

## Santa speaks

An exclusive interview with the jolly old elf himself.

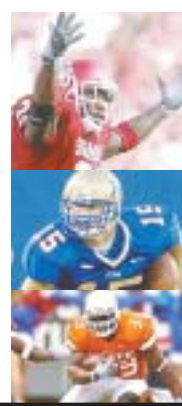
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## Pokes down Hogs

OSU beats Arkansas 73-58 in men's hoops.

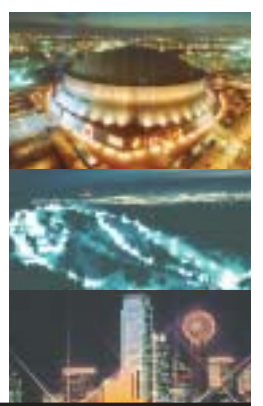
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## Going bowling?

Travel tips for the three cities in which Oklahoma football teams will battle for bowls.

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## TU opening 'front door'



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Architects have told University of Tulsa officials that the school's campus lacks a front door. A new plan for the campus includes a southern extension to include a landscaped oval, which will act as an entrance to the school.

## University finalizing plans for new entrance, center

By RANDY KREHBIEL  
World Staff Writer

The University of Tulsa would build a showplace entrance on 11th Street, including a four-block landscaped oval, under plans being finalized by the school's administration and trustees.

"TU's board of trustees has long supported a move to beautify the campus and improve the university's aesthetics," said President Bob Lawless. "This project, which provides the university with a new 'front door,' is in keeping with that goal."

The project would also include a 15,000-square-foot visitors center incorporated into the Whitney Shaw Alumni Center and seven new student apartment buildings. Preliminary estimates put the cost of the endeavor at roughly \$18 million over seven years.

Completion of the project will extend TU's campus to 11th Street from Harvard to Delaware avenues, meaning a number of retail establishments now occupying frontage west of Skelly Stadium will be displaced.

TU Physical Plant Director Bob Shipley said a few key pieces of property are still to be acquired

by the university.

Far beyond the outskirts of town when brought from Muskogee (as Henry Kendall College) to its current location in 1907, the school eventually found itself buried in a residential neighborhood without a well-defined campus or access from a major street.

The university began aggressively acquiring adjoining property in the early 1990s. In 1994 it announced a new master plan that included what is now the Reynolds Center and the athletic fields west of Delaware Avenue. Two major elements of the master plan — expansion of Keplinger Hall, which houses the College of Engineering, and new performing arts facilities — remain on the drawing board.

The southern gateway is described as an extension of the policies initiated more than a decade ago.

"Lots of times when architects and planners have visited our campus they've commented that we don't really have a front door," said Shipley.

Shipley said the south oval will feature several campus landmarks

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### University of Tulsa's proposed new South Quadrangle



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## Secret talks led to end of program

► Ghadhafi had several late-night meetings with British and CIA officials about doing away with Libya's nuclear program.

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Libyan leader Moammar Ghadhafi, meeting in the dead of night in his capital with officers from the Central Intelligence Agency and British intelligence, appeared eager to do away with his weapons programs, U.S. officials said Saturday.

Those secret meetings over recent months led to Friday's surprise announcement that Libya would cease work on its programs to develop nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, including an effort to refine uranium for use in nuclear devices, the officials said.

The United States and Britain portrayed the announcement as a significant breakthrough in their efforts to curtail the spread of such weapons and keep them from a terrorist organization or hostile country.

It is clear, however, that Ghadhafi has tried in recent years to ease tensions with the West, and this step was expected to further improve Lib-

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Moammar Ghadhafi

He has tried in recent years to ease tensions with the West, and this step was expected to further improve Libya's international standing.

## Project draws top designers

► Those vying for Tulsa's arena project are down to six, including two celebrated architects.

By P.J. LASSEK  
World Staff Writer

Two world-renowned architects may have the opportunity to leave their mark on Tulsa if either of the architectural and engineering teams they have joined is selected to design the new arena, officials said.

The city recently narrowed its list to six teams that will vie for the \$183 million Vision 2025 project to construct an 18,000-seat arena and renovate the existing Maxwell Convention Center. The arena is set to be constructed next to the convention center on the west side of downtown.

"The arena project is going to be the biggest project Tulsa has seen for decades, and we want it to be a statement about Tulsa," Mayor Bill LaFortune said.

"It's very exciting to have renowned

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## Shoplifting a page from the good book

► Instead of taking the Bible's lessons to heart, thieves are taking the books home — without paying, booksellers say.

By PAM OLSON  
World Correspondent

Bibles and inspirational books are, ironically, among the most coveted by shoplifters, according to Tulsa book retailers.

"I've had a lot of Bibles stolen," said Dee Hausam, manager of Novel Idea

Books & Gifts at 7104 S. Sheridan Road. "I think they'll steal anything they want. They're just thieves.

Hausam, the mother of Novel Idea owner Scott Perry, said that at one time as much as \$80,000 a year was shoplifted from her son's two Novel Idea locations. Perry recently decided to close both the Sheridan store and

the Novel Idea at 3356 E. 51st St.

"We had a cross stolen the other day," she said. "It was a beautiful cross, about 20 inches long. It wasn't a dinky one. It cost about \$100 or so. It just shocked people that someone would take a cross.

"People would not believe the thievery that goes on in retail," Hausam said.

Among the most popularly shoplifted

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TOM GILBERT / Tulsa World

Bibles, like these pictured at Steve's Sundry Books & Magazines, 2612 S. Harvard Ave., are among the books most coveted by shoplifters, according to Tulsa retailers.