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### STATE

#### Perry announces Operation Wrangler

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry announced Monday a statewide expansion of its border security operation that will use a surge of law enforcement to disrupt crime.

Operation Wrangler will involve more than 6,800 people from federal, state and local agencies and will use vehicles, helicopters, aircraft and watercraft against drug and human trafficking.

Perry's announcement came almost a year after the launch of Operation Rio Grande, an effort he says reduced crime by an average of 60 percent along parts of the border during five surge operations.

### NATION

#### Senator wants funds for New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Virginia Sen. Jim Webb, set to deliver the Democratic rebuttal to Tuesday's State of the Union address, suggested Monday that the United States is spending too much on reconstruction in Iraq while ignoring the rebuilding of New Orleans.

Webb said his "gut instinct" tells him not to support more funding for Iraq without a full accounting of the money already spent there.

"If we're putting all this money into Iraq and ignoring New Orleans, then we're doing something wrong," he told reporters during a teleconference.

### WORLD

#### Climate experts predict glaciers disappear by 2050

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Glaciers will all but disappear from the Alps by 2050, scientists warned Monday, basing their bleak outlook on mounting evidence of slow but steady melting of the continental ice sheets.

In western Austria's Alpine province of Tyrol, glaciers have been shrinking by about 3 percent a year, said Roland Psenner of the University of Innsbruck's Institute for Ecology.

### DEATH TOLL

3061

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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## Bombs against Shiite targets in Iraq kill up to 100

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Twin bombings Monday tore through stalls of vendors selling second-hand clothes and DVDs in a busy Baghdad market catering to Shiite Muslims during a religious festival. A market also was attacked north of the capital, and police said as many as 100 people died in the

renewed campaign blamed on Sunni Muslim insurgents.

The U.S. military also reported the deaths Sunday of two Marines, raising the two-day death toll to 27 in a particularly bloody weekend for American forces in Iraq. A roadside bomb killed a U.S. soldier and wounded four others Monday in northern Iraq, it said.

Monday's first blast, a parked car bomb, hit shortly after noon in

the Bab al-Sharqi market between Tayaran and Tahrir squares — one of the busiest parts of Baghdad. Seconds later, a suicide car bomber drove into the crowd.

Police estimated that each car was loaded with nearly 220 pounds of explosives.

Deputy Health Minister Hakim al-Zamili said at least 78 people were killed and 156 were wounded, making it the deadliest attack in two months.

Figures provided by police and hospital officials showed that as many as 88 people were killed.

The explosions left body parts strewn on the bloodstained pavement as black smoke rose into the sky. Police sealed off the area as ambulances rushed to the scene.

Survivors were taken to nearby al-Kindi Hospital where emergency personnel worked feverishly over the bloodied and badly wounded.

Bodies covered in blue and white cloth littered the outdoor courtyard at the hospital. Family members and friends were at the side of the dead, screaming in grief and crying out oaths.

A suicide bomber killed at least 63 people in the same area last month.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite, denounced the attack.

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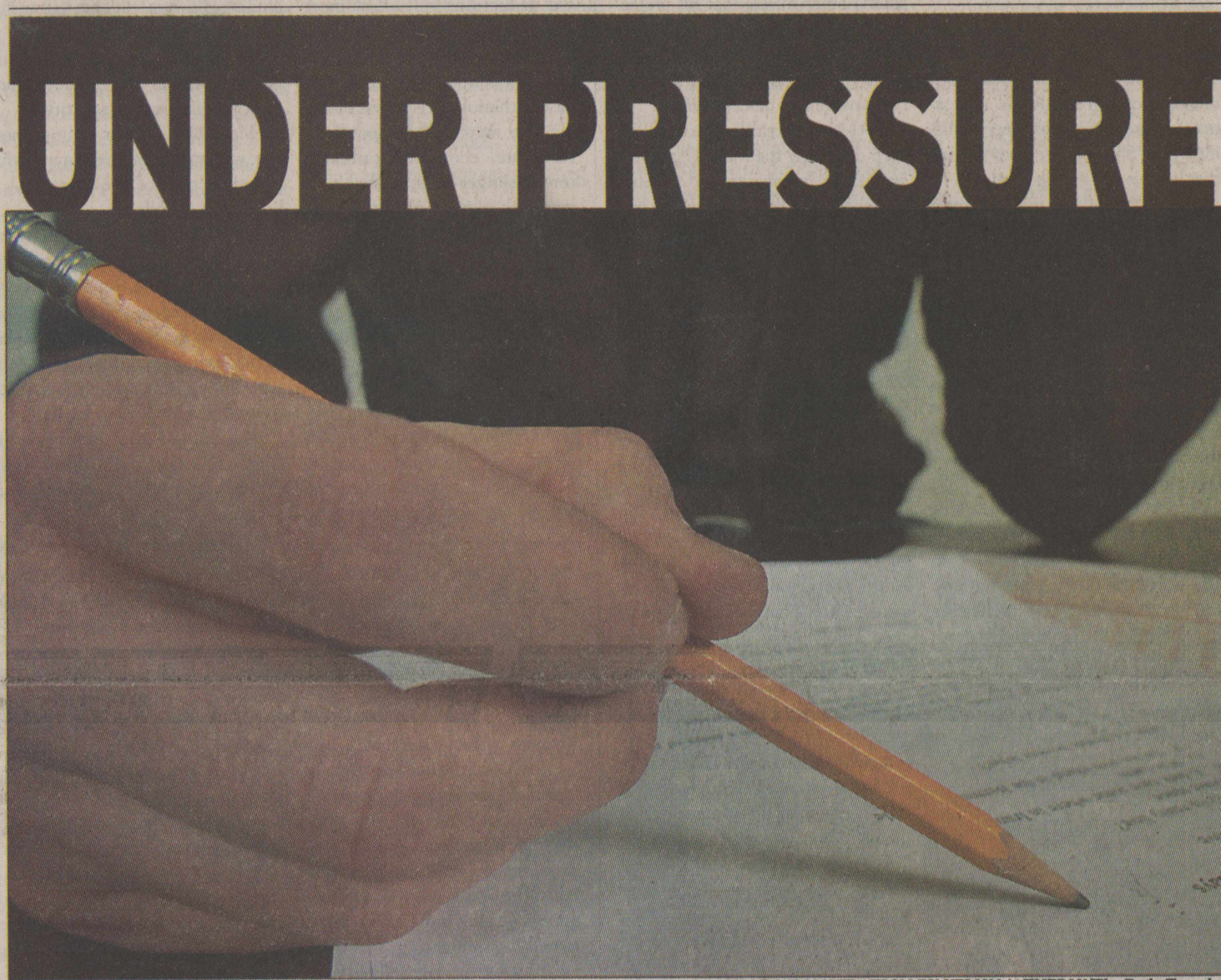


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## Senator proposes nixing TAKS test; says test has 'outlived its usefulness'

By NAOMI KASKELA  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test may join the ranks of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test if a bill created by one Texas senator is passed.

Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, said he is introducing the bill to get rid of the TAKS test because the test is no longer needed.

"I believe the TAKS test has outlived its usefulness," he said. "It's really better for everybody."

End-of-course tests may be a better measure of accountability than the TAKS test, he said.

Accountability is something Judith Atcheson, a visiting assistant professor and instructor in the Texas Tech College of Education, said is important.

"I see the value and the need for accountability," she said. "I think our

public has a right to hold us all accountable."

Atcheson said because she has held the positions of both assistant principal and principal in the past, she has seen the TAKS test in use first-hand.

"I think maybe some improvement might be needed," she said.

Atcheson said she can see both sides of the TAKS issue because she believes there needs to be accountability, and she also has seen the frustration some individuals undergo concerning the test.

"I think there is frustration that there is so much emphasis on it," she said, "but I know of many teachers who do a fabulous job of preparing their students for the TAKS test ... [and] they don't necessarily do the drill and kill."

Atcheson said there has to be another option to take the place of the TAKS test.

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## Bush's State of the Union challenge: show nation he can work with Congress

By BEN FELLER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will tell Americans Tuesday night he has important plans for health care, education and other kitchen table topics that have little to do with Iraq. Yet if the state of the union is strong, so is the nation's skepticism that he can deliver.

For the first time, Bush will give his State of the Union address with Democrats in power and looking over his shoulder — literally, with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi seated right behind him. Most people have no confidence that Bush and a Democratic Congress can solve problems together, a troubling sentiment that has only deepened since the November election, an Associated Press-AOL News poll finds.

The 9 p.m. EST speech is a

chance for Bush to pull his domestic agenda out from the shadow of the Iraq war, if only briefly. So Bush will focus on issues he hopes will appeal to mainstream America — and to Democrats on Capitol Hill, shifting pressure onto them to govern.

"He's got to be convincing, so that the American people believe that he's serious about working in a bipartisan way," said Charlie Black, a longtime Republican strategist and informal White House adviser. "If there's one headline they'd like to have out of this, that would be it."

The president is expected to address:

— Health care: Bush will propose a tax deduction of \$7,500 for individuals and \$15,000 for families regardless of whether they buy their own health insurance or receive medical coverage at work. Health care insurance would be considered

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## Photo gallery showcases artists

By ANNE M. SHEPHERD  
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A person lies flat as if asleep, balled-up on his knees among thorns. Shades of green and purple fill the background along with faded words barely visible enough to read. Such is the content of Amy Holmes George's digital photo "In Thorns."

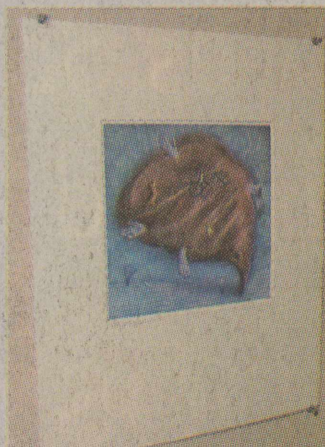
George is the current artist featured in the Texas Tech School of Art's SRO Photo Gallery, a gallery that features eight artists for solo shows each year.

Joe Arredondo, overseer of the program, said in 2006, the Tech School of Art received more

than eighty entries from across the United States and even some parts of Canada.

"We have a long history of doing this," Arredondo said. "Young emerging artists apply to us."

Arredondo said many artists across the country received their start through the SRO Gallery; one such artist is Craig Barber, a photographer whose work, according to www.craigbarber.com, is now shown in the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, the



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## Al-Qaida No. 2 mocks U.S. strategy for Iraq

By NADIA ABOU EL-MAGD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Al-Qaida's deputy leader mocked President Bush's plan to send 21,000 more troops to Iraq, challenging him to send "the entire army" and vowing insurgents will defeat them, according to details from a new al-Qaida videotape released Monday by a U.S. group that tracks terror messages.

Excerpts from the video were distributed by the Washington-based SITE Institute, which said it had intercepted the footage of Ayman al-Zawahiri. The tape had not yet been posted on Islamic militant Web sites, where his messages are usually placed.

SITE did not elaborate on how it received the video and it wasn't immediately possible to confirm its authenticity.

Al-Zawahiri said the U.S. strategy for Iraq, outlined by Bush in a Jan. 9 speech, was doomed to fail.

"I ask him, why send 20,000 (troops) only — why not send 50 or 100 thousand? Aren't you aware that the dogs of Iraq are pining for your troops' dead bodies?" said al-Zawahiri in the footage released by SITE, an independent group that assesses and analyzes terror-related intelligence.

"So send your entire army to be annihilated at the hands of the mujahideen (holy warriors) to free the world from your evil," he said, "because Iraq, land of the Caliphate and Jihad, is able to bury ten armies like yours, with Allah's help and power."

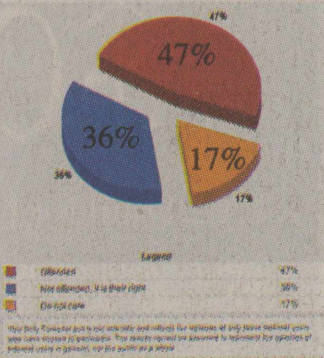
In the video — which showed al-Zawahiri in a full gray beard and wearing a white turban, in front of a black backdrop — Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant said it was the "duty" of all Muslims to take up arms against the enemies of Islam or support those who do.

In the excerpt — just over 1 1/2 minutes from 14 minute tape — the Egyptian militant appeared more sedate than in past videos, not waging his finger as he often does.

The message was the first reaction from al-Qaida's leadership to the new Iraq strategy. The U.S. has said the extra troops aim to crack down on al-Qaida fighters

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## ONLINE POLL: How do you feel about the KKK's attempted protest of MLK day?





# New passport rules start Tuesday for air travelers

ATLANTA (AP) — Americans flying to Mexico, Canada and the Caribbean made sure to bring their passports Monday because of a new rule going into effect Tuesday that requires them to show one to get back into the country.

Only about a quarter of U.S. citizens hold valid passports, and most Americans are accustomed to traveling to neighboring countries with just a driver's license or birth certificate, which have long been sufficient to get through airport customs on the trip home.

The new regulations requir-

ing passports were adopted by Congress in 2004 to secure the borders against terrorists.

Travelers at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and other airports said they had no complaints about the requirement.

"I'd rather be going through a security check, than possibly being blown out of the air because of lack of security measures," John Golden of Columbus, Ga., who was headed to Cancun, Mexico.

Starting Tuesday, Canadian, Mexican and Bermudan air travelers, as well as U.S. citizens

flying home from those countries or the Caribbean, must display their passports to enter the United States.

The only valid substitutes for a passport will be a NEXUS Air card, used by some American and Canadian frequent fliers; identification as a U.S. Coast Guard merchant mariner; and the green card carried by legal permanent residents. Active members of the U.S. military are exempt.

For now, the rules affect only air travelers. Land and sea travelers will not have to show passports until at least January 2008. Air travelers who cannot produce

a passport will be interviewed by customs agents, who will decide whether to let them into the country.

"We're not seeing a panic from travelers because we've been pretty diligent in telling them for over a year that they need a passport. It's written on any piece of paper we have going out," said AAA spokeswoman Teresa Hildebrand.

Internet travel sites such as Expedia.com have posted warnings "in bold with exclamation point," said company spokeswoman Erin Krause, adding that agents followed-up with e-mails

to customers traveling to the affected destinations.

Canadian consulate officials in the U.S. reported fielding hundreds of calls a day, most from the approximately 100,000 Canadian "snowbirds" who spend the winter in Florida or Arizona and feared they might not be able to fly back without passports, said Lawrence Barker, president of the Canadian Snowbird Association. (They can, Barker said.)

The State Department issued a record 12.1 million passports in 2006 and expects to issue 16 million more this year to meet the increased demand.

Mexican consulates are seeing a demand for passports three times higher than usual in some offices. In San Francisco on Monday, the line of people applying for passports at the Mexican consulate stretched around the block.

Cruz Garcia, a Mexican citizen living in Hayward, had been in line since 5 a.m.

"It seems important for the American government to know who comes and goes," she said. She plans to visit her parents in Mexico this summer and wants to be ready. "I don't want any glitches."

## Iraq

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"We condemn this crime and we promise that the security forces will pursue all those involved in this crime and bring them to justice," he said in a statement.

Hours later, a bomb followed by a mortar attack struck a market in the predominantly Shiite town of Khalis, 50 miles north of Baghdad, killing at least 12 people and wounding 29, police said.

The twin bombing in Baghdad was the single deadliest attack against civilians in Iraq since Nov. 23, when suspected al-Qaida in Iraq fighters attacked Baghdad's Sadr City Shiite slum with a series of car bombs and mortars that struck in quick succession, killing at least 215 people.

In other violence, gunmen killed a teacher as she was on her way to work at a girls' school in the mainly Sunni area of Khadra in western Baghdad, police said, adding that the teacher's driver was wounded in the drive-by shooting.

Two mortar shells also landed on a primary school in the Sunni stronghold neighborhood of Dora in southern Baghdad, killing a woman waiting for her child and wounding eight students, police said.

Police also said that a cell phone company employee and a Sunni tribal chieftain were killed in separate shootings in Baghdad, while the bullet-riddled bodies of three men were found elsewhere in the capital. An oil

technician also was shot to death in the northern city of Mosul, police said.

The two U.S. Marines were killed Sunday in separate attacks in the Anbar province, an insurgent stronghold west of Baghdad, the military said. The deaths came a day after 25 U.S. troops were killed Saturday in the third-deadliest day since the war started in March 2003 — eclipsed only by the one-day toll of 37 U.S. fatalities on Jan. 26, 2005, and 28 on the third day of the U.S. invasion.

The heaviest tolls Saturday came from a Black Hawk helicopter crash in which 12 U.S. soldiers were killed northeast of Baghdad as well as an attack on a provincial government building in the Shiite holy city of Karbala that left five U.S. troops dead.

The U.S. military has not ruled out hostile fire. Col. David Sutherland, the commander of U.S. forces in the strife-ridden Iraqi province of Diyala, said the crash was still under investigation.

The violence underscores the challenges faced by U.S. and Iraqi forces as they seek to rein in Sunni insurgents and Shiite militias that have made the capital and surrounding areas a battleground.

Meanwhile, two government officials said Sunday that al-Maliki dropped his protection of an anti-American cleric's militia after being convinced by U.S. intelligence that the group was infiltrated by death squads.

Al-Maliki's turnaround on the Mahdi Army was puzzling because as late as Oct. 31, he had intervened to

end a U.S. blockade of Sadr City, the northeast Shiite enclave in Baghdad that is headquarters to the militia.

Shiite militias began taking revenge after more than two years of incessant bomb and shooting attacks by Sunni insurgents.

Sometime between late October and Nov. 30, when the prime minister met President Bush, al-Maliki was convinced of the truth of American intelligence reports that contended, among other things, that his protection of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's militia was isolating him in the Arab world and among moderates at home, two government officials said.

"Al-Maliki realized he couldn't keep defending the Mahdi Army because of the information and evidence that the armed group was taking part in the

killings, displacing people and violating the state's sovereignty," said one official.

Both he and a second government official who confirmed the account refused to be identified by name because the information was confidential. Both officials are intimately aware of the prime minister's thinking.

"The Americans don't act on rumors but on accurate intelligence," said the second official, confirming the Americans gave al-Maliki overwhelming evidence about the Mahdi Army's deep involvement in the sectarian slaughter.

On Friday, in a bid to fend off an all-out American military offensive, al-Sadr ordered 30 lawmakers and six Cabinet ministers under his control to end their nearly two-month boycott of the government. They were back at their jobs Sunday.

Al-Sadr had already ordered his militia fighters not to display their weapons. They have not, however, ceded control of the formerly mixed neighborhoods they have captured, killing Sunnis or forcing them to abandon their homes and businesses.

The first government official said al-Maliki's message to al-Sadr was blunt:

"He told the sheik that the activities of both the Sadrists politicians and the militia have inflamed hatred among neighboring Sunni Arab states that have been complaining bitterly to the Americans."

## State

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taxable income, and people with more generous policies could face tax increases unless they change plans. The administration says its plan will help people who buy insurance individually rather than through their employers. The administration says the tax deductions will allow more Americans to buy insurance.

— Energy: Bush is expected to call for a sharp escalation of corn-based ethanol as a gasoline blend. He also may seek the power to raise fuel economy standards for passenger cars, probably as part of a plan to offer financial incentives for increasing alternative fuels. The auto industry has resisted upgraded mileage requirements and stressed a need for vehicles fueled by alternatives such as ethanol, diesel and eventually hydrogen. Bush asked for the same authority last year. Some Democrats worry the plan would give transportation officials overly broad authority to change the system and note the

measure would not have any impact on current gas prices.

— Education: Bush will push for Congress to renew his education law, No Child Left Behind, which expires this year. Democrats have already signaled their intention to work with him but will expect him to go along with increases in spending. The law pushes schools that receive federal poverty aid to show yearly progress or face sanctions, including allowing students to transfer or demand extra tutoring.

Bush will also push for an immigration strategy that includes more than tougher border security.

Meanwhile, bitter feelings over the war stand in the way of the principal goal of the speech — a bipartisan agenda.

Just about everything Bush wants to do is dependent on a Congress in which even some Republicans are resisting his ideas. Within a day of his speech, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is likely to vote on a resolution condemning his move to send more troops to Iraq.

No matter the emphasis on domestic issues, Bush cannot skirt the war, and he has no intention of trying.

Without rehashing the Iraq speech he gave two weeks ago, Bush will defend his stand that Iraq is part of a war on terror that will make Americans safer. That contention will come during a foreign policy passage in which Bush will also tout U.S. humanitarian efforts abroad.

Since Bush announced his latest Iraq plan, the White House has pointed to signs of progress by the Iraqi government on both political and security fronts. Yet U.S. forces and Iraqi civilians have also endured some of the heaviest, bloodiest attacks of the war.

Coming after his Iraq speech, which had an enormous buildup, Bush's sixth State of the Union approaches with an anticlimactic feel. The Democrats and Republicans who want his job are already making headlines even though the 2008 election is still 22 months away.

With that in mind, Bush's aides took steps to keep the speech concise and relevant. Topics that might have made the cut in other years — such as recent advancements in cancer research and a drop in cancer-related deaths — have been set aside, often for separate events.

## TAKS

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"I just think until we know of something better and more accurate, it would be difficult to just say 'go away with it,'" she said.

Both Anthony Vasquez, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Lubbock, and Lina Kastrup, a freshman nursing student from Houston, said they have taken the TAKS test before. They said they think the TAKS test, or something similar to it, should be taken by students before they move on to another level.

Kastrup said she thinks the tests should be more of a measure of what the teachers have taught, not necessarily what the students have learned.

"I didn't really think it was an adequate measure of intelligence because I thought it was really easy," she said.

The sentiment that the test was easy was echoed by some of her classmates in high school, she said.

"A lot of people that I knew were indifferent about it," Kastrup said, "but there were some who thought it was ridiculous we had to waste four days on it."

She said she does not think the TAKS test will go away. "If you can't pass the TAKS," she said, "then it's ridiculous."

Likewise, Vasquez said he does not think the TAKS test should go away.

"I don't think getting rid of it is the best option," he said. "If you don't have a standardized test, it would kind of be a waste of time going to high school really."

He said he never heard negative reactions from any of his friends or classmates concerning the test.

"I really don't see it as being a bad thing," he said.

Lubbock Coronado High School Principal Eric McKnight said he sees

the proposed change as a possible good thing.

"My reaction is we need to look at a change," he said.

Extra caution, McKnight said, should be taken when going through the process of getting rid of the TAKS test.

"I think we need to be careful when we do it, though," he said. "We don't need to change just for the sake of change."

He said other types of tests should be administered to replace the test because accountability is something he said he does not believe anybody has a problem with.

Before the Texas State Board of Education can start looking at the bill and start considering changes, it must be passed by both houses and signed, said Bob Craig, a Lubbock attorney and State Board of Education member.

Craig said he thinks the bill is something that should be considered, but it will take some time before the bill is passed.

"Implementation and time frame will be an issue," he said. "It's not something that you could do in one year necessarily."

Seliger said if the bill is passed and signed, high school students will be affected greatly.

"High school students will see big changes down the road," he said.

Those changes, however, will not be for another two or three years, he said.

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# Iran prepares public for possible military clash

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran conducted missile tests Monday as its leadership stepped up warnings of a possible military confrontation with the United States.

In another show of defiance, Tehran said Monday it had barred 38 United Nations nuclear inspectors from entering the country, apparently in retaliation for a U.N. Security Council resolution last month imposing limited sanctions on Iran.

The drum-beating suggested Iran does not intend to back down in its standoff with the West. It could also aim to rally the public behind the government and silence increasingly bold criticism at home of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's antagonism toward the United States.

Iran's leaders have touted the possibility of a U.S. attack since President Bush announced on Jan. 9 the deployment of a second aircraft carrier to the Gulf region, a move U.S. officials have said is a show of strength directed at Iran.

Last month, the Security Council imposed limited trade sanctions on Iran over its refusal to cease uranium enrichment, a process that can produce fuel for nuclear energy or bombs.

The Iranian military on Monday began five days of maneuvers near the northern city of Garmar, about 60 miles southeast of Tehran, state television reported. The military tested its Zalzal-1 and Fajr-5 missiles, the report said.

The Zalzal-1, able to carry a 1,200-pound payload, has a range of 200 miles. That would put Iraq, U.S. bases in the Gulf, and eastern Saudi Arabia in its range. The Fajr-5, with a 1,800-pound payload, has a range of 35 miles.

Neither could reach Israel, but Iran has other missiles that can. It was not known whether the missiles tested are capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

The Iranian show of strength came as the American aircraft carrier USS Stennis was heading toward the Gulf, joining the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in a beefed-up American military presence. The Stennis is expected to arrive in late February.

The U.S. is also deploying Patriot missiles and nuclear submarines to the Persian Gulf and F-16 fighter planes to the Incirlik base in neighboring Turkey.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the buildup aimed to impress on Iran that the four-year war in Iraq has not made America vulnerable.

Washington and its allies accuse Iran of secretly trying to develop atomic weapons. Tehran denies the allegation, insisting its nuclear activities are aimed only at producing energy. The U.S. also accuses Iran of backing militants fueling Iraq's violence.

The U.S. buildup has sparked loud warnings from Iranian officials that the United States will attack.

U.S. officials have long refused to rule out any options in the faceoff with Tehran, but say military action would be a last resort.

A military official told the Associated Press Iranian forces have been put on high alert. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information to the media.

Over the past few days, hardline newspapers have threatened suicide attacks against American targets and claimed missiles fired from Iran would turn Israel into "a scorching hell" if the U.S. takes military action.

One of the papers that carried the

threats on Monday is close to Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — suggesting the highest levels are involved in ringing the alarm over the American deployment.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack rebuked Iran on Monday for barring the International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors, saying it was "another example of the Iranians trying to dictate the terms to the international community — in this case, the IAEA."

The rejected officials are on a list of potential inspectors drawn up by the IAEA to visit and monitor Iran's nuclear facilities. Countries submitting their nuclear programs to IAEA purview have the right to ask that certain experts be taken off rosters of inspecting teams.

"The act of rejecting some inspectors is legal and in accordance with the agency's regulations," Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki told the official Islamic Republic News Agency. He said others on the U.N. nuclear watchdog's list remain eligible, but did not explain how Iran decided which inspectors to bar.

Analysts said the decision appeared to be a measured retaliation for the U.N. sanctions.

IAEA spokeswoman Melissa Fleming said designating inspectors was a confidential matter between the IAEA and the country concerned. But she added that the agency had enough investigators lined up to conduct inspections in Iran.

"In this case, we are discussing with Iran its request for withdrawing the designation of certain safeguards inspectors," she said.

It was not the first time Iran had asked the IAEA to bar certain inspectors from visiting the country.

Tehran last spring asked the agency to remove the head of the inspection team probing the country's nuclear program. More recently, Tehran delayed entry visas for some inspectors late last year, including Olli Heinonen, the IAEA's deputy director general in charge of the Iran nuclear dossier.

Ahmadinejad said last week that Iran is "ready for anything" in its confrontation with the United States. At the same time that he soundly rejected criticism at home over his policies.

Iranian reformers and conservatives, who were once allies of Ahmadinejad, now accuse him of hurting Iran with his virulent anti-U.S. rhetoric, while failing to repair Iran's weakening economy. Rising prices have fueled anger against the president.

# Murphy Oil pledges \$50 million to put students from one Ark. high school through college

EL DORADO, Ark. (AP) — In one of the most generous programs of its kind anywhere in the country, an oil company announced Monday it is putting up \$50 million for college scholarships for nearly all high school graduates in its working-class hometown over the next 20 years.

Students at an El Dorado High School assembly screamed and applauded when Murphy Oil, the nation's ninth-largest refiner, unveiled the program. Some wept, and one made the sign of the cross.

"I wasn't sure if I'd be able to get everything paid for with all the loans I'd have to get," said Scott Zimmerebner, a senior. He said plans to attend the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville "now that it's all paid for."

Murphy Oil said it wants to increase the number of students who attend college and perhaps attract new businesses to El Dorado, with the scholarships a selling point. It said it also hopes the program will help create better jobs here for

students to come back to after graduating from college.

The program begins with this spring's graduating class. El Dorado High, the sole high school in town, has about 250 graduates each year, about 65 percent of whom go to college.

Under the El Dorado Promise program, students can use the scholarship money at an Arkansas institution or at any out-of-state college. But the annual scholarships are capped at the highest resident tuition rate at an Arkansas public university, currently \$6,010.

Students who attended school in El Dorado since kindergarten are eligible for the full amount; students who attended for all four years of high school get 65 percent. Those who have been in the district for less than four years are ineligible.

A similar initiative began last year in Kalamazoo, Mich., but the city's graduates must elect to attend a public university in Michigan. The program began with an undisclosed amount of money from an anonymous benefactor.

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other Sunni Arab insurgents in Iraq, as well as Shiite militiamen blamed in the country's spiraling sectarian violence.

It was the third message by al-Zawahiri in just over a month. Al-Zawahiri's mention of Bush's plan underlined the increasingly fast speed with which the terror network comments on events in the news. In the past, new videos would often refer to events dating back months before the message's appearance.

In an audiotape posted on the Web on Jan. 5, he urged Somalia's Islamic militants to carry out suicide attacks on Ethiopian troops fighting in their country.

In the latest video, he vowed that mujahideen would "break (the) backs" of the Ethiopians in Somalia, according to a full transcript of the tape released by SITE.

Al-Zawahiri also contended that the al-Qaida and Taliban were regaining control in Afghanistan, denying claims that his terror group no longer has a safe haven

there. "Al-Qaida and the Taliban under the command of the commander of the faithful mulla Muhammad Omar are the ones who have deprived America of safe haven in Afghanistan."

Al-Zawahiri repeated a call he makes often in his messages, for Muslims to turn against secular and nationalist leaders and fight for Islam. He denounced in particular Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

He said Muslims should try to free Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, an Egyptian militant cleric imprisoned in the United States after being convicted in a plot to attack New York landmarks. He also warned that "Americans must expect to pay the price for everything they have done to" detainees held at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"This is a huge day. As of today, El Dorado High School graduates will have an unprecedented opportunity to continue their education," Superintendent Bob Watson told students.

"For some students, this is life-changing. Students who have worked hard, but would not have been able to attend college because of financial limitations, now have the means to do so."

Murphy Oil will put up \$5 million a year for 10 years to fund the El Dorado program, which is expected to last 20 years.

"We are committed to making El Dorado a great place to live and work, and we created the promise to further invest in El Dorado's greatest resource, our children," said Claiborne Deming, Murphy Oil's president and chief executive.

El Dorado (pronounced el duh-RAY-doh), a city of 20,500 about 120 miles south of Little Rock, is in Arkansas' oil-and-gas producing region. Many people in surrounding Union County have jobs in logging. The county's per-capita income is just under \$32,000 — just shy

of the state average — and fewer than one in five residents live in poverty. Fewer than 15 percent of Union County's residents have college diplomas.

Guidance counselor Vince Dawson said he expects to see more students in his office, seeking information on colleges. "I'm just floored," said Dawson, who has one child in college and a 14-year-old at home.

Don Wales, president of the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce, said the scholarships provide a boost for a community hit last year with 650 layoffs at a plant that makes noise-reduction automotive equipment.

"There's no excuse not to go to college now," he said.

Arkansas has the second-lowest percentage of college graduates in the nation at 16.7 percent, ahead of West Virginia's 14.4 percent.

Murphy Oil last year was ranked 193rd on the Fortune magazine list of the nation's largest companies, with revenue of \$11.9 billion. It is a major supplier of gasoline stations at Wal-Mart stores and Sam's Clubs.

# Pig farmer accused of killing 26 women in Canada goes on trial

NEW WESTMINSTER, British Columbia (AP) — An accused serial killer allegedly confessed to killing 49 women and intended to murder one more to make it an even 50, a prosecutor told jurors Monday during opening arguments of his trial.

Robert William Pickton has been charged with 26 counts of first-degree murder. He has pleaded not guilty to the first six counts in what is expected to be the most macabre and lengthy murder trial in Canadian history.

The 56-year-old pig farmer is charged with murdering the women, most of whom vanished from Vancouver's impoverished Downtown Eastside neighborhood in the 1990s.

The first trial covers the murders of Sereena Abotsway, Mona Wilson, Andrea Joesbury, Brenda Wolfe, Georgina Papin and Marnie Frey, and is expected to last a year.

British Columbia Supreme Court Justice James Williams, who is presiding, ruled that the other charges will be heard in a later trial so as not to overburden the jury.

Evidence presented in more than a year of preliminary hearings, which has been under a publication ban, has been so gruesome that some reporters have sought psychological counseling.



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# OPINIONS

## The time has come

And the 2008 election coverage begins. Each party has at least half a dozen good candidates with good ideas, but unfortunately the media concentrates only on what each candidate is as opposed to their plans for the country.

**Chris Kellerman**



The energetic black guy. The blue-state Mormon. The former first lady. The aging maverick. You gotta spend three hours researching just to find out what their issues are. Then again, does anybody really care?

If John McCain is the republican nominee and Hillary Clinton is the democrat, will it matter what their positions are? Everyone in the country already knows them. Even if Clinton and McCain don't win, the nominees will have been decided by the time the Texas primary rolls around. Here are the serious contenders.

**Democrats:**  
Joe Biden — The Delaware senator and foreign policy expert will be a solid candidate but also a great running mate. He has the elder-statesman appearance, and for someone like John Edwards or Barack Obama, that will be vital. He has the potential to attract more republicans and independents than the other candidates.

Wesley Clark — He's a retired four-star general and former NATO commander, both of which could help with his credibility in running the Iraq war. He ran unsuccessfully for the nomination in 2004 but remains untarnished. He is also a good choice for a running mate.

Hillary Rodham Clinton — The New York senator and former first lady has the most money and the most name recognition of anybody in the field. Her moderate position on Iraq could help her, and the thought of four (or eight) more years of a Clinton White House

will send democrats to the polls in hordes. Unfortunately for Clinton, it will send republicans to the polls in hordes, too.

John Edwards — The Ken doll is back and running again, this time with a Howard Dean strategy: focus on the Internet and young people. When everybody gets tired of Hill and Obama, they could flock to the savvy trial lawyer. Plenty of republicans and independents love him, too.

Barack Obama — The black Illinois senator, who has gained national attention for being both energetic and genuine at the same time, would be an excellent candidate for the presidency in 2012 or 2016. Unfortunately, he is the only person in America who has not realized that.

**Republicans:**  
Sam Brownback — He's running as a compassionate conservative, a favorite of the religious right and a strong promoter of family values. Same song, third verse? Not so. The Kansas senator is against the troop surge, in favor of death penalty reform and one of the most outspoken critics of the Darfur genocide. Religious voters will flock to him, and if he's the republican nominee, I might vote for him.

Rudy Giuliani — "The Hero of 9/11" is running a close second behind McCain in the polls, but his moderate positions on abortion and gay marriage could end his campaign very soon.

Mike Huckabee — He was wildly

successful as governor of Arkansas and has a strong record on taxes and health care. Although he's currently suffering in the polls, I believe he'll be a major contender after Giuliani drops out of the race.

John McCain — The straight-talkin' Arizona senator is back and at it again — this time trying to make friends with everybody before he runs. He's currently in the lead, but he'll receive hard criticism from moderates because of his strong support of the Iraq-troop surge.

Mitt Romney — The former Massachusetts governor is doing well in the polls and has a strong record concerning taxes and health care. Republicans will be itching to nominate somebody like Romney, who is conservative and from a hardcore blue state. Unfortunately, the fact he is Mormon could scare voters away.

Of course, the democrats could see surprise surges by Gov. Bill Richardson, Sen. Christopher Dodd or even former Vice President Al Gore. The republicans also have former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Gov. George Pataki and Sen. Chuck Hagel.

It's going to be a long two years, and I know most of you would rather watch a "My Super Sweet 16" marathon than hear about this campaign, but come on, it'll be fun. You can count how many times Hillary says "Obama" and "lacks experience" in the same sentence or count how many times Rudy is called "too liberal."

Savor the moment. Let it happen. Ready or not, here they come.

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## LOOSE PARIS

DAVE BLAZEK



"Now that's just uncalled for"

## Forecasts, grocery store panics — where is all the snow?

Just about everyone was predicting snow over the weekend. The National Weather Service issued a heavy snow warning for Lubbock as early as Wednesday evening in anticipation of what was supposed to be one of the largest snowstorms in Lubbock history.

**Trey Caliva**



People rushed to the grocery store to stock up on food, schools canceled classes and most of this city ground itself to a halt in anticipation of the historic storm. But as Friday wore into Saturday, that forecast became increasingly wrong.

So what guided the forecast? Humans have come a long way since the days of using animal sacrifices, prayers to pagan gods and even the "Farmer's Almanac" to predict the weather. Modern-day weather forecasters are able to use computer models to anticipate what the weather is going to do. Yet, computers aren't perfect.

The models they run are programmed by humans and are just as susceptible to error as someone with a pencil and paper. For the most part, these models can give us a very accurate depiction of what the weather is generally going to

do. However, as you go farther and farther into the future, those models become less and less accurate — thus introducing the climatologist.

While meteorologists know the limitations of their own models and frequently discuss those limitations in their forecast discussions, climatologists treat their models as prophecy. Climatology, by definition, is the study of the earth's climate system, not the prediction thereof. Yet, they'll stand on any soapbox they can find to talk about the dangers of global warming.

To be fair to climatologists as a whole, it's important to note that many of them do very fine work uncovering the science behind the very complex system we call "climate." Bad climatologists, who sometimes resemble science-fiction writers more than they do scientists, are those like James Hansen, direc-

tor of the Goddard Institute for Space Studies, and Heidi Cullen, on-air climatologist for the Weather Channel.

Hansen has been an outspoken advocate for global warming since he testified before Congress in the late 1980s. Hansen is proud of his own climate model, which, according to him, is one of the most accurate models ever created.

It's important to note one thing about Hansen — he's not actually a climatologist. He received an undergraduate degree in physics and mathematics, a Master of Science in Astronomy and his doctorate in Physics (all are branches of science where theories are commonplace, many of which are extremely difficult to prove).

His current models of climate change won't be verifiable until 20 years from now. I'd imagine that Hansen couldn't tell me what the weather in Lubbock is going to be like a month from now as much as he can 25 years from now.

The problem with the entire theory of global warming is the foundation of the ideas rests solely on these types of computer models.

Believers in global warming want you to look at historical records that show a rise in global-carbon-dioxide levels, yet they don't want you to look at historical temperatures that show the earth has been much warmer than it is now.

They don't want you to consider that nearly 1,000 years ago, Vikings were living on what is now the icy island of Greenland during a period of Earth's climate known as the Medieval Warming Period.

They don't want you to consider that for the past two centuries, the Earth has been in a prolonged period of cooling with respect to the entire history of the planet. They don't want you to consider any of those things, yet they want you to blindly put your faith behind computer models created by people whose careers rely on those models being correct.

Despite these problems and inconsistencies, we can't get a civil discussion about the actual science behind their theory. They won't allow it. Anyone who's against global warming might as well think the earth is flat in his or her eyes. This brings us to an actual climatologist,

Cullen, who last week suggested the American Meteorological Society should certify any meteorologist who doesn't believe in global warming.

What happened to the scientists who couldn't let a theory rest until they had explored every avenue of possibility? Then again, maybe something's wrong with Columbia University, which is where Hansen teaches earth and environmental sciences and where Cullen received her doctorate under the tutelage of Hansen.

In his movie, "An Inconvenient

Truth," former Vice President Al Gore said, "This isn't as much of a scientific debate as it is a moral debate." Gore is exactly right — this is a moral debate. When will those scientists, like Hansen and Cullen, let open discussion take place on global warming? When will they stop perpetrating a lie on the American people? This is a question of morals because, clearly, those advocating global warming have none.

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## How to fight science with science

By LILLIE KILBURN  
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(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — If you read an article in this newspaper saying that scientists had discovered amazing new health benefits of juice, would you believe it?

After all, you can't argue with science, right?

Well, sometimes you can.

Industries love to use science to help promote their products, because science carries such credibility. That's why our world is full of bad science: miracle weight-loss drugs promising science-based quick fixes, corporations' representatives making statements as if they were independent scientific researchers and research studies that are funded by an industry and therefore biased toward that industry.

For example, that juice study you read about in the newspaper: Researchers in Boston looked at studies about milk, soda and juice, and their findings

were not cheerful. Twenty-two percent of studies they looked at were entirely funded by industry — and of those, not a single one found a conclusion that was unfavorable to its industry.

This wasn't necessarily intentional. It might simply have been due to the conflict of interest: Let's please the people who give us money.

Either way, perhaps you might not want to stock up on O.J. after all.

Of course, if we're going to talk about bad science that misleads the public, we can't go without mentioning Big Tobacco's 50-year crusade of misinformation about the science and health effects of its cigarettes. As the federal judge who last year found it guilty of racketeering said, Big Tobacco "suppressed research, they destroyed documents. ... They distorted the truth."

Exxon Mobil Corp. has done much the same thing over the years since the Kyoto Protocol. As a scientific watchdog reported in December, Exxon Mobil Corp. has spent \$16 million to make

it seem as though the scientific community is divided about the existence of global warming.

According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, Exxon Mobil Corp. distorted the findings of real scientific studies and paid their own "scientific spokespeople" to create the illusion of doubt about global warming.

It seems science isn't so infallible, after all.

And it's obvious that our lack of understanding about science is really hurting us — financially, health-wise and environmentally.

Yet, it's natural for companies to try to use science for their own benefit. It would be nearly impossible to stop them doing so, and in a way their liberty to do so is, well, a liberty.

Therefore, the best thing we can do is become smarter about science ourselves — although the unfortunate truth is that the current trend is going in the opposite direction. U.S. Department of Education test scores in 2005 showed

that science proficiency is continuing to fall among high school seniors.

Distressingly, almost half of high school seniors did not have a "basic" level of understanding about science — "basic" being defined as "partial mastery of prerequisite knowledge and skills that are fundamental for proficient work at each grade."

If that's the case, how can half our citizens hope to distinguish good scientific research from claims made by a corporation, research that might be biased from research that probably isn't or even a brilliant new scientific gadget from a piece of junk that won't work?

If we as a nation want to be able to make smart decisions about our own lives, we have to understand science.

To interpret health findings claiming that trans fats are bad for us, we have to know what trans fats are. We have to know the basic science behind what we do every day to see that the active ingredient in this expensive face cream and that cheap one are the same.

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## Brothers team up to make cinematic magic

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
STAFF WRITER

Inspiration can come from odd places. For Mark and Jay Duplass, the brothers who wrote and directed the new film "The Puffy Chair," inspiration came from their grandfather's sofa.

"He had one of those sofa couches with a phone in the arm rest," Jay Duplass said. "What was funny was he'd call us from that phone for no other reason than to say he's calling from that phone."

In their film, "The Puffy Chair," the Duplass brothers' first full-length movie, Mark Duplass stars as Josh, a 20-something-year-old

who buys a maroon recliner on eBay and then proceeds to drive across country with his brother and girlfriend to pick up the chair.

Along the way, the three find themselves, and Josh and his girlfriend finally are able to define their relationship.

Mark Duplass said he wanted to give the main character a Clark-Griswold (of "National Lampoon's Vacation") appeal, because his character wanted to get something regardless of the circumstances.

"What wanted to make a movie that was real," Mark Duplass said. "But we didn't want it to be a slow-talking movie like a Woody-

Allen-apartment flick."

The film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2005 to a full house, Jay Duplass said.

"It was amazing looking around and knowing everyone there was there to see your movie," he said. "People were laughing really hard. It was like we were at a screening of 'Dumb and Dumber.'"

The brothers have made appearances at Sundance in past, although 2005 was the first time they showed a full-length film. In the past, they'd only made low-budget shorts that costed the brothers less than \$50 to produce.

"We looked around and thought

there were not a lot of people making low-budget movies anymore," Jay Duplass said.

The best advice the brothers could give to aspiring filmmakers is suggesting they make low-budget shorts.

"Make the low-budget films and learn your craft," Mark Duplass said. "Don't go to your parents for that \$10,000 and blow it all on your first shot."

The two said aspiring filmmakers should try writing what they know.

"We put a lot of ourselves in the characters in the movie," Mark Duplass said.

The situation in the film be-

tween Josh and his girlfriend spawned from the brothers seeing a lot of relationships in Brooklyn, N.Y., fall apart.

"It seemed like an epidemic," Mark Duplass said. "It was like the bubonic plague all around us."

Jay Duplass said he thought too many first-time directors worry too much about the technical side of filmmaking, like the cinematography.

"Don't worry about it because you'll never be able to compete with other people because you don't have the budget," Jay Duplass said.

Unlike a lot of siblings, Mark and Jay Duplass don't fight over

every little detail.

"A lot of people ask how we get along," Jay Duplass. "It's just as foreign to us why you and your brother don't get a long."

The brothers said there was a lot of therapy talk that happened on the set.

"We're different," Jay said. "We have similar tastes but different styles."

For the future, the brothers have a television drama in production at NBC, a movie in the editing room getting ready for release and deals at Universal Pictures and Fox Searchlight Films to write and direct upcoming movies.

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### Art

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Brooklyn Museum of Art in Brooklyn, N.Y. and the Biblioteque Nationale de France in Paris.

The SRO Photo Gallery was created to give experience to art graduate students, and the 2006-2007 director is Brianna Burnett, a graduate student studying to receive a Master of Fine Arts degree in studio art with an emphasis in photography and sculpture.

Burnett said she has appreciated the experience.

"It's a lot of work to learn how to correspond with the artists," she said.

Burnett is already training Tiffany Rousseau, a first-year graduate student who will be director of the gallery next year.

Burnett said the entries are first voted on — and narrowed down into a pool of 25 finalists — by all Tech art students, then eight contestants are chosen from the final 25 by art faculty and staff.

Students can submit entries for next year's exhibits until March 23.

The current exhibit by George showcases digital prints.

"She takes a regular photo and combines it with other photography, and then it looks like hand-drawn imagery," Arredondo said of George's work.

The title of George's exhibit is "Awakening to a Dream."

"Currently, my work addresses dream imagery, symbols and interpretation," George was quoted as saying on her Web site, www.amygeorge.com. "My images are not intended to illustrate specific dream stories as much as render the idea of something fleeting more real, more tactile ... like the memory of a dream."

All the George photos featured in the SRO exhibit have a certain dream-like quality. "Nowhere to Go" shows two hands holding a bird by strings, the bird in midair, trying to fly away.

Another photo entitled "On the Eve" depicts a dream of falling. The background is a dark-blue sky

with traces of contorted fingers.

Faded words can be read: "If you dream you are falling and hit the ground before you wake up, you will die." In the foreground, near the top of the photo, two feet dangle from the sky among branches and leaves. The toes are extended downward, as if limp. The roof of a house appears at the lower edge of the picture, directly beneath the feet and branches.

"People should come see it," Burnett said of the George exhibit. "It's definitely worth coming to see."

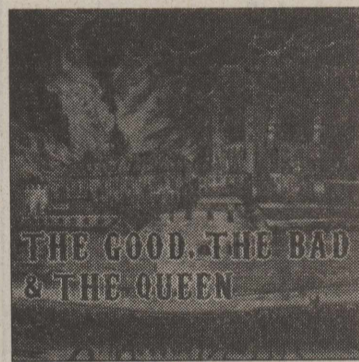
The SRO Photo Gallery is free of charge and open to the public; it is located in the basement of the Art Building on the Tech campus. The exhibit is also a stop on the First Friday Art Trails each month.

Three other artists will be shown in the gallery during the Spring semester: Janet L. Pritchard, A.W. Thompson and Joseph Lebate.

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## Tuesday releases

By IAN KLUMPP  
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The Good the Bad and the Queen — "The Good the Bad & the Queen"

— The Good the Bad and the Queen is a United Kingdom "supergroup," which comprises Damon Albarn (Blur/Gorillaz), Simon Tong (The Verve), Tony Allen (Africa 70/Fela Kuti) and Paul Simonon (The Clash). The group's sound is a tight mixture of slow British rock and Allen's world-renowned "afrobeat" drumming. This combination creates the perfect backdrop for Albarn's droning vocals, which are similar to the sound he uses with the Gorillaz. The band's first album, which contains the singles "Kingdom of Doom," and "Herculean," is a refreshing new sound that sets the standards for future rock supergroups much higher.

ity. In their new album, the band mates seem to be looking for the right groove during this transition. "Wincing the Night Away" is definitely not what this talented group has proven it is capable of, but it is still worth a listen. The only times the album slips is during songs such as "Sea Legs" in which the group's experimentation overtakes their past sound and leaves the listener a little disappointed.



Of Montreal — "Hissing Fauna are you the Destroyer" — This is the band's third release since 2004, and Kevin Barnes, the group's leader, creates his best work to date. The album is marked by Barnes maturity as a writer and the ways he has developed beyond the fictional-story method of songwriting and has begun

pulling from his emotions. Of Montreal's fans will be pleased with this new, more-intimate album, which displays Barnes completely through both his talents of making and writing music.

Rodriguez-Lopez and Omar — "Please Heat This Eventually" — This album is the product of a collaboration between Mars Volta-guitarist Omar Rodriguez-Lopez and Damo Suzuki, the vocalist for the German band Can. This recording is a single 30-minute progressive-rock opus, which is being released only in vinyl. The record covers the generation gap between the two artists and concentrates on a progressive style of music that has seemingly been lost in recent years.

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## 'Pan's Labyrinth' a grim fairy tale indeed

By ROBERT YANIZ JR.  
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(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. — To the casual observer, originality in films seems to have faded long ago.

The Hollywood landscape has primarily been dominated by sequels and assorted rereads in recent years, causing some filmgoers to become disillusioned with the current state of cinema.

However, despite the seeming dearth of innovation, some filmmakers dare to step outside the cliché-ridden zone of mainstream success and craft a film that reaffirms the artistic potential of films to move and astonish audiences. Guillermo del Toro falls within this elite group of filmmakers, and "Pan's Labyrinth," his latest creation, may be his most striking work yet.

Written and directed by del Toro, this film is about a little girl named Ofelia (Ivana Baquero) who is forced by her pregnant mother (Ariadna Gil) to move to the Spanish countryside with Captain Vidal (Sergi Lopez), Ofelia's new stepfather, in the wake of the Spanish Civil War. As Captain Vidal contends with the guerrilla soldiers seen lurking nearby, Ofelia refuses to acknowledge Captain Vidal as her new father and periodically escapes into a mysterious fantasy world, guided by a creature named Pan (Doug Jones).

In bringing this tale to life, del Toro once again employs his signature visual style, crafting images that are equally stunning and terrifying. Best known to American audiences for comic book adaptations such as "Blade 2" and "Hellboy," del Toro actually began his career with Mexican films, such as 1993's "Cronos" and 2001's "The Devil's Backbone," and "Pan's Labyrinth" continues his unique brand of Spanish-language horror and fantasy.

While del Toro's masterful directing and inventive script anchor the film, his cast offers poignant and memorable

performances that truly engage viewers in Ofelia's plight. The 12-year-old Baquero brings an innocence and strength to the role of Ofelia, and as her antagonist, Lopez creates a fully realized portrayal of the sadistic Captain Vidal, obsessed with scrubbing out any remaining dissidents, who might challenge his troops. Yet, despite all the impressive performances in the film, Jones makes perhaps the greatest impression with his nuanced portrayal of the goat-like Pan.

Jones, who also played the amphibious Abe Sapien in "Hellboy" and is set to bring the Silver Surfer to life in this summer's sequel to "Fantastic Four," manages to transcend even the most extensive makeup to imbue Pan with a true personality. In addition, Jones plays the smaller role of the flesh-eating Pale Man whom Ofelia confronts on one of her numerous quests. A trained mime, Jones has become a master at adopting a character's physical prowess, and his dual roles in Pan's Labyrinth are among his finest performances.

At its core, "Pan's Labyrinth" addresses the role that fantasy plays in times of great struggle. Ofelia's desperation to flee the harsh reality she faces is certainly relatable to viewers who have longed for a grand adventure to whisk them away from their troubles. The film, which features a breathtaking score by composer Javier Navarrete, effectively contrasts the dichotomy between war-torn Spain and the surreal world of the eponymous labyrinth, emphasizing the power an innocent mind can have in a world where cruelty runs rampant.

Since opening last fall, "Pan's Labyrinth" has received unanimous

praise from critics worldwide, and the film has been steadily expanding to more cities every week. Although it only recently arrived in the Bay Area, those interested in catching this brilliant film should rush to see it since it is likely to vanish from cinemas. Theaters are constantly looking to maximize profits, and in the process, smaller films are often disregarded quickly. While this attitude certainly serves the theater's monetary goals, it unfortunately results in a narrow theatrical window for superior material in favor of the next box-office smash.

Though "Pan's Labyrinth" is a fairy tale at heart, the film features graphic violence and is not intended for young audiences. However, for adult viewers, the film is certain to capture the imagination and reignite the faith that, when it comes to quality cinema, all hope is not lost.



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# Lady Raiders fall in double OT

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Backup point guard Kendra Moore scored 13 of her career-high 20 points in extra time to help No. 6 Oklahoma hold on and beat Texas Tech 86-81 in double overtime on Monday night.

Courtney Paris recorded her 45th straight double-double, finishing with 22 points and 17 rebounds for Oklahoma (16-1, 6-0 Big 12), which extended its winning streak against conference opponents to 25 games.

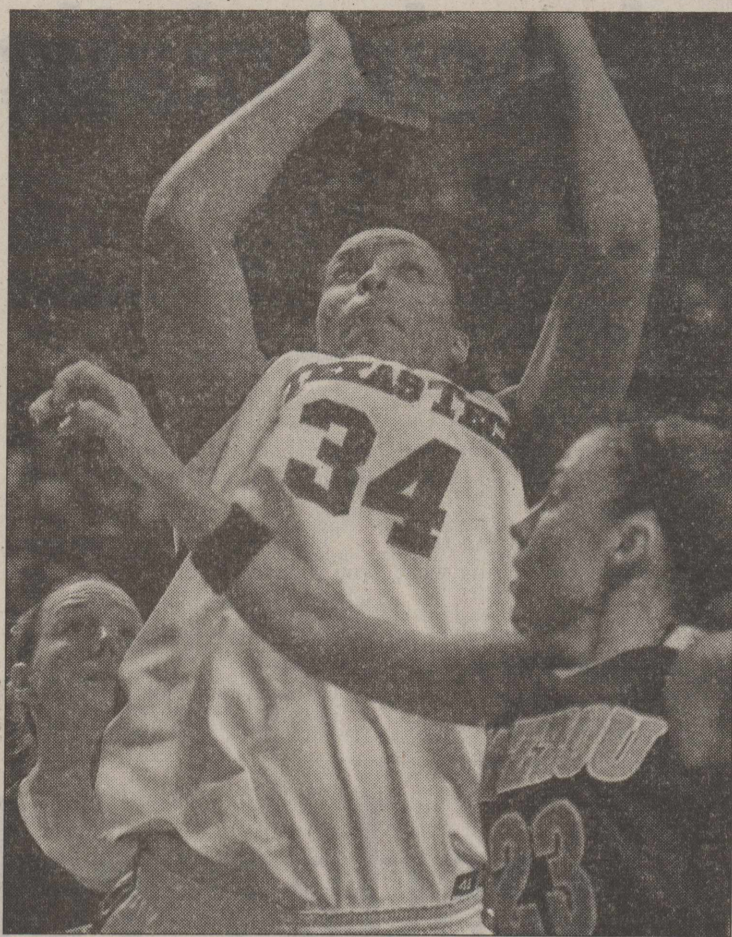
But during the overtimes, Moore became the Sooners' go-to player. With the game tied 81-81, it was Paris handing the ball off to Moore on a pick-and-roll and Moore slicing through the lane for a layup with 34.4 seconds left.

At the other end, Oklahoma's starting point guard, Britney Brown, stole the basketball from Texas Tech's Jordan Murphree as she rose to shoot. Brown hit two free throws with 11 seconds left—her first points of the game—and added another free throw in the final second to seal the win.

Five players scored in double figures for Texas Tech (12-8, 3-3), led by Alesha Robertson, who finished with 20. Six-foot-6 Patrice Edwards added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Raiders.

It was Oklahoma's first double-overtime game since Dec. 21, 2000, when the Sooners beat San Diego. Texas Tech played its last two-overtime game on Feb. 23, 2000, a win over Texas.

Oklahoma struggled with turnovers for much of the game, finishing with 21, and never led by more than eight points. Paris went just 9-of-24 from the field, sitting out nine minutes of the second half. She did not score in the game's final 14 minutes and missed five shots in the overtime



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JUNIOR CENTER ERIN Myrick scores in the second period of the game against the University of Missouri, Wednesday evening at United Spirit Arena. The Lady Raiders defeated the Mizou Tigers 63-55.

periods.

The Sooners led by six with three minutes left in regulation, but Texas Tech rallied to go ahead 67-63 with 44.2 seconds left, and Oklahoma needed a 3-pointer by Erin Higgins with 7.6 seconds left to forge a 68-68 tie.

Texas Tech's Chesley Dabbs, who scored 13 points, missed a 10-footer at the buzzer.

The Lady Raiders fell behind by three points early in the first overtime but took a 75-73 lead on a 16-foot jumper by Dabbs with 1:16 left. Moore tied it seconds later on a drive at the other end.

After a Paris miss, Texas Tech had another chance to win, but

she altered a jumper by Dabbs and the ball went out of bounds with eight-tenths of a second left. Paris stole the ensuing in-bounds pass and her heave from 70 feet hit the rim and bounced away.

Oklahoma outrebounded Texas Tech 49-35. Welch added 15 points for the Sooners, while Ashley Paris had 10.

Murphree scored 17 points for Texas Tech and Raquel Christian added 14.

The game was delayed for eight days because of weather and the Sooners' first at home Jan. 3. Oklahoma is in the midst of a stretch during which it will play five games in 12 days.

# Ramirez selected to play in Under Armour Senior Bowl

By ADAM COLEMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech senior offensive lineman Manuel Ramirez will be the lone Red Raider competing in the 2007 Under Armour Senior Bowl Saturday at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala.

The game will feature NFL coaches Jon Gruden of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who will head the North team, and Mike Nolan of the San Francisco 49ers, who will lead the South.

Ramirez, who made the All-Big 12 Second Team in 2006, has started for the Red Raiders since his freshman year and helped the offensive line allow the fewest number of sacks this season since 2000.

Senior offensive lineman Glenn January said it is good to see Ramirez selected to the game because most athletes who compete in this game become first-day draft picks.

"I think Manny's a very deserving person, and he is a very good football player," January said. "It is a game that showcases the best talent in the nation. Every all-star game is good 'cause you get attention from scouts, but I think this is the big daddy,

and most guys get drafted on the first day playing in this game."

The all-star game has seen players like New York Jets' running back Curtis Martin, Pittsburgh Steelers' wideout Hines Ward, Baltimore Ravens' quarterback Steve McNair and even the legendary running back Walter Payton. There were 572 former senior bowl players who were put on active rosters in 2006 and out of those players, 24 made this year's NFL Pro Bowl.

The most notable in that group are 2006 NFL Defensive Player of the Year Jason Taylor and 2006 NFL Most Valuable Player LaDainian Tomlinson.

Victor Knight, a representative for Ramirez, said Ramirez will be among the best and deservedly so.

"He's like all of our players," Knight said. "It's a reason he's in the senior bowl. The NFL has a tremendous amount of interest in him as a player on the next level, and he's one of the top offensive linemen in this year's senior class. He's got a great future to play at the next level."

Knight also made it clear that the players in this game are playing to get drafted.

"This game is about players who are going to play in the NFL, it is

not an all-star game," he said. "It's a game that features players' ability to play in the NFL, and it's a great opportunity to not only show what kind of person he is on the field but off the field as well."

More than 700 NFL coaches and scouts usually attend the Senior Bowl, and one of the most notable facts about the bowl is that more than 90 percent of the players who play in the game are drafted each year.

Ramirez will be playing alongside some of college football's best players like Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith and Northern Illinois halfback Garrett Wolfe. The Big 12 Conference brings 12 players with Ramirez including Texas defensive backs Aaron Ross and Michael Griffin and Oklahoma linebacker Rufus Alexander.

Tech's Assistant Athletic Director Chris Cook said Ramirez is in a good position to be seen.

"We're definitely proud of him, and he's very deserving of being listed as one of the Top 100 draft prospects," Cook said. "It's going to be great exposure for him, and he's going to get some NFL coaching."

The 2007 Senior Bowl will air on the NFL Network, Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

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# Nebraska joins Top 25 as Duke widens lead

(AP) — Nebraska hopes to stay in the Top 25 long enough to enjoy it this time.

The Cornhuskers returned to the AP women's basketball poll at No. 25 on Monday, while No. 1 Duke widened its lead over second-ranked North Carolina after picking up two additional first-place votes.

Nebraska (16-3) joined the poll at 25th on Dec. 4, then lost to Minnesota the next night and dropped out of the rankings the following week.

But the Cornhuskers have won 10 of 11 since, including their first victory at Texas, and are off to their best start since 1996-97. Their only loss in that stretch was to No. 6 Oklahoma.

"If we can continue to stay ranked well into February, then we're going to feel pretty good about where we are," Nebraska coach Connie Yori said. "Because that means we're winning."

Still, Yori knows the ranking doesn't change anything for her team, which is alone in second place in the Big 12 at 4-1 and has a tough game coming up Wednesday at No. 21 Texas A&M.

"Whether you're number 27 or number 25 or number 30, you've got to prepare and you've got to play the game," she said. "You can't get too caught up where you're ranked, that's for sure."

Duke, which replaced Maryland

at No. 1 last week after beating the Terrapins, received 39 of 50 first-place votes from a national media panel and had 1,237 points — 27 more than North Carolina. The margin was 23 points last week, when Duke had 37 first-place votes.

The Blue Devils beat North Carolina State in their only game last week and improved to 20-0 with a 74-70 win over No. 4 Tennessee on Monday night.

North Carolina (22-0) received the 11 other first-place votes. The Tar Heels won three times last week, including an 82-76 victory over Connecticut. They face a much-anticipated game at No. 3 Maryland on Sunday.

Maryland (20-1), the defending NCAA champion, has won three of its last four games with North Carolina, including an 81-70 victory in last year's national semifinals.

Tennessee trailed Maryland by only 12 points in the voting and Ohio State remained fifth. Then came the only change among the top 13 teams, No. 6 Oklahoma and No. 7 Connecticut changing places. LSU was eighth, Stanford ninth and Arizona State 10th.

George Washington, Purdue and Baylor held the next three places. Georgia moved up two spots to 14th after beating Vanderbilt and Florida State last week. Vanderbilt fell one place to 15th and was followed by Bowling Green, Marquette, Louisville, Middle Tennessee

and California.

Texas A&M, Mississippi, Michigan State, Texas and Nebraska completed the Top 25.

Kansas State, which had been 25th, lost to Nebraska and Baylor and dropped out after just one week in the poll.

Texas A&M had the biggest drop, falling four places after a 64-45 loss at Texas, which had lost at Iowa State earlier in the week. The Longhorns dropped two spots.

Louisville fell three places after splitting a pair of games. The Cardinals lost at South Florida, then bounced back to beat Rutgers at home.

Nebraska followed its 70-63 victory over Kansas State with a 76-66 win at Missouri, the Cornhuskers' 10th straight on the road. Their only loss outside Lincoln was at Arizona State in the season opener.

Experience has been a key in that road success. Yori's rotation includes seniors Kiera Hardy, Chelsea Aubry, Ashley Ford and Jelena Spiric and junior Danielle Page. The Cornhuskers also are getting solid play from sophomores Kelsey Griffin and TK LaFleur and freshman Cory Montgomery.

"We have played with good composure, we have found different ways to win games," Yori said. "The bottom line is we've got pretty good experience. We have a number of players who have been in a lot of tight games over the years."

# Mellow? Hell no, Knight still flares at media

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Passing Dean Smith as the winningest coach in Division I men's basketball hasn't mellowed Bob Knight — at least when it comes to his adversaries in the media.

Speaking to reporters Monday morning during the weekly Big 12 coaches' conference call, the Texas Tech coach sparred with each of his inquisitors.

The sideline chin lift to get a player's attention during an early season victory over Gardner-Webb was "a situation" created by the media, he said.

Knight then responded to the next question, about the historical impact of the 3-point shot, with a curt reply.

He then deflected a question about his role as a reference for Kansas State coach Bob Huggins as a private conversation — if it even happened

with Wildcats athletic director Tim Weiser.

"Who I talk to and who I don't talk to privately is just what it is," he said. "I don't talk about phone conversations."

A follow-up question about the limited playing time of junior forward Darryl Dora was the apparent last straw: The phone line went dead on Knight's end.

The offending question: "What's it like to be in your doghouse?"

The assembled media had plenty of time to ponder that query, with Knight dropping off just three minutes into his scheduled 10-minute time slot.

Knight moved past Smith, the former North Carolina legend, with a Jan. 1 home victory over New Mexico. He has since added three wins for a career record of 883-355 in 41 years at Army, Indiana and Texas Tech

(14-5, 3-1).

DURANT'S SUPPORTING CAST: Texas freshman Kevin Durant's early season dominance is widely known among Big 12 coaches, fans and the NBA general managers who could make the 6-9 sensation the No. 1 pick in the 2007 draft.

But with Durant floating back to earth after a sub-par performance in the Longhorns' 76-69 road loss at Villanova on Saturday (12 points, eight rebounds), the emergence of teammates such as Big 12 rookie of the week D.J. Augustin has opposing coaches quick to point out the talents of Durant's supporting cast.

"It's not just Kevin Durant. They've got a very, very talented basketball team," said Nebraska coach Doc Sadler, whose Huskers (12-5, 1-2) host Texas (13-5, 3-1) Wednesday night. "It's not just a one-man show."

Augustin, a freshman guard from New Orleans, scored 19 points while dishing out nine assists and collecting seven rebounds in a 105-103 triple-overtime loss to Oklahoma State on Jan. 16.

He followed that performance with a career-high tying 25 points in the loss to Villanova, hitting five 3-point shots.

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# Raiders hire young Kiffin as head coach

(AP) — The Oakland Raiders hired Lane Kiffin as their coach Monday night, making the 31-year-old Southern California offensive coordinator the NFL's youngest head coach.

Kiffin, the son of Tampa Bay defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, earned the job with a

strong interview Monday after the Raiders failed to reach a deal last week with 32-year-old Steve Sarkisian, Kiffin's fellow assistant to Pete Carroll at USC.

Raiders owner Al Davis quickly moved to land another up-and-coming offensive mind with sterling college credentials, but just one season of NFL experience — as a defensive quality control coach with Jacksonville in 2000.

Raiders senior personnel executive Michael Lombardi con-

firmed the hiring in an e-mail to The Associated Press. The agreement was first reported by the Contra Costa Times and ESPN.

Kiffin is the Raiders' 16th head coach — and the youngest in franchise history.

The former Fresno State quarterback is younger than at least nine players who finished the season with Oakland during its NFL-worst 2-14 campaign, including defensive tackle Warren Sapp, fullback Zack Crockett and receiver Alvis Whitted.

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Tomlin hired as Steelers head coach

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Tomlin, the Minnesota Vikings' defensive coordinator, was hired by the Pittsburgh Steelers — the first black head coach in the team's 74-year history.

He accepted the job Sunday night and the hiring was announced Monday, with Tomlin expected to make about \$2.5 million a year under a four-year contract. He is the Steelers' third coach in 38 years, following Chuck Noll (23 seasons) and Bill Cowher (15 seasons).

Tomlin, an NFL coordinator for only one season, acknowledged it was difficult not to be overwhelmed with the opportunity to coach what he called "one of the storied franchises in sports."

what that means," said Tomlin, who, like Cowher in 1992, will be about the same age as some of his players. "But I am what I am as coach — I don't call myself a 34-year-old coach or an experienced coach, I'm a football coach."

Tomlin was chosen by the Steelers on the same day two black coaches made the Super Bowl for the first time: Lovie Smith in Chicago and Tony Dungy in Indianapolis. Tomlin was once an assistant under Dungy at Tampa Bay, and he got the call from Steelers president Art Rooney II while watching the NFL conference championship games Sunday.

"He's a good coach, a great communicator and now he'll have a chance to show what he can do," Dungy said Monday.

Tomlin also might have benefited from the NFL's so-called Rooney Rule. Steelers owner Dan Rooney successfully lobbied in 2002 for a rule that requires all NFL teams to interview minority candidates for coaching jobs.

After a successful first season as Minnesota's defensive coordinator, Tomlin's name was one of about a dozen on a list of qualified minority candidates given Rooney at a mid-December meeting in New York. Rooney is the chairman of the NFL's committee on workplace diversity.

The intent of the Rooney Rule was to give coaches such as Tomlin a forum to display their credentials. Tomlin was chosen largely because of the motivation, enthusiasm and organizational skills he showed in

two strong interviews with Rooney, Art Rooney II and director of football operations Kevin Colbert.

"He wants to play the kind of football the Pittsburgh Steelers want to play," Art Rooney II said, "Tomlin's focus on stopping the run, running the ball well and playing physical defense. "He wants to play the kind of football Steelers fans have come to appreciate."

Tomlin's hiring completed a 2 1/2-week search in which he initially was considered an unlikely choice behind perceived front-runners Ken Whisenhunt and Russ Grimm, but Whisenhunt later accepted the Arizona Cardinals' job.

Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera, the other finalist with Grimm and Tomlin, did not get a second

interview because the Steelers would have had to wait until Feb. 5 to meet with him again. Georgia Tech coach Chan Gailey, recommended by Cowher, also didn't get a second interview.

Tomlin will be the fourth consecutive Steelers coach who was a defensive assistant coach in his 30s with another team before being hired. Bill Austin was 37 when he was chosen in 1966, as was Chuck Noll in 1969. Cowher was 34 in 1992.

What could be tricky is assimilating Tomlin's preference for the 4-3 defense into a Steelers system that has been built around the 3-4 since 1983. The Steelers have fitted their roster with players suited for the 3-4, such as All-Pro safety Troy Polamalu and Pro Bowl nose guard

Casey Hampton.

Tomlin said he wouldn't rush to install the 4-3 and will retain defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau, a proponent of the 3-4 and zone blitzing schemes. Instead, Tomlin plans to match his defenses to the skills of the players he has — and he is not yet ready to say which defense that will be.

"You've got to be flexible and do what your guys do well," he said.

Tomlin also likes the so-called Tampa 2 cover scheme popularized by Dungy and assistant Monte Kiffin in Tampa Bay, one that had its roots in Pittsburgh's Steel Curtain defense of the 1970s — a defense that played a 4-3. Dungy played on one of those four Steelers Super Bowl-winning teams.

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# SPORTS

## A Cowboy no more: Parcells leaves Dallas, retires from coaching

IRVING (AP) — Bill Parcells could have returned to the Dallas Cowboys for one more shot at becoming the first coach to lead three teams into the Super Bowl.

He could have come back to try ending the longest playoff drought in the franchise's proud history. Or he could have come back to finish what he started in developing quarterback Tony Romo and a 3-4 defense.

Instead, 15 days after a gut-wrenching playoff loss in Seattle, Parcells decided Monday to call it a career, ending a four-year run in Dallas and a 19-year tenure in the NFL that included three Super Bowls and two championships.

"I am retiring from coaching football," Parcells said in a statement. "I want to thank Jerry Jones and Stephen Jones for their tremendous support over the last four years. Also, the players, my coaching staff and others in the support group who have done so much to help. Dallas is a great city and the Cowboys are an integral part of it. I am hopeful that they are able to go forward from here."

Known for a gruff demeanor and colorful quotes, Parcells leaves with the ninth-most wins in NFL history and a career record of 183-138-1. He was 34-32 in Dallas, counting two playoff losses. He had one year left at more than \$5 million on a contract extension signed last January.

"I am in good health and feel lucky to have been able to coach in the NFL for an extended period of time," the 65-year-old coach said.

Although he failed to make the Cowboys champions again, Parcells leaves the Cowboys better than he found it. The club went from three straight 5-11 seasons before he arrived to making the playoffs twice in four years.

"His contributions to the game of football and to the NFL are immeasurable," team owner Jerry Jones said in a statement. "We will always be grateful for his dedicated effort and commitment to the Dallas Cowboys."

Parcells expected big things in 2006 and, thanks to the emergence of

Romo, Dallas had a two-game division lead in December. Then the Cowboys lost four of their final five games, including the last three. The capper came against the Seahawks after Romo bungled the hold of a short field goal with a little more than a minute left.

"I did the best I could," Parcells said following that game. "But it wasn't quite good enough."

The going theory was that Parcells wouldn't end his career that way. The longer he waited to make an announcement, the likelier it seemed that he would return — especially since he was going to his office every day.

Then came Monday's statement via a morning e-mail. He didn't even hold one last news conference to entertain with old stories and witty lines.

But Parcells isn't exactly rushing out the door.

"Bill will continue to come to work here at Valley Ranch throughout at least the end of this week, and we will continue to meet and address the present status of our team while also discussing the future," Jones said. "Clearly, we wanted Bill to return for next season, but I am completely understanding and respectful of his decision to retire from coaching."

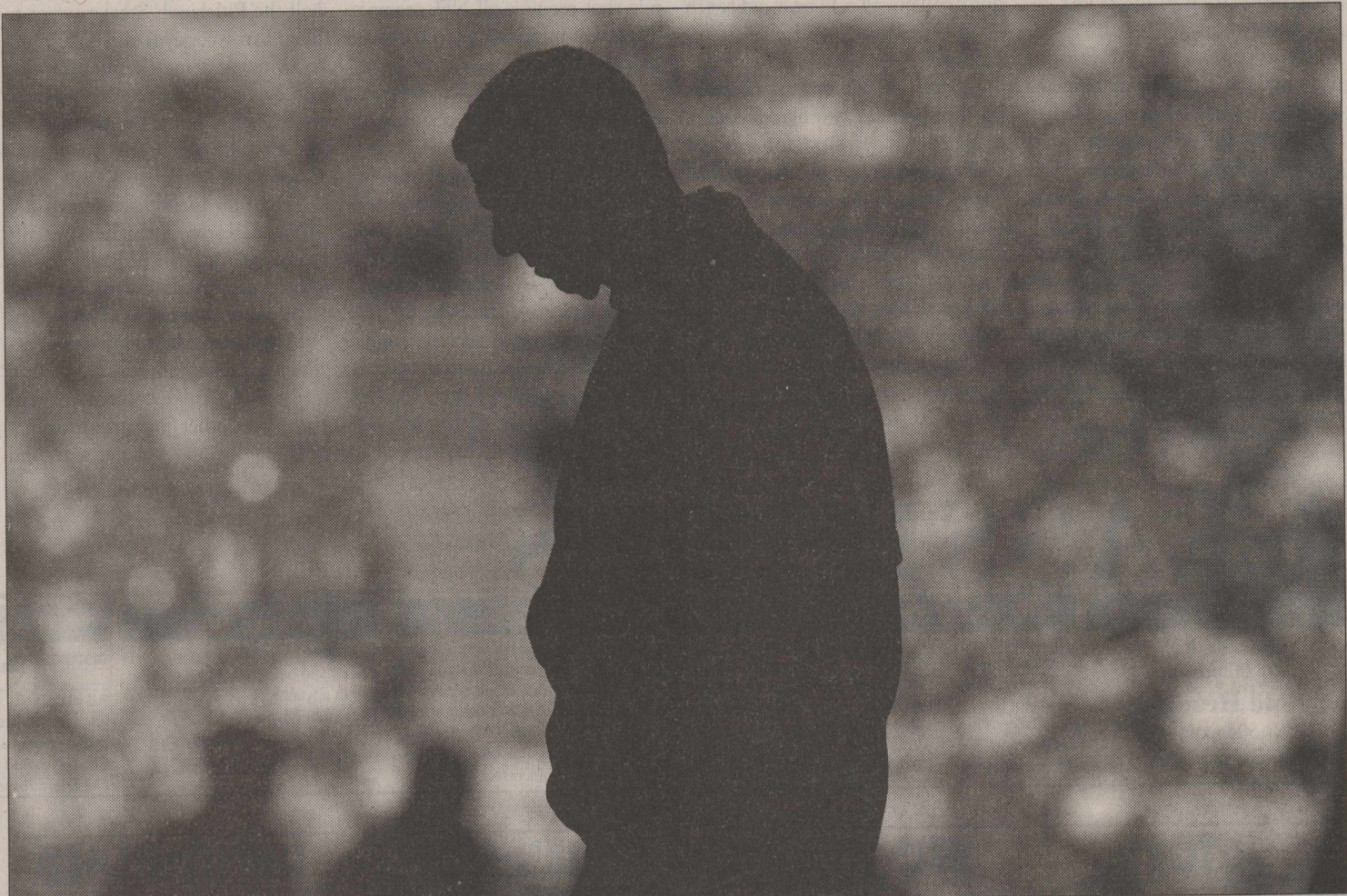
A team spokesman said Jones and Parcells will discuss various aspects of the organization — though not necessarily whom Parcells thinks should take his place.

Expect Jones to handle that himself, as he's done with varying degrees of success since buying the team in 1989.

His first two hires, Jimmy Johnson and Barry Switzer, combined to win three Super Bowls, keeping up the reputation started by Tom Landry.

But the Cowboys haven't even won a playoff game since 1996, under Switzer. Chan Gailey, Dave Campo and now Parcells all tried and failed.

"To our fans, I would like them to know that it is still all about winning," Jones said. "We have made progress on that front in the recent past, and we will continue to build on that



DALLAS COWBOYS HEAD coach Bill Parcells before the game against the Indianapolis Colts at Texas Stadium.

TIM HEITMAN/US Presswire

progress with the belief that we have to do better."

While Parcells spent the last two weeks-plus deciding whether to return, four other teams picked new coaches and a fifth, Oakland, is well into its search.

Jones has given no indication of what kind of coach he'd hire next. The only hint in his statement was this: "Bill's coaching the Cowboys represented a willingness to embrace a different philosophy and approach toward winning. This experience will reinforce that willingness to be flexible."

Jones could go for proven commodities like Tennessee's Jeff Fisher or Bill Cowher, recently resigned from Pittsburgh, but both would require compensation for their teams and

massive salaries. He also might chase a big-name college coach, from Notre Dame's Charlie Weis, Oklahoma's Bob Stoops to Southern California's Pete Carroll, who replaced Parcells in New England a decade ago.

Or, maybe Jones will pursue Chicago defensive coordinator Ron Rivera, or former NFL coaches like San Diego defensive coordinator Wade Phillips or San Francisco offensive coordinator Norv Turner. Turner would be a popular choice locally; he called plays for Dallas' Super Bowl team in 1992 and remains close to Troy Aikman.

All candidates will have to accept Jones being the general manager. That might have driven away others before, but four years of avoiding ego clashes with Parcells likely has changed his reputation.

The next coach also will face a decision of what to do about receiver Terrell Owens, who is due a roster bonus in March. T.O. certainly isn't Parcells' problem any more.

The first time Parcells walked away from coaching, his heart was an issue. The next time he supposedly was content that coaching was out of his system.

He turned down several chances to return before accepting Jones' offer. He said he took it because he liked the challenge of trying to make the Cowboys champions again, comparing it to playing on the main stage instead of being a lounge act.

After four well-paid years, Parcells could be serious about retiring this time. He's already built a home in Saratoga, N.Y., to spend his post-

football days near his family and the racetrack.

Parcells' influence will remain because of all the coaches who worked for him, from three-time Super Bowl champion Bill Belichick of New England to New Orleans' Sean Payton, this past season's coach of the year. Tom Coughlin of the Giants and Romeo Crennel of Cleveland also paid their dues under Parcells.

"Bill's an excellent football coach and a very good friend," Coughlin said. "We're going to miss Bill Parcells on the sideline and we'll miss him in the NFC East. I look forward to the continuation of our friendship at a different level now. I think Bill's looking forward to having the opportunity to do some of the things he truly wants to do. I wish him well."

## Chicken or Tuna?: Giving thanks to a Parcells feast

Sniff, sniff... you smell that? That wafting odor is the stench the Big Tuna left on the Dallas Cowboys' sidelines after he retired for the third time Monday.

Big Bill Parcells gave us just four seasons and was just 34-32, including two playoff appearances where "America's Team" was ousted after one game in each instance.



This should be a feast for Cowboys' fans who want to give thanks to this 65-year-old Chunky White Albacore. Now I'll say grace.

Dear Heavenly Tuna, Firstly, I want to personally thank you for the year 2003. Quincy Carter was such a great quarterback. I want to give you props for allowing him a confidence boost en route to a playoff drubbing at the hands of Carolina.

Mr. Carter is doing well in the penitentiary these days. From what I hear, he throws looks at other cellmates very accurately. I guess we can attribute that to his wonderful 71.4 QB rating in '03 and his 71.7 career rating.

Secondly, thanks for drafting Julius Jones in the second round of the 2004 draft. Not only did you have a late first-round pick in '04 because of the success in 2003, but you traded down to get Jones when you could have selected that Steven Jackson guy that plays for the St. Louis Rams.

I think Jackson finished this season with 2,334 total offensive yards (1,528 rushing, 806 receiving) and 16 total touchdowns (13 rushing, 3 receiving). Mr. Jones had 1,084 rushing yards and four measly touchdowns in his first full season without injury in the pros.

I know the draft is a crapshoot and your selections in previous drafts found instant stars in DeMarcus Ware, Jason Witten and Marion Barber III, but Cowboy fans will need to wait a couple more years on Marcus Spears, Bobby "The Tool Man" Carpenter and Anthony Fasano, who was selected before the explosive Devin Hester and Maurice Jones-Drew in the 2006 draft

— each who had good arguments for winning Rookie of the Year after this season.

Thirdly, thank you Big Tuna for leaving the Cowboys after a year in which you showed more emotion on the sidelines than ever in your career. Laying your luscious lips and back pats on your player after that Carolina game gave Cowboy fans hope that this season would be a resurgence back to Super Bowl glory — at least for a flash.

However, your 'Boys failed to deliver, losing their final three games of the year, including the now infamous "Romanian Slip" (as I like to call it) during the playoff game against the Seattle Seahawks in the first round.

Finally, thank you for not living up to legendary coaches Tom Landry and Jimmie Johnson. Sorry, Cowboy fans, Barry Switzer doesn't count. Even Hayden Fox could have coached that team to victory in Super Bowl XXX. You fall into the category of Cowboy cow patties such as Dave Campo and Chan Gailey, who couldn't help Dallas end its 11-year skid in the playoffs.

Now you are gone forever most likely, leaving your foster child Romo to wait for his next mentor to take over the franchise. I just wish you would have put him in sooner — like at the start of the 2004 season, instead of allowing the geriatric convention in Vinny Testaverde and Drew Bledsoe to leave their "dent-ures" in the Cowboys franchise. So what if he wasn't ready yet. Troy Aikman most likely wasn't ready when he was thrown in as the starter as a rookie in 1989.

I guess three Super Bowl rings mean nothing these days.

Oh, and when Tom Coughlin's stint with the New York Giants ends next year (that's a prediction folks), stay in the can.

One more thing — Jessica Simpson wants to know if your departure from Dallas means you are chicken or tuna?

Amen.

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