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## SACS rescinds accreditation probation

By JON VANDERLAAN  
NEWS EDITOR

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges lifted the accreditation probation Dec. 7 that it imposed on Texas Tech.

Belle Wheelan, the president of the association, said probation is the most serious consequence a university can receive before losing membership, but Tech provided enough documentation to satisfy the commission.

A school only can be on probation for two years before it loses

membership, Wheelan said, and she thinks Tech understood the seriousness of the punishment.

Because of that, she said, Tech was able to get back to a normal accreditation status without the "black spot" of probation on the university's record.

The probation, which was levied on the university in December 2007 for an inability to provide documentation requested by SACS, did not affect Tech's accreditation, making any degrees earned in that time valid degrees from an accredited university.

The association also could have

rescinded the university's accreditation or continued Tech on probation with the vote.

Tech President Guy Bailey said he was appreciative of the Tech faculty for understanding there was a problem and working hard to remedy the problem.

"It's good to get that shadow from over us," he said.

Tech also will be implementing an assessment process each year that will replace the once-in-10 years assessment previously established, Bailey said, which he hopes will prevent a similar situation from happening again.

Although the university never lost its accreditation, he said students now may put aside any worries about the quality and validity of their education.

The probation came two years after SACS last accredited the university in 2005. The association asked Tech to provide four reports in fall 2007, of which only three were provided, according to a previous issue of *The Daily Toreador*.

The university was continued in accreditation for good cause because it demonstrated recent accomplishments in addressing non-compliance provided evidence which makes it

reasonable for the Commission to assume it will remedy all deficiencies within the twelve-month period, and provided assurance to the Commission that it is not aware of any other reasons why the institution cannot be continued for good cause, according to the association's Web site.

Wayland Baptist University and Lubbock Christian University also received a scheduled confirmation of their accreditation at the meeting.

The association has an accreditation schedule in which they reaffirm universities every 10 years. Tech is scheduled to be reaffirmed in 2015.

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### (IN BRIEF)

#### STATE

##### State officials scrap Trans-Texas Corridor

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials said Tuesday they are scrapping the proposed network of toll roads known as the Trans-Texas Corridor, a massive transportation project that critics called an expensive boondoggle.

"The days of the Trans-Texas Corridor are over, it's finished up," said Gov. Rick Perry, who had proposed the idea as a way to relieve highway congestion in Texas. Speaking on a conference call from Iraq, Perry said, "The name 'Trans-Texas Corridor' is over with."

#### NATION

##### House speaker re-elected

WASHINGTON (AP)—House colleagues today chose Nancy Pelosi to continue as speaker. Her fellow Democrats, with an expanded majority, elected her over Republican John Boehner (BAY'-nur) on the first day of the 111th Congress.

Pelosi received 255 votes, to Boehner's 174. The announcement was met with a standing ovation from fellow lawmakers.

Pelosi, who represents one of the nation's most liberal congressional districts, will lead a Democratic majority that has grown by more than 20 members since the end of the last Congress.

#### WORLD

##### Arabs push UN resolution demanding Gaza cease-fire

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Arab nations floated a proposed U.N. Security Council resolution Tuesday calling for an immediate end to combat in the Gaza Strip and deployment of an international force to monitor a cease-fire and protect Palestinian civilians.

The draft, seen by The Associated Press, made no mention of a key demand of Israel and its main ally, the United States, for border monitors to destroy tunnels that Hamas has used to smuggle rockets and other weapons into Gaza since seizing control of the territory in June 2007.



## New year, same goal

Experts recommend creating daily routine customized to reaching personal nutrition, fitness goals

By HANNAH BOEN  
STAFF WRITER

The holidays have come to a close and a new year has begun, leaving many students with a few extra pounds and resolutions to get rid of them.

Debra Reed, a nutrition professor at Texas Tech, said New Year's resolutions regarding fitness usually stem from poor eating habits during the holidays.

People tend to overeat in November and December, she said, and notice their clothes fitting tighter and decide they want to make a change by January.

"We've just gone through a period where we just eat," Reed said, referring to the holiday season. "We have probably gotten off our workout schedule and we've indulged on high-calorie holiday foods and beverages."

Reed said holiday eating can add from five to seven pounds to a person's normal body weight, which is enough to initiate a desire to change.

For people resolving to adjust their eating habits, Reed said it is

important to examine calorie and nutrient intake of the foods frequently ingested, which can be done by writing down and looking up the nutritional information of items eaten regularly.

"Look at the calorie amount," she said, "and after you've picked yourself up from the floor, you might realize you eat in one meal what people 20 years ago would've eaten in one day."

Although portion sizes have gotten larger, Reed said that is no reason to overindulge.

"We should be informed consumers," she said. "We can read labels and know how many calories we're really eating. It's just a massive amount of calories we're consuming. We're just not aware because we're eating meals prepared by someone else."

Resolving to eat healthier requires reading labels and being aware of ingredients, Reed said, and reviewing the government's food pyramid Web site can make the process easier.

"The Web site gives suggested

calorie intake based on height and weight. Know the amounts you should be eating," she said. "People's idea of a normal meal is so exaggerated because of the culture change of all the portion sizes. That has totally distorted what we need in terms of calories."

Although the majority of resolutions are never kept, Reed said students should attempt to make fitness a part of their daily routine rather than a January fad.

David Rudd, Tech's psychology department chairperson, said making

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CAITLIN HAWORTH, A sophomore finance major from Katy, works out at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center Monday as a part of her new year resolution to work out everyday and achieve a 4.0 GPA.

## Thirty killed by Israeli mortar shells near school

By IBRAHIM BARZAK and STEVE WEIZMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAZA CITY, Gaza (AP) — Israeli mortar shells struck outside a U.N. school where hundreds of Palestinians had sought refuge Tuesday, killing at least 30 people — many of them children whose parents wailed in grief at a hospital filled with dead and wounded.

The Israeli army said its soldiers came under fire from militants hiding in the school and responded. It accused Gaza's Hamas rulers of "cynically" using civilians as human shields. Residents confirmed the account, saying militants were seen staging attacks from the area.

Despite international criticism over civilian deaths and a diplomatic push to broker a cease-fire, Israeli said it would push on with the offensive against Hamas.

Israeli ground forces edged closer to two major Gaza towns, and a total of 70 Palestinians were killed Tuesday — with just two confirmed as militants, health officials in Gaza said. A top U.N. official called for an investigation into the civilian death toll.

Past Israeli ground offensives have been cut short when an errant shell or missile hit a civilian center, leading to international outcry that forced Israel to stand down.

The shelling Tuesday in the northern town of Jebaliya marked the second time in hours a U.N. school came under attack; three people were killed in an attack on

another U.N. school in Gaza City on Monday night.

Tuesday's assault was the deadliest since Israel sent ground forces into Gaza last weekend as part of a larger offensive against Hamas that has killed more than 600 Palestinians, according to local hospital officials. Nearly half of the dead are civilians, according to U.N. and Palestinian officials.

"There's nowhere safe in Gaza. Everyone here is terrorized and traumatized," John Ging, the top U.N. official in Gaza, said after the Monday night attack on the compound of a U.N. school. The school has served as a shelter for refugees fleeing the 11-day offensive.

A Palestinian rocket — one of two dozen fired from Gaza on Tuesday — wounded an Israeli infant.

Dr. Bassam Abu Warda, director of Kamal Adwan Hospital, said 36 people were killed in the Israeli strike on the U.N. school in Jebaliya. The United Nations confirmed 30 were killed and 55 injured by tank shells.

In a statement, the Israeli army said an initial investigation found that "mortar shells were fired from within the school at IDF soldiers. The force responded with mortars at the source of fire. The Hamas cynically uses civilians as human shields."

The army said two Hamas militants — Imad Abu Askar and Hasan Abu Askar — were among the dead.

Two neighborhood residents confirmed the Israeli account, saying a group of militants fired mortars from a street near the school, then fled into a crowd of people in the streets. Israel then opened fire.

The residents, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared for their safety, said the Abu Askar brothers were known low-level Hamas militants.

## Lubbock County alcohol sales come to vote in May

By MIKE GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

A majority is all that is needed to expand the alcohol sales laws of Lubbock County.

The Lubbock County Commissioner's Court placed two expansion of alcohol sales laws petitions on the May ballot because they gathered enough signatures Dec. 22 to call for an election to change Lubbock County's alcohol sales laws.

Bill McCay, Precinct 1 County Commissioner, said the County Commissioner's Office is the administrative office of the county courthouse and develops budgets for county departments.

Enough signatures were collected to place

the alcohol sales petitions on the May ballot to make an election regarding the county's alcohol sales laws, McCay said.

"Under the state constitution, when there are enough valid signatures, the County Commissioner's office shall call an election," he said. "Elections are expensive. They can cost up to \$300,000 or \$400,000. This is why petitions have criteria and numbers they must meet to be on the ballot. There were an adequate number of signatures on the alcohol petitions."

McCay said it only will take a majority one way or the other to determine whether Lubbock County's alcohol sales laws will change. Other issues that could be on the

May ballot include city council and school board elections as well as elections to change the state constitution.

A majority vote in favor of the petitions' proposals would allow mixed drinks to be served in private clubs and for packaged beer and wine to be sold in stores county-wide unless the private club or store violates state liquor law. The law mandates alcohol cannot be sold within 300 feet of a school, hospital or church.

The petitions were written by a political action committee called Let Lubbock Vote, whose goal was to put issues relating to expansion of alcohol sales in Lubbock on the May ballot. More than 18,745 registered

voters of Lubbock County needed to sign each respective petition for the petitions to be placed on the ballot, according to a Let Lubbock Vote news release. The petitions both received over 33,000 signatures over the course of nine days of a scheduled 60-day petition. The Lubbock County Office of Elections verified more than 25,000 official signatures from voters registered in Lubbock County.

Immediately following the County Commissioner's office placing the petitions on the ballot, Let Lubbock Vote ceased operation citing in the news release that it had accomplished its goal.

"Let Lubbock Vote functions have ended

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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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# Construction closes sections of Tech's campus

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Construction projects around Texas Tech's campus are making several areas of the university inaccessible to the public during the spring semester.

The university shut down the east half of Memorial Circle during the holiday break so construction crews could renovate a utility tunnel that carries steam and chilled water throughout parts of campus, said Mike Ellicott, Tech vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction. The closed area of the circle has been fenced off and stretches from Holden Hall to the Administration building.

The west half of the circle will remain open to cars and pedestrians, he said, and the roads that run through the Engineering Key and the parking lot in the Science Quadrangle also will remain accessible to cars during the semester.

"Also, the bus stop at Holden Hall has been relocated to the east side of the building," Ellicott said.

University buses already have been rerouted to avoid the construction, he said. The east side of Memorial Circle is

scheduled to reopen Aug. 15.

A portion of the parking lot on the east side of Jones AT&T Stadium also has been closed to make room for work on the stadium expansion project, Ellicott said. About two-thirds of the lot will be inaccessible to the public, but should not cause many parking issues.

"Typically the lot has not been more than one-third full during the week," he said.

The portion of the parking lot will remain closed until the 2009 football season, Ellicott said. About half the lot will reopen this fall.

In addition to the construction on Tech's campus, several areas of the Marsha Sharp Freeway will change over the next several months.

Bryan Wilson, Lubbock area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, said the improvement of the bridge at the intersection of University Avenue and Fourth Street and the new pedestrian walkway are among the changes the freeway will be undergoing outside campus.

"The construction that runs through (Tech's) campus is Phase 2 of the freeway expansion project," he said. "It should

be completely finished sometime this summer."

The pedestrian bridge that connects the football stadium parking lot to the north side of the freeway is temporarily closed, Wilson said, because construction crews are installing a new safety fence that will serve as a protective guard for pedestrians who use the bridge. The bridge is scheduled to reopen in the next two weeks.

Although a portion of the football stadium parking lot and the pedestrian bridge have been closed, University Parking Services is not anticipating any additional parking problems, said Heather Medley, marketing and training coordinator for the department. The campus buses already have been rerouted, and visitors will be directed to appropriate parking lots.

"It really shouldn't cause any parking issues," she said. "All the foot traffic should just be aware of safe ways to get around campus."

The Ninth Street bridge that connects the Tech Health Sciences Center to the Tech campus is scheduled to open later this month, Wilson said.

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PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador  
ALONG WITH MEMORIAL Circle on Texas Tech's campus, the parking lot on the east side of Jones AT&T Stadium is closed because of construction. The parking lot, which will lose two-thirds of its size, is closed because of needed space for the stadium's expansion project until the 2009 football season.

## Tech adopts new rebate system

By SARAH TUOHY  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech converted the tuition refund process this semester to a new system using the Easy Refund Card by Higher One Inc. to allow for faster, more efficient processing of student funds.

Becky Hyde, managing director of Student Business Services, said the refund cards also give international students or students with poor credit the ability to have a checking account.

The goal of the new refund system is to provide the best services to students, Hyde said.

The card can be used for free as long as students choose the credit card option on credit card payment machines according to the Higher One Web site.

Students have the option to use the debit card or to have the funds sent by direct deposit into an existing account. Students also can order checks for the

account through the Web site.

Students may get cash back from the refund card. ATMs for the cards are located on the Tech campus in West Hall on the first and third floors and an additional ATM soon will be installed in the athletic ticket office.

However, Hyde said, the refund card is not a credit card because students cannot borrow money on the account.

Regardless of which option a student prefers, she said, it still is necessary to confirm the choice online. For students who choose to activate the debit card, funds will be delivered in a matter of hours, but direct deposit into a different account could take a couple of days.

If a student changes his or her mind on which way he or she would like to have money refunded, the selection can be changed online, Hyde said, and students can use the account as long as they want, even after they graduate.

The student's Social Security number

is required to activate the debit card and direct deposit will require the desired bank's name and routing number as well as the student's account number. Setting up direct deposit also will require the student to print a form that must be mailed to the company.

Hyde said Higher One is a secure site and has met many banking requirements, including PCI compliance.

In order for Tech to provide these services without the use of Higher One, she said, it would be costly.

New students do not have to worry about contacting Student Business Services to get a refund card, Hyde said. The university sends the student's information to Higher One and a card is sent to the student in about a week.

Once students have activated their cards, they are able to access account information through the Higher One Web site.

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## Tech hockey team defaults on payment

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Despite agreeing on a deal with the Lubbock City Council in October, the Texas Tech hockey team was unable to pay the first installment of its rent to the city Dec. 1.

Sean McDougle, president of the Tech hockey team, said three large corporations, whom he declined to name, committed to donate a large sum of money to the team but did not fulfill those commitments.

One of the corporations that committed to donate a six-figure sum, he said, has not backed out of donating the money but is taking longer to donate the money than expected.

"It's on the way," McDougle said. "It's a large amount but it's taking longer because of the holidays."

The city has been "uncooperative" with the team on extending the deadline, he said, although the city pushed back payment dates in October and November making the first

payment in December.

"It is unbelievable how backwards and old-school the city is politically," McDougle said.

Because the team will not be playing in the City Bank Coliseum for the rest of the season, they negotiated a contract with the Odessa Central Hockey League team, the Odessa Jackalopes.

McDougle said the Jackalopes offered the Tech hockey team a greatly discounted rate, \$100 per hour in a facility that normally would cost around \$1,000 per hour, to play in their facility for the remainder of their home games, including the Red Raider Shootout and the Big 12 Conference Tournament.

Brien Rea, director of communications and broadcasting with the Odessa team, said they are happy they have an opportunity to promote hockey and support Tech.

Odessa is home to many Tech fans and alumni, Rea said, and that will help the Tech team feel at home as well as give the residents of Odessa a chance to

see a Tech sport close to home.

Lubbock City Councilman Todd Klein said the two sides agreed on a rate, and the city even pro-rated the payments for the team, but he still felt sympathy for Tech hockey.

"My personal feeling is mostly disappointment for them," he said.

No ill will or hard feelings are present in the city council, Klein said, and "anything is in the cards" for possible future negotiations between the two sides.

The city also has been receptive to the team, Klein said, and cooperative with them in negotiations.

"Anything that might have occurred previously, I am very sympathetic to," he said.

Lubbock City Council refused to accept a contract with Tech hockey Sept. 25, citing the need for more money from the club and a lack of flexibility in scheduling other events for the coliseum. A contract finally was negotiated Oct. 14, requiring the hockey team to pay \$20,000 more than required in the previous contract.

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## US auto sales plunge whopping 36 percent in Dec.

DETROIT (AP) — Huge rebates and zero-percent loans couldn't overcome economic uncertainty as U.S. auto sales plunged

36 percent in December, capping a dismal year that saw sales free-fall by 2.9 million vehicles from 2007.

The bleak numbers, according to

both industry officials and analysts, mean that record high rebates and low-interest financing deals will stick around until at least February. But those deals will likely disappear as the remaining 2008 models are sold and inventories are lowered to match demand.

One automaker, Hyundai Motor America, is trying to woo skittish buyers by promising to let them return cars for up to a year if they lose their jobs and can't make the payments.

Similar bold moves might be necessary throughout the year.

Every major manufacturer reported drops of more than 30 percent in December. Leading the largest year-over-year drop since the Arab oil embargo days of 1973-74 was struggling Chrysler LLC, which sold 53 percent fewer vehicles than last December and 30 percent fewer in 2008 than in 2007.

General Motors Corp. sold 2.9 million vehicles last year, the lowest number in 49 years.

U.S. auto sales tumbled to 13.2 million in 2008, down 18 percent from 16.1 million in 2007. Consulting firm IHS Global Insight predicts that U.S. sales will drop to 10.3 million this year as the economy continues to sputter.

Automakers were reluctant to predict when a recovery might occur, but most were pessimistic about the first quarter. After that, some were hopeful that President-elect Barack Obama's stimulus package would kick in, coupled with a loosening of credit that could bring people back to the showrooms.

Even Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Co., which earlier in the year had seen increases, saw declines in December that were larger than their U.S.-based competitors'. Toyota was down 37 percent and Honda 35 percent, compared with Ford Motor Co.'s 32 percent drop and GM's 31 percent slide. Nissan Motor Co. sales also dropped 31 percent.

Ford's sales for 2008 fell 21 percent from a year earlier, keeping the Dearborn automaker in third place in the U.S. auto sales race behind GM and Toyota for the second straight year.

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# Lubbock police lacking full staff, Tech police operating at capacity

By SARAH REIMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Despite a shortage of police in Lubbock, the Texas Tech Police Department officers said they believe the campus has a "good-sized" staff of officers.

According to the Jeanne Cleary Act crime statistics for Tech, violent crimes and cases of burglary on campus from 2005 to 2007 remained at a steady rate.

Chief Ron Seacrist of the Tech Police Department said the ideal ratio is one officer to every 1,000 students.

Seacrist said Tech employs 54 police officers, a ratio of one to every 527 students.

The department has increased officer visibility during the day to create a decrease in crimes on campus, he said.

"The academic arena is different," Seacrist said.

Different factors must be considered when staffing a rural campus as opposed to an urban one, he said.

Sergeant Allan Baron of the Texas A&M University Police Department said 62 officers are employed at the College Station campus.

"Uniform presence plays a big role in deterring crime," Baron said.

Captain Don Verett of the University of Texas at Austin Police Department said the campus police department has posted more active and preventative patrols to attempt to deter crime.

The campus expands every year, he said, but the number of officers serving on campus has not increased.

There is no data to prove there is a correlation to crime rates and the number of officers employed on campus, but Verett said he thought common sense supported the concept.

Because there is no accepted formula, he said, it is difficult to evaluate if the force is operating at its best size.

Joe Valdez, crime analyst for the Lubbock Police Department, said the city

employs 350 officers, but the optimal amount of police officers serving the city would be 450.

Crime rates for violent crimes in the city's jurisdiction have decreased in the last few years in almost all categories, he said. Incidents of rape and murder specifically have decreased.

Valdez said all officers have been trained to cover other positions and trained in rotating shifts if the need for an officer to cover for another arises.

Fewer individuals are interested in becoming police officers than in previous years, he said. Enrollment in new officer training classes is about 15 students, whereas in previous classes, enrollment was approximately 30 students.

In addition to the lack of interest in police work, Valdez said, one common obstacle is qualifying criteria. Potential candidates can be denied because of failed background and credit checks.

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PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Treador  
BY PLACING MORE of its 54 employed officers in plain sight across campus, the Texas Tech Police Department said it hopes to keep the occurrence of daytime crimes low, even though the ratio of police to students is one to every 527.

## Tech officials: Technology good for students

By SARAH TUOHY  
STAFF WRITER

With advancing technology becoming more important in the lives of students, several Tech officials said students should know how to use technology to their advantage, especially in the professional realm.

Rob Stewart, interim senior vice provost at Texas Tech, said new technology is a "prime avenue to interact."

Broader communication channels are a benefit to students, Stewart said.

James Baumgartner, internal vice president of the Student Government Association, said he could not imagine doing his job without the use of technology.

Without the Internet, he said, it would take longer to get his job done because it is much easier and much faster to send a bulk e-mail than make multiple phone calls. The SGA Web site also allows the organization to keep information readily available.

He said the use of technology also is a vital part of his education. Not only are class notes and lectures posted

on Tech Web sites, he said, but grades are updated there as well.

Internet databases also provide abundant opportunities for networking and jobs, he said, such as the RaiderJobs Web site. Students can upload a resume to the RaiderJobs Web site and send it to multiple employers with the click of a button.

However, students must learn to balance new technology with traditional forms of communication, Baumgartner said. Many students who use communication methods such as e-mail or text messaging often form habits inappropriate in an educational or business setting.

"Lines are getting blurred," he said.

Stewart said face-to-face contact always reaps a greater benefit. It is easy for students to use Internet communication as a crutch, hindering them from excelling at face-to-face conversation. Etiquette and professionalism are key when interacting with employers.

Students also should be careful of what they post on Facebook, he said.

Jay Killough, associate director of University Career Services, said when

writing to a professional, students should avoid mistakes such as using shorthand, incorrect capitalization and incorrect spelling.

Students sometimes go into "lazy mode," Killough said.

Killough stressed students should invest the appropriate time when contacting professionals by considering who they are talking to and be sure to check spelling and grammar. Also, students should be sure to include details relating to the subject matter when e-mailing professors or professionals.

Regarding Facebook, Killough said, students should use good judgement about what they post, and although some employers claim to have ethical problems with using Facebook in the hiring process, some employers still use it in the process.

Today's students are dependent on technology, Killough said, and it does have advantages.

As long as students are aware of who they are talking to and act professional, Killough said, technology can only help them.

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## Burris turned away as he tries to claim Obama seat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roland Burris tried to take President Barack Obama's Illinois Senate seat Tuesday but failed in a scripted piece of political theater staged just before the opening of the 111th Congress.

"Mr. Burris is not in possession of the necessary credentials from the state of Illinois," declared Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Burris, 71, earlier confirmed that Secretary of the Senate Nancy Erickson had informed him in a private meeting that his credentials lacked a required signature and his state's seal.

He said he had been advised that "I would not be accepted, and I will not be seated, and I will not be permitted on the floor." He spoke to a crowd of reporters who had followed him across the street for a news conference in a cold and steady rain outside the Capitol.

The former Illinois attorney general said he was "not seeking to have any type of confrontation" over taking the seat that he was appointed to by embattled Gov. Rod Blagojevich. But Burris also said he was consider-

ing a federal lawsuit to force Senate Democrats to seat him.

It was a distraction for majority Democrats eager to project an image of progress with Obama on an economic stimulus package estimated to cost as much as \$800 billion.

Democrats and Obama have said that the corruption charges against Blagojevich would strip credibility from anyone he appointed to the seat.

Blagojevich denies federal accusations that he tried to sell Obama's seat.

In a written statement following Tuesday's action, the governor said allegations against him shouldn't be held against Burris, whom he called a "good and decent man."

"The people of Illinois are entitled to be represented by two senators in the United States Senate," Blagojevich said.

That Erickson turned away Burris was no surprise; Senate Democrats had warned that if Burris showed up to be sworn in on Tuesday without the signature of the Illinois secretary of state, he would be turned away. That's just what happened.

A mob of reporters awaited him outside the Senate's North Door,

where Sergeant at Arms Terrance Gainer and a throng of officers escorted him through security and up to Erickson's office on the third floor.

There, more reporters waited. Burris went through another metal detector and into Erickson's office, nestled between the elevators and the press gallery.

Twenty-one minutes later, he left. A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid confirmed that Burris had been rejected.

Burris left the building, escorted by Gainer and his officers.

An attorney for Burris, Timothy W. Wright III, said that "our credentials were rejected by the secretary of the Senate. We were not allowed to be placed in the record book. We were not allowed to proceed to the floor for purposes of taking oath. All of which we think was improperly done and is against the law of this land. We will consider our options and we will certainly let you know what our decisions will be soon thereafter."

Asked what his options were, Wright said there could be a court challenge and Burris also would continue to talk to Senate leaders.

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## Why I write

Last year, my birthday fell on Thanksgiving. I spent the day in Fort Collins, Colo., visiting a good friend at his parents' house.

My friend and I spent the morning climbing to the top of nearby Horsetooth Rock. While standing on the windy summit, we took in the view of Fort Collins and Horsetooth Reservoir below, where great swaths of pine trees traced the hills. We sipped water and watched in silence for a few minutes.

"What I like to do," my friend said, "is to pick out a tree, any tree far in the distance, and then I think about how I'll never experience what it's like to see the world from that tree. It reminds you how narrow our paths are."

Indeed, indeed. It also reminded me of something a bearded river guide and friend once told me: "Perception is reality."

Since we each perceive so little of life — "We all have a limited view of what it can be," Jon Brion once sang — it is a bit silly to make ultimatums and claims about the world. I mean, who can really say what life is like for anyone else?

The great short-story writer Anton Chekhov once wrote in a letter, "It is time for writers to admit that nothing in this world makes sense. Only fools and charlatans think they know and understand everything. The stupider they are, the wider they conceive their horizons to be. And if an artist decides to declare that he understands nothing of what he sees — this in itself constitutes a considerable clarity in the realm of thought, and a great step forward."

It takes a certain amount of ego, I guess, to write something down and submit it to be published, no matter how large or small the audience. But I'm here to tell you that I've taken Chekhov's "great step forward." I've come to the conclusion that I don't know what I'm talking about. (Internet commentators, feel free to laugh.)

Let me explain. We all seek connection. We want people to "get" us. The ultimate frustration in life, after all, is to be misunderstood.

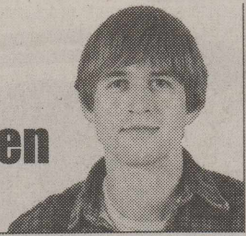
I often find it silly (and disconcerting too, of course) when I write a column that angers people. You folks have got full lives out there, with lots of important things to do and people you love. Life is tragically short and the clock is ticking. What cosmic force could possibly cause you to take the time to type out a rejoinder to one of my opinions?

Because, after all, I am just another human being. Then again, when I write columns, I usually know exactly how certain people will react. Generally, besides the occasional e-mail, people who agree with me will do nothing. People who loathe my opinion, however, will go out of their way to tell me I'm an idiot.

I think there's something in that. A columnist shares with his audience his views on the world, perhaps aided by statistics or quotes. When you agree with the columnist, your demeanor remains flat, but when you disagree with the columnist, you more than disagree — you are indignant and frustrated that some idiot is possibly influencing the opinions of others. You want to scream, "Don't believe this guy!"

I totally get that. So when I read a furious comment or e-mail, I try to understand where the person is coming from. First of all, the person sending the e-mail doesn't know me. Besides the fact that anonymity allows one to write a really mean letter free of guilt,

**Eric Braden**



my column is all they know of me.

What a dreadful thing to imagine! Me, the skeptic, finding himself lost and confused every day, reduced to a single viewpoint. The nature of writing opinion pieces ensures that I will be holding positions that not everyone can, or will, agree on. I don't propose to be always correct, and more importantly, I try not to hold any sanctity toward my opinions.

No human — besides maybe Anne Coulter — is as two-dimensional as his or her political opinions. Like you, I have other things to distract me — school, work, relationships, family. In other words, real life.

It's easy to get overheated when we're talking about "issues" and forget that we are all just animals drifting around, picking up influences arbitrarily from our environment. For instance, I'm writing this in English not because I think it's the best language, but because it is the language I was born into.

So when it comes time to formulate an opinion, all I can do is rely on my limited experience and the resources available to me and try to write out my thought process. This doesn't mean that I won't change my mind later or even that I will come to any solid conclusion at all.

There's a boy down the street that I wrote about in a past column. Carlos (not his real name) drops by nearly every day, wanting to play Scrabble — he pronounces it "Scramble." Generally he just hangs out and tells me nonsensical stories about school or movies he's seen while I'm busy working, saying, "Uh-huh."

Late last year he showed up in tears. He was moving and showed my roommate and me his papers for transferring schools. I didn't know what to do. I told him it would be all right.

He came back later that day. "So you're moving today?" I said.

"Yeah," he said. I left the door open and went back to typing on my laptop. He followed me inside and started digging through a stack of records on our bookshelf.

"Is this the Beatles?" he asked, and I looked up. He was holding a roughed-up copy of Abbey Road. It had been my father's when he was a kid.

"Yeah, that's the Beatles," I told him. We listened to it. I considered that the moment meant much more to me than it did to him. After a while, he said he had to go, and left.

Carlos is 8 years old. When he becomes an adult, will he remember listening to the Beatles in my living room? Will he remember the red leaves on the oak tree in our yard? Will he remember me at all?

I write columns not to anger people, or even to convince them I'm right. Mostly, to be honest, I write them for me. By putting my thoughts down in a logical progression, I can better understand what I'm thinking about.

Will the world remember what I had to say? Probably not, but that's okay. It's pure luck that I, on my own narrow path, get to speak at all. Thanks for listening.

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## US out of touch with founding principles

By **ROBERT GAYLORD**  
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America has been a great nation since its start and it developed relatively quickly. Other nations have been around for centuries yet had little influence on globalization and the world, leading one to ask how America achieved its success. The answer to that question is America became a world leader so rapidly because of the moral fabric it was based upon.

America was built with the middle class as its backbone. As a society, citizens have worked together toward insurmountable-seeming achievements. They have done so through respect, doing what is right and working for the greater good.

Many other countries have not achieved what America has because they have too much classism and greed. When the majority of society is working efficiently and cooperatively, the greatest results are seen. This can be seen in cultures such as that of ancient Rome.

America's moral fabric could also be said to be the foundation of the country because it was the shared morality of its founders that inspired them to declare independence.

It seems, however, that this moral foundation has been crumbling over the past few decades. The respect that was once given is

not there anymore. Many people feel they must get respect to give respect, but this thought is, essentially, the basis of the problem and needs to be changed.

In this time of economic crises it seems particularly important to reiterate that respect must be given before it is expected in return. This is a time unlike any most have seen before. This generation can't relate to the Great Depression or World Wars and doesn't seem to understand what hard times really are.

Society overcame those crises because people banded together and helped each other. The standards of decency were higher because of a stronger sense of ethical responsibility.

As a society, people have forgotten what the true source of our problems is. It is easy to look at individual situations and feel helpless, but we are only truly helpless if we give up.

Members of the younger generation don't give their elders the respect they deserve. They neglect to remember that they owe many of the opportunities they have today to the efforts of their parents, grandparents and ancestors before them.

These days, everyone is feeling the recession and lack of health care and other public services — and it shows. People are upset about the situations they are in and take it out on everyone else. One person disrespects another, who shows dissatisfaction by disrespecting others in a vicious cycle.

People live in a "take what you feel you deserve" world instead of an "ask and receive" one. People need

to remember that much of the country is struggling under the same pressures.

The irony is, when people feel wronged and deal with it as they have been doing, the injustice expands because the source has not been identified or corrected. If people are more supportive of each other and deal with problems as a group, they accomplish much more.

It is unfortunate that America's moral fabric is deteriorating, but that situation can be reversed in an ethically sound way. It is pertinent that this country strengthen the foundations upon which it was founded. That is the only way we will overcome the current economic struggle and persevere as a nation. Let's bring America back into the great ranks that it once held and can hold again.



## American government's usage of 'God' not a sin

By **RENO ONG**  
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A lawsuit filed on Dec. 30 demands that the phrase "so help me God" not be added to the end of the president's oath of office.

Michael Newdow, who filed similar suits over the 2001 and 2005 inauguration ceremonies, is joined by groups advocating atheism and religious freedom. The new lawsuit argues that "there can be no purpose for placing 'so help me God' in an oath or sponsoring prayers to God, other than promoting the particular point of view that God exists."

Newdow claims that religious references send a message to nonbelievers that "we who believe in God are the righteous, the real Americans."

He goes on to say that it is unconstitutional to imply that atheists and others who hold a different religious point of view are not as good.

This argument strikes me as overblown. It interprets a formality in speech as an attack on personal rights. While Newdow believes that there can be no other purpose to the utterance of "God" but the affirmation of God's existence, I am inclined to believe that there is a symbolic significance in such an invocation.

Reconciling references to God with the Constitution has never been an easy task.

While the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment prohibits institutional preference for a single religious idea,

vestiges of America's religious past, such as those found in currency — "In God We Trust" — and in national symbols like the Pledge of Allegiance — "one Nation under God" — have persisted, often causing controversy in their assertion of a divine figure.

In these cases, the same, undying question raises itself over and over again: Is there room for God in the Constitution?

Absolutely. Since religious references are only unconstitutional if they favor a particular religious point of view or if they prohibit other groups from exercising their religious opinions, mentions of God may then be considered within constitutional bounds if they do not assert a particular religious outlook.

This situation seems paradoxical. Sure, the reference to a general god figure offers a semantic compromise among theistic religions, as it simplifies the notion of divinity to a universal god, but what about those who do not believe in the divine?

Certainly, the outright mention of "God" in any national context would represent an affront to nonbelievers.

Well, not exactly.

In the modern setting, the use of the word "God" seems to lend itself more to formality than to religion. In this sense, "God" just becomes another term devoid of significant religious association.

In 1962, then-dean of the Yale Law School Eugene Rostow

coined the term "ceremonial deism" to refer to nominally religious statements that have lost their religious significance and have merely become ritual.

In the following year, the Supreme Court adopted this term to provide certain exceptions to the Establishment Clause.

The case of Lynch v. Donnelly, wherein Christmas displays, particularly nativity scenes, were challenged as a violation of the Establishment Clause, provides a classic example.

The court ruled that "the city has a secular purpose for including the creche in its Christmas display and has not impermissibly advanced religion or created an excessive entanglement between religion and government."

Moreover, the court cited that the purpose of the displays was to represent the origin of a national

tradition, and though it is derived from a religious source, it nevertheless carries a secular objective at present.

In the same vein, references to God in the national context currently carry secular aims rather than religious aims.

Though the infusion and precedence of religion by the Founding Fathers into the groundwork of U.S. government was in reverence to a singular, Christian god, the meaning of divinity in official references has gained a new definition.

No longer does the God in popular reference necessarily suggest a single concept of God, nor does it pointedly affirm the existence of God.

More than anything, much like Lady Liberty and Uncle Sam, God becomes a symbol, not necessarily religious, that aims to unify America under a collective national identity.

God ceases to become a divine figure and becomes a patriotic concept, similar to how "God bless America" aims at nationalism more than religious chauvinism. God is not "your God" or "my God" but an American God that represents one nation.

The removal of God from official references will not make the nation any more or any less a religious state. It will not change the way government is run, nor will it affect how policy is determined.

In fact, since its origins are derived from the rich history of the nation, ceremonial deism should be embraced as a part of the American identity and not sought to be eliminated like a shameful vestige of the past.

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TECH POLICE BLOTTER:

# Tech logo cut from soccer net, fire extinguished at Outdoor Pursuit Center

**Dec. 9**  
An officer investigated theft at 2:06 p.m. at the Student Development building in which U.S. currency was reported stolen.

An officer investigated burglary of a habitation at 2:57 p.m. at Stangel Residence Hall in which an iPod was reported stolen.

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 9:45 p.m. in the Z-1B parking lot in which the driver-side window was shattered and property was reported stolen.

An officer documented damaged property at 3:10 a.m. at Chitwood Residence Hall in which a pane of glass was broken by an unknown object.

**Dec. 10**  
An officer investigated theft at 10:40 a.m. in the Music building in which a trumpet was reported stolen.

An officer investigated theft at 2:41 p.m. at the Texas Tech library in which a MacBook laptop was reported stolen.

A non-student was detained at 6:13 p.m. in the Tech Plaza parking lot for soliciting people for money in the parking lot. The non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning.

**Dec. 11**  
An officer issued a criminal trespass

warning to a non-student at 11:50 a.m. who was living in the Carpenter/Wells Complex with his girlfriend.

A non-student was detained at 2:59 p.m. at Weymouth Residence Hall and was issued a criminal trespass warning. The non-student was living with a friend in the hall.

A student was arrested at 5:30 p.m. in the 1800 block of Boston Avenue for public intoxication and was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 7 p.m. in Weymouth Residence Hall in which a door was damaged.

**Dec. 12**  
An officer investigated theft at 1:27 p.m. at the Merket Alumni Center in which an Envoy bicycle was reported stolen.

An officer investigated an accident at 1:35 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Flint Avenue.

An officer investigated theft at 3:45 p.m. in the Health Sciences Center in which a set of keys was reported stolen.

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 5:41 p.m. in the C-2 parking lot in which two iPods and a jacket were reported stolen. The driver-side window was shattered.

An officer investigated burglary of a vehicle at 5:41 p.m. in the C-2 parking lot in which a DVD and speakers

were reported stolen.  
An officer investigated criminal mischief at 5:42 p.m. in the C-2 parking lot in which the driver-side door lock was damaged.

An officer investigated unauthorized use of a motor vehicle at 5:42 p.m. in the C-2 parking lot in which a vehicle was reported stolen.

An officer investigated burglary of a habitation at 7 p.m. in Coleman Residence Hall in which a door was kicked open and a television was reported stolen.

An officer investigated a fire at 7:21 p.m. at the Outdoor Pursuits Center. The Lubbock Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire.

**Dec. 14**  
An officer investigated criminal mischief at 10 a.m. in Chitwood Residence Hall in which a window was broken.

**Dec. 18**  
An officer investigated criminal mischief at 4:35 a.m. in Weymouth Residence Hall in which a metal door in the basement was damaged.

An officer investigated criminal mischief to the Texas Tech soccer field at 12:42 p.m. in which netting from a goal was cut and a Tech logo was removed from the net.

An officer investigated theft at 3:27 p.m. in the Tech Health Sci-

ences Center in which a Canon digital camera was reported stolen.

A non-student was arrested at 6:26 p.m. in Murray Residence Hall for an outstanding warrant from Potter County and was issued a criminal trespass warning from Tech property. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A non-student was arrested at 9:50 p.m. on the third floor of the Flint Avenue parking garage for unlawfully carrying a weapon. The non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning and was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

**Dec. 19**  
Two non-students were arrested at 4:09 p.m. in the Z-1B parking lot for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The non-students were transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

A student was arrested at 6:39 p.m. in the 2800 block of 18th Street for three outstanding Lubbock County Sheriff Department warrants and possession of drug paraphernalia. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

**Dec. 20**  
A non-student was arrested at 2:57 a.m. at the intersection of Seventh Street and Avenue T for driving while intoxicated. The non-student

was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

An officer investigated an accident at 2:57 a.m. at the intersection of Glenna Goodacre Boulevard and Avenue U.

A non-student was arrested at 4:16 p.m. in the 3200 block of 18th Street for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning and transported to the Lubbock County Jail. The officer also issued another non-student a criminal trespass warning.

**Dec. 21**  
A non-student was arrested for 4:53 p.m. in the Z-1B parking lot for three outstanding Lubbock County Sheriff Department warrants and two instantered Lubbock County citations. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

**Dec. 24**  
A non-student was arrested at 8:30 p.m. in the S-1 parking lot for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

**Dec. 25**  
A non-student was arrested at 4:55 p.m. in the 1000 block of Texas Tech Parkway for possession of marijuana

and driving with an invalid license. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

An officer investigated criminal mischief at 11:55 p.m. in the Carpenter/Wells commons building in which a thermostat cover was damaged.

**Dec. 29**  
A non-student was arrested at 5:25 p.m. for criminal trespass and was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

**Dec. 31**  
An officer documented a lost key at 9 a.m. in the Experimental Sciences building.

**Jan. 1**  
An officer investigated criminal mischief at 10:53 p.m. in Weymouth Residence Hall in which a wall-mounted telephone was damaged.

**Jan. 3**  
An officer investigated theft at 5:09 p.m. of a Sony Ericsson cell phone from the Electrical Engineering auditorium.

**Jan. 4**  
An officer investigated theft at 12:11 p.m. at Murdough Residence Hall in which a bicycle wheel was reported stolen.

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## Economic crisis, Obama response face new Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new Congress opened for business at the stroke of noon on Tuesday, eager to join President-elect Barack Obama in tackling the worst economic crisis in generations. Democrats celebrated last fall's election gains in the House and Senate.

Vice President Dick Cheney called the Senate to order at midday, then began the ceremonial duties of swearing in 32 senators who triumphed in November elections.

Democrat Roland Burris of Illinois was not among them — informed he would not be seated because his paperwork was not in order. He pledged a lawsuit, the latest twist in a political drama that began when he was appointed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich, charged with having attempted to sell the seat.

Across the Capitol, Lorraine C. Miller, clerk of the House, rapped the opening gavel, prelude to a day of ceremony highlighted by Nancy Pelosi's re-election as speaker. "We need action and we need action now," she said minutes after taking the gavel, symbol of her authority.

Democrats looked ahead to two years of increased strength after picking up seats in both houses — at least seven in the Senate and 21 in the House. With their gains — as well as with Obama in the White House after Jan. 20 — they looked forward to an agenda of fixing the economy,

ending the war in Iraq, expanding health care and more.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid celebrated the approaching end of the Bush administration in remarks on the Senate floor that also called for bipartisan cooperation.

"We are ready to answer the call of the American people by putting the past eight years behind us and delivering the change that our country desperately needs," he said.

And yet, he told Republicans, "we are in this together," when it comes to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the economic crisis and more.

The day was heavy on ceremony. The Senate galleries were crowded as Cheney administered the oath to senators in groups of four. Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware was among them, taking the oath of office for a seat that he has held for more than three decades, and will relinquish in a matter of days to become Obama's vice president.

The atmosphere in the House was family-friendly as children, grandchildren and other relatives joined lawmakers in the large chamber, lit for television.

Sean and Tommy Rooney, ages 5 and 7, wore T-shirts with their last name on the back. Their father, Rep. Thomas Rooney, is a freshman Republican from Florida.

Apart from Biden, at least two

lawmakers won't be there for long. Rep. Hilda Solis, D-Calif., was nominated as secretary of labor in the Obama administration, and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton is departing Congress to become Secretary of State.

For the lawmakers just settling in, and the veterans returning, the work was already well under way. Aides to Obama and senior congressional officials have been at work for weeks crafting an economic stimulus plan that could reach \$1 trillion or more. Tax cuts, federal spending, aid to the states, all designed to inject cash into an economy where consumer spending has plummeted, manufacturing withered and job losses grown.

Obama spent much of the day Monday in Congress, meeting with leaders in both parties and pledging to consider ideas advanced by Republicans.

They, in turn, said they believed his pledge of bipartisanship.

Amid the ceremony, Burris was at the center of a remarkable piece of political theater.

Informed in advance he would not be seated, he traveled to the Capitol, met inside with Senate Secretary Nancy Erickson, then emerged in a downpour to tell reporters, "My credentials were not in order, I will not be accepted, I will not be seated."

## Dem aide: Obama supports \$300B tax cut plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama, commencing face to face consultations with congressional leaders Monday, is embracing an unexpectedly large tax cut of up to \$300 billion. Obama said the country faces an "extraordinary economic challenge."

Besides \$500 tax cuts for most workers and \$1,000 for couples, the Obama proposal includes more than \$100 billion for businesses, an Obama transition official said. The total value of the tax cuts would be significantly higher than had been signaled earlier.

"The reason we are here today is because the people's business cannot wait," Obama said as he arrived on Capitol Hill in late morning for talks with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "The speaker and her staff have been extraordinarily helpful in working with our team so we can shape an economic recovery plan and start putting people back to work."

Obama will be sworn in as the nation's 44th president in just over two weeks.

The tax cuts for individuals and couples would be similar to the rebate checks sent out last year by the Bush administration and Congress in a bid at that time to boost the slowing economy. A key difference is that the tax cuts this time around may be awarded through withhold-

ing less from worker paychecks. That provision would cost about \$140-150 billion over two years.

For businesses, the plan would allow firms incurring losses last year up to take a credit against profits dating back five years instead of the two years currently allowed.

Another provision brought to the negotiations by the Obama team would award a one-year tax credit costing \$40-50 billion to companies that hire new workers, and would provide other incentives for business investment in new equipment.

"We've got an extraordinary economic challenge ahead of us," Obama said. "We're expecting a sobering job report at the end of the week."

Of Pelosi, Obama said: "I can't think of a better partner in doing what is necessary in putting this economy back on track."

Said Pelosi: "It is a great honor and personal privilege to welcome you to this office. Tomorrow we will swear in a new Congress and we will hit the ground running on the initiatives ... to ease the pain being felt by the American people."

Obama had meetings scheduled later Monday with a broad array of House and Senate Democratic leaders and with a bipartisan group of key lawmakers. He had hoped to have Congress enact the recovery plan in time for him to sign when he takes office Jan. 20. But even his spokesman,

Robert Gibbs, conceded Sunday night that was "very, very unlikely."

"We don't anticipate that Congress will have passed, both houses, an economic recovery agreement by the time the inauguration takes place," Gibbs said.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland said Sunday he wants the House to approve the plan by the end of the month, sending it to the Senate in time for action before Congress leaves on its mid-February break.

Obama has insisted that bold and quick action is necessary if the nation is to rebound from the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression. He has said repeatedly he wants a plan that will create 3 million new jobs.

"Economists from across the political spectrum agree that if we don't act swiftly and boldly, we could see a much deeper economic downturn that could lead to double-digit unemployment and the American dream slipping further and further out of reach," he said in his Saturday radio and YouTube address.

Obama arrived Sunday night in Washington — a place he largely has shunned since winning election — just hours after New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson withdrew from consideration as commerce secretary amid a grand jury investigation into how some of his political donors won a lucrative state contract.

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except for final fundraising," Eddie McBride, a Let Lubbock Vote staff supporter and president of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, said via e-mail.

McBride also said there will be efforts to form a PAC that will advocate voting in favor of the petition's propositions on the May ballot but Let Lubbock Vote will not be involved.

A PAC, Truth Against Alcohol Sales, has been formed to discourage Lubbock County citizens from voting for the alcohol petitions.

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## Former Blackwater guards plead not guilty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five former Blackwater Worldwide security guards pleaded not guilty Tuesday to federal manslaughter and gun charges resulting from a 2007 shooting in a crowded Baghdad square that killed 17 Iraqi civilians and injured dozens of others.

The five — all decorated military veterans — stood silently in a line behind their lawyers as their not guilty plea on all charges was entered in front of U.S. District Judge Ricardo M. Urbina in federal


court.

They are charged with 14 counts of manslaughter, 20 counts of attempted manslaughter and one count of using a machine gun to commit a crime of violence. The machine gun charge, typically used in drug cases, carries a 30-year minimum prison sentence.

Saying the case was complex, Urbina set jury selection to begin Jan. 29, 2010 with opening arguments Feb. 1 for former Marines Donald Ball of West Valley City, Utah; Dustin Heard

of Knoxville, Tenn.; Evan Liberty of Rochester, N.H.; and Army veterans Nick Slatten of Sparta, Tenn., and Paul Slough of Keller, Texas.

The Iraqi government has labeled the guards "criminals" and is closely watching the Blackwater case. The shooting strained diplomacy between Washington and Baghdad and fueled the anti-American insurgency in Iraq, where many Iraqis saw the bloodshed in Nisoor Square as a demonstration of American brutality and arrogance.



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## Google Flu Trends may provide flu data faster than government

By CAYLOR BALLINGER  
STAFF WRITER

Monitoring online searches may create a way to predict outbreaks of influenza before the sickness poses a threat.

Google Flu Trends, a Web site not endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, estimates the number of people with influenza or similar sicknesses by analyzing flu or flu-like symptom searches.

According to the Web site, the Google Flu Trends search engine data has a close correlation to numbers reported by the CDC's network of about 1,500 doctors who see about 16 million patients per year, and Google claims to have the ability to predict close estimates of CDC results about two weeks faster.

Google Flu Trends reported that Texas was among the 15 highest states suffering from flu or flu-like symptoms.

Dr. Kelly Bennett, Student Health Services medical director at Texas Tech, said she was not surprised.

"Texas has higher flu rates because it has the second largest population, highest state rate of no insurance, and Texas is a border state," Bennett said.

She said people who do not buy insurance are less likely to get a flu shot.

"As a border state, flu trends will be automatically higher," Bennett said. "Texas is the entryway to the country and people may come in and bring sickness with them."

Bennett said crowded public places in areas with large populations, such as Houston airports, increase the chances for influenza and other illnesses to spread.

According to Google and CDC, four of the highest populated states affected by flu or flu-like symptoms, which includes Texas, have moderate levels of flu activity. However, the majority of the country is currently at a low flu activity level.

Bennett said flu-like symptoms, which are reported along with flu reports, could be one of hundreds of different illnesses.

There is a broad spectrum of flu symptoms including fever, headache, body aches and congestion.

Bennett said the best prevention of flu is to get the vaccine. Other ways to prevent sickness include: having good hygiene, washing hands often, using hand sanitizer, getting plenty of sleep, and eating healthy food.

According to its Web site, the CDC also places an importance on getting a flu vaccine every year. The CDC reported new viruses and strains of the flu may arise



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador  
LUBBOCK RESIDENT THEODORA Garza, left, receives a free flu vaccine by Public Health Nurse Rhonda Cartwright Tuesday morning at the clinic inside the City of Lubbock Health Department building.

each year that the previous year's vaccine may not necessarily prevent. A current flu vaccine will reduce the risk of catching the flu by about 80 percent.

Although Google Flu Trends' December report indicated a moderate level of flu or flu-like activity in Texas, it also suggested illness reports have dropped by about one percent from December 2007 to December 2008.

Beckie Brawley, public health coordinator for the Lubbock Health Department, said reports received from the two major Lubbock hospitals indicate similar trends.

"From previous years flu reports are low this year," Brawley said. "I have no idea why the numbers are lower, but it is a very good thing."

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## Apple Inc. to lower iTunes song prices

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple Inc. is cutting the price of some songs in its market-leading iTunes online store to as little as 69 cents and plans to make every track available without copy protection.

In Apple's final appearance at the Macworld trade show, Apple's top marketing executive, Philip Schiller, said Tuesday that iTunes song prices will come in three tiers: 69 cents, 99 cents and \$1.29. Record companies will choose the prices, which marks a significant change, since Apple previously made all songs sell for 99 cents.

Apple gave the record labels that flexibility on pricing as it got them to agree to sell all songs free of "digital rights management," or DRM, technology that limits people's ability to copy songs or move them to multiple computers. Apple had been offering a limited selection of songs without DRM, but by the end of this quarter, the company said, all 10 million songs in its library will be available that way.

While iTunes is the most popular digital music store, others have been faster to offer more songs without copy protection. Amazon.com Inc. started selling DRM-free music downloads in 2007 and swayed all the major labels to sign on in less than a year.

Schiller also announced that iPhone

3G users will be able to buy songs from the iTunes store using the cellular data network. Previously, iPhone users could shop for tunes when connected to a Wi-Fi hot spot.

The iTunes changes marked the highlights of Schiller's run as a stand-in for CEO Steve Jobs, who used to make Macworld the site for some of Apple's biggest product unveilings, such as the iPhone. Apple said last month that Jobs would not address the throngs this time because the company plans to pull out of Macworld next year.

Apple shares slipped \$1.56, or 1.7 percent, to close at \$93.02.

Schiller got a warm welcome from the attendees — who packed the convention hall despite the pall cast over the industry by the economic downturn — especially at the start of his talk, when he thanked them for showing up despite Jobs' notable absence. He ran seamlessly through his 90-minute presentation, getting applause and oohs from the audience, varying little from the format of slides and demos established by Jobs. And like Jobs, he gushed about Apple's products being the best in the world.

"Phil did an exceptionally good job in representing Apple," said Tim Bajarin, president of technology analyst group Creative Strategies Inc.

## Organizations fear drop in contributions during months following holiday season

By CHRYSAL GRANT  
STAFF WRITER

For some, the 2008 holiday season was a time for fear, not cheer.

Several charity organizations, both nationally and locally, expressed concerns about donation shortages caused by financial stress.

The Salvation Army set a nationwide goal to raise \$1.3 million dollars and fell short of about \$470,000, according to its Web site.

Major Ernest Branscam, a Lubbock Salvation Army corps officer, said the Lubbock branch made a goal to raise \$250,000 when it fell short of its goal for the fiscal year by \$100,000.

"I hate that overall we did not reach our goal, but the good thing is the money here, stays here. And I do not have to share it with any other location," Branscam said. "I can use all of our money to help the people here."

He said the money raised between October and December exceeded the second goal by one percent.

"I am shocked at the results we received," Branscam said. "It was not much over but, with the economy going down, I really did not think we were going to make it."

Although the Lubbock Salvation Army met its second goal by the end of the holiday season, he said, there are remaining concerns for the future.

Branscam said the Lubbock Salvation Army might have to cut back certain areas to continue providing services for those in need.

"I hope that we won't have to take a cut, but, if so, I plan to cut back on the amount of hours the employees receive rather than cutting services or staff," he said. "These people need all they can get so I don't want to cut services, but I also don't want to cut staff. It will put them in the same position and, besides, I need them."

The Salvation Army has not been the only one struggling for donations.

Lyn Garcia, director of development at the South Plains Food Bank, said the food bank received 350,000 pounds of food during its holiday food drives, which

did not meet its goal to collect 600,000 pounds of food.

Although the food bank did not meet its food donation goal, she said it collected more monetary donations than previous years.

"We stressed a lot to the community that \$1 could get about seven cans of food," Garcia said. "I think more people felt like it would be more beneficial to donate money than food this year. I am just happy to know we will still have plenty of food to give to those in need through April."

However, she said, what happens after April creates new concerns.

The holidays are over and people give fewer donations, Garcia said, especially with the economic downfall.

"Most people in the past normally donate to four or five different organizations, but I see more people decreasing to two or three," Garcia said. "I hope we will continue to stay in mind, especially since we donate more of the essential needs such as food."

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JOHN PORRAS INSPECTS food boxes Monday at the South Plains Food Bank. The food bank, a humanitarian resource responsible for securing, growing, processing and distributing food to charitable organizations and persons in need, is committed to alleviating hunger and giving hope to the hungry. It distributes an average of 500 food boxes per week, the equivalent of 18,000 meals, to 25 counties in West Texas.

## Amish sue over NY town's building codes

WATERTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Eleven Old Order Amish families sued a northern New York community Tuesday, claiming that its refusal to grant permits for their traditionally built homes is religious discrimination.

The Amish families claim in the federal lawsuit that the town of Morristown is targeting them for building code enforcement.

"The Amish, who were chased out of Europe hundreds of years ago by government harassment and persecution, are being singled out by petty officials apparently bent on chasing the Amish out of New York," said Eric Rassbach, national litigation director at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a Washington, D.C.-based legal organization that joined in the lawsuit.

"The U.S. Constitution, and legal precedent all the way to the Supreme Court, are clear. The Amish, who are known throughout the world as master craftsmen and master builders, have the right to practice their beliefs.

That includes building and living in homes that conform to those beliefs," Rassbach said.

Also joining in the lawsuit is Proskauer Rose LLP, a New York City law firm that provides legal assistance to Amish families.

Town Clerk David Murray said town officials had not yet been served with the lawsuit. Town Attorney Andrew Silver was not immediately available for comment, his office said.

In the past, town officials have said they were asking the Amish to comply with the same building codes that apply to other residents.

The plaintiffs are members of the Old Order Swartzentruber sect, among the most traditional of the Amish groups. They don't deny building houses without permits and have said they were willing to purchase building permits, but contend that the requirements of the codes — such as having smoke detectors, submitting engineering plans and allowing inspections — violate their religious beliefs.



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# Local non-profit organizations recruit student volunteers

By HANNAH BOEN  
STAFF WRITER

Over 20 non-profit organization leaders from the Lubbock community gathered Tuesday afternoon in the Texas Tech Library to recruit student volunteers.

The fair was organized by The Center for Campus Life coordinator, Zach Manning, who said the event was a good way for both new and returning students to learn about volunteer opportunities.

"It allows students to find a way to give back," he said, "and we want them to have an opportunity to connect with the community."

Organizations that provide aid to the community with goals ranging from increasing literacy to helping people with Down syndrome were represented at the volunteer fair.

Brandi Schreiber, the Volunteer Center of Lubbock's community impact volunteer coordinator, attended the fair to inform students of the volunteer opportunities available in the area.

The center is available to identify a volunteer's interests, she said, skills and schedule and then connect them with

a service opportunity.

"I hope we can peak some people's interest," Schreiber said. "We are a free resource that can hook students up with a variety of volunteer options."

The center represents more than 70 organizations in the Lubbock area that need volunteer support, Schreiber said, all of which are beneficial to the volunteer.

"There are so many rewards," Schreiber said. "Besides a meaningful life, it's something to add to your resume and it makes you a well-rounded citizen."

Amanda Parks, a junior speech pathology major, found volunteering to be beneficial to her own life. As a

member of Miller Girls, a service-based sorority, she gives her time to a variety of charities on and off campus.

"Our group is awesome," said the Tatum, N.M., native. "It's a win-win to support the community while being in a sorority."

Parks said she hopes to see the organization grow this semester with students who not only want to have fun but are willing to give their time and effort to help others.

Students who are unsure of how to get involved meeting the needs of the community can visit the Volunteer Center of Lubbock's Web site.

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PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador  
DONNIE JOHNSON, A freshman biology major from Dallas, gets information about volunteering from Brandi Schreiber, a representative from the Volunteer Center of Lubbock, Tuesday in the library at the Welcome Week Volunteer Fair.

## RIAA backs away from past legal tactics

By JEANINE BUDD  
THE NORTHEASTERN NEWS (NORTHEASTERN U.)

Since 1999, when former Northeastern student Shawn Fanning ignited popular peer-to-peer file sharing by developing Napster in his residence hall, the phenomenon has spread from the NU campus outward like an unstoppable epidemic.

Consequently, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) assumed policing duties in 2003 to combat so-called "pirates," but has changed its strategy in the latest chapter of its prolonged effort to prevent the practice.

After suing more than 35,000 people during its nearly five-year long crusade, the RIAA recently announced that it will adopt a more mild policy in lieu of wielding mass lawsuits against illegal file sharers. Instead, they will use Internet Service Providers (ISPs) as official conduits. When illegal file sharing or downloading is detected, the ISP, not the RIAA, will contact the culprit via e-mail, requesting they stop after the first of two warnings. If the user does not stop after the second warning, the ISP will slow down service or cut it off all together, according to recent media reports.

According to the reports, the RIAA itself came under scrutiny during its onslaught of lawsuits, managing to sue several single mothers, a 13-year-old girl and person who had died.

"Only time will tell if this will actually be effective," said Marcus Breen, a communications studies professor at Northeastern. "It could be a total waste of time. It's really an attempt to keep the music industry alive, when they might be better off to put the [industry] out of its misery."

The RIAA maintains its fight against illegal music downloading is for the good of the music industry.

"We have all seen the effects illegal downloading has had on Music Row - too many record stores have been shuttered and too many songwriters are out of the business of writing songs," said RIAA CEO

and Chairman, Mitch Bainwol, in a recent RIAA press release.

Breen said the music industry is suffering after having experienced success in the '70s and '80s and has recently taken to following policy that may alienate music fans.

"The music industry tends to resort to threat," Breen said. "Their first reaction is to threaten legal action."

Northeastern students are no strangers to aggressive RIAA tactics.

Last winter, while Erin Cheek was living in the international residence hall at 153 Hemenway St., she said she received an aggressively worded e-mail, forwarded along through the university and signed by representatives at the RIAA.

"I was a very active downloader," admitted the sophomore international affairs and human services major. "I love music, so I was downloading probably over 100 songs a day. I just like to check out bands to see if I like them, and maybe I will actually buy their music."

Although Cheek said she was regularly downloading everything from classic rock to contemporary indie via Limewire, the song that got her in trouble - named by the RIAA in their letter - wasn't on her hard drive.

"After that, I don't use [peer-to-peer file sharing programs] anymore," she said. "They were like, 'This is the

first warning.' If it happened again, they would have been able to sue me, basically."

In the past, the RIAA has charged some students thousands of dollars and taken those who didn't pay to court. In late 2005, the RIAA accused MIT graduate Cassi Hunt of sharing 272 songs. The non-negotiable settlement price they provided was \$3,750.

Some schools willingly provide the RIAA and Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) with the names of students whose IP addresses have been linked to illegal activity, said Tom Leary, a help-desk supervisor at Infocommons. But he said Northeastern has never entered into such an agreement with either organization.

"We don't really get involved if the RIAA or MPAA petition for information about students," Leary said.

Instead, Northeastern would only forfeit the information if a subpoena was filed. Bearing in mind the recent change in RIAA policy, Leary said he doesn't foresee any change in Northeastern's approach - even though Northeastern is the official ISP of all its on-campus students.

Bob Weir, vice president of Information Services at Northeastern, said that while he had no comment on the RIAA's actions, students need to be aware they are responsible for how they choose to use ResNet.

## 'Arrested Development' movie to be made with most of original cast

By MATT COLLETTE  
THE NORTHEASTERN NEWS (NORTHEASTERN U.)

George Bluth had a saying: "There's always money in the banana stand." And Mitch Hurwitz, creator of "Arrested Development" - the Fox sitcom that was canceled before its time but was resurrected on DVD - realizes there's probably some money in the multiplex, too.

According to industry reports and entertainment blogs and web sites, Hurwitz and fellow executive producer Ron Howard, who narrated the show, are preparing to produce an "Arrested Development" movie. Most of the cast and crew are signed on, too, except Michael Cera. Since the show was canceled, the 20-year-old has starred in hit films like "Superbad" and "Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist," but first

establishing his soft-spoken strength about there being a movie," said Candice

shoe-gazing as George-Michael Bluth, George Bluth's grandson, who lusted for his cousin, Maebly.

"I'm a little disappointed in him," said Samantha Solomon, a junior communications studies major and president of the NU and Improv'd comedy troupe. "It's where he got his start, and why he gets to play George-Michael in every movie he's been in since. I think he owes it to the fans and to the cast to come back and be in this movie."

The show saw its popularity grow exponentially after its cancellation in February 2006 as, in droves, viewers discovered the program on DVD. Now Hurwitz, who also wrote the series, and Howard say they're close to finalizing deals with Imagine and Fox Searchlight for a feature-length film, according to a November story in the magazine Hollywood Reporter.

"Ever since it went off the air, people have been talking about it coming back, about there being a movie," said Candice

Springer, a senior journalism and East Asian studies major, who blogs about pop culture and entertainment. "And at this point, me and so many others have been anticipating it for so long, that we're like, let's just see anything."

At Northeastern and colleges across the country the show is among the most popular TV programs on or off the air. According to Facebook's Lexicon feature, which charts interests listed on users' profile pages, "Arrested Development" ranks high as a common favorite.

"It becomes a conversation piece. You can say, 'Did you see the 'Arrested Development' episode where this happened?' and it becomes a way to connect," Springer said. "You can watch it over and over again, and you never get sick of it."

While Hollywood wrangles with the details for a potential "Arrested Development" movie, fans might as well heat up some Pop Secret and get ready for a long wait.

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### New Year's resolutions reach beyond health and fitness goals

Many students resolve to improve physical fitness during the new year, but others plan to shape up on financial and academic fitness too.

Klint Hobbs, staff psychologist and outreach coordinator at Texas Tech's Student Counseling Center, said people make resolutions to improve the quality of their lives.

"Usually it comes from some aspect of their lives they feel like they need to change," he said. "College itself is a goal-oriented place. There's always an assignment to do or test to take. I think resolutions are normally effort related. (Students) are not resolving to be smarter, but to work harder."

Hobbs said the most successful resolutions are those involving specific goals, such as studying three hours per day or bringing a lunch from home.

Jared Herrera, a personal financial planning doctoral candidate from Las Vegas, Nev., who advises students through Tech's Red to Black program, said many students view financial resolutions as a one-time event instead of an ongoing process.

"It's more than creating a budget," he said. "Taking baby steps along the way can help get students organized."

Herrera said students who want to improve their spending habits should look at the "extras" that can be cut from their daily routine.

"Look at needs versus wants," he said. "What are your necessities? Do

you need to go to Starbucks four times a week? Can you brew coffee at home?"

Creating a budget and sticking to it can be difficult, Herrera said, but not every person who struggles seeks professional advice.

"There's a good amount of people who need help," he said, "and it's nothing to be embarrassed about."

Sean Kelley, coordinator for The Learning Center at Tech, said much stress could be avoided if students sought help with problems early.

"Do the tutoring early in the semester and talk to someone about time management early," he said. "Going after the fact is almost too late. Cramming doesn't work well."

He said last minute studying often means eating poorly and sleeping less, which increases stress.

The Learning Center, which is part of Tech's Programs for Academic Support Services, provides students with a wide variety of services designed to increase students' academic effectiveness, Kelley said. Learning to leave enough time to study and learning how to study during the allotted time allows for more free time to pursue other extracurricular activities.

"Some students don't realize how much they should be studying and allowing time for that," he said.

Kelley said most academic advisors recommend studying for two hours for every hour spent in class.

"If (students) are not good planners," he said, "they need to go talk to someone who is — whether it's a fellow student or someone at the PASS center."

The Learning Center provides academic skill advisement — which includes help with studying, note-taking and time management — to any student who seeks its services. He said free peer tutoring also is available, and a list of classes for which the center offers tutoring can be found on the center's Web site.

The center also offers online tutoring. Kelley said students could log in using their eRaider account name and password and receive help via chat, which includes a whiteboard tool to allow for problems that require more than text.

The benefit of talking with an academic or peer adviser includes one-on-one discussions about balancing schedules and study habits, he said. Placing limits on activities such as browsing Facebook or MySpace can increase the amount of time available for assignments and studying.

"Getting started early helps reduce the stress," Kelley said. "You don't have to freak out about it later."

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Anthony Garcia - 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Stella's Lounge.  
Emory Quinn - doors open at 9 p.m. at The Blue Light.  
Cory Branan, Thriftstore Cowboys - doors open at 9 p.m. in Jake's Backroom. Tickets cost \$10.

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### RESOLUTION

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than a January fad. David Rudd, Tech's psychology department chairperson, said making a New Year's resolution is a normal trend among Americans and fitness is no exception.

"Most people are future and goal oriented," Rudd said. "New Year's resolutions are about many things. They're about being optimistic and hopeful. For most of it, it's about our need for achievement."

He said resolutions have become a cultural "mainstream" phenomenon based on current social expectations and a psychological phenomenon based on achievement. While making a resolution may be normal, Rudd said breaking a resolution also is normal, especially when it comes to resolutions about healthy living.

"The majority of people don't keep resolutions. People oriented toward making resolutions about health haven't lived a very disciplined lifestyle," he said. "Eating well and exercising are lifestyle choices. The older you are, the tougher it is to make a change in your lifestyle."

Eating healthy and getting exercise are daily expectations for some people, Rudd said. For

those who have not integrated fitness into their lifestyle the best way to do so is making healthy living a daily routine.

"The rule to change a habit and to have it become ingrained is that you must maintain the change for six weeks," he said. "That dramatically improves the likelihood of success."

To help students maintain the change, the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center offers advice and encouragement.

Leslie Eyerly, the center's fitness and wellness coordinator, said she expects a lot of people to start the new year strong because of their resolutions but fears many students will neglect to follow through with their objectives. "The goal is to keep them coming," she said. "People have resolutions but a lot of them may not be realistic, but it's important to take the steps to achieve your goals."

Eyerly said a good way to achieve those goals is to attend a group class. The center offers daily classes; some are free and some require a fee.

"Classes are a great way to stick with it because they offer encouragement," she said. "Go to a class with a roommate or a friend and you'll have some extra motivation."

Eyerly said she hopes people who visit the center in January as part of a resolution will experience the encouragement offered in group classes and will continue to come throughout the semester.

Recreation facility activity often increases at the beginning of the year and dwindles during the following months, Eyerly said. About 7,000 people attended fitness classes during January last year, and 8,000 attended fitness classes during February. By March, attendance dropped to about 5,000.

"I'm expecting similar numbers for this year," she said. "We will probably have a lot more

people in January and February and I hope to keep those numbers up throughout the semester.

"My advice would be to make sure your goals are realistic. You should have a goal that is something to work at, but be sure to give yourself enough time. Fitness is a lifetime process."

Fitness trainer Gilbert Navejar blames the failure to meet goals on a lack of education rather than unrealistic goals.

"I think people want to start the new year right," Navejar said. "I think a lack of education on what they need to be doing keeps them from meeting goals."

Navejar, head trainer at Bodyworks Family Sports Center at 50th Street and Slide Road, said half his clientele are students, and he expects to see them start the spring semester with weight loss goals.

"We usually see an influx of people who want to lose weight," Navejar said, "and they normally come in from about January first to about February second."

Navejar said he believes January is an appealing time to start a healthier lifestyle because of the encouragement found in the number of people beginning to exercise and diet as part of a New Year's resolution, but many people are unable to follow through with their goals.

Navejar said the most effective way to meet a weight loss goal is to find a plan that fits the person's body and lifestyle.

"A lot of people pick up a magazine and try to mimic it," he said, "but when people pick up a fitness program, they need to get something customized to their level."

People's good intentions are oftentimes overshadowed by their lack of results, Navejar said. The main reason people do not meet weight loss goals is because they are unsure about how to get desired results.

"It's a lot of hard work," he said. "They don't see the benefits of their workout because they may not be eating right or working out at the proper levels."

Navejar said the best way to ensure results is to seek the advice of a professional.

"Get with a personal trainer," he said. "Talk to a professional, whether it be a professor in nutrition or physiology, go with a professional opinion."

Navejar said students who are considering giving up on their resolutions should keep in mind that "fat never takes a day off."

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### Death of Travolta's son raises medical questions

Millions of children and adults have seizures in the United States, but dying from one is rare. That only adds to the confusion and mystery surrounding the life and death of Jett Travolta, the 16-year-old son of actors John Travolta and Kelly Preston.

The death certificate lists a seizure as the cause of death, according to an undertaker in the Bahamas, where the boy died Friday. Family representatives and lawyers declined requests Tuesday for more information, fueling speculation that has swirled for years about the boy's health.

A Travolta attorney said the teen had a history of seizures, and John Travolta has said his son was successfully treated when he was 2 for a rare disease called Kawasaki syndrome, which can lead to heart disease and related problems.

Medical specialists who did not treat the boy told The Associated Press on Tuesday that while Kawasaki syndrome is poorly understood, it's extremely unlikely the disease had anything to do with the teen's death.

Gossip magazines and blogs long have suggested the boy also had autism — a claim John

Travolta denied. Autism is frequently accompanied by seizures that experts believe may stem from the same brain abnormalities that cause the developmental disorder.

Dr. Michael Kohrman, a University of Chicago pediatric neurologist, said up to one-third of children with autism have some sort of seizure disorder.

Still, there are dozens of other causes of seizures. Recurrent seizures are sometimes called epilepsy and are caused by abnormal electrical activity in the brain. These affect more than 3 million Americans.

Mild seizures can be barely noticeable; severe ones can cause convulsing and loss of consciousness.

"Sudden death in epilepsy is not an unheard-of phenomenon," said Dr. Bruce Cohen, a staff neurologist at the Cleveland Clinic.

It can happen with seizures lasting more than 15 or 20 minutes, typically when medicine stops working or if patients quit taking medicine, Cohen said. One way death occurs in these cases is respiratory muscles weaken from prolonged convulsions and

the patient stops breathing, he explained.

More rarely, he said, about one in 1,000 epileptics die each year from a condition doctors call "sudep," or a sudden unexplained death that typically occurs with no sign of a seizure. Whether this happened to Jett Travolta or whether autopsy officials in the Bahamas know that term is uncertain.

"We're dealing with a massive lack of information," Cohen said.

Michael Ossi, an attorney for the Travoltas, and Samantha Mast, a Travolta publicist, told the AP by e-mail that they would not discuss details of the boy's illness.

Jett Travolta's body was cremated, and the autopsy report has not been released.

The Travoltas have said little about their son's condition and his medical treatment over the years. The couple are Scientologists, followers of the controversial religion created by science-fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard.

The church is not commenting specifically on the Travolta case. But church policy is for members to seek a doctor for medical treatment of a physical condition, including taking any drugs prescribed.

### THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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# Harrell closes Tech legacy with loss in Cotton Bowl

By ALEX YBARRA  
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DALLAS — Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell undoubtedly will go down as the best signal caller the Red Raiders ever have produced, but his superb career ended with disappointment.

Playing 35 minutes from his hometown of Ennis, Harrell could not lead his team to a comeback victory like he did in the 2007 Insight Bowl and 2008 Gator Bowl, as No. 7 Tech lost to No. 25 Ole Miss 47-34 Friday at the Cotton Bowl Classic in Dallas.

The loss kept Tech from reaching 12 wins for the first time in school history and kept the Red Raiders winless in the Cotton Bowl.

"All losses hurt, this one is no different," Harrell said. "It's unfortunate it's my last game, but it's been a fun run here."

Although a special season ended with a thud, Harrell can hold his head high with pride. He was at the forefront of the greatest season in Tech history. The only problem was there was no hardware to hoist at midfield come bowl season.

But Harrell did notch a couple passing records against Ole Miss that are capable of standing for a long time. No one has thrown more touchdown passes than him in college football history, and no one has thrown for 5,000 yards in multiple seasons.

"Graham had a great career," Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said. "Graham is a great leader. Graham is a guy who will be missed around here, by me personally, not just on the field. I know he's worked as hard as any quarterback we've had here."

Harrell surpassed former Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan with his 132nd career touchdown pass, which was caught by two-time Biletnikoff winner Michael Crabtree in the second quarter.

A little while later, Harrell eclipsed 5,000 yards passing for the second-consecutive season on a 26-yard shuffle pass to running back Shannon Woods.

After the game, he acknowledged the records by attributing the success to the weapons he was able to utilize throughout his three years as starter.

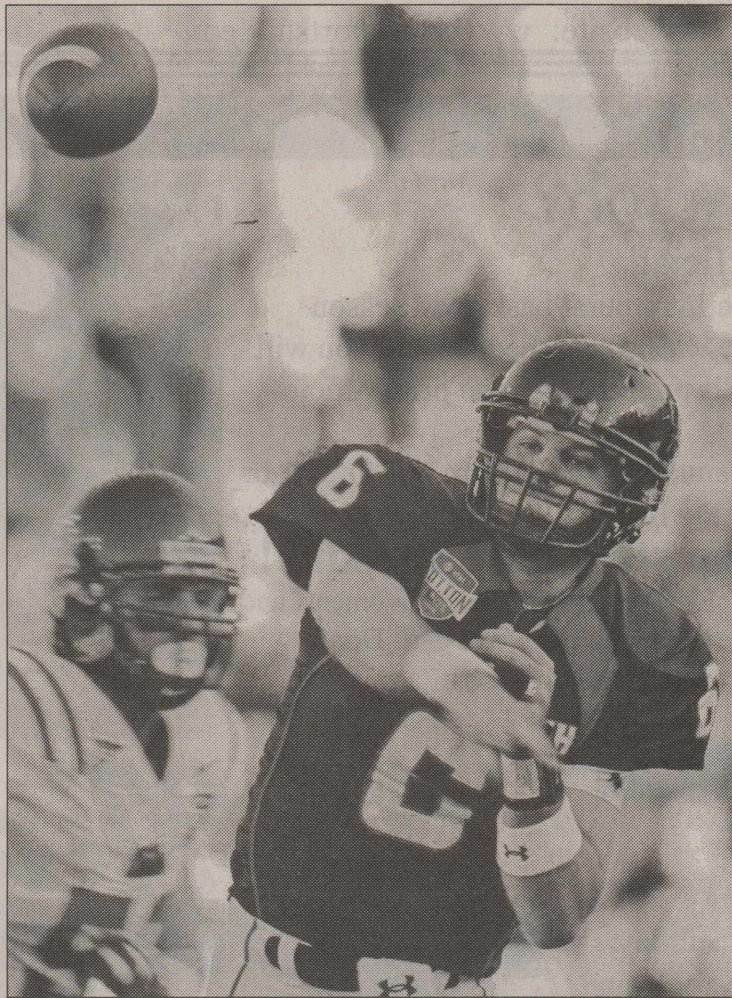


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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Graham Harrell passes the ball during the 73rd annual AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic. Harrell finished the game with 364 passing yards for four touchdowns.

"That's a huge honor," said Harrell, who finished his career with 15,793 passing yards and 134 touchdowns. "I think it's a compliment to all the players I've played around. I've had some great (offensive lines) and some of the greatest receivers in the country throughout my three years here."

Although he was unavailable for comment after the game, the greatest of those receivers is Crabtree, who also may have played his last game in a Tech uniform.

In 26 career games, Crabtree had 231 receptions for 3,127 yards and 41 touchdowns.

"He'll be good wherever he goes," Harrell said of the redshirt sophomore, who had four receptions, 30 yards and one touchdown in a sub-par performance against Ole Miss.

As for Harrell, he said he hopes to

keep playing football for as long as possible. Once that phase runs its course he'll move on to coaching, which is fitting considering he's a coach's son.

"We'll see," Harrell said of his immediate playing future. "Hopefully I'll get a shot at the next level. I want to stay around football forever. I want to play as long as I can."

Harrell seemed to get emotional when he was asked about his fellow senior teammates that he has become so close with during his tenure at Tech.

"It's been a special group," Harrell said. "I came in with these guys and from our first year, we knew we had a chance to be pretty special. It's a lot of guys that just love to compete. We love to win. I'm gonna miss those guys, some of those guys are my best friends."

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# Ole Miss' Wild Rebel offense showcased in Cotton Bowl win

By ADAM COLEMAN  
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DALLAS — The Ole Miss Rebels are not the Miami Dolphins.

But just as the Wildcat formation helped bring the Dolphins a division title this season in the NFL, the Wild Rebel formation helped No. 25 Ole Miss to a 10-3 finish with a 47-34 win over No. 7 Texas Tech in the Cotton Bowl Classic.

Placing a speedy running back in shotgun formation behind the center while the quarterback usually lines up as a receiver, the Miami Dolphins' Wildcat formation seems to be raising eyebrows around the NFL football world. Ole Miss has its own version of the formation named the Wild Rebel, which the Rebels can run any number of plays from.

Tech saw the Rebels' Dexter McCluster line up in shotgun formation while quarterback Jevan Snead was at receiver. From this, the Rebels ran a number of plays that helped them get out of tough situations or get first down imperative to winning the game.

Ole Miss coach Houston Nutt, who is heading into his second year, said throughout the 2008 season he has tried to use Wild Rebel eight or nine times a game depending its flow.

He also said if he uses it multiple times, he tries to spread the attempts throughout the game to prevent the defense from catching on.

As a focal point in the formation, McCluster had 180 all-purpose yards and one touchdown against Tech. His ability to thrive in the offense earned him All-Southeastern Conference honors for the 2008 season and his ability to do the same against Tech earned him the Sanford Trophy as the Cotton Bowl's best offensive player.

"It's not just his ability to make people miss and how good he is in space," Nutt said of McCluster. "You have to have ball skills and ball-handling skills. You have to have a little moxie about you. You can't be flustered being put in that situation out in space like that. You have to have the intangibles to be able to be in that personnel group and in that formation and he's got it."

It's not so much a tough 3rd and long when he uses it, but Nutt said Wild Rebel is used more to catch a defense off guard.

Whether it was a reverse, deep pass or simply putting the ball in one of their top playmakers' hands, the Rebels found ways to make the formation useful against Tech similar to how they have all season.

Ole Miss ran the Wild Rebel formation a total of seven times against Tech in the Cotton Bowl for 49 yards and a touchdown.

Although the formation accounted for a small percentage of the 515 yards Ole Miss gained, some of the plays ran from it came when the Rebels needed it the most.

Ole Miss needed a score to stay within reach after an early 14-0 deficit in the first quarter. On 1st

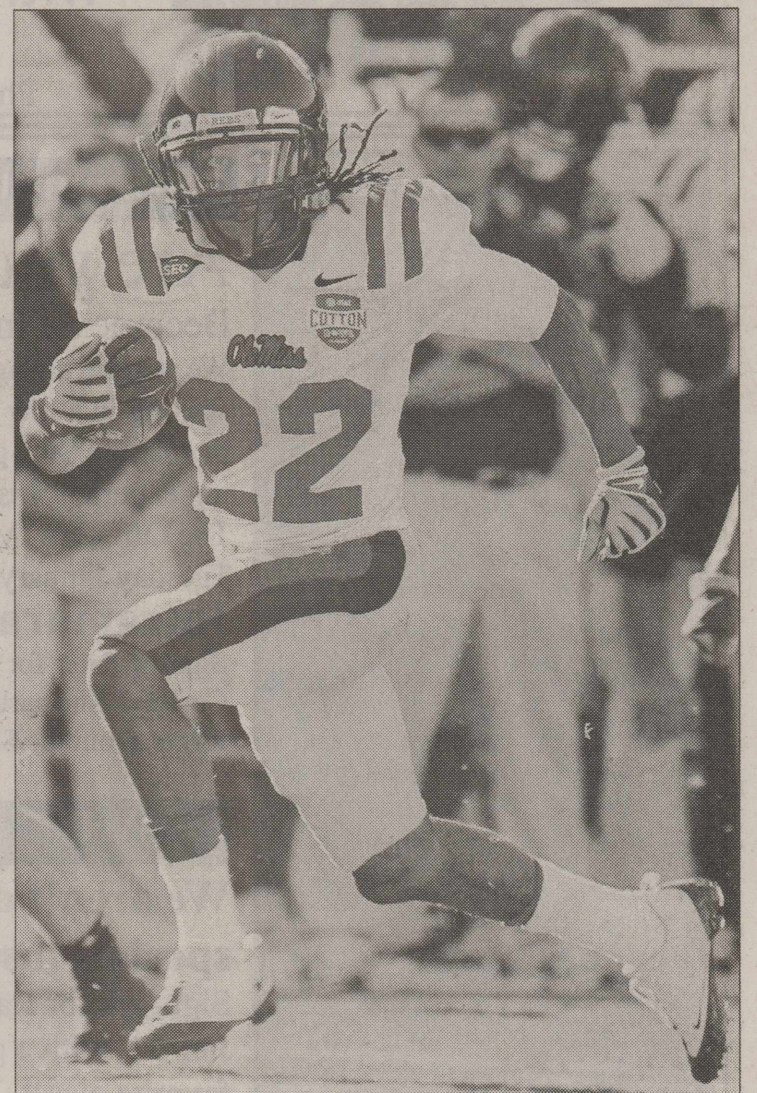


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MISSISSIPPI WIDE RECEIVER Dexter McCluster had 180 all-purpose yards against Tech in Ole Miss' 47-34 win in the Cotton Bowl Classic.

and 10 at Tech's 45-yard line, Nutt called for the Wild Rebel and a reverse pass that started in McCluster's hands and ended in Snead's.

Snead threw a 29-yard bomb to receiver Markeith Summers, putting the Rebels at Tech's 11-yard line.

The play led to an 8-yard touchdown pass from Snead to Gerald Harris to cut into Tech's lead.

Also in the Wild Rebel formation, McCluster received a direct snap in the fourth quarter to run for a four-yard score, increasing the Rebels' lead to 47-28. The score effectively put the game out of reach while ending Tech's chances of making any comeback.

Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said in the end, the Wild Rebel did not do much damage, but McCluster's ability to make plays was a factor in the loss.

"Just go out there and keep teams off balance like that and all the speed we have," the 5-foot-8, 165-pound McCluster said, "and coach Nutt knows what plays to call and coach (Kent) Austin and the line is so physical. By me being a little guy, I need a little hole and I'm out of there."

The formation may be receiving a ► adam.coleman@ttu.edu

# TCU hands Tech basketball first home loss

By ALEX YBARRA  
MANAGING EDITOR

If it makes any sense, Texas Tech's inconsistencies are consistent.

When it looked like Tech was going to roll over and let its usually uninspired defense take over the game against TCU, the Red Raiders shook it off.

This happened on several occasions, but the most important one came too late.

Trailing TCU 60-44 with 11:36 remaining in the game, Tech went on a massive 16-4 run to cut the Horned Frogs' lead to four with under three minutes remaining.

However, a coffin-cornered 3-pointer from TCU's Edvinas Ruzgas kept the tired Red Raiders at bay as they were unable to complete the comeback.

Ruzgas led five Horned Frogs in double figures with a career-high 24 points, going 5-for-9 from 3-point range in an 85-80 victory over Tech Tuesday in the United Spirit Arena, handing the Red Raiders their first home loss of the season before 10,202 fans.

"It was up and down," said Tech coach Pat Knight, whose team begins Big 12 Conference play at Baylor on Saturday. "We let them jump on us, and they got that big lead and we finally started playing there for five or six minutes."

"They're too good of a team, too well coached to think you can just turn it on and off like that."

Forward Mike Singletary and guard Alan Voskuil led the Red Raiders with 22 points each, although Voskuil hit four 3-pointers in between TCU's free throw trips late in the game.

Tech (10-5) had a fairly solid game statistically, shooting 42 percent from the field and beyond the arc, but untimely turnovers and poor shots cost the Red Raiders the comeback.

Knight said he was not happy with a defensive performance that resulted in an opposing team scoring more than 80 points for the sixth time this season.

"Especially with what we've been doing in practice, that's what people don't see in practice," he said. "I just get tired of hearing about it from so-called people that think they know what they're talking about."

"Come to practice, see what we do. See how we break down. These kids gotta get it sometime. It's not like we just roll the ball out there."

TCU (10-5) opened the second half with a 21-6 run that the Red Raiders eventually whittled down to 64-60, but the comeback used too much energy.

Tech ran out of gas and the Horned Frogs shot free throws the

rest of the way.

Tech's John Roberson drew first blood in the second half with a quick pull-up jumper at the free throw line, cutting the lead to three.

Seconds later, D'Walyn Roberts followed a missed layup by Voskuil with an emphatic jam that drew roars from the crowd.

TCU poured it on from there, thanks to Tech's carelessness with the ball, bad shot selection, and porous defense. TCU opened the wound to 60-44 as Tech went without a field goal for nearly six minutes.

"You just gotta stay after it," Knight said. "We'll bitch and complain to each other and be pissed off but then tomorrow we gotta practice and get ready for Baylor, start getting ready for the Big 12."

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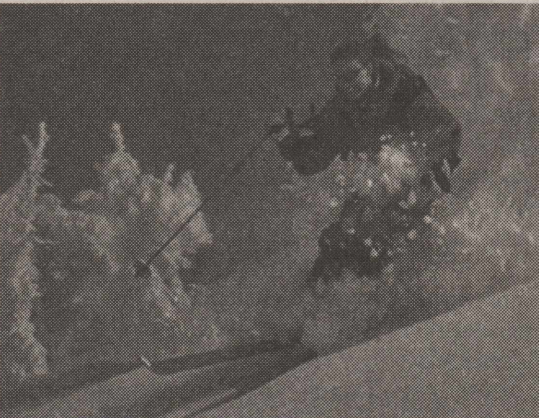
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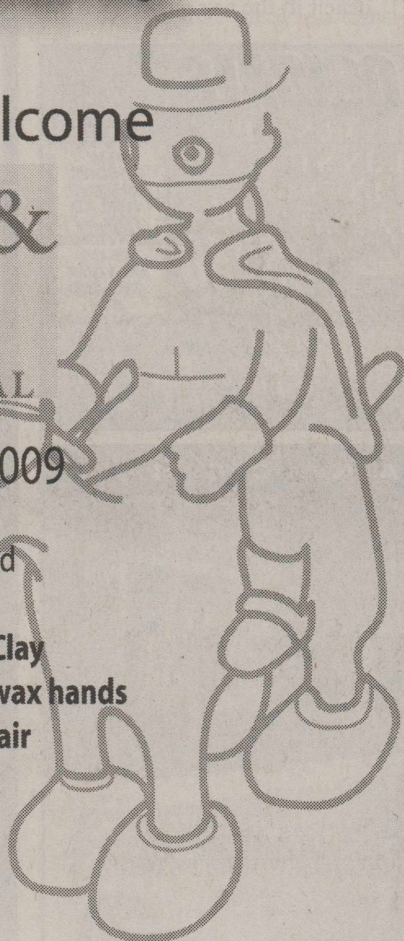
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# Red Raiders: While you were out

Jan. 1, Lubbock  
Tech 69  
Stephen F. Austin 55

In order to help his team hit layups, Texas Tech coach Pat Knight pulled a young teen from the crowd into the huddle to tell his players even he could hit the close ups. The move worked, helping Tech shoot better the rest of the way. Tech had some offensive struggles in the first half, shooting 32 percent from the field. Fortunately for Tech, the Lumberjacks shooting was worse as they only hit 26 percent of their attempts all game. Tech finished with a solid seven blocks and four players in double-digit scoring as Alan Voskuil and Darko Cohadarevic led the way with 12 points each. Most importantly, Tech got back to playing the kind of hard-nosed defense Tech coach Pat Knight has wanted.

Dec. 29, Stanford, Calif.  
Stanford 111  
Tech 66

While last year's game against Stanford was 62-61 nail biter, this year's contest was much less exciting. Stanford kept its unbeaten record intact by handing Tech its second-worst defeat in school history and its third road loss of the season. The loss gave Pat Knight the three-worst losses in program history with the other two coming last season against Kansas and Texas A&M. Stanford's Anthony Goods scored a game-high 21 points to lead four players in double figures. Not even five minutes into the game, Stanford built a 20-6 lead and Tech never stood a chance. Mike Singletary led Tech with 13 points and D'walyon Roberts added 11 while leading scorer John Roberson was held to six points after averaging 16.3 per game. Tech guard Nick Okorie returned to action after missing three weeks with a sprained ankle. In 19 minutes, Okorie had four fouls and two points on 1-of-6 shooting.

Dec. 24, Lubbock  
Tech 67  
Centenary 53

Tech wasted no time avenging last year's shocking 70-66 loss at Centenary by jumping out to an 18-2 lead en route to a 35-14 halftime advantage. Freshman Robert Lewandowski led Tech with 13 points and five blocks while Roberson chipped in 12 points. Although Tech forced 17 turnovers, it committed 16 with an equal amount of assists, letting the Gents make the score more respectable. Tech was able to overcome its poor shooting from 3-point range (27 percent), with nine blocks and controlling the boards. After the game, Knight was in a festive mood, attending the press conference dressed as Santa Clause.

Dec. 20, Lubbock  
Tech 86  
New Mexico 78

Following back-to-back losses, Tech had five players score in double figures and Alan Voskuil tied a season high 28-points by knocking down 6-of-9 from 3-point range. In his two previous games, Voskuil had missed 18 of his 25 shots from beyond the arc, so it was comforting for Knight to see him find his shooting touch. Tech led 76-72 with 2:14 remaining in the game but a layup from Roberson, a pair of free throws from Voskuil and a bucket from Lewandowski put the win out of reach for the Lobos.

Dec. 17, El Paso  
UTEP 96  
Tech 78

A career-high 33 points from John Roberson was made moot by UTEP, who went on a 26-10 run in the second half to close out the game. The Miners had 21 points off Tech's 18 turnovers and UTEP's Stefan Jackson, Randy Culpepper and Arnett Moultrie combined for 70 of their team's



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96 points. The loss of Okorie and Michael Prince obviously created a void in Tech's rotation, causing fatigue to settle in earlier than it had all season. Prince injured his foot in a 72-69 win against Wichita State and Okorie sprained his ankle the day after the same game. Tech's inconsistency on defense and tendency to turn the ball over during crucial moments kept the Red Raiders from whittling a 9-point lead early in the second half.

Dec. 13, Beaumont  
Lamar 85  
Tech 79

In their first game in 10 days, the Red Raiders did not play like a team that had won seven of its first eight games. Trailing 34-32 at halftime, Tech came out flat in the second half, shooting 39 percent while Lamar hit 68 percent of its shots. However, the Red Raiders nearly overcame their struggles with a last minute comeback. Voskuil nailed a 3-pointer with 36 seconds left to pull the score to 78-77, but the Cardinals made their first free throw attempt after an intentional foul and grabbed the offensive rebound after they missed the second one. Lamar tacked on two more free throws to end Tech's comeback bid.

# Lady Raider recaps from the break

Jan. 3, Lubbock  
Arkansas 60  
Texas Tech 75

Another impressive non-conference win, the Lady Raiders dropped Arkansas to an 11-4 record after this game. Jordan Murphree had a career-high 22 points against the Razorbacks. Kierra Mallard had a career-high 18 points and Dominic Seals followed that up with 16 points. Tech had control of this game until a bucket by Arkansas' Shanita Arnold tied the game at 44 with 13 minutes to play. Then the Razorbacks' Brittney Richardson gave Arkansas its first lead of the game with a 3-pointer and 12:04 left in the game. But Tech rallied back to outscore Arkansas 27-12 in the final nine minutes of the game. This was the final non-conference game of the year before starting Big 12 Conference play against No. 8 Texas at 2 p.m. Jan. 10 in the United Spirit Arena.

Dec. 29, Lubbock  
UCLA 62  
Texas Tech 72

Probably one of the more impressive non-conference victories for Tech, the Lady Raiders defeated a UCLA team atop the Pac-10 Conference at the time and off to its best start in 28 years. In a game that went back and forth, Tech overcame a 14-point deficit to grab the win. To go along

with nine assists, Maria Moore tied her career-high of 18 points, which she reached in Tech's win against UNLV earlier in the season.

Mallard scored 11 points, all in the second half, to push the Lady Raiders to the win. This game was in front of the largest home crowd of the season at 10,137.

Dec. 20, Lubbock  
Sacramento State 46  
Texas Tech 83

A season-best 57.9 percent from the field brought the Lady Raiders the win against Sacramento State, who did not score its first basket until the 15:38 mark in the first half. All 11 of Tech's players scored in this game, led by Seals' 12 points and 10 rebounds. It was

the first time this season all Lady Raiders

scored against an opponent in a game. Behind Seals performance, Mallard also had 12 points with 10 rebounds.

Dec. 18, Lubbock  
Prairie View A&M 55  
Texas Tech 72

Thanks to Dominic Seals earning her fourth double-double of the season, Tech rebounded for a win. She scored 22 points and grabbed 14 rebounds with 11 boards coming in the second half. The Lady Panthers led for most of the first half as Tech went into halftime with a 32-29 lead. Tech turned a small lead into a big one when a Seals basket gave the Lady Raiders a 72-51 lead with 1:41 left in the game. This would be the first of four-straight home games to end non-conference play for the Lady Raiders.

Dec. 13, Albuquerque, N.M.  
Texas Tech 75  
New Mexico 63

The Lady Raiders only shot 28 percent from the field on 16-of-57 shooting in the loss to New Mexico. Moore led the team with 11 points on the night. The Lobos also had 48 rebounds on the night compared to Tech's 38. New Mexico's Amy Beggin had a game-high 27 points. The win was New Mexico's ninth on the year and Tech fell

to 5-4.

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## End of season dampens historic Tech football season

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After a string of convincing wins and sitting atop the college football world for a short while, the Red Raiders lost their swagger somewhere in between a bye week and the 65-21 loss to Oklahoma, better known as the nightmare in Norman, Okla. Looking back, Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said he was unsure if the bye week, although Oklahoma had one too, was more beneficial than harmful.

"The week off I thought helped, but I don't know if it helped or not," he said. "After the Oklahoma State game, at the time you think it was a good idea, but maybe it wasn't. We had momentum. We were playing at a high level and then we did have the week off, and I thought it was in the perfect spot."

After that, Tech's season was never the same. First came the surprising comeback 35-28 victory against Baylor in Lubbock, then Tech missed out on the Bowl Champi-

onship Series party while quarterback Graham Harrell felt the same exclusion from the Heisman Trophy presentation in New York.

Lastly, the disappointing 47-34 loss to Ole Miss in the 73rd Cotton Bowl Classic in Dallas served as a question mark rather than an exclamation point to Tech's best season in school history. Whether the players wished they were some-

where else other than the Cotton Bowl will remain unknown, but after the game Tech coach Mike Leach could not figure out how

that would be the case. "The thing is if we were that way, then we need to do a better job coaching, because that would mean we didn't reach them as coaches," he said. "Because if you can't get excited about playing Ole Miss in the Cotton Bowl, you shouldn't play football. You should do something else."

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MIKE LEACH  
TEXAS TECH HEAD COACH

ers, you know?" However, Leach gave the question some consideration, saying he hoped his

team did not "respond to some level of self-fulfilling prophecy."

"I hope not," he said. "But in this day and age with way too much information instead of too little, maybe not. But as I go through my postmortem on how to improve and preparing for a bowl; that's going to be certainly an issue I'll consider."

With the loss, the irony is difficult to ignore. In 2004, the No. 4 Cal Golden Bears, at 10-1, were not exactly ecstatic about being invited to the Holiday Bowl to play a 7-4 Red Raider squad. They expected to play in the Rose Bowl, but quarterback Vince Young and the Texas Longhorns trumped the traditional Pac-10 Conference and Big-10 conference pairing by sneaking in at the last second. Cal's quarterback at the time, Aaron Rodgers, showed his frustration by calling Texas coach Mack Brown "a little classless" when he pleaded for poll votes. In a similar showing of frustration, Tech receiver Michael Crabtree said he "was not feeling" the Cotton Bowl at one point.

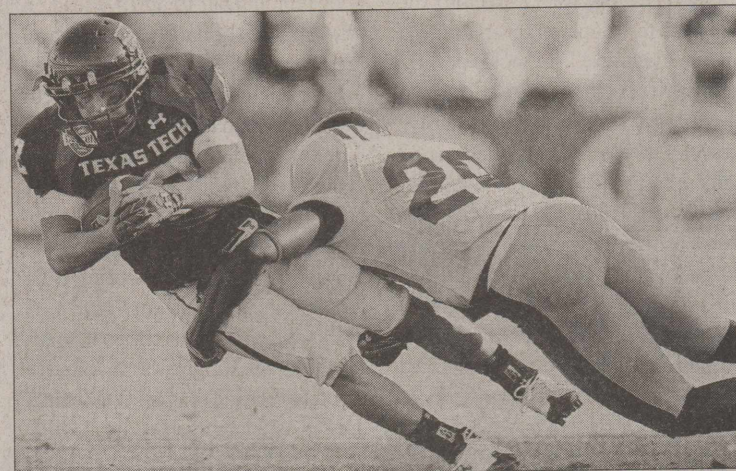


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TEXAS TECH ERIC Morris gets tackled by Ole' Miss's safety Johnny Brown Friday in the Cotton Bowl Classic held at the Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas.

So both Tech and Cal were teams who could have been in better bowl games because of near perfect regular seasons, but eventually, neither team could prove it on a national stage.

"I really don't think we overlooked

anything, and that we were disappointed in not going to the BCS or anything like that," Tech receiver Eric Morris said. "We were ready to play. They came out. My hat's off to Ole Miss."

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## Kissiar-Knight replaces Todd as Tech's new volleyball coach, excited for new challenge

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In West Plains, Mo., Trish Kissiar-Knight has a street named in her honor, something most volleyball coaches probably don't have.

To get that kind of recognition as Texas Tech's new volleyball coach, Kissiar-Knight will have to take the program from a losing to winning culture.

Easier said than done.

Kissiar-Knight was named the sixth Tech volleyball coach Dec. 23. She inherits a Red Raider volleyball team coming off its worst season in school history at 5-26 overall and 0-20 in Big 12 Conference play.

Kissiar-Knight said she is well aware of the challenge ahead of her, considering that rebuilding volleyball programs are a

specialty of hers.

"It's one of those things where every job I've ever taken has been a challenge," she said. "Obviously, I'm gonna have to build one there too. I'm one of those people who never hide from competition. I kinda just get into the fact that, 'Yeah, we're the underdog, a little bit of building to do.' It's such a great challenge and I look forward to that."

Kissiar-Knight's history of turning around programs goes back to her coaching days at West Plains High School, where she won four consecutive Class 4A state championships in 13 years. The season before she started, the team was 1-12. In her first season, the team went 12-2.

She went on to start the volleyball program at Missouri State-West Plains in 1993 and turned it into one of the top junior college programs in the nation. In her 15-year tenure there, she compiled a 645-156-3 record, leading the Grizzlies to 11 NJCAA Tournament appearances. She had her team in the championship game in the 2002 and 2003 seasons. After winning a regional championship in 1999, her team successfully defended that title for nine years. She also has coached 23 NJCAA All-Americans.



KISSIAR-KNIGHT

She has 12 Region 16 Coach of the Year awards, an NJCAA Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame and a Missouri Sports Hall of Fame induction on her

resume. Kissiar-Knight has served as the program director for the Junior Olympics volleyball team, taught physical education at Missouri State-West Plains, and was named Citizen of the Year in 2001 by the Greater West Plains Area Chamber of Commerce.

Even with all the success, Kissiar-Knight has never coached a Division-I team or at the Division-I level.

She has coached against Division-I programs and her 28 years of experience is something Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said was too much to pass up.

"She's been a junior college coach, but I think her record speaks for itself," said Myers, who declined to reveal the other coaching candidates. "She's just been one of the top women's volleyball

coaches for a long time. We did have a national search. We had four really quality coaches — four good coaches. I thought any one would've been a good coach, but we felt Trish was the best fit for Texas Tech."

Tech's former coach, Nancy Todd, stepped down Dec. 1. Her assistant coaches, Mike Moffitt and Beth Karasek are no longer on staff.

Terry Gamble, who referred Kissiar-Knight to Myers, will join Tech's staff as an assistant coach. Gamble is the former head coach of Iowa Western, also an NJCAA team. He will bring his assistant coach Becky Verespej, whose volleyball career includes playing at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI. There she was team captain and named to the All-Conference team for two seasons.

Kissiar-Knight said her and Gamble

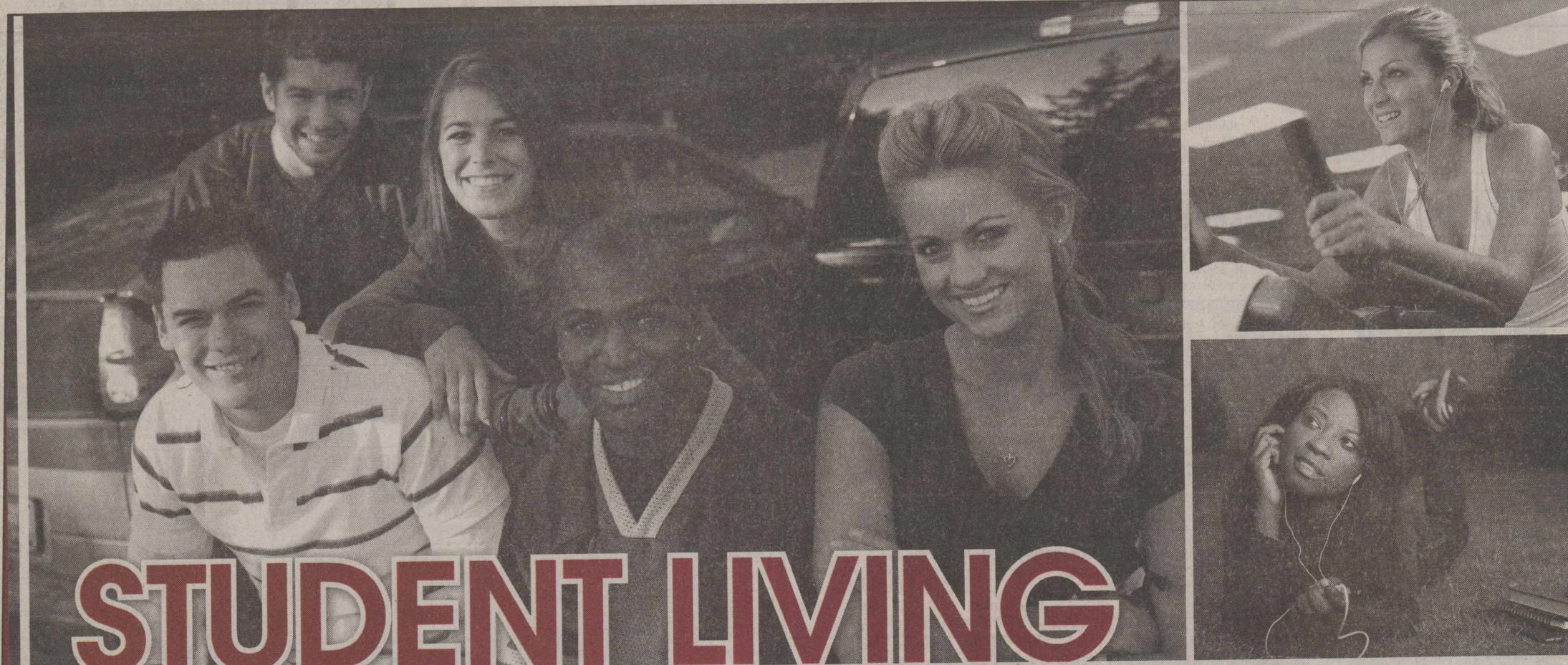
already are on campus and hope to meet the team members soon. She said she has talked to some players over the holiday break, such as All-Big 12 Conference Freshman selection Amanda Dowdy.

Players were not available for comment at press time.

Kissiar-Knight will attempt to rebuild a program that has had seven-straight losing seasons. A difficult task in the Big 12, which boasts perennial powerhouses such as Nebraska, Texas and Kansas State.

"It takes a lot of work," she said. "I'm used to working hard. My dad taught me how to work hard. I've always had a great work ethic, and I think you just have to outwork the other people. It takes a little luck along the way maybe too, but you definitely got to outwork them."


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