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'We will never live it down'

Exclusive: Cheerleaders admit mistakes, say photo 'just a joke'

By **KAREN AYRES**
Staff Writer

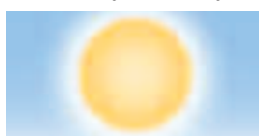
It took only a moment to snap the photo that made the "Fab Five" famous. Now, they would do anything to erase that moment.

The five McKinney North High School cheerleaders, each in uniform and holding phallus-shaped candles, thought it would be funny to pose for the picture inside a condom store — a harmless joke for their friends to see on MySpace.

They never imagined it might cost one of their mothers her job as high school principal and, then, thrust them into the latest national debate over the questionable behavior of popular teenage girls.

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Sunny, breezy



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Williams mourned
Broncos' Darrent Williams eulogized at funeral. **1C**

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New warhead

U.S. to build first new nuclear warhead in two decades. **9A**

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WILD-CARD GAME: Seahawks 21, Cowboys 20

Playoff hopes slip through their fingers



TIM COWLISHAW

Miscue doesn't take Parcels off the hook

SEATTLE — Even after Tony Romo made the mistake of his sporting life, the Cowboys had a chance. Hold Seattle down near the goal line, use all three timeouts and get the ball back with time for another shot at the winning field goal.

A 20-yard burst by Shaun Alexander ended that option and assured the Cowboys the misery of a 21-20 playoff loss to the Seattle Seahawks.

Game coverage, Section CC

Now it's time to let Bill Parcels out of his misery.

Sure, the Cowboys had a chance to win Saturday night. A good chance, in fact.

Romo's bobbled snap on what would have been a go-ahead field goal from extra-point range will live in Cowboys infamy.

The fact is the Cowboys didn't win.

The small picture says to blame it on Romo or on a defense

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COWBOYSPLUS.COM — IT'S FREE! Check out images from the game, rate the Cowboys' performance and find columns and statistics.



BRAD LOPER/Staff Photographer

Tony Romo led the Cowboys on a late drive that gave them a chance to go up on the Seahawks, but the quarterback mishandled the snap on a field-goal attempt.

In manner of speaker, expect differences

House choice of Craddick or Pitts to set session's tone, agenda

By **CHRISTY HOPPE**
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Tom Craddick and Jim Pitts are both well-to-do Republicans from conservative districts, but which one ends up

swinging the House gavel Tuesday will probably prompt dramatic differences in the direction of Texas.

Political players and grassroots organizers believe, for instance, that lawmakers will make another serious run at creating private-school vouchers if Mr. Craddick is re-elected to a third term as speaker. Under Mr. Pitts? Vouchers are probably dead.

Coal plants, school funding,

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health care and abortion would all receive seriously different consideration under a Pitts or Craddick administration, say lawmakers, political consultants and lobbyists.

The 149 House members (one seat is vacant) who choose their

leader Tuesday are expected to withstand the brawl, spectacle and high-stakes gambits of a rare House speaker floor fight. The 80 Republicans and 69 Democrats will probably vote for personal reasons, picking the man they think will give them the best title, appointments and opportunities to pass legislation.

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As N. Texas minorities overpay on home loans, questions arise

Exclusive: Data shows disparity, prompts fairness concerns

By **PAULA LAVIGNE**
Staff Writer

Minorities in Dallas-Fort Worth are buying homes like never before, but they're more likely than whites to accept higher-interest loans that could lead to foreclosure, according to a Dallas

Morning News analysis.

The News found that about 34 percent of home loans taken out by minorities in 2004-05 were considered higher-cost, compared with 17 percent for whites.

On average, minorities make less money than whites. However, the interest rate disparity remains even when comparing only middle- to higher-income borrowers of both groups.

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REX C. CURRY/Special Contributor

Calvin McDavis attends a class for first-time homebuyers by ACORN Housing Corp., a nonprofit that offers home loan counseling to low- and moderate-income people.

Bush set on tactics

He's expected to call for up to 20,000 more U.S. troops, Iraqi jobs

By **DAVID E. SANGER**
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — President Bush's new Iraq strategy calls for a rapid influx of forces that could add as many as 20,000 U.S. combat troops to Baghdad, supplemented with a jobs program costing as much as \$1 billion intended to employ Iraqis in projects including painting schools and

New effort to secure Baghdad, 23A

cleaning streets, according to U.S. officials who are piecing together the last parts of the initiative.

The U.S. officials said that Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, formally agreed in a long teleconference Thursday with Mr. Bush to match the U.S. troop increase, made up of five combat brigades that would go in at a rate of roughly one a month, by sending three more Iraqi brigades to Baghdad during the next month and a half.

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New way for DISD principals

Instruction watchdogs, not building managers, wanted under Hinojosa

By **KENT FISCHER**
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Dallas schools Superintendent Michael Hinojosa has staked his job on transforming DISD into one of the nation's best urban districts by 2010. Essentially, he wants to double the academic performance of students by then.

But while Dr. Hinojosa has publicly set that ambitious goal to boost test scores, among other measures of success, it's his 225 principals who will largely be responsible for making it a reality.

So the Dallas Independent School District is re-engineering the principal's job. Gone is the focus on campus operations and administration. Student learning is now the chief concern.

Principals are to be curriculum hawks and instructional coaches, responsible for identifying their schools' academic shortcomings and devising ways for teachers to address them.

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