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#### STATE

#### British bankers plead guilty to Enron fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — Three British bankers who were set to go to trial for their roles in a fraudulent scheme with former Enron Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow changed their pleas to guilty Wednesday.

David Bermingham, Giles Darby and Gary Mulgrew had originally pleaded innocent to seven counts of wire fraud for allegedly colluding with Fastow in a secret financial scam in 2000 to enrich themselves at their employers' expense. They were set to go on trial in January.

#### NATION

#### Ford agrees to settle Explorer rollover case

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Ford Motor Co. on Wednesday agreed to settle class-action lawsuits covering plaintiffs in four states who claimed its Explorer sport utility vehicles were prone to rollovers, the company and an attorney for the plaintiffs said.

The settlement applies to about 1 million people in California, Connecticut, Illinois and Texas, said Kevin P. Roddy, a New Jersey attorney and co-counsel for the SUV owners who brought the lawsuit.

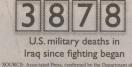
### WORLD

#### 3 arrested for trying to sell radioactive material

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (AP) - Three people have been arrested for trying to sell more than two pounds of an unspecified radioactive material, which officials then seized, police said Wednesday.

Specialists were examining the radioactive material, which the three were trying to sell for \$1 million, said police spokesman Martin Korch.

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# 6,000 Sunnis join security pact

By LAUREN FRAYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAWIJA, Iraq (AP.) — Nearly 6,000 Sunni Arab residents joined a security pact with American forces Wednesday in what U.S. officers described as a critical step in plugging the the U.S.-led battles were given key help from by a female suicide bomber — wounded forces already in the area. remaining escape routes for extremists flushed tribal militias — mainly Sunnis — that had seven U.S. troops and five Iraqis, the statefrom former strongholds.

The new alliance — called the single largest single volunteer mobilization since the war northern areas once loyal to Saddam Hussebegan — covers the "last gateway" for groups in's Baath party as the U.S.-led gains have

northern Iraq, U.S. military officials said.

U.S. commanders have tried to build western Anbar province and later into Baghturned again al-Qaida and other groups.

Extremists have sought new footholds in

ability to strike near the capital remains.

A woman wearing an explosive-rigged north-central Iraq. a ring around insurgents who fled military belt blew herself up near an American patrol offensives launched earlier this year in the near Baqouba, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, the military announced Wednes-

The ceremony to pledge the 6,000 new fighters was presided over by dozen sheiks each draped in black robes trimmed with such as al-Qaida in Iraq seeking new havens in mounted across central regions. But their gold braiding — who signed the contract on

behalf of tribesmen at a small U.S. outpost in

For about \$275 a month — nearly the salary for the typical Iraqi policeman — the tribesmen will man about 200 security checkpoints begindad and surrounding areas. In many places, day. The blast on Tuesday — a rare attack ning Dec. 7, supplementing hundreds of Iraqi

> About 77,000 Iraqis nationwide, mostly Sunnis, have broken with the insurgents and joined U.S.-backed self-defense groups.

Those groups have played a major role in

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# Giving back

Local charities team up with student organizations to provide to the underprivileged



MICHELLE RAY, A senior marketing major from Aledo, and Maegen Cockrell, a senior marketing and management major from Lampasas, sit in the entry way of the Business Administration building to collect toys for the Tech Marketing Association's Toy Drive Tuesday afternoon.

By LONDON CLARK STAFF WRITER

In the spirit of the holiday season, many Texas Tech Lstudent organizations are pairing up with local charity organizations to help provide assistance to local disadvantaged

During the holiday season, many Hub City organizations are sponsoring Christmas assistance programs for local families in need. The Double T Health Service Corps is hosting a Teddy bear drive for the Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains. Every year, The Center for Campus Life and the Salvation Army team up to provide the Angel Tree Program for underprivileged children whose parents can't afford to purchase gifts. In addition, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Inc. and Court Appointed Special Advocates of the South

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# State alcohol law details allude students

By MATT MCGOWAN STAFF WRITER

Before ordering another beer or grabbing their keys, some Texas Tech students may want to stop and consider the legality of what they do while they drink and what they'll do

Matthew Pilkington, a junior advertising major from Houston, said he ran into some alcohol-related trouble earlier this year.

He said he and some of his friends were drinking vodka at a friend's apartment. When they left the apartment, legally sober, and got into Pilkington's car, he put the liquor bottles in a backpack, closed the bag, and put it in the backseat of the car.

the bag's contents.

Trouble followed.

said Lubbock police vehemently have been he or she does refuse the field test. Refusing cracking down on students for drinking ir- to give a breath sample upon subsequent responsibly.

know when they are breaking the law, but driver's license. sometimes they may misunderstand the associated with drinking.

There are absolutely no consequences for Stephen Hamilton, a local attorney refusing a field sobriety test, he said. Police, who specializes in alcohol-related offenses, however, have the right to arrest a person if More often than not, he said, students an automatic 180-day suspension of their was in it."

legality of certain situations and behaviors and a DUI is a matter of age, Hamilton said. A DUI is given to those who are under the

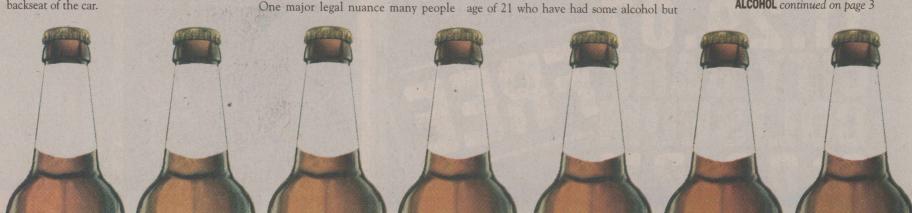
After leaving, police pulled him over often fail to realize, Hamilton said, is that have not exceeded the law's 0.08 percent bloodfor a broken taillight and asked him what they legally are not required to participate alcohol limit. A DWI refers to the charge given was in the bag, Pilkington said. Wanting to in a field sobriety test if an officer pulls them to anybody who drives a car with an excess of cooperate, Pilkington told the officer about over and suspects they are driving under the the 0.08 blood-alcohol percentage, regardless

> After passing a field sobriety test, Pilkington said, because he was a minor, the officer charged Pilkington with driving under the influence, even though he was sober enough to drive legally.

"I was surprised because the bag was closed, arrival at the police station, will result in you know," Pilkington said, "but he knew what

The DUI charged was dropped several weeks In Texas, the difference between a DWI later, he said, and changed to a charge of minor in possession, which he was thankful for because

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# Safe Ride to initiate pick-up location near bars

By ADAM YOUNG STAFF WRITER

Instead of relying entirely on students to call for a ride home, Texas Tech's Safe Ride program will initiate a pick-up point near bars on the 2400 block of Broadway Avenue next Spring.

Taylor Hutcherson, Tech Student Government Association external vice president, said SGA resolution 43.29 will expand Safe Ride, a collaborative program between the university and Yellow Cab to provide free rides for students who are intoxicated or uncomfortable with their ability to drive home, as part of a one-year pilot program.

"I definitely saw a need for this because student government pays Yellow Cab the fare price anytime they take someone home, but it's not consistent all evening for Yellow Cab," he said.

The program will run weekly Thursday through Saturday from 9:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., when the university is in session and would utilize city parking spaces designated as Safe Ride cab parking, with the first proposed location on the 2400 block of Broadway near the street's intersection with Avenue X, Hutcherson said.

Steve Sexton, owner of Yellow Cab, said, because his company usually has 13 to 15 drivers on duty during the hours Safe Ride operates, trying to meet the fluctuating demands of students can be hectic.

a cab at the same time, and it's busy," he said, "and after a football game, you're just kind of treading water trying to keep your head above it because the demand is so intense at concentration of students. certain points — we're doing the best we can to find people."

five cabs dedicated to picking up students from a central location could make the process of transporting but is very spread out," he said. students safely home more efficient.

"At this point, it's an experiment," he said, "but we hope that students would be able to just walk service for students. outside and catch a cab rather than calling and us trying to find that."



PHOTO BY KELLY MATHERLY/The Daily Toreador BROADWAY AND AVENUE X could possibly host a Safe Ride stop for people coming from the Broadway bars.

creates a higher and more consistent

consistent traffic, where as the Depot when they're out partying.' District probably pulls more people

Yellow Cab, said because the university reimburses the company up to

Sexton said his company has been the cab. the sole transportation provider for

Though Hutcherson said he ad- the Safe Ride program since 1998, "The problem is everyone wants mits the Depot District could have and though the company has a fleet more students, he said the seven bars of about 20 vehicles, only between located within approximately 500 five and 15 are on the streets duryards of the planned pick-up point ing the school semester when the program is offered.

"We want to do all we can to "We thought, it being a pilot pro- ensure people are not going to be gram, this is probably the best place drinking and driving," he said. "Our Sexton said he believes having to start because it has such a high, goal is to help people be responsible

Jere Hart, city traffic engineer for Lubbock, was not available for com-Rhonda Glass, office manager at ment concerning details of the city's involvement with the program.

To use Safe Ride, a student can because of the number of bars that \$17.50 per ride based on its normal call (806) 742-RIDE (7433), tell are in that proximity, that those meter rate, Safe Ride is usually a free the operator his or her location and show a student ID upon entering



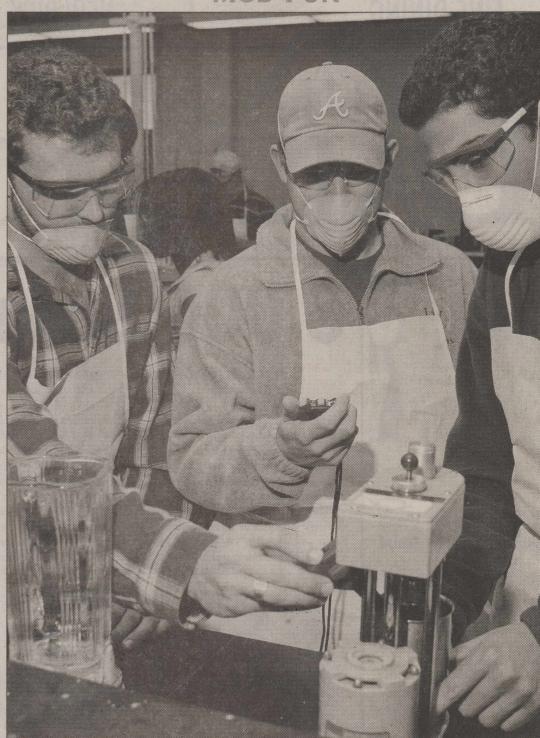


PHOTO BY CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreadon

Senior petroleum engineering majors Jason Arnold, from Corpus Christi, Daniel Baker, from Coppell, and Kareem Ahmed, from Houston, measure the consistency of mud and other sediments during their mud lab, Tuesday in the Petroleum Engineering building.

Pact

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the lull in violence: 648 Iraqi civilians have been killed or found dead in November to date, according to figures compiled by The Associated Press. This compares with 2,155 in May as the so-called "surge" of nearly 30,000 additional American troops gained momentum.

34 deaths, compared with 38 in

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Village mayors and others who signed Wednesday's agreement say about 200 militants have sought refuge in the area, about 30 miles southwest of Kirkuk on the edge of northern Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdish region. Hawija is a predominantly Sunni Press this week. Arab cluster of villages which has long been an insurgent flashpoint.

ayor of Zaab village.

"They killed 476 of my citizens, October. In June, 101 U.S. soldiers and I will not let them continue their resettling some of those Arabs to killing," Issa said.

> obstacle to militants, rather than a ouster. pathway for them," said Maj. Sean this critical area."

By defeating militants in Hawija, them away from Kirkuk, an ethni-

cally diverse city that is also the hub SHOWPLACE 6
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of Iraq's northern oil fields.

"They want to go north into Kirkuk and wreak havoc there, and that's exactly what we're trying to avoid," Army Maj. Gen. Mark P. Hertling, the top U.S. commander in northern Iraq, told The Associated

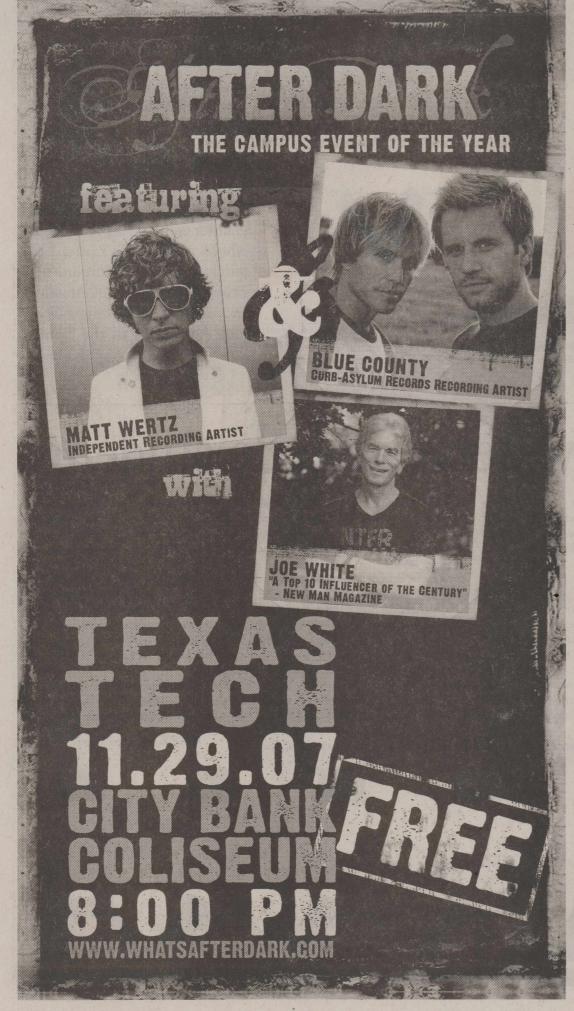
Kurds often consider Kurkik part of their ancestral homeland and often The recently arrived militants refer to the city as the "Kurdish Jeruhave waged a campaign of killing salem." Saddam, however, relocated U.S. troop deaths in Iraq have and intimidation to try to establish a tens of thousands of pro-regime Arabs also dropped sharply. So far this new base, said Sheikh Khalaf Ali Issa, to the city in the 1980s and 1990s under his "Arabization" policy.

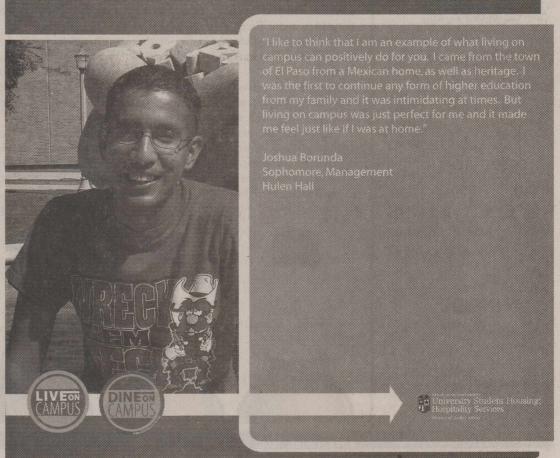
The Iraqi government has begun their home regions, making room for With the help of the new Sunni thousands of Kurds who have graduallies, "the Hawija area will be an ally returned to Kirkuk since Saddam's

Tension has been rising over Wilson, with the Army's 1st Brigade, the city's status — whether it will 10th Mountain Division. "They're join the semi-autonomous Kurdish another set of eyes that we needed in région or continue being governed by Baghdad.

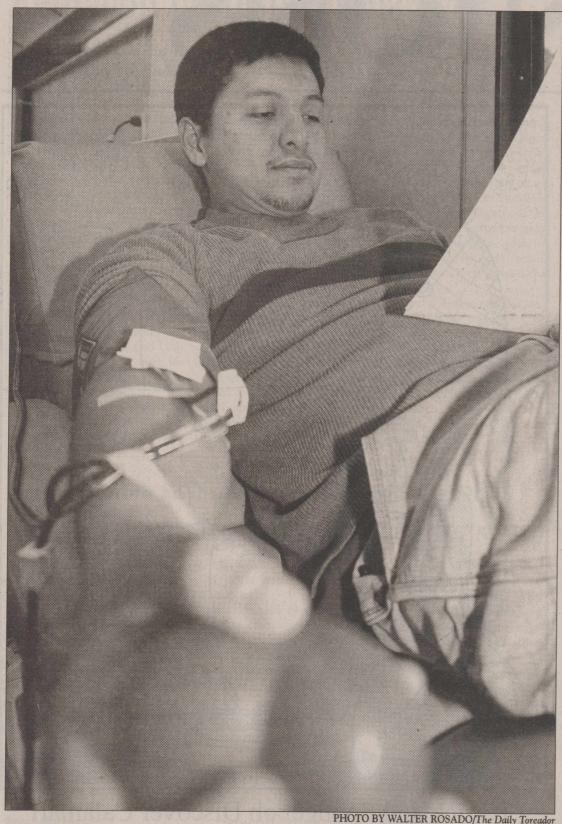
"Hawija is the gateway through U.S. and Iraqi leaders hope to keep which all our communities - Kurdish, Turkomen and Arab alike — can become unsafe," said Abu Saif al-Jabouri, mayor of al-Multaga village north of Kirkuk. "Do I love my neighbor in Hawija? That question no longer matters. I must work to help him, because his safety helps me."

In Baghdad, crowds waited until nightfall for the arrival a bus convoy carrying more than 800 Iraqi refugees home from Syria. The buses — funded by the Iraqi government — left Damascus on Tuesday and were expected in the Iraqi capital on Wednesday. Government officials gave no details on the delay.





# GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE



TOMAS RESENDIZ, A junior agricultural economics major from Petersburg, makes a blood donation at the United Blood Services collection mobile unit Monday in front of the free speech area.

# Alcohol

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of the less-severe nature of the possession MIP," he said.

lated caseloads.

The cop was surprised because he thought I would be drunk, but I really through Saturday. wasn't." Pilkington said. "I passed the sobriety test. He called me a couple of weeks public consumption of alcohol is restricted later and told me they were going to drop until noon. (the DUI charge).'

put the alcohol in the trunk and perhaps most students do not know the exact ask somebody else to drive.

break," Pilkington said. "I was cooperato alcohol. tive, because I had been drinking earlier. way to go."

charge a person with minor in consumption or minor in possession unless they ally witnessing a minor with care, custody around them. Some warning signs of such and control of an alcoholic drink.

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"Obviously, if the person is under stand and/or belligerence. (the age of) 21 and has a beer in his or her hand, or is right around the keg, that more public-intoxication arrests this year type of thing, then they're going to be than in the past. During September, 2007.

Lt. Greg Stevens of the Lubbock that of chapter 105.06 of the Texas Alco- 29 arrests made during the same month Police Department said Pilkington's case holic Beverage Code, Stevens said, which in 2006. is not unique. Prosecutors frequently lessen restricts the consumption, or intent to charges to ease the burden of alcohol-re- consume, alcoholic beverages in a public records from all campuses, alcohol-related — between 2:15 a.m. and 7 a.m., Monday

On Sunday, according to the law,

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief Next time, he said, he will be sure to of Tech's police department, said although wording of alcohol laws, they generally "I was happy because that was a lucky are aware of what is illegal when it comes

There are exceptions to the ban of I figured cooperative would be the best open alcohol containers in vehicles, he said. It is not illegal to have open alco-Ideally, Hamilton said, police cannot holic beverages in the trunk or locked

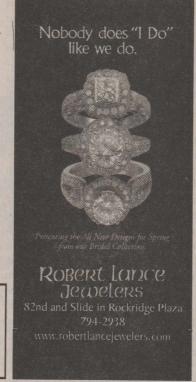
Police will charge a student with pubknow for certain a person has been drink- lic intoxication if the student's behavior ing, a certainty they must get from person- poses a risk to themselves or to those danger are stumbling, slurring, inability to

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Hoffman said Tech police have made for instance, officers made 55 arrests, A law very few people are aware of is which is a 189 percent increase from the

According to Tech Police Department place — which includes one's front porch arrests have declined since 2004. During 2004, university police made 243 arrests related to alcohol. The same numbers for





## **ODDBALL DAILY**

# Lottery winner on probation for bank robbery

BOSTON (AP) — The winner of a \$1 million lottery scratch ticket may not be so lucky after all: He's a convicted bank robber who isn't supposed to gamble.

Timothy Elliott faces a Dec. 7 court hearing over whether he violated his probation when he bought the \$10 ticket for the \$800 Million Spectacular game at a supermarket in Hyannis.

Elliott was placed on five years' probation after pleading guilty in October 2006 to unarmed robbery for a January 2006 heist at a bank on Cape Cod. Under terms of his probation, he "may not gamble, purchase lottery tickets or visit an establishment where gaming is conducted, including restaurants where Keno may be played."

Elliott, 55, has collected the first of 20 annual \$50,000 checks from the Massachusetts lottery commission. A picture of Elliott, holding his first check, was posted on the lottery's Web site Monday, though it was removed by Wednesday.

As part of his sentence, Elliott was put under the care of the state Mental Health Department and sent to a hospital for treatment, and state officials refused Wednesday to say whether he was still being treated.

A telephone number for Elliott could not immediately be located Wednesday, and it was not clear whether

The lottery routinely cross references the names of winners with the state Revenue Department to see if they owe back taxes or child support, lottery spokesman Dan Rosenfeld said. In those cases, winnings go straight to the Revenue Department.

But in this case, it will be up to the court to determine what will happen with Elliott's winnings. "This is kind of new territory," he said

# Man tries to open bank account with fake money

AIKEN, S.C. (AP) — A bank teller had a million reasons to deny this transaction.

Police say a man tried to open an account with a \$1 million bill, which does not exist. The teller refused and called police while the man started to curse at bank workers, said Aiken County Sheriff's spokesman Lt. Michael Frank.

Alexander D. Smith, 31, of Augusta, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct and two counts of forgery, Frank said.

The second forgery charge came after investigators learned Smith bought several cartons of cigarettes from a nearby grocery store with a stolen check, Frank said.

Smith has a bail hearing scheduled Wednesday, but Deputy Angela Shunn of the Aiken County Detention Center did not know if he had an attorney. An off-hours call to the public defender's office went unanswered.

# Crew picking up litter finds 60 pounds of marijuana

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Florida Highway Patrol says anyone missing two big bags of pot can call their

A crew picking up litter along Interstate 4 Tuesday morning made an unusual find: two big plastic garbage bags stuffed with freshly harvested marijuana.

FHP Trooper Larry Coggins said the 60 pounds of pot might be worth around \$54,000 on the street. It probably fell off or was thrown from a car on the interstate, he said. Coggins said it's not the largest amount of pot ever dumped along a roadside, but it's certainly not a common

# Judge fired for jailing courtroom over ringing phone

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — A judge who jailed 46 people who were in his courtroom when a cell phone call interrupted proceedings was removed from the bench Tuesday by a state commission.

Niagara Falls City Court Judge Robert Restaino "snapped" and "engaged in what can only be described as two hours of inexplicable madness" during the March 2005 session, Raoul Felder, chairman of the state Commission on Judicial Conduct, wrote in the decision to remove Restaino from the \$113,900-per-year post.

2005 are lower with 181. In 2006, police who drink, Stevens said, and in fact, often percentage of what police do on a day-

reported 197 such arrests. "That's what is getting scary," Hoffman simply because they are drinking. said. "It seems like we're having more the cause of it is, exactly."

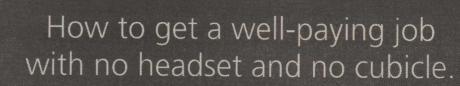
on a mission to crack down on students students who are drinking is a very small

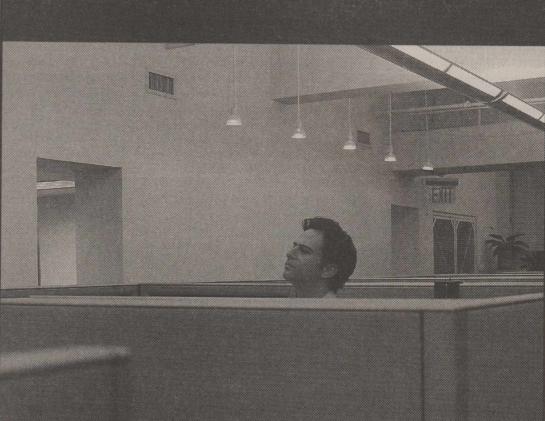
do not bother students who are drinking to-day basis.

alcohol poisoning....I just don't know what made because of alcohol violations, he that have been drinking," Stevens said. said, often are the result of police getting Despite misconceptions, police are not involved for other reasons. Dealing with

"In reality, most officers would rather The majority of citations and arrests do anything but deal with students "They'd rather be chasing crack heads down dark allies."

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# PINIONS

# **Black Friday continues** to keep getting darker

s an optimist, I am forced to believe that under normal circumstances and all things being equal, people are, in general, basically decent enough most of the

Yet every now and again, in the human persona, I see characteristics that personify some of the most conformist and primitive qualities we possess. It anarchy and barbarism on a massive scale at a time of year when we should and it is the bargain shopper.

dubbed "Black Friday," the holiday the previous night. shopping season officially began when temperatures and long lines (or sat in their underwear and shopped online)

rolled out the biggest sales of the year their heads. hoping to lure shoppers out of their nice warms beds in the wee hours of around 5 a.m., with some going as early the morning to spend money on items as 4 a.m., and a few even going so far they would never consider buying as to have really late sales on Thanksotherwise.

instead of taking shoppers' credit cards and giving them a discount on laptops, - namely, dignity.

what they're looking for, retailers have two groups. turned a generation of Americans from fine, upstanding citizens into a pack of wild-deal mongers, willing to suffer unnecessarily for unnecessary crap.



The evolution of the bargain shopper is, itself, an interesting field of study is this personification that leads to and because it occurred so quickly few have taken the time to analyze it. Ten years ago, some of you may recall, Last week, on what the media has make you forget you had gone to bed ogy industry.

147 million people braved freezing that given the proper incentives little money. While many claim to be (mostly discounts only available in Christmas shopping, it is a rarity to the morning) people would be willing find anyone not shopping for themfor a chance to save on possible gifts. to get up earlier and earlier if the idea selves. It is as though in the euphoria Across the country, major retailers they were saving more was planted in of saving money, people quickly forget

> This year, most stores began sales only giving to yourself. giving. By making the sale start time split between bargain shoppers.

What once was a coalescent group retailers took something else entirely of like-minded individuals seeking shove and claw their way to big saydeals was divided when a lack of sleep ings, it is easy to forget that 364 days a By forcing bargain shoppers to combined with a greater ability to be year, most of these people are honest, wait in line for hours in the cold, with socially connected caused key person-hardworking folks who just don't want little or no guarantee that they'd find ality differences to arise, separating the to pay full price for holiday gifts.

before it begins only to purchase a few civility for the gifts we give. of the smaller items seen in the previ-I, myself, was enticed by the offer ous day's ads. These people can usually a penny earned, and you have to of a free cell phone. Though, to be be found towards the back of the line, spend money to make money, then honest, I didn't even really want one. muttering about how crazy the holiday by now we must have earned/made However, my old phone's battery had shopping season has become. Like a fortune. died, and because the phone was dis- locusts they swarm from sale to sale continued five years ago, I was forced purchasing lesser sought after items, Hanson is a senior political consoles and iPods).

The second group more closely resembles a stake-out model. These shoppers arrived at the store on Tuesday and camped out for 3 days to be the first in line to buy things they don't even know will be on sale (the ads don't come out until Thanksgiving).

These people generally are well connected, having family or friends who don't mind seeing a loved one take off work for three days to save 200 dollars on floor speakers, and who will be willing to take shifts and supply be embracing the very best within our most stores began their "Day after them with food, water and bathroom selves. I have seen this personification, Thanksgiving Sales" at around 7 a.m. breaks. If they have a job to go back It was early, but not early enough to to, they are generally in the technol-

Both groups have things in com-However, stores quickly realized mon aside from a lust for saving a that it isn't really "giving" if you're

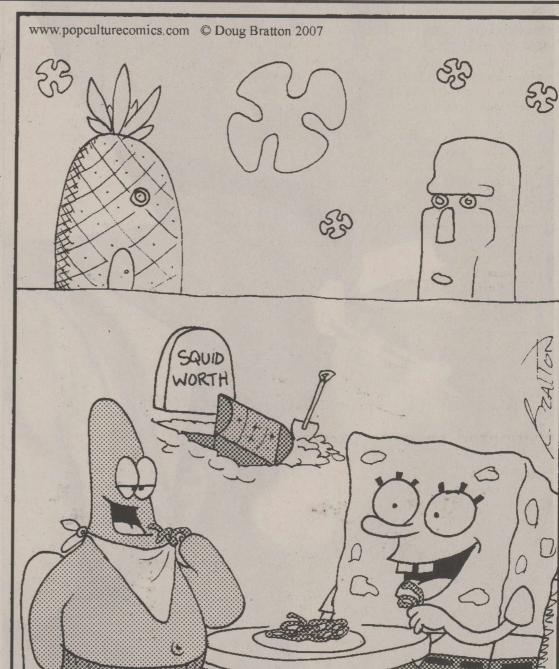
It is difficult, while seeing them in action, to remember these bargain shoppers are not animals, but human beings who have unwittingly traded And lure them they did. Only earlier, retailers created a fundamental their sense of decency for a markdown on suede jackets.

Watching them as they push,

But, by putting some sincere In one group is the casual shopper thought into the gifts we give others, who arrives at a sale two hours or less we will no longer need to sell our

After all, if a penny saved is

to either upgrade or pay for a line I and items that appeared in the ads science major from Plano. Edon't use (it's like extortion but with but aren't actually on sale (i.e. game mail him at jonathan.hanson@



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# 'Move, and you're dead'

By DANIEL EARNEST DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

and Joe Horn, a Texas resident being robbed. I listened in shock as Horn, who had a shotgun in his with the stolen loot. Horn, a 61year-old man from Pasadena, is in the middle of an intense legal battle as people from all over the country debate whether or not he should be apprehended and charged with murder.

Hom initially handled the situation as any other citizen would have — by calling 911. He informed the operator about the robbery taking place next door and told the operator to get the police to the scene of the crime as soon as possible. But when no officers arrived, Horn took justice in his own hands in the form of a semi-automatic shotgun and took the lives of the two men attempting to escape. Before shooting them he threatened that if they moved, they would die.

The sound bite, which is quasicomedic, is much more serious than it would appear at first listen. It calls into question several laws, including whether or not Horn should be tried with murder and, on a more general level, the right to bear arms.

Many people believe that Horn should be prosecuted with murder

because he took the lives of two people forcement, which always seems tardy, other words, because the criminals the new Castle Law that Gov. Rick possession, fired rounds at the two newly adjusted law gives homeowners

> As a redblooded, gunowning Texan, what was he supposed to do?

their homes.

newly adjusted law; he cited it right the Texas Penal Code says a perbefore shots were fired. Horn wasn't son can use deadly force to defend going to let the robbers get away someone else's property if he reasonwith their crime no matter the con- ably believes he has a legal duty to sequences. If nothing else, Horn is a do. Also, because Horn harbored great neighbor. He couldn't stand to no malice or criminal intent, this see a crime being committed against particular case is a perfect example his neighbor, and he took action. of justifiable homicide. But more Anyone who says that they would not importantly, Horn's situation proves want to live next to him is lying.

be apprehended favor the robbers? Try — people will stop breaking into to understand their logic: Horn is suphouses if they know a shotgun awaits

not affecting him or his property. In as he watches two robbers escape with his neighbors' possessions? Come on, (U-WIRE) AUSTIN — Dur- were in his neighbor's yard, Horn had believing that is almost treating the ing the Thanksgiving break, my no right to take action against them. criminals like they were innocent brother played a recording of a If the criminals had hypothetically bystanders who Horn just decided conversation between the police wandered onto Horn's property 20 to use for target practice. These men feet away, he would have been justi- were not pedestrians; rather, they were who was witnessing his neighbor fied in their murder as declared by caught in an illegal activity and they deserved to be punished. Sure, Horn Perry put into action Sept. 1. This could have left well enough alone and let them get away, but he did not want unsuspecting thieves and killed expanded protection from prosecution to give these miscreants a chance to them as they attempted to escape in cases in which they are defending escape. As a red-blooded, gun-owning Texan, what was he supposed to do?

The second the two robbers stepped foot on the other person's property, they should have known that their life was in danger. I am not stupid enough to stand in front of an oncoming car to test whether or not the driver will stop, so why should a robber feel any differently about a potential break-in? The bottom line is this: If you break into someone else's house, you should expect to die, and people like Horn confirm this sentiment by standing

In the end, Horn will likely get Horn seemed to understand the off without much penalty because that citizens can indeed play an So do those who call for Horn to essential role in crime deterrence posed to sit back and wait for law en- them on the other side of the door.

# Teacher gives 'blasphemous' name to toy

By SANTIAGO LOPEZ

THE DAILY COUGAR (U. HOUSTON)

British teacher has been jailed in the all those seeking to remain in the country that needs help. East African nation of Sudan after her country for any significant amount of students voted to-name a teddy bear time, Ms. Gibbons should be given fect change is that those who want used in a class project "Muhammad."

having each child take the toy home on the weekends and keep a journal of what

during that time. Rather than name the bear herself, Gillian Gibbons — a 54-year-old teacher from England who has spent her

he or she did with the bear

adult life in education - had the class select names and then vote on which each student liked best. According to a Reuters news report, one student chose and voted for naming the toy bear Muhammad because it was the boy's own name.

In Sudan, where an overwhelmingly majority of the population is Muslim, several parents took offense upon learning of the bear's name, as did another teacher, and complained to the school's administrators as well as the nation's education ministry. Gibbons was subsequently arrested - though not charged - for blasphemy, which, in Sudan, is punishable of the matter and feel that if Gibbons by up to six months in prison and 40 did not intend to offend the comlashes.

Law enforcement officials in Sudan state an investigation is underway. News reports from the country reveal that the class had eight names to choose from and Gibbons did not offer her own thoughts on Islam or the Gibbons was arrested in her Sudanese prophet Muhammad before choosing home and then sent off to be locked a name for the toy.

While a foreigner in Sudan ought

outsider who comes to the country to to offer humanitarian support. Those educate its young?

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON — A offers a course in its local customs to well should be — and find another the benefit of the doubt and let out of to help must be open to adjustment. The project for the class of 7-year- prison. Should charges still be sought. It seems that Sudan does not want old students was intended to teach against her, then there are ways of in- to move on from antiquated and prompt the students' creativity by suring Gibbons remains in the region barbaric tendencies, even though

> mind. Locking up a country

western re-- showcases Sudan as a narrowminded society which wants to strain foreign relations even more than it has

by adding fuel to the fire of the killings

and displacement of its own people. Even the parents of one of Gibbons' students feels no ill will toward the instructor. In the Reuters article, they feel "annoyed" by the escalation munity, then there is basically "no

problem here." If only the Sudanese officials involved in the case had the same perspective. Rather than gather evidence first and then make their case, up behind bars.

Regardless of the outcome, forto be tolerant of its indigenous people eigners who wish to make a difference and their beliefs, shouldn't the Suda- in Sudan will think twice and perhaps nese be a bit more understanding of an choose a less unruly part of the world

there now may already be making ar-Unless the Sudanese government rangements to return home — as they

The problem with wanting to eflong enough to answer such a show has not made the them—asking country one to be reckoned with her to surren- on the world stage. Rather, Sudan der her pass- has proven to be a country bent on port comes to the ill treatment of those within its borders.

George Washington once said, someone who "Associate yourself with men of wanted to good quality if you esteem your own make a dif-reputation; for 'tis better to be alone

ference in than in bad company." With close ties to China rife with which buys 60 percent of Sudanese conflict oil produced and owns 40 percent the of the company which drills for Darfur crude Sudanese oil - who in turn Geno- has kept alliances with Iran, Sudan cide is has shown that it does not want to occur- be alone or in good company. This ring in the is enough to keep humanitarian aid gion of Sudan out of Sudan for good.

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# Pentagon protests China over refusing port entry for U.S. ships

WASHINGTON (AP) — The dent on "a misunderstanding." Pentagon formally protested China's occasions last week.

"We are expressing officially our displeasure with the incident," Pentagon press secretary Geoff not release the wording. Morrell told reporters Wednesday. He said a Chinese military officer Navy minesweepers and, later, for in Japan. the USS Kitty Hawk and its accompanying battle group.

Wednesday and blamed the inci- Hong Kong.

refusal to permit U.S. Navy ships to clear whether the Chinese military enter the port of Hong Kong on two officer will indeed heed the summons to come to the Pentagon. Morrell said the summons constituted the official protest, but he did ing Hong Kong harbor. Hundreds

Navy officials have said they are most troubled by China's to spend Thanksgiving weekend who is Beijing's defense attache refusal to let the two Navy minein Washington was called to the sweepers enter Hong Kong harbor home after China refused the Pentagon to accept the protest from to escape an approaching storm a Pentagon Asia policy official. and receive fuel. The minesweep-Morrell called it "a formal protest, ers, the Patriot and the Guardian, the Kitty Hawk could enter the an official protest, complaint," for were instead refueled at sea and refusing port entry for two U.S. returned safely to their home port

In addition, the Chinese also refused to allow the Kitty Hawk, Also, the Chinese foreign min- a U.S. aircraft carrier, to make a ister met with President Bush on planned Thanksgiving port visit to let the minesweepers dock went

The USS Kitty Hawk, which Morrell said that it is not yet has its home port near Tokyo, was forced to return early to Japan when Chinese authorities at the last minute barred the warship and its escort vessels from enterof families of sailors aboard the Kitty Hawk had flown from Japan in Hong Kong, but had to return

> Later Chinese officials said port, but by then the carrier had left the area and did not return.

On Wednesday, Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and former chief of the Navy, said China's refusal to against international rules.

# WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

# Dow gets biggest 2-day gain in 5 years

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street barreled higher Wednesday for the second day in a row, giving the Dow Jones industrial average its biggest two-day point gain in five years after a Federal Reserve official hinted that the central bank may lower interest rates again.

Investors' renewed hopes for a rate cut added to their relief that companies that made losing bets on subprime mortgages, such as Citigroup Inc. and Freddie Mac, are coming up with ways to raise cash. The market was clearly optimistic that at least some of the damage from the months-long credit crisis was finally being mitigated.

However, Wall Street has been fickle in recent months, with the Dow often rising and falling by triple digits, and no one is betting that the mortgage crisis that tripped up the nation's financial industry this year is over or that the market's huge gains so far this week will stick. Despite its spectacular advance, the Dow remains more than 6 percent below its Oct. 9 record close over 14,000, having plunged due to worries that the housing market's slump will lead to further losses for banks, and that the Fed can't keep slashing rates.

"The market's perception of whether the Fed cuts or not really changes by the day," said Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at Spencer Clarke LLC. "We still have more data to come."

# O.J. pleads not guilty to kidnapping, armed robbery

LAS VEGAS (AP) — O.J. Simpson stood before a judge Wednesday and firmly spoke a phrase he has uttered in other courtrooms in the past: "Not guilty."

This time the former football star was arraigned, along with two other men, on suspicion of kidnapping and armed robbery of sports memorabilia dealers in a strange case that has ballooned to 12 charges that could send Simpson and the others to prison for life.

Simpson's notoriety, gained from past trials on charges of murder and road rage, looms in the background of the Las Vegas episode. His lawyer said jury selection would be an "onerous" task that would probably last longer than the trial itself.

"I am very concerned that we get 12 people on the jury that can listen to the evidence that occurs in the courtroom," attorney Yale Galanter said on the courthouse steps. "People are going to have opinions."

Simpson's co-defendants, Charles "Charlie" Ehrlich, 53, and Clarence "C.J." Stewart, 53, also entered not guilty pleas, and Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass set trial for all three men on April 7.

# Chavez: cutting off all contacts with Colombia

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Wednesday he was cutting off all contacts with the Colombian government, but fell short of announcing an end to diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Chavez's announcement came after a series of sharp exchanges with President Alvaro Uribe set off when the Colombian leader last week abruptly ended the Venezuelan's mediation between Colombia's government and

"While President Uribe is president of Colombia I will have no type of relationship with him or with the government in Colombia," Chavez said.

Speaking in the southwestern state of Tachira, Chavez said he will not have any relationship with a "president who is capable of such barefaced lies, disrespects another president that he has called a friend, one that he called

The Venezuelan president had a similar spat in late 2005 with then Mexican President Vicente Fox. While relations between Mexico and Venezuela were reduced to lower-level diplomats, ties were not formally severed.

# Missing student led double life as Internet porn star

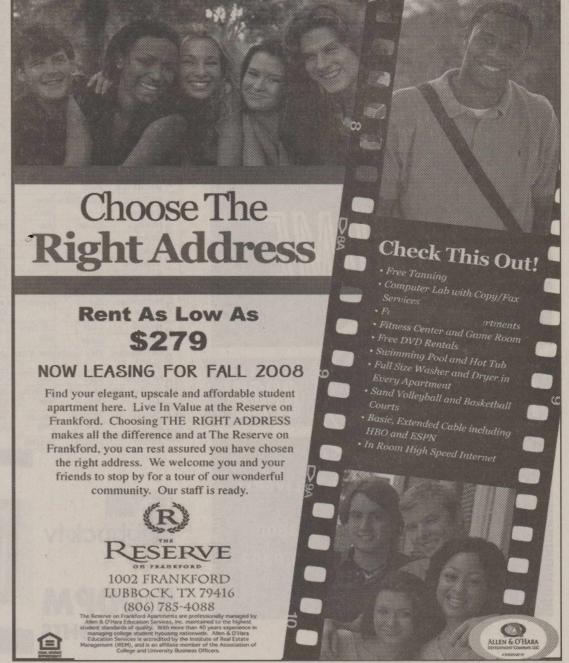
EL DORADO, Kan. (AP) — A missing Kansas college student believed to be the victim of foul play led a double life as an Internet porn star by the name of Zoey Zane, a friend told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

A young woman resembling 18-year-old Emily Sander appears nude in photos posted on a Zoey Zane Web site. "She enjoyed it. She is a young teenage girl and she wanted to be in the movies and enjoyed movies. She needed the extra money," said Nikki Watson, a close friend of Sander's at Butler Community College. "Nobody in El Dorado knew besides her close friends."

Police said they are aware of the Web site. But police investigator Chad Young would not confirm whether Sander is Zoey Zane and would not say whether the site was connected in any way to her disappearance.

Sander was last seen leaving a bar Friday in El Dorado, about 30 miles from Wichita, with a man identified as





# Saudi Arabia says 208 arrested, several plots thwarted in kingdom's biggest anti-terror sweep

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) world's proven oil reserves. - Saudi Arabia announced Wednesday that it had arrested Ministry said: 208 suspected terrorists in six cells tacks in the kingdom's largest terror

Ministry said, the capture of eight and Afghanistan — for training, bombers attacked the oil facilal-Qaida-linked suspects "preempted an imminent attack on an oil installation" in the country's east, which is home to most Saudi petroleum reserves. A ministry statement carried by the Saudi Press Agency said the eight were led by a non-Saudi man, who was among those arrested.

Eighteen other suspects led by a non-Saudi missile expert were arrested for "planning to smuggle eight missiles into the kingdom to

The kingdom, which is the birth place of al-Qaida leader Osama bin since a 2003 wave of attacks on here. foreigners here.

Saudi authorities was announced plotting to assassinate the country's in April. It netted 172 militants, religious leaders and security ofincluding pilots allegedly trained ficials. for oil refinery attacks using civilian planes.

archy, which holds a quarter of the Afghanistan and Iraq.

and thwarted several planned at- custody for links and "coordination with outside circles" to assist in smuggling them to "troubled Among the plots, the Interior areas" - Saudi shorthand for Iraq

> (We) pre-empted an imminent attack on an oil installation.

- STATEMENT FROM THE **INTERIOR MINISTRY** 

carry out terrorist operations," the after which the men would have come back for attacks inside the ing sending people to Iraq to

- 32 Saudis and non-Saudis insurgency there in the name of Laden, has been waging a heavy were arrested for providing financrackdown on al-Qaida militants cial aid to al-Qaida operations

— 22 people were arrested for The largest previous sweep by allegedly supporting al-Qaida and

holy city of Medina for colluding in Iraq or Afghanistan to give Wednesday's announcement to issue a publication propagating themselves up to security authorindicated that al-Qaida and other "misleading ideology" and crimi-Islamic extremists were still actively nal acts. The group also worked attempting to destabilize the mon- on helping volunteers go fight in

The statement said security In other arrests, the Interior authorities seized a "large quantity of (terrorist) material" in the 112 Saudis were taken into sweep but declined to elaborate, saying an investigation continued and might uncover others linked to the groups.

In February 2006, two suicide ity at Abqaiq on the east coast, killing two security guards and wounding eight foreign workers in an incident later claimed by the Saudi branch of al-Qaida.

In August, Saudi Arabia said it was setting up a 35,000-strong special force to protect its oil facilities due to increasing al-Qaida threats.

In early October, Saudi's top religious leader, Sheik Abdel-Aziz bin Abdullah al-Sheik, issued a religious edict prohibittake part in the anti-American Islamic jihad, or holy war.

The grand mufti also warned young Saudis not to be misled by foreign elements who want to pursue political ambitions at the xpense of religion

Wednesday's statement from the Interior Ministry urged Sau-— 16 men were detained in the dis who may have gone to fight ities or to any Saudi diplomatic mission outside the kingdom. It promised their cases would be looked into fairly.





## SELF INTERPRETATION



MARSHALL REED, A senior studio art major from Houston, paints a self portrait for his Experimental Painting class Monday in the Art building.

# Charities

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Plains, Inc. are sponsoring various toy drives throughout the month of

Amanda McCurry, volunteer supervisor of CASA, said children in foster care, or those who were abused or neglected, are in need of gifts to unwrap this holiday season.

"A lot of our children that are in relative placement or kinship placement do not get any assistance at all,"

These local charities are accepting newly purchased items - for children of all ages, up to 18 years old - including clothes, gift certificates and toys.

The Double T Health Service Corps encourages Tech students, faculty and staff members to donate Teddy bears for those children who have been physically and/or sexually abused. The drive ends Dec. 6, and donations can be dropped off at either the Office of Rural and Community Health at the Health Sciences Center, the Office of Student Diversity Relations in the Student Union Building or the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center's Fitwell Office.

Every donation goes toward the drawing for the Red Raider Relaxation

Loni Flores, a co-adviser for Double T Health Service Corps, said the Red Raider Relaxation Kit includes six gift cards for local eateries, a Tech fleece blanket and T-shirt, free massages at ing to donate — books or blankets," the student rec center and at Seren- she said. ity Massage and Therapeutic and two Tinseltown movie passes.

Flores said she believes the grand members and students to adopt a child or prize will motivate the Tech community

(The Children's Advocacy Center) will take anything that people are willing to donate books or blankets.

- LONI FLORES CO-ADVISER DOUBLE T SERVICE CORPS

to provide multiple donations to the simple as you want," she said. Children's Advocacy Center.

We want people to go out and buy off by Dec. 14 to be delivered to the Salfive to 10 Teddy bears to increase (their) chance of winning," she said.

Those who plan to enter the give- children will pick up the gifts from the away are not required to donate only Teddy bears, Flores said. People may give any newly purchased plush animal or any other item of need.

# Rapper's delight

50 Cent shows off 48,000-square-foot mansion up for sale

48,000-square-foot mansion moves out. three years ago, the rapper felt

on the floor and purple," the 31-"It was crazy looking when I got that's equivalent."

property in Farmington, Conn. even know it. The mansion now includes a from the ceiling for some of his wilder parties.

But those touches may not remain. 50 is selling the property then the center of the home." for \$18.5 million. And Thursday,

"I like the look of an Architeclike he'd stepped into a time tural Digest," 50 said of his designing style. "There's a lot of good recorded in his basement studio. "It kind of had a 'Miami Vice' living going on, and it ain't based feel. It was like turquoise blue (on) the actual money that's being into the nightclub area ... in order to spent, it's the choices that people play it and see what it would sound year-old rapper told The Associ- make. You don't have to buy a \$50 like in a nightclub," he said. ated Press in a recent interview. million home to build a lifestyle

all over the massive 19-bedroom times he has guests — and doesn't looking to downsize.

nightclub with a swing dangling side of the house and not actually see them for a day or so, because the

he's showing off the property on purchased the property. He envising to move!"

NEW YORK (AP) — When a special edition of MTV's "Cribs" sioned it as a compound where he 50 Cent bought Mike Tyson's so fans can take a peek before he and his G-Unit camp could record. Some rappers in his camp, like Tony Yayo, have their own rooms, and 50 says many of his hits have been

"Right from the studio I will go

But 50, who owns several homes, said he's grown weary of the two-Of course, that's coming from a hour plus commute from Farming-Now, 50's stamp is imprinted man with a house so big there are ton to New York City. Plus, he's

"It might be a lot smaller," he "I'll let them stay on the other said of his future house. "The basics - maybe four or five bedrooms."

But don't expect another 50 edihouse is broken up in three sections tion of "Cribs" for a while: When — the east side, the west side and asked whether he'd let the cameras into his next place, he said with a The space is one reason why 50 laugh: "Probably when I was decid-

# Sexual health affects all, educators stress

By BRANDON MCATEE KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN (KANSAS STATE U.)

"(The Children's Advocacy Center)

The Angel Tree Program provides

Nick Cruz, a sophomore mechanical

engineering major from San Antonio,

said interested individuals may select

one or more of the angels from a tree at

the Center for Campus Life, located in

Room 201 in the SUB until Monday,

child's background information com-

prised of the child's name, age, gender,

clothing and shoe size and his or her

tor of the Salvation Army, said donors

are encouraged to purchase items for

the child's need and an item from the

wish list, but gifts can be purchased at

"You can be as extravagant or as

The unwrapped gifts must be dropped

Hudson said the caregivers of the

donation center. Angel Tree donation

sites are located at various banks, dentist

offices and the South Plains Mall.

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Diane Hudson, family service direc-

Christmas wish list, Cruz said.

financial discretion.

vation Army.

Donors will be given a card with the

an opportunity for Tech faculty, staff

"angel" for whom to purchase gifts.

will take anything that people are will-

(U-WIRE) MANHATTAN, Kan. — With a number of college students engaging in sexual activity, the importance of sexual health awareness becomes more important

than some might realize. Recently, Trojan Condoms released a sexual health report card, ranking large universities around the nation according to how sexually healthy they are. Kansas State University ranked 44th out of 139

she did not read much into this.

said. "They did not contact me or do not see where they can assess misleading.' where we rank without contact with campus entities."

Kennedy, director of promotion and nutrition counseling at Lafene Health Center, said she believes the statistics regarding K-State reflect what the national statistics are. She said in people age 18 to 24, one of every two sexually active people will contract a sexually transmitted disease.

"We do feel our students are

condom for protection, and they are how to protect yourself and what coming in to seek care of treatment things to look for," Shockey said. for sexually transmitted diseases."

are necessarily using Lafene's services for sexual health issues. Some probably to other facilities for treatment, she said, so there likely are more cases than workers at Lafene are aware of.

Among the sexually transmitted diseases affecting Riley County, HIV is high on the list. "Riley County ranked seventh in the state for HIV cases, which is not surprising," said Matt Combes, MSM (men who have sex with men) counselor at the However, Carol Kennedy said regional AIDS project. "That is about where we are ranked population-wise. "I place no value in their report What is scary about that is when and see it as a marketing ploy," she people are diagnosed, the information

Annisa Shockey, junior in biology, is the president of SHAPE at K-State. SHAPE, or Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators, is a student organization that raises awareness of sexual health to students. Some of the things SHAPE does to increase knowledge include giving presentations, offering classes, and some members go to greek houses and resident halls to provide information

participating in sexual activity," about sexual health, because at this tating type of diagnosis that can be she said. "Not everyone uses a time of your life, you need to know prevented," she said.

Combes said there are several Kennedy also said not all students other events and programs for information, including Sexual Health Educators, the Peers non-consensual rape group, and occasional free condom hand-outs at the Bosco Student Plaza where students may ask questions.

If a student is interested in learning more academically, Kennedy teaches an online class for credit.

"One of the modules -- which is about one-sixth of the course -- deals with sexual health," Kennedy said. "So, there are academic, as well as getting involved with campus organization, opportunities."

Kennedy said she believes it is imis taken from where people are from portant for students to be responsible anyone at the health center, and I and not currently living, so it is a little in making the decision to be sexually active, and if they choose to do so, they must protect themselves.

"One thing students don't realize is that some STDs do not show symp toms," she said. "Seventy-five percent of females do not show symptoms of chlamydia. Up to 15 percent of infertility cases of women, down the road, are infertile because of scarring from an STD, so it can have life-long complications.

"HIV is on the other end of the "It is important students know scale, as just a life- altering, devas-

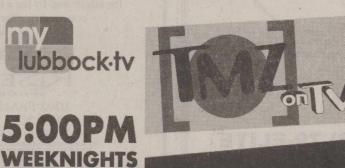
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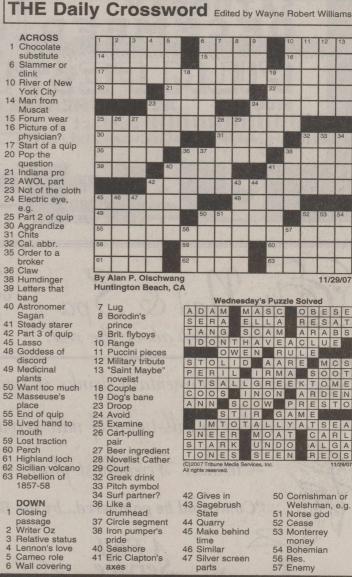
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# Tech overcomes mistakes, beats TCU 71-58

By ADAM COLEMAN STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's basketball given TCU a win Tuesday night.

Preventing it from happening, the Horned Frogs foul troubles and 26 points from Tech guard Martin Zeno pushed the Red Raiders to a 71-58 win at the United Spirit Arena.

"Our guys did a pretty good job of hanging in there," Tech coach Bob Knight said. "Didn't look all that when we were 13 points behind. But we came back, I thought, well."

The Red Raiders (5-2) showed their flaws in the first half, but kept the score close.

The Horned Frogs (4-1) used a full-court press to force four straight turnovers from the Red Raiders.

TCU scored six points off those turnovers, giving them a 14-8 lead midway through the first half.

"It was pretty physical, but it was to be expected," TCU forward Kevin Langford said. "It was a good test for us.'

After forcing four straight turnovers, a basket by TCU's Henry a 9-0 run.

Although TCU held a lead in the first half, the Horned Frogs' eight fouls with 7:22 left gave the Red Raiders chances to climb back into the game.

"It was a factor," TCU coach Neil Voskuil, including some key 3-pointdid us in, a pretty good Tech team did

If I could sense that I'd be with George Bush tonight trying to figure out what the hell to do in Irag.

> - BOB KNIGHT TECH MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

and a basket by Keion Mitchem gave the Horned Frogs a solid 35-29 lead going into halftime.

Salter helped the Horned Frogs to signs of slowing down, grabbing a 43-35 lead to start the second half.

Tech's only production to start the second half came from Zeno, allowing TCU to take its largest lead of the game by 13.

Tech eventually got a spark from >> adam.coleman@ttu.edu

Dougherty said of his team's early foul ers, bringing the Red Raiders close trouble. "That's not everything that to the Horried Frogs. A basket by Tech forward Ricardo De Bem cut team's inconsistencies could have us in tonight. The foul trouble can the Horned Frogs' lead to two, givthrow you out of sync. Texas Tech ing Tech a chance to overcome the

Zeno gave Tech it's first lead of the half with 8:08 remaining in the

"I haven't been playing the way, that I wanted to be playing these last couple games," Zeno said. "I felt that tonight was my night to step up and play when we (were) down in the second half."

The Horned Frogs found themselves in foul trouble once again, receiving their 10th team foul with six minutes left in the game.

Tech capitalized on TCU's foul trouble by making 75 percent of its free throws, and Voskuil hit another 3-pointer to take the lead for good midway through the second half.

Knight said there was no way he A 3-pointer by TCU's Ryan Wall could expect his team to overcome its mistakes and take the win.

"If I could sense that, I'd be with George Bush tonight trying to figure The Horned Frogs showed no out what the hell to do in Iraq," he said. "How can you sense anythinglike that? You'd have to be smarter than I am. We just made some changes, we made some little adjustments in what we were trying to do and we got better movement in our offense."

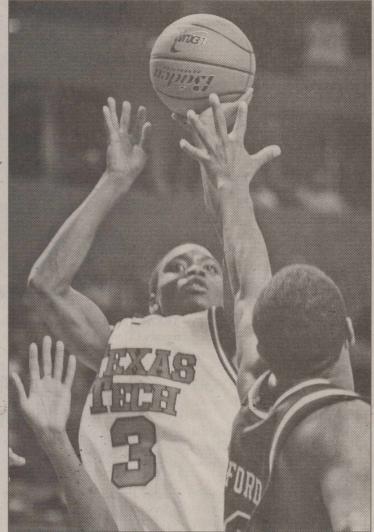


PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Tore TEXAS TECH GUARD Martin Zeno scored 26 points to help Tech defeat TCU 71-58 Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

# TECH STATS

**POINTS SCORED** 

Martin Zeno — 26

Alan Voskuil - 16 Charlie Burgess — 13

Trevor Cook — 6

Ricardo De Bem - 4

**REBOUNDS** 

Martin Zeno — 10 Mike Singletary — 4

Charlie Burgess — 4

# TCU STATS

**POINTS SCORED** Kevin Langford — 14

John Ortiz --- 10

Mike Scott — 7 Henry Salter — 6

**REBOUNDS** 

Kevin Langford — 8 Neiman Owens — 4

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"If you don't tell, we won't!"

# Players, coaches ignore rumors of Leach leaving Tech for other positions

much," he said. "When you (have) being around him all day. Of course I

a good coach like Leach, people are want him to stay here but that's a deci-

going to want him. People are going sion he has to make for himself. I'm sure

beginning in 2008.

the Aggie's win against rival Texas.

Three days later, A&M hired former

"I love playing for him and playing

eighth consecutive bowl game this stay at Tech.

not worried about it. I don't think he's keep him here."

When it's all about you, it's

season, senior wide receiver Danny

going to leave. We're still playing each

ing per game this season, but in 1999,

the season before Leach arrived in

yards passing per game.

Tech is averaging 475.6 yards pass-

Harrell, who became the sixth

day for him."

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

At the end of each regular football season, coaching rumors swirl as much as the Lubbock winds focusing on one name particularly in the last few years - Mike Leach,

The offensive guru is a hot commodity during the offseason, especially now, with coaches resigning and getting fired at a near equal rate.

"It's gotten to be an annual deal," said Leach, who has a 64-37 (35-28 in Big 12) record as a head coach. "As a either the guy that's going to get fired or the guy that's maybe going to have other opportunities or whatever."

Leach said he has not been contacted by any schools and the rumors

keep track of," he said, "but that's why during any sort of team meetings. they call them rumors instead of facts, but nothing that I've heard."

Tech awaits the results of the Big 12 Conference Championship game Oklahoma to see where Tech will play

the players talk about the possibility of playing against."

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coach, you're on one of two lists, you're TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL coach tender again this offseason.

he said the coaches do a good job of not "There's too many rumors for me to letting it become a topic of discussion

"We'll start preparing to play (the bowl game opponent) and hopefully get a win against that team," Harrell said. "That's one thing that he's great between No. 1 Missouri and No. 9 about, is preparing to win, preparing with no distractions, focusing on one Quarterback Graham Harrell said and getting ready to play the team we're

will continue as long as his team Leach going to another university, but player in NCAA history to pass for assistant coach of the Houston Texans



Mike Leach has been a candidate for other head coaching jobs in recent years and could be a potential con-



thing and that's going out, executing



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The rumors do not surprise the team more than 5,000 yards in a single Mike Sherman, who was the offensive was fired Saturday after three losing because of how Leach jump started season this year, has one year of line coach from 1989-93 and in 1995- seasons. a Tech program that will play in its eligibility left and wants the coach to 96 at Texas A&M, and a former coach by daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu of the Green Bay Packers.

Baylor's Guy Morriss was fired and in this offense," Harrell said. "I love replaced by former Houston coach Art "It really doesn't distract us that playing under coach Leach, and I love Briles Wednesday, who was a former Tech running backs coach from 2000-Nebraska Athletics Director Tom

to want to get him in their program he's going to have another opportunity Osborne decided to fire coach Bill and turn their program around. I'm to get another job, but hopefully we can Callahan Saturday after his team re-So far this season, 14 Division-I 1962 — both under Callahan's watch Football Bowl Subdivision teams will — finishing 5-7 in his fourth year at have a new coach wearing the headset the helm.

Houston Nutt announced his resig-In the Big 12, former Texas A&M nation from Arkansas after compiling a Lubbock, the Red Raiders gained 175.4 coach Dennis Franchione resigned after record of 75-48 that was capped off by a recent upset of then-No. 1 LSU.

Nutt took the job at Ole Miss Wednesday, replacing Ed Orgeron who

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# Crabtree, Trlica earn Big 12 First Team selections | Schools should take serious

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech freshman Michael vote for their own players. Crabtree and senior place kicker Alex Trlica were named to the Coaches' Big 12 Conference First Team Tuesday while Crabtree tacked on another award, winning the Associated Press for the remainder of his career. Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year honor Wednesday.

did not shock many people, the selection of Alex Trlica caught the senior kicker off guard.

have the greatest year," he said. "I think I had an average year. I was hoping that in my senior year that I would do some really good things. team win."

Trlica, the nation's fourth-leadregular season with 99 points off 63 extra points and 12 field goals.

He will become the first Tech if he makes a field goal or an extra the air. point in Tech's bowl game. His 47 Tech record.

Trlica enrolled at Tech as a freshman in 2003 hoping to walk on the team, and this season he set the NCAA career record with 229 career to the nation's top receiver. extra points. He-never has missed an extra-point attempt.

agreed that despite hitting only 4-of-8 com and www.scout.com. field goals in games against Missouri, Colorado and Baylor, the Friend- sive Freshman of the Year honors swood product recovered his footing with Missouri wide receiver Jeremy by making four of his last five field Maclin. goal attempts.

a lot of national records and things, here, and hopefully he will.' and he's really done a great job here, baniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

and he's been good enough that he's kicked since he was a freshman."

Leach and other coaches cannot

Trlica said the reason Ke broke so many records is his ability to take advantage of the situation he was dealt as a freshman and remain consistent

Crabtree led the nation with 1,861 yards and 21 touchdowns on While the selection of Crabtree 125 receptions, all NCAA freshman-

"I saw it from day one when he first came out here, and he was run-"I was a little surprised, I didn't ning routes," senior wide receiver Danny Amendola said. "I knew he was going to be a big-time player here at Tech."

The latest recipient of the Sammy At the same time, I'm happy because Baugh Trophy, Harrell, received All-I did everything I could to help the Big 12 second team honors along with Kansas quarterback Todd Reesing.

Harrell has led the nation in ing active career scorer, finished the passing since the first game of the season, finishing the regular season with 5,298 yards passing on his way to becoming the sixth player in NCAA kicker with 100 points in a season history with 5,000 yards through

Harrell said Crabtree will most career field goals broke a 27-year-old likely need to work harder next season considering all the attention he has garnered this season.

Crabtree also is a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award, which is presented

The Dallas native also made the All-America Freshmen First Teams Trlica and Tech coach Mike Leach on the football Web sites, www.rivals.

He shares the Big 12 co-offen-

"(Crabtree) deserves all the credit "It doesn't surprise me," Leach said he's getting, all the attention," Harrell of Trlica's selection. "I mean, he broke said. "He can only get better from



TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Michael Crabtree was named Big 12 Conference Offensive Newcomer of the Year Wednesday, a day after being named to the Coaches' Big 12 First Team.

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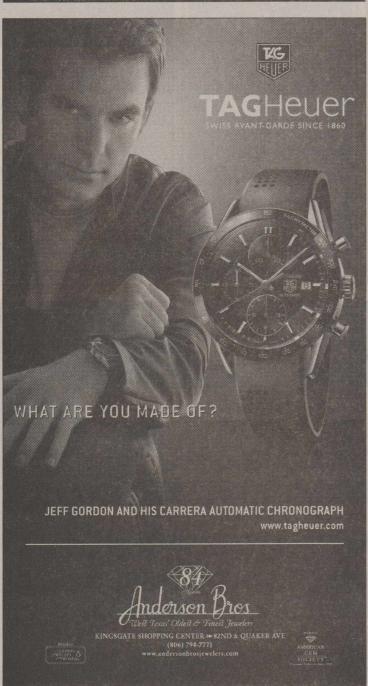
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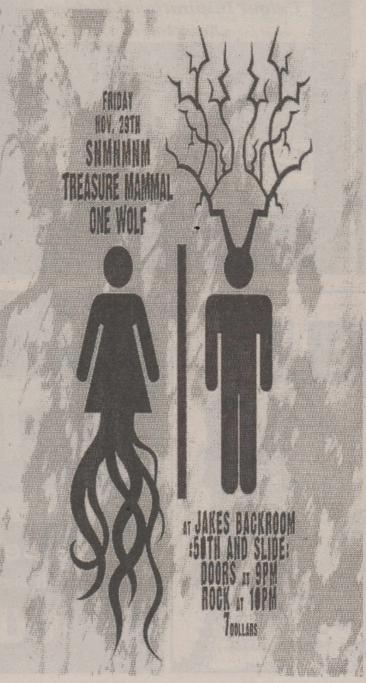
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# look at minority coaches

7 ith coaching changes left and right as the college football season comes to an end, the annual critiques of programs not giving minority candidates interviews once again fills the airwaves and the print pages.

Before I get deeper into the issue, let me say that the extreme shortage of minority coaches in the college football ranks is not only disturbing, has yet to reach the racial equality another candidate. it should strive for.

ity candidates for open head coach- candidate's time. No one can honing positions is required, a doctrine estly say this candidate would have Pittsburgh Steelers Art Rooney. His of university officials. team is currently one of five teams in a league of 32 with a minority head engaged to be married. A&M intercoach. That's more than 15 percent viewing other candidates would be of the positions available. Compare like that girl asking you to go on an that to the 2.5 percent of minor-awkward first date - the kind that ity head coaches in the Division I can only end in a handshake or side Football Bowl Subdivision.

This year's edition of the racial the love of her life. rants began when dear old Texas A&M finally shook off the burden and their pining for Les Miles to leave of Dennis Franchione's less-than- LSU and return to his alma mater stellar sideline decisions and imme- to coach the Wolverines. If not for diately replaced him with Houston -loyalty and the devotion of being a Texans assistant coach and former "Michigan man," there is no sensible Green Bay Packers coach Mike reason for Miles to leave an LSU pro-

the talking heads at ESPN and other surprised when the man shows up at media outlets around the country feel schools need to interview more minority candidates. In almost every case, I agree with them wholeheartedly.

needs to be an understanding of the Aggie culture. I have no doubt evmaroon-clad hearts.

Mike Sherman is an Aggie, and Aggies take care of their own. coaches in Division I FBS — and a His name was all over the grid as their potential replacement for Franchione from the mid-point of Quisenberry is a junior broad-A&M, it's not a case of holding berr@ttu.edu.



down minorities in coaching by not giving them the interview. Instead, the school knew exactly who they but also an indication our society wanted and didn't need to interview

Trying to bring in someone else In the NFL, interviewing minor- would have been a waste of the known as the Rooney Rule, named been anything more than a token after old-as-Methuselah owner of the interview to keep critics off the backs

Think of a girl you know who is hug — a few days before she marries

The same can be said of Michigan gram hanging around in the national With that in mind, I can see why title race every year. Still, don't be a press conference in the near future wearing maize and blue.

For the rest of coaching jobs out there, schools need to make a Texas A&M's coaching change is priority of interviewing minority not one of them. In order to under- candidates and giving everyone a stand what I'm talking about, there fair shot at the job. For example, the Houston Cougars just lost Art Briles to Baylor. Since they don't have a ery person reading this story knows high-profile alumnus in mind to take at least one student or alumnus of his place, they need to open their Texas A&M. As much as the word interview process up to a wider range "gig" makes me want to gag, there of candidates. Andre Ware, Heisman is no denying the powerful sense of winning quarterback for the Cougars unity and pride bleeding out of their in 1989 and current football analyst, would be a nice touch.

> That would make four black long way left to go.

the season up to the moment they cast journalism major from Quaannounced his hiring. For Texas nah. E-mail him at eric.quisen-

# Committee to review Masked Rider's hands-free ride on field

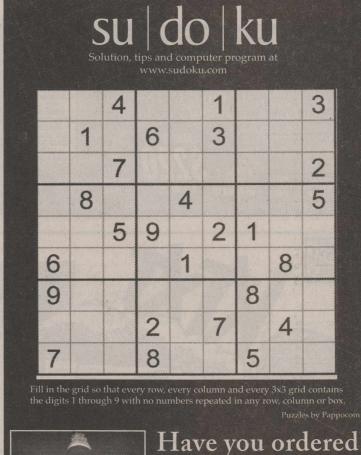
Texas Tech committee is looking into a stunt by the school's caped mascot, who mon, but school officials ruled out the apparently violated safety policy by practice after accidents during the riding a horse into the football stadium 1990s. Post said the policy banning with the reins in his teeth and hands the stunt does not recommend any flung into the air like pistols.

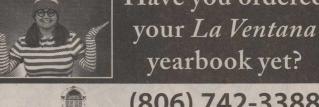
The Masked Rider Committee will the field ahead of the Red Raiders in animal in 1992.

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A the nationally televised game.

The hands-free run once was comspecific penalty.

Tech officially introduced the meet Dec. 6 to discuss Kevin Burns' ride Masked Rider during the 1954 Gator into Jones AT&T Stadium in the Nov. Bowl. The mascot used to gallop a full 17 football game against Oklahoma, lap around the field to celebrate touchuniversity spokeswoman Sally Post downs, but that practice was stopped said. Burns, of Clovis, N.M., entered after a game official was struck by the





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# Houston's Briles next in line to try to resurrect Baylor football

coach Art Briles is next to take from a professional, personal stand- annually.

on the task of pulling Baylor out of the Big 12 basement.

Briles confirmed he was leaving in a news conference Wednesday at Houston after meeting with his players. Later in the day, he was meeting with Baylor players before a planned news conference that school spokesman Nick Joos said was to announce the

new football coach. Briles led Houston to four bowls tor Ian McCaw in Dallas.

WACO (AP) — Houston times, you have to look at things tract with a base salary of \$900,000 seasons as running backs coach four Texas state championships. team without a bowl appearance

point," Briles said. "Profes-

that's an imtor in life."

in his five seasons. He was offered ported on its Web site that Briles in the previous 12 years. the job Wednesday, a day after will get a seven-year contract for

sionally, (Houston) ... is who was fired Nov. 18 after five great university with a seasons. Morriss' firing came the situation I'm proud to day after the Bears (3-9) completed be a part of. Person- their 12th straight losing season ally, the move allows with their 12th consecutive Big 12 a person of loss, 45-14 to Oklahoma State.

> Houston (8-4) has already aca little more cepted an invitation to play in the security. Texas Bowl on Dec. 28 in Houston look at things from When you're against an undetermined oppogetting up nent. The Cougars won the Conin my age, ference USA title last season.

Briles was 34-28 in five seasons portant fac- at Houston with only one losing season. Before his arrival, the Cou-The Houston Chronicle re- gars had only two winning seasons

Before going to Houston, where meeting with Baylor athletic direc- about \$1.8 million per season. he was a four-year letterman as a Briles, who turns 52 Monday, had receiver and played in the 1976 ville High School, where in 12 bowl appearances in 21 seasons.

at Texas Tech. His previous head Briles replaces Guy Morriss, coaching job had been at Stephen-

> Life is full of decisions. Sometimes, you have to a professional,

> > personal standpoint. - ART BRILES

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"Life is full of decisions. Some- four years left on his Houston con- Cotton Bowl, Briles spent three seasons he was 136-29-2 and won

The leading candidate initially was Mike Singletary, the assistant head coach for the San Francisco 49ers. But the Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker and Baylor icon bowl in 25 years. took his name out of consideration Caw last week in California.

list, along with Houston Nutt, who before taking the Baylor job. resigned at Arkansas on Monday coach Tuesday.

The Bears are the only Big 12 first time.

Morriss was 18-40 overall, since the conference's inception in 7-33 in conference games. The 1996. Only two teams from Bowl Bears were 0-8 in the Big 12 this Championship Series conferences have gone longer without a bowl, but Indiana (7-5) is expected to play its first postseason game in 14 years. Vanderbilt (5-7) lost its season finale to miss making its first

There were some positive acafter a lengthy meeting with Mc- complishments under Morriss, a 15-season NFL lineman who was Briles was also on Baylor's short 9-14 in two seasons at Kentucky

Baylor beat two-time defending and was named Mississippi's new North Division champion Colorado in Morriss' conference debut Baylor's 12 consecutive losing in 2003. The coach also delivered seasons have come under the four the first Big 12 road victory, in coaches since Grant Teaff left in 2005 at Iowa State, and then in 1992 after 128 victories and eight 2006 the Bears won three Big 12 games in the same season for the

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