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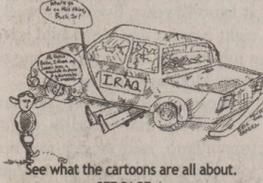
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STATE

Prosecutors push for two re-indictments

AUSTIN (AP) — A Travis County grand jury issued two re-indictments Wednesday accusing the Texas Association of Business of using corporate money for political advertising in 2002. Prosecutors sought the new indictments to replace previous ones and address concerns about their case voiced in a June ruling by state district Judge Mike Lynch.

The judge threw out a felony indictment against the Texas Association of Business, the state's largest business lobby group, ruling that its ads in 2002 legislative elections did not expressly advocate for the defeat or election of candidates.

NATION

2 admit setting fire in 2000 Seton Hall dorm

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Nearly seven years after a dormitory fire killed three students at Seton Hall University, two former roommates pleaded guilty Wednesday to arson, admitting for the first time they set a banner above the entrance that tragically got out of control. Joseph T. LePore and Sean Ryan, both 26, struck a deal with prosecutors as they were about to go on trial on murder charges. They will get no more than five years in prison, compared with 30 years or more if they had been convicted of murder.

WORLD

Japan issues tsunami warning after quake

TOKYO (AP) — Thousands of people living along northern Japan's Pacific coast fled to higher ground Wednesday after a powerful under-sea earthquake prompted tsunami warnings as far away as Alaska. The 8.1-magnitude quake struck an area claimed by both Russia and Japan, but the waves did not swell higher than 23 inches. There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage. Japan's meteorological agency withdrew its tsunami warning after about three hours.

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U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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'Withdrawal would only worsen Iraq violence'

By ROBERT BURNS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top U.S. commander in the Middle East warned Congress Wednesday against setting a timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq, rejecting the arguments of resurgent Democrats who are pressing President Bush to start pulling out. Gen. John Abizaid instead urged quick action to strengthen Iraq's government, predicting that the vicious sectarian violence in Baghdad would surge out of control within four to six months unless immediate steps were taken. "Our troop posture needs to stay where it is,"

and the use of military adviser teams embedded with Iraqi army and police forces needs to be expanded, Abizaid told the Senate Armed Services Committee. It was the first hearing on Iraq policy since last week's elections gave Democrats control of both houses of Congress starting in January. The voting last week has been widely interpreted as a public repudiation of Bush's policies on the war, which has left more than 2,850 U.S. troops dead and more than 20,000 others wounded. Democrats have coalesced around the idea of starting to remove American troops in the next few months, and increasing numbers

of Republicans have been openly critical of the war. The day after the election, Bush expressed an openness to considering fresh ideas on Iraq and announced the departure of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. "Hope is not a strategy," Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., a prospective 2008 presidential candidate, said at Wednesday's hearing. Citing the Bush administration's repeated claims of progress, Clinton said she saw no evidence that the Iraqi government was ready to make hard decisions, including taking firm action to disarm or neutralize sectarian militias. "The brutal fact is, it is not happening,"

she said. Even so, Abizaid said it was too soon to give up on the Iraqis or to announce a timetable for starting a U.S. troop withdrawal. Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the panel, said after the hearing that he planned to work with Democrats to produce by January a bipartisan recommendation to the president on a way ahead in Iraq. Asked what the effect would be on sectarian violence if the U.S. began a troop withdrawal in four to six months, as proposed by some Democrats, Abizaid replied, "I believe it would

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Overton house catches fire



STEVE LEWIS/The Daily Toreador

LUBBOCK FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE a blaze Wednesday night at 2207 17th St. Firefighters responded to a call between 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. after neighbors reported the fire to authorities. After two hours, the blaze was still not extinguished and the house and neighboring houses had not been affected as of press time.

By MICHELLE CASADY
NEWS EDITOR

Fire struck South Overton around 8 p.m. Wednesday night. A property at 2207 17th St., owned by Derek Milner, caught fire due to undetermined causes, said Lewis Treadwell, with the Lubbock Fire Department. "This was a vacant home that was being remodeled," he said. "No one was inside and no one was injured." Firefighters battled the blaze for more than two hours. "There's a lot of smoke and fire on the first floor," he said. "We got (firefighters) outside just trying to keep it from getting to another house." Treadwell said the cause of the blaze is undetermined and could take a considerable amount of time to discover. "We've got the Fire Marshal out here right now trying to figure that out, but it will be a long time before we know for sure." At least three fire trucks were on the scene to fight the blaze. According to the Lubbock Central Appraisal District's Web site, the home is valued at \$119,941.

Jennifer Milner, wife of Derek Milner, said this is the third home they have bought with the intention of renovating and selling. "We actually haven't even started renovating that house yet," Jennifer Milner said in a phone interview. "We're renovating one close to there." Jennifer Milner said there have been a few incidents with people trespassing on the property and also breaking into the home. "At first the home was secure," she said. "After a few break-ins we had an alarm installed, but I think they managed to destroy that somehow." Jennifer Milner said she received a call from the alarm company around 8 p.m. and they informed her the battery in the alarm system was low. "Then around 8:30 p.m. our neighbor on 17th called and told us 'your house is on fire,'" she said. Jennifer Milner said her husband was not available for comment because he was at the scene of the fire with representatives from their insurance agency. As of press time, the fire was not extinguished but had not spread to nearby residences. → michelle.casady@ttu.edu

New office intended to boost student involvement

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Soon, dreading final examinations might not be the only thing students have in common. The Center for Campus Life is initiating a new program with the goal of getting every Texas Tech student involved in at least one student organization. Amy Maynard, director of the Center for Campus Life, said the initiative begins with the creation of a new office to coordinate student activities and promote awareness of student organizations at Texas Tech. "I believe that student organizations are one of the most valuable opportunities that you have as a college student to get

involved," Maynard said. "We believe student organizations can be a learning community outside of the classroom for students." Maynard said the plans for the new office are still in preliminary stages, focusing on the infrastructure and resources necessary to function properly. Both the Center for Campus Life and the new office fall under the jurisdiction of the Division of Student Affairs. Michael Shonrock, vice president of the division, said having more students engaged in organizations on campus would have a positive effect on the university academically. "We know that one of the things that help retain students is their involvement on campus," Shonrock said during a news conference

Wednesday. He identified key groups the new office would need to target, including first-year, international and graduate students. In order to gauge the needs and concerns of the first-year students at Tech, the division began a program in which more than 100 volunteers, including Shonrock, contact first-year Tech students via e-mail, text messaging, phone calls and person-to-person contact. "We recognize, in terms of engagement, the first six-to-eight weeks as critical for any new student at an institution in terms of their transition," Shonrock said. Hailey Yeilding, a freshman honors arts and letters major from Midland, said being contacted by the division helped her find out

more information about student organizations. "I really didn't know much about all of them," Yeilding said before naming a few of the organizations that she obtained information from after the division made contact with her. Maynard said the identified needs are addressed through a Center for Campus Life program that focuses solely on the needs of new students at Tech. "We have a program called the First Year Raider Experience," Maynard said, "that works to help first-year students transition into the university and help them find involvement opportunities." Shonrock said he has found

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Students question fairness of dining meal-plan prices

By NAOMI KASKELA
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For some students, convenience and price are two competing factors in determining the benefits and drawbacks of dining plans on campus. Questions concerning the fairness of dining plan prices have recently been raised by some students on campus who feel they are not getting their money's worth out of dining plans. Samuel Bennett, director of Texas Tech's Department of Hospitality Services, said some truth can be found in questions recently raised by students concerning meal plan costs, but there are explanations. "We know our best value is the traditional halls," he said. "We've always known that... we have always kept the dining halls as the best value." Joshua Scott, a junior electrical engineering major from Garland, said he researched dining plan costs because he had heard other students saying they were not getting their money's worth. In his research, Scott compared the various dining plan costs per meal to meals bought with cash or with a commuter dining plan. Scott said his goal in doing the research is to get equality for all students when it comes to the various meal plans and hopefully to lower prices, although he said he does not think it is likely that prices will be lowered. "I found out that the meal plan is kind of not right because residents on campus will have to pay more for their meals than commuters," he said. "It's really not noticeable when you go and buy food. I think that is why Hospitality Services really gets by with it because students don't notice it." He said he believes people who pay for their meals with cash are actually paying less than those with a dining plan, in some circumstances. He also said he believes the commuter plans offer a better deal compared to the regular dining plans.

Scott said he noticed students with a regular dining plan had an attached user fee, which is not included in the commuter dining plan price. According to the Hospitality Service's 2006-07 dining guide, a \$1,995 user fee is included in the total cost along with tax, for students who have a 12-month dining plan. For a plan limited to the school year, a user fee of \$1,795 is included with the total cost plus tax. A suggestion Scott had was to require dining plans for underclassmen, but not for upperclassmen living on campus, but Bennett said this will not happen. Reasons for the impossibility of this are because of revenue bonds and the number of upperclassmen living on campus each semester, he said. A revenue bond is issued by a public agency giving authorization to build, acquire or improve a revenue-yielding property. The bond is paid through revenue from the property.

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Tech police blotter

By PAUL ROBERTS
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Nov. 14

Tech police investigated a traffic accident in the 3400 block of 10th Street. Police said the accident caused possible injuries with the individuals involved, but all three parties refused medical treatment at the scene.

A student who resides in the Carpenter/Wells complex reported identity theft by an unknown suspect over the Internet. The student said a suspect opened a Dell Computer Service charge account and used the victim's personal information. The student said he did not give anyone authorization to use his personal information.

A member of the custodial staff was transported to the Covenant Medical Center after reporting complications because of high blood pressure. The custodian was working in the English/Philosophy building at the time of

the custodian's injury.

A passenger-side window was broken on a student's car in the satellite parking lot. Police investigated the incident as criminal mischief and did not locate any suspects.

Nov. 13

A nonstudent was arrested by Texas Tech police for driving with an invalid license in the 1400 block of Flint Avenue. Upon further inspection, Tech police discovered the nonstudent had a Lubbock Police Department warrant. The nonstudent was transported to the Lubbock County jail and the nonstudent's vehicle was released to the passenger.

A Grounds Maintenance worker was struck by a vehicle in the Z2-D parking lot. Tech police said the worker did not report any injuries at the time of the accident, but later said he was experiencing pain in his hips.

A student in Weymouth Hall

reported to Tech police unwanted phone calls to the student's cell phone. The student said he received continuous phone calls from a suspect.

A female student suffering abdominal pains in Gates Hall was transported to the University Medical Center. Tech police responded to the emergency call.

Sneed Hall was evacuated after a fire alarm was activated. Police said smoke from a grill in Sam's Place caused the alarm to sound. The Lubbock Fire Department did not respond.

Tech police investigated a hit-and-run traffic accident without any injuries in the Z4-P parking lot. Police said an individual hit an unattended vehicle and fled.

Three students were arrested by Tech police for the consumption of alcohol by a minor in a room in Clement Hall. Police said all three students were issued Lubbock County citations and released.

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Copyright infringement draws mixed reactions

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In the midst of a lawsuit between Texas Tech and Red Raider Outfitter involving copyright infringement, some faculty, staff and students at Tech have differing opinions of the meaning of copyright infringement in a democratic society.

According to <http://www.copyright.gov>, it is illegal for anyone to violate any of the rights provided by the copyright law to the owner. These include the owner's right to reproduce work and the right to distribute copies to the public.

K. Lance Anderson, interim director of the Office of Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property at Tech, said people generally do not take copyright laws seriously enough.

"The ability to protect your work is a constitutional right," Anderson said. "Democracy is heavily reliant on

the ability for people to use their own creation like they have to be able to own land or anything of value."

J. Wesley Cochran, a professor who teaches a class in copyright law at Tech School of Law, said copyright law provides economic incentive for artists to create.

"Protections of copy were enacted in the Constitution as a means to make society better," Cochran said. "We as a people are better off when painters paint."

While Anderson and Cochran said they understand the value of copyright in a democratic society, they agreed that many students are not educated enough in the laws of copyright to understand what infringement means.

Ann Reikofski, a senior French major from Denton and a former community adviser in Chitwood residence hall, said she understands that copyright infringement like downloading music is illegal, but that people put

more emphasis on it as a problem than is necessary.

"I care that it's illegal, but it just costs too much," Reikofski said. "People wouldn't illegally download music if it wasn't so expensive."

Tech has taken measures to prevent students from illegally downloading music. Community advisers across campus have placed warnings about the dangers of illegal downloading in residents' mailboxes.

Anderson said until the music industry and the consumers establish a fair value for a song, there will be copyright infringement. In the meantime, however, Anderson said, Tech should develop awareness and appropriate oversight to educate students about the dangers of copyright infringement.

"The need to have infringement protection," Anderson said, "and the ability to enforce it is one of the only ways to have value in copyright."

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Job prospects exist for all GPAs

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Despite the lowest cumulative GPAs and the lowest graduation rate on the Texas Tech campus, experts say students in the College of Engineering have the best opportunity in the current job market.

"The job market is very good right now," David Kraus, the director of the Tech Career Center said. "Technical degrees have always been the highest in demand. We're seeing that engineers are in real high demand right now."

According to the Department of Institutional Research and Information Management, from 1999 to 2005 engineering students ranked last among Tech colleges with a 53 percent graduation rate. The College of Human Sciences ranked first on the campus with a 68 percent graduation rate.

The College of Engineering also ranks last in GPA with a cumulative average of 2.761, while education students compiled the highest GPA at a cumulative average of 3.168.

Kraus said he thinks the Tech numbers are a fair representation of other universities throughout the United States.

Despite the numbers, Leta Page, manager of Snelling Personnel Services in Lubbock, said engineering students enjoy the best career prospects out of college.

"Right now the most action is definitely in the engineering field," Page said.

Kraus said he does not think possible employers look at a GPA as much as college students might think.

"A GPA could be an issue for

one's first job," he said. "But the older we get the less important it is. What they want to see is what a person has done with their four years at the university. Has the person made any achievements and accomplished anything?"

Kraus said he believes every student, regardless of GPA, has something to offer.

"I think every student on this campus has accomplished something," he said. "For some maybe it's a high GPA. But for others it's different. Maybe they were part of an interest group or worked for the SGA. Or maybe they worked themselves through college."

Page said employers are looking for a combination of academic achievement and job experience.

"If you graduate with a 2.5, for instance, it's a lot different if your parents paid for school and you did not have any extracurricular activities than if you paid your way through school and were a member of a bunch of different school organizations," she said.

Both Kraus and Page said in some cases it does not matter to an employer what a student's major was in college.

"I think one thing for students to figure out is that the degree name does not have a 100 percent correlation with what they are going to be doing," Kraus said. "They can't always look for jobs that are going to match-up exactly with what they studied. It is more important, when looking for a job, to look at what kind of skills the job entails and deciding if the student has those skills."

Page said in some cases students cannot get jobs out of their field of study.

"For instance in the business world," she said, "employers in most cases are not going to look at you without a degree in business."

I think in any case it is easier to sell yourself if your major correlates with the job you are trying to get."

Kraus said does not keep records of starting salaries among Tech graduates. But despite the high graduation rates, he said, education majors have the hardest time finding high salaries out of school. He said he hopes students do not pick their area of study based on money.

"I know it's hard for your people to look deep into the future," he said. "But if we think about the fact that we will have to work for at least 40 years, five days a week, eight hours a day, we should have a job that we don't regret going to every Monday morning."

Morgan Johnson, a freshman multidisciplinary studies major from Plano, said money was not something she thought about when choosing her major.

"Really it just comes down to the fact that I like kids," Johnson said. "My mom is a teacher. She used to let me come into her classroom and work with her kids. I just fell in love with the idea of teaching."

Realistically, Page said, there are students who think about money when in college.

"You can't really blame them," she said. "They have student loans they have to pay. I would say that the money issue is not true with all students, but is a factor for many."

Page said students should be realistic when leaving school and entering the work force.

"Don't have high expectations for your first job," she said. "Your first job is a stepping stone. It's not where you start but where you end up. Just be a superstar at whatever job you're in and be the best at it. Eventually you will end up where you want to be."

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that the greatest help to new international students are returning Tech students from the same country who better understand the cultural differences faced in the transition to life in Lubbock.

Graduate students are a minority on the campus that present a unique problem for the division in its attempts to involve every

student in an organization.

"The biggest challenge of working with graduate students is timing," Shonrock said, referring to additional demands for such students. As for Tech students, Maynard said two of the best ways to find information about student organizations are the Center for Campus Life Web site and talking with center staff members.

Maynard said student organizations are in high demand in the Lubbock community to help with service projects and other activities. The

center often has to deny requests for student organization help because there are not enough students available during the day.

While both Maynard and Shonrock stressed the importance of student engagement in campus organizations, Shonrock said the most important goal of the division is to enrich the education experience for Tech students.

"Our mission," Shonrock said, "promotes each student's learning experience."

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"We have about 1,500 returning students from year to year," he said. "If those 1,500 did not have a meal and lived in our halls, we would have to close several of our operations. I do know some universities do that, but because of our revenue bonds and debt service levels, that is not going to happen."

Bennett said a major reason behind the price differences between dining plans is where the meals are actually purchased.

Depending on the location, meals may cost more because the food costs more to make or because the operations are more labor intensive, he said.

"There is little doubt in my mind that the Sam's operations are far more labor intensive than in any of our other operations because they are open so long," Bennett said. "We do have different products, we do have different size portions and we do have different labor requirements."

The price differences from location to location did not come as a surprise to some students.

Chad Dietz, a senior landscape architecture major from Canyon, said he believes costs depend a lot on where the meal is purchased, and that the dining hall is the best deal.

Dietz, who has a commuter plan, said he purchased the plan because it is more convenient than eating off campus.

"It has been getting expensive it seems like this past semester," he said. "Everything is going up, probably because they can. People are going to get plans no matter what. Of course, my mom buys mine, so it might make a difference."

He said he also likes having a plan because it is convenient to swipe a card instead of having to pay in some other fashion.

Convenience was a common theme echoed by some students concerning the benefit of having a dining plan.

"It's just easy," said Jennifer Nash, a sophomore early childhood development major from Boerne. "You don't have to worry about having cash. All you have to do is have your card."

Nash also has a commuter plan, which she said is all she needs.

Rachel Drahl, a freshman psychology major from San Antonio, said she likes having a dining plan, of which she has the "biggest one."

"I just like that it's convenient," she said. "I think I'm getting my money's worth because it's unlimited food for a set price."

She said she eats her meals in the various traditional dining halls on campus that offer all-you-care-to-eat options.

Even when considering extra charges that come along with the dining plans, Drahl said she does not mind.

"Convenience definitely outweighs most of it for me," she said.

Price hikes may be in the future for students with dining plans because of the possibility of minimum wage being raised to \$7.50, Bennett said.

"Our plans are right now to recommend a very minimal increase in dining costs, but we've got to be absolutely mindful of minimum wage," he said.

In the past, he said there have been price changes in food because of natural disasters, like Hurricane Katrina, and other incidences.

The raise in minimum wage will increase labor costs, which could cost Hospitality Services as much as \$500,000, he said.

"Minimum wage increase would have a tremendous impact on us, there is no doubt about it," he said. "I think it's very necessary, but it just scares me because it has such a huge short-term effect on our cost structure."

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increase." It also would undermine U.S. efforts to increase Iraqis' confidence that their own government is capable of assuring their security, he suggested.

Pressed by Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., on how much time the U.S. and Iraqi governments have to reduce the violence in Baghdad before it spirals beyond control, Abizaid said, "Four to six months."

At the same time, Carl Levin, the Democratic next chairman of the committee, said the administration must tell Iraq that U.S. troops will begin leaving in the next half year.

"We cannot save the Iraqis from themselves. The only way for Iraqi leaders to squarely face that reality is for President Bush to tell them that the United States will begin a phased redeployment of our forces within four to six months," said Levin, of Michigan.

While the hearing put a spotlight on Democrats' view that the

administration's Iraq policy is broken, it produced no new proposals for fixing it.

In one of the more contentious exchanges, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., also a possible presidential candidate in 2008, challenged Abizaid's analysis of the Iraqi situation and accused him of sticking to a failed course.

"I'm of course disappointed that basically you're advocating the status quo here today, which I think the American people in the last election said that is not an acceptable condition," McCain said.

In response, Abizaid said he was not arguing for the status quo. He said the key change that is needed now is to place more U.S. troops inside the Iraqi army and police units to train and advise them. Having visited Iraq as recently as this week, Abizaid said he remained optimistic that the Iraqis are capable of overcoming sharp internal differences and creating conditions for stability.

Abizaid later testified to the House Armed Services Committee, where Democrats delivered angry rebukes of the war and took a more partisan tack. "It's hard to find reason for optimism

in Iraq today," said Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., who will take over the panel next year.

In a meeting with reporters, Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., who will be Senate majority leader in the next Congress, said Bush needs to improve Iraqi reconstruction efforts, re-equip U.S. military units whose gear has been damaged in the war and reduce the role of American troops.

"We have to change the mission of the troops in Iraq to counterinsurgency, force protection, and have to do a much better job and have more trainers there," Reid said.

In a separate session on Capitol Hill, two of the government's top intelligence officials offered relatively grim assessments of Iraq.

"The perception of unchecked violence is creating an atmosphere of fear and hardening sectarianism which is empowering militias and vigilante groups, hastening middle-class exodus and shaking confidence in government and security forces," Lt. Gen. Michael Maples, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said in prepared testimony.

Gen. Michael Hayden, director of the CIA, told a panel that some blame for Iraq's trouble lies with neighboring Iran.

"The Iranian hand is stoking violence and supporting even competing Shiite factions" in Iraq, Hayden said.

Asked about his testimony in August that Iraq could fall into civil war and that the sectarian violence was as bad as he had ever seen it, Abizaid said the situation has improved though it is still troubling.

"It's certainly not as bad as the situation appeared back in August," Abizaid said, adding that he saw growing confidence among Iraqis in their government. "It's still at unacceptably high levels," he said of the sect-on-sect violence.

Alluding to Washington's partisan battles over Iraq, Abizaid said that when he visits the U.S. capital he senses a "despair" that does not exist in Iraq when he visits with Iraqi officials or with American troops and their commanders.

Abizaid said that adding large numbers of U.S. troops in Iraq was not an option over the long run.

1 of 4 U.S. soldiers charged in rape of Iraqi girl

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — One of four U.S. soldiers accused of raping a 14-year-old Iraqi girl last spring and killing her and her family pleaded guilty Wednesday, and agreed to testify against the others.

Spc. James P. Barker agreed to the plea deal to avoid the death penalty, said his civilian attorney, David Sheldon.

The military judge presiding over the case, Lt. Col. Richard Anderson, asked Barker why he participated in the attack in Mahmoudiya, a village about 20

miles south of Baghdad. It was among the worst in a series of alleged attacks on civilians and other abuses by military personnel in Iraq.

"I hated Iraqis, your honor," Barker answered. "They can smile at you, then shoot you in your face without even thinking about it."

Anderson accepted the plea agreement, which calls for Barker to serve at least life in prison. The judge will decide in a hearing Thursday whether Barker should be allowed to seek parole.

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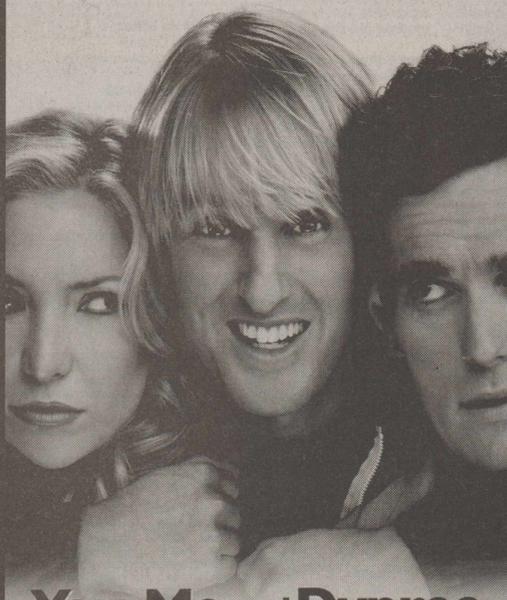


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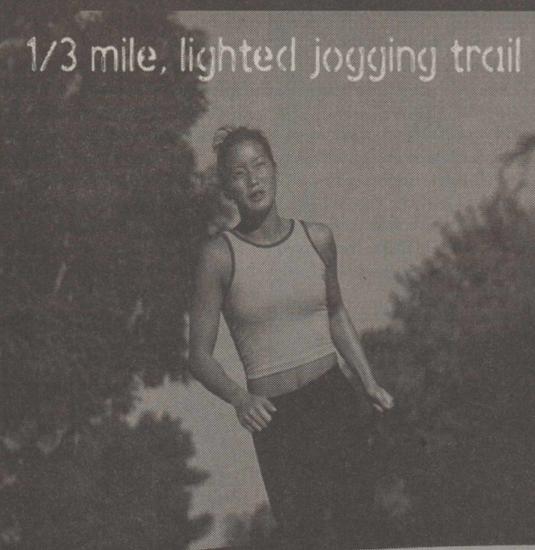
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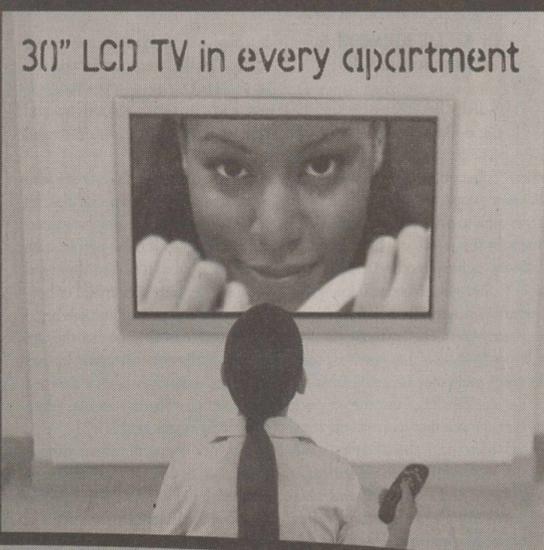
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Finding things to give thanks for

For the first time I can remember, Thanksgiving's timing has left me with an unfortunate circumstance. The problem is I write columns for Thursday, and, well, Thanksgiving falls on a Thursday. I think you can see the problem here.

Since taking this job in August, I have been dreaming of doing a "What I'm Thankful For" column. I view that my job as a columnist is to present the goodwill that occurs in the world and to warm people's hearts. However, doing a Thanksgiving article this week wouldn't quite fit — kind of like wearing Uggs boots in July. (Believe me. I was here. It happened.)

But, because of my untimely graduation in May, I won't be able to do a Thanksgiving article next year. Therefore, like the Uggs boot craze that just won't die, I'll take this opportunity to jump on the "columnist list" bandwagon that should have decomposed long ago. So, without further adieu, I present the Justin Dove "What I'm Thankful For" list:

Global Warming — I'm going to have to side with the GOP on this one. We need to quit complaining about things that are inevitable and just adapt. The high for Tuesday was 77. At this rate, in a couple of years there will be bikinis in November. I'm not so sure this is a bad thing. However, with the Democrats taking office, I see the years of deregulation coming to a screeching halt, thus the reversal of my desire — making Lubbock a Latin American life of luxury. C'mon, kids, learn how to adapt. I am.

Bobby Knight — I'm not going to hold him accountable for the "slap heard 'round Texas" (as ESPN likes to call it). The more

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I'm not going to hold (Bob Knight) accountable for the "slap heard 'round Texas" (as ESPN likes to call it). The more he makes the news, the more the university makes the news.

he makes the news, the more the university makes the news. As far as I'm concerned, all Knight is doing is increasing the value of my diploma, which isn't a bad thing. I can't wait for this topic of discussion during my first job interview:

Boss: Where did you graduate?

Me: Texas Tech

Boss: Wow, I've heard of that place, didn't Bobby Knight slap a player there once?

Me: Yes, sir, and that is the take-no-crap attitude I plan to bring to this office.

Consider the job mine.

Not Having a TV — Although the amount of time spent playing Xbox is severely disrupted, it does have its positives. For one, the lack of an Xbox has led to an increase in female acquaintances. Aside from that, the lack of televised entertainment has meant that I can't name the details of the Britney/K-Fed split, I have no idea who will win

Dancing with the Stars (but somebody should point out who are actually "the stars"), and I will definitely miss this month's blockbuster, "O.J.: If I Did It."

Being aired in two parts, this intensive interview will allow O.J. to explain how he would've killed his ex-wife and her friend, you know, had he done it. (Oh, this is being aired on FOX — any surprise?) Besides boycotting the network, we should boycott the companies who advertise during this pathetic exposé. "The Juice" is also releasing a book with the same content, but I can't thank myself enough for not being able to read.

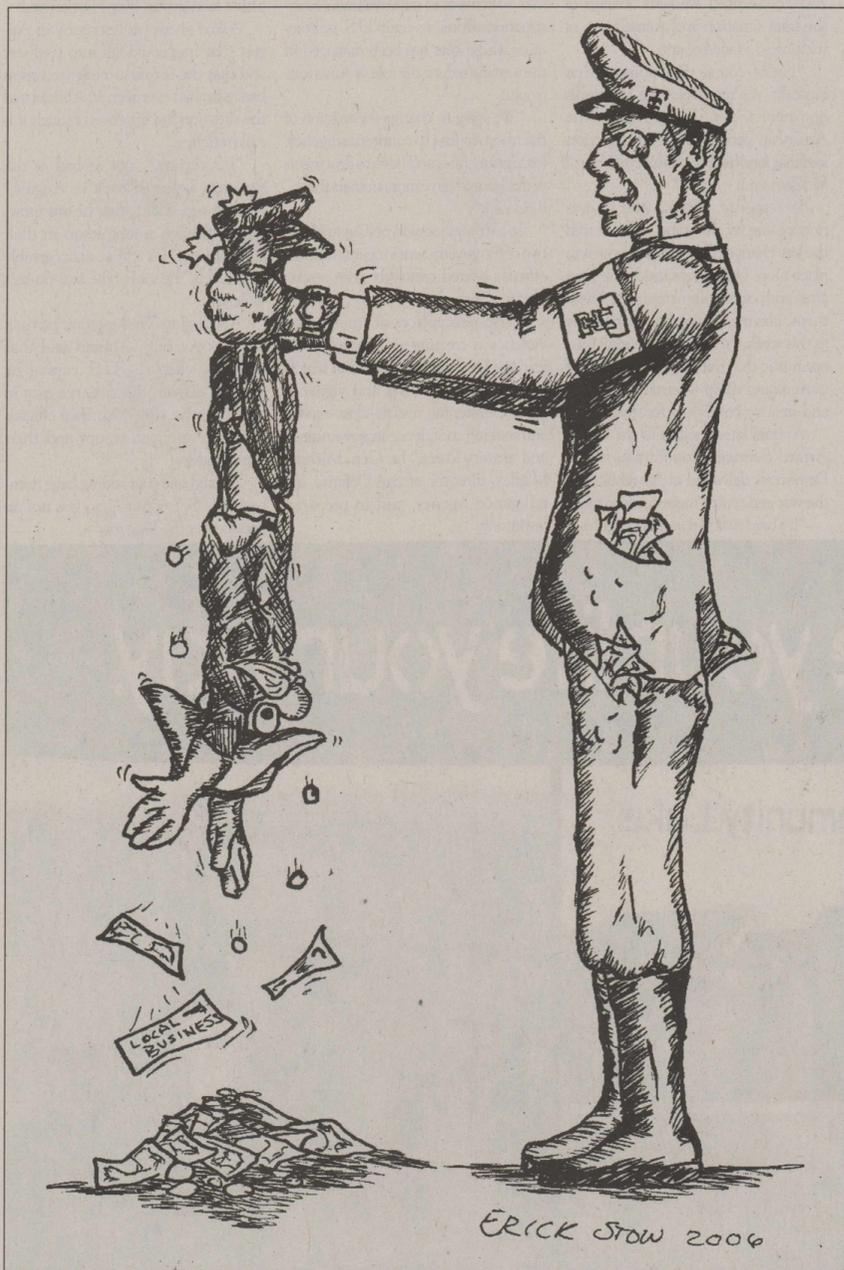
Quitting Drinking — As a college student, I find this one hard to accept because it leaves me being more boring than usual, thus, giving girls less of a reason to talk to me. However, CNN.com reported on Nov. 1 of counterfeit vodka being served in Russia, which has led to the death of some of its citizens.

According to the article, the attempt from ex-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to reduce alcohol consumption has increased the price of vodka and has prompted people to find alcohol substitutes such as after-shave and brake fluid. Not that this sort of thing would happen here in the land of good and plenty, but you never know what the future holds.

My Parents — I know, it's yucky and sentimental and the sort of thing you probably were hoping I would avoid. However, if the media and the university pressure Coach Knight to quit slapping players, I may be living with them come May.

I hope everybody has a wonderful, safe and very thankful Thanksgiving.

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Playing the flirting game

By **KELLIE JOHNSON**
THE DAILY REVELLE (LSU)

(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. — Flirting is like an extracurricular activity. Some people are better at it than others. Some people don't even flirt at all. Some people are loyal to their team; others want to play on every team. What I mean by this is simple. I have found, by observing numerous others, that it is far easier to flirt with someone outside your realm of possibility than with someone who is attainable. This is why people often believe individuals of the opposite sex only like them when they are unavailable.

I'm sure that I am not the only one who has noticed that more people come around when you're already dating someone. In high school I clearly remember that when I had a boyfriend was when I seemed to be asked to the most events. Odd, yes. Maybe high school was just random, but I still notice that guys and girls will gravitate to people who have significant others.

The reason for this carefree flirtation: the quest for the unattainable. One of my guy friends asked me why girls aggressively pursue him when he has a girlfriend. Well the quest for the unattainable is the reason.

It is often easier and more entertaining to try to attract someone who wouldn't or shouldn't be attracted to you. It is not a wholly conscious activity, and often people do it innocently and nonchalantly.

When you flirt with someone who is preoccupied with someone else, it's less of a blow if they do not show interest in you. Also if these people seem to be interested, it's often dismissed because they have a girlfriend or boyfriend. In this way, the flirtations begin to become more of a game than they are intended to be in the first place. It is fun for some people to see how far they can get by flirting with someone else before it becomes inappropriate.

I'm not saying flirtations cannot be random or that they are intricately planned. It just so happens that people most often want to have the attention of someone they cannot have. When you find yourself in a situation where you are flirting with your best friend's love interest, think of me. You may stop yourself when you realize your hidden motives and instead flirt with a nice, quiet and completely attainable individual and have yourself a lovely evening.

Replacing Bob Barker will be no small task for CBS

By **DANNY DAVIS**
DAILY NEWS (BALL STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind. — In a saddening but not-so-shocking announcement two weeks ago, television icon Bob Barker announced he will be retiring from "The Price is Right." After hosting the show for the first time on Sept. 4, 1972, Barker has become one of the most recognizable people in America.

College students, bored housewives and senior citizens alike have always been able to look forward to 11 a.m. every weekday to Barker walking out those doors and Wilford Brimley telling us where to get our diabetes testing supplies.

The 82-year old Barker hasn't lost a step, even after he was transformed into a cyborg following a severe injury while filming Happy Gilmore. Dick Clark underwent the same procedure in 1987.

The obvious question now presents itself: Who will be chosen to fill Barker's shoes? Replacing someone with 35 years experience is no small task, especially someone whose knowledge of Showcase Showdowns

is unmatched.

Candidates for the job must be able to appeal to viewers of all ages, particularly women, as they are the dominant target audience for daytime television. Before I start suggesting candidates, I'm going to take Ryan Seacrest out of the running right now. That would be a disgrace to the Barker name.

Freemantle Media, the owner of the show, must leave no stone unturned in their search for the next host. A good place to start looking would be to interview former game show hosts. In the name of decency, let's hope they can do a better job of finding a host than "Family Feud."

Nickelodeon was a source of great game shows during the '80s and '90s. "Price" could go after Indiana native.

Marc Summers from "Double Dare." Better yet, they could check the closest interstate overpass to Nickelodeon Studios for a guy dressed in a denim shirt, khaki shorts and hiking boots talking to a rock he calls Olmec. Does the name of the former host of "Legends of the Hidden Temple," Kirk Fogg, come to mind? "Price" should also track down Phil Gordon from "Nick Arcade."

A riskier proposition would be to

search for people outside of the television industry. Barker raised the celebrity of hosting "The Price is Right" so high that it may be a big enough draw for someone to be drawn to it.

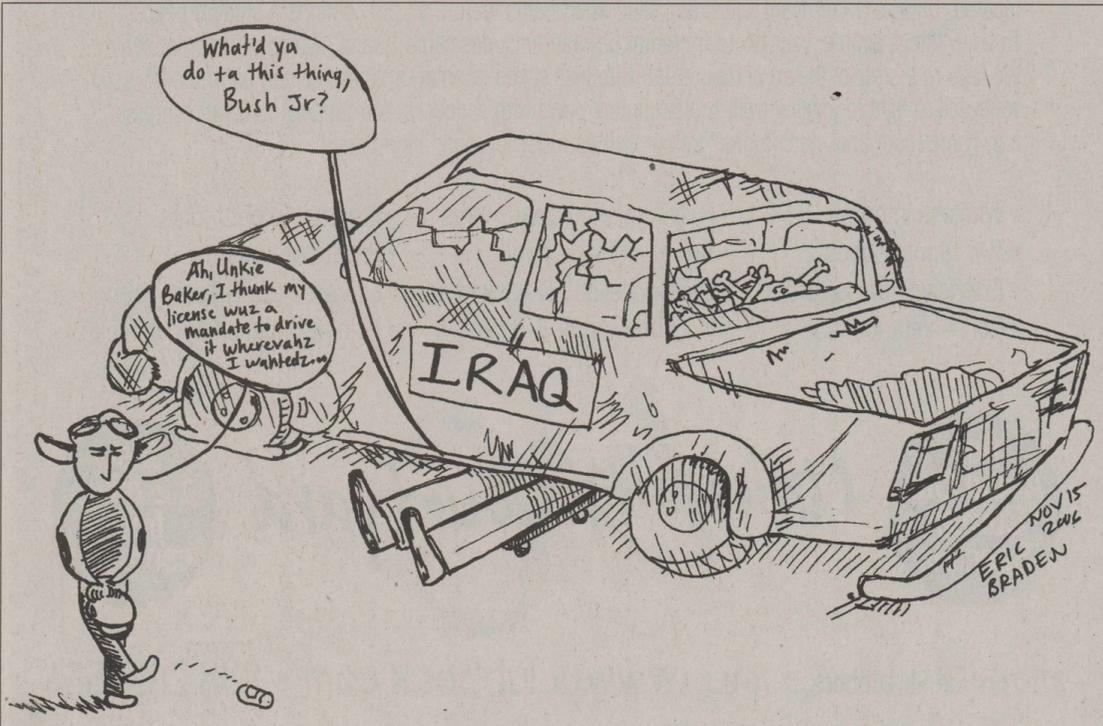
Someone who will be looking for work after this winter who has interest in television is New York Giants running back Tiki Barber. In addition to hosting his own radio show on Sirius, Barber has studio experience and the fun-loving personality needed for the job.

Speaking of guys looking for work, and who would be the most appealing to conservative seniors, how about Don Rumsfeld?

While I understand those guys may be long shots, I present two strong,

serious candidates to replace Barker: Wayne Brady and Tony Danza. Each is popular in one of the target demographics, middle-aged women, because of their alleged good looks and smooth personalities.

College students should be in favor of both. Brady would be a good choice for students because they will be able to look forward to more bad sketches from Dave Chapelle. Danza would be favorable because students grew up with "Who's the Boss?" and it would be entertaining watching some of the elderly contestants try to figure out what he's saying. Instead of Barker reminding us to have our pets neutered, Danza could remind everyone to "help support your local closed captioning foundation."



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Former councilman passionate about helping community

By **MICHELLE CASADY**
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A celebratory party, not a natural disaster, generally follows the day a recent graduate obtains his or her first job.

Few 21-year-old college graduates encounter an F-5 tornado hours after accepting a new position.

On May 11, 1970, the newly hired public information officer for the city of Lubbock realized he had his work cut out for him.

"It wasn't just the routine 'let everyone know when the book fair's going to be at the library' or 'when the city pool's going to be open for summer' type of thing," Tom Martin said. "I mean it was life or death situations, and I was right in the middle of it as PIO (public information officer)."

Though Martin said at the time it was an unexpected workload, he was glad to have served during the disaster.

"Obviously for about six months we were in disaster mode," he said. "We'd had about one-third of the city wiped out and I don't know how many thousands of homeless people because their homes had been destroyed."

Martin has served Lubbock as not only public information officer, but also as a police officer, member of the

City Council and mayor pro tem. "Lubbock is the only home I've ever known," he said. "Growing up with my father in the service, we moved all the time, so we really had no attachment to anyplace."

Martin came to Lubbock in 1964 after his father, an active member of the U.S. Air Force, was transferred. He graduated from Lubbock High in 1966.

Martin said during his time at Texas Tech he was involved with *The University Daily*, now *The Daily Toreador*, and KTXT-FM. This, however, was not his first interest at the university.

"I started out in electrical engineering," he said. "And after a semester and a half, the math department and I didn't get along too well."

Martin originally approached KTXT-FM for a job as a member of the engineering staff. He became intrigued with doing radio news and then obtained a job as a radio newscaster.

"And so having gotten introduced to radio news, I decided I would switch my major to journalism at the end of my second semester of my sophomore year," he said.

Martin recalled KTXT-FM being quite a bit different in the late 1960s than it is today.

"We were a top-40 format back in the '60s," he said. "We weren't

the long-hair classical that they are today."

During his time at The UD, Martin served as both a staff writer and as news editor. In the fall of 1968, his talents were sought after by KLBK-TV.

"The station offered me a full-time radio/TV/news position," he said. "I went ahead and took it. That's why I couldn't be news editor anymore."

He cited the fact that reporters and editors for the student newspaper received no compensation as one of his reasons for accepting the job at KLBK-TV.

Martin leaned back in his chair and took a drag of his cigarillo as he began to recount what it was like to help a city in a state of disaster.

"That night when the tornado hit, I hadn't even told the TV station that I was leaving," he said.

After accepting the offer of the city to become public information officer, Martin was faced with letting the three-person news team at KLBK-TV know he would be leaving.

"I had planned to (tell them about) it the next day," he said, "but since the tornado hit that night, the city needed me right then."

Though he made the decision to take the job with the city, he said he never felt he made the wrong choice. Martin said with the new

job came both more pay and more responsibility.

"Cities don't pay anything, but TV stations pay even less," he said. "I didn't expect to have a major disaster to deal with, but in hindsight, it was probably some of the best experience I could have ever hoped to have."

Friends he's gathered throughout the years testified to Martin's ability to handle difficult situations.

"Tom Martin is very intelligent, and along with his intelligence, he's thorough," said J.Q. Warnick, a former professor of media law at Tech who has known Martin since he was a teenager.

Taking on an earnest tone, Warnick gave his opinion on Martin's character.

"He was an excellent member of the City Council," he said. "He's just a remarkable person — a good friend."

After working as public information officer for a little more than four years and helping rebuild the city, Martin decided to make yet another career move.

"I had spent a lot of time with the police department with disaster recovery and so forth, and I thought that would be an interesting career," he said.

During his 16-year stint with the Lubbock Police Department, Martin said he had some close calls.

"I had a variety of assignments," he said. "I even worked on narcotics and had the long hair and beard. That was actually the most fun I ever had in anything."

Martin said he enjoyed the work despite close calls and long hours. There was one case Martin had the opportunity to work on which he said was his "career case."

"It started here in Lubbock with a court-ordered wiretap on a major methamphetamine dealer," he said. "As a result of the wiretap, the dealer led us to the lab."

For one week, Martin and his fellow officers held the statewide record for most methamphetamine seized with 242 pounds.

Tom Mann, assistant police chief in Lubbock has known Martin for 35 years. When Martin first joined the force, he and Mann rode together in the same squad car.

"When you think of Tom Martin you just automatically think of intelligence," he said. "He was a walking encyclopedia. He had a photographic memory — he coupled that with lots of common sense. When you have that together, you have a nearly perfect police officer."

Most recently, Martin was in the news for his mayoral campaign. His opponent, David Miller, won the election.

"I really enjoyed my time as a councilman, and I was extremely disappointed that I didn't get elected mayor," he said. "Just because you lose an election doesn't mean your days of making an impact are over."

Martin then gave numerous examples of ways he has impacted the Lubbock community. Martin has taught college courses at both Wayland Baptist University and South Plains College, he works with numerous charitable organizations and he serves as chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

"I don't lack for things to do to make an impact in the community," he said. "Every job I've held had made a difference in the city in which I lived."

Martin said he remains unsure about his future in local politics is still optimistic about his future in Lubbock.

"There's still a lot of life left," he said. "I still have a lot of years left and a lot of different ways to serve."

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Web site curbs plagiarism

By **DANIELLE NOVY**
LA VIDA EDITOR

While the issue of plagiarism is far from a new problem on college campuses across the nation, recent shifts in technology are making it harder and harder for students to turn in an unoriginal piece of work.

One cornerstone of the effort to decrease plagiarism is the Web site <http://www.turnitin.com>, a site that electronically compares students' papers with previous publications to scan for any duplication, according to the site.

John Barrie, the creator of Turnitin.com, said his Web site is becoming a crucial part of how education works.

Barrie said Turnitin.com receives roughly 70,000 papers every day; a figure that has continued to double every year.

"About 30 percent of all the work we have received is not original," he said in a telephone interview. "That's a big problem no matter how you slice it."

To unveil more information about

the practice of plagiarism, Barrie said his company, iParadigms, just completed a six-year study to analyze more than 22 million essays and term papers from both high school students and college students alike.

According to a press release, the study found schools using the Turnitin.com services for more than a five-year period saw plagiarism decrease to less than 14 percent of all work submitted to the site.

Barrie said students who know their respective academic institution is using Turnitin.com will probably think twice before handing in unoriginal work to their teacher or professor.

"With take-home assignments, there is no referee on the field," he said. "Turnitin.com is helping to take care of that."

Barrie said Turnitin.com is helping students learn an important lesson about academic honesty and helping teachers and professors approach their pupils about the topic.

"You see instructors having conversations with students, talking about how to

properly cite information," he said. "A lot of teachers would like to use it as an educational moment."

Barrie said the Lone Star State could soon see an overwhelming number of its academic institutions working hand-in-hand with Turnitin.com.

"We are rapidly doing deals with Texas schools," he said of the site, which already services more than 6,000 schools. "Also, we have a 95 percent renewal rate."

With the issue of plagiarism in the limelight as finals are drawing closer, some students are speaking out on the topic.

Candace Tucker, a junior political science major from Arlington, said she believes plagiarism, and cheating in general, is a major problem with the college student demographic.

"People are always going to find a way to cheat," she said. "Sometimes they get caught, but most of the time they don't."

Jesse Moreno, a freshman psychology and criminology major from Fort

Stockton, said he likes the idea of the Turnitin.com Web site as a method for monitoring students.

"I doesn't both me at all," he said with a shrug.

Moreno said although to his knowledge none of his friends have plagiarized, he thinks laziness is usually the cause of cheating.

"I guess you just want to have fun, and you wait until the last minute to start a paper," he said.

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Quilt exhibit brings a softer side to Lubbock art scene

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

From the Rocky Mountains of Colorado to the flat nothingness of Lubbock, the traveling Quilt Exhibit has toured the United States and is now entering the Hub City.

"Art Quilt" — an art exhibit featuring decorative quilts from the past two decades — is the reason Larry Walker and Ruth Walker made the visit to the Texas Tech Museum Wednesday afternoon.

"When I was younger, quilts were used to sleep under," Larry Walker said. "Now they're used for art."

Ruth Walker, a quilter for 20 years, said she thought the

exhibit was both interesting and fascinating.

"(The quilts) are beautiful," she said. "They're very intricate and very beautiful. The people who made them are very talented."

Ruth Walker said new technology has been able to help quilt-making become an art form. In the exhibit, there is a quilt hanging on the wall that depicts the relationship between a mother and her child. Screen-printing and ink-transferring were most likely used to create the images on the quilt, Ruth Walker said.

According to a pamphlet about the exhibit, the quilts are not used as bed coverings because of the intricate designs. The material used includes leather, paper or

found objects.

The quilts on display at the Tech museum represent both historical and contemporary nature, according to the pamphlet.

The quilts are not the only new addition to the halls of the museum; joining them are exhibits about decorative purses and an exhibition that features various paintings of different artists.

The painting exhibit, located in Gallery 2 of the museum, has images ranging from a pencil drawing of a vacant corner of a room to a picture of a Midwest landscape with a tornado threatening from a distance.

Peter Briggs, art curator for the museum, said the exhibit was a nice temporary addition to the

museum.

"The museum, in general, likes to maintain a range of expressive culture," he said. "We have the straightforward, more traditional art and then we have art that might spark interest in what people are doing, such as the quilts."

The third traveling exhibit that will call the Tech museum home for the next few months is one featuring decorative purses.

The purses range from ones that could be functional to ones that serve no function, like the purse that looks like a small Barbie doll dressed in Hawaiian clothing.

"When you look at them in combination with one another



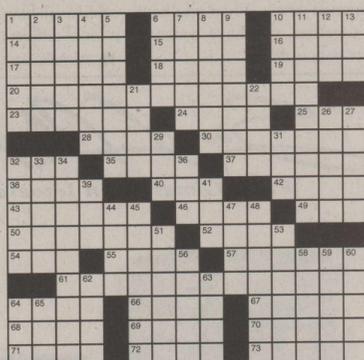
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A PURSE MADE by Rachell Saez-Mills called "Chambered Nautilus", sits in exhibit with other purses at the Texas Tech Museum.

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By Alan P. Olschwang
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Simpson announces new book, receives mixed reviews

NEW YORK (AP) — O.J. Simpson created an uproar Wednesday with plans for a TV interview and book titled "If I Did It" — an account the publisher pronounced "his confession" and media executives condemned as revolting and exploitive.

Fox, which plans to air an interview with Simpson Nov. 27 and 29,

Simpson describes how he would have committed the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman, "if he were the one responsible."

Denise Brown, sister of Simpson's slain ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, lashed out at publisher Judith Regan of ReganBooks for "promoting the wrongdoing of criminals" and commercializing abuse. The book goes on sale Nov. 30.

She added: "It's unfortunate that Simpson has decided to awaken a nightmare that we have painfully endured and worked so hard to move beyond."

Regan refused to say what Simpson is being paid for the book but said he came to her with the idea.

"This is an historic case, and I consider this his confession," Regan

told The Associated Press.

Simpson was acquitted in 1995 of murder after a trial that became an instant cultural flashpoint and a source of racial tension. The former football star was later found liable for the deaths in a wrongful-death suit filed by the Goldman family. In the years since, he has been mocked relentlessly by late-night comedians, particularly for his vow to hunt down the real killers.

"He's willing to tell the world how he 'would' murder his children's mother and Ron. Sick," Goldman's father, Fred Goldman, said on CNN's "Larry King Live" Wednesday night.

Simpson has failed to pay the \$33.5 million judgment against him in the civil case. His NFL pension and his Florida home cannot legally be seized. He and the families of the victims have wrangled over the money in court for years.

The victim's families could go after the proceeds from the book's sales to pay off the judgment. But one legal analyst said there are ways to get around that requirement — such as having proceeds not go directly to Simpson.

"Clever lawyering can get you a long way," said Laurie Levenson, a Loyola University law school profes-

sor and former federal prosecutor who has followed the case closely.

Levenson noted that the criminal justice system's protection against double jeopardy means Simpson's book, explosive as it may be, should not expose him to any new legal danger. She added that Simpson could create an extra layer of insulation from any legal worries by presenting the story hypothetically.

"He can write pretty much whatever he wants," Levenson said. "Unless he's confessing to killing somebody else, he can probably do this with impunity."

Goldman's sister, Kim Goldman, told CNN: "He's snubbing his finger to the system, to the community again. He's telling us one more time, 'I'm gonna continue to get away with killing your family members and I'm not gonna honor the judgment and look at me, ha, ha, ha.'"

Simpson did not return numerous calls for comment. Simpson's own attorney Yale Galanter said he did not know about the book or the interview until this week.

"The book was not done through our office," Galanter said. "I did not have anything to do with the negotiations of the book. This was strictly done between O.J. and others."

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Les Cousins brings music to Hub City

By IAN KLUMPP
STAFF WRITER

A band whose sound revolves around a trombone, a drum set, two guitars, vocals and sounds as though it was meant to seduce its listeners can be difficult to categorize. Still, the members of Les Cousins have found comfort in their unique niche.

"You can't name a band until you know what genre you're in or else you'll have trouble marketing it," said Betsy Palit, the group's lead singer. "So I usually just put 'indie-jazz rock' (when describing the band)."

When meeting the members of Les Cousins, it is easy to become confused as to how such an eccentric group of people came together to start a band.

"We all met through MySpace and Facebook," Palit said. "We are all friends because of this band."

Palit admitted the band originally evolved from a comment she left on a blog written by Leona Ryder, the trombone player, and had intended on starting a ska band to open for The Toasters a year ago. From there, the band picked up a number of different musicians, eventually earning themselves the nickname of the "Ever-Evolving Cousins."

Although the band has had some troubles with its lineup in the past, the bandmates feel confident in the group of Texas Tech students they have now:

Palit, Ryder, Doug Whitson on drums and Javier Rodriguez, who serves as Les Cousins' lead guitarist.

Whitson said the group members are comfortable with one another, and the lineup is not likely to change anytime soon.

Palit insists the name of the band stems from both a term for a common strand of DNA found in most people as well as the aforementioned nickname, the Ever-Evolving Cousins.

"We are all cousins in a way," she said. "We share 90 percent DNA, which is the only thing that separates us from (apes)."

Palit said the band is regularly considered to be a jazz band despite the fact she feels they are beyond that genre.

"I think the only thing that makes us jazzy is Leona's trombone," Palit said, "and my voice."

The lead singer said the band has a heavy French influence, which is why she sings occasionally in French. She also refers to her vocals as having a kind of "dirty sound."

The band can be heard on its MySpace page, where it offers the same four-song demo that is sold at their shows for \$5.

Whitson does warn, however, that the quality of the band's current music has far surpassed the sound available on MySpace.

"We recorded that right after I joined the band in May," Whitson

said. "We are a lot more steady now — eight times better."

Palit said since the beginning of the year, the band has performed 80 shows and is in the process of planning a tour through the northeast. She said the group already has booked shows in both Connecticut and New Jersey.

The band currently has two scheduled shows before it heads out on its first tour. The first show is Friday night at Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen. The second performance will be hosted at the same venue on Dec. 9, and the band will be performing a three-hour set to promote the release of its new compact disc, which the bandmates admit they have been working hard on with Fallen Wings Recording Studio.

"Once people see us they love us," Palit said. "Getting them there is the hard part."

For more information on Les Cousins and to access a list of upcoming shows, visit the band's MySpace Web site at <http://www.myspace.com/lescousins.com>.

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Cruise, Holmes make late-night call to Rome's city hall

ROME (AP) — Tom Cruise and fiancée Katie Holmes made a late-night visit to City Hall on Wednesday, sending paparazzi chasing after them on motor scooters through the capital's streets.

It was their first appearance together in Rome in the days before their wedding Saturday, reportedly to be held in a castle overlooking Lake Bracciano.

Cruise wore a dark gray, pinstriped suit with matching vest and a striped lavender tie as he escorted Holmes, who was clutching what appeared to be a very sleepy baby girl dressed in a fuzzy-soft white sweater, white tights and print dress.

The couple, who became engaged in June 2005, are the parents of a daughter, Suri, who was born April 18.

Holmes, 27, wore a dark jacket over what appeared to be a dark skirt or dress as she crossed a cobblestone square atop ancient Capitoline Hill.

Mayor Walter Veltroni is a big movie buff and was the driving force behind Rome's first international film festival this year, and speculation quickly grew that the Hollywood couple was paying a courtesy visit to him. No one answered the phone in the mayor's office late Wednesday.

Cruise and Holmes were first photographed together in Rome in April 2005. Two months later, the "Mission: Impossible" star announced that he had proposed to Holmes atop the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

The 44-year-old actor had been spotted by photographers Tuesday as he was being driven from his hotel atop the Spanish steps. Cruise had flown into Rome on Monday, and airport officials said Tuesday that

Holmes was also in the city.

Residents around the imposing 15th-century Odescalchi Castle, which is rumored to be the venue for the wedding, were rushing to rent out windows and terraces overlooking the mansion to the media who have been pouring into the location near Rome.

The Bracciano City Hall, which appears to be one of the better placed, is renting the windows of a nearby building with a view on the main entrance of the castle for \$1,280. Prices for other homes conveniently placed near the castle include a bargain \$255.

In one case, though, the prices were not so reasonable: A private terrace overlooking the likely route of the nuptial motorcade and the castle's internal parking lot was offered to a TV news agency for a \$128,000.

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combination with one another, they cover a lot of the spheres of people on the campus and in the region," Briggs said.

The idea of taking something traditional, like a purse, and turning it into art is what attracted Briggs to making the exhibit.

"You can explore what you can and can't do with the object," Briggs said.

Among the purses located in the gallery in the back corner of the first floor are some decorated like cakes, one that is designed like a cruise ship and one that looks like a miniature cell phone holder, though it was constructed in the 1900s.

"I like the exhibit," he said, taking the tone of a proud parent seeing his child for the first time. "I think it's extremely interesting, and there are a lot of social metaphors in it."

Briggs said the purses can relate to the different individuals who look at them.

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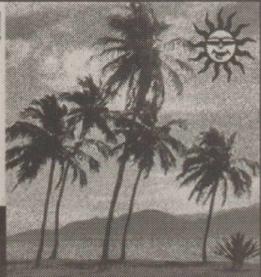
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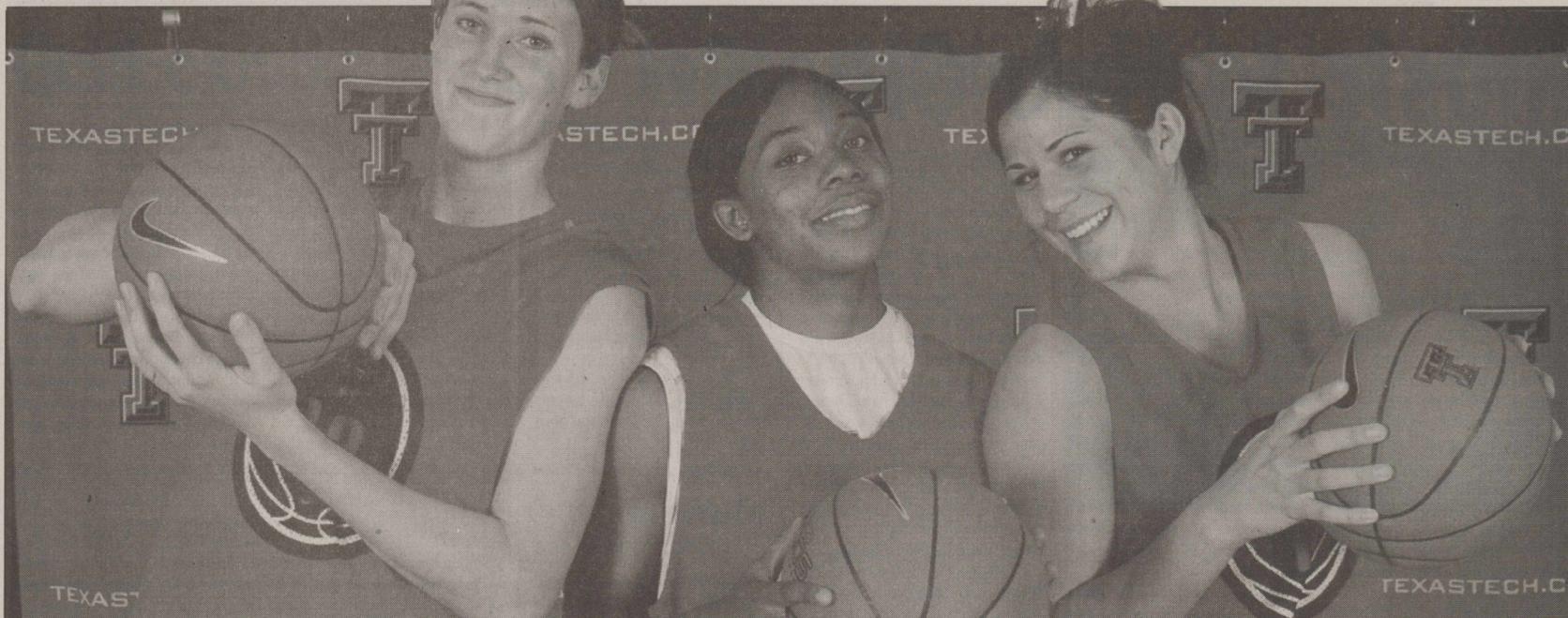
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TEXAS TECH FRESHMEN Natalie Thomas, Raquel Christian and Jordan Murphree entered the 2006-2007 season under first-year coach Kristy Curry. The Lady Raiders are 2-0 thus far this season.

HOME FRIES

Lady Raider freshmen adding flavor to team

By **STEPHEN MONAHAN**
SPORTS EDITOR

While McDonald's no longer asks customers if they want their value meals Supersized, Texas Tech women's basketball coach Kristy Curry does not need to ask her three

newcomers if they are hungry for success.

Lady Raider true freshmen Raquel Christian, Natalie Thomas and Jordan Murphree, each a McDonald's All-American nominee or named to the sponsor's All-American team as high school seniors, want to carry out

Curry's order: reaching the NCAA tournament.

"Coach Curry always says there's three parts to the season," Murphree, who starts in place of injured forward Darrice Griffin, said. "Right now we're in our preseason and we've got to get past that. Then we've got to get past conference season, and then we've got to go to the tournament, which is our postseason. I think we've just got to take it each step at a time."

Murphree, from 2-A Brock; Christian, from 5-A Midland; and Thomas, from 4-A Kerrville, were each named to an All-State team

in their respective divisions. The freshmen trio each said transitioning from the high school level to a Division I-A collegiate program has been tedious at times, but with the positive and encouraging outlook Curry brings to the hardwood, the process has gone smoothly.

"Making the transition from high school to college — you have a lot more to learn," Christian, who holds four high school records, said.

Murphree, Christian's roommate, has thus far adjusted well to the pace of college ball, averaging 16 points in two career starts as a Lady Raider.

"I think the transition of the game is a lot faster and you've gotta keep going with that," the 6-foot guard said. "Everyone's a little bit bigger, a

little bit quicker, so you've got to get adjusted to that, but I think we're doing fine getting adjusted to it."

Thomas, who averaged a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds in her senior season of high school, was invited to walk-on to play for the Lady Raider program.

She concurred with her teammates thoughts on adjusting to D-I basketball.

"I think it's just more intense," she said. "It's a lot more learning. We have a lot more plays now than we did in high school. I think in high school we had three set plays, and we have a lot more here."

The roommate combo of Christian and Murphree has helped develop their relationship on and off the court.

"We're around each other all the time, so we are there for each other, and that's kind of what brings about the joking," Murphree said.

Christian added that they both play off each other's personality.

"I don't know, we kind of act alike," she said.

Murphree did not hesitate to point out who was becoming more like the other.

"She's turning into me," she said jokingly while pointing to the 5-foot-6 guard.

Christian laughed, agreeing with her teammate's statement.

That relaxed atmosphere has helped the freshmen triumvirate comfortably adjust to a new system,

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Coaches, players react to Knight incident

By JAY LANGLEY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Coaches and players sounded off Tuesday night about the incident Monday involving Texas Tech men's basketball coach Bob Knight and forward Michael Prince.

With four minutes left in Monday's game between Tech and Gardner-Webb, Tech coach Bob Knight struck the chin of Prince to get his attention. The incident was replayed many times and was talked about all day Monday and Tuesday on national and local television and radio shows.

Gardner-Webb coach Rick Scruggs said he didn't see the incident live but watched it in his hotel room after

the game.

"Again, if I'd have done that there's no telling what would have happened to me," Scruggs said. "It never would have made national news. It wouldn't even have been a subject. I think the only reason it's news is because of who it is. The guy's going to be the winningest coach in basketball history. Every move he makes is all going to be scrutinized."

Monday's incident was not the first time night was in the national spotlight for issues involving his temper.

In 1985 after being called for a technical foul in a game against Purdue, Knight threw a chair across the floor.

Knight kicked a chair in which

his son Pat was sitting and yelled obscenities at the crowd during a game in 1992.

In 1997 the coach was caught on tape choking Indiana player Neil Reed during a team practice.

Indiana fired the coach in 2000 for violating the school's zero tolerance behavior policy when Knight grabbed the arm of a student who greeted him with "Hey Knight, what's up?"

Scruggs said while he would have not have touched the player, he does not judge Knight.

"I think everybody coaches within their personality," Scruggs said. "I don't scream a whole lot, I don't cuss and I don't get real rampant and all that, but that's my personality. He has that personality that's real aggressive, and he coaches you all the time."

Before Gardner-Webb's loss in the CBE Classic regional consolation game to Akron, Knight spoke to the Gardner-Webb team and coaching staff for about 30 minutes.

"It was tremendous," Scruggs said. "It's a shame some people can't see that side of him all the time because you see this intense guy on the sidelines all the time. He talked about our good effort we gave last night and how we played hard and played together. It meant the world to me. It meant the world for our team. Our team applauded when he got finished talking. We were very, very fortunate to have him do that, and it made me feel great as a coach to have coach Knight spend time and just make the effort to come talk to our guys."

Scruggs said he was not going to make the same mistake that perhaps Prince made when lectured by Knight during Monday's game.

"Make no doubt about it, I looked him right in the eye," Scruggs said. "I'm not about to look away. I listened to him so intently today because when he was talking to me, he was coaching

me, and I listened to every word he had to say."

Texas Tech guard Jarrius Jackson said heading into Tuesday night's game against Arkansas-Little Rock, the Raiders were not thinking about Monday's incident or the publicity it received.

"He didn't even say anything, nobody was really worrying about it too much," Jackson said. "We just focused on this team tonight and didn't pay attention to it. We really just kind of laughed about it."

Jackson said the whole situation was blown out of proportion.

"You know, I don't think he did anything wrong," Jackson said of his coach. "He's just being coach, really. And I think any other coach in America can do that too."

After his team lost 93-59 to Knight's Raiders, UALR coach Steve Shields said he was impressed with the way Tech dealt with adversity.

"I've got more respect for coach Knight now, and I've always had a lot of respect for him, but particularly more now after what he's been throughout for the last 24 hours," Shields said. "I'm speaking for a number of coaches out there. As I told him after the game, not that he needed to hear it from me, that I have even more respect for the way he prepared his team from a mental standpoint and not allowing any distractions to enter his circle. They played as near a perfect game as can be played at this point."

Tech's next game is 7 p.m. Friday against North Dakota State at the United Spirit Arena.

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Tech men's basketball lands four early signees

On opening day of the early signing period, the Texas Tech men's basketball team signed four players to national letters of intent.

The recruiting class could prove to be one of coach Bob Knight's best with three players ranked among the top 11 in the state of Texas by rivals.com.

Plano guard John Roberson, who is ranked No. 5 in the state, led Plano to the 5A State Championship last season averaging 17.1 points and 7.2 assists per game. The 5-foot-11 Roberson recorded 24 points and five rebounds in the championship game in a 60-58 overtime win against Kingwood.

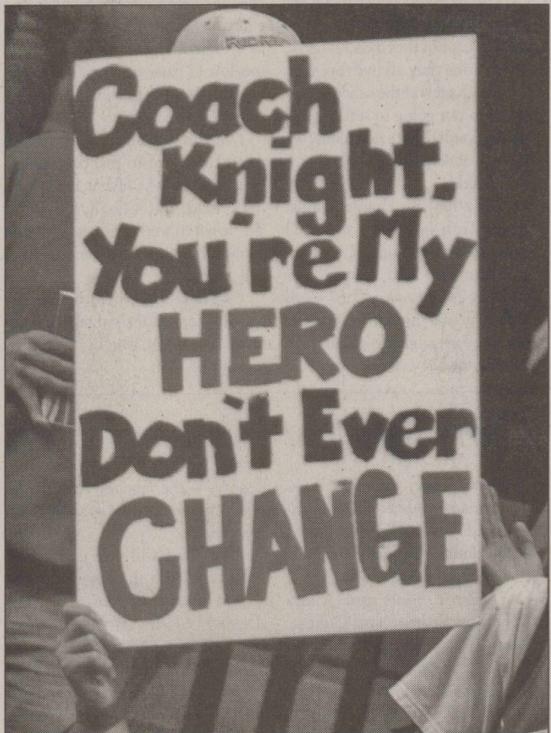
In the 5A Championship game, Roberson faced a future teammate in the form of Kingwood's Mike Singletary. In the state championship the 6-foot-5 Singletary recorded 12 points and five rebounds and is rated as the sixth-best high school senior in Texas.

D'Walyn Roberts is the third high-schooler from Texas to join the Raiders, ranked as the No. 11 player in the state. At 6-foot-8, Roberts averaged 13.9 points per game and nine rebounds per game during his junior season at Duncanville.

Ricardo De Bem from Sao Paulo, Brazil, played one year of collegiate basketball at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, Neb., and was the fourth player to sign his National Letter of Intent with Tech. The 6-foot-10 De Bem averaged 11.9 points per game and eight rebounds per game as a freshman at WNCC.

Tech tied with Kansas State for the most early signees in the Big 12 Conference with four. In his first season at Kansas State, Wildcat coach Bob Huggins has one of the top recruiting classes in the country led by Michael Beasley. The 6-foot-10 forward from Washington, D.C., is rated as the top power forward in America.

— Jay Langley/Assistant News Editor



KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Treador

A TEXAS TECH FAN holds up a sign supporting Tech coach Bob Knight during the Raiders' 93-59 win against Arkansas-Little Rock Tuesday night at the United Spirit Arena. Many fans turned out for the game with posters commenting on the incident between Knight and sophomore forward Michael Prince.

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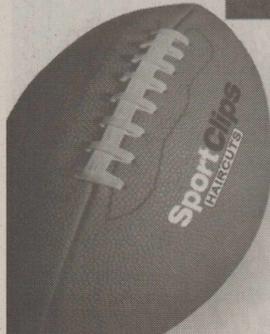
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Girardi, Leyland named MLB managers of the year

NEW YORK (AP) — Sometime soon, Joe Girardi will go looking for another job in a major league dugout. And when he does, he'll have a Manager of the Year award at the top of his resume.

Six weeks after he was fired by Florida, Girardi won the NL honor Wednesday for keeping the rookie-laden Marlins in contention nearly all season. Jim Leyland took the AL award after a quick turnaround with the Detroit Tigers.

A rookie skipper himself, Girardi beat out Willie Randolph of the New York Mets by a comfortable margin to become the first Manager of the Year with a losing record.

"I don't know if vindication is a good word, just because as a manager, you want to manage," Girardi said. He received 18 of 32 first-place

votes and totaled 111 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Randolph got eight first-place votes and 81 points.

"It's nice that people who watch the game every day understood what we accomplished," Girardi said, adding he wasn't particularly surprised to win. "We had a lot of good things happen."

Leyland turned around the long-moribund Tigers in his first year with the team, leading them to the World Series and their first winning season since 1993. He received 19 of 28 first-place votes and 118 points to top Minnesota's Ron Gardenhire, who was listed first on nine ballots and totaled 93 points.

"I knew that we had something here. I thought it would take longer than it did. This team started believ-

ing," Leyland said. "We had good players going into spring training, but we didn't have a very good team. We made ourselves a good team and that's something I'm very proud of."

Playing 22 rookies, Girardi guided the Marlins to a 78-84 finish and had them in the playoff race until a late-September fade — a surprisingly competitive performance for a team that was expected to lose at least 100 games.

Florida had a \$15 million opening day payroll, the lowest in the major leagues by more than \$20 million.

Still, he was fired two days after the season ended following a rift with owner Jeffrey Loria. Girardi has since agreed to rejoin the New York Yankees' broadcast booth, rather than seek another managing job.

"I don't believe in this case perception is reality," he said. "I wanted it to work out but it never got worked out, for whatever reason. ... We move on to bigger and better things."

After the announcement, the Marlins were ready with a statement. "We are pleased for Joe and we wish him well," the team said.

Girardi, who succeeded Randolph as Joe Torre's bench coach with the Yankees in 2005, is the second Manager of the Year to be fired that year. The other was Baltimore's Davey Johnson, the AL winner in 1997.

"To rehash that, I don't think that does anyone any good," Girardi said. "Obviously, I'm not there, and I don't know how they feel about it. A manager wants to manage. I didn't want to leave Florida."

Girardi was interested in the opening with his hometown Chicago Cubs, but they hired Lou Piniella this offseason. The former catcher also interviewed with the Washington Nationals, but pulled out of the running before they chose Manny Acta.

"There's no secret to what I'm looking for. I really want to manage again because I love it," Girardi said. "It has to be right not only for me, but for my family. ... I believe my opportunity will come again."

The 61-year-old Leyland appears firmly entrenched in Motown after winning his third Manager of the Year award — and first in the AL. He also won with Barry Bonds and the Pitts-

burgh Pirates in 1990 and '92.

"It's obviously a big thrill for me. These are individual honors but it's a combination of a lot of things," Leyland said. "I really share this award with the entire organization because that's what it really stands for."

Leyland returned to the dugout last season following a six-year hiatus, taking over a foundering Tigers team that went 71-91 in 2005. Two seasons before that, Detroit lost an embarrassing 119 games — an AL record.

But with a deft touch and demanding approach, the cigarette-puffing Leyland led the surprising Tigers to a terrific start. They struggled mightily down the stretch and squandered the AL Central title, losing out to Gardenhire's Twins on the final day of the regular season.

Still, Detroit captured the wild card for its first postseason berth in 19 years, then upset the Yankees in the first round of the playoffs before sweeping Oakland in the AL championship series.

Finally, the run ended. Playing in the World Series for the first time since 1984, the Tigers lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in five games.

"I could go on and on and on and on with praise about him," Detroit outfielder Craig Monroe said. "His fun spirit, passion for the game and a straight-shooting style made you want to go the extra mile for him."

Though the Tigers finished behind Minnesota, that didn't prevent Leyland from beating out Gardenhire, a runner-up for this honor three of the past four years.

"It's well-deserved because he did a great job of stepping right in and giving our club the leadership it needed," Tigers president and general manager Dave Dombrowski said. "He communicated very well with our players and made good decisions, showing again that he's one of the best managers in the game, if not the best."

Leyland is the third manager to win the award in both leagues, joining four-time winners Bobby Cox and Tony La Russa.

"Anytime you're mentioned in that company you've got to feel awful good about it," Leyland said.

Oakland's Ken Macha came in third and Torre finished fourth.

Oklahoma receivers motivated by poor outing against A&M

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — After being on the receiving end of one of Oklahoma's lowest passing totals since the wishbone era, there was some discontent at the house of Malcolm Kelly, Manuel Johnson and Juaquin Iglesias.

The three roommates caught Oklahoma's only three passes in a 17-16 win against Texas A&M two weeks ago, when the Sooners had their lowest passing total (39 yards) since 1997.

"It kind of shocked us and surprised us," Iglesias said. "Me, Malcolm, Manny and all of the receivers, we just thought, 'We can't let that happen again.'"

The receivers never had a sit-down meeting to talk about their difficulties. But they didn't have to, considering they all live together.

"I told a few of the other receivers, 'I'm not going to settle for 39 passing yards. That's ridiculous. We have to do something about that,'" Kelly said.

Kelly led the charge against Texas Tech last week with 153 yards on a career-high 11 catches. Johnson also had career bests with six receptions and 87 yards before he was injured early in the fourth quarter. Iglesias added three catches for 22 yards.

All told, the No. 16 Sooners (8-2, 5-1) racked up 309 yards through the air for their biggest passing game since 2004, when Heisman Trophy winner Jason White was throwing passes to a quartet of future NFL receivers.

For quarterback Paul Thompson, who replaced dismissed starter Rhett Bomar in fall camp, the 309 yards marked a career high.

"I think that kind of shows that Paul can throw the ball. People are getting confidence back in him, he's getting confidence back in us over the season with us making catches," Kelly said. "We're just looking forward to keeping it going."

A week ago, Kelly talked about coaches being disappointed in the effort put forth by receivers in practice as the reason the Sooners tried a season-low 12 passes against the Aggies. Coaches said a successful running game was also a factor.

"Coach talked about how it's us and we need to practice better," Iglesias said. "At first it made us a little mad, but Coach was right. We've got to work hard and give him confidence in us so they can throw the ball around."

"We talked about it all week and it was a big topic. We see that it depends on us, how we do, whether we get the ball or not."

Curry signs four to letters of intent

Kristy Curry and the Texas Tech women's basketball team announced Wednesday the signing of four future players for the Lady Raiders' 2007-2008 season.

Dominic Seals and Alana Rumph of South Plains College, Keisha Walker of Fort Scott Community College and Jordan Jones of Collins Hill High School in Suwanee, Ga., signed national letters of intent to join the team in the fall of 2007.

As Curry's first recruiting class at the helm of the women's basketball program, the class was ranked 10th in the nation by All Star Girls

Report — the first top 10 class by ASGR in many years, according to a press release.

"This class will give us valuable experience with the loss of four seniors in Brooke (Baughman), Chesley (Dabbs), Alesha (Robertson) and Patrice (Edwards)," said Curry in the release. "We are excited to have them join our Lady Raider family. We will hopefully add some additional players in the late period as our staff continues to work and build this program."

The Lady Raiders continue their 2006-2007 campaign 2 p.m. Sunday against Texas State.

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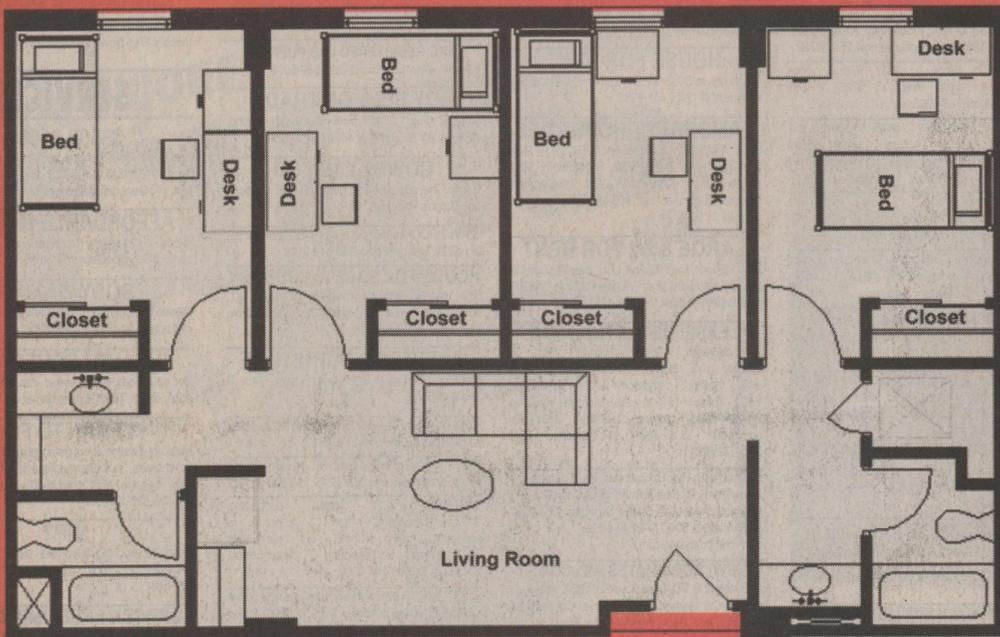
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