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STATE
Principal charged with sexual assault

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A high school associate principal faces assault and indecency charges alleging he had an "inappropriate relationship" with a student, authorities said.

A grand jury indicted Caprock High Associate Principal Jeffrey Alan Moore, 33, on Wednesday. He faces one count of sexual assault of a child, two counts of indecency with a child and three counts of having an improper relationship with a student, Randall County prosecutor Amy Rhoades said.

NATION
Dem Vilsack enters 2008 presidential race

MOUNT PLEASANT, Iowa (AP) — Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination Thursday, positioning himself as a Washington outsider with heartland appeal. Vilsack also emphasized the nexus between oil dependence, national security and the economy, saying he would give high priority to weaning the nation off foreign oil and promoting alternative energy.

WORLD
Iraq panel urges troop pullback

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bipartisan commission on U.S. policy in Iraq will urge a pullback of some U.S. troops in Iraq, but will not recommend a specific timetable for withdrawing U.S. forces, an official familiar with the panel's deliberations said Thursday. The Iraq Study Group's report, to be released next Wednesday, will press for a greater shift in responsibility for the country's security from American to Iraqi forces. It will also "acknowledge that the presence of (U.S.) troops is part of the problem" in Iraq, said the official, who requested anonymity because the panel's recommendations have not been made public.

DEATH TOLL

2885

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by Department of Defense

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Iraqis ready for takeover by June

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two key government leaders have criticized the policies of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who also is facing a boycott by key political backers loyal to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr after meeting with President Bush in Jordan Thursday.

Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi said he wanted to see al-Maliki's government gone and another "understanding" for a new coalition put in place with guarantees that ensure collective decision making.

"There is a clear deterioration in security and everything is moving in the wrong direction," the Sunni leader told *The Associated Press*. "This situation must be redressed as soon as possible. If they continue, the country will plunge into civil war."

Al-Maliki's No. 2, Deputy Prime Minister Salam Zikam Ali al-Zubaie, also a Sunni, argued that the president's government failed to curb the spread of sectarian politics.

The boycott by 30 lawmakers and five Cabinet ministers loyal to al-Sadr was in

protest against al-Maliki's meeting with Bush, which the Sadrists said amounted to an affront to the Iraqi people.

Al-Maliki appealed to the Sadrists to end their boycott and admonished them for an action that he said violated the commitment expected from partners in his six-month-old coalition government.

"I hope they reconsider their decision because it doesn't constitute a positive development in the political process," al-Maliki said at a news conference on

his return to Baghdad. "Political partnership means commitment."

Meanwhile, in an interview with ABC, al-Maliki confidently claimed that his forces would be ready to take over responsibility for security in Iraq by June, a timeline that is about 12 months shorter than what has been floated by top U.S. military commanders.

"We and the President (Bush) agreed to keep the same (U.S.) forces on the ground but to train

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TECH gets WRECKED



A 1998 TOYOTA 4Runner rests on its side in the median of University Avenue north of 17th Street Thursday evening. The driver, a Texas Tech student, was traveling south on University Avenue when she went into a 180-degree spin and hit the curb, overturning the vehicle. The driver was uninjured.

Thursday's snowfall leads to 120 wrecks in Lubbock area

By NAOMI KASKELA
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Recent changes in weather may have been received happily by some individuals, but for others it has caused problems.

Lubbock received 3 inches of snow and some areas of the South Plains got as many as 7 inches, said Carlos Gonzales, KLBK-TV's chief meteorologist.

As of 5 p.m. Thursday, there were 120 weather-related traffic accidents reported at the Lubbock Police Department, with several more that had not been responded to yet, said Sgt. Ray Mendoza.

However, despite the number of accidents, he said none have resulted in serious injuries.

From midnight to 11 a.m. Thursday, only six weather-related traffic accidents were reported on the highways, which was less than expected, said Cpl. John Gonzalez of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety.

"A lot of calls we were getting were people sliding off onto the medians or into ditches," he said.

Depending on the weather Thursday night, the roads may freeze, which may cause even more accidents this morning, he said. But only concerning Thursday, he said he was pleased the numbers were not higher.

"Really, I was expecting even more (accidents) because this is really the first snow," he said. "I applaud the general public for their out-of-city driving."



A LUBBOCK POLICE officer looks into the passenger side of a vehicle after the driver ran off the road and hit a tree on 19th Street on Thursday night.

Many of the incidents that did occur could be prevented if drivers would follow some simple safety guidelines, he said.

The tips Gonzalez suggested were similar to those from the Police Department, Texas Tech Police Department, Texas Department of Transportation

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Grand jury indicts four in child abuse case

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

A Lubbock grand jury indicted four Lubbock adults Tuesday for allegedly abusing two children, ages 15 and 16, according to court documents.

Steve Lively, 40, and his wife Melissa Lively, 37, Kyle B. Sexton, 20, and Jason Lively, 19, were all indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Steve Lively and Melissa Lively received four counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for allegedly assaulting the two teenagers who are Steve Lively's children.

According to reports, Steve Lively and Melissa Lively were arrested for allegedly starving, burning, hitting, and forcing the two teenagers to sleep in a closet.

The teenagers' step-brother, 19-year-old Jason Lively, was indicted Tuesday on 10 counts of aggravated assault for allegedly abusing the two teenagers with a deadly weapon. According to police reports, Jason Lively lived with Steve Lively and Melissa Lively and took part in abusing the teenagers.

Court documents state Jason Lively abused his two step-brothers by using a car battery charger to burn the two teenagers.

One more suspect was indicted Tuesday for the alleged abuse. Sexton was indicted on four counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Court documents state Sexton allegedly caused bodily injury to the teenagers with his hand and assisted in burning the teenagers with a car battery charger.

According to a police report, the four suspects did more than burn and hit the teenagers. The reports state the 19-year-old stepbrother Jason Lively allegedly

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Amid N. Korea threat, Japan tests defensive missile at Fort Bliss

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

McGREGOR RANGE, N.M. (AP) — The Japanese military, facing a renewed nuclear threat from neighboring North Korea, successfully launched a new surface-to-air defensive missile Thursday in a remote area of Fort Bliss.

The Chu-SAM missile was launched about 30 miles north-east of El Paso at McGregor Range, where Japanese forces have been training on their defensive missile systems. The missile, manufactured by Mitsubishi Electronics, is designed to knock down aircraft, air-to-surface missiles and cruise missiles.

North Korea announced a successful underground nuclear test in October, but Thursday's firing was not in response to that threat, said Japanese Maj. Gen. Masanori Takeda.

The same missile already has been tested six times at nearby White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, but Thursday's launch was the first as part of a live training exercise.

Japanese and U.S. officials have been working together to bolster that nation's missile defense system. The U.S. military has also announced plans to upgrade two ships deployed to Japan and equip them with missile interceptors.

Japan has also renewed discussions about whether its forces would shoot down missiles aimed at another country, including the United States. Fumio Kyuma, the head of the Japanese Defense Agency, has said the country's post-World War II pacifist constitution prohibits that sort of action. But Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has suggested that the government would review the issue.

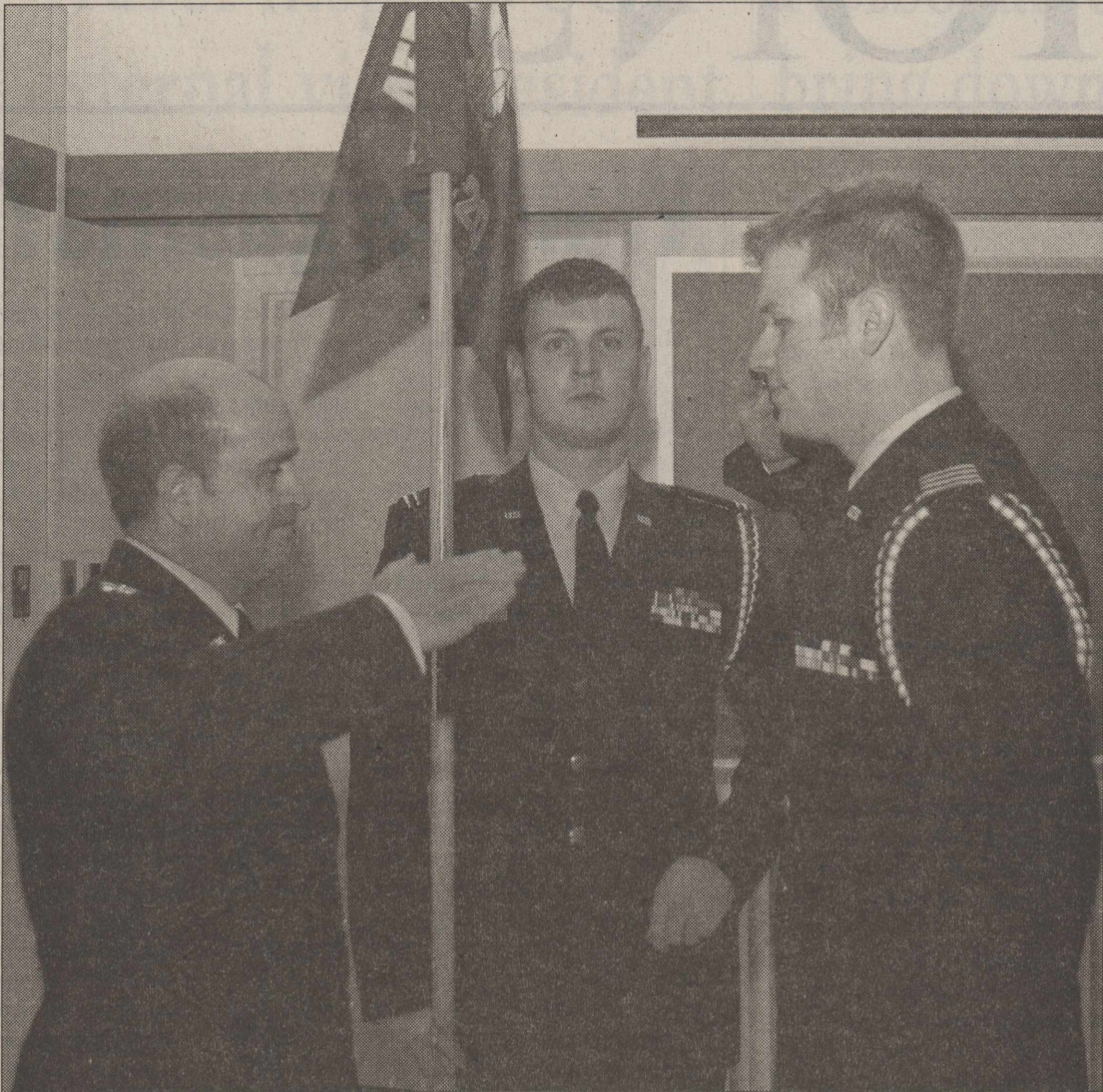
Japan became the only country to suffer a nuclear attack when U.S. atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki near the end of World War II in 1945.

Takeda and other Japanese military officials cheered and hugged moments after the successful launch Thursday, which was delayed several times after technical problems with a drone.

The design phase of the \$1.29 billion (150 billion Japanese yen) missile program was completed in 2002. The Chu-SAM will replace the HAWK missiles that Japanese defense forces had relied on since 1965.

Takeda, who spoke through a translator, said the new missile is more effective and versatile than the HAWK. It has a range of about 31 miles, or 50 kilometers and is designed to directly hit targets. Up to 10 missiles can be fired from a single launcher to destroy multiple threats, the general said.

A FEW GOOD MEN



KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreador

JOEL FINNEGAN, A senior chemical engineering major from the Woodlands, holds the guidon as Col. Dave Lewis, a professor of Aerospace Studies salutes Michael J. Reese, a senior management information systems major from New Orleans.

Pope offers silent prayer in mosque in hopes of ringing message of reconciliation

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI joined an Islamic cleric in prayers under the towering dome of Istanbul's most famous mosque Thursday in a powerful gesture seeking to transform his image among Muslims from adversary to peacemaker.

The pope's minute of prayer was done in silence, but the message of reconciliation was designed to resonate loudly nearly three months after he provoked worldwide fury for remarks on violence and the Prophet Muhammad.

"This visit will help us find together the way of peace for the good of all humanity," the pope said inside the 17th-century Blue Mosque — in only the second papal visit in history to a Muslim place of worship. Benedict's predecessor, John Paul II, made a brief stop in a mosque in Syria in 2001.

Benedict's steps through a stone archway and into the mosque's carpeted expanse capped a day of deep symbolism and lofty goals. Hours earlier, he stood beside the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians and passionately encouraged steps to end the nearly 1,000-year divide between their churches.

The pope walked to the mosque after touring another majestic tribute to faith: the 1,500-year-old Hagia Sofia and its remarkable mix of Quranic calligraphy and Christian mosaics from its legacy as a marvel of early Christianity and then a coveted prize of Islam's expansion.

At the mosque, the pope removed his shoes and put on white slippers. Then he walked beside Mustafa Cagrici, the head cleric of Istanbul. Facing the holy city of Mecca — in the tradition of Islamic worship — Cagrici said: "Now I'm going to pray." Benedict, too, bowed his head and his lips moved as if reciting words.

Before the pope left, he thanked Cagrici "for this moment of prayer."

"A single swallow can't bring spring," Cagrici told the pope, who ends his first papal trip to a Muslim nation Friday. "But many swallows will follow and we will enjoy a spring in this world."

The pope received a painting showing the Sea of Marmara and a glazed tile decorated with a dove. The mosque is officially known as the Sultan Ahmet Mosque after the Ottoman sultan Ahmet I, who ordered its construction. But it's widely called the Blue Mosque after its elaborate blue tiles.

The pope presented the imam with a mosaic showing four doves.

"Let us pray for brotherhood and for all humanity," Benedict said in Italian.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the mosque visit was added as a "sign of respect" to Muslims. "A (Christian) believer can pray in any place, even a mosque," Lombardi said, calling it an "intimate, personal prayer."

The pope has offered wide-ranging messages of reconciliation to Muslims since coming to Turkey on Tuesday, including appeals for greater understanding and support for Turkey's effort to become the first Muslim nation in the European Union.

But Benedict also has set down his own demands.

The pope repeated calls for greater freedoms for religious minorities — including the tiny Christian community in Turkey — and denounced divisions between

Christians as a "scandal."

Benedict has made reaching out to the world's more than 250 million Orthodox a centerpiece of his papacy and has set the difficult goal of "full unity" between the two ancient

branches of Christianity, which split in the 11th century over disputes including papal authority.

"The divisions which exist among Christians are a scandal to the world," the pope said after joining Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I to mark the feast day of

St. Andrew, who preached across Asia Minor and who tradition says ordained the first bishop of Constantinople, now Istanbul.

The homage of the Orthodox feast day Liturgy also was highly significant to Roman Catholics. Andrew was the brother of St. Peter, who was martyred in Rome and is considered the first pope.

In a joint statement, the pope and patriarch stressed the need to "preserve Christian roots" in European culture while remaining "open to other religions and their cultural contributions."

The comments could send conflicting signals to Turkey after the Vatican suggested there was room in the EU for its first Muslim member. They could also serve as a rallying point for groups opposed to bringing a predominantly Muslim country into the bloc.

The pope also recalled how the faith was shaped by the encounters of early Christians with the scientific and intellectual traditions of ancient Greece. It was the same theological backdrop — faith and reason — that was the basis for his explosive remarks in September in which he quoted a medieval Christian emperor who described Muhammad's teachings as "evil and inhuman."

The pope avoided any direct mention of Islam after praying with Bartholomew at the St. George Church in Istanbul, capital of Christian Byzantium before falling to Muslim forces in 1453.

Iraq

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more Iraqi forces," he said, according to excerpts from the interview to be aired later Thursday.

"We did not talk about any timetables and agenda for the withdrawal but now we are focusing on training Iraqi forces and then we will talk about reducing the number of multinationals," he said, alluding to the U.S.-led, 150,000-strong multinational force in Iraq.

He said he had no objection to any timetable for a U.S. troop withdrawal, but cautioned that such action should be put off until Iraqi forces were ready to stand on their own.

On Thursday, Bush said he would speed a turnover of security responsibility to Iraqi forces and assured al-Maliki that Washington was not looking for a "graceful exit" from a war well into its fourth year.

"So, we'll be in Iraq until the job is complete," Bush said.

Saleh al-Ojeili, a Sadrist legislator, said only a timetable for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Iraq would persuade him and fellow Sadrists to resume participation in the parliament and government.

"It is the minimum we can ask for," al-Ojeili said.

A special commission on U.S. policy in Iraq will urge a pullback of some U.S. troops but will not recommend a timetable for withdrawing all U.S. forces, an official familiar with the panel's deliberations said

Thursday.

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Bush has steadfastly refused to announce a timeline for a troop pullout, saying that such a move would play into the hands of insurgents.

In violence on Thursday, the U.S. military reported the deaths of two soldiers, and Iraqi officials said 47 people had been killed, including 37 bodies found dumped in various regions of the country.

Huge Iraq spending bill to test Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is working on its largest-ever appeal for more Iraq war funds — a record \$100 billion, at least, and that figure reflects cuts from wish lists originally circulating around the Pentagon.

The measure will give Democrats, who take control of Congress next year, an early chance to try changing the conduct of the war. But they are limited and do not want to be cast as unsympathetic to U.S. troops.

"We're not going to do anything to limit funding or cut off funds," says Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Senior Pentagon officials have trimmed initial requests from the Army and Air Force. But with \$70 billion already approved for the budget year that began Oct. 1, and more money needed to replace lost or worn-out equipment, spending levels for 2007 easily will be at the highest since the Iraq war began in 2003.

Precise figures have not been set by either the Pentagon or the White House. The requests in February for Iraq and Afghanistan probably will be about \$100 billion, but could climb as high as \$128 billion if the services get their way, said Jim McAleese, a Virginia lawyer who specializes in national security law.

Including the money already approved, the cost of the total military spending for Iraq and Afghanistan could come close to \$200 billion in 2007. About \$120 billion was spent in the 2006 budget year, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Despite widespread discontent over the Iraq war and President Bush's handling of it, Democrats are expected to grant the vast majority of the request. Yet evidence is accumulating that the figure the White House sends to Capitol Hill will not be limited to dollars critically needed for troops and war-fighting.

There is much sentiment among Democrats to protect troops and fear about being portrayed as unsympathetic to men and women in uniform. These factors probably would overwhelm any efforts by anti-war Democrats to use the debate over the Iraq money to take on Bush's conduct of the war.

"Although the Democrats are very uncomfortable with the way the Iraq policy is being executed, they are at pains not to appear that they are shortchanging troops in the field," said Loren Thompson, chief operating officer of the Lexington Institute, a Washington-area think tank.

"This is their opportunity to

show that they, too, are pro-defense," Thompson said.

Democrats are promising to give the upcoming request greater scrutiny than Republicans did when considering Bush's previous requests.

"It won't just be a rubber stamp on what they give us," said Kirstin Brost, spokeswoman for the incoming chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. David Obey, D-Wis.

There is increasing concern about the cost of the war and the fact that Iraq spending is kept on a set of ledgers separate from the rest of government operations.

It is possible that the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group could affect the spending request.

Since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Congress has approved about \$500 billion for Iraq, Afghanistan and other terrorism-fighting efforts.

The Vietnam War cost an inflation-adjusted \$121 billion at its height in 1968, according to the Congressional Research Service. The overall tally for Vietnam is \$663 billion, adjusted for inflation, while Iraq so far come to about \$350 billion.

The cost of the war has risen dramatically as the security situation has deteriorated and more equipment is destroyed or worn out in harsh conditions.

The Pentagon increasingly is using war spending bills for costs not directly related to Iraq and Afghanistan. Last month, Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England said the four military services could add projects connected to the broader fight against terrorism, which critics said could be interpreted to cover almost anything.

"He was telling the services to put any damn thing they wanted into the

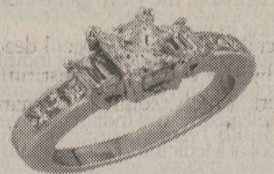
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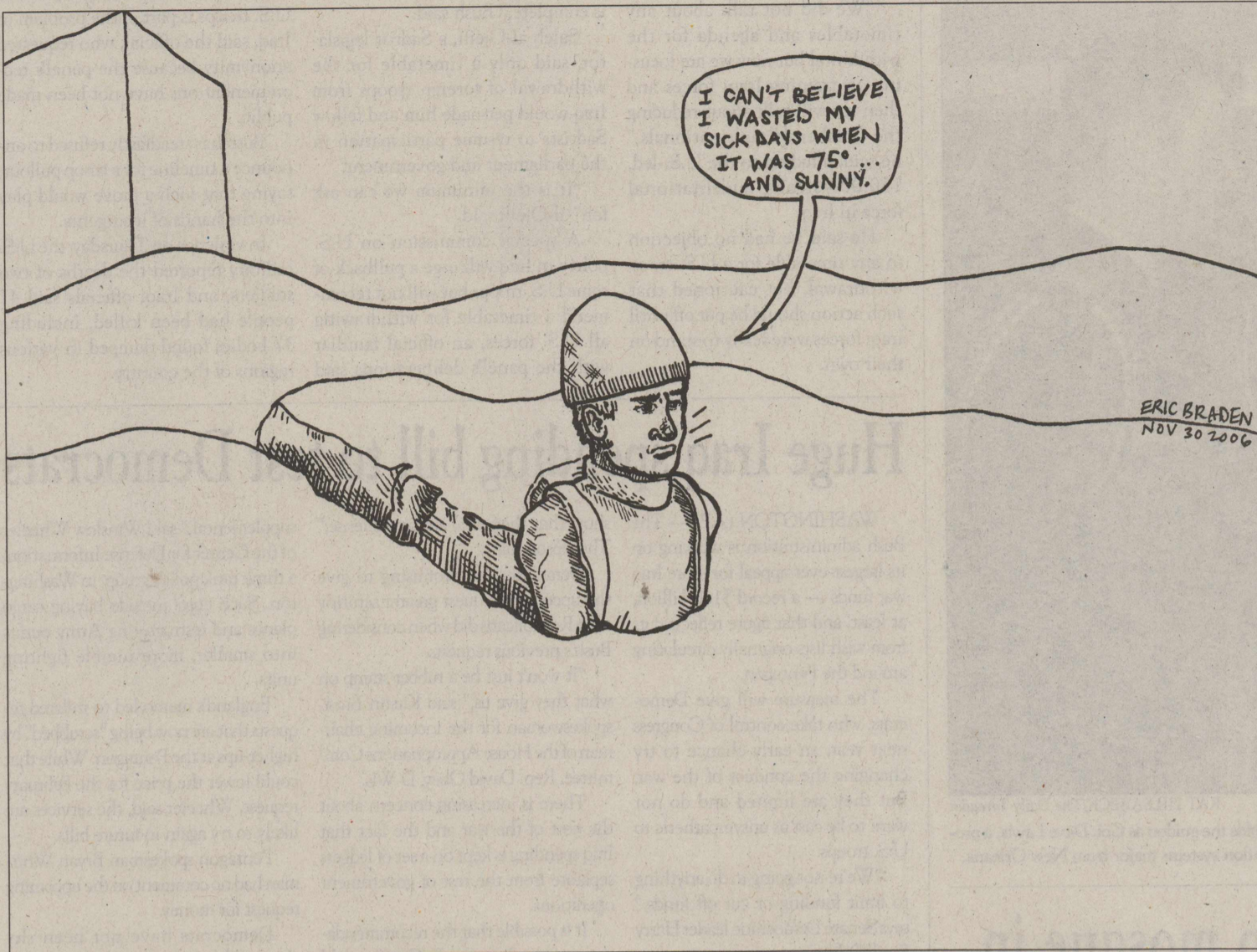
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Games scare me

Many children will be receiving something special from Santa this Christmas, provided that they've been a good boy or girl this year. And you can bet that a lot of those special things will come in the form of video games. With the recent release of Sony's PlayStation 3 and Nintendo's Wii, and Microsoft's Xbox 360 still in high demand, the video game industry is doing as well as ever.

But no multibillion dollar industry is without controversy. This week, a study was released by the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis suggesting a correlation between emotional arousal and violence in video games. The study, conducted on 13- to 17-year-old males, also showed those who played violent video games had less activity in the parts of the brain associated with concentration, focus and control.

The debate over the effect of violence in video games is nothing new. Many studies have been conducted in the past to show a correlation between exposure to violent media and increased violent behavior. However, this study is significant because it uses advanced imaging technology to monitor the effects of violent media on the brain.

Still, some would argue that the study is still questionable. For example,

Adrian Martinez



the games being played were not specifically designed for the experiment. They were actual commercial video games that can be purchased at retail stores anywhere. "Medal of Honor: Frontline" was the game used as the violent video game, while "Need for Speed: Underground" was used to be an equally fun, nonviolent game.

For those of you who are not gamers, "Medal of Honor: Frontline" is a World War II first-person-shooter. As a war-based game, it's obviously filled with violence, but it's also a simulation and re-creation of one of the most important wars in our history. In this particular game, there is a story line in which you are part of a close-knit military unit. Yes, I know that it's just a game, but it's a game that's supposed to stimulate emotion on at least a small level. Compare that to "Need for Speed: Underground," a racing game based on the underground street racing culture. The object in this game

is to win races so you can obtain the finances and ability to make your car faster and more extravagant. There's no emotional attachment to be made, nor was that the game-makers' intent.

Still, this study comes closer than any other thus far to showing a true and undeniable link between violence in video games and violent tendencies in behavior. At the very least it shows that there are some lingering short-term effects on brain activity as a result of that game's content.

No study has been conducted as of yet to show similar results over long periods of time, but we already know that video games can alter long-term behavior in the form of addiction. Some people have been so addicted to playing video games that it has been detrimental to their health in serious ways.

If these games can have that kind of effect — the kind of power to cause us to stop eating and sleeping well, and to even be linked with attention deficiencies — isn't it just as reasonable to consider that they might be influencing our behavior and social skills in detrimental ways?

For years people have been fearful of violence in video games, and with good reason. When the first home gaming consoles were around, the graphics were

so poor that no matter how violent the games were, it didn't matter because none of the games had any chance of being realistic. Now that the technology has caught up, it's possible to put the most disturbing images in digital form and have it look indistinguishable from reality.

I suppose it would have to be up to the person. Maybe you and I can control our minds and decide what is reality and what is simulation. But it would be foolish to assume that everybody can.

Some people, politicians especially, have become convinced that violence in video games can be held responsible for much of the violent behavior seen in schools today, and at first glance it might seem like this latest research would support that position. But it's still only part of the problem. There is plenty of violence to be seen elsewhere.

No, even if violent video games contribute to violent behavior, these games were still created after violence already existed. We can't treat them like the cause. We can only acknowledge that they might be a contributor.

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Wait, orgasms?

By **ROB OLSON**
THE CALIFORNIA AGGIE (UC-DAVIS)

(U-WIRE) DAVIS, Calif. — Want to save the world? OK. Have sex.

According to a recent CBS/Associated Press article, Bay Area peace activists Donna Sheehan and Paul Reffell have conceived the notion of the Global Orgasm for Peace, set to climax on Dec. 22.

The Global Orgasm calls for everyone in the world to come together and have orgasms on the first day of winter. Instead of the usual pillow talk or cuddling afterward, each participant is to concentrate on beneficial thoughts of peace, thereby acting as a lubricant in the transition to a more peaceful world.

"And if that means laying down your gun for a few minutes," Reffell ejaculated, "then hey, all the better."

Sheehan said it made sense that they'd received such a strong response after inserting themselves so vigorously into the debate: "... the human race is sexual, especially males." She definitely hit the spot of the matter there.

Exploring their Web site, the thrust of the Global Orgasm is "to effect change in the energy field of the Earth through input of the largest possible surge of human energy." It goes on, rather energetically: "The combination of high-energy orgasmic energy combined with mindful intention may have a much greater effect than previous mass meditations and prayers."

See? When you strip it down, it really isn't so hard to penetrate the hairy problem that is war. It's not like war is caused by a complicated intercourse of resources, politics, economics, culture, religion and history.

The implications of the Global Orgasm don't end there. Gentlemen, it is now incumbent upon you to give your women orgasms not only for their sakes, but for all of humankind. World peace depends on it. If orgasms promote harmony, no wonder France has such a weak military. They have

so much sex that they can't focus properly on their wars. That's to say nothing of the Middle East, where there is constant warfare exclusively because of a religion-induced lack of sex. Obviously, there is a direct correlation between orgasms and wars throughout the world. Bravo, Sheehan and Reffell.

Let's be real. Peace movements never create peace, except at a cost far greater than that of a timely and just war. If peace activists had had their way in the 1850s and 1860s, the North would have had a much tougher time organizing to oppose the South's recalcitrant defense of slavery; even when war would eventually break out, these activists would undermine Abraham Lincoln's power and prolong an already terrible conflict. Oh wait. That is what happened.

If peace activists had had their way in the 1930s, no one would've opposed Adolf Hitler's rise to power and his creation of a fearsome military machine, consuming countries whole while the inevitable impending war became worse and worse. Oh wait. That is what happened.

If peace activists had had their way in the 1960s and 1970s, a noble venture to stop the spread of oppression and communism to South Vietnam — and to give a people the invaluable luxury of self-determination — would've been fatally hamstrung, so that in the wake of an American retreat millions of Vietnamese and Cambodians would be slaughtered by "enlightened" dictators. Oh wait. That

is what happened. If peace activists have their way in Iraq, the "civil war" going on now in that country would soon look like a casual game of Risk. The country would be torn apart as Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds would all murder and destroy one another, causing tremendous death and chaos. A rising Iran would step in to support the Shiite majority of Iraq, oil prices would skyrocket and turmoil would spread to the rest of the Middle East.

War is never a good thing, never something to be enjoyed or eagerly anticipated. But there are things in this world that are worse than war, and which can unfortunately only be stopped with war. They definitely can't be stopped with orgasms.

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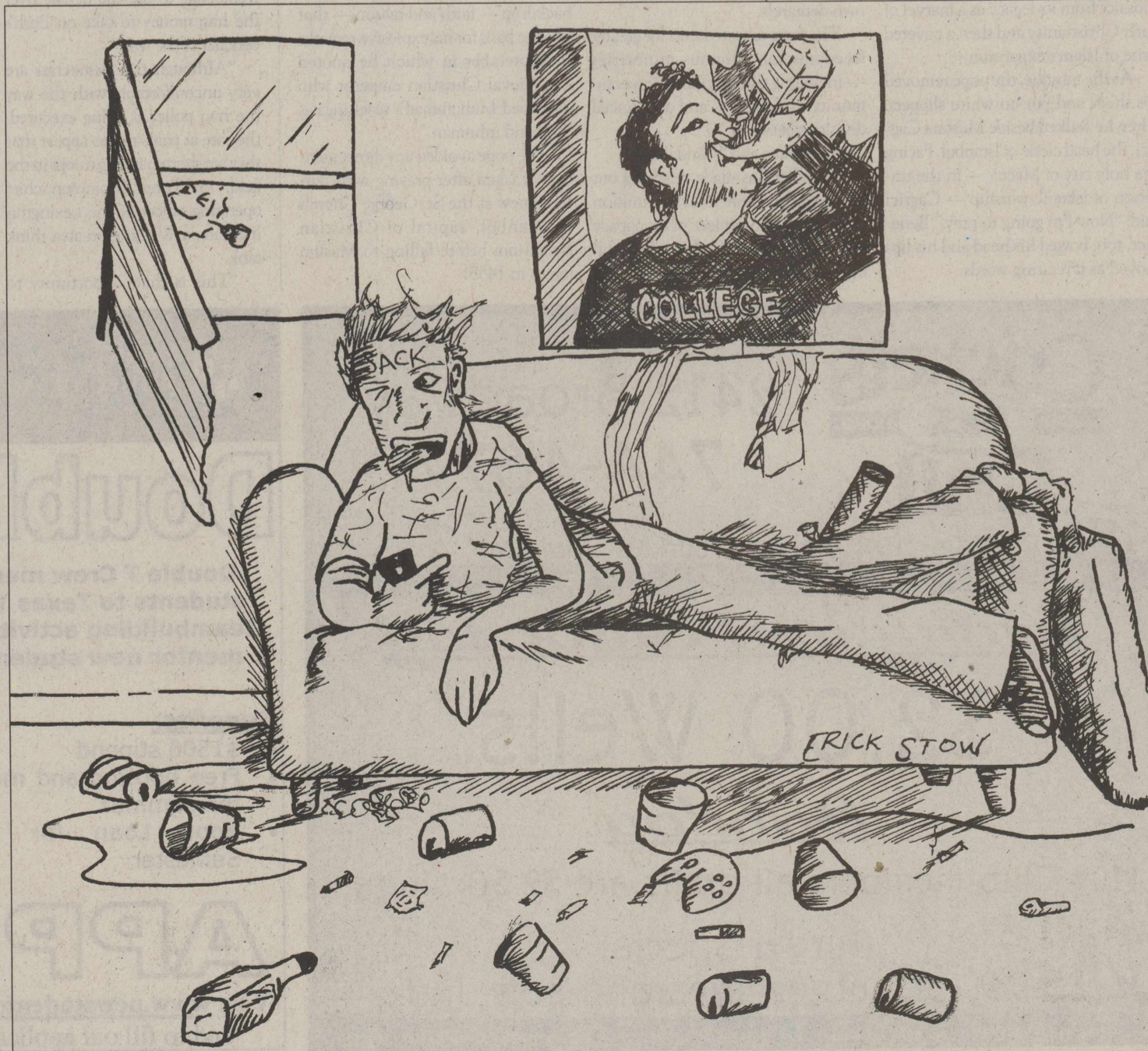
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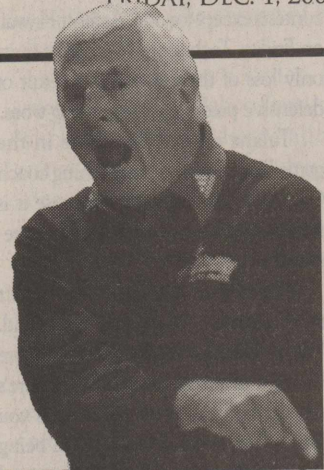
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KNIGHTwatch

Win count: 875
To tie: 4
To break record: 5
Next game: 5:30 p.m. Sunday
against Stanford at the HP Pavilion
in San Jose, Calif.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cardinal win?

Tech looking to upend Stanford

By JAY LANGLEY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Texas Tech men's basketball team travels to Stanford Sunday after winning consecutive road games against in-state rivals UTEP and TCU.

In Wednesday night's 70-60 victory against **TEXAS TECH vs. SUNDAY STANFORD**, guard Charlie Burgess led Tech (6-2) with 20 points on six of seven from 3-point range. But Burgess also committed a team-high five turnovers in the win.

"Honestly I think it's probably one of my worst performances since I've been here," Burgess said, "as far as taking control of the team and doing what was needed. Luckily I was able to hit the shots when I had the opportunity to."

Tech took a 14-point lead into the half against TCU, but the Horned Frogs used a 20-6 run to tie the score at 44 with 10:40 to play. Led by Burgess and guard Martin Zeno, who had 19 points and eight rebounds, the Raiders found a way to win by 10.

Burgess said the team was confident even when TCU came back to tie the game at 44.

"I knew we were going to win," Burgess said. "But it came down to a point where either we were going to get screwed by the refs or some type of play was going to happen like somebody was going to throw up a lucky shot at the end. We kept our character and poise and our composure toward the end and the better team prevailed."

The 6-foot-1 guard from New York said it was important for the Raiders to build a large lead toward the end of the game so the team did not lose because of the officiating.

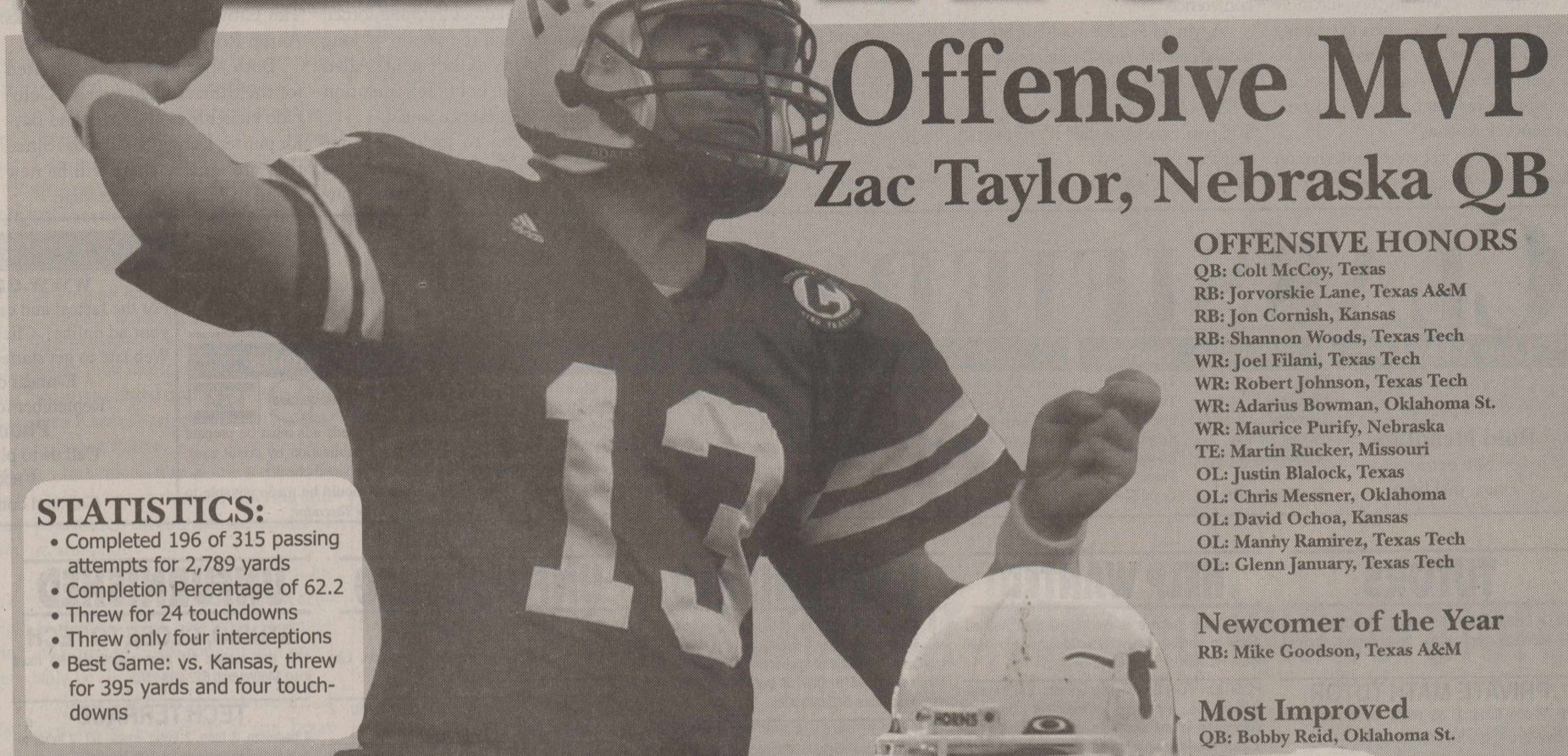
"They started calling a lot of calls for us toward the end, because I think we were winning at the end by about eight or 10 points, and it was kind of out of reach," Burgess said. "Toward the end of the game we got two or three charging calls back-to-back for us. I think if the score was like 51-50 they would have called them blocks just to keep the game interesting."

Stanford (5-1) comes into Sunday's game having won three straight after a 34-point loss at the hands of Air Force. Air Force also beat Tech by a final score of 67-54 Nov. 11.

The Cardinal are led by four players in double figures including

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Offensive MVP Zac Taylor, Nebraska QB

OFFENSIVE HONORS

- QB: Colt McCoy, Texas
- RB: Jorvorskie Lane, Texas A&M
- RB: Jon Cornish, Kansas
- RB: Shannon Woods, Texas Tech
- WR: Joel Filani, Texas Tech
- WR: Robert Johnson, Texas Tech
- WR: Adarius Bowman, Oklahoma St.
- WR: Maurice Purify, Nebraska
- TE: Martin Rucker, Missouri
- OL: Justin Blalock, Texas
- OL: Chris Messner, Oklahoma
- OL: David Ochoa, Kansas
- OL: Manhy Ramirez, Texas Tech
- OL: Glenn January, Texas Tech

Newcomer of the Year
RB: Mike Goodson, Texas A&M

Most Improved
QB: Bobby Reid, Oklahoma St.

STATISTICS:

- Completed 196 of 315 passing attempts for 2,789 yards
- Completion Percentage of 62.2
- Threw for 24 touchdowns
- Threw only four interceptions
- Best Game: vs. Kansas, threw for 395 yards and four touchdowns

Defensive MVP Aaron Ross, Texas DB

DEFENSIVE HONORS

- DL: C.J. Ah You, Oklahoma
- DL: Tim Crowder, Texas
- DL: Abraham Wright, Colorado
- LB: Marcus Bacon, Missouri
- DB: Terrence Wheatley, Colorado
- DB: Courtney Grixby, Nebraska
- DL: Keyunta Dawson, Texas Tech
- DL: Victor DeGrate, Oklahoma St.
- LB: Rufus Alexander, Oklahoma
- LB: Alvin Bowen, Iowa St.
- DB: Aqib Talib, Kansas

Newcomer of the Year
DB: Andre Sexton, Oklahoma St.

Most Improved
DB: Aqib Talib, Kansas

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STATISTICS:

- Five interceptions
- Had 241 yards on punt returns
- Talled one sack
- Deflected 23 passes

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Raiders travel to Sunshine State for key matchups

By STEPHEN MONAHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Heading into two road games in the Sunshine State this weekend, the Texas Tech women's basketball team is looking to continue to play lights out.

Coming off wins against UCLA and Tulane this week, the Lady Raiders face road stops at Fresno State tonight and No. 15 Stanford Sunday, two teams that have struggled this season but are not to be overlooked.

"Without question, we're walking into a hornet's nest at Fresno State," Tech coach Kristy Curry said. "I think our kids are going to have to play an A-plus game. They're (Fresno State) a very good basketball team. They are very athletic. We've just got to gut

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SUNDAY

out a win." Curry said her team's wins against then-ranked UCLA Sunday and Tulane Wednesday breeds confidence heading into games against two teams who have faltered and had success against ranked opponents early this season.

"I don't think there is any question that anytime you can have success that boosts confidence," Curry said. "That should just springboard us into the weekend."

Fresno State is coming off a loss to unranked Cal-State Fullerton after up-

ending No. 23 BYU who beat Stanford earlier last week.

In their wins against UCLA and Tulane, Curry said the play from the post positions and the bench has been one of the key factors for her team's success this season.

"Anytime that we can establish a post presence on either end of the floor, we're just so much better," she said. "You have to give our posts a lot of credit. A lot of people criticize our depth. There's no excuses. We feel like that if we go five deep right now with Darrice (Griffin) being back and moving Alesha (Robertson) to the four — I feel like that's more of her natural position — so I think that our posts really understand, if they're good, what we do have is special."

In each game this season, the Lady Raiders have had at least three players score in double figures, including leading scorer Robertson who is averaging 14.3 points per game after scoring just six in the team's opening game against Texas-San Antonio.

Senior guard Chesley Dabbs said she feels that with the array of scorers on the team, it is difficult for the opposition to shut down the entire team because other teammates have the ability to shoot when others are struggling.

"I think that with this team it's hard to stop one of us," Dabbs, who is averaging eight points and four rebounds per game, said. "I don't think another person's going to go for 30, and another is going to go for two. I think there have been a lot of times where three or four people have been in double digits. Hopefully that can continue to

be our strength."

With a lengthy road trip to Hawaii last weekend and another to the West Coast, junior center Erin Myrick, who is averaging a double-double (12 ppg, 10.6 rpg) this season, said having chemistry and gelling together on the court is reciprocated by her team's relationship off the court.

"When we're here we spend a lot of time together. When we're away we spend a lot of time together," Myrick said. "I see these people every single day and just about all day. It's always good when you get along with those people that you have to spend so much time with. I think it's really good that we get along so well."

In seven games, the Lady Raiders averaged 70 points per game and scored more than 60 points in each of their

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