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Although tiny Tyrone Thurman has little chance of making the Dallas Cowboys, the 5-foot-3, 145-pound Thurman, a free agent from Texas Tech, keeps making great plays in the land of the NFL giants.



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DC-10 crash in Libya kills 82

By The Associated Press

ROME — A Korean Air DC-10 jetliner crashed short of a fogbound airport in Tripoli, Libya on Thursday, killing at least 82 people — including four on the ground — as it cartwheelled through an olive grove, authorities said.

It was the second crash of a DC-10 in eight days. A United Air Lines DC-10 crashed in Sioux City, Iowa, on July 19, killing 111 people.

The Korean plane, carrying 199 people, hit two houses and cars and split into three flaming pieces before it came to rest about a half-mile from the airport. More than 110 people were hospitalized, the official Libyan news agency reported.

Korean officials said most aboard Flight 803, which originated in Seoul, were South Koreans returning from vacation to their jobs on engineering and construction projects in Libya.

There were about 78 dead from the plane, according to the first secretary of the South Korean Embassy in Tripoli. The diplomat, who identified himself only as Mr. Chun, said Libyan

officials reported that four people were killed when the plane's landing gear slammed into two houses.

Chun said many of the victims were badly burned, making a count of the dead difficult.

He said 18 crew members survived, and four of them were slightly injured. Also surviving were the three Japanese passengers, he said. All other passengers were South Korean except for seven Arabs, he said, and four of those, possibly Libyans, were believed killed.

The plane approached the airport in heavy fog, and Chun said there was no mechanical problem or explosion.

"We don't know if the pilot made an error or if the tower made an error," Chun said. "The captain is conscious. He thinks he did not do anything wrong."

Survivor Kwon Hyuk-hwi told the Korean Broadcasting System he was reading a book in the first-class section when an announcement was made that the plane was about to land.

"Instantly there was a crushing impact and then came shrieks by horrified people. I kept my body as low as

possible and lost consciousness," he said.

The plane cartwheelled for about 400 yards before breaking into pieces, another South Korean diplomat in Tripoli, Chang Kyung-soo, told Korean TV.

The official Libyan news agency, JANA, said the plane slammed into two houses and hit cars on a road near the airport, which is set amid groves of olive and lemon trees about 35 miles south of the coastal capital of Tripoli. The reports were monitored in Rome.

Italian TV showed the tail of the plane protruding from the ruins of a house. Rescuers carried bodies covered with white sheets and firefighters hosed down the smoldering wreckage.

The airline earlier quoted the plane's pilot, Kim Ho-jung, 54, as saying "the airport was shrouded in a dense fog and visibility was poor when I approached. I lost contact with the control tower for 15 minutes before the crash."

JANA in Rome said the airport control tower had told the pilot that there was heavy fog.

Group tells FAA DC-10 unsafe, must be grounded

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — An airline passengers association Thursday called for the grounding of all McDonnell Douglas DC-10 jetliners in the United States until what the group called structural deficiencies are fixed.

Daniel Smith of the International Airline Passengers Association said the group wants the Federal Aviation Administration to order the planes out of use.

DC-10s have poor controllability and are "neither failsafe nor damage-tolerant," Smith said in a news conference.

IAPA wants to "first, find out what's wrong with the aircraft; and secondly, get it fixed," said a letter delivered Thursday to FAA chief James Busey in Washington.

Smith said the organization has not ruled out court action to get the

planes grounded but in the letter said, "We believe it is far better for you to act independently, free of any imposed direction from outside the FAA."

Citing the crash July 19 of a DC-10 in Sioux City, Iowa, that killed 111, Smith said it is evident that the aircraft's dual hydraulic systems, necessary for flight control, do not work and the systems need to be separate.

Smith also claimed there are other design deficiencies in the planes, which entered commercial fleets in 1971.

At least 17, or 3.8 percent, of the 445 DC-10s built have been wrecked because of their problems, Smith said. By comparison, 1.2 percent of the Lockheed L-1011's have been wrecked, and 1.5 percent of the Boeing 747s have crashed, he said.

FAA spokesman Jay Leyden
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Montford receives humanitarian award for dedication to peace

By BETH GEORGE
The University Daily

State Sen. John Montford vowed Thursday night to continue working for peace, improved relations and better standards of living in Israel and the United States.

Montford, D-Lubbock, accepted the Tree of Life award from the Jewish National Fund (JNF) during a dinner hosted in his honor. He told the group he will continue his efforts on behalf of Israel.

"I pledge that we shall continue to work together to make both our countries better places to live," Montford said.

The JNF presented Montford with the Tree of Life award in recognition of his commitment to community service and his alignment with the spirit and values of both the JNF and Israel, said Rabbi Daniel Syme, who presented the award to Montford.

Syme, a member of the JNF's board of directors from New York, said Montford shares in the JNF's appreciation of the indomitable Israeli spirit and its belief in the sanctity of human life.

"John Montford's name joins the long list of others who have made a difference in this world of ours," Syme said.

Montford said he and his wife Debbie were flattered and elated that the JNF chose to honor him with the award and that they have respect and admiration for Israel and the JNF for their efforts to preserve and improve the natural resources of Israel.

Idris Traylor, executive director of the Office of International Affairs at Texas Tech, said Montford is the 11th Texan to receive the prestigious international service

award.

The JNF chose Montford as the recipient of the honor primarily because of his dedication in preserving and protecting water resources in Texas, said Traylor, who acted as master of ceremonies for the presentation.

Traylor compared Montford's efforts to secure water resources in West Texas to JNF's efforts to bring water to desert areas in Israel.

The Tree of Life is a humanitarian award given for outstanding community service, devotion to peace and dedication to the cause of American-Israeli friendship. Former Texas Tree of Life Award recipients of the award include Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros, U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland and Buckner Fanning of Lubbock's Trinity Baptist Church.

Funds raised at the Montford dinner, which was attended by Tech President Robert Lawless, Lubbock Mayor B.C. "Peck" McMinn and Donald Haragan, Tech executive vice president/provost for academic affairs, will go toward establishing a John T. Montford Afforestation Project in American Independence Park outside Jerusalem.

Syme said trees planted in the special park are symbols of American and Israeli hope in a peaceful future.

American Independence Park is maintained by the JNF, which was established in 1901 as an agency responsible for afforestation and land reclamation in Israel. The JNF has planted more than 180 million trees, reclaimed more than 300,000 acres of land for farming and rural villages, built 3,000 miles of rural roads and created 110 major parks in Israel.



Greg Humphries/The University Daily

John Montford

Contraception, abortion are now overlapping issues



Anthony Lewis
Columnist

After all the emotion of the Missouri abortion case, inside and outside the Supreme Court, the hard questions remain.

Is the court on the way to overruling *Roe vs. Wade* completely?

Is a majority ready to say that women have no meaningful right to decide for themselves whether to terminate a pregnancy?

The author of *Roe*, Justice Blackmun, told us in his passionate Missouri dissent that the answer to those questions is yes. He knows his colleagues.

But in the other opinions, I think one can see constraints and hesitations — reasons why the court may not take the step of denying all constitutional protection to the woman's decision.

Chief Justice Rehnquist, writing for himself and Justices White and Kennedy, said that abortion does find some protection in the Constitution.

It is, he said, "a liberty interest protected by the Due Process Clause."

The 14th Amendment says that no state may deny anyone "liberty" without due process of law.

In cases since the 1920s, the Supreme Court has interpreted that clause to mean that the state may not intrude on certain intimate private decisions, for example.

But how meaningful is it to say that women have a "liberty interest" in abortion?

That depends on how strict a stan-

dard the court applies to state restraints on abortion and how much it allows states to weigh other interests against the woman's choice.

For Rehnquist and his two colleagues there is a strong competing interest: "The State's interest in protecting potential human life," as the chief justice put it.

That interest, he said, justified the Missouri law requiring tests before aborting a fetus of 20 weeks or more, to see whether it could live outside the womb.

Moreover, he said the state interest in potential life did not begin "only at the point of viability."

From all that, Blackmun concluded that the chief justice and the two others really gave no effective right to the "liberty interest" in a woman's right to choose. They always would allow it to be overridden, he predicted, by the state's interest in potential life.

Abortion once again could be made a crime.

That may be where the chief justice and Justices White and Kennedy are heading.

But Justice Scalia, who wants to overrule *Roe vs. Wade*, was angry at them for not doing so now. If he were confident of the ultimate purpose, why would he have lectured them as he did in his concurring opinion?

And Scalia denounced Justice O'Connor's views in an extraordinarily personal tone. That could be because, in her concurring opinion, she seemed less inclined than previously to overrule *Roe vs. Wade*.

There also remains a large obstacle in reason and precedent to overruling *Roe*.

That is the court's 1965 ruling decision in *Griswold vs. Connecticut*



holding unconstitutional a ban on the use of contraceptives.

A majority of the current court, by all signs, is committed to the *Griswold* decision.

But if a state cannot criminalize the use of contraceptives because such a law intrudes on liberty in a highly personal choice, how can a state criminalize a woman's choice to terminate her pregnancy?

Saying that the state has an interest in potential life does not solve the dilemma.

For if that interest is continuous, as Rehnquist said, it is violated by the prevention of conception.

Indeed, contraception and abortion now are overlapping concepts. There are "morning after" pills and the new French pill that works in the days after conception.

Finally, there is an additional interest at stake in the abortion issue: that of the court.

It desperately needs to find some point of repose on the issue, and that cannot be the total discarding of a

constitutional judgment on which so much has relied.

Next term the court will consider an Illinois law requiring clinics that perform early abortions to have all the facilities of a hospital operating room.

To find that law constitutional really would be to overrule *Roe* and to put the institution of the court under new strain.

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Letters

Incident taints image

To the editor:

Probably one of the most perplexing moments in all my 4½ years at Texas Tech occurred the other day as I was driving toward the notorious business administration building.

I had just stopped for no more than 20 seconds to talk with a friend who was walking along the sidewalk when a campus cop approached my car from behind me. After a prompt good-bye I drove off toward Gaston Hall. Before I knew it, the cop was in front of me (without his emergency lights on), forcing my car to the side of the road.

He then exited his car and approached my window, where he proceeded to harass me as to the legal definition of "parking" — which he incidentally defined as "your wheels not moving."

I politely responded, "I was not parked, I was just asking my friend if he needed a ride." He then proceeded to instruct me that I was trying to tell him his job and that my explanation had no bearing on the situation whatsoever.

He then asked me where my Tech parking sticker was. I explained to him that I was no longer a student at Tech. He then proceeded to tell me, "You have no business being on campus and I do not want to see you or your car on this campus ever again."

I found this officer to be not only rude, but also completely out of line.

I have always prided myself on being a student of Tech and a loyal Red Raider. However, this incident of harassment by this Tech junior employee more than surprised me.

I am currently a member of the Tech Ex-Students Association and firmly believe in Tech and the morals they instill in every student. However, I am more than disappointed with the decision to hire such a disrespectful person. More importantly, I do understand the importance of the Tech police department and the protection they offer to students. However, needless harassment of an innocent and defenseless graduate is not the most efficient method through which to rectify a problem as basic as a parking violation — give me a break, please!!!

As a recent graduate of Tech, it will remain constant in my mind the manner through which the university police department, with its inefficient hiring procedures, treats its students — let alone its esteemed graduates.

Moreover, with the current active effort by Tech to improve its reputation and student recruitment, it seems surprising that just one rinky-dink police officer can spoil any good efforts by those who actually care about Tech and not necessarily for personal gain.

It could be reasoned that a portion of the reputation problem that Tech is experiencing exists with its treatment of its past and current students.

Consequently, it seems plausible that those in the administration

building should brief indifferent and discourteous Tech police officers (and other personnel) regarding their performance while interacting with Tech students and visitors. Then, maybe with this applied common sense, Tech's reputation would improve. Otherwise all efforts expended would defeat the purpose.

Furthermore, the continuation of this asinine behavior directly affects persons like myself who, after graduation, may be able to contribute to the networking ability for Tech, therefore attempting to increase its competitiveness against universities like the University of Texas and Texas A&M University, to name a few.

However, this will not necessarily hinder my continued support of Tech, but perhaps with the persistent irreverence of a few bad apples within the police department, for example, others may not handle this so impartially.

Karen Edwards

Don't mess with nature

To the editor:

I am writing in regard to the proposed additions and improvements to Mackenzie Park's Prairie Dog Town.

That's just what Lubbock needs, a giant 14-foot fiberglass prairie dog stuck in the middle of a tiny plastic prairie dog village complete with a general store and houses. Well, heck, why stop there? Why not little prairie dog condos with jacuzzis?

Grey Lewis, assistant general manager of the Chamber of Commerce, was quoted as saying that "We want to spoof it up some" in regard to the site. This poses an interesting question. Why not leave well enough alone? Why tamper with and improve something that does just fine on its own. After all, the Prairie Dog Town made it into National Geographic magazine, didn't it?

Lewis also suggests that if people want to see prairie dogs as they are in nature, there are dogs near the airport. That would be a fun outing, wouldn't it?

If the Chamber of Commerce is bent on completing these beautification efforts, perhaps more thought could be given to a more tasteful, finished product (although how that could be accomplished with a giant 14-foot fiberglass prairie dog is beyond me), one that wouldn't interfere with the natural way of things. In this day and time, it's hard enough to find anything "real" in nature and when we do, it's very refreshing. The proposed Prairie Dog "Disneyland" makes me cringe, and I hope they might reconsider or at least rethink this whole project.

Carl McQueary



BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Priest plans to continue hunger strike

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — A Catholic priest says he will continue on a hunger strike until the bishop agrees to his terms for a meeting about allegations of sexual misconduct and embezzlement, a newspaper said Thursday.

Although Bishop Thomas Tschoepe agreed Wednesday to general terms demanded by the Rev. Justin Lucio, the priest later added another requirement, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

The bishop has not said whether he

would accept the added condition.

Lucio began fasting last Friday to end what he called the "impasse" between himself and the bishop over Lucio's 16-week leave of absence, which the priest says was forced.

Lucio has maintained that after he stepped down as priest of St. James Catholic Church in Oak Cliff last April, Tschoepe denied him a new assignment because of allegations that he is a homosexual, had raped a woman and had embezzled money from the church.

The bishop on Wednesday denied that Lucio was forced into a leave of absence. He said the priest left voluntarily at his suggestion and that of Monsignor Robert Rehkemper, because Lucio suffers from diabetes and an ulcer.

Tschoepe announced Wednesday that he would meet with Lucio on

terms the priest set two weeks ago.

On the advice of his attorneys and a psychiatrist, Lucio had rejected the bishop's previous offers to meet one-on-one or with two other priests present. Lucio insisted that his attorneys act as witnesses.

The bishop offered Wednesday to meet with Lucio on the condition that two Dallas priests and a priest from another diocese witness the meeting. Lucio initially accepted that, but later changed his proposal to ask that the outside priest be replaced by Dallas lawyer Adelfa Callego, whom he regards as a friend.

Tschoepe's overture came hours after Lucio declared he would extend his five-day hunger strike until the bishop agreed to his terms.

The standoff started in April, when the bishop refused to meet on Lucio's terms.

Group cites deficiencies

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said, "There's nothing that's come out of the Sioux City accident indicating a basic design flaw that would warrant such an action."

The passengers association cited the Iowa crash as well as other DC-10 accidents:

- 1974, a Turkish Airlines jet near Paris crashed after explosive decompression and severed hydraulic lines; 346 killed.

- 1979, an American Airlines jet crashed on takeoff in Chicago after the number one engine separated from the wing, rupturing hydraulic lines connected to the wing slats; 273 died.

"We expect nothing less than structural modification of these aircraft," Smith said. "We don't want Band-Aid measures applied to the airplane."

He said he doesn't know how much it will cost or how long it will take.

Smith, whose organization has about 27,000 members in the U.S. and 110,000 worldwide, declined to say whether the group was advising people not to fly on DC-10s.

But, he said, "I will not fly the DC-10 until substantial structural modifications are made to the airplane."

"Neither do we care," Smith said.

Elaine Hardy, manager of Blue

Moon Travel in Dallas, said some of her customers are requesting not to be booked on a DC-10 flight.

"They ask me what kind of flight it is. They don't want to go on the DC-10," she said. She said most of the request for another type of aircraft are being made by occasional travelers.

"They know very well what happened. It's very new on their mind."

McDonnell Douglas planned a news conference late Thursday to rebut the charges by the passengers association.

Fort Worth-based American Airlines, with the largest DC-10 fleet in the world, called IAPA's statements "a staged media event ... completely inappropriate and uncalled-for."

He said American officials were closely watching the FAA investigation of the United crash.

After the Chicago crash in 1979, the IAPA won a federal court order grounding the DC-10 fleet for more than a month while inspections were performed on some parts of the aircraft.

IAPA then had asked the FAA to separate the hydraulic systems of the aircraft.

"Economics displaced the need for protective structural changes," Smith said.

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Collider funding debated

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Thursday considered spending \$225 million to begin construction of the super collider, with Sen. Phil Gramm calling the particle accelerator "a daring project of almost unimaginable scope" that will lead to advances in medicine, transportation and science.

But debate on the energy and water development appropriations bill became bogged down Thursday afternoon when Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., proposed an amendment dealing with the government's catastrophic illness insurance program.

Included in the \$18.4 billion energy and water development appropriations package is \$225 million for the super collider, \$25 million more than the House has set aside to begin building the high-energy physics project in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

President Bush had sought \$250 million for the project.

Under the Senate version of the bill, foreign participation in construction of the \$4.4 billion project at a site south of Dallas would have to be reviewed by the administration.

The Appropriations Committee imposed the restrictions after some senators questioned whether participation by foreign countries might jeopardize the contributions of U.S. industry. Differences in the House and Senate bills will be addressed in a conference committee.

"What we are doing today is taking the next logical step toward building a machine that will be a quantum jump in terms of our capacity to understand the nature of matter," Gramm, R-College Station, told the Senate. "The implications for this investment in terms of transportation and medicine and science and productivity, in thousands of new products and millions of new jobs, cannot be measured today."

Gramm called the super collider a "great, new, magnificent machine" and said it will give the country the ability to test new ideas and use them in research that can be "industrialized and made commercial not by government, but by the private sector economy."

The super collider, a 53-mile underground ring, would be built in Ellis County south of Dallas.

Tech VP honored for work in education for blind

By C. LOUIS BISCHOFF
The University Daily

Virginia Sowell, associate vice president for academic affairs and a professor of special education at Texas Tech, received the Distinguished Service Award in Education from the Association for Educational Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER).

Sowell received the award at the eight-state AER South Central regional conference in New Orleans for her work in the field of education for the blind and visually impaired.

"The strange thing is getting an award plaque for something you love to do anyway," she said.

Sowell was founder and project director of the Tech Graduate Preparation Of Multiple Competencies program that prepares graduate students and professionals to teach visually impaired children, adolescents and adults.

Tech had no teacher training program for the blind when Sowell came to Tech 10 years ago. Stephen F. Austin and the University of Texas at Austin are the only state universities with similar programs.

At Tech and UT, graduate study can be done in one of two areas — vision or orientation and mobility sequence. The visually impaired program is state accredited. The orientation and mobility sequence, which involves cane travel and how to move safely in the environment, is an AER nationally accredited sequence. Only six universities in the United States

offer both of sequences.

Tech's program includes three faculty members and one adjunct professor who travel to Amarillo, El Paso, San Antonio and Victoria to instruct evening and weekend classes. This fall, Richardson will be added to the locations.

"It's not easy to travel 14 hours round trip to Victoria, but it's worth it to train those 30 teachers," Sowell said. "There are 103 (blind) students in the area who don't have anyone in the area to teach them. By the end of the summer there will be 30 teachers.

"We're helping these children to get a good education by training the teachers," she said. "This helps the students to be more independent and have fuller lives."

More teachers are needed, she said, even with the Texas School for the Blind in Austin, where Sowell is chairwoman of the board.

"The school is not designed to educate children in their homes," she said, "so it doesn't meet the needs of the 4,000 blind children in the public schools."

A relatively small percentage of all rural students with learning disabilities also are blind, Sowell said. Many teacher's travel to several public schools a week to teach blind students.

Sowell said most blind students who attend public schools are fairly self-sufficient. They have, however,

special needs and questions concerning braille texts, or they need instruction and training in operating the voice-output computer.

Braille can be difficult to learn because the tactile sense is harder to train than the visual sense, she said. The dots forming a braille character may be the same but have different meanings depending on placement.

For an adult, learning braille is like learning a second language. Making the transition is much easier for a child who has never had to make the transition from reading by sight to reading by touch, she said. It is much easier.

While earning a master's degree in education at Trinity University in San Antonio, Sowell's involvement with the blind began when a professor asked her to instruct a new class being offered for the blind, she said.

"What he really said was you're the only one who can learn braille in 10 days," she said. "I didn't know you couldn't learn it that quickly."

"The rewards are more immediate when working with the blind," she said. "You can really see what you've done. A lot of what you need to realize is that they are in an alien world. You talk to them in terms of their own experiences.

"They will never see the majesty of a mountain, but you can tell them it's a hundred times larger than a hill



Virginia Sowell

with different levels of vegetation. Any handicapped person, to be realistic, has to accept the limitations and try to compensate, but you can never take the place of vision.

"For instance, if you're blind and want to move independently you're going to have to learn cane travel. If you want to read, you're going to have to learn braille."

One of the most frustrating things for the blind, Sowell said is not being independent.

Sowell said she would like every blind child to have a teacher. With optical advancements, Sowell said, blind people will become more independent and have greater opportunities in the job market.

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Weekend moves to sounds of music

By CARY BURGESS
The University Daily

With the week coming to a close, the Hub City has many activities that should allow a good time for all.

Bands:

Joe Ely will perform at the Coyote Country Club, 98th and Ash, at 8 p.m. Saturday. There will be a \$10 cover charge for the performance.

Ron Reilly will take the stage at the Town Draw, 1801 19th St., at 10 p.m. Saturday. There will be a \$2 cover charge.

Barbara Humphrey will perform at Gardski's Restaurant and Bar, 6251 Slide Road across from South Plains Mall, from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. today through Sunday. There will be no cover charge.

The Intentions will perform at the Texas Cafe and Bar, 3604 50th St., with shows tonight and Saturday beginning at 9:30 p.m. Cover charge will be \$3.

Showdown will perform at The Depot, 19th Street and Avenue G, starting at 9 p.m. today and Saturday. There will be a \$3 cover charge for each performance.

The Headmen will be featured at Chelsea Street Pub at South Plains Mall beginning at 9 p.m. today and Saturday. There will be no cover charge.



Humphrey

The Bogarts will open up at Bash Riprock's, 2419 Main St., from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. today and Saturday. There will be a \$2 cover.

Graham Warwick will perform at No Frills Grill, 2420 Broadway, at 10 p.m. today and Saturday. There will be a \$3 cover.

Don Caldwell will jazz it up at Chips, 5166 69th St., at 9 p.m. today. There will be a \$3 cover charge.

COMEDY:

Jeff Schilling, Scott Kennedy and Cindy Collins will perform at Joe's Froggy Bottoms, 7202 S. Loop 289, at 9 p.m. today and at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. There will be a \$5 cover charge for each performance.

THEATER:

"Laughing Wild," a contemporary play by Christopher Durang, will be performed by the Alternative Choice Theater company. Performances will begin at 8 p.m. today and Saturday and Aug. 3-5 in the Texas Tech lab theater. Tickets can be purchased from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the lab theater box office. Admission is \$5, and seating is by general admission. For more information call 742-3601.

What's so funny?

HBO, MTV attempt to tickle audience

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — HBO, sensing a need for "transactional immediacy," figured to meet the challenge with a 24-hour-a-day "vertical format" in a basic cable milieu.

In other words, a comedy channel that you don't have to pay extra to get.

Beginning in November, HBO's Comedy Channel will premiere on basic cable systems — viewers won't have to buy HBO to get it. HBO executives said they would announce later this month how many cable systems will carry it.

The channel's format still is sketchy, but the plan is that it will offer quick bites of stand-up comedy, movie clips, stage bits and some full-length films.

HBO, which has been bread and butter to many comedians with its "On Location" shows and "Comedy Experiment" series on Cinemax, has already signed a number of comedians to develop regular bits and programs for the new channel. They include Richard Belzer, Rich Hall, Paula Poundstone and Wil Shriner.

HBO will get a head start on MTV, which also announced a 24-hour comedy channel, HA TV, which is scheduled to premiere early in 1990. Its format, too, is still in the planning stages, but will probably more resemble MTV, with "comedy jocks" introducing material.

Dick Behrs, president of HBO's Comedy Channel, explained to a group of TV critics meeting here that viewers have demonstrated a need for "transactional

immediacy."

"Consumers want what they want when they want it," he said, citing the popularity of microwave ovens and VCRs, for instance.

Behrs envisions viewers watching a favorite network series, cable show or movie and suddenly getting a nagging feeling that, in the motto of the Comedy Channel, there might be "something funny going on" over there. Zap. Faster than instant coffee in a microwave oven, they have switched over to the Comedy Channel for a quick chuckle.

The "vertical format," he explained, just means you only get one format, such as all news on CNN and all sports on ESPN.

The advantage of comedy programming, he said, is that it can be tempered to meet the time of day. But at no time of day will there be any R-rated language or subject matter, said John Newton, executive vice president in charge of programming for the Comedy Channel. This is, after all, advertiser-supported basic cable, not pay TV where viewers choose to get the material by paying extra each month.

There will be no Sam Kinison or other comedians who depend on working "blue," said Newton. In fact, he insisted that the Comedy Channel will not be "the stand-up channel."

"While there certainly will be some stand-up comedy, we hope to be associated with a more human, open and relaxed kind of comedy. A lot of stand-up is more aggressive, almost violent — 'I have the microphone ... I'm gonna make you laugh,'" Newton said.

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Thurman's feats still stand out

By The Associated Press



Thurman

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Tyrone Thurman has about as much chance of making the Dallas Cowboys as a bug does surviving a collision with the windshield of a tractor trailer.

However, the 5-foot-3, 145-pound Thurman, a free agent from Texas Tech, keeps making great plays in the land of the NFL giants.

"Super flea may just have the best hands we've seen in training camp, better even than Kelvin Martin, but unfortunately his hands aren't very large," said John Wooten, the Cowboys' top scout. "He's a tough little scooter."

As Wooten spoke, Thurman streaked between two defenders to catch a perfectly timed pass from Troy Aikman.

"Tyrone reminds you a lot of Gerald McNeil at Cleveland," Wooten said. "He's a great kick returner and he's an excellent receiver. Of course, he's so short

it's sometimes hard for the quarterback to find him.

"He probably has a 50-50 shot to make our team, because we have to have aggressive kickoff units."

Coach Jimmy Johnson isn't as optimistic as Wooten about Thurman's chances.

"It would be difficult for him to hang on," Johnson said. "He's a hard worker and I like his attitude, but he has a lot to overcome."

Thurman knows all this.

"I've had the odds stacked against me before," he said. "Realistically I'm going to have to show a lot returning kicks if I'm to make this team."

Special teams coach Alan Lowry

said it's difficult for a small man to play in the NFL.

"The problem that you run into is that an arm tackle can bring you down," Lowry said. "You get hit with one arm and you're down. Thurman's only weapon is to be able to run away from people."

Thurman is quick. He played point guard in basketball at Texas Tech after shattering most of the Southwest Conference's football return records.

Thurman also is strong. He can bench press 280 pounds and has squat-lifted 435.

If Thurman does make the Cowboys, he will be the NFL's shortest player at 5-3. McNeil is 5-7.

"It would be special if 'flea' made it," said Wooten. "It would be a great hometown deal. But there's not a lot of room for sentiment in the NFL."

At the end of a recent practice at California Lutheran College, Thurman was mobbed by children wanting his autograph. Some kids stood taller than he did.

Murray, 'the chosen one' power LA past Houston

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Lenny Harris provided the bat. Eddie Murray provided the knockout punch.

Murray, using a 32-ounce bat provided by Harris instead of his usual 36-ounce model, pinch-hit a three-run homer off Houston relief ace Dave Smith in the ninth inning Thursday to give the Los Angeles Dodgers a 7-5 victory over the Astros.

"I finally said I'll take this little piece of nothing up there and use it and luckily it worked," said Murray, who had been given the day off by manager Tom Lasorda. "I guess he's taking all the credit for it now but it was fun to come back and win the game."

Harris gave Murray the bat, which he called "the chosen one," before the

game and insisted that he use it.

"I told him to use the lighter bat because he'd been popping up with the heavier bat," Harris said. "He looked at me like I was crazy."

Smith had given up only one homer in his last 170 1-3 innings and failed to get a save for only the second time in 23 chances.

"He (Manager Art Howe) brought me in to get a ground ball," Smith said. "I threw him two sinkers out of the zone and the third one was a fastball that stayed up."

The Astros went into the ninth with a 5-4 lead.

Mickey Hatcher and Jeff Hamilton singled to start the ninth off Larry Andersen, 2-3. After reliever Juan Agosto struck out pinch-hitter Mike Scioscia, Murray batted for Dave Anderson and hit his 10th homer of the year.

Raiders sign eight women tracksters

Eight athletes, including two walk-ons, have signed national letters of intent with the Texas Tech women's track team for the 1988-89 season, according to the Tech sports information department.

Leading the pack among the signees is Heidi Wilfong of Amarillo High.

Also among the signees are middle distance runners Catherine Rojo of El Paso Eastwood and Sandy Anderson of Jacksboro.

The Red Raiders also signed distance runner Julie Dodd of Nocona, who made the state cross country team three years in a row from 1985 to 1987.

One former walk-on, Belinda Prichard of Eagle Pass, competed in the shotput and discus last season.

Mary Lou Johnson is the only hurdler who signed with the Raiders this season.

Other signees include Christy Crowder of McKinney and former walk-on Shelly Michalk.

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Cleveland	49	50	.495	4½	New York	53	45	.541	4½
Boston	46	49	.484	5½	St. Louis	51	46	.526	6
Milwaukee	47	53	.470	7	Pittsburgh	43	55	.439	14½
New York	47	53	.470	7	Philadelphia	38	60	.388	19½
Detroit	34	64	.347	19					
West Division					West Division				
California	60	39	.606	—	San Francisco	60	41	.594	—
Oakland	60	41	.594	1	Houston	58	43	.574	2
Kansas City	55	45	.550	5½	San Diego	49	52	.485	11
Texas	55	45	.550	5½	Los Angeles	47	55	.461	13½
Minnesota	48	51	.485	12	Cincinnati	45	55	.450	14½
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