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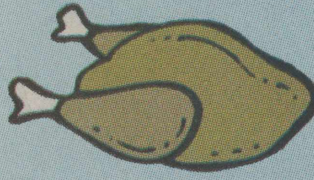
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DeLay's attorney seeks to dismiss indictments

By APRIL CASTRO
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay will appear in court again today, this time before a new judge who will decide whether the former majority leader should go on trial for money laundering and criminal conspiracy charges.

The hearing is DeLay's first before Senior Judge Pat Priest, who was appointed to the case after DeLay's attorneys succeeded in having the first judge removed because of his campaign contributions to Democratic candidates and causes.

DeLay and two Republican fundraisers are

accused of orchestrating a 2002 campaign finance scheme that helped put more Republicans in the Texas House. The Legislature then passed a redistricting map that helped get more Republicans elected to Congress and helped DeLay secure his post as majority leader.

Dick DeGuerin, DeLay's attorney, has filed multiple legal briefs detailing why he believes the charges against DeLay should be dismissed. For example, DeGuerin says DeLay shouldn't be charged with conspiracy to violate the election code because the law wasn't on the books until 2003, a year after DeLay's alleged offenses occurred.

In response, Travis County District At-

torney Ronnie Earle has said state law has long defined conspiracy as an agreement to commit any felony, including a violation of the election code.

Prosecutors say DeLay and his associates funneled \$190,000 in restricted corporate money from his Texas political action committee to an arm of the Republican National Committee, which then gave the same amount to Texas legislative candidates. The direct use of corporate money for political campaigns is against the law in Texas. The law does allow for its use for administrative costs.

DeLay and his co-defendants, Republican fundraisers Jim Ellis and John Colyandro,

acknowledge trying to help get Republicans elected but say they've done nothing illegal.

DeLay had to relinquish his leadership post in Congress after he was indicted in September. His attorneys are pushing for a December trial in hopes that DeLay is cleared so he can regain his title before Congress returns to session in January. Otherwise, lawmakers could elect a new majority leader.

DeLay's attorneys want to get the trial moved from Austin, a liberal-leaning city where they say he cannot get a fair trial. DeGuerin has requested the trial be moved to Fort Bend County, DeLay's home county, but that likely won't be decided until a later hearing.

STATE

Chicago siblings arrested for heroin possession

PHARR (AP) — A brother and sister from Chicago were arrested after federal officers found about \$1 million in heroin hidden in the Jeep they had driven from Mexico, U.S. Customs and Border Protection reported Monday.

The seizure Sunday at the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge was the largest heroin seizure ever for that bridge.

Officers at the bridge noticed something odd about the rear cargo area of 2002 Jeep Liberty and a drug-sniffing dog alerted to the vehicle.

The officers found 29.5 pounds of brown heroin valued at \$780,000 to \$1.2 million and 2.6 pounds of cocaine valued at \$37,000 in packages under the floor of the vehicle.

Driver Karen Campos, 27, and Manuel Campos, 45, were arrested on federal charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

NATION

U.S. bans poultry because of bird flu

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States banned poultry from mainland British Columbia on Monday because of a case of bird flu, though Canadian officials said it wasn't the virulent form in Southeast Asia blamed for more than 60 human deaths.

The governments of Taiwan and Japan indicated they would take similar action.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency said Sunday that a duck at a commercial poultry farm in British Columbia had tested positive for bird flu. The virus was a low-pathogenic North American form that doesn't kill poultry and is not a threat to people, officials said.

"We're waiting to get more information from Canada, at which point we could be able to scale back" the ban, said U.S. Agriculture Department spokesman Jim Rogers. "We just need that information."

Canadian officials plan to report to the U.S. within 24 hours, according to Canada's chief veterinary officer, Dr. Brian Evans.

Depending on the results, the U.S. could restrict imports from a smaller, regional area, Rogers said.

The farm with the infected duck, in Chilliwack outside of Vancouver, isn't licensed to export. Authorities have begun killing about 56,000 birds on the farm with carbon dioxide gas and have quarantined four other farms within three miles of the area.

WORLD

Landmark Nazi trial marks 60th anniversary

NUREMBERG, Germany (AP) — American prosecutor Whitney R. Harris gazed at the top Nazis in front of him — men like Hermann Goering, Rudolf Hess, Julius Streicher — as their war crimes trial opened 60 years ago and immediately knew his mission.

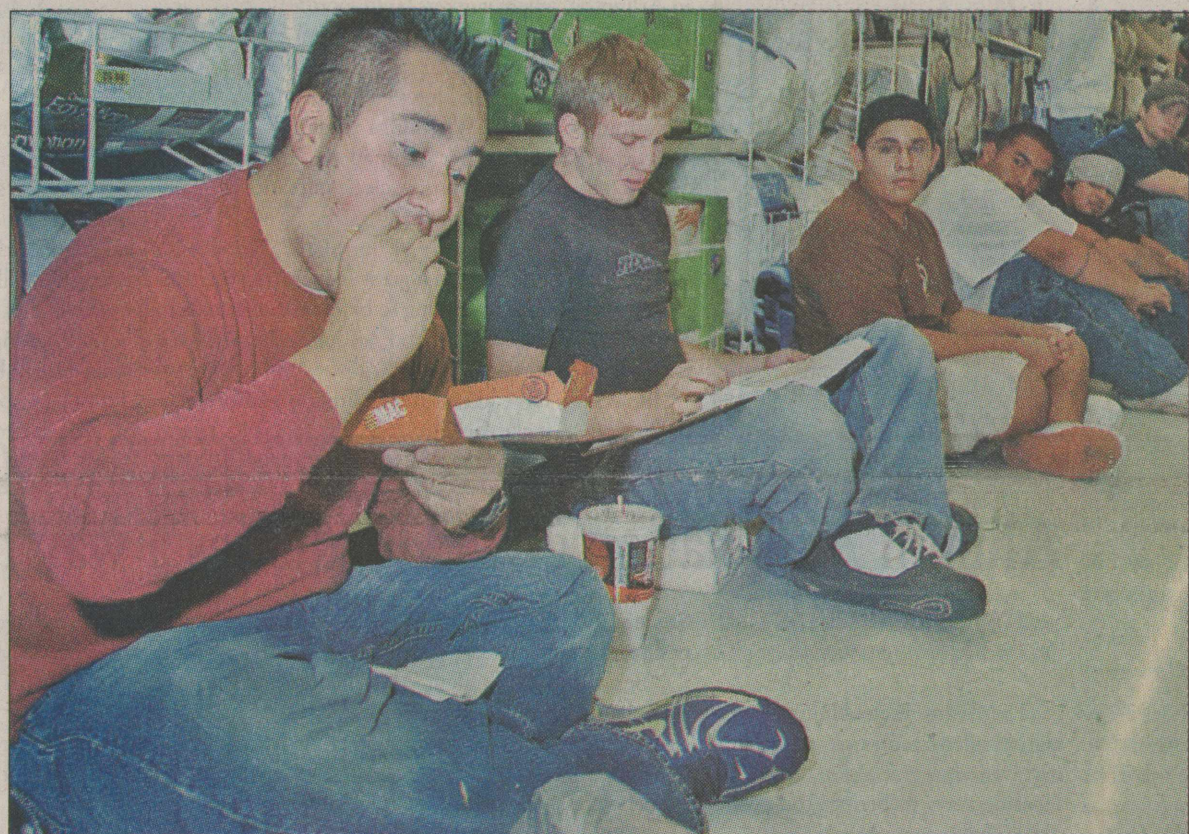
Later he would reflect on the significance of the landmark trial at Nuremberg: the establishment of charges like "war crimes" in a new international law and the principle that individuals could be held responsible for their aggression.

On Nov. 20, 1945, the 33-year-old Harris sought justice for the 21 Nazis on trial.

"These were evil men, and what they did was our task to expose, and we did get the evidence and we were able to do so," Harris said.

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ANDREW TERRY, A senior general studeis major from Houston, eats a McDonald's Big Mac sandwich while waiting in line with John Mickens, a senior accounting major from Houston, for the new Xbox 360 at Wal-Mart Monday afternoon. Terry and Mickens waited from 1 p.m. for the game system to hit the shelves at midnight Monday.

Tech students camp out for arrival of Xbox's new 360 game console

By CARLOS BERGFELD
STAFF WRITER

Though the Xbox 360 just launched today, gamers wanting to purchase the new console may be stuck with their old Xboxes until 2006.

Wal-Mart and K-mart stores began selling the 360 today at midnight, but officials from all the stores expected to be sold out within a short amount of time.

"I actually had a guy come in here pretty early, at three in the morning (Monday)," said Tony Conde, electronics manager at the Wal-Mart located on Fourth Street and Frankford Avenue.

At noon Monday, there were approximately 20 potential buyers in the Wal-Mart waiting to buy the system at its midnight release.

Conde said he does not know when Wal-Mart will receive a second shipment of the systems.

The Fourth Street Wal-Mart received 48 Xboxes total: 32 of the premium package and 16 of the less expensive core console.

The premium edition is retailing at \$399.99, and the core system is \$100 less.

While the system may seem pricey compared to current generation consoles, other consoles have had a higher price point at launch.

Versions of the 3DO Interactive Multi-player debuted in the '90s for \$699.95, and the SNK Neo-Geo initially came with a \$600 price tag.

"It's actually a great deal for the hardware," said Eric Sinzinger, an assistant professor of computer science.

The 360's high-end central processing unit with three symmetrical cores gives it some serious computing capability, Sinzinger said.

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Holiday donations become short-stacked

By DANIELLE NOVY
STAFF WRITER

Food banks are suffering this holiday season from a decline in the number of donations they have been receiving, which possibly can be attributed to people whose pockets have been over-stretched from Hurricane Katrina and her sister natural disasters.

Americans amassed roughly \$1 billion of donated funds for Hurricane Katrina as of Sept. 16, according to The Chronicle of Philanthropy, and U.S. charities raised more than \$1.3 billion for tsunami relief, by mid-September.

The numbers are leading officials at national charities to fear that "donor fatigue" may have set in, with people's capacity for generosity possibly nearing its limit, according to MSNBC.

Brenda Hayes, administrator at the South Plains Food Bank, said "donor fatigue" is sometimes inevitable in the realm of charity.

"The people who have donated to us in the past have continued to donate this year," Hayes said. "Yet, new donor numbers have been down a little bit so far."

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Adoption Day helps 8 children find homes

By JAY LANGLEY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Court Appointed Special Advocates of the South Plains, Child Protective Services and the Lubbock County Foster Care Court hosted Lubbock's second annual Adoption Day Monday at the Lubbock County Courthouse.

Six local families adopted a total of eight children at the event.

Judge Kevin Hart of the Lubbock County Foster Care Court said Adoption Day is important because it promotes awareness.

"We need to bring attention to the need for parents to step up and start adopting children," he said.

Approximately 180,000 U.S. children are waiting in the adoption line, Hart said, including 3,500 children in Texas and 200 in Lubbock County.

The other purpose of Adoption Day, Hart said, is to thank the parents who decide to adopt.

"We are here to join in your celebration," Hart said to the parents. "You are heroes in every sense of the word."

In 2000, Adoption Day started in nine U.S. jurisdictions. This year, about 200 counties celebrated Adoption

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Smith among Top 3 finalists

By BRITTANY BARRIENTOS
NEWS EDITOR

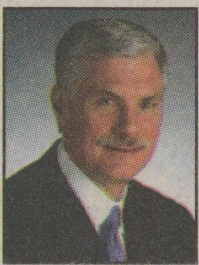
It's official. The University of Georgia System publicly announced that Texas Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith is among the final three candidates for the chancellorship.

In a news release, Smith expressed his gratitude and surprise in being considered for the position.

"I am honored to be considered for this prestigious position at such a fine university system," he said in the release. "I did not seek this opportunity, so it is very humbling to be named a finalist."

The announcement was made public Monday by Eldridge McMillan, chairman of the board of regents chancellor search advisory committee.

The two other finalists named in the Georgia System release are Eroll Davis Jr., chairman of the Alliant Energy Corporation based out of Madison, Wis., and Daniel Papp, senior vice chancellor for academics and fiscal affairs for the University



Smith

System of Georgia.

Interim chancellor Corlis Cummings, who has held the chancellor position since Oct. 1, was not named as a finalist, but the release stated she will continue to serve until the start date is set for the new chancellor.

Smith said in the news release that despite the candidacy, he will continue to concentrate on his role in Lubbock.

"I already have a great job at the Texas Tech University System, which is one of the finest institutions in the country," he

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CONDUCTING CORNERBACK



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DRUMMAJORS DREW Wyrick, Phill Flynn and director Christopher Anderson stand on the podium with senior cornerback Khalid Naziruddin to celebrate Tech's 23-21 victory over Oklahoma with the Goin' Band by conducting "Grandioso" after the game Saturday afternoon.

Grocery stores expecting chaos amidst celebration

By ANDREW WOOD
STAFF WRITER

Wednesday is expected to be the busiest day of the year at grocery stores across the country.

Local grocery stores will have a lot to be thankful for as long as they stay prepared. Many managers said the day before Thanksgiving guarantees mayhem.

United Market Street's front-end manager, Marka Terral, said this Wednesday definitely will bring in the most customers than any day thus far this year. Every manager will be working, and all registers will be open to customers. Even then, at least eight customers are expected to stand in line waiting to be checked out, said Terral, who has worked at United Market Street for five years.

As far as scheduling goes, she said, Wednesday was not the best day for employees to request off. With the exception of younger employees leaving town for Thanksgiving, she said every employee has been given a shift and no one has the day off. Though many expect Wednesday to

be a busy day, customers should not wait until the last minute to come in and buy groceries because Market Street could run out of certain items, she said.

Monday served as a precursor to Wednesday, and customer traffic already has begun to pick up, she said.

Turkey, ham, celery, frozen vegetables and whipped cream are a few items going on sale at Market Street, she said.

Albertson's Food & Drug, across the street from Market Street, also awaits the chaos that comes Wednesday.

"(Customers should) get all their stuff while they're open," said Alfredo Garcia, assistant front-end manager at Albertson's Food & Drug, located on 50th Street. "There is always going to be a last-minute shopper," said Garcia, an Albertson's employee of 19 years.

He said the store plans to make sure the shelves are full of groceries and the employees are ready to serve customers. Turkey and vegetables are two of the main items Albertson's will have on sale, he said.

Lowe's Market Place also expects madness come Wednesday. Chicken broth, turkey, bread rolls, eggs and frozen pies will be some of the items on sale at Lowe's.

"I just hope they come to see us, and we'll do our best to take care of them," she said.

Sharon Thomas, store manager at the store located on 26th Street, said she expects the store to be busy as other stores have predicted, and no employee has been allowed to request the day off.

Every check stand at Lowe's will be running, and the focus will be speedy customer service so the customers can "go on their merry way and start cooking," she said.

Lowe's also plans to do its part to make sure the groceries still are in stock. The store has ordered larger quantities of some items to keep from running out, she said.

This will be Thomas' second year to manage the store during the day before Thanksgiving.

She said last year's pre-Thanksgiving Day rush hit her by surprise, but now, she is ready for the challenge.

"Hopefully, we won't run out of anything," she said. "I would say with the stuff they know they need, they won't come in at the last minute."

Thomas said many people find themselves scrambling to a convenience store every Thanksgiving because they find themselves without something they need for holiday dinner.

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BOWLING WITH BIRDS



KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreador
CODY BROWN, A senior biology major from Grapevine, bowls a frozen turkey during the turkey bowl competition, while Ryan Mah, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Houston, looks on in the lobby of Murray Hall Sunday afternoon.

Arlington plant dodges cuts at GM

DALLAS (AP) — The General Motors Corp. plant in Arlington, where workers build sport utility vehicles, appeared to avoid the job-cutting ax that hit other GM locations around the country.

GM spokesman Dan Flores called Arlington "one of our strongest plants." When GM Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner outlined the elimination of 30,000 jobs and nine North American plants by 2008, Arlington wasn't on his list.

"Arlington is a big part of our plans," Flores said. "We're looking forward to a great launch (of the redesigned SUVs) and continuing to build on our success in the full-size truck business, and Arlington certainly is a part of that business right now."

Slow sales have closed the Arlington plant, where 3,000 workers make the Chevrolet Tahoe, GMC Yukon and Cadillac Escalade SUVs, for seven weeks this year,

including last week and this week. The plant will reopen next week and begin producing new redesigned 2007 models of the big SUVs on Dec. 1.

Through much of the 1990s, strong sales of SUVs helped carry GM. Analysts say GM typically made a profit of several thousand dollars on each SUV.

High gasoline prices have taken a toll on sales of full-size SUVs. GM officials hope the redesigned models that will soon roll off the assembly line in Arlington will help reverse that slide, but they are also expanding their lineup of smaller crossover SUVs from seven to 14 models by the end of the decade.

Arlington and a factory in Janesville, Wis., are GM's main assembly plants for full-size SUVs. The division did not escape Monday's cuts, as GM announced that an SUV plant in Oklahoma City will close early next year.

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Tech law students bring back honors

Two third-year law students from the Texas Tech School of Law won first-place honors and qualified to advance to national competition in Chicago in February.

Brandon Hill and his wife Gara Hill, beat out contestants at the American Bar Association Regional Negotiation Competition, held Nov. 4-6 at the School of Law.

"They're a very talented husband and wife team," said Brian Shannon, associate dean of the law school, who also serves as a coach for the negotiation team.

The team focuses on legal negotiation, where more than 90 percent of the real-world cases are settled outside the courtroom, Shannon said.

After the Spring 2006 semester begins, the American Bar Association

will send Brandon and Gara Hill mock scenarios depending on the competition's theme, which this year is contract law.

Shannon said competition has been another illustration of the educational methods at the law school.

"It's just another example of real world skills we're trying to teach students here at the School of Law," he said.

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Alumni Association giving graduates a way to stay connected

By EMILY HUTCHENS
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The Texas Tech Alumni Association offers students a way to stay involved after graduation, as well as creating ways to benefit the entire Texas Tech community.

Bill Dean, executive vice president of the Tech Alumni Association and professor in the College of Mass Communications at Tech, said there currently are about 27,000 members within the alumni association, a number that hopes to reach 35,000 within the next five years.

"Alumni support benefits Tech by acting as a cultivation process; it keeps people involved," Dean said. "The (Tech Alumni Association) tries its best to support academics, whether by helping fund student groups, scholarships or awards."

Dean said the association works closely with the Student Alumni Association, an organization that any Tech student can get involved with.

Faye Haggard, a senior biology major from Stephenville, said she has been involved with the Student Alumni Association for the past two years, and currently is on the

Student Alumni Association board of directors.

"Being on the (Student Alumni Association) board of directors has allowed me to interact with many alumni members of the (Tech Alumni Association). I am graduating in December, and I know that establishing relationships with these alumni will hopefully benefit me after graduation," Haggard said.

Tech students are able to join the Student Alumni Association, which currently has more than 1,500 members, Haggard said, by applying and paying an annual fee. She said being on the board of directors consists of applying for the position and going through an interview process, and only has approximately 40 members.

"It has been a great opportunity for me to work with the Texas Tech Alumni Association. I have had the chance to meet so many people at different events, and I look forward to getting involved with the Texas Tech Alumni Association after graduation," Haggard said.

According to the Web site, www.techastechalumni.org, there are several different levels of membership levels, starting with a minimum annual fee of \$35.

Membership benefits range from insurance programs to a subscription to the Techian magazine.

Ashley Woodson, a senior public relations major from Friendswood, said getting involved with the alumni association after graduation is something she is planning to do.

"I have been very active with Tech since my freshman year, and have developed close friendships as well as a deep pride for the school," she said.

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Dean, who has been actively involved with the alumni association since 1978, said most recent Tech graduates begin their membership at the \$35 level.

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students would pay the annual \$35 membership fee because the emphasis of the association is not focused on fundraising," he said.

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Egyptian twins return home after successful separation in the U.S.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian twins born joined at the top of the head returned to their home country on Sunday, still wearing protective helmets

Ahmed and Mohammed Ibrahim, 4, were born in a small town in southern Egypt and taken at age 1 to Dallas by the World Craniofacial Foundation, a Dallas-based nonprofit group that helps children with deformities of the head and face.

"The dream of my life, to hold each of them separately, has come true," their mother, Sabah Abu el-Wafa, told reporters after the family landed at Cairo's airport. "I thank God for this miracle and thank everyone who helped us in Egypt and in the United States."

More than 50 medical personnel took part in the 34-hour separation surgery in October 2003 at Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

Doctors had warned that the surgery could result in the deaths of one or both boys, but the family decided it was worth the risk to give the children a chance at a normal life.

Nasser Abdel Al, the twins' Egyptian doctor, said they will wear the helmets for several months. They also must undergo physical therapy before they return to the United States in 18 months for further checking.

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Xbox 360

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"Some people are gonna try and cannibalize the system and make it into a PC," he said.

The Xbox 360, like its predecessor, touts features that usually are found on a PC.

"Personal computers have advantages in that they can save information, they can network," Sinzinger said.

The 360's controllers also are interoperable with PCs using a standard USB port.

These similarities should not come as a surprise, as consoles have had to emulate computers to compete in producing increasingly graphically intensive games, Sinzinger said.

Whether most consumers think the console is too pricey, local retailers said they don't expect their stock of systems to last long.

"I've been getting calls all week. I think it's gonna last about 30 minutes," said Joe Torres, electronics manager at the Lubbock K-Mart.

Stores like Hastings, GameStop and EB Games allowed customers to pre-order the Xbox 360 systems, and all three stores will be re-opening at midnight to allow those with reservations to buy their system.

Are gamers without reservations

or camping equipment out of luck?

"I would contest to say that it would probably be March or so when you can just walk into our stores and pick one up," said Graham Marshall, an assistant manager at Lubbock's Fourth Street GameStop.

He said there were a few weeks in June when everyone who reserved a 360 was guaranteed a system on launch day. Everyone who reserved after that point may not get their system until 2006, Marshall said.

Though they missed out on early sales at the midnight launch event, non-24 hour retailers may have the advantage when it comes to quantity.

"We do have the greatest stock in town, I know that for a fact," said Lance Edwards, a Best Buy sales associate.

Edwards said the store would be opening at 9 a.m. today to sell the systems.

As of Monday, a few have camped out at the store, even though the launch would not come that day.

"I got here at 7 (a.m. Monday), and he was freezing," Edwards said.

Approximately 12 early-adopters decided to take the wait and were outside Best Buy as of 1 p.m. Monday.

The Xbox 360 comes a little more than four years after the original Xbox debuted on Nov. 15, 2001.

Adoption

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Day, he said. In 2004, 3,400 children were adopted on Adoption Day.

"We are making strides," Hart said. "But there are still too many children without homes."

While adoption rates have increased 21 percent over the last five years, the number of children in foster care has increased by 42 percent.

Amy Paiva, executive director for CASA, said one of CASA's jobs is to get children out of foster care.

"Adoption Day helps us get children through foster care quicker and into safe, happy homes," she said.

According to the CASA Web site, the South Plains region had

the highest number of confirmed victims of child abuse per capita in Texas in 2004. Thus far this year, CASA reports having helped 1,000 local victims of child abuse.

"These kids need a stable environment to grow up in," Paiva said. "Adoption allows the kids to grow up in such an environment."

Getting the children adopted around the holidays is important, Paiva said.

"It gives people a warm, fuzzy feeling to spend the holiday with their adopted child," she said. "It is great for the kids to have a warm home for Thanksgiving and Christmas."

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Martin was on hand for an Adoption Day proclamation from the City of Lubbock.

"You are truly doing the Lord's work," Martin told the parents.

"We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and wish you the best of luck in the future."

Two young adults who previously had been adopted were on hand to share their stories.

Eighteen-year-old Amanda Smith, a fresh-

man at West Texas A&M, said her life changed the day she was adopted.

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— AMY PAIVA
CASA of the South Plains
Executive Director

Smith

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said in the release. "We have many exciting challenges and opportunities in front of us, and I remain focused on the work that needs to be done at our outstanding university system."

The chancellor of the Georgia System oversees 35 institutions, including four research institutions, a medical college, 15 state universities, two state colleges and 13 two-year institutions.

Between these universities, the system has more than 250,000 students enrolled, more than 9,000 faculty members, more than 30,000 employees, and an annual budget of more than \$5 billion.

At an event Friday in Memorial Circle, Smith commended Tech students, calling them "the finest student body in the country."

Smith has served as Tech chancellor since 2002, after serving as president of the Tech Health Sciences Center for six years.

Food Banks

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She said officials at the South Plains Food Bank suspect this year's series of natural disasters plays a role in the decreased number of new donors at this point in the holiday season.

Hayes said November and December tend to be the biggest months for giving, and it is too early to tell if this year will see overall slackened figures. She said the Lubbock community was an exceptionally giving one that was tending to overcome the national pattern of a decline in the number of donations.

"It's hard to say how much the hurricanes are affecting us, because we live in a very generous community," she said. "Still, the

number of new donors is lower than in the past."

Declining donation rates are hitting the nation at time where there is a heightened risk of going hungry, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Its recent report stated 2004 was the fifth consecutive year in which the number of Americans at a risk of hunger continued to rise. The year saw roughly 38 million U.S. citizens in situations deemed "food insecure" by the USDA.

Hayes said Texas Tech students could help the problem by donating canned food, money or their time to the South Plains Food Bank.

"We do have volunteer opportunities," she said. "Time is something students can always donate."

Eric Moller, a freshman range, wildlife and fisheries management major from Fort Worth, said he usu-

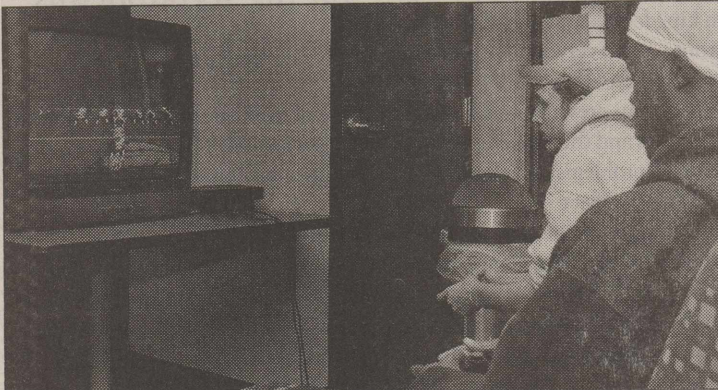
ally donates to a charity around the holiday season and plans on making some donations when he finds the time.

He said he believes the decline in holiday donations across the nation might be partially because of the onslaught of natural disasters.

"It's probably down from recent hurricanes," he said. "That might be big cause and gas prices also have been so high lately, people are probably trying to save money with things like that."

Jessica Griess, a senior advertising major from Austin, said though she believes natural disasters might be a reason for this year's decline, a lack of publicity probably plays a key role, as well.

"Maybe food drives don't do enough advertising to let people know that they are going on," she said.



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EUGENE OMENIHU, FRONT, a junior industrial engineering major from Dallas, and Matt Nagel, a sophomore psychology major from Houston, play Xbox in the TV lounge room at Murray Hall Sunday afternoon. The Xbox's latest edition, the 360, was released at midnight today at major stores across the nation.

Former DeLay aide pleads guilty in conspiracy to bribe public officials

WASHINGTON (AP) - Michael Scanlon, a former partner of lobbyist Jack Abramoff, pleaded guilty Monday to conspiring to bribe public officials, a charge growing out of the government investigation of attempts to defraud Indian tribes and corrupt a member of Congress.

At the same time, it was disclosed that Scanlon, a former aide to Rep. Tom DeLay has been cooperating in a widening criminal investigation of members of Congress since June.

Scanlon entered his plea before U.S. District Judge Ellen Segal Huvelle and was ordered to pay restitution totaling more than \$19 million to Indian tribes that he admitted had been defrauded while he and Abramoff represented them.

Abramoff and Scanlon were paid more than \$80 million between 2001 and 2004 by six American Indian tribes with casinos.

One of Scanlon's lawyers, Plato Cacheris, disclosed outside the courthouse after the plea that his client has been cooperating with

the prosecution for the past five months.

"There have been a lot of conversations" between Scanlon and the Justice Department starting in June, Cacheris said in a brief interview Monday night.

In an eight-page statement of facts, Scanlon agreed that he and an unidentified person referred to as Lobbyist A "provided a stream of things of value to public officials in exchange for a series of official acts."

The items to one unidentified congressman or his staff included all-expense-paid trips to the Northern Marianas Islands in 2000, a trip to the Super Bowl in Tampa, Fla., in 2001 and a golf trip to Scotland in 2002.

Based on information already placed on the public record by the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Lobbyist A is Abramoff and the congressman is Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio.

"Any allegation that Rep. Ney did anything illegal or improper is false," the congressman's office said

in a statement. Calls to the office of Abramoff's lawyer were not immediately returned.

On Friday, Scanlon was charged with conspiracy. On Monday, the Justice Department's statement of facts that Scanlon signed went considerably beyond the earlier charging document, revealing that trips, tickets to sporting events and campaign contributions went to other public officials besides Ney in exchange for official acts.

The statement of facts said Scanlon and Lobbyist A provided items of value to public officials in exchange for "agreements to support and pass legislation, agreements to place statements in the Congressional Record, agreements to contact personnel in the United States Executive Branch agencies and offices to influence decisions of those agencies and offices."

A representative of the inspector general's office in the Interior Department was seated at the prosecutors' table in the courtroom.

Suspect in mall shooting: 'Just follow the screams'

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A man accused of a shooting spree at a crowded shopping mall told authorities to "just follow the screams" when he called them shortly before opening fire with a pair of assault rifles, according to court documents released Monday.

Plans for making bombs and poison gas were later found after a search of the man's car and bedroom, prosecutors said. Dominick Sergio Maldonado, 20, was ordered held on \$2 million bail after pleading innocent Monday to multiple charges.

According to the court documents, Maldonado told detectives he had been humiliated during a troubled childhood and that recent problems made him want to be "heard." A text message to his ex-girlfriend minutes before the rampage said he was about to show the world his anger, the woman said.

Six people were injured, one critically, in Sunday's attack. Maldonado surrendered about four hours after he ducked into

a music store and took four hostages, all of whom were released unharmed, authorities said.

In the documents, prosecutors said Maldonado, of Tacoma, denied intending to shoot anyone, but was trying to draw media attention.

Police said they got a call just before the melee erupted, with the caller saying he was armed with two assault rifles and about to start shooting. When the dispatcher asked the man where he was, he replied, "Just follow the screams," the papers said.

The documents said police searched Maldonado's car and bedroom, finding a formula for making the poison gas ricin, as well as bomb-making diagrams and materials, and body shooting targets.

Tiffany Robison, 20, Maldonado's ex-girlfriend, said in an

interview broadcast Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America" that he sent her a text message shortly before noon reading: "Today is the day that the world will know my anger."

"I think honestly that he just wanted attention. It's the sick attention that he wanted," Robison told ABC. They broke up months earlier "because of an issue with a drug," she said.

Her mother, Mary Simon, 47, of Tacoma, said she was at home when her daughter got the troubling cell phone text message.

"When she got the message, she freaked out and took it very seriously," Simon told The Associated Press by telephone from her home Monday. "And then when she heard about the shooting, she knew in an instant that it was him."

Prosecutor upset over Ryan's televised remarks regarding Sen. Phil Gramm

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal prosecutor asked the judge at former Gov. George Ryan's trial Monday to discourage the defendant from making public statements like one last week in which he criticized a prosecution witness, former Sen. Phil Gramm.

Patrick M. Collins, the lead prosecutor at the racketeering and fraud trial, said the kind of remarks Ryan made Thursday before TV cameras about the former Texas senator could taint future witnesses.

Collins said that such public statements could send a message to witnesses that their "families can be attacked out of court."

U.S. District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer said she would consider cautioning the defense.

During Gramm's bid for the GOP presidential nomination in 1996, his campaign paid \$11,000 to Ryan. Prosecutors argue that the payment may have figured in Ryan's decision to endorse the Texas Republican, but Ryan says it was a consulting fee.

The payment is one aspect of a 22-count indictment against Ryan, 71, and lobbyist Larry Warner, 67. Both have denied doing anything illegal.

Ryan was angered last week when a prosecutor asked Gramm why he would never pay for a political en-

dorsement and Gramm replied: "It's sort of like the difference between love and prostitution ... You don't pay people to like you."

Hours later, Ryan stopped in front of cameras outside the courtroom and suggested Gramm and his wife, Wendy, may have been involved in the Enron Corp. financial scandal.

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Challenging DT's integrity uncalled for

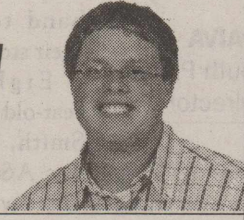
This is something I promised my staff and editorial board I would refrain from doing this year as editor in chief. I didn't want my point of view to get distorted with the perspective of the entire student newspaper. But when my credibility and *The Daily Toreador's* integrity come into question, I have to take a stand.

According to message boards from an Oklahoma Sooners fan Web site as well as a Texas Tech fan Web site, the photograph that appeared on the front page of Monday's newspaper was altered and manipulated. From the accounts of people who posted on the sites, we and Student Media photographers "fixed" the picture to make it look as though Texas Tech senior running back Taurean Henderson scored before hitting the turf at the end of Saturday's game against the Sooners.

This is an accusation I am appalled by. As a journalist, I never would condone anyone associated with my paper knowingly falsifying any content.

Just like any journalist found to be guilty of plagiarism, which is stealing someone else's content and claiming it as their own, a photographer who would manipulate a photograph would be terminated immediately from their position at *The Daily Toreador*. This, I can assure, is a policy we stand by.

But in this case, the picture was completely unaltered from its original form despite the accusation from Sooners hopefuls and fans. The only modifications photographers are allowed to make deal with color correction and cropping, which prepares a photo-

Joey Kirk


graph for publication but does not manipulate it. That is standard for all publications.

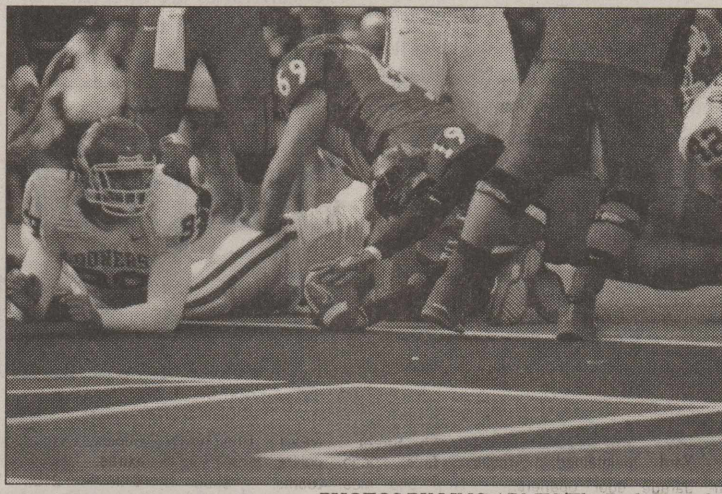
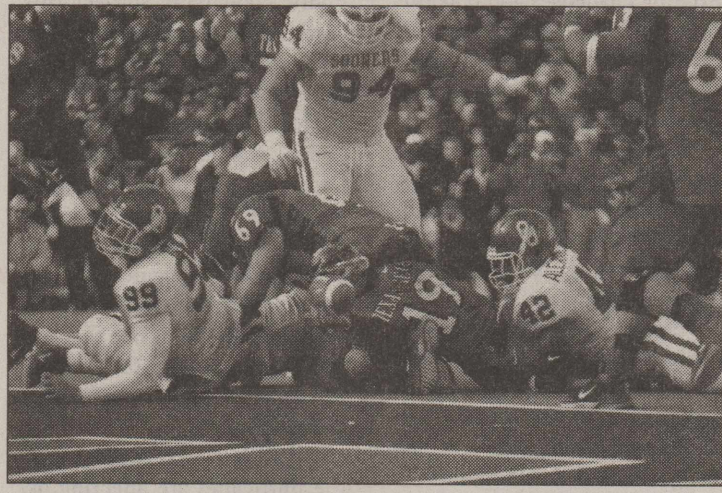
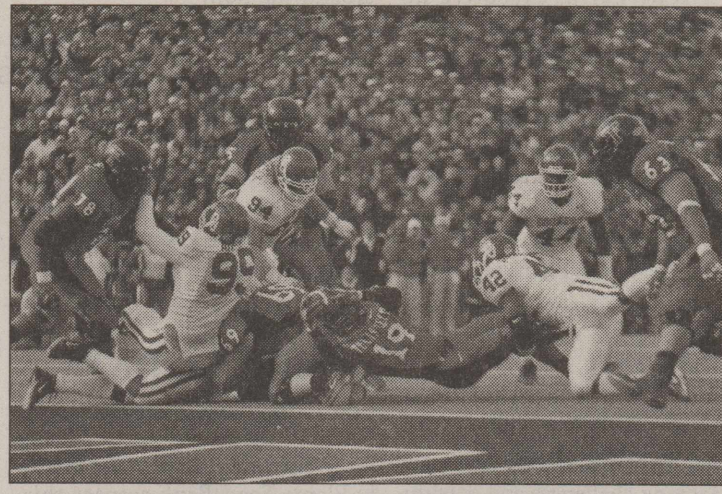
If a "professional" media publication had run this photo on its front page, the integrity of that company would not be called into question. But because we are a student-run newspaper, people sometimes do not respect the experience we gain from working at *The Daily Toreador*, and many believe we are "too young" to understand the gist of what a real career is.

We all strive to earn positions at these "professional" news organizations, and if an accusation of this type were proven true, it would entail career suicide. Reporters who plagiarize and photographers who manipulate pictures ultimately are ending their careers from the beginning.

Something of this sort goes against all ethics and codes dealing with journalistic integrity, which is what all journalists, not just "professional" journalists, wish to uphold. We, as student reporters, editors and photographers, do everything possible to ensure mistakes are not made and content is published in its original nature.

We have nothing to gain by altering any content, and I stand by my staff and the content published in Monday's newspaper.

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Dropping rhymes on Bush like bombs over Baghdad

(Editor's note: James Hershberger's column is a freestyle about current political issues. It's best read while listening to a good beat.)

Though I'm sure no one but me cares, today is a fascinating anniversary in world affairs. In 1718, Blackbeard the pirate died for his crimes when he was caught then stabbed and shot more than 25 times. In 1922, Howard Carter opened the crypt containing King Tut in the land of Egypt. The whole nation felt like they lost their identity in 1963 with the death of John F. Kennedy.

But the most important event everyone here should know is that I was born more than 20 years ago. I'm king for today, and I'll claim my throne, and everyone who doesn't care can leave me alone. Tonight, I'll open my presents and blow out 22 candles and think about all of our country's problems and scandals.

When I reflect on the president and the state of the nation, I'm always reminded of Abraham Lincoln's quotation: "You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time."

We were all fooled by lies of Iraq's WMD, but the only people still fooled are the base of the GOP. Bush's approval rating is at 35 percent and declining, and I get headaches from all the Republicans whining. Liberals, who called it long ago, are trying to be humble as we all sit and watch the president's legacy crumble.

He lost a lot of support when he started naming names for the Supreme Court. Harriet Miers inspired dissent even from the far right, so Bush wisely removed her from the national spotlight. Next, he put up Judge Samuel Alito, yet another nominee who sucks like a mosquito.

We don't need a new person on the court who supports constitutional distortion by saying a husband must sign-off before his wife has an abortion.

He also allowed justice to get hit again by endorsing machine gun ownership for private citizens. Now, I appreciate our right to bear arms, I believe having guns is fine, but I think automatics are where we should draw the line. I mean, what if the shooters had used M16s at Columbine?

Then Patrick Fitzgerald caused a bunch of excitement when he and team handed Scooter Libby an indictment. The Vice-President's own chief of staff suspected of lying and justice obstruction, but a lot of people think this is just the introduction.

Scooter and Karl Rove both leaked on the press like it was a urinal and so did someone else according to *The Wall Street Journal*. Reporter-legend Bob Woodward claims another

James Hershberger


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official gave him Valerie Plame's name who wasn't Libby or Rove, thus adding a new twist to the Plamegate probe.

Other Republicans who might be on a prison's guest list include lobbyist Jack Abramoff and Senator Bill Frist. Tom DeLay, a.k.a. the Hammer, also might see the slammer, but at least he'll win Cell Block C's award for best grammar.

Bush fans get mad when liberals tell the public the truth. They criticize them in a manner that's vulgar and uncouth. But I'll defend the right's right to dissent because I agree with Voltaire though I still make fun of them like I'm Stephen Colbert.

I find that conservatives get really unkind when liberal celebrities try to speak their minds. But I agree that what Kanye West said on the air really wasn't fair because Bush really doesn't care about anyone who's not a millionaire. It doesn't matter if they are black, white, Asian or Hispanic, the past five years have been a financial panic with the economy sinking down like the Titanic.

Say this and Republicans get bitchy like they're in a sorority but poverty is not a priority to the "moral majority." A poor family is on their own if they have a sick daughter or son, but when America is at war we're supposed to stand as one? The GOP wants unity in the community when it benefits them and their politicians, but when those in need ask for help, they refuse to listen. Hypocrites has become a great conservative tradition.

So I just call biased BS whenever I come across it. I turn off Fox News like it's a dripping faucet. I try to resist against all the Republiganda even though it comes out fresh and hot daily like rice at Little Panda. There are flaws in the news, and you can't ignore it. But the truth is out there, we just have to fight for it.

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Americans have plenty to be thankful for on Thursday

As you head home the next few days, many of you will be thinking about things for which you are thankful for. Some of you will be thankful for the opportunity to attend college, there will be some thanks for a significant other, health, jobs, and Taurean Henderson's stretching ability, everyone has something to be thankful for.

Traditionally, the first Thanksgiving is said to have taken place in the fall of 1621. The new settlers of America decided to hold a three-day feast to give thanks for a generous harvest after their first winter in the New World. Essentially, the Pilgrims wanted to celebrate their survival. In nearly 400 years, much as changed, our goals dramatically different, still, America has much to be thankful for.

Above all, I believe America should be thankful for the endurance of democracy. In the past few weeks, we have witnessed countless debates in Washington, a closed session of the Senate, and a vote on immediate U.S. troop removal from Iraq. While everyone might disagree on the intention of those actions, it is agreeable that democracy is still working in America.

Dialogue among differing American ideology continues, and thought it may be congratulating discord, we should be thankful that Congress-

men still, after over 200 years, has the ability to do so.

America should give thanks to radical ideology. Whether it's Cindy Sheehan sitting outside of the White House, Michael Moore attacking President Bush's relations to big oil companies and Halliburton, or Pat Robertson calling for the assassination of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and telling residents of New England that flooding was caused by the wrath of an angry God unhappy about their voting for gay marriage, America's crazies help bring the country to sanity.

It might sound odd, but true, crazy people allow you to reflect inward and analyze yourself. Yet, those people have a voice, and it's important. No matter how many times I could write about not agreeing with gay marriage or abortion, I can never supersede Pat Robertson.

One of our liberal columnists can write fervently against the War in Iraq, but until one of them chains themselves to the White House fence, they're very much normal compared to Cindy Sheehan. So when you hear about Michael Moore's next crazy stunt, just shake your head and be thankful for his evening out of society.

America should be thankful for capitalism, whose mother of all holidays occurs the day after you've

Trey Caliva


stuffed yourself with turkey.

Once the tryptophan induced sleep has worn off, it's time to get dressed and be at the mall or your local strip center early in the morning the Friday after Thanksgiving. Your dollars that day pay for the commercials that you'll be inundated with during your viewing of Cowboy and Detroit Lion football Thanksgiving afternoon or the morning's Macy's Parade.

Those commercials cost money to create, humble store workers must be present to satisfy your consumer delights, so no matter how bleary eyed you may be shopping that morning, the might of your purchase power helps someone out, and for that, we should be thankful.

Thanks doesn't just have to be felt in America as a whole, we can feel it here in Lubbock, too. Citizens of Lubbock should be thankful for the various improvements beginning to take shape around the city, and even those already in place. Anyone who's lived here long enough to remember the beginnings of the Loop construc-

tion know how amazing the now completed section between 19th and Slide really is. Those same improvements, over the next 10 years, will start to be felt along the interior of Lubbock as well. Imagine driving non-stop to the Loop from campus, or not having to even go through campus from Indiana.

Such projects as the Marsha Sharp Freeway and the Texas Tech Parkway will allow Texas Tech and Lubbock to complete at a higher level for new corporations and jobs. There might be some inconveniences now (it's nearly impossible to get to campus, walking, for where I live now), but the payoff will be well worth it. Give thanks to the planners, construction workers and politicians that make such improvements possible.

No matter how you celebrate or what you're thankful for Thanksgiving gives us a unique time of the year to look back and be humble. Our ancestors went through a devastating winter, and upon having a fruitful harvest, decided to give thanks. I hope you do the same this holiday week. God bless, travel safely, and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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VIEWS FROM THE BIG 12

Immediately pulling troops out of Iraq War would be a mistake, world needs United States

By MATTHEW NIXON
 DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN — Last Thursday, Congressman John P. Murtha, R-Pa., a Vietnam War veteran who served in the Marine Corps for 37 years, demanded the quick withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. Because our presence in Iraq is fueling the terrorist insurgency, Murtha argued that the deployment of U.S. troops has become counterproductive.

Congressman Murtha speaks for a large and recognizable segment of Americans who regard the Iraq war as an error. Americans are rightly concerned about the imminent transfor-

mation of Iraq into a second Vietnam.

I do not feel it is my place — at 24 years old, a lifelong student who has never served in the Armed Forces — to evaluate Murtha's proposal. I will not tell other American men and women (many of whom are younger than I am) that they should continue to sacrifice life and limb in Iraq, even if there are important reasons for doing so, including advancing the difficult tasks of pacification and reconstruction.

I am convinced, however, that if conditions in Iraq do not significantly improve within the next year, the U.S. government should implement an accelerated troop withdrawal.

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One must criticize the manner in which the United States went about invading Iraq. This war began due to the executive branch's faulty intelligence and its unwillingness — despite the eloquent pleas of the then-Foreign Minister of France, Dominique de Villepin — to give United Nations and International Atomic Energy Agency weapons inspectors more time to fulfill their mandates.

Still, two fundamental realities cannot be overlooked or denied. The first is that the United States attracts disproportionate global criticism because, since 1945, it has assumed

chief responsibility for being the world's policeman. The second is that — while the United States has committed, supported or tolerated egregious human rights abuses in the past — it is nevertheless a beacon and protector of liberty.

A great deal of anti-Americanism is hysterical and ridiculous, although it emanates from respected intellectuals in countries that we consider allies. Adolfo Perez Esquivel — the 1980 Nobel Peace Prize laureate who spent 14 months in prison at the hands of a U.S.-sponsored Argentine military junta — publicly wrote President Bush in April 2003:

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Tulane thankful for teammates this holiday

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
SPORTS WRITER

Tulane women's basketball coach Lisa Stockton has spent Thanksgiving in Alaska, New Orleans and Puerto Rico. This year she will spend the holiday at the Lubbock Country Club with her team.

"It's not Thanksgiving for me unless I'm with my team," said Stockton, who always has spent time away from home on Thanksgiving because of the traveling coaching requires. "As a basketball coach, you're never home."

The Tulane team is staying at the Wall/Gates residence halls while their home college is rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina tore through it. The team will stay on the Texas Tech campus along with the Tulane baseball squad until the last final exams of the fall semester, then will return home to New Orleans.

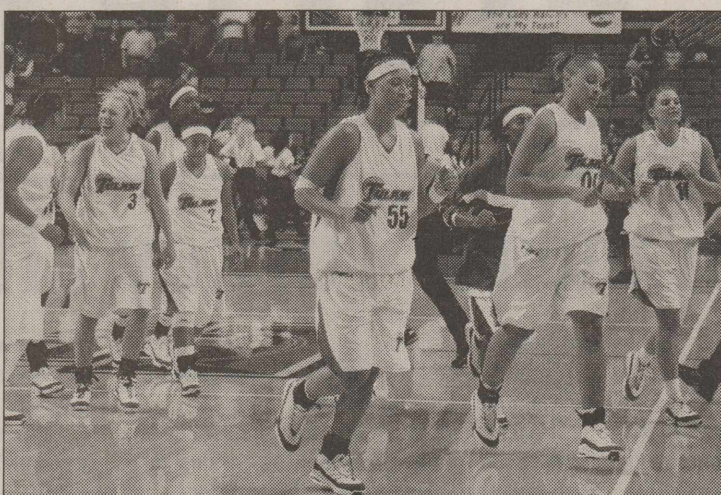
The team will spend this year's turkey day at the country club before flying out Friday to El Paso for their first conference game against Texas-El Paso.

Stockton said the thing she remembers most from her childhood Thanksgiving is the cooking. "We had a lot of food," she said. "We had country food."

Alendra Brown, a Tulane basketball player, said traveling with the team is sometimes hard, even though she said she expected it.

"It's hard for the simple fact that we're already away from our families for so long," Brown said. "It's shocking but we have to deal with it."

For the holidays, Brown said her mother cooks a big meal, which she said was open for anyone and everyone. She said there is no telling the amount of people that would show up for the



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TULANE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL team heads off the court during their 80-74 win over the Houston Jaguars Nov. 8 at the United Spirit Arena.

dinner.

"Neighbors, friends and relatives are all welcomed," she said.

Jami Montagnino, another member of the Green Wave, like many students, splits Thanksgiving Day between two sides of the family. She said on one side, she would eat the traditional meal including turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce, but, that the other dinner is a little more original.

"On the Montagnino side, we have a more Italian Thanksgiving," Montagnino said.

She said although her other grandmother cooks a great meal, she enjoys the Italian dinner more because it is something a little different. The meal includes sausage, lasagna and Cajun fried turkey. She said the meal is not the only thing she would miss on Thanksgiving this year.

"Thanksgiving is the only time of the year I get to see my family," Montagnino said. "I guess I'll have to wait until Christmas."

Nikki Luckhurst, a sophomore on

the basketball team, spent last Thanksgiving with the team traveling for a road game, and is not surprised that this year will be the same.

"It's not the traditional Thanksgiving," she said. "Pretty much your team becomes your family."

Relocating to Lubbock made the team leave behind more than their possessions and families — they left behind the friends they typically depend on, Luckhurst said.

"Usually we have our friends, but this year we have only our team," she said. "I expected to be on the road with the team, but this year I wish I was home with my family."

Freshman Ashley Langford will spend her first Thanksgiving away from her family this year.

"I'm really going to miss the food," she said. "We kind of have a family here so hopefully we'll be able to get some good food."

She said the dish she will miss this year will be the homemade macaroni and cheese.

Rangers out-Soxed in pursuit of Beckett

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Rangers' pursuit of Florida ace Josh Beckett ended Monday, despite the team's apparent willingness to trade All-Star third baseman Hank Blalock and a top pitching prospect.

New Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said he received a call Monday afternoon from Marlins GM Larry Beinfest, who told him "the Marlins are going to go in another direction with their trade."

Officials of two other major league teams, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Boston Red Sox were deep in discussions to acquire Beckett and third baseman Mike Lowell from the Marlins for top shortstop prospect Hanley Ramirez and one or two other prospects.

Another person familiar with the talks said Boston might include pitching prospects Anibal Sanchez and Jesus Delgado.

"The longer this went on, and the more time between when we indicated we'd meet what was ultimately their

asking price, it was clear that other teams were involved," Daniels said.

While Daniels wouldn't be specific about what the Rangers offered, he didn't dispute several reports that he was prepared to give up Blalock along with John Danks or Thomas Diamond, both pitchers who were recent No. 1 picks.

"This was a chance to address a need," said Daniels, the 28-year-old who last month became the youngest GM in baseball history when he replaced John Hart. "If there are bold moves available that give us an opportunity to take big steps, we'll take them. I'm not sure what this signals other than the fact that we're looking to get better."

The Rangers are desperate to find a No. 1 starter this offseason.

All-Star pitcher Kenny Rogers is eligible for free agency and the Rangers have already said they don't plan to offer the 41-year-old left-hander a new contract. The only returning pitcher who made more than 10 starts last season is Chris Young, who was 12-7 with a 4.26 ERA in 31 starts as a rookie.

Daniels said he had spoken to Blalock, and made it clear that the two-time All-Star who has averaged 32 home runs and 97 RBIs over the last three seasons isn't on the trading block.

Blalock, who turned 25 on Monday, hit .263 with 25 homers and 92 RBIs last season and led AL third basemen in fielding. He was a third-round pick by the Rangers in 1999, and last year signed a contract through 2008, with a club option for 2009.

"This is a deal that would have hurt, would have left a scar," Daniels said. "We were willing to take a risk. Now, we move on."

Beckett was MVP of the 2003 World Series win over the New York Yankees and went 15-8 with a 3.38 ERA last season, when he had problems with his shoulder and recurring blisters on his right middle finger.

Lowell hit .236 with eight homers and 58 RBIs while winning the NL Gold Glove at third base last season. He averaged 24 homers and 94 RBIs per season in the five years before that.

Lady Raiders stumble in Houston against unranked Rice

HOUSTON (AP) — Lauren Neaves had 27 points and 18 rebounds, leading Rice to a 73-70 win over No. 14 Texas Tech on Monday night.

Rice (1-1) trailed through the first half and the first 10 minutes of the second before rallying to tie the score at 43-41.

The Lady Owls went on an 18-7 run over the next 6 minutes. Neaves scored eight points in the burst. Kadie Riverin, who finished with 13 points, made a layup with

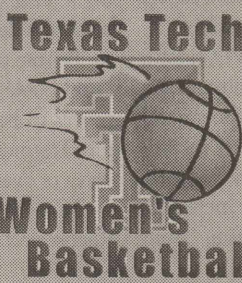
3:33 remaining to give Rice its biggest lead at 61-50.

Krystal Frazier shot 5-for-6 from the line in the final minute and Neaves hit two free throws with 18 seconds left to help preserve the victory.

LaToya Davis scored 26 points, Judith Smith added 14 and Alesha Robertson 13 for Tech (1-2).

Rice stayed with Tech

through most of the first half, tying the score at 11 and trailing 19-17 with 8 minutes to play in the half.



Neaves had 10 in the first half as Rice shot only 32.8 percent.

Tech is playing without second-team All-Big 12 guard Chesley Dabbs, who is out for the season after having surgery on her left knee Nov. 10.

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Bublé: Something like Sinatra

Standards are not dead — actual vocal talent still exists. Vancouver native Michael Bublé releases a CD/DVD combination "Caught in the Act" today. The eight-track CD includes live versions of timeless standards and Bublé's chart-topping single, "Home."

Bublé opens with "Feeling Good." His voice is clean and pure. Listeners are bound to have goose bumps. "Summer Wind" and a jazzy version of The Beatles' hit "Can't Buy Me Love" are sure to please the ears.

"Jazz and standards are the greatest gift America ever gave to the arts, it sends messages of hope," Bublé tells the live audience before singing Charlie Chaplin's "Smile."

Laura Pausini joins Bublé on the tune "You'll Never Find Another Love." Unfortunately, Pausini brings down Bublé's sound. Bublé delivers powerful vocals in every song and Pausini's airy, barely-there voice is hard to listen to. On the DVD, however, the two expel a chemistry that is hard to match.

The accompanying DVD catches Bublé "in the act" performing in Los Angeles for PBS' "Great Performances." It features 18 songs, which include Bublé's duet and another, with trumpeter player Chris Botti. The incredibly talented Botti shines during "Song For You."

Bublé, a charismatic performer, croons to the audience in a style reminiscent of Frank Sinatra, Dean

Lauren Henckel

Martin and Mel Torme. Bublé does have something other standards performers did and do not have: a youthful edge and the ability to entertain audiences of various age groups. He jumps about the stage like a rock star on upbeat tunes and then makes eye contact with drooling women during love songs.

The DVD features extra song performances that previously were edited out of the PBS special and a candid behind-the-scenes look at the show. Bublé introduces the cameras to the sound-check process, his producers, recording and rehearsals.

Only 30 years old and inspired to sing his favorite genre by his grandfather, Michael Bublé seems to be having a great time sharing his nostalgic musical style.

Be sure to check out this CD. Michael Bublé has an amazing voice and proves to be extremely energetic and fun. I recommend Bublé for any dinner party, or over tiramisu and coffee.

"Caught In The Act" is released on Reprise and retails for about \$30.

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More than meat: Turkey alternatives

By ANNE GEPFORD
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Stereotypically, Thanksgiving Day calls for an abundance of food, family, football, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, plans for shopping the next day and, of course, turkey.

While the majority of Americans will sit down at the table with their family Thursday to dig into turkey, not everyone will help consume the 675 million pounds of meat eaten every year at Thanksgiving.

After finding out his friend was a vegetarian, Kyle Cyree, a junior creative writing major from Dalton, Ga., said he researched the topic and later became a vegetarian himself.

"I didn't really understand it," he said. Cyree gave the lifestyle a try, and now, he said the smell of meat makes him sick.

Thursday, Cyree will be dining on non-meat

products.

"I think I'm going to have mushroom pasta with nice non-meat dressing," he said.

In an attempt to un-commercialize the holiday, Cyree said he plans to focus more on spending time with family and friends eating autumnal foods.

"I don't think that holidays should be some celebration of capitalism," he said. "If I'm able to, I try to shop at a local market."

Cyree said the reactions to his vegetarian lifestyle were not always positive at the beginning, although eventually, people begin to ask questions.

"Most people think that you're either a sissy or you're trying to be different," he said. "I think they're too caught up in their habits. It's just difficult to get people to reject meat."

While Ashley Johnson herself may not be a vegetarian like Cyree, she said her Thanksgivings have changed since her childhood.

Johnson, a freshman pre-veterinary student from Lubbock, said her mom became a vegan about four years ago.

Since then, Johnson's diet has not changed, but her family's Thanksgiving holiday has.

"We have to cook two different meals," she said.

This year, Johnson said her mom is making Turkey, or tofu in the shape of a turkey.

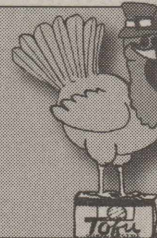
"To me, it would be disgusting," she said. "To her, it wouldn't."

Johnson said she still plans to eat turkey this Thanksgiving, although the option remains open for other foods.

For those on diets, Thursday can pose a tempting situation. Turkey itself is low in fat and high in protein, but white meat is lower in fat and has fewer calories than dark meat, according to Turkey Facts from the University of Illinois Extension Web site.

TURKEY FUN FACTS:

- Turkeys' heads change colors when they become excited.
- A 15 pound turkey usually has about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.
- Gobbling turkeys can be heard a mile away on a quiet day.
- Turkeys lived almost 10 million years ago.
- Forty-five million turkeys are eaten each Thanksgiving.
- The heaviest turkey ever raised was 86 pounds, about the size of a large dog.
- Ben Franklin, in a letter to his daughter, proposed the turkey as the official United States bird.

**Harry, Ron and Hermione grow up in 'Goblet'**

It finally happened. A film in the Harry Potter series has made the transition from a child's fantasy to something closer to a psychological film noir masterpiece.

Author J.K. Rowling has said she wanted to make each saga of her Harry Potter series increasingly darker than the first, hence the first PG-13 rating for a Harry Potter film.

This is not the same type of film that has been put on screen by directors Chris Columbus ("Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" and "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets") and Alfonso Cuarón ("Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban").

Director Mike Newell ("Donnie Brasco") keeps the magical elements of the story, but adds in a raw and grungy feeling that creates a gritty atmosphere for the plot to unfold.

"Harry Potter" earns its PG-13 rating throughout the film with blood-drenched teenagers, fights that look like something out of "Fight Club" and harsher language from the young actors. The film is book-ended with moments of horror.

Jeremy Reynolds

★★★★ - Excellent

Movies are rated on a 5-star scale.

Newell does a great job with his cinematography, taking away the big blockbuster feel of the picture and replaced with an independent film making style.

In the newest adventure from the Potter series, the three main characters — Ron (Rupert Grint), Hermione (Emma Watson) and Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) — start the film off at a huge sporting event where terror strikes, setting the stage for their return to their school: Hogwarts.

Once at the school, they learn that they are entering into a new year with new students. The school is going to host a tournament that pits one student from Hogwarts against one student from

each of the two visiting schools in a game where a loser loses more than his or her reputation.

Each of the challenges the students face is more creative than the last, adding pure suspense to the film. All lead up to a hike through a maze where the most dangerous thing lurking is the other competitors.

The film follows the book, and at times, it follows it word for word. Steven Kloves, who wrote all the other scripts for the Harry Potter films, knows how to blend the literature with new scenes and different interpretations of existing ones.

Radcliffe once again adds more depth to the title character. It is good that both Harry and Radcliffe are transitioning through adolescence, because it gives more truth to his performance and creates comedic moments.

Two weaker aspects of the film are the score, by Patrick Doyle, and the special effects. Aside from a couple of good moments with the drums, the score does not add anything to the film as it did in the previous ones by John Williams.

This was a major draw back that could have elevated the movie in a lot of the slower moments.

Another aspect lacking in the picture is the use of special effects. There are tons of computer-animated moments, but Newell does not do a good job with making these moments visually stunning.

The end of the film sets the stage set for a major battle, which will grow even more intense in the next picture, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix."

One of the strongest moments of the film is when the characters have to deal with death for the first time. This is not a death of the bad guy, but a friend. The series is growing up, which should continue as the saga progresses.

"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" is an adult movie with adult themes. This is not "Wizard of Oz." This is a bloody film at times and a psychological adventure at others. This is easily the best film in the series.

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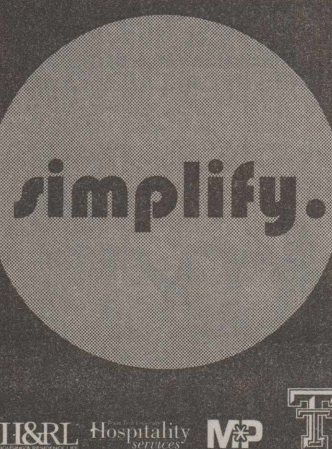
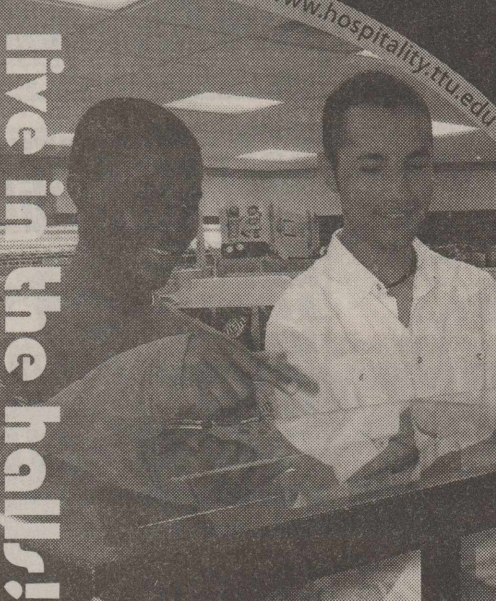
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