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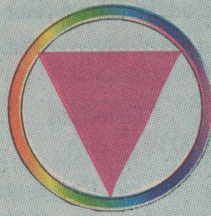


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STATE

## San Antonio man killed in Nuevo Laredo

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico (AP) — A U.S. man was shot to death in this violent border city in an apparent carjacking, police said Wednesday.

Christopher Michel Tovar, of San Antonio, was found late Tuesday lying in a street in a Nuevo Laredo neighborhood where at least five men killed in drug-related violence had been discovered previously, said Jose Gaznares, a police commander for Tamaulipas state, which includes Nuevo Laredo.

Tovar, 32, had been shot five times and thrown from a moving pickup truck that police believe belonged to him. Police were able to identify Tovar using a Texas driver's license and other documents he was carrying, Gaznares said.

More than 150 people have been killed in Nuevo Laredo, across from Laredo, Texas, since January. Authorities say most of the victims were casualties of a battle between two of Mexico's most powerful drug cartels for control of key smuggling routes into the United States.

NATION

## Chicago gets first World Series title since 1917

HOUSTON (AP) — The Chicago White Sox are World Series champions again at last, and yet another epic streak of futility is not just wiped away but swept away.

After seven scoreless innings, Jermaine Dye singled home the only run in the eighth, and the White Sox beat the Houston Astros 1-0 Wednesday night to win their first title in 88 years.

Just a year ago, the same story line captivated baseball when the long-suffering Boston Red Sox swept St. Louis to capture their first title in 86 years.

Who's next, the Chicago Cubs, without a championship since 1908?

It was the third title for the White Sox, following wins in 1906 and 1917. And it was the first since "Shoeless" Joe Jackson and the "Black Sox" threw the 1919 Series against Cincinnati.

Owner Jerry Reinsdorf once said he'd trade all six of the Chicago Bulls' NBA titles for a single Series ring, a statement he now regrets. No swap is needed now: He's got the prize he dreamed of since he was a kid growing up in Brooklyn.

WORLD

## Some Iraqis sympathize with U.S. death toll

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Some Iraqis sympathized with U.S. forces on Wednesday after hearing the American death toll in the Iraq war had reached 2,000. But others noted that many more Iraqis had died in the conflict and said they hope the U.S. "occupiers" will soon go home.

A day after the somber milestone was reached, insurgent attacks continued. Four militants hiding behind a mosque shot and killed a government official as he drove to work Wednesday, and an Internet statement claimed Al-Qaida in Iraq has abducted two Moroccan embassy employees.

The 2,000 mark was announced Tuesday, and the U.S. Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of the fallen Americans.

"We owe them a deep debt of gratitude for their courage, for their valor, for their strength, for their commitment to our country," said Republican Majority Leader Bill Frist.

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# Butler's wife says FBI used her husband

By JAY LANGLEY  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the convictions of former Texas Tech professor Thomas Butler Tuesday.

Butler's attorney, Jonathan Turley, said the three-judge panel made mistakes in their decision.

"There are many errors made by the court in reviewing issues raised in our argument," he said.

The convictions being upheld were not surprising, Turley said.

"The 5th Circuit has a long, conservative

history," he said. "We anticipated this decision, and have been ready all along to take this case all the way to the Supreme Court."

The next step, Turley said, is to ask the full Circuit Court to review the case.

Butler is serving a two-year prison sentence after being convicted in December 2003 on 47 of 69 charges.

The charges stemmed from a federal investigation that followed Butler's report in early 2003 that

30 vials of plague-causing bacteria were missing from Tech. He later wrote a letter confessing they had mistakenly been stolen.

According to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals court records of the 47 counts, Butler was convicted of 44 counts of contract related crimes including theft, fraud, embezzlement, mail fraud and wire fraud. These charges pertained to

— ELISABETH BUTLER  
Wife of former Tech Professor  
Thomas Butler

*My husband is a scapegoat, and for that he is in jail.*

shadow contracts prosecutors said Butler had

illegally negotiated while at Tech.

Butler also was charged with three counts relating to the transportation of human plague bacteria, but a jury later acquitted him of the charges.

According to the court records the 5th Circuit court, "the district court did not commit reversible error by refusing to sever the contract counts from the plague counts. Moreover, the district court made appropriate discovery and evidentiary rulings. Also, there was sufficient evidence supporting Butler's convictions under the contract counts and

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# Still Sheryl

## National Championship-winning Lady Raider comes out to ESPN

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston Comets forward Sheryl Swoopes is opening up about being a lesbian, telling a magazine that she's "tired of having to hide my feelings about the person I care about."

Swoopes, honored last month as the WNBA's Most Valuable Player, told ESPN The Magazine for a story on newsstands Wednesday that she didn't always know she was gay and fears that coming out could jeopardize her status as a role model.

"Do I think I was born this way? No," Swoopes said. "And that's probably confusing to some, because I know a lot of people believe that you are."

Swoopes, who was married and has an 8-year-old son, said her 1999 divorce "wasn't because I'm gay."

She said her reason for coming out now is merely because she wants to be honest.

"It's not something that I want to throw in people's faces. I'm just at

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## Tech students differ in reaction to Swoopes' announcement, lifestyle

By TRAVIS CRAM  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

Former Lady Raider Sheryl Swoopes has been an NCAA National Champion, a three-time Olympic gold medalist, a four-time WNBA champion and now, according to [www.espn.com](http://www.espn.com), she has officially announced she is gay.

Swoopes decided to go public with the announcement in an article that will appear in ESPN The Magazine where she tells LZ Granderson about growing up without a father and the tough times she went through including her marriage that ended in 1999.

After news of her announcement broke nationally Wednesday, students and faculty members reacted.

Tech Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp, who coached Swoopes and the 1993 National Champion team, gave a statement to the media on Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

"Certainly, Sheryl Swoopes is a very important part of the Lady Raider basketball family," she said. "The things she has meant

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

SHERYL SWOOPES GIVES the "Guns Up" to the crowd before a Team USA game at the United Spirit Arena. Swoopes played on Tech's national championship team in 1993.

## Lubbock nurse arrested for slapping elderly patients

By LINDSAY WATTERS  
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock County Sheriff's deputies and Texas Attorney General Greg Abbot's criminal officers arrested a nurse at a nursing home in Lubbock Oct. 20 on warrants connected to a September indictment on two counts of injury to disabled persons.

Tiffany Cunningham, a certified nursing aide employed at the Bender Terrace facility, was arrested for allegedly slapping two Alzheimer's patients Jan. 7, while employed at the nursing home, according to a Texas Attorney General's Office news release.

Cunningham, 26, was indicted by a Lubbock County grand jury in September and charged with two counts of assault for the January incident.

Lubbock County Sheriff's Office deputies assisted the Attorney General's officers in making the arrest Oct. 20 at the Bender Terrace facility located on 27th Street.

Eyewitness statements and confirmations resulted in the assault investigation, said an attorney general spokesman. Witnesses said Cunningham slapped a resident while trying to assist her with a bath and then slapped

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## Senators may question ex-lottery director who sued contractor

By LIZ AUSTIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — A Senate panel may seek testimony from a former Texas lottery official who claimed Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers let a company keep its contract because one of its lobbyists helped President Bush get into the National Guard in the 1960s.

Miers, whose confirmation hearings begin Nov. 7, chaired the three-person Texas Lottery commission from 1995 to 2000.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, which will hold hearings on Miers' nomination, recently asked GTECH Corp., the Texas lottery's main contractor, whether it would object to testimony from Lawrence Littwin about allegations in his 1998 lawsuit against the company, GTECH spokesman Bob Vincent said Wednesday.

Littwin, the lottery's second executive director, was fired in 1997 after just four months on the job. He sued

GTECH, saying it took "illegal, unethical and coercive steps" to get him fired because he was asking too many questions about the company's contract with the state.

He claimed the Rhode Island-based company kept its contract in exchange for former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes' silence about how he had helped Bush get into the National Guard to avoid service in Vietnam. Barnes was a lobbyist for GTECH from 1991 until 1997.

Littwin, who signed a confidentiality agreement when he settled his lawsuit against GTECH, declined to comment other than to say he would agree to testify if subpoenaed.

Vincent said his company told the Senate committee that Littwin didn't need permission to testify because the confidentiality agreement he signed when he settled his lawsuit allowed him to discuss the issues with government authorities.

If the issues are raised at the hearings, GTECH will

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# Election code, voter registration to be discussed at SGA meeting

By **ANDREW WOOD**  
STAFF WRITER

With only two senate meetings left in the 2005 fall semester, the Student Government Association Student Senate will begin to work on the new election code.

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the 41<sup>st</sup> session will convene at 7 p.m. today Room 101 at the Animal Sciences building.

Senate Bill 41.02, involving changes to the election code will be reintroduced at second reading. SGA Journal Clerk Ralph Pettingell said the election code is outdated and has not been changed since 1992.

"Why we did it to begin with, in the last several years, we've had more problems arise," he said.

The bill, he said, probably will not be passed at tonight's meeting because the committees will need more time to "get the kinks worked out."

Matt Fowler, SGA chief of staff, said he expects a well-rounded discussion about changes to the

election code.

"There will probably be a good discussion about the election code and rules of the senate," he said. "We are doing a lot of informing at the internal level. It will be interesting to see how the people respond to it."

Senator impeachments were among the main themes at previous senator meetings. Although no senators were brought up for impeachment at the last senate meeting, Jonathan Earthman and Brice Russell

could possibly lose their position in the senate because of consecutive absences.

Russell already survived impeachment earlier in the school year, but may be impeached again because he was absent from a Rules and Administration Committee meeting he was subpoenaed to attend.

The senators who have been present at the other senate meetings have listened to guest speakers at the previous meetings.

Instead of having a guest speaker,

Ryan Worley, SGA external vice president, will speak at the meeting, where he will discuss voter registration and other activities to the senate.

Casey Harmon, SGA internal vice president and president of the student senate, will preside over the meeting.

During her Report of the Student Senate President, she will talk about ornament funding, SGA alumni reunion during the week of the A&M-Tech football game, scholarship campaign update and an open forum about a \$7.3 leisure pool at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center in November.

The Historical Committee will be eliminated, while a new committee, the Campus Infrastructure Advisory Committee, will be formed.

Harmon said the University Life committee now would have the duties the Historical Committee and the Campus Infrastructure Advisory Committee had.

Some SGA student senators are trying to find more ways to use the committees, Harmon said.

"They're just trying to reconstruct and try to make more meaningful committees to be utilized," she said.

Senate Bill 41.03 will reinforce student organizations to be officially registered with the Center for Campus Life, in order to receive money from the SGA, according to Harmon.

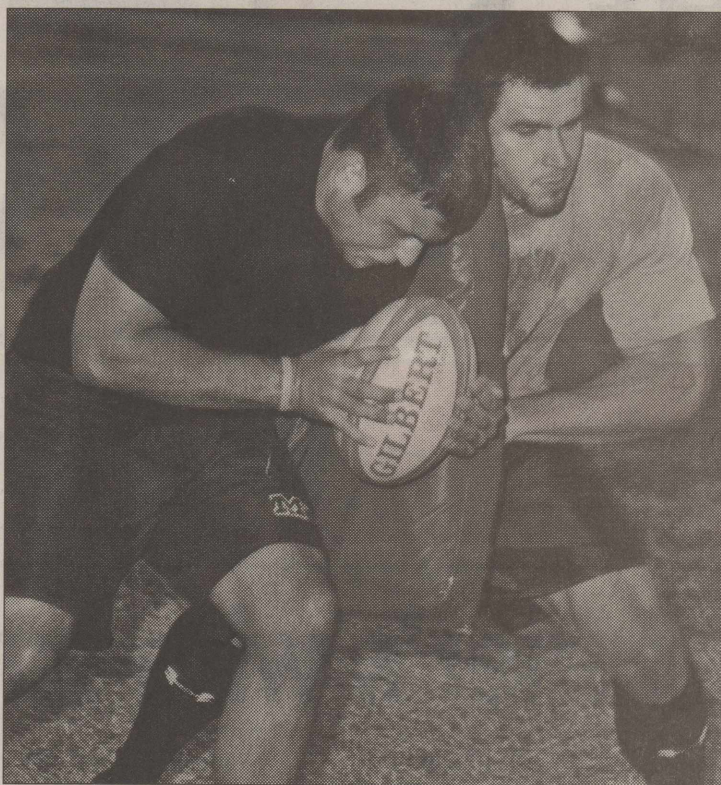
While speaking of the senators' progress during the 2005-06 school year, Harmon said she has been impressed.

"I think we've reached a good point to a place we are in this year," she said. "We want to end the semester on a strong note, but keep momentum into the spring semester."

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— **CASEY HARMON**  
Internal VP  
Student Government Assoc.

## LARGE AND IN CHARGE



CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Treador

**MATT GABY**, A sophomore business major from Sugar Land, practices rugby drills with a pad held by Robert Eschenburg, a junior business major from Tomball, during rugby practice at the Rec fields Wednesday evening.

## San Antonio man indicted in Lubbock suitcase murder

LUBBOCK (AP) — A San Antonio man has been indicted on capital murder and aggravated sexual assault charges in the deaths of a woman found stuffed into a suitcase dumped in a landfill and her unborn child.

The indictment filed Tuesday alleges that Rosendo Rodriguez III, 25, raped and killed Summer Baldwin; that he killed Baldwin and the unborn child; and that he killed a child under 6 years old, referring to the unborn child.

"It's really three capital murder charges," Lubbock County Interim Criminal District Attorney Matt Powell said. "He could have the right to have those separated and tried one

at a time." A sanitation worker found the body of Baldwin, 29, on Sept 13 at a city landfill about 15 miles northwest of Lubbock. Authorities said Baldwin, who was pregnant with her fifth child, had been beaten to death and then hidden in a suitcase that day.

Powell said he has not decided whether to seek the death penalty.

Detectives used a bar code sewn inside the suitcase to track down Rodriguez.

They traced the suitcase to a Lubbock Wal-Mart, where only two were purchased the day Baldwin disappeared. Police identified Rodriguez through store surveillance cameras and his debit card.

## Grand Jury in CIA leak adjourns Wednesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal grand jury investigating the leak of a CIA officer's identity met for three hours Wednesday with Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald and his deputies, adjourning for the day without announcing any action.

Fitzgerald is known to be putting the finishing touches on a two-year criminal probe that has ensnared President Bush's top political adviser Karl Rove and Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff I. Lewis Libby.

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# Techsans strive for better understanding of homosexuality

Being gay in Lubbock isn't easy; Gay Straight Alliance aims to support, advocate, inform

By ANNE GEPFORD  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

While Lubbock may be known for being one of the more conservative cities in the nation, some Texas Tech students, faculty and staff are attempting to take a more liberal point of view about the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer community.

Doug Thomson, coordinator of the Safe Zone and Allies Program on campus, said the main point of the program is to help people understand issues students may be facing, as well as eliminate oppression to make the campus more accepting of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer students.

"What we try to do is, first of all, help people who want to be advocates of LGBT on campus," Thomson said. "A big piece of that is education - learning a little bit about gay and lesbian culture, learning a little about the terminology. We focus on that first and foremost."

Allies are those who are able to listen and understand those students' concerns, while also being

an available resource. Thomson said the program actively targets faculty and staff because of the campus environment.

"The power really lies with faculty and staff," he said. "That helps to create a campus environment for them that feels safer."

Faculty and staff members who have completed an intensive allies training course, offered through the Student Counseling Center, often display the Safe Zone symbol outside their office, he said.

"You will see pink triangles outside faculty and staff offices," Thomson said. "Those are people who have been through the allies training."

The program is not only offered at Tech, Thomson said. "It really is a national movement," he said.

The next Safe Zone training for faculty and staff will be offered Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Student Counseling Center, West Hall 214. To make reservations, call (806) 742-3674.

While the counseling center attempts to educate faculty and staff to create a safe zone, the

student group Gay Straight Alliance attempts to make a difference through the lives of students.

Jeff Larsen, the adviser for the organization, said the Gay Straight Alliance attempts to do two things: Be advocates as well as a support group of those students that are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer.

"It's a safe place for them," Larsen said.

Larsen said the group has about 30 people who participate in meetings as well as social activities.

Rich Zamora, president of the Gay Straight Alliance and a junior psychology major from Las Vegas, said group does more than meet once a week. He said it is a social organization as well as a safe place for anyone to come and release their feelings to other understanding people.

"It's very important to know that people actually care about them," he said. "It has built strong friendships. They build that trust."

Zamora said that despite the conservative nature of the Lubbock area, support for the group has grown, especially after the name was changed from Queers and Allies.

"People tend to support us in a positive way more than a negative

way," Zamora said. "We also want to be out there in the community telling them that there's an organization that supports gays and lesbians."

Erwin Torres, the public relations officer for the Gay Straight Alliance and a sophomore restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Hobbs, N.M., said the organization is a positive mixture of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender, queers and straight people.

"We welcome everybody," Torres said. "We don't discriminate."

He said Lubbock is similar to a small town with its attitudes toward homosexuality, but he said that does not bother him.

"It's not like I don't feel comfortable," he said. "I've never really paid attention. I've never really cared."

Larsen said the group is important in the lives of students who participate in it, whether they are straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer.

"A lot of people do have the belief it's wrong," Larsen said.

"That's got to make it really difficult to be gay in this town. It's a far cry from accepting people for who they are."

Larsen said that while many Lubbock conservatives denounce the alternative lifestyle because of religion, he does not necessarily agree with their views. He said Lubbock's location at the edge of the Bible Belt has to do with people's moral codes and views that homosexuality is wrong.

"You might point out that 200 years ago, some people interpreted that the Bible supported slavery," he said. "A hundred years ago, some people thought that the Bible supported the inferiority of women."

Larsen, an assistant professor of psychology, said the social psychology of the stereotypes associated with those students that are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer are not necessarily true, because the stereotypes are made based on incomplete information, as stereotypes would most likely be dispelled if people knew everyone that was gay or lesbian.

"There are a lot of interesting social psychological phenomena here," Larsen said. "The stereotypes are a lot less true than people think they are. They're not going to live up to your stereotype. There are a lot more gays and lesbians in town than people think."

Larsen said he believes harassment is one of the biggest problems gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgen-

ders and queers can face.

"I think it's a huge problem," he said. "There's probably more overt discrimination than we know. Given that Lubbock doesn't want to deal with this stuff, most people aren't going to actively discriminate against you, but they don't want to hear about it either. That's my hunch."

Zamora said people are still judgmental in Lubbock, despite efforts to raise awareness and decrease discrimination and harassment.

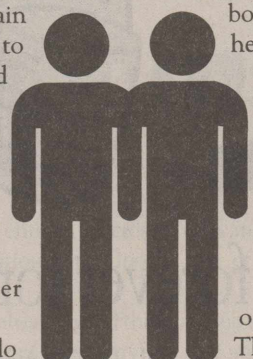
"A lot of times for gay people, when they first meet people, they're afraid to come out of the closet," Zamora said. "They're afraid that people will judge them because of that."

Often, verbal harassment is more common than physical harassment, Zamora said.

"I do think there's a lot of that," he said. "We have a lot of those on campus."

According to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, a national survey conducted by Harris Interactive found that 65 percent of teens report they have been physically harassed or assaulted during the past year because of perceived or actual appearance, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, race/ethnicity, disability or religion. Thirty-nine percent of the 3,400 students age 13 to 18 surveyed reported harassment for the way they look or their body size, while 33 percent indicated frequent harassment for perceived sexual orientation.

For more information about the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, go to [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org).



## Palestinian suicide bomber blows up at falafel stand

HADERA, Israel (AP) — A Palestinian suicide bomber standing in line at a crowded falafel stand blew himself up Wednesday in this central Israeli town, killing five people, wounding 21 and eroding hopes that Israel's Gaza pullout would revive peace talks.

Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the deadliest attack in Israel in more than three months, with the Iranian-backed group saying it was in retaliation for the killing of a top militant leader by Israeli troops earlier this week.

Wednesday also marked the 10th anniversary of the assassination of Islamic Jihad chief Fathi Shekaki outside a Malta hotel in a mission widely attributed to Israel.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev reacted to the bombing by citing statements from hard-line Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that Israel should be "wiped off the map" and from Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar in Gaza reiterating that group's commitment to violent struggle.

"It appears the problem with these

extremists is that they followed through on their violent declarations with violent actions," Regev told The Associated Press.

Ambulances rushed to the scene after the explosion at the falafel stand, which was in an open air market next to the central bus station. Rescuers treated the wounded in a nearby field.

The dead were sprawled on the ground amid scattered fruit and wrecked cars. Shards of glass and blood covered the sidewalk as rescuers moved back bystanders to begin collecting remains of the dead.

"Body parts reached all the way until my apartment building. The damage is really great," witness Eidan Akiva told Channel Ten TV, saying he lived 100 yards from the blast.

"All the stalls alongside just fell apart. The windows are all broken. It looks like a war was here," he said. "This is a very crowded place, very central place. We never expected that this would happen. We thought our world was good but apparently we

were wrong."

The market was bustling a day after being closed for the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah.

Dov Lotzky, a police spokesman, said the bomber was standing in line at the falafel stand when he detonated the explosives.

Israeli police said five people were killed in addition to the suicide bomber. The Magen David Adom rescue service said six people suffered serious wounds and another 15 were injured lightly.

The bomber was identified as Hassan Abu Zeid, 20, of the West Bank town of Qabatiyah, according to residents who heard his name announced on a bullhorn.

Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip last month has raised hopes for a return to Mideast peacemaking after five years of bloodshed. The sides have

failed to capitalize on the pullout's momentum, and Wednesday's bombing appeared to hurt prospects for a return to talks.

Islamic Jihad told the AP in a phone call that the bombing was to avenge the death of Luay Saadi, leader of the group's military wing in the West Bank. Saadi was killed in a shootout with Israeli soldiers closing in on his hideout in the Tulkarem refugee camp Monday.

"It is a natural retaliation for the Israeli crimes committed against our people, namely the crime against Luay Saadi," Islamic Jihad spokesman Khader Habib told the AP.

"The Islamic Jihad movement was committed to the truce, and is still committed to the truce, but this truce should be mutual. We cannot tolerate a one-sided truce."

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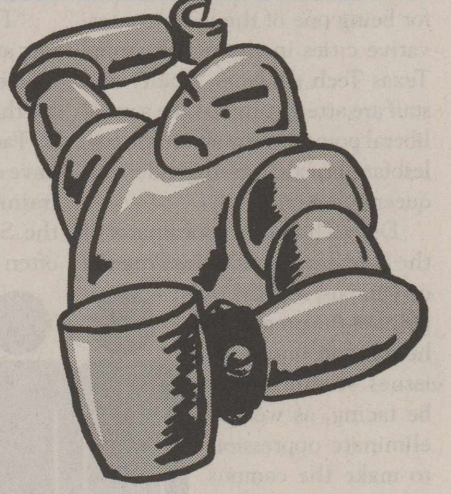
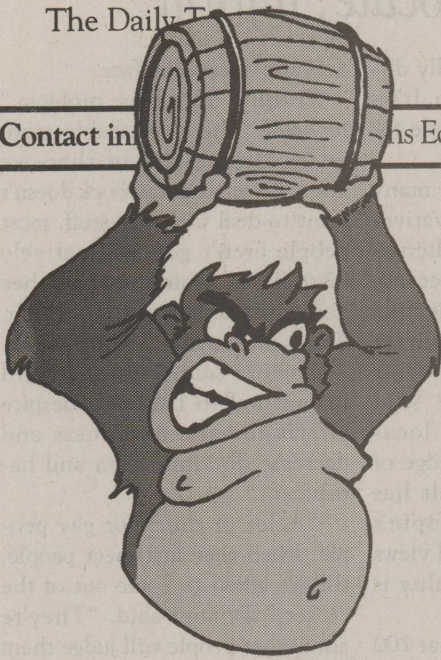
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Does the engagement ring have a place in the 21st century, or is it an outdated relic from a time when women were seen as property?



## BATTLE ROYAL

Women of the world, raise your right hand | People say diamonds are forever for a reason

Get up off your knees. That will be the first thing I say the next time I am proposed to. An engagement ring is the last thing I ever want weighing down my left hand.

I am not anti-marriage. I like marriage. I like married people. I like weddings. My parents have been happily married for 25 years.

I am, however, anti-engagement ring. To me, an engagement ring is one of our last disgustingly antiquated traditions. To make matters worse, it turns out the older you get, the more you get your friends flashing engagement rings in your face. This only makes me feel like Miranda on "Sex and the City" when she keeps faking happy in the "it's a boy!" episode.

I respond with as much enthusiasm as I can: "Ohmigod!" "Shut up!" "Yay!" "Congratulations!" "Wow!" or "Ohmigod!" These shocked responses work best in groups such as, "ShutupOhmigod!" and are even more effective with a deer-in-headlights eye opening and a big toothy grin.

I try really hard to concentrate on my personal deer-in-headlights because otherwise I'm thinking, "Look, you are a piece of property now! Yay! Good for you!"

Property: that's where the engagement ring came from. From an idea that women may be owned by a man, which is why the engagement ring, as opposed to the wedding band, is only worn by a woman. Historically, the sole purpose of an engagement ring was to let other men know a woman is now owned by a man so they may stop courting her, to ensure the chastity of said woman and to let other people know how much the said woman is now worth according to the worth of her husband.

The first symbols of engagement, date back to prehistoric times. The first symbol

**Clara Cobb**



was a cord – a cord used by a man to tie up a woman he claimed as his property so the woman could not escape. The man would bind both the woman's hands and feet. Over time, he would untie her feet, then her hands until she had submitted to him to a point where he felt comfortable enough to only have her tied up by one finger.

This notion of women as property comes directly from Roman law, where slaves would wear rings as an indication of being a man's property. This Roman law became English law and these same laws and philosophies traveled across the Atlantic to America, where, nearly 300 years later, women still proudly boast engagement rings.

The diamond wasn't even commonly used as an engagement ring until a 1939 advertising campaign.

Prenuptial agreements also further the notion of women as property in marriage. It is modern day dowry. The difference is women don't mass text message or e-mail every other woman they have ever known thus alerting their female circle of friends about their legally documented value and how much they are worth during different milestones in their future marriage. Are you worth a Ferrari? How about a condo in Vail? How much are you worth if you stay fit or have children? It is much more fun to flash your worth and the capital worth of your potential mate in the form of rocks.

Let's face it, diamonds are prettier

than litigation.

As my friends continue to get married, I urge them to keep the traditions they embrace in mind. For instance, the traditional wedding march, "Here Comes the Bride" comes from the opera, "Lohengrin." In the opera, the hero, Lohengrin, enters the bridal chamber and heads for a very large bed with his new wife, Elsa. Due to this sexually charged scene, the chorus also was once the "March for Whores," the song was later used satirically by prostitutes, who would dance to the chorus.

Engagement rings are even more of a joke with the "sanctity of marriage" crap. Without a flaccid apparatus to distinguish who belongs to whom, the institution of marriage clearly is threatened.

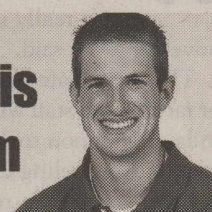
Women: Your position as a person is threatened even more when you allow someone to own you. If you want a symbol of unity everlasting, exchange it on your wedding day.

Belonging with someone does not mean belonging to them. When and if I ever get married, I want a partnership, not a proprietorship. Relationships are an investment that takes both time and work. And if you're going to work hard, you have to stand up, and get up off your knees.

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Breathe. OK, you know she's going to say yes. She has to say yes. Why wouldn't she? You have done everything you should. She wants this. This is what it all comes down to. This is why we date and date, to find the one to spend the rest of your life with. This is what you want. Please say yes.

**Travis Cram**



they even care too much about the actual wedding band. That is the ring that more says, "I'm married and you can't have me."

The diamond engagement ring on the other hand says, "This is what he got me, if you want me then you gotta do better than this."

Many loans or second mortgages have been taken out to try and fulfill a woman's fix for this ring. When Kobe Bryant got caught cheating on his wife and accused of rape, he said he was sorry and that he loved her still. Oh yeah, he gave her a \$4 million ring as well, but that isn't what really matters, right girls?

Guys learn early that the engagement ring is what matters most to the girl. That and how much thinking goes into how he gives it to her. Take my uncle for example.

He took my aunt to the little restaurant they first ate at when they were dating. He already had cameras in place to record the event and when the time came right the waitress suggested an item on the menu and there it clearly read, "Will you marry me?" as my uncle had already

whipped out the ring on cue.

Some, like myself, go for the sudden surprise. Show up in a suit all lookin' good, flowers also are a must and simply be ready to get down on one knee and ask her to be yours. Even though I already knew the answer, it is still nerve-racking as hell.

Then you have the friends of the bride. They may have gotten to meet the guy a couple of times and see that he is OK and nice, but the ring is what tells them exactly how deep his pocketbook is, or how much he is willing to go into debt, I should say.

You never hear about what the wedding band looks like or how nice it is. All that matters is how many karats are in that rock and how far he went to make her happy. If she brags about the ring, you did it, move past "GO," but if she just mentions to her friends that she is engaged before showing the ring, move back two spaces and miss a turn because now you really got to make up for it.

The DeBeers company has made slogans that have popularized the industry in advertising. Slogans such as, "Diamonds are forever," or "Diamonds...take her breath away." Comedian Ron White put it best, "Diamonds...that'll shut her up!"

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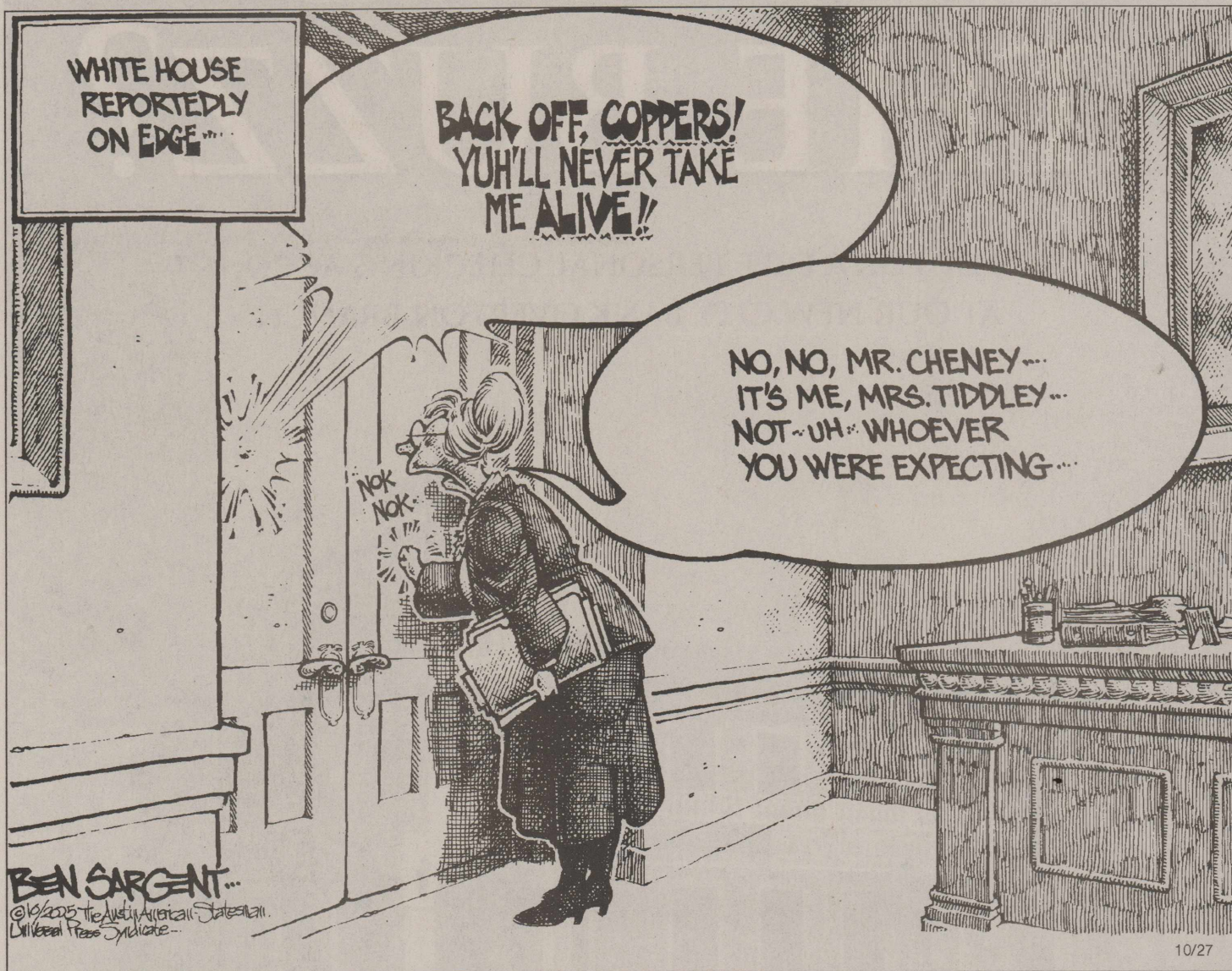
### WHO WON?

After 209 votes, Trey Caliva's argument that a woman is not suited to be president took last week's battle with 84.7 percent of the vote. Decide this week's outcome by voting online at [www.dailytoreador.com](http://www.dailytoreador.com). Your opinion matters.

he plan it right? Is it romantic enough? Did he pay the bills and let the dog out? Whether or not women will admit it, they do not want an engagement ring because it is traditional. Nope. They are in it for the diamond and the moment it is hers.

For thousands of years, men have been searching for the one thing to solve a problem or just simply make anyone theirs. We found it; it's anything with a diamond in it. It signifies a commitment, an accomplishment or maybe both.

For many women, I'm not sure



### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Davis right for defending Bennett's comment; statement satire not racism

In response to the letter sent in by Azuwike Okorafor, the one saying Andrew Davis' Monday column was "a defense of racism": It's true William Bennett's comments were heavily painted with racism, but to dismiss the comment as purely racism misses the point.

Bennett was using the word "black" instead of "poor" because it's inflammatory.

What he was proposing (aborting an entire social class of babies) was so ludicrous to begin with, it was never meant to be serious.

Okorafor opens with a rebuttal of Davis' opening postulate. "If my girlfriend had shot George Bush when she shot skeet with him eight years ago, then he would not have started the Iraq War."

This statement is entirely true. Dead people cannot start wars. You'll note he never said anything about whether or not we'd have actually gone to war, all he was dealing with was that one specific criteria, George Bush would not start a war in Iraq.

The statement was purposefully inflammatory and meant to get its readers to think more about why exactly we are in Iraq right now.

Okorafor's letter does just that, going beyond Bush's responsibility in the matter straight to the true issue of our national response to terrorism.

Another historic example of this tactic is in Jonathan

Swift's classic essay "A Modest Proposal."

If anyone reading this letter hasn't read that essay yet, it can be found with a simple Google search.

In summary, Swift is writing to solve a problem. His stated purpose: "preventing the children of poor people in Ireland from being burden to their parents or country and for making them beneficial to the public."

Surely a noble goal if ever there was one.

His proposal for doing so, however, is shocking. He suggests that those excess children be sold off and eaten as delicacies.

Now, obviously, Swift does not believe that this is a proper course of action. His paper is satire.

It is purposefully inflammatory, with the goal of creating a dialog about the true problem and, hopefully, reaching a reasonable solution.

Bennett's comment was the same. He is not in favor of killing black babies any more than Swift was for eating them.

His extreme suggestion was just a way of drawing attention to an issue that is too often swept aside.

The fact this column has gotten feedback from both Okorafor and myself shows that it worked.

Greg Levine  
Freshman computer science major from Austin.

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# Microsoft follows Google's lead with MSN Book Search service

By CARLOS BERGFELD  
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Microsoft's newfound friendship with Yahoo! will soon expand to another area of the Web.

Microsoft announced Tuesday an upcoming MSN Book Search service that will allow users to browse through digitized versions of books, periodicals and other printed media.

In addition, MSN has joined the Open Content Alliance, a global consortium co-founded by Yahoo!, which plans to provide copyright-friendly access to digitized content.

This will be the second time Microsoft and Yahoo! will work together in some fashion, as the two companies made an agreement earlier this month to make their instant messaging services interoperable in 2006.

The decision also has entered Microsoft into an additional arena of competition with Google, one of the company's chief rivals.

"I think competition is always a good thing, and up until now, there have been a lot of people trying to compete with Google, but nobody's gotten it done," said John Durrett, an assistant professor of information systems and quantitative sciences. "I think Google is major competition to Microsoft long-term, or Microsoft wouldn't be in the search-engine realm."

The Google Print book search has received media attention recently due to the site's use of copyrighted content.

Google Print allows Internet users to find books and search for specific content within each book, but the service has incorporated digitized versions of copyrighted works into its collection without prior permission from authors.

"Google's method looks for forgiveness," Durrett said. Both the Association of American Publishers and The Authors Guild have filed lawsuits against Google for copyright infringement.

The MSN Book Search and the Open Content Alliance have stated their intent to incorporate copyrighted material only after receiving permission from the copyright holders.

Whereas Google's service aims to allow users to find content within books, MSN's service and the Open Content Alliance are attempting to allow users full use and access to their collections.

"Usually you just want one thing that you're looking for," said Ben Vickers, a senior civil engineering major from Brady. "That's the whole point about search engines in the first place."

Vickers said Google's service would be more useful for him as it contains a larger amount of works, copyrighted or otherwise, than MSN says its service will.

MSN will work with the Internet Archive to digitize and make available books in the public domain first and then move on to authorized copyrighted works.

Durrett said he would not be surprised if Microsoft charges users to view and download the copyrighted content.

"I just am reluctant to believe that Gates or Ballmer is going to do something altruistic," he said.

Google Print's policy of digitizing copyrighted works from the libraries in collaboration with the project did not involve receiving permission from copyright holders beforehand, though the project will remove copyrighted works at an author's request.

In addition, searching for content under copyright and digitized without author permission in Google Print shows only a small amount of text surrounding the search term.

Unlike MSN Book Search and the Open Content Alliance, the Google Print service does not intend for users to have full access to all of the project's content.

Google has been expanding their services recently and has launched both a free voice and instant messaging service, Google Talk, and a program with a fully searchable image of the globe, Google Earth, composed of satellite imagery and maps.

As corporations increase their scope, these larger companies can bring new services to consumers that smaller companies lack the funding to fully realize.

"Whether it's Google or Microsoft, you've got to have a fairly deep pocket to run these projects," said Ed Youngblood, an assistant professor of electronic media and communications.

This type of unbounded expansion can have its drawbacks, however.

Durrett said the increased integration of Microsoft's Office Suite or Internet Explorer with the Windows operating system has allowed less customizability for users in the past.

"The two started getting so meshed together you couldn't tell where one thing stopped and one thing began," he said.



# Authorities raise Fla. death toll to 10

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Authorities raised Florida's death toll from Hurricane Wilma from five to 10 Wednesday and urged the storm's survivors to have patience as they endured long waits for food, water and other necessities.

Gov. Jeb Bush took responsibility Wednesday for frustrating delays at centers distributing supplies to storm victims, but he also said people who have waited in line for hours seeking relief should have done more to prepare for the storm.

"People had ample time to prepare. It isn't that hard to get 72 hours worth of food and water," said Bush, repeating the advice that officials had given days before Wilma blasted across southern Florida early Monday.

The 21st storm in the busiest Atlantic hurricane season on record, Wilma killed at least 12 people

in Haiti, four in Mexico and one in Jamaica before hitting Florida. State emergency management director Craig Fugate said Wednesday that Florida's death toll was 10, up from the five deaths previously reported.

Bush spoke at a joint news conference with Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, who oversees the Federal Emergency Management Agency. FEMA, roundly criticized for its response to Hurricane Katrina, was again a focus of frustration Wednesday as Floridians faced long waits for supplies that the mayor of Miami-Dade County warned were running out.

On Tuesday, trucks carrying the first wave of relief arrived much later than local officials expected or didn't show up at all.

"I understand there are frustrations here," Chertoff said. "As the governor has acknowledged, we can't always get to people what we hope to get and as quickly as we hope to do it."

Bush accepted responsibility for not having distribution centers running smoothly within 24 hours, and promised to try to speed up distribution. His brother President Bush planned a

Thursday visit. At least one distribution site in Miami-Dade was out of supplies, and the other 10 were running low with material from FEMA, Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez said.

Alvarez said it could be Wednesday night before the stocks are resupplied. "I cannot give you a timetable because, ladies and gentlemen, quite frankly, we don't control those assets."

Alvarez called the relief process "flawed," called for more control and oversight and said he was "frustrated, disappointed, angered" with the delivery of supplies.

Items Americans usually take for granted — a bag of ice, a fast-food burger, a gallon of gas — have taken hours of patience to get since Hurricane Wilma made its destructive sweep.

Nine hours after she got in line Tuesday at one designated relief-supply location, Fanie Aristil, 23, of North Miami wearily left for home with 28 pounds of ice and six liters of bottled water.

"All that time," Aristil said. "This is all we get?"

## Lubbock Nurturing Center hosts dinner

Lubbock's Nurturing Center hosts the Nurture Life Dinner, 6:30 p.m. today at the McInturff Center at the University Medical Center. The dinner is free, but donations are encouraged.

Jo Mogan, office manager for the center, said this is an important event for the Nurturing Center.

"This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual dinner to help raise funds for the Nurturing Center," she said.

The Nurturing Center is a pregnancy crisis support center.

Barbara Guigan, the scheduled speaker for the event, has written books and spoken about chastity and virtue for many years.

"She's the president and founder of Life of Virtue International and a renowned chastity educator," Mogan said.

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## Swoopes

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a point in my life where I'm tired of having to pretend to be somebody I'm not," the 34-year-old Swoopes said. "I'm tired of having to hide my feelings about the person I care about. About the person I love."

A release from ESPN The Magazine about the story did not disclose the identity of Swoopes' partner.

A five-time All-Star and three-time Olympic gold medalist, Swoopes is the WNBA's only three-time MVP. She played for the Comets during their run of four championships from 1997-2000, but missed the 2001 season with a knee injury.

She said her biggest worry about her revelation is that people will be afraid to look up to her.

"I don't want that to happen," she said. "Being gay has nothing to do with the three gold medals or the three MVPs or the four championships I've won. I'm still the same person. I'm Sheryl."

Swoopes led the WNBA in scoring last year, averaging 18.6 points. She also averaged 4.3 assists and 2.65 steals while making 85 percent of her free throws and playing a league-high 37.1 minutes a game.

She said it "irritates" her that no one talks about gays playing in men's sports, but that it's become an issue in the WNBA.

"Sexuality and gender don't change anyone's performance on the court," she said. "Women play just as hard as guys do. We're just as competitive."

On the Net:  
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## Reaction

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to this program and our history are unchallenged and are very important to all of us and everybody out here has a lot of respect for that, and there's not anything that should or will ever change that."

Swoopes, who is from Brownfield, went on to play for Sharp and won Tech's only athletic national championship. She is recognized as one of the top female athletes in the world.

Senior Katie Dugger, a human development and family studies major from McKinney, said she pictures women athletes as being more masculine anyway.

"It makes her seem more stereotypical as a woman basketball player," she said.

Whitney Orr, a senior communication studies major, said she agrees with Dugger and is surprised there are not more women athletes coming out.

"I'm surprised nobody from UT has come out," she said. "They're a lot more liberal than us."

In Swoopes interview with Granderson in ESPN The Magazine,

she said she is tired of being someone she isn't.

"My reason for coming out now isn't to be some sort of hero," Swoopes told him.

Sophomore Aaron Wallis, a psychology and English major and member of the Gay-Straight Alliance, said there will be a lot of people who take this negatively since Lubbock is a more conservative than most cities.

"I don't see why her coming out should change anyone's opinion on who she is as a person or player," he said.

Christy Abbott, a sophomore accounting major from Arlington, said she does not believe Swoopes' announcement should change the image of Tech women's athletics, or how people view women athletes.

"I don't think it's that big of a deal," she said. "Playing basketball is about playing basketball, not about what gender you prefer."

Most recently, the Houston Comet forward was honored as the 2005 WNBA MVP on Sept. 18, and according to ESPN, fully intends on coming back to play next season.

Swoopes is scheduled to be recognized as one of several distinguished alumni in a ceremony to be held Nov. 18.

## Miers

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provide any additional information the senators need, Vincent said.

Barnes and GTECH have denied any improprieties. Barnes has not returned repeated phone calls seeking comment on the issue.

As the lottery commission's chairwoman, Miers spearheaded an investigation into GTECH's hiring practices, internal policies and views on influencing govern-

ment officials amid complaints the company's relationship with top lottery officials was too cozy.

After a yearlong inquiry, the commission decided in 1998 to stick with the company, saying it couldn't find a better deal.

Before Littwin's lawsuit, Barnes, who was lieutenant governor from 1969 to 1973, said he couldn't recall helping Bush at the height of the Vietnam War. But he later testified that he'd recommended Bush for a pilot position with the Air National Guard at the request of a Bush family friend.

## WEIGHT A SECOND



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JAKE THOMPSON, A senior chemistry and cell molecular biology major from Ft. Worth, lifts weights at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, while younger brother Jonathan Thompson, a freshman engineering physics major, spots him Wednesday night.

## Nurse

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another resident in retaliation after the disabled person hit her after witnessing the first attack.

"I will not tolerate the abuse of seniors in this state," Abbott said in a public statement.

"Those who are entrusted with the care of patients who cannot care for themselves must live up to their responsibilities or face consequences."

Undercover investigations conducted by the attorney gener-

al's Criminal Medicaid Fraud.

Officers revealed Cunningham allegedly has an extensive history of temperament problems with the residents and staff of Bender Terrace, according to the release.

Cunningham was an employee of Bender Terrace, located at 4510 27th St., for a little more than a year until Jan. 9, said an attorney general spokesman.

Assault charges against Cunningham are classified as third-degree felonies, and she could face penalties of up to 10 years in prison and a maximum \$10,000 fine.

## Cars powered by natural gas coming soon

EAST LIBERTY, Ohio (AP) — Selling cars powered by natural gas to American drivers is no small challenge for Honda Motor Co. Natural-gas stations are few and far between, and until recently the vehicles were nearly as expensive to fuel up as their gasoline-powered counterparts.

Now gasoline prices are up about 60 cents a gallon from a year ago and motorists can buy a device that allows them to get natural gas fill ups at home. Honda plans to expand sales of the natural gas Civic GX next year to major cities around the country.

The automaker, which makes the car in this western Ohio city, hopes to triple its retail business — going from about 500 cars this year to 1,500 in 2006.

"The market is coming to us," said Gunnar Lindstrom, head of Honda's alternative fuels division.

However, many of those who buy natural cars aren't driven by their pocketbooks. They like the idea of having a cutting-edge car that's less polluting and doesn't rely on foreign oil for fuel. And Lindstrom said the car is being marketed as a secondary, commuter car.

Automakers developed natural gas vehicles in hopes that their lower operating cost, cleaner burning fuel and non-reliance on foreign oil would create a market. By 2004, there were about 130,000 vehicles running on natural gas — most of them buses, government vehicles and commercial vehicles. By comparison, there were about 230 million gasoline-powered cars and trucks.

The scarcity of refueling stations kept sales of natural gas vehicles down, and some automakers abandoned their U.S. production.

Honda, which first sold natural gas vehicles only to fleet operators, is the only U.S. automaker that makes a natural-gas-only car for individual motorists. General Motors Corp. offers natural gas trucks but sold fewer than 1,000 last year.

## Butler

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plague counts."

Turley said it is important to note his client did not try to destroy the vials or transport any hazardous materials.

"The only thing he is accused of is contract disputes with Texas Tech University," Turley said. "The more serious charges of the plague accounts have been dropped."

The incident sparked a bio-terrorism scare. President Bush was briefed out of concern that terrorists may have been involved.

After Butler's letter stating that the stolen vials had surfaced, he admitted to the FBI that he had destroyed the vials.

His wife Elisabeth Butler said her husband did not actually destroy the vials but felt pressured from the FBI.

"They told him that if he signed a statement that he destroyed the vials they would go away and he could go back to work," Elisabeth Butler said. "He did not destroy the vials."

Elisabeth Butler said the FBI used her husband.

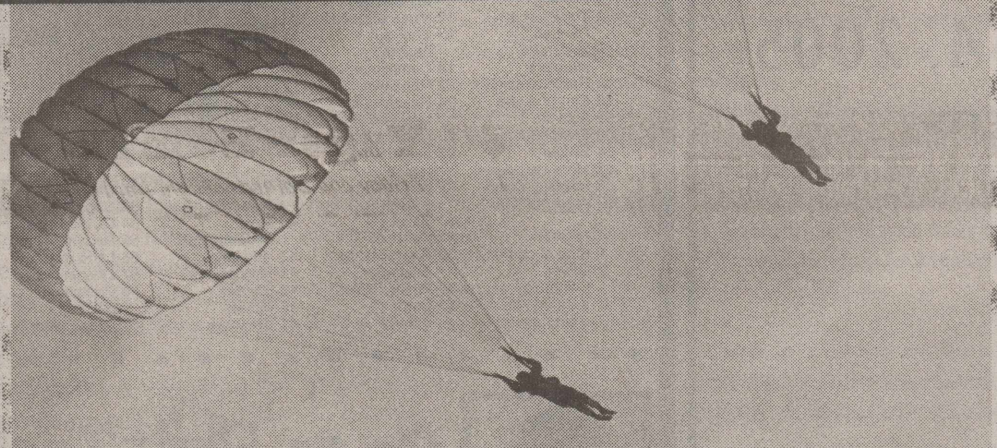
"My husband is being used as a scapegoat," she said, "and for that he is in jail."

Elisabeth Butler said she knows justice will eventually be served, and her husband will be a free man.

"The appeals are not necessarily even being made to reduce jail time," she said. "We don't care about that. The important thing is to clear his name."

Butler agreed to settle with Tech for \$250,000 and officially retired from his position of tenured professor at the university in January 2004. He then surrendered his medical license to the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners.

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## Burned body identified as missing Illinois college student

NORMAL, Ill. (AP) — A body found in a burned-out chicken coop in Mississippi has been identified as that of an Illinois college student who disappeared two weeks ago, authorities said Wednesday.

Dental records were used to identify the remains of 21-year-old Illinois State University senior Olamide Adeyooye, authorities said.

Police did not disclose the cause of death.

"As far as the cause of death, we believe she was already deceased when the body was dropped off in Newton County (Mississippi)," Newton County Sheriff Jackie Knight said. "We have investigators from Illinois here with us but we believe the actual death took place in Illinois."

Knight said he was not aware of any signs of sexual abuse.

A native of Nigeria who moved to suburban Chicago when she was 8, Adeyooye was last seen Oct. 13 at a video store near her off-campus apartment in Normal. Her car, a green 1996 Toyota Corolla, still was missing.

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"In America, it's not where you come from, but where you're going." — Gov. Rick Perry

## Like a rainbow in the clouds

Two DT staff members, Texas-born Techsan women learn and share at the Texas Conference for Women.

Voice — the power to think, speak and more importantly share is what, as women, we have been called to do.

Learning, sharing and using our voices as women is what the Sixth Annual Texas Conference for Women was about. I laughed; I wept; I spoke; and I found my voice at a sold-out room of 7,000 women and men.

Maya Angelou, a poet, historian, author, actress, playwright, activist, producer, director and professor, was the closing keynote speaker. Hearing her use her voice, to own her voice as she sang her songs, as she read her own poetry and as she lectured was the experience of a lifetime and of the conference.

She urged women to find themselves and their voices, to be "a rainbow in the clouds."

Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York used her voice over lunch. Melinda Gates, co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation used her voice to open conference festivities. Maria Hinojosa, a journalist and correspondent who, in my mind, stands 4 feet tall and weighs 70 pounds, used a booming voice to share her experiences.

Author bell hooks wrote, "there should be billboards; ads in magazines; ads on buses, subways trains; television commercials spreading the word, letting the world know about feminism," because "feminism is for everybody."

I am a self-identified feminist. I am a not, however, a "damn-those-men" feminist. I am a feminist who works for equity and reciprocity. I am a feminist who desires to lift up all people by learning from my feminist and anti-feminist sisters

Clara Cobb



alike, and alas, even learning from men.

While all of the speakers used their voices to reach the women of Texas, 7,000 attendants' messages are most important now — what remains.

As former first lady Nancy Reagan pleads for stem cell research; while senator Hillary Clinton may vote pro-choice, but personally has stated she is pro-life; Duchess of York Sarah Ferguson said she found her voice in America.

Remember it is OK to stand up against what you may have been taught, against what people expect you to think, Angelou said. She said to protest where you would normally complain, to act instead of talk and to swim upstream when the current forces you down.

To fly, one must have resistance. Ask yourself: what are you capable of overcoming? Break that glass ceiling, ladies. Break it in the Fortune 500 companies and in your own kitchen. Choose your own destiny.

Feminism is about choice. Be a rainbow in the clouds: Choose to speak your mind; think for yourself and question the rules. Remember well-behaved women rarely make history. Voice, women of Texas Tech, is all we have.

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We've all heard Mariah belt it out and tell everyone she can make it through the rain. We've heard Britney proclaim to the world that she is stronger. Destiny's Child told the entire female population to be independent women.

But I have had the privilege of hearing Maya Angelou tell me to be a rainbow through the clouds.

Coming from a conservative family background and being a freshman journalism major from a small town, I did not think I would be able to relate to the speakers or spectators at the conference. Despite my differences from many of the women at the conference, I felt as though we were all united as one group of powerful, driven and limitless women from Texas.

The sixth annual Texas Conference for Women met Oct. 20 in Austin.

Angelou was one of many speakers present at the conference. Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York; Melinda Gates, wife of Bill Gates; and Maria Hinojosa, journalist and author, spoke to the men and women present.

So many wonderful things happened at the conference, I feel myself struggling to capture it all.

The conference according to the official pamphlet is to "build leaders" and "gather to focus on success as we bring our knowledge, talents, ambitions, and energies together for the benefit of ourselves, our families, our communities, and the great state of Texas."

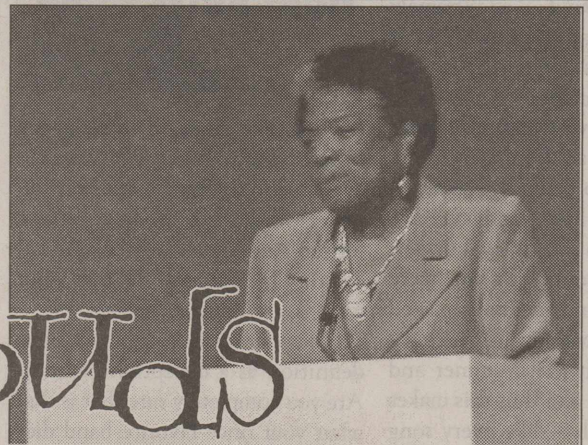
With the all-star line-up of speakers the conference had, I believe they were dead on with their mission statement.

Michelle Casady



I do not consider myself to be a feminist or an anti-feminist, however, after attending the conference and hearing all of the wonderfully talented and respected women speak, I have a new understanding and respect for my gender.

Going to the conference was truly a life-altering experience for me. When you stand 10 feet away from someone as honored and respected as Maya Angelou and hear her speak directly to you about the hardships she has overcome and how we should try to live our



MAYA ANGELOU ADDRESSES 7,000 people at the 6th Annual Texas Conference for Women.

MICHELLE CASADY/The Daily Toreador

lives, you cannot help but to feel a newfound goal and direction in your life.

"Without courage you cannot practice any other virtue consistently," Angelou said. "Courage, is the most important virtue."

Sitting as one woman in a sea of thousands, I still felt empowered by Angelou's poetic words of wisdom. It brought tears to the eyes of many to sit there and hear the stories of struggle and triumph from these amazing women.

I want to leave you all with a thought from Angelou herself: "If life isn't taking you down the path you want to go down, then step off the path and cut yourself a new way."

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# Sell-outs or entrepreneurs?

Many music fans refuse to listen to a band once it becomes readily accessible to the public. Fans feel that if it is no longer underground — so extremely obscure you cannot download it illegally — it is not worthy in self-loathing emo circles.

Say you have watched a band from infancy to adolescence, or from the coffee shop down the street to "Total Request Live," and you have started to feel a sort of loyal ownership to the group. Say you were there when band members passed out drunk on your floor, or you have slept with both the drummer and the lead singer, and thus this makes you feel special — like every song was written for you. One day, gasp, they are picked up by a record label; next they are groomed, taped for a video, appear on "Late Night with Conan O'Brian" and (heaven forbid) debut at No. 7 on a random Tuesday "TRL."

Emotions surge through your body. You jump up and cheer; you call your other groupies, then realize — like an oldest child after the birth of a sibling: you have to share. Sure, you will still get backstage passes when they tour with Hoobastank, but will the group soon forget the little people? The next step is to boycott the music. You have been betrayed to



**Lauren Henckel**

the highest extreme! The music you thought was your best-kept secret is available to the public and you will not promote the group a second longer. As a matter of fact, you will begin to label it as a "sell-out." But what is a sell-out?

Dictionary.com describes the slang definition as a deception or hoax. Are you completely sure that is that what your once-favorite band did? Just because a music group starts getting a legitimate paycheck for doing something it loves does not mean the band members sold their souls to Sony for nothing. People have to move out of their parent's basements and quit their pizza delivery jobs someday. Those with dreams of rocking out thousands in a stadium used for nothing other than over-priced Clear Channel sponsored concerts who make it are the lucky ones. The others who never escape from the basement probably stay there, playing KISS records repeatedly and making bombs or meth or something equally stupid.

Speaking of Gene Simmons, entertainment entrepreneur and former sixth-grade teacher, he has mastered the art of merchandising and media attention. According to www.genesimmons.com, his face is even on Coca Cola bottles in France. You can sport a KISS thong or keychain, or try your luck at KISS-opoly, or even protect yourself from the terrors that breed in Lubbock with a KISS tongue-lubricated "kondom." But ask yourself: Did this band — and more specifically, its members — compromise their musical style to fit in with what the record label told them listeners would want? No. They are who they are and did not change for anyone.

Ashlee Simpson is a prime example of a sell-out. On the first episode of "The Ashlee Simpson Show" last year, she talked with a record producer and discussed the type of album she wanted to make. It was not a conversation comparable to one between George Martin and The Beatles deciding whether the group wanted to combine several solo songs or work on a concept album. Her producer actually asked her what style of music she wanted to do and named other musicians names she could copy. "Do you want to do the Britney thing or a LeAnn Rimes type album?"

Her music comes from no heartfelt love for what she is doing, but what her father and record company

tell her to do. You want to meet a sell-out? You want to boycott someone who deserves to be publicly flogged? Look at Ashlee Simpson. She doesn't even know who she is — unless she has realized she is an idiot. She compromised her beliefs to make a buck (or her dad would ground her) and did not produce anything she believed in.

People are in the music business because they love what they do and just happen to get paid for it. Many of us have feelings of possession for certain musicians. Mine is for a singer-songwriter named Tony Lucca who now has 2,400 friends on www.myspace.com. His next step is to dominate the pop stations, and my hopes of someday marrying him will come to an end.

My plea is this: Do not cast aside a band or remove them from your on-air play list just because they succeeded in their chosen profession. The Killers, Modest Mouse, Weezer, Black Eyed Peas and Joss Stone are all popular, so why don't you play them anymore? The underappreciated and underground, if good, will prevail in the cutthroat world of music and entertainment. You do not have to like it, but please, give your once-favorite band a second chance.

**Henckel is one of The DT's music critics. E-mail comments and questions to Lauren.Henckel@ttu.edu.**

# No point in 'Stay'ing: Thriller lacks answers

Director Marc Forster who made the movies "Finding Neverland" and "Monster's Ball" branched out to try a new genre. The psychological thriller "Stay" has an excellent cast starring Ewan McGregor ("The Island"), Ryan Gosling ("The Notebook") and Naomi Watts ("The Ring"). Unfortunately, the cast was the only aspect of the film used to bring people to the theaters, and the movie suffered greatly for it at the box office.

The trailers and premise given to the public before the movie was released did not incite curiosity like the studio hoped, but the lack of any substantial plot in the trailers made potential audiences wary and drove them to this week's victor at the box office and the safer movie "Doom." However, I am in the same predicament. The reason everything surrounding the film was so indefinite was the entire movie could have been ruined for all viewers with just one wrong word.

"Stay" has to be one of the hardest movies to summarize in fear of giving anything away. I will do my best to describe as much as possible without spoiling anything for anyone.

The film begins with Henry Letham (Gosling) sitting in the middle of the road in front of a burning vehicle with traffic piling up behind it. Then it flashes to Sam Foster (McGregor) waking up. This is the first of many editing techniques used to parallel Henry and Sam's lives. Sam substitutes for a fellow psychiatrist, Beth Levy (Janeane Garofalo), at a university and meets Henry.

Henry is getting counseling for torching his car among other mentally disturbing things. In this particular session, he says he has been hearing voices and cannot tell them apart from real voices. Also, Henry admits he will kill himself on his 21st birthday, which is Saturday at midnight.

The story then becomes a race against time as Sam tries to find Henry and anyone who knows him before Saturday. On his quest, Sam has an encounter with Mrs. Letham (Kate Burton) who believes Sam to be her son as she disappears and reappears through out the house; Dr. Leon Patterson (Bob Hoskins) who Henry believes to be his dead dad; and Athena (Elizabeth Reaser) a waitress who Henry was planning to propose to.

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**FILM REVIEW**

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Movies are rated on a five-star scale.

While Sam is off trying to find Henry, Lila Culpepper (Watts) sits at home and paints while she worries for her boyfriend, Sam. Lila is an artist and a professor at the university where Henry attends. She at one point tried to commit suicide and feels attached to Henry even though she has never met him. Sam also was her doctor when she attempted to kill herself, and he was the one to save her life.

As the time draws closer to Henry's 21st birthday, Sam begins to question reality. He sees things that have already happened, people disappear and time shifts become fragmented and dreamlike. All this begins to mentally torment Sam to a point of screaming "I don't know what's real anymore!" Here lies the theme of the film, the point where reality meets fantasy.

The merging of reality and fantasy also seems to be the movie's hardest concept to understand. The film does not offer any clues to what is really going on until the very end, which makes the movie hard to follow. In the conclusion of the film, everything comes together, and it becomes a more clear as to what is truly going on.

The film does not offer any direct answers. The end of the film will not resolve every question the audience has, but the uncertainty is half the fun. It will make one stay awake in bed thinking of many different reasons why things happened the way they did and drawing conclusions that can never be entirely proved. This is definitely a film that needs to be watched more than once.

"Stay" is not as mind-blowing or unpredictable as "The Sixth Sense" or "Vanilla Sky," but it is highly entertaining and is beautifully made. It is a movie that makes a person wonder and think. Any movie to break moviegoers out of their apathetic and zombie-like viewing patterns is tremendously appreciated.

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OK so they're perfect, or are they? Now your new sweetie may seem to be flawless, but there is always going to be something that is a total deal breaker with anyone that you date. Now I am not talking about the obvious ones like cheating or lying, I am talking about the little, weird quirks that will drive you crazy enough to throw in the towel.

**Morgan Rudy**



Unfortunately, it could take months to uncover these behaviors, but here are some tips to know if your significant other is going to be worth your time. These flaws might not bother you now, but they can lead to things that are much bigger in the future saving you a potential heartbreak down the line.

First of all, are they chronically late? Just so I am clear, "chronic" means "three dates in a row." If they are more than 10 minutes late for each of your dates, there probably shouldn't be a fourth date. If a person is stoked to go out with you, they will be on time and ready to go. Now I know it takes some ladies more time than they allow preparing for a date, but go ahead and allow twice as long as you think you are going to need.

Gentlemen, I know this town is small, but give yourself more time to drive over to her house than you think you'll need.

Do they over salt, under tip or put ketchup on everything at a meal? I know you may be thinking that I am making a class judgement here. Maybe I am! What is wrong with that? If the person you are out with was raised with any sort of manners, they would know to try their food before salting it, realize that people in the service industry make only \$2.13 an hour and that putting ketchup on everything is just really gross. And if they are rude to the waiter, don't even bother scheduling a second date. This is a good sign that they have very little respect for those around them and they will probably execute the same behavior with you one day.

I know we all have messy break ups, and I know that eventually past relationships are going to come up. When it does, watch to see the language they use to talk about their exes. If they are still freshly single, they are probably going to be in the bitter zone. Realize that they might be the rebound — and don't get your hopes

up too high.

If they have been broken up for awhile, and they still do talk about their ex like they were dating Satan himself, run! This could be your one day, and do you really want your name dragged through the mud like that?

Back to the past relationship topic, how long was their last relationship and the ones before that? Anyone who has never had a relationship longer than three months in their life should be a red flag.

I was amazed by a past boyfriend that told me he had never been in a relationship longer than two months and for some reason I thought I could change him. Wrong!

Now there are those few exceptions, but if you are looking for a relationship that will last longer than the Boston Red Sox's playoff season this year, then try and find someone who has at least managed to keep a partner around for awhile.

Now a big thing in my book is the money conversation. I love money; I love talking about it and specifically how to get more — but never anytime during the beginning of the relationship. For now, let's just list two red flags you can spot early on: if a man suggests splitting the tab on a first date or

that the woman should pay. Um, is chivalry dead?

Now I know this isn't always fair, especially if, for instance, the woman is a CEO and the man is a freelance writer. But it's the way it is, and any man who tries to worm out of the bill for the sake of saving a few bucks is a creep who needs to be ditched. For men, an early red flag about money may not start waving until the third or fourth date.

Many women begin life as daddy's girls — a few stay that way (like myself). These women sometimes feel men should provide them with the lifestyle to which they've grown accustomed. If you're a sugar daddy yourself, have fun. If not, back off. Over time, you'll only be despised — and dropped!

Let me ask you this. Can they kiss? Is the sex bad? I don't feel I need to go into too much detail

here, do I? I have friends who say they can train someone to be a better kisser and lover, but why bother? Bad kissers pretty much stay bad kissers, and bad sex may get better after the first, awkward time, but trust me when I say after two or three times of the same repeat experience, it will only get worse from there. Make sure you don't fool yourself into thinking kissing and sex are not a big part of relationships — they are. That is the difference between friends and boy/girlfriends.

Now I have my own deal breakers such as a dirty house (especially the bathroom and bed), tight-whities, bad table manners, Mets

fans (go Yanks), no car, no job, no education, no drive in life and bad teeth — but that's not too bad right? I have friends who won't date men for the simple reason that they don't have good shoes. Oh wait, that's still me.

All I am saying is look for these red-flag-deal-breakers and realize what yours are. Do this so when you are married with three kids you don't realize the person you're with is awful and you should have never gone beyond that first date with them.

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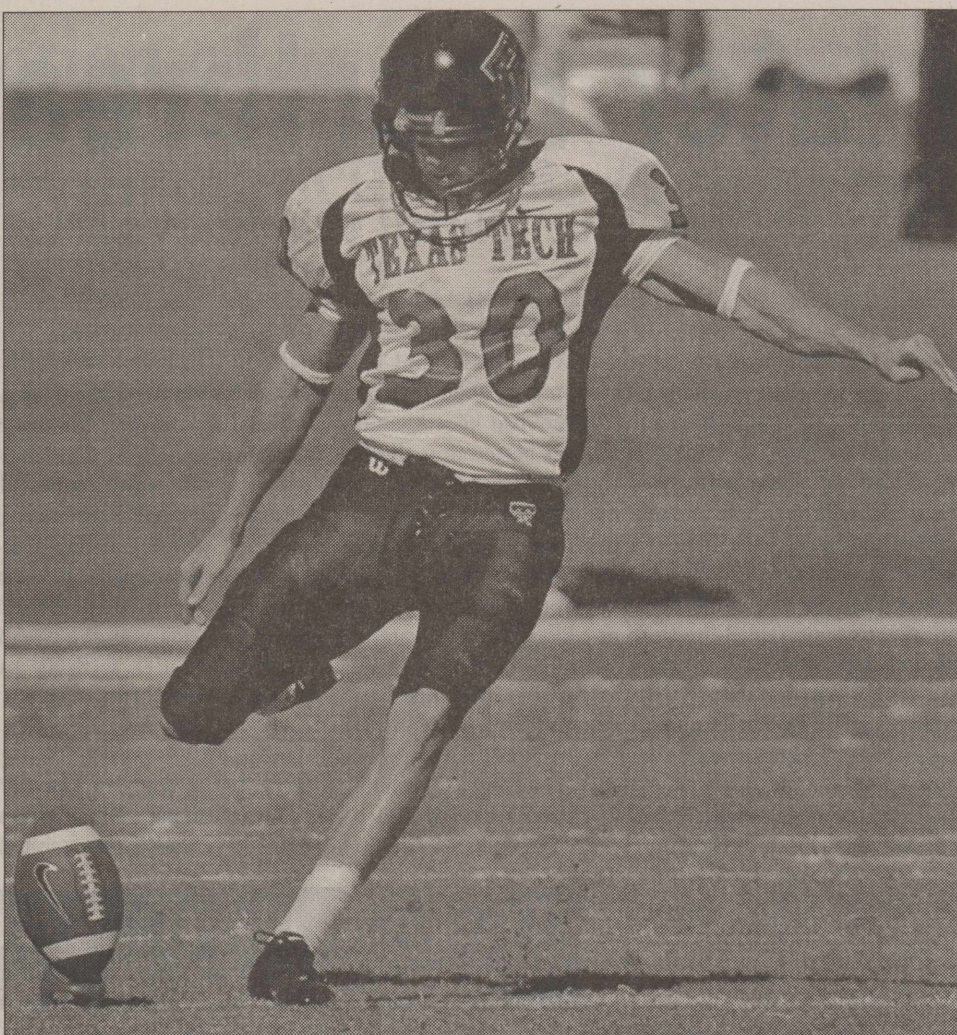
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# Leach says Red Raider's 'Not-so' special teams getting makeover

By BRYAN WENDELL  
MANAGING EDITOR

The Red Raiders' special teams are about to get a little more special. Texas Tech coach Mike Leach announced after his team's loss to Texas he would be using his offensive and defensive starters on special teams plays.

That follows a poor outing against the Longhorns in Austin. Punter Alex Reyes had one punt go 19 yards and another get blocked. The Tech kickoff team kicked one out of bounds and allowed Texas to start their drives on their own 45-yard line, on average.

"We were giving up 25 yards a (possession) in field position, if you add that up by possession that's approximately 300 yards," Leach said.

Tech had 20 net yards per kickoff whereas the Longhorns had 52.9 net yards. In a game that relies on field position, Tech lost that battle and lost the game because of it, Leach said.

The solution Leach calmly named after the game was to use his starters for those extra plays.

But that brings the question: Would Tech's offensive starters, who played 93 plays or defensive starters who had 62 defensive plays against the Longhorns, be able to handle the extra workload?

"First of all, I don't care," Leach said. "None of that's any worse than what (strength and conditioning coach) Bennie (Wylie) puts them through."

Because the way Leach figures, his players are needed just as much by Ruffin McNeill and the special teams unit as they are by anybody else.

"There isn't an offensive play that's any more important than a special teams play, and there isn't a defensive play that's any more important than a special teams play," Leach said.

For Tech defensive back Khalid Naziruddin, another chance to get on the field and play hard is welcome, even if he might be a little rusty.

"(I haven't played) since my junior year in high school, so I need some practice I guess," he said.

He will get plenty of good practice against Baylor Saturday in Waco. Baylor is tied with Texas for second in the conference in kickoff return yards, and the Bears are fourth best in punt returns.

On the other side, Reyes and his

punt unit are second worst in the Big 12 with a net yardage of 29.9.

Naziruddin, who is third on the team in tackles with 32, said he is expecting to play on special teams.

That might mean Tech's top two tacklers, Dwayne Slay and Fletcher Session, also may see the field in non-traditional situations.

If Slay plays on kickoff or punt returns, his six forced fumbles certainly won't hurt the reputation of Tech's special teams.

Baylor offensive coordinator Brent Pease already has heard of Slay, calling him one of the conference's best.

"He comes up and hits," Pease said. "He's a tall kid and he can come out and do some damage."

Naziruddin, like other Raider defenders, simply follows the instructions of the coaches and goes to work.

"All I do is look at the sheet and see where I'm at," he said.

Leach said the players would feel the ramifications of poor special teams play in the practices following the Texas loss.

"Yeah, we'll definitely put more emphasis on it," he said.

And if not, Leach always has his trademark backup plan.

"We'll try to come up with some good fourth-down plays," he said.

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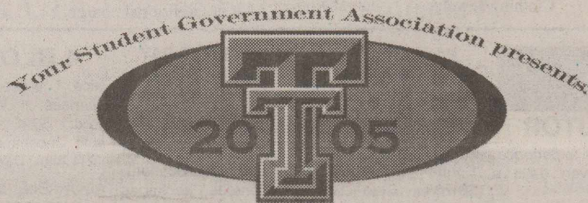


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