obscure music albums but shops locally

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## Mumbai attacks impact students

By MIKE GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Terrorist bombings in Mumbai, India, have affected many members of the Texas Tech community.

Mumbai was invaded by a group of terrorists who hijacked an Indian fishing trawler and arrived in the city via the port Nov. 26, according to the Associated Press. The terrorists then bombed locations throughout the city, including its police headquarters, a movie theater, a restaurant, a Jewish Center, three popular hotels and a major train station. As of Tuesday, 172 people were confirmed dead.

It is believed the terrorists were a part of a Pakistani-based Islamic militant group known as Lashkar e-Taiba, according to the AP.

Tibor Nagy, Tech vice provost of international affairs and former U.S. ambassador, said he did not know of any of Tech's 477 Indian students, the largest makeup of any international student body at Tech, who had lost immediate family members in the attack.

"There's a lot of buzz right now," Nagy said. "This is (India's) 9/11. It's very difficult for them to be thousands of miles away from home. You're not there and getting facts secondarily from the American media. They're experiencing what we did on 9/11 where the attacks happened in New York and Washington, but people in other places thought they were next."

Shouryadeep Srivastava, a graduate student in pharmaceuticals from Gorakhpur, India, said he has friends and some family in Mumbai and when he learned there was a terrorist attack there he immediately set out to contact them.

"I was really worried," he said. "We didn't know what was going on so we all contacted our friends and family by phone and the Internet to make sure everyone was OK."

Srivastava said although he did not know anyone in the Tech Indian community who knew anyone who had lost their life in the attacks, everyone is angered.

"A lot of innocent people were killed," he said. "It's very disappointing people do things like this. The people there who were killed were innocent and killed in the name of a religion. I don't see any logic to that. But we're really proud of the people who worked to save lives."

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance tried to comfort the Tech Indian community on behalf of the entire Tech community by sending Ravi Dani, the president of the Indian Association of West Texas, a message which was meant to be read to the members.

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## East side of Memorial Circle to undergo construction beginning Dec. 8

By JON VANDERLAAN  
STAFF WRITER

The east side of Boston Avenue along Memorial Circle will be inaccessible to traffic for about nine months beginning Dec. 8 due to construction of a tunnel underneath the circle.

The Texas Tech Facilities and Planning Department will renovate the steam and chilled water lines underneath the circle.

With the east side of the circle closed, the rest of the circle will feature two-way traffic.

Michael Ellicott, vice chancellor for facilities, planning and construction, said the replacement tunnel pieces are

pre-cast for the 450 feet of new tunnel that stretches from Holden Hall to the Administration building.

Because the tunnel is somewhat deteriorated, he said, approximately \$2.5 million will be used to renovate the tunnel and the chilled water, steam and communication lines.

Ellicott said the department will begin the construction after the Carol of Lights ceremony Friday.

Bill Droll, project manager with the department, said it will not destroy any part of the circle and will replace the components that must be temporarily removed.

He said facilities and planning has already discussed the construction with

Citibus and Student Disability Services so necessary accommodations could be made.

Although the change will require those who drive on campus to alter their driving habits, Droll said the construction should be done around mid-August barring any extreme weather conditions that could prevent its completion.

Droll said the tunnel construction project is necessary due to the age of the tunnel, and students probably will have to find a different way around campus.

The road will be blocked off entering and exiting Memorial Circle on the east side of the circle, coming from Broadway Avenue.

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TRAFFIC FLOW WILL change Dec. 8 around Memorial Circle.

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# Interactive computer program helps students make decisions on majors

By **BRYAN MACIAS**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

One in three students who graduate will say they wished they studied something else for their degree.

Because of that, the University Advising Center at Texas Tech offers the DISCOVERY! Major Map and Academic Physical, a program dedicated to helping students learn about their academic needs and goals as well as give insight into the students' best fit major and career field.

"You need a goal, an action plan to reach that goal, a timeline for that plan and an accountability plan for a timeline," said Elizabeth Teagan, director of the center. "If students don't have a goal, they flounder. We all need goals in order to thrive."

The program works by evaluating

students based on four different qualities and traits: values, skills, interests and abilities. The four traits are listed in order of importance, she said, and help students form an idea of what the best-fit major is for them.

Through a series of individual exercises, one-on-one meetings with the program's advisers and tests that show the four qualities and traits of students, Teagan said, the student begins to filter preconceived notions of what they would be best suited for and most interested in.

"We set up DISCOVERY! so that students could see it's not just about listening to the media, listening to your families, listening to your peers or looking for money," she said. "It's really important for students to see the difference between impulse decisions and carefully and deliberately

though out decisions."

Aaron Rask, from Abilene, said the program was a great help in showing him what he could study and what career path he could follow.

"I was convinced that I was going to get my finance degree and do my law degree and I was going to be in finance law," Rask said. "When I actually did the research behind it, I kind of found that I just liked the way it sounded, and is not what I liked."

Teagan said part of the program is about teaching students self-confidence in their ability to make decisions.

"Students are not typically introduced to decision-making in high school," Teagan said. "This lack of self-efficacy is the reason the majority of students are not able to make confident decisions about their majors."

Rask said the program was invaluable in helping him make decisions about his future at Tech, and he would encourage all students, even those who seem sure of their major selection, to try the program.

"You may make a better personal financial counselor for instance than you would a doctor," Rask said. "You really need to break down any walls of what you just think sounds cool."

Teagan also said she encourages all students to enroll in the program.

"We teach students about decision making," Teagan said. "It's a skill set they can use for all their lives."

For more information about the program, visit the university's Web site, [www.depts.ttu.edu/advising/discovery/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/advising/discovery/).

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# US official: India attack may have Pakistani roots

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and British citizens were the targets of the violent siege in Mumbai last week, although most of those killed in India's financial capital were Indians, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday.

A group partly based in Pakistan apparently carried out the deadly attack, U.S. officials said. Earlier, the U.S. had warned the Indian government that terrorists appeared to be plotting an assault on Mumbai, the officials said.

At the Pentagon Tuesday, Gates said the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, had gone to the region to meet with officials. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice also is to visit India on Wednesday, carrying the U.S. demand that Pakistan cooperate fully in the investigation into the attack.

Among those killed in Mumbai were six Americans.

Neither Rice nor Gates would confirm that the United States had passed specific information to India ahead of the attacks.

The brutal, prolonged attack had some roots in Pakistan, a senior State Department official said. That's the closest the U.S. has come to placing blame for the coordinated assaults, although the official was careful to say that not all the evidence is in. The official

spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was still under way.

The revelation of a U.S. warning to Indian counterparts about a possible attack comes as the Indian government faces widespread accusations of security and intelligence failures concerning the assault.

Washington had advised that a waterborne attack on Mumbai appeared to be in the works, and that Westerners and Israelis may be targeted, said senior administration officials. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of intelligence information. The official would not elaborate on either the timing or details of the U.S. warning.

However, U.S. and foreign government officials said, the warning information was too vague to be actionable.

Indian authorities have claimed a Pakistan connection for days, but the United States has not wanted to "jump to conclusions," as Rice said Monday. The administration fears that any misstep amid the extraordinarily high emotions surrounding the three-day assault, which killed 172 and wounded 239 in the heart of Mumbai, could spark new and possibly deadly tensions between longtime, nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan.

# Gates says Military will look to accelerate Iraq pullout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates signaled a willingness Tuesday to forge ahead with two key priorities for the incoming Obama administration: accelerating the U.S. withdrawal from Iraq and shutting down the Guantanamo Bay deten-

tion center.

As the only Republican Cabinet member asked to stay on by President-elect Barack Obama, Gates told reporters that military commanders are looking at ways to more quickly pull troops out of Iraq in light of the 16-month timetable that was a centerpiece of the Democrat's campaign.

He also said it will be a high priority to work with the new Congress on legislation that will enable the U.S. to close the detention center

at the U.S. naval base in Cuba, where about 250 terrorism suspects are still being held.

In a blunt and occasionally personal briefing, Gates acknowledged his unique position in the new Democratic administration — a job he said he did not want or seek but felt he could not turn down.

"I guess I would say that I was engaged in my own form of strategic deterrence," said Gates, who for the past two years has talked only of

his desire to return home to Washington state. "It was my hope that if I made enough noise about how much I did not want to stay here and how much I wanted to go back to the Northwest that I wouldn't have to worry about the question ever being asked."

But Obama asked, and Gates said there was no way he could say no.

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"I just wanted to let them know they're in our thoughts and prayers," Hance said. "We have a lot of students from India. They make up a large amount of our students and faculty and many have been affected by this."

Nagy said he speculates the attacks by the terrorists in Mumbai were meant to damage Indian-Pakistani relations.

"Mumbai is a perfect target," Nagy said. "It's a huge media center, so they got maximum publicity. It's near the sea, so it was easy for the terrorists to get there. It's also a very international city. It's just the perfect place to create major mischief."

Nagy said if tensions increase between India and Pakistan, more troops will probably be sent to their mutual border. This aids the terrorists' cause because Pakistan will have less troops to actively combat terrorists in Afghanistan.

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# BEYOND THE BLOTTER

## SGA, police: Tech campus safe for parked cars during holiday

While many people will take their vehicles home for the winter holiday, university officials insist the campus is a safe place to park vehicles.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Texas Tech Police Department, said the department will place extra focus on the vehicles left on campus during the break to

make sure they are not tampered with.

Students also should park in spots around other vehicles so they are not isolated and take all valuables out of the vehicles, he said.

Lee Bobbitt, Student Government Association President, said the association will send out a notice to students giving some

of the same tips.

"I think campus is a safe place to leave your vehicle," she said.

However, Bobbitt said she believes it still would be smart for students to take their valuables with them and lock their doors.

Hoffman said burglaries and thefts probably will increase during the holidays because of recent

financial troubles.

"I think you'll see a slight increase," he said. "At least it wouldn't surprise me."

Hoffman said he does not expect many rooms and buildings to be broken into because thieves generally prefer the easy access of vehicles.

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### POLICE BLOTTER

## No students, two non-students arrested at Tech football game

Nov. 24

An officer issued a criminal trespass warning at 10 a.m. at Texas Tech's New Deal farm to an ex-employee of the farm.

An officer investigated credit card abuse at 11:05 a.m. in Murdough Residence Hall in which a student found another students' debit card and used it.

An officer documented the securing of a room at 12:05 p.m. in the Chemistry building upon the notification of the death of an employee.

An officer documented missing property at 1:20 p.m. in the Tech Health Sciences Center Health Net offices in which two cameras were reported missing.

An officer investigated credit/debit card abuse at 2:24 p.m. at a Sam's Place in which a student found another students' debit card and used it at the convenience store.

An officer investigated an accident at 3:30 p.m. in the C-1 parking lot in which an unattended vehicle was struck by another vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Nov. 25

A student was arrested at 1:59

a.m. in the 2600 block of Fourth Street for driving while intoxicated. Two passengers were released to a responsible party. The driver was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A non-student received a criminal trespass warning at 9:50 a.m. in the 2900 block of 18th Street after the non-student was detained for a bicycle violation. Further investigation revealed that the non-student previously was arrested for burglary of a vehicle.

An officer documented damaged property to a vehicle at 12:30 p.m. in the Z-1C parking lot in which the vehicle was scratched.

An officer documented information about a vehicle hitting a pedestrian at 5:30 p.m. in the 1600 block of Flint Avenue. The pedestrian did not wish to file a police report. Both parties involved in the accident gave conflicting stories of the exact location of the accident.

Nov. 26

An officer documented damaged property to a vehicle at 1:44 a.m. at the HSC service drive in which the right rear quarter panel and door of the vehicle were damaged.

An officer investigated an assault

at 11:52 a.m. at the Tech Physical Plant between two temporary employees. One of the employees reportedly grabbed the other by the neck and broke his glasses. The employee was terminated and sent a criminal trespass warning by mail.

An officer investigated an accident at 3:35 p.m. in the 3500 block of 10th Street. Minor injuries were reported.

An officer investigated theft at 3:35 p.m. in Doak Hall in which U.S. currency was reported stolen from a desk.

Nov. 28

An officer investigated burglary of a habitation at 10:23 p.m. in Chitwood Residence Hall in which a Sanyo flat screen television was reported stolen.

Nov. 29

A non-student was arrested at 3:17 p.m. at Gate 4 of Jones AT&T Stadium for public intoxication and

was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A non-student was arrested at 4 p.m. at Gate 4 of Jones AT&T Stadium and was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

Dec. 1

An officer investigated theft at 1:07 p.m. at Clement Residence Hall in which a bicycle was reported stolen.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 2:19 p.m. in the Z-4P parking lot in which a vehicle window was shattered.

An officer investigated debit card abuse at 3:34 p.m. at an ATM in the Student Union Building.

Dec. 2

A non-student was arrested at 3:28 a.m. in the 1500 block of Flint Avenue for driving while intoxicated and was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

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8 AM	Super Why Clifford	Today Show	The Early Show	Believer's J. Hanna	Steve Wilkos			
9 AM	Sesame Street	Today Show	The Early Show	Divorce Payne	Payne	Regis & Kelly	Martha Stewart	
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10 PM	Charlie Rose	Jeopardy	Restless (HD)	Alex Cielina	Paid Prog.	Church Paid Prog.	Tyra Makeovers.	
11 PM	News	Jeopardy	Restless (HD)	Alex Cielina	Paid Prog.	Church Paid Prog.	Tyra Makeovers.	
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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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## Shopping

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for almost everything else.

Integra Telecom Inc. reported a 30 percent spike from two weeks ago in Monday's business Internet traffic, but the numbers equaled those recorded by the business communications carrier for the Monday after Thanksgiving in 2007.

A pre-Cyber Monday survey by Shop.org found that 84.6 million consumers — about 15 percent more than last year — planned to shop online from home or at work during that day. Shelley Harp, retail professor at Texas Tech, said people turned to e-shopping for its convenience, much like society turned to catalogs decades ago when they emerged in the retail industry.

"You can shop 24 hours," she said, "and you can easily see the best deal without driving all over town."

About 36 percent of consumers surveyed by Forrester Research Inc. reported they would be "more likely to shop online due to high gas price," compared to the 22 percent who expressed the same sentiment last year, which Forrester Research Inc. analysts credit to energy prices.

However, Harp said gas prices have gone down since the survey, and the data may not reflect the more current shopping attitude about gas prices.

To combat lower energy costs and in-store holiday sales, she said, industry analysts predict e-businesses will offer more incentives to online shopping, such as free shipping.

A survey by Shopzilla found 83.7 percent of retailers planned to have a special promotion for Cyber Monday.

Gina Tramel, a junior human development and family sciences major from Granbury, said she enjoys the atmosphere of shopping in a store, but she may venture online

for better deals.

"It's easier," she said, "and you can do it in your pajamas."

Stephen Spiegelberg, manager of Red Raider Outfitter, said the retail store's Web site traffic usually spikes every December and tripled since Thanksgiving last week, which he attributes to both Tech's football team's notoriety and the holiday season.

Based on data from a Forrester Research Inc. survey, analysts expect online shopping sales to grow 12 percent this holiday season and total \$44 billion during November and December.

"The online store is open 24 hours and our orders ship within 24 hours," Spiegelberg said, listing the benefits of e-shopping. "You can line things up and take a look at different color packages."

Many local shoppers "cruise" the Red Raider Outfitter Web site to find gift ideas, he said, and this year the company offers a "wish list" tool that allows users to print information about selected items.

Users can then take their wish list to the store, and an employee will find the merchandise.

Aaron Hemphill, a junior finance and accounting major from Amarillo, said he uses the Internet to find stores that stock the Christmas gifts on his wish list, but he rarely purchases gifts online.

"If I buy it, it's in my hand," said Hemphill, referencing past experiences he has had with poor merchandise quality. "I'm better able to see the quality."

E-shopping provides another alternative, Harp said, but some shoppers continue to brave crowded retail stores.

"There's still people who went on Friday and shopped and stood in line and had the thrill of picking up the item and paying for it," she said. "It just depends on how you like to shop."

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### THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lens
  - 6 Commandment verb
  - 11 Smidgen
  - 14 Make cloth gathers
  - 15 Bourgeois sculpture
  - 16 Prez on a penny
  - 17 Three lines
  - 20 Wonderment
  - 21 Like some cakes
  - 22 Avian haven
  - 23 -a porter (ready-to-wear)
  - 25 Shows intestinal fortitude
  - 27 For two, in music
  - 29 N.T. book
  - 31 Sound of rippling water
  - 32 Judging group
  - 34 \_\_\_ on (mollycoddlers)
  - 36 Single entity
  - 39 Three lines
  - 42 Be quiet!
  - 43 Skinflint
  - 44 Loudmouth lummock
  - 45 Minnow cousin
  - 7 Three lines
  - 8 Ex-G.I.
  - 9 Bared
  - 10 Spike TV, once
  - 11 Three lines
  - 12 Discomfit
  - 13 Penchants
  - 18 Refer to
  - 19 Snarl and growl
  - 24 Offend the officiators
  - 26 Like damp basements
  - 27 Real estate abbrs.
  - 28 Speaker's platform
  - 30 Some e-mail attachments
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By Verna Suit Silver Spring, MD

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- DOWN**
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  - 2 That was close!
  - 3 Three lines
  - 4 Not std.
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  - 6 Hook's underling
  - 7 Three lines
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## DT EDITORS BID FOND FAREWELL

It started as an excuse to stay out of my Chitwood dorm room and make some cash in the process. But by the end of my freshman year, I realized working for *The Daily Toreador* was something I would continue doing as long as I was in college. In fact, *The DT* became my entire college experience.

When I was hired as a reporter, it was only the second job I had ever had, and scanning groceries at HEB doesn't really compare. I never knew what it was like to really enjoy and care about a job. Sure, the pay is right around minimum wage, the hours are late and the benefits include... well, having a place to hang out in between classes. All of that aside, I know my degree in journalism would be meaningless without the experience I gained working for a daily, student-run newspaper.

I've spent three and a half years in the newsroom and I just might shed a tear when I walk out the doors for the last time. I'll be leaving behind some of my best friends — an amazing group of dedicated student reporters.

I'll be leaving behind the best job I'll probably have for a long time — graduation is a week away and I don't actually have any job offers yet. But what I'm walking away with will out-

### Michelle Casady



weigh what I leave behind. Now it's time for some editorial board goodbyes:

**Ben Maki** — I'm glad I didn't fire you like I wanted to when I was your news editor. You turned out to be a great reporter and an invaluable asset to the newsroom, but you're still incredibly loud, all the time.

**Kristan Lackey** — Klackey, we've been here the longest out of everyone, and I'm so glad I got to know you. You introduced me to *The Purp* and along with that are memories not suitable for print. Thanks also for showing me Floydada and the Boston Terrier Museum. K4 K4.

**Matt McGowan** — I am so glad you came up to me and Josh during a break from a certain Mas Communications class and asked about jobs at *The DT* (at least we got something out of that class). You are the most creative and thoughtful writer *The DT's* had in a long time.

**Adam Coleman** — Your work ethic is something I will always admire, I know that will take you places. Oh, and Cremes

will always be your nickname.

**Jan-Tosh Gerling** — Even though you left us a few years ago, having you back in the newsroom was awesome. Thanks for blogging approximately 15,000 words about the McCain and Obama debates, and thanks for making those late nights in the newsroom a little more bearable with your humor.

**Adam Young** — We never got to take that road trip you were craving, but I hope we stay in touch. I won't miss you blaring random Arnold Schwarzenegger and Hulk Hogan phrases from your computer.

**Kerry Lentz** — You have been so patient with us this year. We've had our run-ins, but I think it's safe to say out of all the four photo editors I've worked with, you've been my favorite. And thanks for driving everyone to College Station for the A&M game (that's a trip I won't forget).

So now this chapter is complete and it's time to turn into a real grown-up. If everything else falls through, I still know my produce codes well enough to snag that job at HEB.

**Casady is an unemployed resident of Alvin and has had no life for the past three and a half years.**

### Ben Maki



for the Cotton Bowl.

**Bob Knight** left his proper place on the court where he can scream at referees before berating unsuspecting reporters afterward. He now has gone on to the comfort of a chair alongside some of those reporters at ESPN (never saw that coming).

The Lady Raider basketball team is no longer a perennial Top 25 team.

I was behind the end zone in 2007 when receiver Michael Crabtree dropped the possibly game-winning touchdown in Stillwater, Okla., and I nearly could have touched him as

he crossed the goal line this year against Texas and put the Red Raiders up with one second to go.

If I have learned anything from my time working for this student newspaper, it's that I can eat when I'm done.

Now it is time to look forward and head to the "real world" where I will most likely do the same job, but without that pesky little thing called school getting in the way.

As I sign off for the last time as a member of *The DT*, good luck to those left behind here in Lubbock.

I'm Ben Maki for News/Sports/Broadcast ... Brlbrlbrl.

**Maki has an obnoxious laugh, spent more time playing games than working, and should never grow a thick mustache.**

### Matt McGowan



*Daily Toreador* during the past four — ahem, and-a-half — years has taught me to love the news industry with all my idealistic heart.

The profession I chose, despite its myriad of flaws, is at its core an indication of a healthy society.

Perhaps its change will be for the better. Perhaps not.

Though I'm in no position to speculate exactly where my career path will take me in a rapidly evolving industry, I am in a position to implore you not to forego your news, whatever its form may be.

Studies show our generation isn't reading much these days; it certainly isn't picking up copies of their local rag. I guess we news consumers, including myself, are going online for our news

— or something like it.

So remember this when you find your news: The world would be a drastically different and worse place without the hordes of professionals who specialize in gathering and disseminating factual information.

Independent bloggers and their many permutations are OK, but they may not always be factual.

Journalism is not some willy-nilly accident that happens when some dude has an opinion and a Web site. It's the product of a profession many hundreds of years in the making.

So please don't stop coming to a journalist for your news.

I promise you, he or she will be more than happy to give it to you in a fair and straight manner.

And that's all she wrote.

I've got a diploma to pick up and laminate.

**McGowan will suprisingly have a job when he graduates, provided he isn't murdered at a hostel in Europe.**

### Adam Young



But the largest part of my appreciation for Tech comes from the *The Daily Toreador* and the great opportunities it provides for journalism majors and other students interested in news gathering, publications and the media.

For those readers who provided constructive criticism and struggle through the occasional mistakes in the reporting that can be expected from beginning journalists, I thank you.

*The Daily Toreador* will have a great group of editors, reporters and advisers for the spring 2009 staff, and I look forward to reading the paper as an alum.

I am thankful for everyone who helped me along my way through college and while working at *The DT*.

Now that I am gone, I highly

suspect Bernie Stevenopolis no longer will torment select members of the newspaper staff. Long live the Vanderprefix!

**Young is the biggest of all cheeses, and can say things in a variety of celebrity voices through the power of technology.**

# We should pay heed to whistle-blowers

It's official. We are in a recession, according to data released Monday by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Upon hearing the dire news, I immediately thought of a YouTube video I came across a few weeks ago titled "Peter Schiff Was Right 2006-2007." The video first interested me because I was familiar with Schiff and his views on the economic situation in America.

Peter Schiff is president of Euro Pacific Capital, Inc., and author of the books "Crash Proof" and "The Little Book of Bull Moves in a Bear Market." He spoke out against the bailout, saying it would not fix anything, but only further compound the problem. He has been speaking out against the system of "easy credit" in the U.S. for years, criticizing America's lack of production and savings.

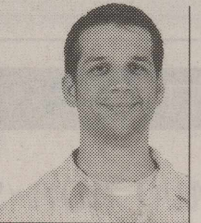
So when I first opened the video, and seeing that it was a collection of clips from 2006 and 2007, I expected to hear Peter sharing his prescient wisdom in a news segment interview.

What I saw, though, was downright shocking. Sure enough, Peter Schiff was warning of the coming recession and advising against investing in financials, but the shocker was the other guests and even the hosts on the shows.

Not only were these people disagreeing with Schiff's outlook, but they were also mocking and laughing at him.

In an Aug. 28, 2006 interview on CNBC, Schiff states that the country was heading for a recession, and it was a necessary time to fix the imbalances in the economy due to over-consumption and lack of production.

### Shane Nassiri



Arthur Laffer of Laffer Investments, another guest in the clip, scoffs at the idea that the U.S. was heading for a recession and says that the U.S. economy has never been better. He is even so bold as to bet a penny that Schiff is wrong. Well, Mr. Laffer, you owe Mr. Schiff two pennies — you've got to account for inflation.

In a Dec. 31, 2006 interview on Fox News, the other guests are literally laughing at Schiff's forecast that home prices would continue to drop and that credit lenders would begin to tighten up on their lending standards. The others were predicting a 10 percent increase in home prices. Check another for Peter.

In yet another Fox News segment, hosted by Neil Cavuto on Aug. 17, 2007, Schiff faced another panel of mockers, including Cavuto himself, who again dismissed his gloomy outlook. "Mr. Dry Eyes" Ben Stein and Charles Payne joined in a chorus of unison to pronounce the worst of America's economic woes to be over.

They go on to make their recommendations for stock picks. Stein chooses Merrill Lynch, which was at \$76 when he made his prediction. His take is that the stock was so cheap and such a bargain, that they should be "putting it in cereal boxes and giving it away." Merrill Lynch closed at \$10.13 Monday.

Tracy Byrnes picked Goldman Sachs, which was at \$175 at the time. "It's like getting Dolce & Gabbana on sale!" she exclaimed. Well, D&G must be a terrible brand, because Goldman Sachs has plummeted since then, closing at \$65.76 Monday.

The segment ends with another laugh at Schiff's expense. After warning of the volatility and toxicity of financial stocks, Cavuto laments that they are out of time and wishes Schiff had more time to "continue that exposé on Santa Claus."

So the question that rises is "Why was Peter Schiff not given more respect?" He accurately predicted what was going to happen in the mortgage market and how it would spill over into other sectors. But he still was laughed at and still finds trouble gaining a voice today.

It seems we are always quick to write off the ones with doom and gloom scenarios. Being optimistic is a great thing, but optimism without a dose of common sense can be dangerous.

We should pay more attention to whistle-blowers like Peter Schiff. Just because we do not like what they have to say does not mean what they are saying is not worth hearing. No one wanted a recession — or possibly worse — but ignoring the risk of it and mocking someone who saw it coming does not benefit anyone.

Call it paranoia. I'll call it good judgment. That tin-foil hat is starting to look pretty fashionable right about now.

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# Looking at religion vs. non-religion

Imagine there's no heaven.

It's easy if you try, really.

As I heard John Lennon's classic "Imagine" come up on my iPod while I drove back from Thanksgiving on Sunday, I heard his words in an entirely new light, having recently finished the audiobook version of Richard Dawkins' 2006 book, "The God Delusion." They resounded with more prescience than ever before.

To say the whole debate about whether or not one should hold religious belief is a "hot button issue" would be a gross understatement. It goes beyond the scope of this article, perhaps even beyond the scope of a lifetime of articles. But let's take John Lennon's advice and imagine for the moment a world without heaven, hell, God, or any religion at all.

Last week some friends of mine and I watched the 2007 documentary "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed," a Michael Moore style overview of the modern clash between the teaching of intelligent design (ID) and evolution in the American educational system, specifically highlighting mainstream professors fired for their association with ID.

Amongst the numerous, well-documented fallacies and distortions (see ExpelledExposed.com), the documentary presents a crude introduction to many of the basic arguments in the modern dialogue.

Issues such as "irreducible complexity" — the idea that we cannot explain complex life systems by reducing them to simpler components or stages — feature prominently, as do many experts on both sides of the controversy.

At one point Ben Stein even interviews Richard Dawkins himself — the

### Stephen Torrence



token atheist. Stein's leading questions and general smugness understandably frustrate Dawkins, but over the course of the interview it became clear to me that the evolution vs. ID subject serves as a front for a more fundamental issue: religion vs. non-religion.

"The God Delusion" addresses this more basic question, challenging established religion and belief in God with direct, unrelenting precision. Yet at the same time, it does so empirically, without the blatant mockery and prejudice of which "Expelled" makes liberal use.

Among many things, Dawkins responds to irreducible complexity, offers psychological and evolutionary alternatives for the origin of religion among humans, and presents a world view in which science, art, and culture fill the role of religion to better effect.

His bestselling book raised a fair bit of controversy, including at least a half-dozen response books including Alister McGrath's "The Dawkins Delusion?" and Michael Austin's "Dawkins' Dilemmas." God is not something one criticizes lightly in modern America.

Yet why must this be so? One of the primary points of "Expelled" was that the firing of teachers who taught ID represented a widespread prejudice among academics. Is it not also a similar prejudice that a professed atheist has a snowball's chance in ... let's say the Sahara of getting

elected to public office?

As Dawkins points out in his book, atheists are far and away the majority among academia, yet the vast majority of the actual population of America professes Christianity or some variation thereof. Such prejudices are therefore understandable.

However, there is a grossly asymmetric stigma surrounding atheism, tied closely to the widely held belief that religion is necessary for morality. A 2006 University of Minnesota poll determined that Americans distrust atheists more than Muslims, gays and lesbians, and recent immigrants.

I deplore the underhandedness of firing professors on religious grounds, but at the same time I deplore the fact that atheism is so callously thrown off by the religious community. As rational Americans, we should foster constructive debate in the spirit of Dawkins, McGrath, Austin, and others.

Thomas Jefferson wrote in a 1787 letter to Peter Carr, "Fix reason firmly in her seat, and call to her tribunal every fact, every opinion. Question with boldness even the existence of a God; because, if there be one, he must approve the homage of reason rather than of blind-folded fear."

"Do not be frightened from this inquiry by any fear of its consequences ... If it end in a belief that there is no God, you will find incitements to virtue in the comfort and pleasantness you feel in its exercise and in the love of others it will procure for you."

Go ahead, give it a try.

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## Obama's election causes spikes in gun sales, prices

By HANNAH BOEN  
STAFF WRITER

For fear of changes in gun policies since Barack Obama was elected, gun sales across the nation have increased.

And so have gun prices. Local gun owners and sellers are considering the likelihood of changes in gun policies and whether now is the best time to purchase a firearm.

Joey Cook acts as campus leader for the Texas Tech chapter of Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, and has started "Students for the Second Amendment" at Tech to promote legal and responsible gun ownership.

The Lubbock native said his involvement with Second Amendment advocacy has nothing to do with politics, but rather with supporting an item on the Bill of Rights, which he hopes will not be altered.

"I hope that nothing happens to prevent people from owning guns legally and responsibly," said the junior philosophy major.

However, Cook realizes that a new administration may bring new gun restrictions, and although he said he is not in the business of mak-

ing predictions, people considering gun ownership should purchase one soon.

Cook has bought some guns for himself this year, but he said he has not gotten caught up in the panic or excitement surrounding Obama possibly changing gun laws.

For Cook, guns are a fun and recreational interest, such as golf, he said.

"I wouldn't want anybody trying to take my golf clubs away," he said, "and if I thought they were about to I would try to get some cool golf clubs before they did."

A rising concern among those considering gun ownership is cost, and Cook said the fear of law changes will continue to drive up prices.

"It's not necessarily because something is going to happen," he said about the firearm market. "It's because people think something's going to happen."

Students who want to own a firearm but are concerned with high prices should not wait any longer for prices to drop, he said.

"All the way up to inauguration, the prices are going to keep going up," he said. "Demand is high, so the ear-



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador  
SINCE BARAK OBAMA was announced president elect there has been an increase in hand gun and rifle prices at stores and shows.

lier you can purchase, the better."

The University of Texas' Students for Concealed Carry on Campus Chapter's vice president, Jeff Shi, said he has witnessed the spike in gun

sales first-hand in his hometown.

Shi is a gun owner and attends Austin's monthly gun shows to advocate gun carrying on campus for responsible adults, he said. He

attended the first show after the election, where he saw an influx of customers and a limited supply of guns.

"There was a flood of people there the entire time," said the junior computer science major. "Ammo sellers were cleared-out, and I almost had trouble walking around because it was so crowded."

Because of the surge in gun sales, he said there has been price increases on popular guns, accessories and ammunition.

"A gun worth 400 bucks before the election will sell for \$600 or \$700 now," Shi said. "People are buying guns at insane prices."

Shi has not purchased any guns since the election, he said, because he anticipated the price surges and bought them before Obama was elected.

However, he advises students who are interested in firearm ownership to purchase guns before inauguration day, because the fear of changes in gun laws are reasonable.

Shi said Obama not only has voted against concealed carry but also proposed bans against legal versions of assault rifles, which have

become the most popular hunting rifles.

"Be prepared to pay a much higher price that you would have a year ago," he said.

Mary Pentecost, owner of Fred's Gun Emporium, said her shop's sales have reflected the fears of changing gun laws.

"Our sales have been really good," she said. "I think people maybe are concerned with perhaps new restrictions and laws."

Pentecost said the rise in gun sales has been evident to her as a buyer as well because it has been more difficult for her to purchase items for her to keep her store stocked.

Despite the recent boost in sales, Pentecost said she has kept items within suggested retail price, and, like Shi, suggests that any student who has been considering gun ownership should purchase soon, because supplies are becoming more limited.

"If they've already thought about it," she said, "and they think it's something they need for hunting or personal defense, then they should purchase now."

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## Cox Newspapers to close Washington bureau, cites tightening costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cox Newspapers said Tuesday it will shut its Washington, D.C., office in April, citing a need to limit costs in a tightening economy.

The Washington bureau, founded in 1974, provides national and international news to 17 Cox newspapers around the country. The closure, which includes five foreign bureaus, will affect about two dozen employees.

"For more than 30 years, the reporters of this bureau have broken an untold number of stories that have had

an impact on the lives of our readers in cities and towns all across the U.S.," Sandy Schwartz, Cox Newspapers president, said in a statement. "The Cox Washington bureau has won or shared virtually every major American journalism award, including the Pulitzer prize."

It is the second news organization in recent months to announce the closing of offices in the nation's capital. Newhouse News Service, which provided Washington and national news to newspapers for half a century, shut

down Nov. 7. That news service had 24 employees.

Cox Washington bureau chief Andy Alexander, who will retire at the end of this year, said the move comes after the company announced earlier this year it would seek to sell its newspapers in Texas, North Carolina and Colorado. He said selling those papers creates less need for the Washington office, which supplements work done by regional reporters for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and Dayton Daily News.

"The real loss will be stories that

will be specifically tailored to Cox newspaper markets, both print and online," Alexander said in a telephone interview. "The 17 Cox papers each year have used 4,500 stories from the Washington and international bureaus, a high percentage of which was localized coverage, the differentiated story that really connects with readers."

Cox's foreign bureaus, which are managed from the Washington office, are located in London, Jerusalem, Beijing, Mexico City and the Caribbean.

The closing does not affect Cox

Television, another subsidiary of Cox Enterprises, which will continue to operate its own Washington broadcasting news bureau.

The Cox media conglomerate was founded in 1898 by former school teacher and reporter James M. Cox, who purchased the Dayton Evening (now Daily) News for \$26,000. After becoming Ohio's governor and unsuccessfully running for president in 1920, Cox worked on building his media business until he died in 1957.

In early 2007, Forbes magazine

estimated that assets of his daughters, Barbara Cox Anthony and Anne Cox Chambers, at \$12.6 billion apiece, making them the 45th richest people in the world. Anthony died in May 2007.

Cox, a privately held company based in Atlanta, currently owns newspapers in Colorado, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Ohio and Texas. The company has said it generates about 80 percent of its \$15 billion in annual revenues from sources outside advertising-supported media businesses such as newspaper, television and radio.

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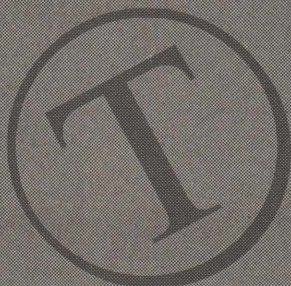
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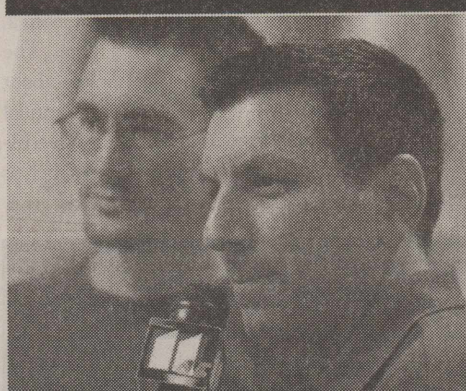
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November 27, 2008 - January 6, 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Nov. 27 Reg Hours SRC : 6 am - 12 am AC : 6-8:45 am FW : 8 am - 9 pm OPC : 1-6 pm CC : 3-10 pm</p>						
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<p>Nov. 29 Reg Hours SRC : 8 am - 10 pm AC : 12-7 pm FW : 10 am - 6 pm OPC : CLOSED CC : 2-6 pm</p>						
<p>Nov. 30 Reg Hours SRC : 12-12 am AC : 12-7 pm FW : 12-7 pm OPC : CLOSED CC : 3-10 pm</p>						
<p>Dec. 1 Reg Hours SRC : 6 am - 12 am AC : 6-8:45 am FW : 8 am - 9 pm OPC : 1-6 pm CC : 3-10 pm</p>						
<p>Dec. 2 Reg Hours SRC : 6 am - 12 am AC : 6-8:45 am FW : 8 am - 9 pm OPC : 1-6 pm CC : 3-10 pm</p>						
<p>Dec. 3 Reg Hours SRC : 6 am - 12 am AC : 6-8:45 am FW : 8 am - 9 pm OPC : 1-6 pm CC : 3-10 pm</p>						
<p>Dec. 4 Reg Hours SRC : 6 am - 10 pm AC : 6-8:45 am FW : 12-6 pm OPC : 1-5 pm CC : CLOSED</p>						
<p>Dec. 5 EXAMS SRC : 6 am - 10 pm AC : 6-8:45 am FW : 12-7 pm OPC : 1-5 pm CC : CLOSED</p>						
<p>Dec. 6 EXAMS SRC : 8 am - 10 pm AC : 12-7 pm FW : noon - 6 pm OPC : CLOSED CC : CLOSED</p>						
<p>Dec. 7 Reg Hours SRC : 12-10 pm AC : 12-7 pm FW : noon - 6 pm OPC : CLOSED CC : 3:00-8:00 pm</p>						
<p>Dec. 8 EXAMS SRC : 6 am - 10 pm AC : 6-8:45 am FW : 12-9 pm OPC : 1-5 pm CC : 4-7 pm</p>						
<p>Dec. 9 EXAMS SRC : 6 am - 10 pm AC : 6-8:45 am FW : 12-9 pm OPC : 1-5 pm CC : CLOSED</p>						
<p>Dec. 10 EXAMS SRC : 6 am - 8 pm AC : 6-8:45 am FW : 12-8 pm OPC : 1-5 pm CC : 4-7 pm</p>						
<p>Dec. 11 EXAMS SRC : 6 am - 8 pm AC : 12-2 pm; 4-7 pm South ID Closed FW : 12-8 pm OPC : 1-5 pm CC : CLOSED</p>						
<p>Dec. 12 EXAMS SRC : 6 am - 8 pm AC : 12-2 pm; 4-7 pm FW : 12-7 pm OPC : 1-5 pm CC : CLOSED</p>						
<p>Dec. 13 EXAMS SRC : 2-6 pm AC : 2-6 pm FW : CLOSED OPC : CLOSED CC : CLOSED</p>						

**Intramurals**



Winter Slam 2008 Winners: 4-Peat

**Raider X Interim Schedule**

ALL CLASSES ARE FREE THIS MONTH Starting on December 5th!  
X2 classes go through December 4th  
Raider X Fitness Classes (November 30th - January 5th)

Date	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
12:10-1:00pm		Step Xpress Rm 114 Kati	Cardio Circuit Rm 114 Jon	Xtra Strength Rm 114 Jon	Cardio Boxing Rm 114 Kaylene	Pilates Rm 121 Megan G	2:00-3:00pm Pilates Rm 121 Lori S.
4:00-4:50pm	Xtra Strength/Abs Rm 114 Blaine	Xtra Strength Rm 114 Blaine	Step Express Rm 114 Leslie	Cardio Boxing Rm 114 Ashley A	Rock Bottoms Rm 116 Kait C	Cardio Circuit Rm 114 Blaine	
5:30-6:30pm		Interval step Rm 114 Chelsea	Cardio Boxing Rm 114 Chelsea		Zumba Rm 114 Alex	Xtra Strength Rm 114 Jon	
6:40-7:00 pm		Abs Rm 114 Chelsea	Abs Rm 114 Chelsea		Abs Rm 114 Alex	Abs Rm 114 Jon	
12:10-1:00pm		Yogalites Rm 121 Deanna	Yoga Rm 121 Hannah	Body Sculpting Rm 114 Janine	Pilates Rm 121 Lori S.	Step/Sculpt Rm 114 Chelsea	
5:30-6:30pm	Xtra Strength Rm 114 Blaine	Interval step Rm 114 Chelsea	Cardio Circuit Rm 114 Jon	Zumba Rm 114 Megan G	Bosu Rm 121 Kelly	Cardio Boxing Rm 114 Blaine	Happy Graduation No Classes
6:40-7:00pm	Abs Rm 114 Blaine	Abs Rm 114 Chelsea	Abs Rm 114 Jon	Water Boxing AC Cori	Spin LLMP Jon	Abs Rm 121 Kelly	
12:10-1:00pm		Body Sculpting Rm 114 Kaylene	Pilates Rm 121 Lori S.	Yoga Rm 121 Rocky	Cardio Circuit Rm 114 Jon	Cardio Boxing Rm 114 Blaine	3:00-4:00 Yoga Rm 121 Lori S.
5:30-6:20		Interval step Rm 114 Chelsea	Xtra Strength Rm 114 Kelly	Cardio Boxing Rm 114 Chelsea	Bosu Rm 121 Kelly	Cardio Circuit Rm 114 Lori S.	
6:25-6:45pm		Abs Rm 114 Chelsea	Abs Rm 114 Kelly	Abs Rm 114 Chelsea	Abs Rm 121 Kelly	Abs Rm 114 Lori S.	

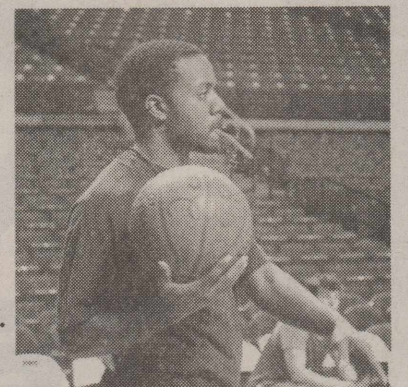
**Intramural Basketball Sign-ups in Jan!**

Sign-up dates for basketball are January 13-15. So get your teams together over break and come back to school ready to play!

Will you be looking for a job in January? Become an Intramural Basketball Official! We will be hiring a number of officials for the Intramural Basketball season in January.

We are flexible with your schedule, and you will be making \$9 a game! Basketball knowledge is preferred, but no prior officiating experience is necessary.

The Officials' Meeting will be on Monday, January 12 at 5:00pm in Rm. 201 or Tuesday January 13 at 5:00pm in Rm. 201 of the Rec.



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Wednesday, December 3  
SUB Matador Room | 6:00pm

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Friday, January 9  
SUB Courtyard | 12:30pm

**Poster Sale**  
Monday, January 12-Friday, January 16  
SUB Lubbock Room | 9am-6:00pm

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**student organization update...**

**S.O. Registration Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 13  
SUB Senate Room | 2 pm

**Clay Warren Risk Management Retreat**  
Saturday, January 10  
SUB Building | 1 pm

# Red Raiders use strong showings in Legends Classic as confidence boost

By ALEX YBARRA  
STAFF WRITER

Taking a trip to New York and walking around Times Square probably provided some memorable moments for the Texas Tech basketball team during its recent third-place finish at the Legends Classic in Newark, N.J.

But judging how the Red Raiders played No. 4 Pittsburgh tougher than the 80-67 score showed, and beat an NCAA Tournament team in Mississippi State, 77-73, the real memories are still to come.

At least those are forwards Mike Singletary and Trevor Cook's optimistic perspectives on the matter.

"I think we showed that we can play with anybody in the country," said Singletary, who had 15 points against the Panthers. "After our Pitt game, we were right there with them the whole game pretty much. If it wasn't for a few of those calls that went their way, we would've been right there until the very end."

"Mississippi State, they were a good team. They were in the tournament

last year. Beating them, that's a good boost for us."

Tech coach Pat Knight said what his team was able to do while shooting 35 percent from the field against Pittsburgh and 40 percent against Mississippi State was impressive. What makes Knight satisfied about the experience is how his team showed a resiliency that was not a staple in last year's team.

Knight cited road games against Texas A&M and Kansas from 2007, where Tech lost by a combined 92 points, in regards to how badly this year's squad wants to win.

"I thought it was a good situation," he said. "I was more worried about competing than I was anything else ... I just wanted to see if these guys could compete, and I thought we did against Pitt, one of the best teams in the country. They didn't give up, played 40 minutes of competitive basketball."

Tech's frequent tendency to switch between man or zone on the fly steadily has progressed since Knight first implemented it when he took over with 12 games left in the season.

Taking into consideration the type of athletes Pittsburgh has in Sam Young and DeJuan Blair, Cook said the zone was especially helpful in keeping the game against Pitt a tight one. The Red Raiders led by three in the first half before the Panthers exploded for a 13-0 run before halftime.

The lead was too much for Tech to overcome, but the game never got too out of hand.

"Playing a zone just kind of mixes things up. We'll go from a man to a zone in back-to-back possessions and it helps slow the other team down," Cook said. "If we are manning them up, they get a bucket and we come down and we put in a zone, they're kind of confused. It slows them down and allows us to mix it up."

With eight games left until Big 12 Conference play begins, Tech (6-1) is off to its best start since 2002-03 and will receive another test against Greg Marshall's Wichita State Shockers (3-3) at 7 p.m. tonight in the United Spirit Arena.

Many remember Marshall for making Winthrop a regular mid-major

presence in the NCAA Tournament.

Marshall became coach of the Shockers in 2007 after nine years with the Eagles, where he was a four-time recipient of the Big South Conference Coach of the Year award, directing the team to seven NCAA Tournament appearances.

The Shockers have been battle-tested about as much as Tech this season, with recent eight-point losses to No. 20 Georgetown and No. 13 Michigan State in the Old Spice Classic.

"They really gave a good game to Michigan State and Georgetown, two Top-25 teams," Knight said. "(Marshall) is rebuilding, and what he did at Winthrop is incredible. I mean no one ever heard of Winthrop until he got there. They were kind of a dynasty in their conference."

"We're gonna have our hands full, but again that's what we did from a scheduling standpoint. They're in the Missouri Valley, one of the premier conferences that's gotten a lot of notoriety the last couple years."

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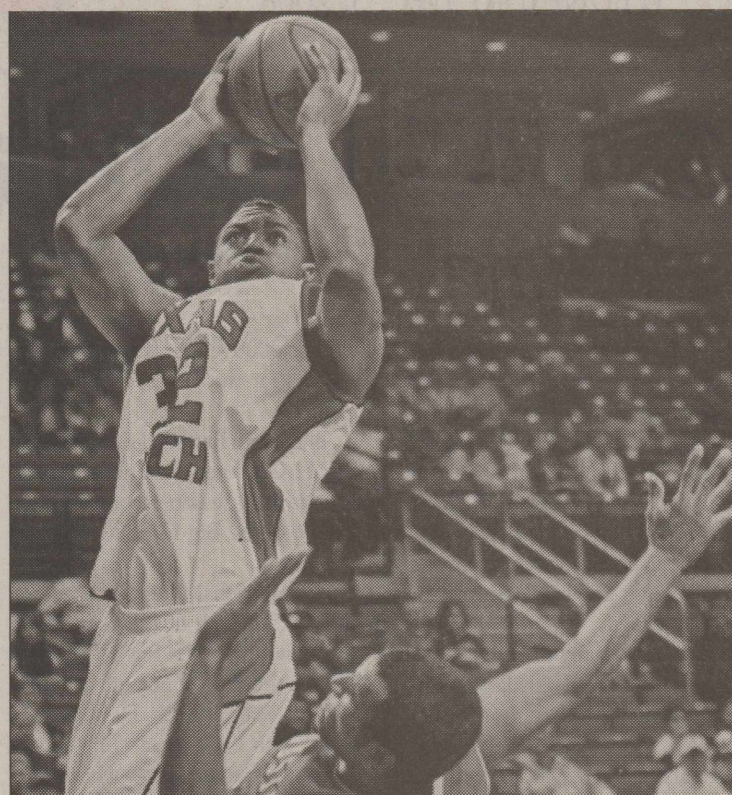


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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Mike Singletary shoots a jumper against Sam Houston State in the United Spirit Arena.

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## Giants suspend star receiver Burress

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Super Bowl hero Plaxico Burress is done for the year.

The New York Giants fined and suspended Burress on Tuesday for four games — the rest of the regular season — after he accidentally shot himself in the right thigh over the weekend at a Manhattan nightclub. The team also placed him on the reserve non-football injury list, which means the wide receiver couldn't come back for playoffs, either.

The team punished Burress a day after he was charged with illegal weapons possession, which carries a penalty of 3½ to 15 years in prison. He is due back in court on March 31.

Burress arrived at Giants Stadium on Tuesday morning, and met individually with Giants president John Mara, general manager Jerry Reese and head coach Tom Coughlin. He left for a medical test and returned in the afternoon for another brief session with team officials.

## Leach named co-Big 12 Coach of the Year

By ADAM COLEMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2008 season is not going unnoticed for the Texas Tech football team.

Numerous Red Raiders earned All-Big 12 Conference honors Tuesday after an 11-1 season accompanied by a share of the Big 12 South championship.

Tech coach Mike Leach earned co-Big 12 Coach of the Year, which is decided by other Big 12 coaches. This is the first honor for Leach in his nine years at Tech. He shares the award with Oklahoma's Bob Stoops — Leach's former boss — whose team will compete in the Big 12 Championship against Missouri Dec. 6 in Kansas City, Mo.

Leach led the program to the school's highest ranking ever at No. 2, as well as the team's first Big 12 South championship. Its 11 regular-season victories and seven conference wins

are the best in school history as well. Three players were named to the All-Big 12 First Team, four to the All-Big 12 Second Team, and 10 players to All-Big 12 Honorable Mention.

The first team is headlined by receiver Michael Crabtree, who is fourth in the conference for receiving 94.6 yards per game and second in receptions per game with 7.75. This is the sophomore's second-straight season on the conference's first team. Crabtree, who won the Fred Biletnikoff Award — given to the nation's top receiver — last season, is the only offensive player for Tech to earn first-team honors. Defensive end Brandon Williams and free safety Darcel McBath also earned first-team honors. Williams led the Big 12 with 11 sacks this season, while McBath led the conference with six interceptions.

The All-Big 12 Second Team consists of running back Shannon Woods, strong safety Daniel Charbonnet and offensive linemen Louis Vasquez and

Rylan Reed. Woods finished 2008 with 14 total touchdowns. Vasquez and Reed were a part of an offensive line that allowed 11 sacks this year. Charbonnet was second on the team with five interceptions.

With Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford and Texas' Colt McCoy named to the first and second teams, respectively, Graham Harrell made the honorable mention team. He is joined by running back Baron Batch, defensive end McKinner Dixon, cornerback Jamar Wall, defensive lineman Colby Whitlock, offensive linemen Brandon Carter, Stephen Hamby and Marlon Winn, and linebackers Marlon Williams and Brian Duncan.

Dixon also was named Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year after being sixth in the league with eight sacks.

Tech had more players on the honorable mention team than any other Big 12 school.

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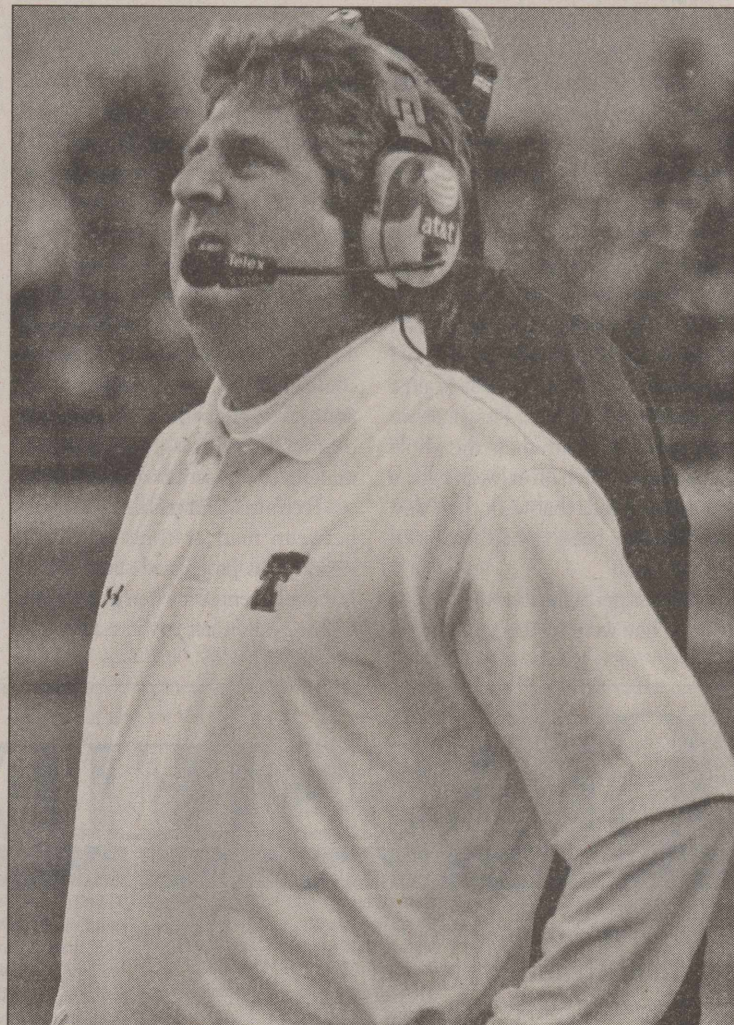


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DURING THE SECOND half of the game against Baylor University, Tech Coach Mike Leach watches the instant replay on the jumbotron of Baron Batch's touchdown run. Leach is the Big 12 Coach of the Year along with Oklahoma's Bob Stoops.

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