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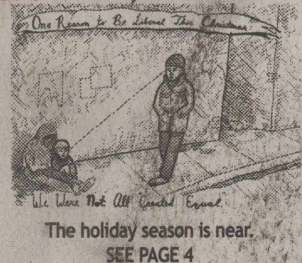
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**STATE**

**Real estate agent files lawsuit in Farmers Branch**

DALLAS (AP) — A real estate agent filed a lawsuit Monday alleging members of the Farmers Branch City Council and the city's mayor repeatedly violated the state's open meetings laws to deliberate a series of anti-illegal immigration ordinances.

Guillermo Ramos, of Farmers Branch, was among opponents who protested outside the city hall before City Council members in this Dallas suburb unanimously approved having property managers or owners verify the immigration or citizenship status of apartment renters.

**NATION**

**Countdown for shuttle launch set to begin**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA and its Russian counterpart worked on two minor problems Monday before starting the countdown clock for Thursday night's launch of space shuttle Discovery on a mission to rewire the international space station.

Russian flight controllers boosted the space station's orbit by firing the engine on a supply vehicle docked to the space lab for 23 minutes. An effort to do that was aborted last week after only three minutes because of a software problem.

**WORLD**

**Brazil creates 7 new protected areas**

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A swath of Amazon rain forest the size of Alabama was placed under government protection Monday in a region infamous for violent conflicts among loggers, ranchers and environmentalists.

The protected territory totals 57,915 square miles of the Guayana Shield region, an area of Amazon forest stretching across international borders that contains more than 25 percent of the world's remaining humid tropical forests and the largest remaining unpolluted fresh water reserves in the American tropics.

**DEATH TOLL**

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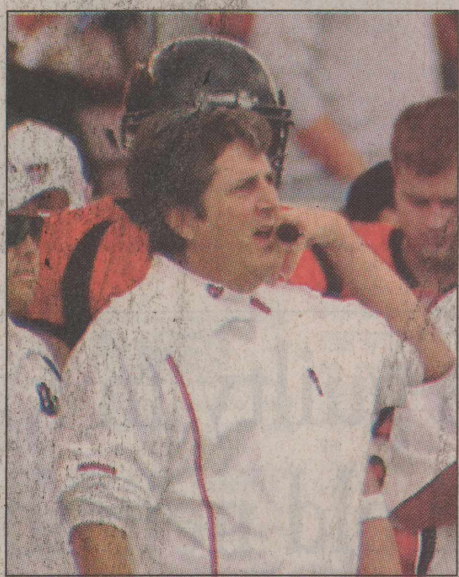
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## LEACH LEAVING LUBBOCK?

Reports, interviews indicate Texas Tech football coach expresses interest in Miami job



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador  
TEXAS TECH COACH Mike Leach stands on the sideline during one of the Red Raiders' 2006 season games.

By TRAVIS CRAM  
MANAGING EDITOR

The Dixie Chicks' song "Lubbock or Leave It" could be the theme to Texas Tech coach Mike Leach's trip to New York this week for the annual College Football Coaches Hall of Fame Dinner and awards ceremonies after reports have swirled around the possibility of the Air Raid General switching venues.

Two unnamed sources indicate Leach and agent Gary O'Hagan were supposed to have dinner and possibly meet with Miami athletic director Paul Dee Tuesday night about the Hurricanes' coaching job recently vacated by former coach Larry Coker.

Coker was released from his head coaching duties Nov. 24 but will coach the Hurricanes in the MPC Computers Bowl. The university accepted a formal bid to play against Nevada in the 10th annual game on Dec. 31.

O'Hagan, president of the coaches division for IMG Sports and Entertainment, was contacted at approximately 9 p.m. by The DT and denied any meeting between the two coaches.

"I haven't talked to Mike or anyone else tonight," he said.

One source in New York confirmed that athletic director Dee is staying in New York for the week's events.

Rutgers coach Greg Schiano said at a press conference Tuesday he had been mentioned for the Miami job over the last few weeks and that Dee had finally contacted Rutgers athletic director Bob Mulcahy to ask permission to speak to Schiano about the position.

"Although I am very flattered that the University of Miami would think of me as a candidate, I told them at the time that Rutgers is where I am going to be and Rutgers is where I want to be," he said. "I am not a

candidate for that job and I won't be a candidate for that job, and to be able to put that behind us now and focus on our bowl game, our second bowl game in as many years, is a very, very exciting thought."

Schiano was Miami's defensive coordinator in 1999 and 2000 under former Miami coach and current North Carolina coach Butch Davis. Schiano, who according to Rutgers will be named The Home Depot Coach of the Year during the 2006 Home Depot College Football Awards, and Leach are at least two of five names mentioned to be possibilities for the Miami job.

Others have included former Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez, South Florida's Jim Leavitt and former Alabama coach Mike Shula.

According to Tech, Leach recently extended his contract with the university in September through 2010. It raised his annual salary to \$1.6 million this season and would make it \$2 million

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KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Treador

TEXAS TECH CHANCELLOR Kent Hance speaks at his reception in the Croslin Room at the University Library Monday afternoon.

## Exceptional Reception

Hance gives first speech as Texas Tech's new chancellor

By JOSH HULL  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech employees Monday afternoon filled the Croslin Room of the library wall-to-wall for their first opportunity to hear Kent Hance speak since he took office as chancellor Friday.

Hance reminisced about his time at Tech both as a student and an instructor, and he laid out a broad vision of his goals for the future of the university.

"Forty-five years ago my parents brought me and left me at Bledsoe Hall," Hance said. "I loved Texas Tech. I loved every minute of it."

Though his primary focus will be fundraising for Tech, Hance said he does not want anybody to overlook the responsibility Tech has as a university on the national level.

"We do more with less than any other school in the nation," he said. "Let me tell you something, we're going to change that. We're going to do more with more than any school in the nation."

Hance said he believes he is prepared to carry out the tasks in front of him, but he does not want any of the changes he brings with him to alter the qualities of the university he said he believes make Tech unique.

"We're in the big time, and we need to act like we're in the big time, and we need to raise money like we're in the big time," Hance said. "I do not want to change the quality and the culture of Texas Tech."

Hance recently left his law firm in Austin to start work at Tech, but not before making a few calls on behalf of the university.

Tech President Jon Whitmore said Hance spent his first day on the

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## Helicopter crash kills 4 U.S. Marines

By KIM GAMEL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Four U.S. Marines died when a Sea Knight helicopter plunged into a lake in volatile Anbar province, the military said Monday, raising to 13 the number of American troops killed during a bloody weekend in Iraq.

It was the second military aircraft to go down in a week in Anbar, a stronghold of Sunni insurgents, although the military said mechanical problems rather than gunfire had forced the emergency landing on Sunday.

"The pilots maintained control of the aircraft the entire time," the military said.

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## Bolton to leave as U.N. ambassador

By BEN FELLER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lack of the votes to keep his job, embattled U.N. Ambassador John Bolton said Monday he would resign, a defeat for a chagrined President Bush who had clung to hopes of Senate confirmation.

Bolton got the position in August 2005, appointed by Bush when Congress was in recess. With that temporary assignment about to expire, and his long fight for confirmation going nowhere, Bolton made it official.

He handed in a resignation letter

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## Tech officials give advice for semester break parking

By ANNA SCHUMANN  
STAFF WRITER

Students who live on campus may have questions about parking whether they're going home or staying for the break.

Brian Brand, the parking enforcement manager for University Parking Services, said a few changes in campus parking will be made for the semester break.

In the residence halls and commuter lots, cars are not required to have parking permits between Dec. 14 and Jan. 7. All handicapped parking spots, timed parking spots and pay lots

will be monitored as usual, he said.

Beginning Dec. 11, Brand said, all vehicles are allowed to park on the second and third floors of the parking garage at the corner of Flint Avenue and 19th Street. Students should not park on the first and fourth floors, he said, because they will get cited.

Brand said the garage is probably the best place for students leaving their cars on campus over the break to park.

"The garage is probably the safest," he said. "It has 24-hour surveillance, it's covered and the Tech police will monitor it."

Students who regularly park in the garage,

however, should not be concerned about not having a place to park.

"I don't think it's ever been full," Brand said.

Though Brand said he cannot give an estimate of how many students will leave their vehicles on campus during the break, he said most students drive home.

He said the office will still be in operation during the break except for between the week of Christmas and New Year's.

Brand said the best advice he can give to students who may be concerned about leaving their car on campus during the break is

to make sure all vehicles are locked up.

Cpl. Jack Floyd, the crime prevention officer with the Texas Tech Police Department, said he agrees the best thing students can do is keep everything locked up.

"Keep everything inside residence halls," he said. "Don't keep CDs visible. That's just an invitation."

He said students should find friends staying on campus or in Lubbock and ask them to check on their vehicles to make sure the vehicles do not get broken into. If they are broken into,

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# Winds ease in S. Calif.

Threat of wildfire decreases

MOORPARK, Calif. (AP) — The desert winds blamed for stoking a destructive wildfire diminished Monday, easing the threat from the flames in this Southern California city where the blaze gutted five homes.

The fire blackened about 15 square miles after erupting early Sunday, but the remaining homes in hilly Ventura County northwest of Los Angeles were safe, fire spokesman Fred Ponce said.

The Santa Ana winds had earlier gusted as high as 50 mph. The improving weather allowed aircraft to join more than 800 firefighters battling the flames.

"We're expecting to hit it hard from the air and from the ground," fire Capt. Barry Parker said.

Firefighters sought to keep the fire boxed in a canyon. If the flames advanced south, they could move toward the small city of Camarillo. If they spread northward, the blaze could

threaten the city of Fillmore. The cause of the fire had not been determined.

On Sunday, authorities urged residents to leave their homes, but some stayed to soak their roofs with water.

The fire fed on heavy brush and spread quickly across hills and canyons dotted with horse ranches and eucalyptus, avocado and citrus groves.

No one had been injured.

Two other fires also erupted early Monday about 90 miles to the east in the dangerously windy conditions, but those blazes were tackled by firefighters.

In San Bernardino County, some firefighting equipment was being released from a 525-acre fire in Fontana, but fire crews planned to keep an eye on the site for several hours.

"In this kind of wind, you really can't say that it's completely out until it's completely out," said Battalion Chief Ron Walls.

## Truck driver convicted in deaths of 19 illegal immigrants in Texas smuggling case

HOUSTON (AP) — A truck driver was convicted Monday in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants crammed into a sweltering tractor-trailer in the deadliest human smuggling attempt in U.S. history.

The jury will return on Wednesday to begin hearing evidence on whether Tyrone Williams, 35, should get the death penalty.

It was the second time Williams was found guilty in the case; an appeals court said the earlier verdict was flawed and ordered a new trial.

The federal jury deliberated a little more than four days before convicting Williams on all 58 counts of conspiracy, harboring and transporting for agreeing to drive the illegal immigrants from South Texas to Houston in 2003.

The more than 70 immigrants packed into the airtight trailer clawed desperately at the insulation, broke out the taillights and screamed for help as the heat climbed inside. Nineteen suffocated or died of heat or dehydration.

Williams abandoned the trailer at a truck stop near Victoria, about 100 miles from Houston.

Defense attorney Craig Washington said his client was not responsible for the deaths because he didn't know the immigrants were dying until it was too late. Washington blamed another smuggling ring member for causing the deaths by overstuffing the trailer.

Prosecutors said Williams was responsible for the deaths because he didn't free the immigrants or turn on the air conditioning.

Williams showed no reaction when the verdict was read. He accepted a long hug from his lawyer before being led away by U.S. marshals. "I am deeply disappointed," said Washington, a former congressman.

Williams, a Jamaican citizen who lived in Schenectady, N.Y., is the only one of 14 people charged in the case to face the death penalty.

Last year, a jury convicted Williams, but he avoided a death sentence because the jury couldn't agree on his role in the smuggling attempt. An appeals court said the verdict did not count because the jury failed to specify his role in the crime.

## THE 'BEST' BURGERS



DEREK BIRKENFELD, A staff member of the Engineering College, cooks burgers for high school students involved in the BEST Competition hosted by the Engineering College.

# Utah man pleads guilty in kidnapping, slaying of 5-year-old neighbor girl

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man pleaded guilty Monday to kidnapping and smothering a 5-year-old neighbor whose body was stored in his cellar while hundreds of people searched for her.

Craig Gregerson, 20, was immediately sentenced to life in prison without parole after striking a deal with prosecutors who agreed not to seek the death penalty.

Gregerson offered no explanation for his crimes but wrote a letter to Destiny Norton's family

apologizing for her murder and saying he hated himself for sexually assaulting her corpse.

"Her death was not the worst part. What I did after she was dead was unexcusable, sick and disgusting," Gregerson wrote in the letter, which was released by the court.

The girl had been missing for eight days when police found her body stuffed in a plastic storage box in Gregerson's cellar, just two doors from her home.

Authorities believe Destiny died within an hour of her disappearance

July 16. Police said Gregerson lured the barefooted girl from her backyard into his house, where he covered her mouth to muffle her screams.

"I hate that man for what he has done to my family," the girl's mother, Rachael Norton, said in court without looking at Gregerson. "In the end I know God will judge him, and he will pay for what he has done."

The girl's father, Rick Norton, was too overwhelmed to speak with reporters, saying he was leaving to take care of two other daughters,

including Faith, who was born five weeks after the murder.

Prosecutor Robert Stott said the plea deal cut short years of trial and appeals and spared the family more pain.

"They want it over," Stott said. "They want some peace. They want to be left alone. And they want to make sure Gregerson will never be able to harm anybody else."

Gregerson will live in isolation in a high-security cell except for shower time, and will have to be protected from other inmates, Stott said.

## More arrests as Chicago police corruption investigation widens; 3 officers charged

CHICAGO (AP) — Three police officers were charged Monday in a probe into allegations of officers shaking down drug suspects, and authorities tacked on additional charges for three other officers indicted earlier.

James McGovern, 40, Frank Villareal, 38, and Margaret Hopkins, 32, all members of the department's special operations section, turned themselves in Monday, said Marci Jensen, a spokeswoman for the Cook County state's attorney's office.

All three were charged with official misconduct, and Villareal and Hopkins also were charged

with home invasion. Villareal also was charged with armed violence. Authorities did not provide any other information.

In September, four other members of the same special operations unit, which focuses on gangs and drugs, were charged with robbery, kidnapping and false arrests. All four pleaded not guilty.

Three of those officers turned themselves in Monday on additional charges of home invasion and official misconduct, Jensen said.

In the earlier indictment, the officers were accused of using their badges to intimidate people and gain access to their homes, and of robbing, kidnapping and intimidat-

ing drug dealers. Those accusations forced prosecutors to drop felony charges against dozens of suspects in more than 100 cases, the state's attorney's office has said.

Superintendent Phil Cline said police are committed to rooting out bad officers. "No one is above the law, not even a Chicago police officer," he said Monday in a news release.

If convicted, McGovern faces a maximum of five years in prison; Villareal and Hopkins could spend up to 30 years in prison, Jensen said.

At a hearing Monday, bond was set at \$50,000 for McGovern. The other five charged Monday were

due in court Tuesday.

A man who answered the phone at a listing for a Frank Villareal identified himself as the officer's father, saying he believed his son is innocent.

"In 13 or 14 years in the service, he's never done anything wrong," he said. "And I've always talked to him about being on the up and up. As far as I'm concerned, he's a decent, outstanding boy."

There was no answer at a listing for a Margaret Hopkins, and a listing for McGovern couldn't be found. Neither the state's attorney's office nor the police department could provide names of the defendants' attorneys.

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## Police investigating Litvinenko death arrive in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's foreign minister warned Monday that continued suggestions of Kremlin involvement in the death of a former KGB agent could damage relations with Britain, which sent police to Moscow to expand the investigation into the London poisoning.

Lawyers for an imprisoned security officer, Mikhail Trepashkin, said he has key evidence in the case. They appealed to the British officers in Russia to collect testimony from him as soon as possible, saying his life was in danger.

Alexander Litvinenko, 43, died Nov. 23 in London after ingesting the radioactive isotope polonium-210. In a deathbed accusation, he blamed Russian President Vladimir Putin for the poisoning. The Kremlin has vehemently denied the accusations.

Trepashkin, who is serving a four-year sentence in Yekaterinburg in the Ural Mountains for revealing state secrets, reportedly said in a letter from prison that he had warned Litvinenko several years ago about a government-sponsored death squad that intended to kill him and other Kremlin opponents.

"Trepashkin said he had information that could shed light on the killing" of Litvinenko, his lawyer Yelena Liptser told *The Associated Press*. "If the authorities don't allow him to do that, that would mean they are trying to hide something."

In letters released by his supporters, Trepashkin said an officer of the Federal Security Service, a KGB successor agency known by the acronym

FSB, offered him a chance in 2002 to join a group targeting Litvinenko but he rejected it. Trepashkin quoted the officer as saying that "Litvinenko won't escape Trotsky's ice pick," referring to the 1940 murder of Leon Trotsky by a Soviet agent.

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov warned Monday that continued suggestions of Russian official involvement in Litvinenko's death could damage diplomatic relations.

In televised comments, Lavrov said he had spoken with British Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett "about the necessity to avoid any kind of politicization of this question, this tragedy — the death of person is always a tragedy — and the necessity to avoid speculation on this subject."

Britain's Home Secretary John Reid said his government "got assurances ... that the Russian government will give us all of the assistance that is necessary."

"The police are on their way to Russia and will go anywhere else where is necessary in order to investigate the circumstances of the suspicious death," Reid told reporters on the sidelines of an EU justice and interior ministers meeting.

A spokeswoman for the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, said several countries had asked for information about the radiation poisoning.

"The IAEA has, in turn, been in touch with the British government for such information and also offered its assistance," said the spokeswoman, Melissa Fleming.

## Bush meets with Shiite leader, says he's not satisfied with efforts to stop violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush told a Shiite political leader on Monday the United States is not happy with progress in Iraq and sought the cleric's help to curb extremists and terrorists trying to undermine the struggling new democracy.

Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim said U.S. troops need to stay in Iraq to help deal with escalating violence. He also told Bush that Iraq welcomes help from other nations, including those in the Middle East, so long as they do not bypass Iraq's political process.

"Iraq should be in a position to solve Iraqi problems," al-Hakim told Bush after they met in the Oval Office for more than an hour.

Some consider al-Hakim, who lived in exile in Iran for years, a more powerful political figure than Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Al-Hakim leads the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the largest Shiite bloc in Iraq's parliament. His party also is backed by the Badr Brigade militia blamed for sectarian killings.

The meeting was evidence that Bush, under pressure to find a new blueprint for his war strategy, was getting more personally involved in the political infighting among Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds.

"I told him that we're not satisfied with the pace of progress in Iraq, and that we want to continue to work with the sovereign government of Iraq," Bush said. He said the young Iraqi government needs to be given more capability as quickly as possible to secure the country from extremists and murderers.

Bush is meeting on Thursday with British Prime Minister Tony Blair — a day after the bipartisan Iraq Study Group issues its long-awaited recommendations. Bush also plans to meet next

month with Iraq's Sunni Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi. Last week, he met in Jordan with al-Maliki.

Before al-Hakim's visit to the United States, two al-Maliki aides and a third person close to al-Hakim said the cleric was expected to try to persuade Bush to enlist Iran's help in quelling violence in Iraq.

Bush spoke with al-Hakim directly about Iran and Syria and the critical need for them to respect Iraqi sovereignty and stop destructive activity that undermines Iraq's unity government, a senior administration official said. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to divulge details of the meeting.

The official said it wasn't known whether al-Hakim specifically asked Bush to enlist Iran's assistance. Al-Hakim told reporters that he vehemently opposes any regional or international effort to solve Iraq's problems that goes around the unity government in Baghdad.

## Parking

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Floyd said students should report the crime to the Tech police immediately.

He said the Tech police will be on normal patrol throughout the holiday break.

"The Tech Police Department does not close for the holidays," he said. "Well, I'm going to be on vacation, but the patrolmen will

be here."

Floyd said residence hall robberies can sometimes also be an issue.

"People come to campus and go Christmas shopping," he said. "If your dorm does get broken into, don't touch anything. Call us."

He said the rules for safety in residence halls over the break do not differ from regular rules.

"Basically, keep things locked up when you're not there, and keep all valuables out of sight," he said.

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## Leach

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per year if he were to remain in Lubbock through the 2010 season. It was the third time Leach had been given an extension and raise since 2004 and would guarantee him more than eight times the amount of his original \$250,000 per year contract he signed in December 1999.

According to Leach's new con-

tract, it does include a buyout clause of \$500,000 which could be paid for by Miami if the university does hire Leach this year.

Tech athletic director Gerald Myers, who is in New York with Leach, told rivals.com he had not spoken with his coach about the opportunity in Miami but could not be reached by *The DT* for any further comment along with Leach.

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## Parking safety tips from Texas Tech police

To prevent your car from being stolen:

1. Keep your registration card at home instead of in your glove compartment.
2. Use paint or a permanent marker to put the vehicle identification number (VIN) under the engine hood, trunk lid and on the battery. This number is usually found on the dashboard on the driver's side of the car.
3. If you have to leave personal property in your car, place it in the trunk or somewhere out of sight.
4. Keep your car in a garage and lock the garage door.
5. Use a security device like a steering wheel lock or a gearshift column lock.
6. Park in well-lighted areas at night.
7. Make sure your vehicle windows are rolled up and the doors are locked when your vehicle is left unattended.
8. Mark or engrave your stereo equipment with your driver's license number.

In some instances, after the criminal broke into the vehicle, access was gained to the trunk by using the trunk release button. You can prevent this by asking a professional mechanic to make sure the trunk release button only works when the key is turned on.

If your car is stolen, have the following information to give to the police:

1. Year, make, model, license plate number, VIN and color of the car
2. Approximate time the car was stolen.
3. Description of anyone you may have seen loitering around your car before it was stolen.

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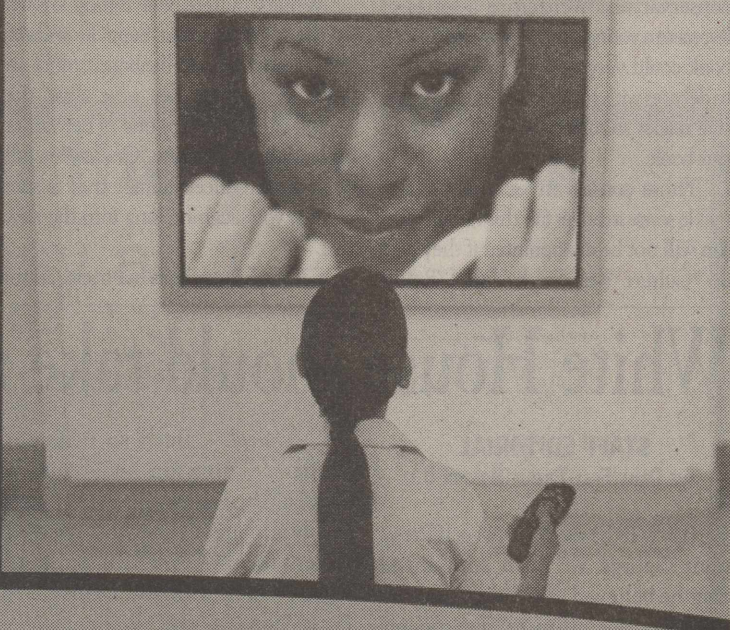


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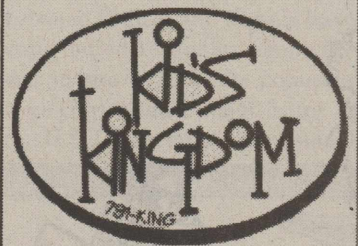
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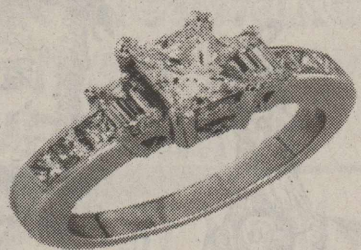
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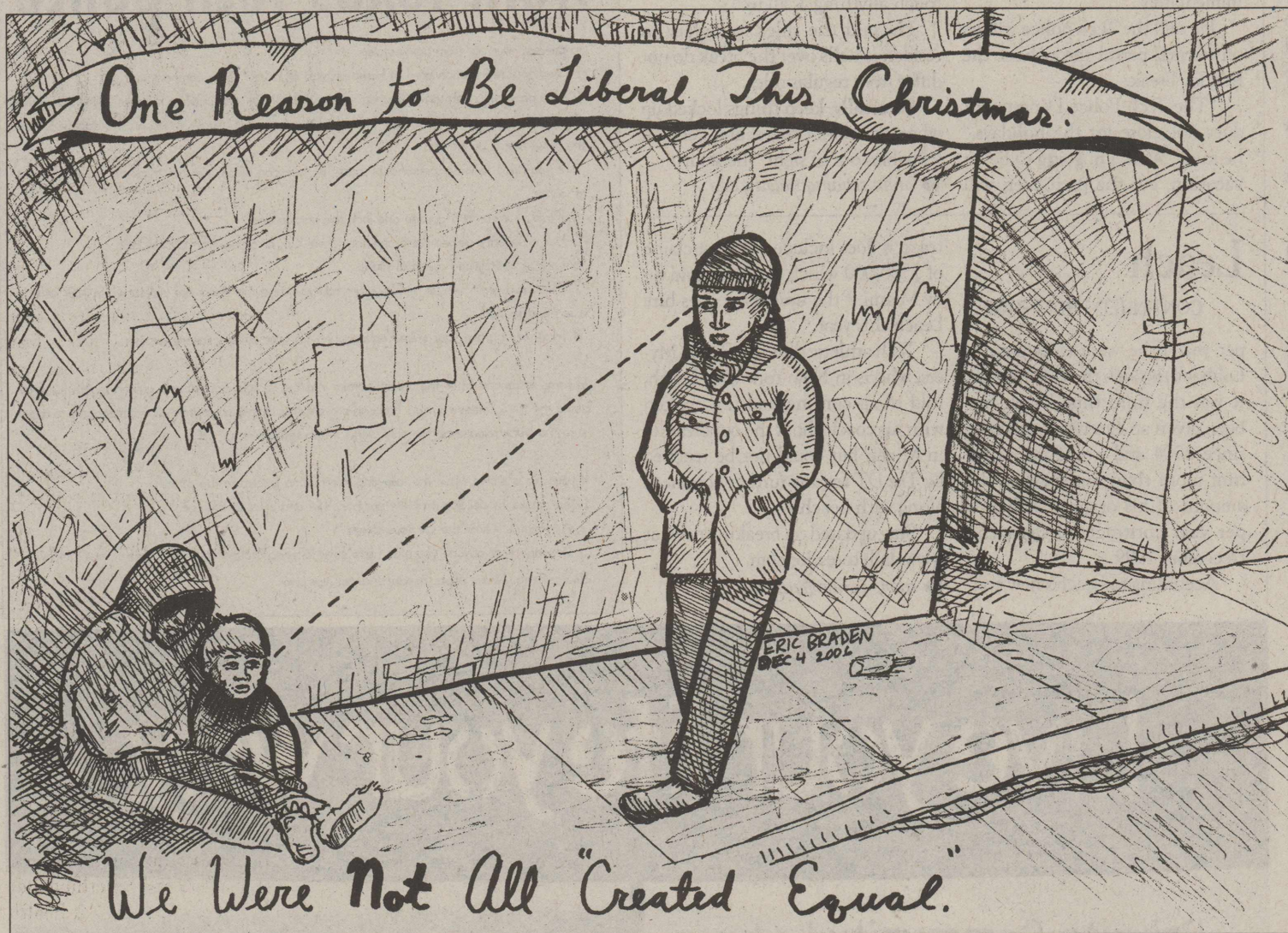


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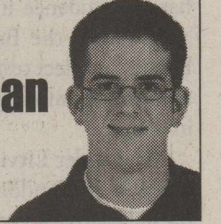
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## What it means to be a liberal

**Chris Kellerman**



On Sept. 14, 1960 — less than two months before his election to the presidency — John F. Kennedy accepted the nomination of the New York Liberal Party. In his acceptance speech, he described what liberalism meant to him and declared, "I'm proud to say I'm a liberal."

Can you imagine a Democratic candidate doing that today? It would be the end of his campaign. Ronald Reagan helped turn "liberal" into a bad word, but the label was tossed negatively even at Kennedy during his campaign. Kennedy embraced it. Now, no sensible Democrat would run for office while proclaiming himself to be a "liberal." He would lose.

Kennedy said his opponents tried to brand a liberal as "someone who is soft in his policies abroad, who is against local government, and who is unconcerned with the taxpayer's dollar." Not much of the criticism has changed, but perhaps we could add "someone who despises both organized religion and traditional family values."

Kennedy, however, said this was completely untrue. He thought of a liberal as "someone who looks ahead and not behind, someone who welcomes new ideas without rigid reactions, someone who cares about the welfare of the people — their health, their housing, their schools, their jobs, their civil rights and their civil liberties — someone who believes we can break through the stalemate and suspicions that grip us in our policies abroad."

What does it mean to be a liberal today? Or perhaps, what should it mean?

A liberal should believe that government has the ability and the God-given responsibility to ensure "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" for its people. No policy of liberalism should extend beyond those three values.

Ensuring life means protecting our citizens from harm. It means the government must do it all it can to protect its people from abject poverty. It means the government must do all it can to ensure each person has food, clothes, a job and health insurance. It means that the government must defend and protect human life from conception until natural death. It means that, in extreme circumstances, war is necessary to protect and defend our soil.

Ensuring liberty means acknowledging, as John Kennedy did, that "the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God." Therefore, government has the responsibility to treat no person, simply because of ethnicity or gender, differ-

ently than anyone else. Government has the responsibility to allow the practice of religion without endorsing one. Government has the responsibility of maintaining a strong and fair justice system. It has the responsibility to promote democracy and freedom throughout the world.

Ensuring the pursuit of happiness is the soul of liberalism. Every liberal policy should spring forth from a philosophy of four words: we can do better. We can do better by protecting the environment, advancing medicine, and providing great schools. We can do better not by telling the world that America embodies those values which we hold dear, but by making it obvious. We can give our children a better country than what our parents gave us. We can do it, and we must.

Have you read the speeches of past liberal candidates for the presidency? They're full of life and inspiration. The problem lies not in today's issues, but in today's politicians. Franklin Roosevelt wanted to rebuild America. John Kennedy wanted to "move our people and this country and the people of the free world beyond the new frontiers of the 1960s."

We don't see those kinds of public servants anymore. We hear meaningless rhetoric from disingenuous politicians who don't understand that America does not want more of the same. Politicians who don't understand that, while ruthless attack ads may get you elected, they will not earn you the trust of the American people.

The time for those less-than-mediocre candidates has passed. Americans deserve better. Americans need a president who believes in these great values of liberalism. Who believes, like Bobby Kennedy did, that "The future does not belong to those who are content with today, apathetic toward common problems and their fellow man alike, timid and fearful in the face of bold projects and new ideas. Rather, it will belong to those who can blend passion, reason and courage in a personal commitment to the great enterprises and ideals of American society."

We can do better. That is what it means to be a liberal.

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## Stocking stuffers for conservatives of all ages

Christmas time is a wonderful time to be conservative. We not only get to celebrate a great day for Christians but also experience what has become a true American holiday. Along with the celebration, of course, come gifts. Whether you're purchasing for someone else or putting something on your own Christmas list, I wanted to give a few ideas for Republicans.

The best gifts for any fan of politics, whether conservative or liberal, is usually off a bookshelf, and this Christmas is no exception. Your journey to the bookstore is going to feature many books criticizing the war in Iraq, but that doesn't mean you can't find a couple of gems in the bunch.

If you're a beginner to conservative books, I would recommend Dinesh D'Souza's "Letters to a Young Conservative." Although it is becoming a little outdated, "Letters" is the perfect easy-to-read guide to the era of post-Reagan conservatives. Written as a series of letters to a young conservative, D'Souza's book could very well be a pocket guide to debates with liberals, and no conservative reader should be without a copy of this book.

Those conservatives who want to tackle some stronger fair this holiday season will not be disappointed if they pick up "Culture Warrior" by Bill O'Reilly,

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the host of everyone's favorite FOX News talk show. "Culture Warrior" provides a thoughtful glimpse into the growing battle between secular-progressives (as O'Reilly calls them) and traditionalists.

If O'Reilly is too tame for you and you want a taste of the conservative deep-end, look no further than "Godless: The Church of Liberalism," by Ann Coulter. Coulter, never one to shy away from controversy, proves once again that she is the foremost political writer of our time. She convincingly provides a comparison of liberalism to a modern-day religion.

While Coulter's book is most known for the statement that Sept. 11 widows have enjoyed their husbands more in death than when they were alive, the book legitimizes every one of her rather outlandish statements. "Godless" is full of tongue-in-cheek humor that is sure to keep you laughing long into the new year.

For the history buffs out there, Santa

is bringing a welcome gift this year in the paperback release of Doris Kearns Goodwin's bestseller, "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln." The book not only tells of the political rise of the very first Republican president, but it also details the profiles of four of Lincoln's close political rivals for the 1860 presidential nomination and Lincoln's subsequent inclusion of those rivals in his cabinet. The research and sources used by Goodwin make this one of the most knowledgeable reads of the year.

No conservative will want to pass up the leather-bound copy of the Constitution offered by the National Constitution Center. The pocket-sized Constitution features not only all amendments but also includes letters and writings of those who crafted the great document.

For those of you not wanting to read away your Christmas break, many other offerings are sure to delight conservatives. For those looking for something new and fashionable, the Web site ThoseShirts.com is selling a shirt featuring an iconic picture of Barry Goldwater with the phrase "AuH2O" — meaning, of course, Goldwater. It's a shirt which promises to not only keep conservatives laughing but to keep liberals scratching their heads.

One critical new DVD release of the

holidays is the full series of "The West Wing." Long called the "Left Wing" by critics for its seemingly liberal slant, "The West Wing" is a great TV show nonetheless. No other show in history has better chronicled the ins and outs of the White House and its staffers. And even though President Bartlett is a Democrat, there are enough conservative undertones to keep even the most hardened conservative satisfied.

"Cars" is another great DVD pickup for the conservative. On the surface it's the story of race car trying to find his way to the biggest race of his life, but the heart of the story is the preservation of American ideals. A great film for the young and old, the moral of slowing down and taking stock of life is one that should be shared by all Americans.

Whatever you decide to ask for this Christmas, remember, it's about giving and not receiving. Do yourself (and America) a favor and get something conservative for a liberal friend. Can't you just picture Chris Kellerman sitting around a Christmas tree, unwrapping a copy of "Godless"? Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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## White House should take responsibility

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(U-WIRE) BOSTON — If President George W. Bush announced that he believed the War in Iraq was not going according to plan, people would be shocked.

Likewise, when former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld wrote a memorandum two days before his resignation, many jaws hit the White House floor.

In his Nov. 6 memo, Rumsfeld, publicly perceived as a staunch war supporter, wrote: "Clearly, what U.S. forces are currently doing in Iraq is not working well enough or fast enough."

This has Americans questioning how long Rumsfeld had these doubts.

It is no surprise that Rumsfeld hasn't previously questioned the course of the war. The Bush administration is intent on presenting a unified front, and our military's leader expressing doubt about the mission would hobble in the image that Bush promotes.

But why is Bush so insistent about covering up problems? If Rumsfeld had these concerns before, he should have been allowed to present them — even if his opinions aligned more with the Democratic Party than his own.

And clearly Rumsfeld agrees with some Democratic policies for removing troops from Iraq. In his memo he recommends the U.S. begin "modest withdrawals of U.S. and Coalition forces, so Iraqis know they have to pull up their socks, step up and take responsibility for their country."

Rumsfeld also recommended the Bush administration focus on lowering American expectations, recasting "the U.S. military mission and the U.S. goals (how we talk about them) — go minimalist." But Rumsfeld is a military leader, not a White House spin doctor. Worrying about public relations instead of fixing actual problems will not save soldier's lives.

And it isn't like the public is so fond of the war. It is mocked daily on late night television shows like "The

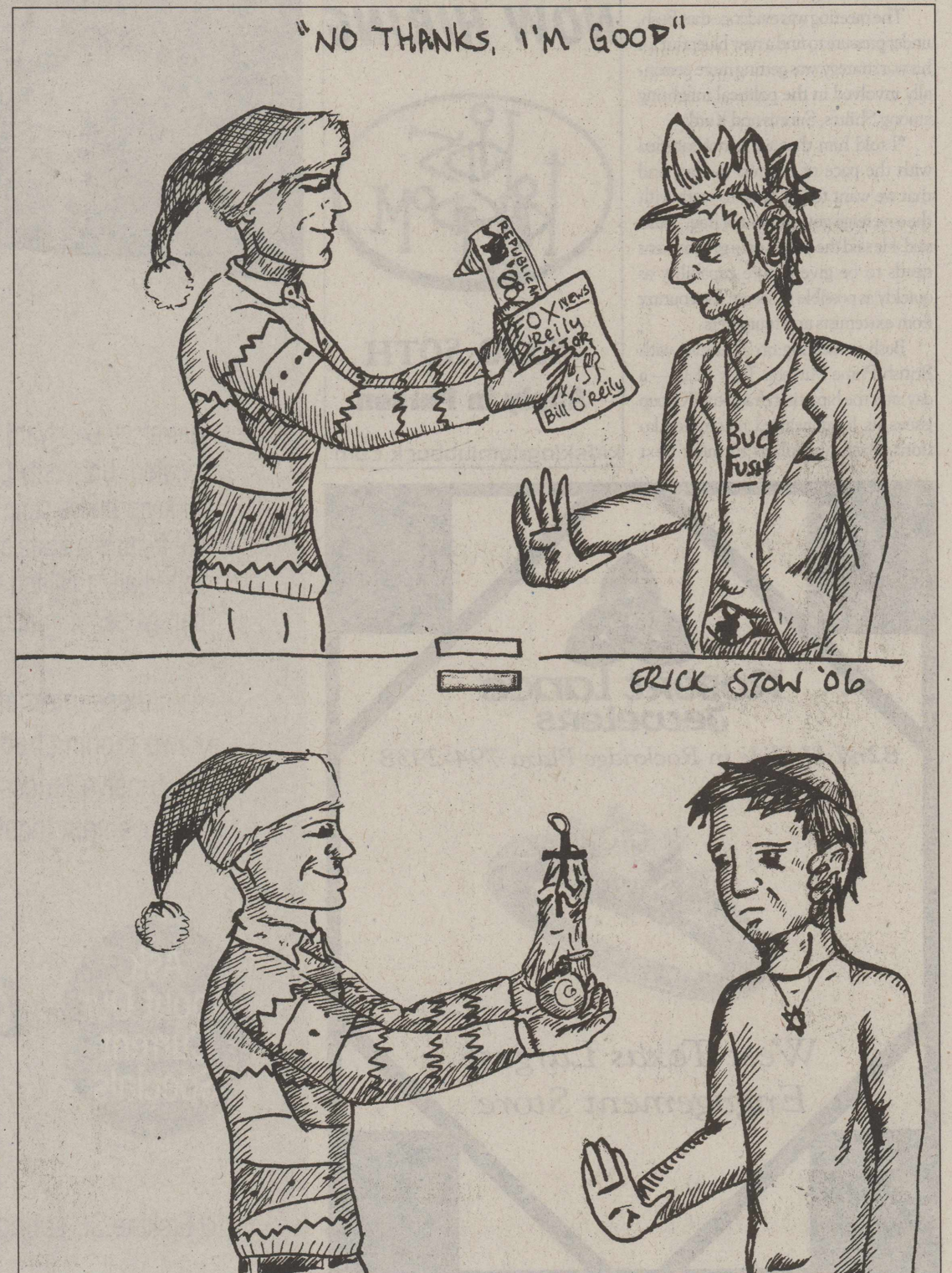
Daily Show" and "Colbert Report."

If anything, Americans might be more inclined to support efforts in Iraq if the Bush administration admitted to mistakes and made strides toward ending U.S. involvement in the conflict.

Rumsfeld wrote the memo after his likely predecessor, Robert Gates, was interviewed for his job, so we know the memo was like the result of his resignation, not the cause of it. But why has the change of heart come so late?

Rumsfeld admits "U.S. forces have adjusted, over time, from major combat operations to counterterrorism, to counterinsurgency, to dealing with death squads and sectarian violence." But why does he stop short of civil war? As monthly casualties reach new highs and the Iraqi government looks increasingly helpless, we can only conclude that full-scale civil war is what lies immediately ahead.

We can only hope that Rumsfeld's parting advice resonates within the chambers of the White House.



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## Government scientist charged with conflict for consulting with drug company

(AP) — In a rare federal prosecution, a leading government Alzheimer's researcher was charged Monday with a criminal conflict of interest for performing lucrative private drug company work that overlapped his official duties.

Prosecutors alleged Dr. Trey Sunderland of the National Institutes of Health received \$285,000 in improper consulting fees and travel expenses from Pfizer, Inc., for work on early indicators of Alzheimer's at the same time he also oversaw similar NIH business with the drugmaker.

The private consulting "directly related" to his government job, and Sunderland failed to obtain the proper approvals from his supervisors or disclose the work to NIH, according to papers filed in U.S. District Court in Baltimore.

The felony charge carries a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a \$100,000 fine. Prosecutors filed the charge as a criminal information, instead of indictment, signaling the possibility of a plea deal.

Sunderland did not immediately return a call to his office Monday seeking comment. His attorney, Robert Muse, declined comment.

The prosecution is believed to be the first such case against a federal scientist since the early 1990s.

It stemmed from a two-year ethics controversy at NIH that prompted the nation's premier medical agency to issue new rules on consulting and end such relationships that enrich its scientists.

Scientists recently told NIH that the new rules are so strict that many are considering leaving the agency.

NIH had identified at least 44 government researchers who improperly made money moonlighting for biotechnology and drug companies. Most were given written or verbal reprimands or were permitted to retire.

But Sunderland drew the attention of federal prosecutors and the ire of Congress when House investigators revealed his private financial deal and the fact that he transferred hundreds of tubes of valuable NIH tissue samples to Pfizer around the time of his consulting work.

Sunderland, 55, who heads a geriatric psychiatry branch at NIH's National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Md., is to appear Friday for arraignment.

Sunderland refused to testify before Congress last June, citing his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., a member of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee that launched the probe, said Sunderland now should be dismissed.

If he is not terminated, Stupak said in a statement, "We can only conclude that no one is being held accountable, the system is broken and the public trust has been violated."

Prosecutors alleged in Monday's court filing that during his five-year private deal with Pfizer, Sunderland "did participate personally and substantially as a government employee and officer... in a particular matter in which, to the defendant's knowledge, he had a financial interest."

The conflict began in 1998 when Sunderland was making arrangements for NIH to work with Pfizer on an Alzheimer's project. At the same time, he began negotiations to be a paid consultant on the same project, prosecutors allege. Government scientists are not allowed to take money for their official collaborations with private companies.

## Hance

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job meeting with members of the Texas State Senate, particularly Sen. Judy Zaffirini, chair of the Subcommittee on Higher Education.

"He's going to immediately focus his energy on the quality growth of Texas Tech University and the Health Sciences Center," Whitmore said.

Amy Boren, a Tech employee, said she believes Hance made a great first impression with the faculty and staff of the university.

"I think he's got great vision. He seems like he has a very positive view for the future," Boren said. "I think every time you have a full-time person they have more vested interest. I think he will do wonderful."

Along with his plans for the fu-

ture, Boren said she believes Hance's personality makes him well equipped to meet new people and raise support for the university.

"He seems very warm and funny," she said. "I think in order to do what a chancellor is supposed to do, which is to raise more money for Texas Tech, he has to be warm and inviting, and that will open more doors."

Jan Childress, associate vice president of Student Affairs, said she believes Hance's willingness to cooperate and work with others in the university will help Tech in the long run.

"I liked the fact he said he can't do it by himself," Childress said. "I think that indicates great leadership in recognizing that you need other people."

Childress said she believes Hance's long history with Tech

creates a unique relationship that will empower him to support the university better than others.

"I think his unparalleled support of Texas Tech and his family history that he discussed about Texas Tech and that connection, there's no other way to get that other than being a student and being involved in this university," she said. "I think that will make a difference in our future and students' futures."

In the same spirit of cooperation, Hance said he understands his success and the success of the university depends on more than just his ability to represent Tech.

"A leader without followers is nothing more than someone taking a walk," he said. "I don't want to be taking a walk. I'm going to need your help, and I'm going to be asking for your help."

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## Marines

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A Marine was pulled from the water but attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful. The bodies of three missing Marines were found in a subsequent search, the military said. Twelve other passengers survived.

Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, a U.S. military spokesman, declined to provide details about the twin-rotor CH-46 helicopter's mission or the reason for its forced landing, saying the incident was under investigation.

The helicopter, from the Third Marine Aircraft wing, had the ability to land and taxi in the water in case of emergency. It came down in Lake Qadisiyah, a huge reservoir behind the hydroelectric dam at Haditha on the Euphrates River.

The deaths came on a weekend

in which nine other U.S. troops were killed, including five in Anbar. The weekend's violence pushed the total number of American service members who have died since the war started in March 2003 to at least 2,901.

A U.S. fighter jet also crashed last week in a field, killing the Air Force pilot.

Iraqi state TV, meanwhile, reported that Iraqi police found half a ton of explosives, including suicide belts and roadside bombs, in Anbar — a province the size of North Carolina that stretches west from Baghdad to the borders of Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

High numbers of U.S. casualties as well as a recent spike in violence between Shiites and Sunnis have contributed to doubts about the war in the U.S. These concerns were considered a major factor in the U.S. Democratic congressional

victory.

President Bush told one of Iraq's leading Shiite politicians, Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, in a White House meeting Monday that the United States was not satisfied with progress in Iraq.

"I assured him that the U.S. supports his work and the work of the prime minister to unify the country," Bush said, referring to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. "Part of unifying Iraq is for the elected leaders and society leaders to reject the extremists that are trying to stop the advance of this young democracy."

The president is under pressure to draft a new blueprint for U.S. involvement in Iraq. A bipartisan commission — headed by James A. Baker III, former Republican secretary of state, and former Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton of Indiana — is expected to present its recommendations to Bush on Wednesday.

# E. coli outbreak in N.J. is linked to 3 Taco Bells

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. (AP) — An E. coli outbreak that has sickened at least 22 people — two of them seriously — was linked by health investigators Monday to three Taco Bell restaurants in New Jersey.

All but two of the people who fell ill had eaten at one of the fast-food restaurants between Nov. 17 and Nov. 28, authorities said. But exactly what food contained the bacteria was still unclear.

"We have to find the food they all had in common," said David Papi, director of health for Middlesex County.

All but four of the victims are under 18, authorities said.

Five were in the hospital Monday, including two in serious or critical condition with hemolytic uremic syndrome, which can permanently damage the kidneys, officials said.

Twenty of those infected, including two restaurant employees who tested positive for E. coli but did not get sick, ate at a Taco Bell in South

Plainfield; another ate at a Taco Bell in Edison; and one ate at a Taco Bell in Franklin Township, authorities said.

Taco Bell Corp., based in Irvine, Calif., had no immediate comment Monday.

The fast food chain closed its South Plainfield restaurant last week when it first appeared that the infection might have come from there. It was not until Monday that suspicion fell on two more Taco Bells.

Company spokesman Rob Poetsch said in a statement over the weekend that employees are required to adhere to strict food-handling rules.

"We have taken every precaution, including temporarily closing the restaurant until the investigation is completed, as nothing is more important to us than the health and safety of our customers and employees," Poetsch said.

E. coli, or Escherichia coli, is a common and ordinarily harmless bacteria the feces of humans and livestock, but certain strains can cause abdominal cramps, fever,

bloody diarrhea, kidney failure, blindness, paralysis, even death.

Most E. coli infections are associated with undercooked meat. The bacteria also can be found on sprouts or leafy vegetables such as spinach. Earlier this year, three people died and more than 200 fell ill from an outbreak that was traced to packaged spinach grown in California. The bacteria also can be passed from person to person if they do not thoroughly wash their hands after going to the bathroom.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the dangerous E. coli strain O157:H7 infects about 73,000 Americans a year and kills 61.

Symptoms usually show up three to four days after a person eats contaminated food, although in some cases it can be as long as eight days, said Stephanie Brown, an epidemiologist for Middlesex County.

"If they are having symptoms, then the most important thing they need to do is contact their health care provider," Brown said.

## Bolton

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ter that did not mention the political fight behind it. It said simply: "I have concluded that my service in your administration should end when the current recess appointment expires."

"I accepted. I'm not happy about it," Bush said Monday afternoon in the Oval Office, with Bolton at his side. Bush did not name a replacement, and officials offered no timetable for an announcement.

The setback for the White House seemed to put a hold on the postelection talk of bipartisanship.

Bush considered Bolton a strong voice as the U.N. dealt with crises in Iraq, Lebanon, North Korea and other complex matters around the world. Bolton also pushed the administration's effort to reform the United Nations.

But Democrats opposed Bolton,

whom they viewed as a brusque, ill-suited diplomat. Some Republicans helped scuttle his nomination, including moderate Republican Sen. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island.

The president had stinging words for them.

"They chose to obstruct his confirmation, even though he enjoys majority support in the Senate, and even though their tactics will disrupt our diplomatic work at a sensitive and important time," Bush said in a statement. "This stubborn obstructionism ill serves our country."

Democrats, though, said Bolton's resignation signaled a fresh start.

"Hopefully this change marks a shift from the failed go-it-alone strategies that have left America less safe," said the incoming Senate majority leader, Democrat Harry Reid of Nevada.

"With the Middle East on the verge of chaos and the nuclear threats from Iran and North Korea increasing, we need a United Nations ambassador who has the full support of Congress and can help rally the

international community to tackle the serious threats we face," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

Bolton's nomination had languished in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for more than a year. The White House made a renewed push for him after Democrats won control of Congress in November.

But it became clear that "there were not going to be the votes" to get the nomination out of committee, said White House spokesman Tony Snow. He suggested the entire confirmation process was broken.

"If bipartisanship is to succeed, perhaps we ought to make sure that people who serve their country ably and well are sent the signal that 'Your services will be treasured,'" Snow said.

Bolton, a 57-year-old arms control expert, came to the job with a reputation for brilliance, obstinacy and speaking his mind — and with a mission to reform the 61-year-old world body born in the ashes of World War II.

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## Music review

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Gwen Stefani — "The Sweet Escape"

The last thing the world needs is another album that sounds like "Fergalicious," the single from Fergie's last album, "The Dutchess." From the very first track of "The Sweet Escape," which features Stefani yodeling, listeners can immediately draw the conclusion that they are in for another overproduced album with annoying hooks by a whiny-sounding female vocalist. Stefani is light years away from the punk rock times of No Doubt and has now settled into the pop culture that will inevitably forget her as quickly as she appeared. This album will have a couple of club hits, as did her last creation, "Love. Angel. Music. Baby." Stefani also tries her hand at rapping, which (much like the album) proves to be a complete failure. Even with guest appearances by Akon and Pharrell, this album lacks any musical credibility.

Ciara — "The Evolution"

This album follows the same recipe Justin Timberlake utilized on his last album. "The Evolution" traces the heavy Miami-club-scene sound that has begun garnering more and more play on airwaves. She still sticks to her "cutesy" roots and diva flair, which offer an attempt at being something more than simply ordinary. Still, this one-time platinum songstress is not likely to repeat her initial success with this album.

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# Hollywood hold 'em: Which stars are worth the gamble

What do Cameron Diaz, Reese Witherspoon, Mel Gibson and Tom Cruise all have in common (besides the fact they do not need any help looking or acting like idiots)? All of them make more than \$20 million for most of the studio movies they star in. But just because these stars are seeing the green, does it mean they are actually shining come opening night?

Someone might say Ben Stiller is a decently bankable movie star. Look at his credits: "Meet the Parents," "Meet the Fockers" and "Madagascar." Yet that trio of films is the only bright spot on his resumé.

After a slew of box office tragedies like "Envy," "Duplex," "Zoolander," "School for Scoundrels" and "Keeping the Faith," Stiller's star power — in comparison to his average paycheck — is ridiculously unbalanced. Sure, he's able to get off a few jokes here and there, but the man doesn't bring in a big draw come opening night.

Another star that has been shining brightly over the years but has never been able to cash in on that popularity is comedic actor Jack Black.

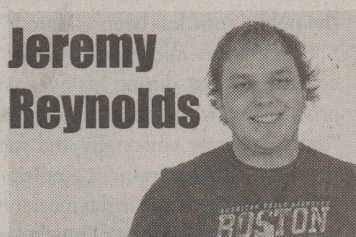
Excluding the megahit "King Kong," Black's box office numbers are

almost as low as the score in a wheelchair soccer game.

His latest release, "Tenacious D and the Pick of Destiny," is already being ushered out of most theaters and being replaced by an extra screening for "Happy Feet." Beyond "Pick of Destiny," Black has starred in bombs like "Orange County," "Saving Silverman," "High Fidelity" and "Envy." (Note: I do not consider animated movies in figuring a star's "bankability.")

Some stars actually earn their keep come opening weekend. Will Smith ("Independence Day" and "Bad Boys II") is one of the most bankable black actors in Hollywood. Any movie this guy stars in is more of a sure thing than a drunken high-school girl on prom night. Later this month, look for him in "The Pursuit of Happyness" and next year in the postapocalyptic vampire flick "I Am Legend."

Tom Cruise, despite the recent wave of bad press, is still a huge star that brings in the money. Unlike a lot of other actors, Cruise does not take a paycheck up front. He takes a percentage of whatever the movie makes, meaning his payday could be more than \$40 million or less than \$2 million.



Jeremy Reynolds

Julia Roberts is still a big draw at the theaters — even after all her years on screen. Her popularity and bankability should grow with the upcoming release of "Charlotte's Web." She is one of the few actresses who can earn a payday of \$20 million and then get an opening weekend that matches if not beats that.

Look for Dakota Fanning to be the next actress who can take in a big paycheck and then back that up with large opening numbers.

As for the actors who are a gamble, Will Farrell is always a question mark. Sure he hit gold this year with "Talladega Nights the Ballad of Ricky Bobby," but there are a lot of black spots on his record as well.

"Kicking and Screaming" fell short of even the lowest industry expectations, as did "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy." Last year his disap-

pointing performance and box office numbers in "Bewitched" took him down a notch among the power stars of Hollywood, and incredibly low numbers for "The Producers" didn't help his bankability factor much either.

Another surprising gamble is Johnny Depp. He's broken box office records with his "Pirates of the Caribbean" films, but he hasn't been able to do much outside of the role of Captain Jack Sparrow. "Secret Window," "The Libertine," "Finding Neverland" and "The Corpse Bride" all fell below financial expectations.

A star's bankability is measured by the budget of the film compared to what the star makes; in turn, this figure is compared to how much the movie takes in.

Director Kevin Smith is a sure thing even though none of his films have crossed the \$40 million mark. His films are produced for relatively nothing and all his movies do exceptionally well on DVD.

For those who do not know how the movie industry works, the theatrical release only makes up a fraction of what the studio makes on a film. The real money is in the DVD, hence why

they are being released quicker than they were in the past.

Information gathered from <http://www.the-numbers.com>.

### The Low Performers

Ben Stiller  
Bruce Willis  
Jennifer Aniston  
Harrison Ford  
Kevin Costner  
Tim Allen  
Chris Rock

### The Sure Things

Tom Hanks  
Tom Cruise  
Orlando Bloom  
Julia Roberts  
Will Smith  
Denzel Washington

### The Gambles

Johnny Depp  
Samuel L. Jackson  
Cameron Diaz  
Will Farrell

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## Audiences should 'Go Home' rather than see 'Turistas'

By JENNY HONG  
TUFTS DAILY (TUFTS U.)

(U-WIRE) MEDFORD, Mass. — Hitting the theaters Dec. 1, with holiday movie season in full swing, it's hard for horror films to hold up well in competition and, most of the time, they end up being a huge disappointment. "Turistas," directed by John Stockwell, attempts to break this horror holiday curse with an interesting story, but ulti-

mately fails in achieving such a goal in just a measly 89-minute runtime.

The trailer for "Turistas" looks extremely scary, promising a twisted account of a vacation gone awry. It is a beautiful day on the beach in Brazil. Everybody gets drunk and passes out, only to find out, upon waking up, that they have been robbed. They walk into town, looking for help, but no one understands, or is indifferent to their plight. They are led to a mysterious house in the middle of

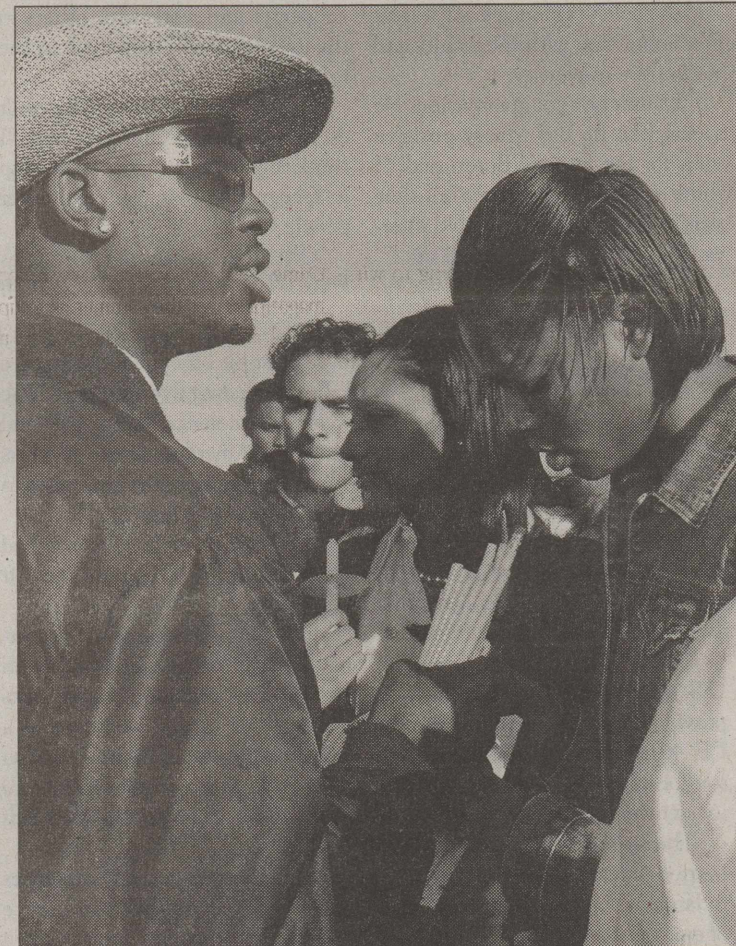
the jungle. And that is where things start to turn ugly. A huge variety of passports are found in a drawer. The movie poster's portentous, "Go Home," piques curiosity and drives audiences to the theaters.

Once there, audiences will find out this horror film doesn't fare any better than any other horror movie released during the holiday season. For such hype, it is a great letdown. "Turistas" sets up an interesting storyline of missing tourists in foreign countries, but the movie swerves off the potentially-involving plot road and ends up in a ditch in the backwaters of nowhere.

It can be argued that "Turistas" is similar to "Hostel" (2005) in the way of the vacation-gone-bad movie, but "Turistas" has only one truly gruesome part that leave a lasting image in the mind, while "Hostel" has many. With the gore and blood, this film takes it to another level — because these things seem like they can actually happen.

"Turistas" has its good points and bad. Overall, it is an interesting idea for a movie, but the disappointing result is not worth the money spent on a ticket and T fare.

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



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ALPHA PHI ALPHA President Jamaal Miller, a senior from Fort Worth, hands out pencils and scantrons to Tishauna Jones, a senior from Garland, after their centennial celebration at Memorial Circle Monday.

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| :30                     | Clifford                 |                                 |                                | Life Today                   |                                |                               | Paid Program               |
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| :30                     | It's Big World           |                                 |                                | Eye for an Eye               | Cosby Show                     |                               |                            |
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| :30                     | Barney                   |                                 | Divorce Court                  | Divorce Court                | Paid Program                   |                               |                            |
| 11 AM                   | Teletubbies              | Jeopardy!                       | Young and the Restless (HD)    | Judge Alex                   | Paid Program                   | Paid Program                  | Dr. Keith Ablow            |
| :30                     | Mister Rogers            | Jeopardy!                       | KLBK 13 News                   | Bold & Beautiful             | Greg Behrman Show              | All My Children               | Access                     |
| 12 PM                   | Seating                  | Days of Our Lives               | As the World Turns             | Muury                        | Judge Lopez                    | One Life to Live              | People's Court             |
| :30                     | Painting                 | Passions                        | Guiding Light                  | Paid Program                 | Like                           | General Hospital              | Cristina Court             |
| 1 PM                    | Creative Living          | Passions                        | Guiding Light                  | Paid Program                 | Like                           | General Hospital              | Court                      |
| :30                     | Jay Jay                  | Passions                        | Guiding Light                  | Paid Program                 | Like                           | General Hospital              | Court                      |
| 2 PM                    | Puppy                    | Inside Edition                  | Judge Joe                      | Jerry Springer               | Pieba                          | Montel                        | Ellen DeGeneres            |
| :30                     | The Lions                | Oprah Winfrey                   | Judge Joe                      | Jerry Springer               | Pieba                          | Montel                        | Ellen DeGeneres            |
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| 5 PM                    | Maya & Miguel            | News                            | KLBK 13 News                   | Access                       | Still Standing                 | News                          | Friends                    |
| :30                     | Bus Report               | News                            | CBS News                       | Family Feud                  | Still Standing                 | ABC News                      | Simpsons                   |
| 6 PM                    | NewsHour with Jim Lehrer | News                            | KLBK 13 News                   | Family Feud                  | King Qz                        | News                          | Jim                        |
| :30                     | Wheel Fortune            | Millionaire                     | Millionaire                    | Extra                        | King Qz                        | Entertainment                 | Raymond                    |
| 7 PM                    | Return to Balance        | Funny Night Lights Full House   | NCIS "Shalom (HD)              | Desire "At the Water's Edge" | Gilmore Girls "Merry Reunions" | Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town | Standoff                   |
| :30                     |                          |                                 |                                |                              |                                |                               |                            |
| 8 PM                    | Dionne Warwick: Live     | Law & Order: Criminal (HD)      | 3 LBS "Dis-jamming" (HD)       | Fashion House (HD)           | Veronica Mars (HD)             | Big Day (HD)                  | House "Three Stooges" (HD) |
| :30                     |                          |                                 |                                |                              |                                |                               |                            |
| 9 PM                    | Johnny Mathis: Wonderful | SVU "Informed"                  | Victoria's Secret Fashion Show | Wife and Kids                | Will & Grace                   | Boston Legal "Nutcrackers"    | Fox 34 News@Nine           |
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| 10 PM                   | Bus Report               | News                            | KLBK 13 News                   | '70s                         | Sex and City                   | News                          | Seinfeld                   |
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## Black & White

### Study: Black, white graduation divide at schools in top bowls

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The academic disparity between white and black football players who will compete in this season's five major bowls was nearly twice the national average, according to a study released Monday.

However, the analysis by the University of Central Florida showed classroom improvement. Eighty-six percent of the 64 bowl-bound teams graduated at least 50 percent of their players. Richard Lapchick, the study author, did not have comparable figures of graduation rates from previous years.

Further, 62 percent (40 schools) matched or beat the NCAA's new Academic Progress Rate standard, which is intended to more accurately gauge grades and graduation rates. But the statistics are preliminary and don't include the most recent school year.

Perhaps most strikingly, white athletes in the Bowl Championship Series beat their counterparts among the 119 NCAA Division I schools overall by graduating 81 percent compared with 62 percent overall. The black athlete graduation rate was 56 percent among those schools, also better than the 49 percent overall rate. But the overall discrepancy between white and black players' graduation rates for top bowl teams was nearly twice the 13-point difference on average.

Lapchick said the racial disparity was a continued concern, but the NCAA's new academic standards are already making a difference.

"I go to a lot of campuses to speak and I'm told on a regular basis that they're recruiting very different student-athletes these days because they know they can't afford the penalties," Lapchick said. "A lot of schools that formerly took risks on student-athletes because they were so great athletically, they're no longer recruiting those student-athletes."

The NCAA did not immediately return messages left Monday.

Boston College and Navy, which are meeting in the Meineke Car Care Bowl, had the best Academic Progress Rates of any bowl-bound programs (Navy with 986, BC with 982).

Seven of the eight Atlantic Coast Conference teams in bowls made Lapchick's top 25 academically: Boston College, Clemson, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Maryland, Miami, Wake Forest. The lone exception was among ACC bowl teams Virginia Tech.

The APR was developed in 2004 and awards points based on how many scholarship athletes meet academic eligibility standards. A cutoff score of 925 means an estimated 50 percent of those athletes are on track to graduate. Twenty-four schools this year fell below that rate, and that will eventually lead to stiff penalties.

Forty-eight schools graduated two-thirds or more of their white players, but just 18 met that mark for black players. Twelve schools graduated less than 40 percent of their black football players, while no program fell below that standard for white players.

Troy was the only school that graduated more black players than white (by 9 percentage points).

### QUICK NUMBERS

- 86 percent of 64 bowl-bound teams graduated 50 percent of players
- Black athlete graduation rate — 56 percent for bowl-bound teams
- White athlete graduation rate — 69 percent for bowl-bound teams

Source: Associated Press, University of Central Florida

#### HEISMAN WATCH

## Weis: Quinn will not win

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis thinks he knows who is going to win the Heisman.

It isn't Brady Quinn. "I think Troy Smith will win, and I don't think it will be close," Weis said.

That's not a knock on Quinn. Weis has no doubt Quinn is the better quarterback and more valuable to No. 11 Notre Dame (10-2) than Smith is to top-ranked Ohio State (12-0). He just doesn't believe most Heisman voters share that view.

Weis thinks the problem is the meaning of the term "most outstanding college football player."

"Troy Smith happens to be the best player on the best team, or the most valuable player on the best team that's undefeated. It's tough to argue with that," he said.

But Weis believes it's hard for anyone to be better than Quinn has been for the Irish. Quinn hit on 274 of 432 passes, a 63.4 completion rate, for 3,278 yards and 35 touchdowns, throwing just five interceptions.

Quinn already won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, given to the nation's top senior quarterback. He finished fifth in the nation in points responsible for (18.5 a game), seventh in pass completions per game (23.5) and ninth in passing yards per game (273.5). He also led the Irish to comeback victories over Michigan State and UCLA.

"I think what makes him special, that really separates him from a lot of other players, is he has that special something that only those rare quarterbacks have," Weis said. "I can't really explain what that special something is, but he's got it."

Quinn has plenty of tangible qualities as well. He set 35 school records at Notre

Dame. He also has brought glamour back to the quarterback position at Notre Dame. His face adorned nearly as many magazines over the summer as a supermodel, and his name has been in the mix as a Heisman candidate all season.

His fourth-place finish in Heisman balloting last season was the highest for an Irish player since Rocket Ismail came in second in 1990. The last Irish quarterback to finish higher was Joe Theismann, who finished second to Stanford's Jim Plunkett in 1970.

Notre Dame used to be a quarterback factory. Angelo Bertelli and John Lujack won Heismans in the 1940s. Paul Hornung won a Heisman for an Irish squad that went 2-8 in 1956. John Huarte started one season and won a Heisman in 1964.

Even Irish quarterbacks who didn't win were well known.

Terry Hanratty was followed by Theismann.

Others included Joe Montana, Steve Beuerlein, Tony Rice and Ron Powlus. But Rice and Powlus never made it in the NFL. When Beuerlein retired before the 2004 season, it left two former Notre Dame quarterbacks still in the NFL: Armaz Battle and Carlyle Holiday — both finished their careers at Notre Dame as receivers, the position they play in the pros.

Weis has no doubt Quinn will change that. He believes Quinn could be the first Irish player taken first in the NFL draft since defensive end Walt Patulski was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in 1972. The last Irish quarterback taken first was Hornung by Green Bay

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Quinn acknowledges there were times he wasn't sure he would be successful. Under coach Tyrone Willingham, Quinn's best passing days always came in losses. The Irish finished 5-7 and 6-6 in Quinn's first two seasons.

"When you're hitting lows like that, so far you're halfway through your college career and you're not having the type of career that you thought you were going to have," he said. "We just never really put it together the way we could, and then finally we got a coaching staff and a coach who could come in here and get us to put things together."

The knock on Quinn this year was he didn't live up to expectations. From his sophomore to junior seasons, Quinn saw his completion rate jump from 54.1 percent to 64.9 percent, his touchdown passes increase from 17 to 32 and his passing yardage from 2,586 yards to 3,919.

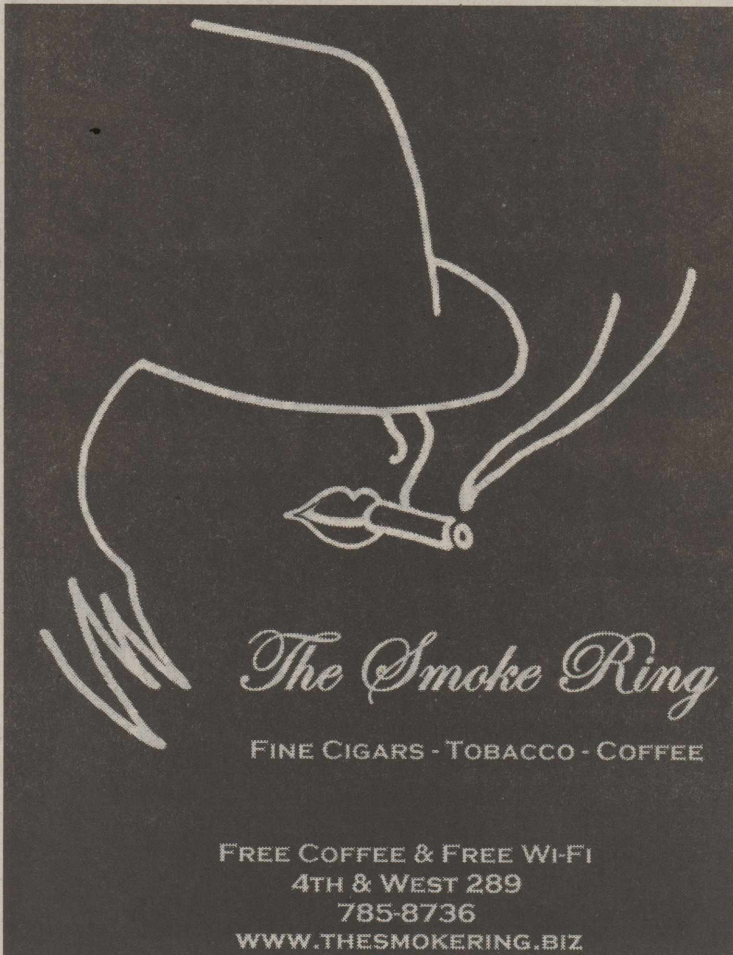
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#### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## McCoy will start for Texas, but which one?

AUSTIN (AP) — Count on a McCoy starting the Alamo Bowl at quarterback for No. 18 Texas.

Which one — Colt or Matt — depends on how quickly the former's injured shoulder heals before Dec. 30.

If it doesn't, or he gets hurt again, well, the Longhorns just hope it won't come to that.

"You would hope," coach Mack Brown said Monday, "Colt would be back."

Colt McCoy set a Texas school record with 27 touchdown passes as a redshirt freshman, then suffered a pinched nerve in his neck each of the last two games, both losses.

Matt McCoy, no relation, is a senior walk-on who hasn't thrown a pass in college. According to news accounts, he threw for 585 yards in 2002 when he led Episcopal School of Dallas to the Division II title game of the 18-team Southwest Preparatory Conference.

The conference Web site says it is often referred to as the "Ivy League of college prep schools."

Texas is stuck in this QB quandary because freshman Jevan Snead decided to transfer rather than ride the bench behind Colt McCoy.

Snead, a much-ballyhooed recruit, was the backup all season, getting his most extensive playing time in a 45-42 loss at Kansas State when Colt McCoy was hurt on the first drive.

The next injury came in the final minute against Texas

A&M. Doctors called that pinched nerve "severe," and McCoy had to be carted off the field in the 12-7 loss.

After his first pinched nerve, McCoy had 12 days off between games. It will be 35 days between the loss to the Aggies and the Alamo Bowl.

Texas trainer Kenny Boyd said late last week that McCoy is progressing well in his recovery. But even if he starts, Texas (9-3) knows the Hawkeyes (6-6) could send him back to the bench with one hit.

Which leads to Matt McCoy. His career start line in mop-up duty reads 10 rushes for 45 yards in seven games. Unlike the scholarship players who get short bios printed in the team media guide, his entry consists only of his picture with his name.

A scout team QB for his first three years, Matt McCoy has been No. 3 on the depth chart this season, meaning he took part in some of the weekly game planning and taking snaps with the offense.

His twin brother, Mark, is a senior walk-on receiver at Texas.

Brown said he'll also prepare an emergency QB in case neither McCoy works out.

Receivers Quan Cosby and Billy Pittman both were standout quarterbacks in high school but became receivers in college. Cosby was a USA Today All-American at Mart in 2000 before signing a minor league baseball contract and leaving football for a few years.

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3. North Carolina
4. Alabama
5. Ohio St.
6. Texas A&M
7. Duke
8. Florida
9. LSU
10. Wichita St.
11. Wisconsin
12. Kansas
13. Washington
14. Arizona
15. Butler
16. Memphis
17. Marquette
18. Gonzaga
19. Connecticut
20. Nevada
21. Syracuse
22. Oklahoma St.
23. Maryland
24. Xavier
25. Georgia Tech

Others receiving votes: Oregon 107, Georgetown 60, Missouri 56, Missouri St. 50, Virginia 50, Air Force 40, Clemson 33, S. Illinois 30, Florida St. 18, Creighton 15, Notre Dame 11, Michigan St. 10, Villanova 9, Tennessee 8, Texas 8, W. Kentucky 8, Arkansas 7, DePaul 6, Purdue 5, Fresno St. 4, Kentucky 4, Oklahoma 4, San Diego St. 4, Dayton 3, Illinois 2, Michigan 2, N. Iowa 2, Boston College 1, George Washington 1, West Virginia 1.

(WOMEN'S TOP 25)

1. Maryland
2. North Carolina
3. Oklahoma
4. Duke
5. Ohio St.
6. Tennessee
7. Connecticut
8. Georgia
9. LSU
10. Purdue
11. Vanderbilt
12. Baylor
13. Arizona St.
14. Stanford
15. Texas A&M
16. California
17. Louisville
18. DePaul
19. Rutgers
20. Michigan St.
21. George Washington
22. Texas
23. New Mexico
24. Marquette
25. Nebraska

Others receiving votes: Arkansas 40, Florida St. 40, Pittsburgh 40, Kentucky 29, Indiana 27, Bowling Green 21, Hofstra 17, Oklahoma St. 17, BYU 16, W. Kentucky 16, Iowa St. 15, UCLA 15, South Florida 14, Delaware 11, Boston College 10, Wisconsin 7, Texas Tech 6, Virginia 3, Massachusetts 2, Miami 2, Missouri 2, N.C. State 2, Oregon 1, Rice 1, Southern Cal 1.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# WHY FLORIDA?

## Poll voters say they didn't want rematch

(AP) — Avoid a rematch. Stronger schedule. Conference champion.

Those were the main reasons cited Monday by many poll voters for jumping Florida over Michigan on their final ballots, setting up a Gators-Buckeyes matchup in the BCS national title game Jan. 8.

"If you beat a team one time, why do they get the national championship if they win the second time?," said Earle Bruce, the former Ohio State coach who votes in the Harris Interactive poll and moved Florida ahead of Michigan. "I mean, they've already played one time and lost."

The Gators (12-1), who beat Arkansas to win the Southeastern Conference title on Saturday, moved from fourth to second in the final BCS standings Sunday. The Wolverines (11-1), who lost to the Buckeyes 32-29 on Nov. 18, remained third, while USC dropped to fifth from second after losing to UCLA.

"At the end of the day, Florida won its conference championship. Michigan did not," said Harris poll voter Ray Melick of *The Birmingham News*. "Because there's not a playoff, I think a conference champion ought to carry more weight than a conference runner-up at the BCS conference level."

Strength of schedule carried weight with voters, too.

It was such a big deal for Jim Walden, a former Washington State head coach, that he picked Florida No. 1 in the Harris poll, calling Florida's schedule "murderous."

"In my heart of hearts, I believe that neither Ohio State or Michigan could get through Florida's schedule with only one loss."

Tom Luicci, a Harris voter who bumped Florida up to second, said he made his assessment based on Florida's body of work — not one game.

"Michigan has quality wins over Wisconsin, which played no one, and Notre Dame, which won the Commander's-in-Chief trophy (a reference to wins over the service academies) which I don't consider a major coup."

As for Florida, Luicci noted its weak non-conference schedule "but that doesn't matter when you play every good team in the SEC and have quality road wins, too."

Florida played 10 bowl teams and beat nine, including road wins against Tennessee and Florida State, neutral site wins against Georgia and Arkansas and home victories against LSU and Alabama. The Gators lose loss? At Auburn, 27-17.

"Michigan had its shot," said Harris voter Joe Biddle of *The Tennessean*. "If you replayed that game it would be nothing more than a Big Ten championship — and I don't think you get mulligans in college football."

"If there's a viable alternative, I stay away from a rematch and I think Florida gives them a viable alternative."

Jerry Palm, an independent BCS analyst, estimates that 40 of the 113 voters in the Harris poll and 25 of the 62 in the *USA Today* coaches' poll moved the Gators past the Wolverines. The

teams were tied in the computer ratings, the third component of the BCS standings.

The *Associated Press* media poll is not used in the BCS rankings, but 25 of the 65 voters moved Florida ahead of Michigan.

Illinois coach Ron Zook, who used to coach Florida, was among the voters in the coaches' poll who elevated the Gators. He was also the only Big Ten coach to vote Florida ahead of Michigan.

"Believe me, it's no slight to Michigan at all," Zook said. "I thought you were supposed to vote the way you feel. One vote wasn't going to make the difference. A bunch of people turned and flipped and voted Florida ahead of Michigan. For me, it was the fact that they played a 13th game."

That game, for the conference title, was one that Michigan didn't have to play. And because it was played two weeks after Michigan's season-ending loss, it meant a big Gators win was more fresh in voters' minds.

AP poll voter Michael Vega of *The Boston Globe* said he wasn't against a rematch but found it hard to justify one this time.

"I had to reconcile a fundamental problem with giving Michigan a chance to win the national championship when it didn't even win a conference championship," he said.

AP voter Jon Wilner of the *San Jose Mercury News* said a rematch was appealing, but Florida deserves a title shot based on strength of schedule.

"Beating Arkansas, a 10-win team on a neutral field in December gave Florida that

extra push," said Wilner.

And then there were those who stuck with Michigan.

"I kept Michigan second even after they lost to Ohio State, and felt nothing has changed for me since that loss for Florida to jump over them," said coaches' poll voter Brian Kelly, the former Central Michigan coach who accepted Cincinnati's job Sunday.

David Glazier, Detroit Lions senior vice president who votes in the Harris poll, said he had problems with the "politicking that people in the media did, trying to steer people away from a rematch."

He also had the novel idea of voting for the better team.

"Did I want to see a rematch? No," he said. "But my job was to vote for the top 25 teams, not who should play who, and after watching as much college football as anybody, I believed Michigan was the second-best team."

The last rematch in the national title games was in 1996, when Florida beat Florida State for the national title after losing to the Seminoles in the final game of the regular season.

South Carolina's Steve Spurrier, who coached the Gators to the '96 national championship, moved Florida past Michigan in the coaches' poll.

His reasoning?

"Heck, I'm a Gator," he said. "I went there. So I had a lot of reason to vote for them right there. It just appeared they're 12-1, the other team is 11-1, I guess that's about it."

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

## Hot seat: McNabb's future in Philly in question

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — While the struggling Eagles ponder their immediate future without Donovan McNabb, the hot topic for debate in Philadelphia is how the injured quarterback figures into the long-term plans of the franchise.

The five-time Pro Bowl selection, who tore a knee ligament last month, recently turned 30 — and some are wondering how much longer he can play at a high level even if he does fully recover from season-ending surgery.

Many are already calling for the Eagles to select a quarterback early in the NFL draft next April.

McNabb is spending another December watching his teammates from outside the huddle with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. It's the third time in five years McNabb went down in mid-November, though he returned for the playoffs in 2002

after he broke his ankle and missed the final six regular-season games.

Though it's natural to speculate after a player sustains a serious injury, ACL injuries are common in the NFL and sports.

A recent medical study showed that 24 of 31 running backs and wide receivers who had ACL injuries between 1998-2002 returned to play again. But the study, which focused on those two positions, also used a complex formula to determine that the players who returned saw their performance decline by one-third.

The research, by the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, was published in this month's *American Journal of Sports Medicine*.

McNabb is a scrambler who certainly uses his legs more than most quarterbacks, but he doesn't run around as much as running backs and receivers. He also is

a hard worker who takes an aggressive approach to rehabilitation and has an excellent track record.

It's likely McNabb will make a complete recovery — it's even possible he could return before the estimated period of eight to 12 months.

"We're setting it up right now that he can be back in training camp or maybe the opening game," head athletic trainer Rick Burkholder said after renowned orthopedist Dr. James Andrews performed McNabb's surgery last week in Birmingham, Ala.

"We're not shooting for mini-conferences or anything like that. Because of the timing of the injury, I don't think there is any need to rush. I think he needs to work hard. He knows that and he wants to. This is a guy who, during his career, has a very regimented training program that he wants to stick to. He's had great success with it."

## Former A&M quarterback McNeal arrested in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Cincinnati Bengals rookie wide receiver Reggie McNeal was arrested in Houston and charged with resisting arrest after being refused entrance to a nightclub early Sunday.

McNeal, a former Texas A&M quarterback, was arrested outside The Red Door, said Houston police spokesman Gabe Ortiz on Monday.

Ortiz said McNeal approached two officers who were standing near the entrance and became unruly when the officers told him the club was closing. McNeal "became aggressive and started using profanity" when the officers refused to let him enter, Ortiz said.

McNeal walked away, then approached the officers again and elbowed one of them in the chest. Officers detected "a strong odor of alcohol" from McNeal, police said.

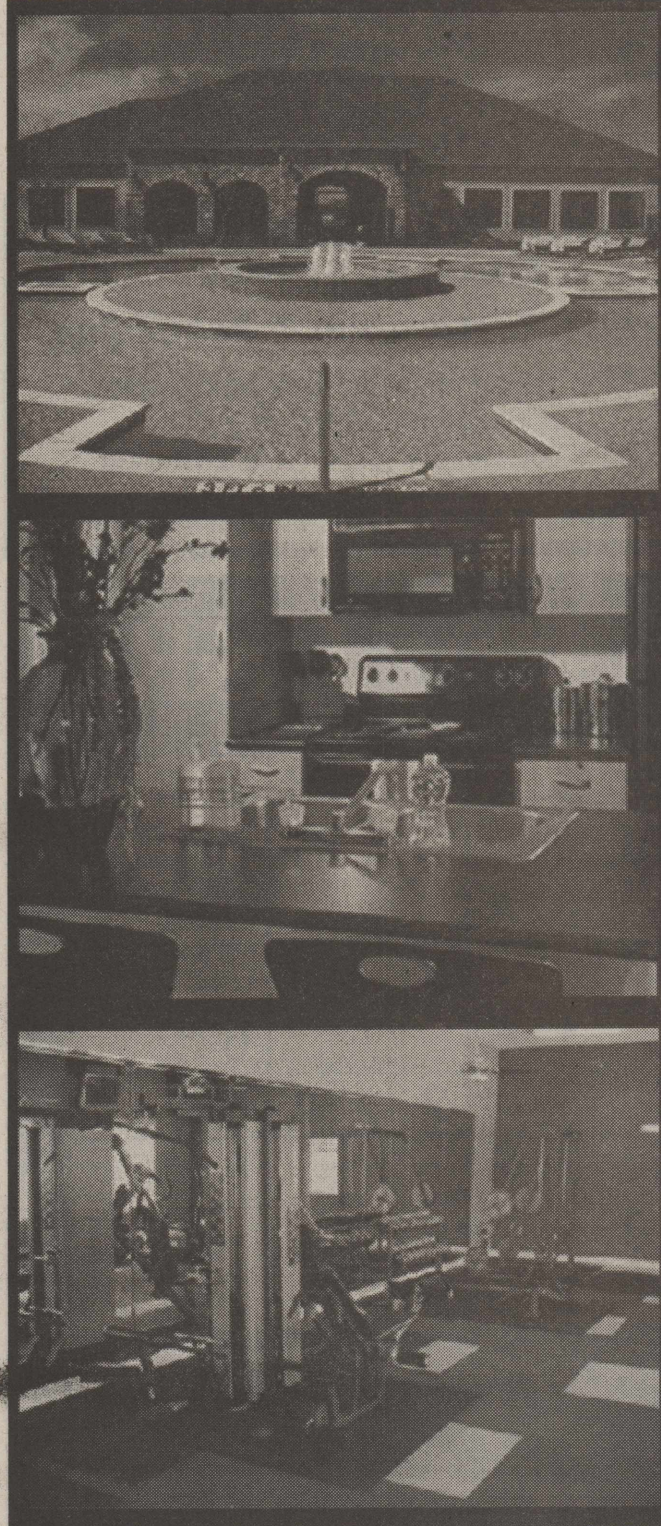
McNeal was taken to jail, then released on a \$1,000 bond. He was due in Harris County district court on Friday.

McNeal set an A&M record with 6,992 passing yards and rushed for 1,889 yards, the second-most by an Aggie quarterback. The Lufkin, Texas, native set a Big 12 record with 213 consecutive passes without an interception.

McNeal was the Bengals' sixth-round pick and has played sparingly. The Bengals had the weekend off after their Thursday night victory over Baltimore.

"We have been informed that Reggie has been arrested," team spokesman Jack Brennan said. "We don't feel it's appropriate to comment on a matter that's not resolved."

McNeal is the seventh Bengals player arrested this year.



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## PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

## Parcells tells Cowboys what championship teams do

IRVING (AP) — Bill Parcells is talking championship. Well, sort of.

Parcells isn't about to make any sort of proclamation, even if others are starting to say his Dallas Cowboys have the look of a Super Bowl team.

But now that they've won four straight games and five of six, grabbing control of the NFC East along the way, Parcells is starting to believe they could be playing well into January and maybe even February.

So on Monday, he told them what it'll take. "I spoke with them today about things that I thought that championship teams do this time of year,"

Parcells said, his outlook brightened by a 23-20 road win over the New York Giants on Sunday.

"I wouldn't say I had the entire audience 100 percent the way I wanted," he added. "I'll try to mention some of those things Wednesday" at practice.

The Cowboys (8-4) have a two-game lead over the Giants and are tied with New Orleans and Seattle for the second-best record in the NFC.

While it will be tough for any of them to catch Chicago (10-2) for the top seed, finishing second still has a nice reward: a first-round bye. Dallas hasn't had that luxury since 1995, the year of its last Super Bowl team.

Thus, part of Parcells' message to his club is that there's still plenty of work left, especially with the Saints coming to Texas Stadium on Sunday.

"You can't look at it like, 'Well, gee whiz, we're near the end of the line.'" Parcells said. "We're trying to improve as we go here and play our best football, which I think we are right this minute."

Realizing a compliment had slipped out, Parcells immediately shifted gears: "By no means do I think we will be successful if we don't keep our nose to the grindstone. Our margin for error is not that good. I don't think we can go out there and play badly and win."

Parcells' focus is on the next two games, New Orleans then at Atlanta. Parcells already is fretting about the Falcons being an unfamiliar foe, especially one with mobile Michael Vick at quarterback and the pass rush being among Dallas' biggest weaknesses right now.

In fact, amid the praise, Parcells put starting defensive ends Marcus Spears and Chris Canty on alert, saying, "If this keeps up the way it is, something is going to change."

"I am not threatening jobs here," Parcells insisted. "I am just telling you we need to improve the play."

Few know what it takes to win a championship better than Parcells.

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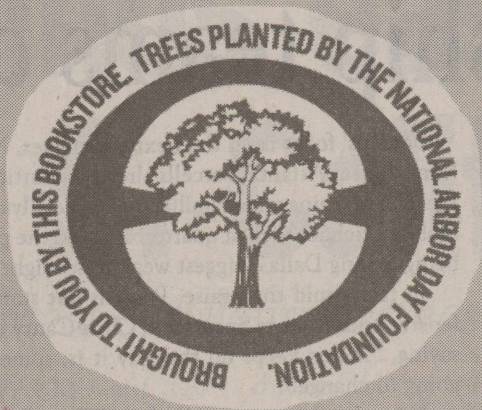
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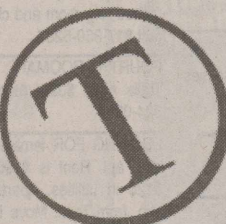
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