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STATE

State wants sex predator treatment for murder convict

CONROE (AP) — Prosecutors said Tuesday that a convicted murderer should be kept in state treatment when he completes his 25-year sentence next year because he is a sexually violent predator.

In the first day of a civil trial conducted under the Texas Sexually Violent Predator Program, state prosecutor Joey Robertson said 44-year-old Wesley Wayne Miller of Fort Worth can't control his "sexual deviant behavior."

The program created in 1999 requires involuntary treatment for convicted sexual predators when their incarceration ends.

NATION

Serial killer Rolling awaits execution for 1990 murders

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — Danny Harold Rolling, Florida's most notorious serial killer since Ted Bundy, awaited execution Wednesday for butchering five college students in a ghastly string of slayings that terrorized the town of Gainesville in 1990.

After 12 years on death row, Rolling, 52, was set to die by lethal injection. His final appeal was before the U.S. Supreme Court, where he was challenging the constitutionality of the chemicals used in Florida's execution procedure.

WORLD

U.S., Iraqi forces raid Shiite stronghold

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. and Iraqi forces raided the stronghold of a Shiite militia led by a radical anti-American cleric in search of a death squad leader in an operation disavowed by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

Al-Maliki, who relies on political support from the cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, said the strike against a figure in al-Sadr's Mahdi militia in Sadr City "will not be repeated."

DEATH TOLL

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Police find suitcase near remains at landfill

By PAUL ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Just one day after believing to have found Joanna Rogers in the Lubbock Landfill, the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office found additional evidence to include in their ongoing investigation.

Capt. Don Carter of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office said during a search early Wednesday morning, law enforcement located a suitcase believed to be involved with the death of Joanna Rogers.

"During our search this morning we did recover a suitcase," Carter said. "It is evident the

suitcase is of interest in this case."

When Rosendo Rodriguez confessed to killing Rogers, he said he placed her body inside a suitcase and placed the suitcase in the landfill. Carter said he believes police found this suitcase during the search Wednesday morning.

Carter said police are still waiting on the autopsy report from the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office to verify the body found Tuesday was Rogers. He said word from the medical examiner could come as early as Friday.

In a press conference Tuesday afternoon, the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office said

they found mummified human remains at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday in the Lubbock landfill, and they believe the remains to be the body of Joanna Rogers.

The sheriff's office has been conducting a search of the landfill for Rogers since Aug. 24, utilizing multiple law enforcement agencies for the search, including the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Department of Public Safety.

According to the press release, the search, when finished, covered a 250-foot-by-175-foot area, 30 feet deep. An estimated 48,211 cubic yards of debris were searched.

The decision to search the landfill came after Rodriguez confessed to abducting and killing Joanna Rogers and placing her body in the Lubbock landfill. In December 2005, Rodriguez was first named as a suspect in the disappearance of Joanna Rogers.

The confession came at a time when Rodriguez was negotiating a plea bargain with Lubbock district attorneys. The plea bargain meant Rodriguez would receive less jail time in return for his confession.

During the press conference Tuesday, Lubbock County District Attorney Matt Powell said

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[DAY IN THE LIFE—SEVENTH PART: TRAVELING EVANGELIST]



SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Treador

FOUNDER OF THE Open Air Outreach Ministry Jesse Morrell preaches to students in the free speech pavilion near the Student Union Building Monday afternoon.

REACHING THE MASSES

Open Air Outreach traveling evangelist preaches, teaches college students

By NAOMI KASKELA
STAFF WRITER

Everyone has a bad day, including traveling evangelist Jesse Morrell of Open Air Outreach. Morrell, however, uses his bad days and past decisions to reach out to students on college campuses across the country instead of giving up.

Morrell said he became a Christian five years ago after a difficult period in his life. Beginning in his teens, he said he sold drugs, frequently got in fights and went to jail several times.

The scar on his neck is proof of that time in his life.

Today, Morrell said he faces being hit with college textbooks, getting yelled at and being kicked and punched while he preaches to students.

"Everyone needs to be encouraged sometimes," he said. "Constantly being in an atmosphere of opposition, I get discouraged sometimes."

Morrell said his personal transformation occurred after a preacher came to the jail he was in to speak to the inmates. He said the preacher used blunt terms to get his point across.

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N.J. court opens door to gay marriage, lawmakers to make final call

By GEOFF MULVIHILL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey's highest court opened the door Wednesday to making the state the second in the nation to allow gay marriage, ruling that lawmakers must offer same-sex couples either marriage or something like it, such as civil unions.

In a ruling that fell short of what either side wanted or feared, the state Supreme Court declared 4-3 that gay couples are entitled to the same rights as heterosexual ones. The justices gave lawmakers 180 days to rewrite the laws.

The ruling is similar to the 1999 high-court ruling in Vermont that led the state to create civil unions, which confer all of the rights and benefits available to married couples under state law.

"Although we cannot find that a fundamental right to same-sex marriage exists in this state, the unequal dispensation of rights and benefits to committed same-sex partners can no longer be tolerated under our state Constitution," Justice Barry

T. Albin wrote for the four-member majority.

The court said the Legislature "must either amend the marriage statutes to include same-sex couples or create a parallel statutory structure" that gives gays all the privileges and obligations married couples have.

The three dissenters argued that the majority did not go far enough. They demanded full marriage for gays.

Gay rights activists had seen New Jersey as a promising place because it is a largely Democratic state in the Northeast. The only state to allow gay marriage is Massachusetts. The only states allowing civil unions are Vermont and Connecticut. New Jersey is also one of just five states that have no law or constitutional amendment expressly banning gay marriage.

If the court had legalized gay marriage outright, the effect could have been more far-reaching, and New Jersey could have become more of a magnet for gay couples than Massachusetts, which has a law barring out-of-state couples from marrying there if their marriages would not be recognized in their home states. New Jersey has no such law.

A clear-cut ruling legalizing gay marriage this close to Election Day could also have been a political bombshell, galvanizing Republicans and the religious right. Eight states have gay marriage bans on their ballots in November.

New Jersey Republicans, who are in the minority in the Legislature, said they would work to ban same-sex unions by enacting a constitutional amendment.

For gay rights advocates, there was debate over whether the ruling was a victory.

Lara Schwartz, legal director of Human Rights Campaign, said if legislators have to choose between civil unions and marriage, it is a no-lose situation for gay couples. "They get to decide whether it's chocolate or double-chocolate chip," Schwartz said.

Steven Goldstein, executive director of Garden State Equality, New Jersey's main gay rights group, said his organization wants nothing short of marriage. "We get to go from the back of the bus to the middle of the bus," he complained.

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SGA makes changes to RaiderGate

By BEN MAKI
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association announced a few changes will be made to RaiderGate before Texas Tech's football game against the University of Texas on Saturday.

Matt Fowler, SGA internal vice president, said RaiderGate will start at 1:30 p.m., half an hour earlier than normal, and will end at 4:30 p.m. RaiderGate usually starts three hours before game time and ends an hour before kickoff. Kickoff for the game against the Longhorns is scheduled for 6 p.m.

"We want to make sure that students who take part in RaiderGate have the opportunity to make it to the Texas game on time," Fowler said.

As a result of the time change, musical performer Wade Bowen will start at 2:30 p.m. instead of his original scheduled starting time of 3 p.m.

SGA President Ryan Worley said he wants everyone to be informed of the change to experience RaiderGate the way it is supposed to be.

"We will be closing the gates for RaiderGate at 3 instead of 3:30 as well," Worley said. "We want everybody to come out and enjoy the RaiderGate, and we don't want anyone to be surprised because they can't get in."

Worley said he expects every one of the allotted seats in the student section to be used during the game this weekend.

"We are trying to encourage students to squeeze together a little closer this weekend, so we can fit as many people in as possible," Worley said.

According to the <http://www.texastech.com> Web site, all seats for the Texas game have been sold.

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Tech police blotter

By LIZ BOYD
STAFF WRITER

Oct. 24

A woman's bicycle was taken from the north bicycle rack of Wall Hall. Texas Tech police investigated the theft.

A female student suffered from an accelerated heart rate in the Petroleum Engineering building. A Tech officer responded to the medical emergency, and Emergency Medical Services transported the student to the University Medical Center emergency room.

A nonstudent was arrested for driving with an invalid license, two outstanding Lubbock Police Department warrants and three Lubbock County citations. The woman was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and her vehicle was released to her husband.

Two Tech officers investigated a hit-and-run traffic accident of an

unattended vehicle in the C11 parking lot.

A female student suffered from an allergic reaction to prescribed medication in the lobby of Chitwood Hall. Two Tech officers responded to the medical emergency, and the student was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room by Emergency Medical Services.

Cigarette smoke activated a smoke detector setting off a fire alarm in Weymouth Hall. Tech police documented information regarding the fire alarm.

Oct. 23

A female student was feeling faint in the Biology building, and a Tech officer responded to the medical emergency. The student refused treatment at the scene by Emergency Medical Services.

An unknown person threatened to injure a traffic and parking employee who issued a parking citation to his

vehicle. A Tech officer investigated the class C assault, which occurred in the R15 parking lot.

The exterior concrete on the west side of the Civil Engineering building was marked with a black marker, and Tech police investigated the graffiti.

A student was arrested for driving with an invalid license and three Lubbock County citations following an observed traffic violation in the 3300 block of 18th Street and subsequent traffic stop in the C11 parking lot. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail, and his vehicle was towed by Lubbock Wrecker Services.

A male student suffered from possible alcohol poisoning in Clement Hall. Two Tech officers responded to the emergency, and the student was transported to the Covenant Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.

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Man alleges sexual abuse by same priest who acknowledged fondling former Rep. Foley as boy

MIAMI (AP) — Another former altar boy says he was sexually abused in the 1970s by the same retired Catholic priest who acknowledged fondling former Rep. Mark Foley when Foley was a teenager, the man's attorney said Wednesday.

The new allegations against the Rev. Anthony Mercieca were made by a man who lived in North Miami and was an altar boy at St. James Catholic Church, where Mercieca worked, attorney Jeffrey Herman said.

Herman said he planned to file a lawsuit Wednesday against the Archdiocese of Miami. His client, now 40 and identified in the lawsuit only as John Doe No. 26, says Mercieca abused him when he was about 12 years old.

"He had been thinking about it before Foley came forward, and then when Foley came out and the church encouraged other victims to come forward, he decided to come forward," Herman said.

The man said "all of my nightmares came back" when Mercieca's picture appeared on the news last week amid Foley's claims that the priest had molested him. Foley had

resigned amid accusations that he sent sexually explicit messages to teenage boys who had worked on Capitol Hill.

Mercieca, 69, now lives on the Maltese island of Gozo in the Mediterranean. No one answered the phone at his home Wednesday. His lawyer, Alfred Grech, did not return calls to his cell phone.

Archdiocese of Miami spokeswoman Mary Ross Agosta, asked about the latest allegations, said: "Any of this type of behavior by Father Mercieca was unknown to the archdiocese and we had absolutely no information to indicate that the father did or would engage in any type of inappropriate or abusive behavior."

The Miami Archdiocese barred Mercieca from all church work as it investigates Foley's claim that the clergyman molested him when Foley was an altar boy at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lake Worth in 1967.

Mercieca is now retired and does not serve in any parish, but he regularly celebrates Mass and hears confession in the cathedral on Gozo, according to the Archdiocese of Malta.

In multiple interviews last week, Mercieca denied having sexual intercourse with Foley, but he did acknowledge being nude with him when Foley was a boy.

Mercieca also denied having sex with any underage children.

Herman said his client and Mercieca took a bicycle ride together one day after altar boy practice and then returned to the church where the abuse occurred.

"It was fondling and he performed oral sex on the boy," Herman said. "He attempted on another occasion following altar boy practice, but the boy declined to go on this bike ride and he never went back to the church after that."

Mercieca served as an assistant pastor at the church from 1975 to 1985, according to church records.

Foley resigned from Congress last month after he was confronted with sexually explicit computer communications he had sent to male teenage pages who worked on Capitol Hill. He has since entered a 30-day rehabilitation program for alcoholism, according to his attorneys.



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Mavs doctor hopes to raise \$1 million to put AEDs in schools

DALLAS (AP) — A group headed by the Dallas Mavericks team physician said Wednesday it plans to raise \$1 million for at least one automated external defibrillator in every Texas public high school after a recent mandate requiring the device.

The donations would help solve how some cash-strapped school districts obtained the life-saving heart stimulator, also known as AED, which costs about \$1,200.

The University Interscholastic League voted last week to require that all 1,300 public high schools have at least one AED on campus but did not address how schools would

pay for them.

The Texas Sports Medicine Foundation has already raised about half its goal and will give priority to rural school districts with smaller budgets, said Dr. T.O. Souryal, the group's founder.

"We're the safety net," said Souryal. Putting AEDs on high school campuses vaulted to the forefront of the UIL's agenda after a recent rash of students who collapsed with suspected heart trouble, including three teenage football players who died in a 10-day span in Houston.

At least 600 high schools in Texas already have the devices in place, and

most large school districts own several for their many campuses.

State Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, said Wednesday she will introduce a bill next month that would require an AED at all athletic events, including games and practices. The Legislature convenes in January.

The bill will direct school districts to first try to secure funds for the devices through federal grants or private donations. Failing that, Souryal's foundation would cover the cost.

Logistically, Nelson's bill could require schools to have several AEDs, since subsvarsity and varsity teams in different sports practice at the same time on different parts of campus.

Souryal, who said he worked with Nelson on the bill, said they talked about making AEDs available within a specific proximity of games or practices but decided to make the wording "readily available." He said each campus would be unique in how close the device is to athletes.

"It depends on the geographical layout of the schools," Souryal said. "But we have to start somewhere. I would rather them have one rather than none."

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Black aide cited in TV debate rejoins Friedman campaign

HOUSTON (AP) — Turns out "Frank from Atlanta" really isn't from Atlanta.

But he is Frank. He is black. And he's now back in Texas to help his long-time friend Kinky Friedman, who's been dogged by accusations of racism as he pursues his independent bid for governor.

"I'm here to help my buddy," Frank Mason, 62, who builds homes in Athens, Ga., said Wednesday.

Friedman cited "Frank from Atlanta" in the lone televised gubernatorial debate earlier this month when challenged to provide the name of a black campaign aide or friend involved in the race.

"Whenever he'd come to Atlanta for a book signing, that's where I would meet him," Mason said. "That's why he calls me 'Frank from Atlanta.'"

Friedman has been portrayed by critics as racially insensitive after his remarks that "thugs and crackheads" among Hurricane Katrina refugees in Houston were responsible for a spike in Houston crime. Opponents to his candi-

dacy also found a recording of an old Friedman comedy act where he used racial slurs referring to blacks. State Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, has appeared in ads calling Friedman a racist, and he was excluded from speaking to the state NAACP convention when his three major opponents were invited.

"It stinks," Mason said. "I see what they're saying, what they're doing. It's politics as usual. That's what it's all about."

Mason, who has no official staff title or role, said he spent two previous 10-day tours with the campaign earlier this year when Friedman was collecting signatures to qualify for the ballot. He returned Monday to join Friedman on the campaign trail.

Friedman was in Houston Wednesday, winding up the day with a \$1,000-a-head fundraiser with Lyle Lovett as the featured performer.

"I'm doing whatever they ask me to do here," Mason said. "I'm not looking to take any steam from Kinky. He's such a good guy, such a good man. He's someone I love

very very dearly."

Mason said he and Friedman became friends more than 25 years ago when he worked at the Lone Star Cafe in New York City and the musician and humorist was appearing there. He said some other musician friends were watching the Oct. 6 debate on TV and called him after his name surfaced.

Mason then called Friedman. "He said: 'C'mon down. And I said I'm on my way,'" Mason said. "My flight was booked for the 23rd. And I'm here."

Friedman has denied being a racist.

"It hurts me," Mason said of the accusations. "And I know it's hurting him," Mason said of the accusations. "And I know it's hurting him."

Marriage

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The New Jersey high court castigated the treatment same-sex couples receive under the law.

"The seeming ordinariness of plaintiffs' lives is belied by the social indignities and economic difficulties that they daily face due to the inferior legal standing of their relationships compared to that of married couples," the court said.

Outside the court, news of the ruling caused confusion, with many of the roughly 100 gay marriage supporters outside asking each other what it meant.

"I'm definitely encouraged," said Chris Lodewyks, one of the plaintiffs who gathered at a Newark law office. But he added, "I'm not sure what this exactly means in terms of marriage."

Another plaintiff, Sandra Toby-Heath, was more effusive: "I feel they were listening and paying attention to us as human beings who wanted to have the same rights."

Garden State Equality, New Jersey's main gay political organization, quickly announced that three lawmakers would introduce a bill in the Legislature to give full marriage rights to gay couples.

"New Jersey is a progressive state and has a tradition of tolerance," said one of the lawmakers, Democratic Assemblyman Reed Gusciora.

GOP Assemblyman Richard Merkt said he would seek to have all seven justices impeached. "Neither the framers of New Jersey's 1947 constitution, nor the voters who ratified it, ever remotely contemplated the possibility of same-sex marriage," Merkt said.

RaiderGate

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Worley said there has been a problem with students trying to get into football games without their Tech ID. The Tech ID cards are swiped at the gates, instead of requiring students to have a physical ticket to get into the game.

"Many Tech students have been trying to get into the football games using their driver's licenses," Worley said. "We want to make sure that everybody knows that you have to have a Tech ID, and, especially this weekend, there will be no exceptions."

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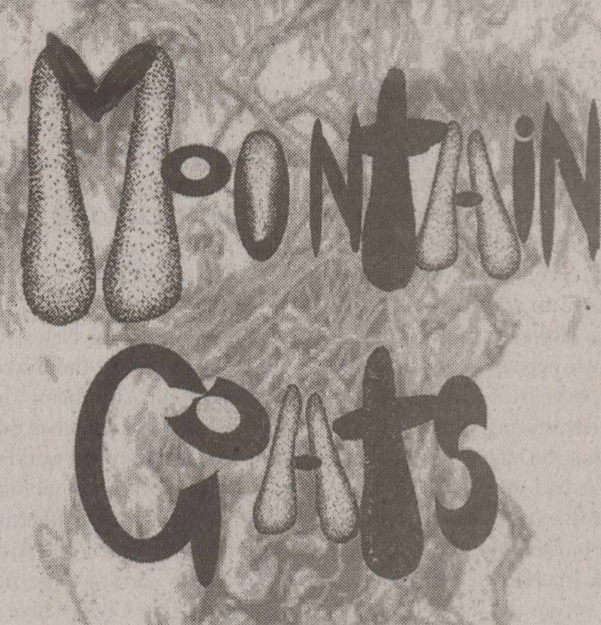
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OPINIONS

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Lubbock can be real without 'Real World'

I hate when you feel like you should be doing something really important, but you just can't remember what it is. I had that feeling this weekend, and it is usually about homework, but all I had was a French test this week, so I knew that couldn't possibly be it. However, I still felt unsettled about something, and it was tearing my precious insides apart. I did not know what it was until Monday morning. That is when I discovered that I had missed the opportunity to try out for MTV's "The Real World."

Carefully chosen friends were telling me all of last week how good a candidate I would be for "The Real World." I would have to agree, not because I would be trying to get into the pants of all the roommates, but because I feel that I am camera-ready. I have a deeply held belief that I was created to spend lots of time in front of a camera to try to make people adore me. However, I missed my opportunity to appear on the show. But that is not the truly saddening part.

The devastating chapter of this story is that the majority of Lubbock felt like it had something better to do rather than try out to be the next female (or male, I guess) bar-dancing superstar. Michael Sellers, who apparently set up the day-long event, was quoted in Monday's edition of *The Daily Toreador* as being "highly disappointed" with the turnout of "Real World" hopefuls. Sellers was later quoted as saying, "This is the one chance Lubbock has to get on the map." That, my friends, is simply not true. I MapQuested Lubbock, and it is, in fact, on the map — seemingly equidistant from both Amarillo and Odessa — just in case you were wondering.

However, if Lubbock could not be found on the map, couldn't we collectively find a better way to create some space for it? I have a few (actually, one) ideas on how to go about accomplishing this feat and none of them require dancing on bars, confessionals or the dubious consumption of alcohol.

There is a group of young ladies from Lubbock (sort of) who have been exiled (somewhat) because of their beliefs, but more so because of their mouths. One of the young ladies used her First Amendment right to express herself and, as a result, has been incessantly ridiculed for it by those appearing more patriotic than she. This hypocrisy needs to stop, and Lubbock should carry the torch for the rest of the country.

Lubbock should endorse the Dixie Chicks.

Please consider this proposition before discounting it. It would show the world that although the citizens of Lubbock despise being the focal

Justin Dove



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point of demeaning lyrics, we promote the right for those lyrics to be dispersed. Also, being that Lubbock has more churches than 7-11's, we could show the world we can be both a beacon of morality and an asylum of civil liberties. We could even have a free kick-off concert to showcase our new creation: "Dixie Chicks Live at Urbanovsky Park." It would turn heads — toward Lubbock.

I understand the backlash against the Dixie Chicks and the reservations about supporting them. The words they are so famous for uttering — they were ashamed President George W. Bush is from Texas — were not said on American soil. I'm sure had they actually been somewhere in a sold-out stadium in the states when they said that, it probably would've made little difference. However, since they were not at Madison Square Garden, the Pepsi Arena or the Target Center, it only added more fuel to the verbal fire.

But, I think acceptance of anything said, regardless of origin of utterance, should be tolerated and promoted, especially in Lubbock. After all, some of the ideals we are trying to instill in other countries (empowerment of voice, especially in Iraq) are the very ideals we are trying to quash by shutting up the Dixie Chicks. Therefore, please consider my proposition. I think it would work. I'd really hate to have to resort to supporting cast members of "The Real World." We already know how I feel about supporting playmates.

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VIEW FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY

Sure, Sure. Mm-hmm, Mm-hmm.

By **GEOFF JOHNSON**
ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGIAN (COLO. STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Recently, I've been saying "sure" (pronounced like a very short "sher") and "mm-hmm, mm-hmm, mm-hmm" (said rapidly) a lot. My friend Kate got me started. When Kate and I speak in sures and mm-hms, it goes something like this:

Kate says, "Just got off work."
I say, "Sure. Sure," nodding my head slowly and methodically. "Job's going well?"

She says, "Mm-hmm, mm-hmm, mm-hmm," also nodding in no hurry and with purpose.

I say, "Good. Sure. Mm-hmm, mm-hmm, mm-hmm."

But not everyone loves "sure" and "mm-hmm, mm-hmm, mm-hmm" as much as Kate and I do. You can ask any

of my exasperated friends. They'll tell you that I say "sure" and "mm-hmm, mm-hmm, mm-hmm" way, way too much. Sometimes, they want to punch me in the face. Mm-hmm, mm-hmm, mm-hmm. Sure, sure.

For whatever reason, they think I'm being insincere. For instance:

Person A says, "I've been really depressed lately."

As he or she says it, I say "Sure. Sure," with the slow nod.

Person A continues, "Stop that. But yeah, like I was saying, my (significant other) just doesn't understand me at all, you know?"

I say, "Mm-hmm, mm-hmm, mm-hmm."

Person A says, "You're a real jerk, you know that?"

I say, "Ah... sure. Sure. Mm-hmm, mm-hmm, mm-hmm."

So I've been thinking about quitting. Sure. It's because of the hurt feelings.

Reminds me that I've just passed the one-year anniversary of my last cigarette. I remember it vividly, that cigarette. It was a Camel Turkish Silver somewhere between 9:35 and 9:40 a.m. on the cloudy morning of October 18th, 2005, in front of the Clark Building.

Smoking was a big part of my life

— mm-hmm, mm-hmm, mm-hmm — if you can't tell by the fact that I know not only the date but also the time of day of this last cigarette.

So I think to myself, if I kicked the nicotine, how come I can't kick this silliness with "sure" and "mm-hmm, mm-hmm"?

But quitting Camels was harder than not laughing at a friend taking a good fall on some ice (come on — you know that's hard).

I really only quit because the near-constant tobacco smoke made me come down with bronchitis. It hurt to breathe Colorado's cool, clean air, let alone toxic cancer sticks. I decided I needed to quit so bronchitis wouldn't happen anymore.

And just like the annoying utterances, "sure" and "mm-hmm," people had been telling me I needed to quit smoking for a long time before I finally did.

I'd light a cigarette, and a non-smoking friend would say, "Are you smoking?!" You know that's bad for you!"

I'd say, "Yes," blowing out smoke.

She'd say, "So stop!"

I'd take a drag and say, "Not just yet."

She'd say, "Come on!"

Tapping the end, I'd say, "I'll quit."

I will."

Good-intentioned they may have been, these gentle nudgings from my friends were not and could not have been what made me quit in the end. I love them for caring about my health, but it had to be for me — something I wanted, selfish as that may sound — and the bronchitis made it about me.

So this leads me to an important question: Is there an illness that is (1) caused by saying "sure" and "mm-hmm, mm-hmm" and (2) makes it painful to utter said words?

Until I stumble upon such a disease, I will most likely be saying "sure" and "mm-hmm" a whole lot, and my interactions will go something like this:

Person B says, "Have you tried one of these burritos?"

I say, "Mm-hmm, mm-hmm, mm-hmm. Sure. Sure."

Person B says, "See?! I can never tell if you're serious!"

I say, "Ah... Sure. Sure. Mm-hmm. It happens."

Person B bops me on the nose and says, "Ugh!"

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Open Air evangelists distort message of Christianity

I want to thank the paper for the article on the Open Air Outreach Ministries. I was excited at first to see that there was a ministry on campus that was so outspoken and visible to the students. Then I read the article and was upset at what I found. Unfortunately, I think the ministry's aim is all wrong. The article made it seem that they condemned people for their sins and judged who they are as people. Morrell's comments about the Tech campus made me furious. Why is he here if he would rather be up

north where there are fewer hypocrites? Why is he here if he thinks we are so sinful? Who is he to judge who we are as a student group?

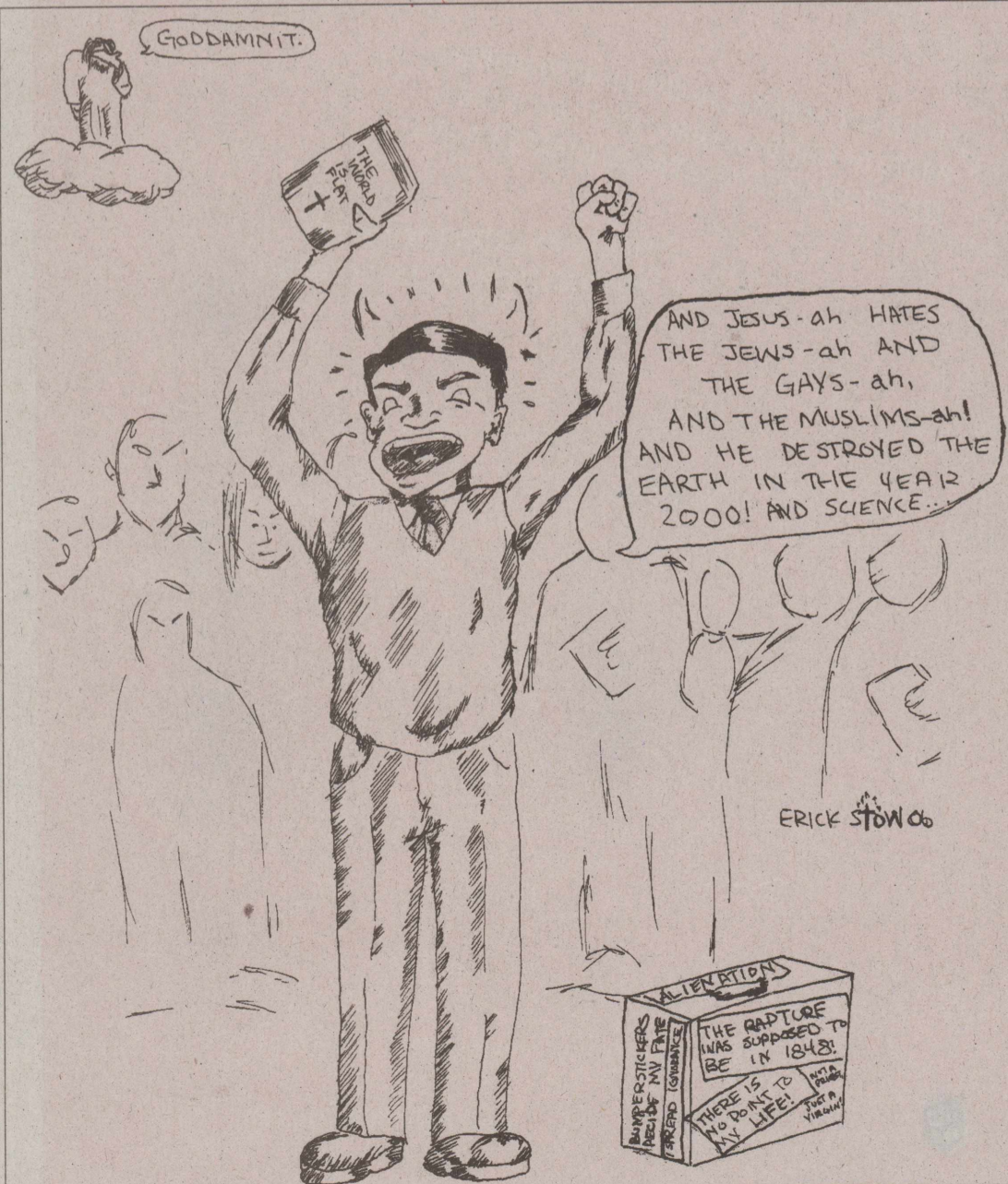
As a believer in the love of Christ, I do not believe the approach of these men is right. To condemn people of their wrongs is to turn your back on your own. As a Christian, I am supposed to spread the love of the man who died for me, for you, and for every single person on this campus, in this world.

I think that a student at the rally

Tuesday, or one who read the article, as I did, may have the wrong impression of Christians. We are just as sinful, just as imperfect, and just as human as the person next to us. There is nothing that gives us the right to condemn, for we make the same mistakes as everyone else.

Thank you, again, for the article. It made me realize that my focus should be on love and acceptance, not condemnation and judgment.

— Sarabeth Clopton, a freshman undecided major from Garland



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Evangelist

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"I came under the conviction by the spirit of God that I did deserve Hell," he said. "We do talk about Hell, and we do talk about sin, and we do talk about Jesus."

Sometimes the message, or at least the method used to get the message across, is not popular among some students.

Morrell said his past experiences help him deal with the negativity.

"I've learned how to work with the police," he said. "I was very hot-headed when I first started. Now, through experience, I have learned to negotiate with them."

However, this does not mean he has been free from conflict. Several times while preaching he has been arrested or at least fined.

When he is arrested on public areas for trespassing or disturbing the peace, as has happened before, he said he goes to court.

"In a general case, we win our cases, and we file a lawsuit," he said. "It's not a way to gain money but a way to gain freedoms."

Recently married, Morrell said he will begin traveling with his wife in an RV to continue preaching. His wife may help him in certain situations, he said.

"Sometimes the crowd won't be as harsh when they hear a woman's voice," he said. "She's certainly not as abrasive or shocking as we are when we preach."

Morrell's journey to preaching on college campuses may have started about five years ago, but first he went directly to the streets.

The first listeners to his message were the small crowds that formed at parks, bus stops and other locations he chose as his platform.

Preaching on the streets was not as enjoyable as preaching on college campuses, he said.

"People say once you start preaching on campuses, you'll never return to the streets," he said.

In Morrell's case, this is not entirely true.

While he said he enjoys the large, educated crowds he speaks with on a campus, he will not completely rule out other places.

"I'll preach anywhere there are people," he said.

Morrell said his profession takes up most of his time, but he still is able to enjoy other things.

The organization likes to be at a different college campus for five days a week, but in between he said enjoys reading and writing.

He was handing out excerpts from one of his books, "Wolves in Sheep's Clothing," on the Texas Tech campus Monday.

He said he is not college educated and neither are any of the other members of the organization, but organization members realize the importance of education.

"We all strongly believe in

education," he said, "but after seeing the way some students act, sometimes I don't think I'd like to go to their school."

A question raised by several students watching Morrell preach concerned sin, especially regarding Morrell's morals.

"We're not free from sin because we do this," he said. "We're free because Jesus Christ has set us free."

But, he said he believes Open Air Outreach members are better in some ways than other people.

"We're not any better in our intrinsic value," he said. "But in all honesty, Christians ought to live better than non-Christians."

He said he does not believe they are false preachers as they have been called before.

As the founder of Open Air Outreach and one of the active members, Morrell said hopefully the future of the organization will be expansion.

He said one day he hopes to have a whole parking lot of RVs with a preacher in each, ready to travel to a campus in America.

To reach this goal, Morrell said he will not be approaching people himself to join the organization.

"I don't approach anyone," he said. "They (the current preachers) felt the Lord lead them to it."

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Bush acknowledges public discontent at home with war in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a somber but combative pre-election review of a long and brutal war, President Bush conceded Wednesday that the United States is taking heavy casualties in Iraq and said, "I know many Americans are not satisfied with the situation" there.

"I'm not satisfied either," he said at a speech and question and answer session at the White House 13 days before midterm elections.

Despite conceding painful losses, Bush said victory was essential in Iraq as part of the broader war on terror.

"We're winning and we will win, unless we leave before the job is done," he said.

Bush said that as those fighting American and Iraqi forces change their strategies, the United States is also adjusting its military tactics.

"Americans have no intention of taking sides in a sectarian struggle or standing in the crossfire between rival factions," he said.

Several Democratic critics have said that is precisely what the administration is risking with an open-ended commitment of American forces, at a time that a year-old Iraqi government gropes for a compromise that can satisfy Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish political interests.

Bush spoke as Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said the U.S. government has a right to revise its policies as it sees fit. At the same time, the

Iraqi leader said talk of timetables for troop withdrawals "is not coming from the inner circles in the U.S. government," but the product of the American election campaign. "And that does not concern us much," al-Maliki said.

"I affirm that this government represents the will of the people and no one has the right to impose a timetable on it," the Iraqi told reporters.

At his news conference, Bush sought a middle ground in terms of pressing the Iraqis to accept more of the responsibility for their own fate and said that "a fixed timetable for withdrawal in my judgment means defeat."

"We are making it clear that America's patience is not unlimited," Bush added. "We will not put more pressure on the Iraqi government than it can bear."

Bush spoke as polls showed the public has become strongly opposed to the war, and increasing numbers of Republican candidates have signaled impatience with the president's policies.

As he has repeatedly, Bush predicted that Republicans would hold control of the House and Senate in two weeks' time, despite widespread predictions to the contrary. He jabbed at Democrats who he said are "danc-

ing in the end zone" or measuring the drapes for new offices.

"The American people will decide," who wins, he said.

The president said the world expects Iran and Syria to help quell sectarian violence in Iraq, but he rejected the idea of working directly with Iran while Tehran pursues a nuclear program in defiance of the United Nations.

"If they would verifiably stop their enrichment, the United States would be at the table with them," Bush said.

In his opening moments at the podium in the East Room of the White House, Bush departed starkly from a practice of not talking about specific deaths in Iraq.

"There has been heavy fighting, many enemy fighters have been killed or captured and we've suffered casualties of our own," he said. "This month we've lost 93 American service members in Iraq, the most since October of 2005. During roughly the same period, more than 300 Iraqi security personnel have given their lives in battle. Iraqi civilians have suffered unspeakable violence at the hands of the terrorists, insurgents, illegal militias, armed groups and criminals."

He called these events "a serious

concern to me, and a serious concern to the American people."

For all his fervor about the importance of the military mission in Iraq, Bush sidestepped when asked whether the Nov. 7 elections should be viewed as a referendum on the war.

"The election is a referendum on which party has a plan to make the economy grow, and which party has a plan to make the American people safe," he said.

"If we succeed in Iraq, the country (the United States) is more secure. If we don't succeed in Iraq, the country is less secure."

As he has numerous times while campaigning for Republican candidates, Bush said of the Democrats, "I do not question their patriotism. I question whether or not they understand how dangerous the world is."

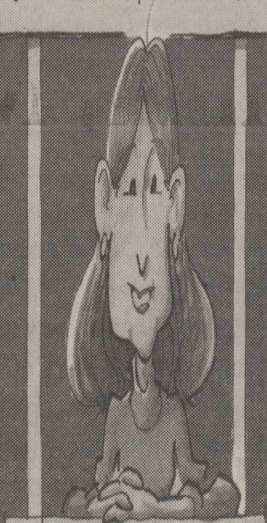
Bush doggedly defended the job that defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has done. "I'm satisfied at how he's done all his jobs. He's a smart, tough, capable administrator," the president said.

Then, the commander in chief took full responsibility for the war.

"You asked me about accountability. It rests right here," he said, pointing at his chest for emphasis, "That's what the 2004 campaign was all about."

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U.S. unveils timeline to curb violence, says more troops may be needed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two weeks before U.S. midterm elections, American officials unveiled a timeline Tuesday for Iraq's Shiite-led government to take specific steps to calm the world's most dangerous capital and said more U.S. troops might be needed to quell the bloodshed.

U.S. officials previously said they were satisfied with troop levels and had expected to make significant reductions by year's end. But a surge in sectarian killings, which welled up this past summer, forced them to reconsider.

At a rare joint news conference with the American ambassador, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, said additional U.S. troops could come from inside or outside Iraq to "improve basic services for the population of Baghdad."

"Now, do we need more troops to do that? Maybe. And, as I've said all along, if we do, I will ask for the

troops I need, both coalition and Iraqis," Casey said. There are currently 144,000 U.S. forces in Iraq.

The military has expressed disappointment over its two-month drive to cleanse the capital of Sunni insurgents and Shiite militia fighters and death squads. But the Americans also say that for the situation to improve, the Iraqi government must make political concessions to minority Sunnis.

The timeline grew out of recent Washington meetings at which the Bush administration sought to reshape its Iraq policy amid mounting U.S. deaths and declining domestic support for the 44-month-old war. The plan was made public a day after White House press secretary Tony Snow said the U.S. was adjusting its Iraq strategy but would not issue any ultimatums.

Tech law school ranked by Princeton Review

By ANNA SCHUMANN
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Texas Tech's School of Law can be found in the Princeton Review's 2007 edition of "Best 170 Law Schools."

According to a press release, Robert Franek, vice president of publishing for Princeton Review, said many factors go in to the schools' assigned ranks.

"We chose schools for this book based on our high regard for their academic programs and offerings, institutional data we collect from the schools and the candid opinions of students attending them who rate and support on their campus experiences at the schools," he said. "We are pleased to recommend Texas Tech School of Law to readers of our book and users of our Web site as one of the best institutions they could attend to earn a law school degree."

Donna Williams, admissions counselor for the law school, said she believes being ranked by the Princeton Review can only help the school's reputation.

"Anytime a school is recognized for its excellence can only help in recruiting and in the applicant pool," she said. "Rankings are of a concern to every law school. It helps to in-

crease awareness of the school."

Williams said many factors contribute to the school's ranking.

"We strive every year to make our law school better," she said, "by hiring excellent faculty members, recruiting top applicants, and we have an open-door policy."

The open-door policy, Williams explained, means students can speak to faculty, administration or staff whenever they need to if at all possible.

She said this is a typical characteristic of the small student body Tech law school strives to maintain.

"Our students have a better chance of getting acquainted with professors and classmates," Williams said. "The smaller law school, which results in an excellent faculty to student ratio, combined with the open-door policy and the general atmosphere of this law school make this the great law school we are."

In addition to being ranked by the Princeton Review, U.S. News and World Report ranks Tech's trial advocacy program as tied for 14th in the country and as tied for 23rd in the specialty of legal writing.

The law school has a student organization responsible for improving the advocacy skills of students: the

Board of Barristers.

Noaman Azhar, chairman of the Board of Barristers and a third year law student from Eugene, Ore., said Tech's advocacy program is ranked because of the program's coaches and the school's administration.

"We're ranked, in part, because we have premier coaches who have been coaching advocacy for over 30 years," he said. "Also, the administration at the law school places a lot of emphasis on excelling in advocacy competitions, so we get a lot of support."

He said Tech's advocacy program played a role in his decision to attend Tech's law school over the University of Texas and Baylor University.

"I knew the law school was good when I applied, but I didn't know it was that good," he said. "Tech has a very strong reputation for producing very strong advocates. It was the strength of the advocacy program, and it's also inexpensive, tuition-wise. It might be the most inexpensive in the country."

Amber Reed Burdine, a third-year law student from Munday, said she believes the law school's rank is well deserved.

"I think it's excellent," she said. "I think it's great it's finally getting the recognition it deserves. We have

excellent faculty and professors who really care about the student body and want us to succeed now and later."

John Caston, a senior history major from Friendswood, hopes to attend law school in New York. Caston is the president of Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity. He said the role of the fraternity is to present the many different types of law schools to students interested in all types of law.

Caston said he recommends Tech's law school for trial and corporate law, but that Tech is a great law school overall.

"Tech is quickly becoming one of the best law schools in the country," he said.

In his decisions to apply to law school, Caston said rank and location play an equal role in which schools to apply to.

"A professor told me once never to go to a law school you have to look on a map to find, so rank plays a big role along with location," he said.

If Caston were staying in Texas, he said Tech's law school would be top choice.

"It was a good school before it was ranked," he said. "Now it's a great school."

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North Korea warns South Korea against joining international sanctions

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea warned South Korea against joining international sanctions, saying Wednesday that its neighbor would "pay a high price" if it joins the U.S.-led drive to punish

the reclusive communist nation for its nuclear test.

The statement from the North's Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland came as South Korea struggles to determine how it should enforce the U.N. sanctions, including whether to help interdict North Korean cargo ships suspected of transporting materials for unconventional weapons.

"If the South Korean authorities end up joining U.S.-led moves to sanction and stifle (the North) we will regard it as a declaration of confrontation against its own people ... and take corresponding measures," the North's Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland said in a statement.

President Bush dismissed North Korea's threats, saying leader Kim

Jong Il was probing for weaknesses in the international community.

"The leader of North Korea likes to threaten," Bush told reporters in Washington. "In my judgment, what he's doing is testing the will of the five countries that are working together to convince him there's a better way forward for his people."

The U.N. Security Council unanimously adopted a sanctions resolution five days after the North's Oct. 9 test, and a South Korean task force met this week to determine how the country should address the measures, including what to do about joint economic projects with the North.

South Korea's participation in the sanctioning the North is important because the country is one of the main aid providers to the

impoverished communist nation, along with China.

Both countries have been reluctant to impose stern measures against their volatile neighbor. China, North Korea's closest ally, voted for the U.N. resolution but is concerned that excessive measures could worsen the situation. South Korea has expressed similar concerns, although there was no immediate response to Wednesday's statement from North Korea.

"If North-South relations collapse due to reckless and imprudent sanctions against us the South Korean authorities will be fully responsible for it and will have to pay a high price," said the statement, carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency.

A top U.S. diplomat said North Korea's test has brought China and the United States closer together and both countries want a unified response.

"China has been in a very important relationship with us for many years and at no time did we feel any closer together with China than we felt in the wake of the North Korea provocation," Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill told reporters during a meeting of Pacific leaders in Fiji.

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he could not comment on whether Rodriguez will be charged with Rogers' death, because the investigation is still ongoing.

Joanna Rogers has been missing since May 4, 2004. She was 16 years old at the time of her disappearance. Her parents last saw her after coming home from work at Subway on 82nd Street and Akron Avenue. The next day, her parents entered her bedroom to find Joanna missing. She left no evidence of where she went. Her cell phone, keys and purse were left in her room, which appeared untouched without a trace of forcible entry, sheriff's detectives said.

During the press conference Tuesday, Powell said the district attorney's office will continue to work closely with the sheriff's office until the case is closed.

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Your secret's safe with me

By JEREMY REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

Secrets can be hard to keep, especially when someone hears roughly 200 of them every day.

Secrets about teenagers who want to tell their mothers they are sorry for using her money on drugs. Secrets about a teenager trying to get pregnant, even though she knows it will ruin her future, just so her boyfriend won't leave her.

Frank Warren, author of "PostSecret" and the soon-to-be-released follow-up, "My Secret," said everyone has a secret to tell.

Warren said he started a project a few years ago by having random people mail a secret to him on a postcard. He took those postcards, which are featured in the music video for The All-American Rejects' song "Dirty Little Secret," and created the book "PostSecret."

The book has since started a flurry of people mailing Warren their secrets. He said he receives anywhere between 100 and 200 secrets a day, and the number is still going up.

"The first book was an all-encom-

passing one for the project," Warren said.

He said Harper Collins, the firm that published his first book, wanted more books after his first project sold so well. His second book, "My Secret," chronicles the confessions of teenagers across America.

"I think postcards from young people are more full of life," Warren said. "I really like the secrets that come from young people."

*Post Secret
on relationships:
"Even though I
know it will ruin all
my future plans,
I'm trying to get
pregnant so he can't
leave me."*

Warren said some of the secrets he receives are about hidden acts of kindness people do for others.

"Sometimes looking at other people's secrets helps us realize the secrets within ourselves," he said.

Some of the secrets sent to Warren are about how an individual hates his or her life, he said. There are postcards detailing about how it is hard for someone to look in the mirror in the morning and how he or she would want nothing more than to end it all.

Warren said it is hard to ignore people like this. It's hard for him not to get involved in their lives, although he said there is nothing he can do.

"When I go to the postcards, one of the things I try to focus on is how hard it was for this person to send the secret in," he said. "I try to think of the hope and healing these people went through by mailing the secret in."

Warren said receiving post cards every day has taught him a lot about human nature.

"Through this project I've learned there are two kinds of secrets," he said. "Those we keep from people around us, and those we keep from ourselves."

Warren's Post Secret project is just that. It is something he does on the side that supplements his income. He maintains a Web site, <http://www.docdell.com>, and he said having that job — one that has nothing to do with his PostSecret project — is just what he needs in his life.

"I really like having that other business because I don't have to load up the PostSecret Web site with advertising," he said.

Warren said he has a book coming out next year called "A Lifetime of Secrets." This book will trace people's innermost confessions from the pre-teen stage to the later parts of people's lives.

In January, Warren will release his third book, "The Secret Lives of Men and Women."

Warren updates his PostSecret Web site every Sunday with a new batch of secrets. Some are meant for comedic purposes. A secret written on a Starbucks cup tells of an employee giving customers caffeinated coffee when they request otherwise.

"The Web site is for people to share

their secrets and hopes in a safe place," he said. "People have rich interior lives."

Warren said he started Post Secret as an exercise to search for truth.

"A lot of us wear these masks in our social lives," he said.

Warren's newest book, "My Secret," was released Tuesday.

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Halloween weekend lights up the Depot Entertainment District

Costume Contests, Drink specials, a late night planned all for Halloween evening, weekend before

By IAN KLUMPP
STAFF WRITER

Halloween falls on a Tuesday this year, and although many students will not let a weekday get in the way of their celebrations, others may prefer to get their annual dose of fright over the weekend.

Jeremy Cortez, a junior human development and family studies major from Lubbock, said he plans

on going out for Halloween this weekend. He said with the holiday being on a Tuesday, he will not be able to celebrate on the actual day because of school and work.

"I would think and hope more students would go out this weekend," he said.

With the University of Texas football game stirring up the Hub City on Saturday, Cortez said the clubs and parties will be packed.

He said it should be more fun to go out during the weekend rather than on Tuesday when everyone from out of town will have left.

Cortez said he is looking forward to the Omega Delta Phi fraternity party at Crystal's and other house parties.

Chad St. Clair, manager of Bleacher's Sports Café, said his establishment is teaming up Saturday night with Bash Riprock's on Main Street as well as the Bash's in the Depot Entertainment District for a three-club Halloween celebration. Each club will have a different concert and the \$7 wristbands are good for all three locations. He also said the clubs will be offering a free shuttle ride from each club to the next in order to keep people safe.

St. Clair said The Electric Gypsies will be playing at Bleacher's,

and the bar's central theme will be "pimps and hoes." The bars are also having costume contests with up to \$1,500 in cash and prizes. Bleacher's also will be carrying a special concoction for the night called Witch's Brew, which is basically a jungle-juice type of mixture, he said.

"Everyone working will be dressed up," St. Clair said. "The whole bash should be a lot of fun."

He said he plans on seeing more people during the celebration this weekend than on Tuesday because the majority of the bar's patrons are college students who will have school Wednesday morning.

Cortez said South Beach also is throwing a celebratory bash for the holiday. He said Saturday night the bartenders will be dressed up, and with the club's popularity it should be a hot place to be for

Halloween.

According to South Beach's Web site, <http://www.southbeachclubandlounge.com>, the club will be hosting a costume party and contest with a \$500 cash prize for the first-place winner; there also will be second- and third-place winners who will receive prizes.

Chris Gonzales, the owner of South Beach, said the club will also host a party Halloween night in order to give students the opportunity to celebrate the holiday more than once.

For the crowd relentlessly determined to celebrate the holiday on Tuesday, Eddie Perez, the owner of Melt, said his club is throwing a party with Intimate Expressions. He said he encourages people to dress up; those who don't don Halloween attire must abide by the club's strict dress code which is a collared shirt and slacks for men and no "trashy" attire for women. There will be adult-themed gift

baskets, and because of the 21-and-up policy, he said he feels plenty of students still will make it out Tuesday night.

Perez said the club will be hosted by women in lingerie costumes who will be offering complimentary champagne at midnight. He said it should be a nice, classy, adult environment that will bring students out no matter the night of the week.

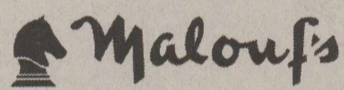
Joseph Schmidt, an undecided freshman from Dallas, said he will do all of his celebrating this weekend and plans to stick to the always reliable Halloween house parties.

Whether Texas Tech students plan to celebrate early by traveling to the Depot this weekend or choose to wait until the night of Halloween to join in the fun, no one should greet Wednesday without a Halloween celebration to talk about.

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BOOK REVIEW

'Class Dismissed' perserves classic college memories

(U-WIRE). SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The most important thing I will leave college with in two years is not my diploma. It isn't something that will help me get a job or prove I now fully understand the intricacies of AP Style. The most important things will be the memories of the time I fell off a table in a "Like a Virgin" Madonna costume, or when my roommate was so drunk she showered in her clothes, and the friends who shared those experiences with me.

These moments are what college students should hold on to for the rest of their lives and carry closer than any piece of sheepskin. And these are the moments the authors and founders of collegestories.com, Ben Applebaum, Ryan McNally and

Derrick Pittman, attempt to capture in their book, "Class Dismissed: 75 Outrageous, Mind-expanding College Exploits (and Lessons That Won't Be on the Final)."

The book is divided into sections such as "Living Arrangements" and "The Party," which are subsequently cut into smaller chapters like "Screwing up Screwing." Each chapter contains three to four hilarious memories from real college students, some dating back to the 1950s.

The tales range from the utterly ridiculous (one guy sticks a habanero chili pepper seed in his penis on a dare) to the more sentimental (a student remembers the shenanigans he caused in one professor's class who later passed away on United Flight 175 on Sept. 11). Alumni updates are included at the ends of some stories (no word on pepper penis, but one girl who faked her own mugging for the entertainment of her dorm security cameras is now a federal investigator).

Proceeding the exploits are "Lesson Learned" blurbs written by the authors. After reading the first few, I skipped over the rest because their advice to a girl who woke up wearing roller blades in the trunk of her car to "watch who you smoke with," was a little unnecessary and obvious.

However, the authors do succeed in adding something extra to the narratives with various fun facts that appear throughout the book. I mean, who wouldn't want to learn that Sisqo says "thong" more than 50 times in the "Thong Song" or that the armadillo usually gives birth to four identical pups?

The authors also offer hilarious insight at the beginning of each chapter, often using pop culture such as Will Smith lyrics to emphasize their points in a way that is very funny and relatable to people our age. I also must admit after laughing out loud during many of the stories, I became a little sentimental in the closing "Final Thoughts."

"Never again will you and a few hundred of your peers be packed into low-rent housing for nine months at a time," the authors wrote. "So save your naps for class, and enjoy the 3:00 a.m. debates and fart-lighting demonstrations. Bonding like this comes around only once."

Maybe I was choked up because a book finally gave me an excuse for forgetting to do my Spanish homework, but hey, I really love all you crazy college kids. I really do.

Bass' boyfriend says he will not hide from threats

NEW YORK (AP) — Lance Bass' boyfriend, Reichen Lehmkuhl, says he and the former 'N Sync star have been dealing with threats ignited by his new memoir about the trials of being gay while serving in the military.

"We have to be very protective," Lehmkuhl tells the TV show "Inside Edition" in an interview that was to air Wednesday.

"I am not going to hide," says the former Air Force captain and winner of season four of CBS' "Amazing Race." "There are threats that come in from people who do not want me to be so public and expose what is going on in the military."

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Cross country faces uphill challenge at Big 12 Championship

By **PAUL ROBERTS**
STAFF WRITER

The Red Raider cross country team faces a tough field of competition Friday as they head to Lawrence, Kan., for the Big 12 Championship. After achieving the highest ranking in school history, the No. 21 Tech women's team faces No. 10 Colorado, a team that has won the Big 12 Championship nine times during the last decade. The men's team has a stiffer field of competition with Colorado ranked No. 2, followed by Kansas at No. 19, Oklahoma State at No. 22 and Texas at No. 27. The Colorado men's team have not lost a Big 12 Championship in the last 10 years.

The meet will be held at the Rim Rock Farm course for the first time in Big 12 history. The course was the site of the 1998 NCAA Division I and II Cross Country Championship. The women will be running a 6,000-meter race and the men will run an 8,000-meter race.

The Tech women's team are led by sophomore Sally Kipyego, who has placed first in the last three meets for the Red Raiders. Kipyego was named Big 12 Cross Country Runner of the Week twice this season for her leading efforts to help the team to two first-place finishes and one third-

place finish.

Coach Jon Murray has expectations of a good finish for Kipyego, especially after the success she has had this season.

"I am pretty confident she can finish in the top two," Murray said. "She is matched up with Colorado's No. 1 runner, so it should be a great battle between the two of them. The statistics are pretty clear that these two are the top runners."

Other runners for the Tech women's team are freshmen Sally Kipyego, Michlene Daniels, Michelle Edman, Gladys Kipsang, sophomore Asia Diaz and seniors Violet Chemawila, Molly Evans, Irene Kimaiyo and Jessica Stovall. Notable finishes for Tech runners in previous Big 12 Championships include a third-place finish by Chemawila and 10th-place finish by Kimaiyo in 2005. Last year, the women's team finished in sixth place.

Kipsang was named the Big 12 Cross Country Runner of the Week on Sept. 4 for her second-

place finish in the Mike Boit Invitational Sept. 1.

Murray said the women's competition will be difficult, but he expects his team to perform well in the meet.

"Several of the women's teams in the Big 12 have been ranked at one point this season," Murray said. "Oklahoma State, Baylor and Oklahoma are all tough teams, but if the team comes together, we should have success."

The men's team is led by senior Kevin Chelimo, who placed

fourth individually last year in the Big 12 Championship in the 8,000-meter race.

Murray said Chelimo's experience will help the team to a hopeful top-10 finish.

"He did real well last year and has more experience going into this year's championship," Murray said. "He knows he can be in the lead pack of the race. He has just as good a chance as anyone else. If he can get into the top five of the pack, he has great speed and he will succeed."

Other runners for the men's team include freshmen Cory Higgins, Silas Kemboi and Jake Szot; sophomores John Means and Zachery Quinones; juniors Eric Ayala and Edwin Sang; and seniors Chelimo and Pedro Vargas.

Murray said the men's team are a little less experienced than the women's team and have a difficult battle ahead of them.

"It's just a matter of giving it their best," Murray said. "My goal is to finish within the top 10 of the field."

The men's team finished ninth place in the 2005 Big 12 Championship.

Murray said the course of this year's championship at Rim Rock Farm will be a literal uphill challenge for the runners.

"It is a very challenging

course," Murray said. "Right at the end, there is a 400-meter to 600-meter steep hill. The women's have about a half-mile to go after the hill, and the men have about one mile."

Those who place high enough for the Red Raiders will travel to Albuquerque, N.M., Nov. 11 for the Mountain Regional Championships.

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It's just a matter of giving it their best. My goal is to finish within the top 10 of the field.

— **JON MURRAY**
Texas Tech
Cross Country Coach

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA
10/26/06

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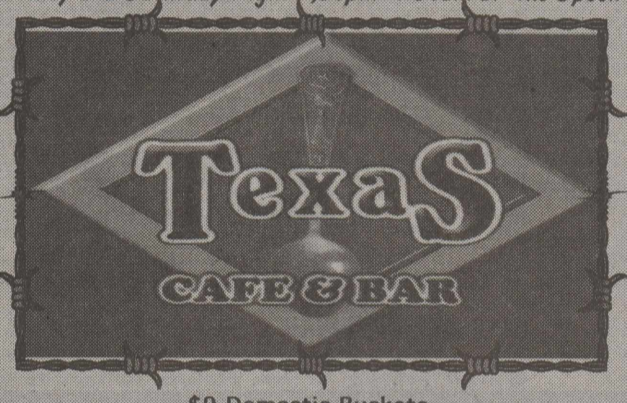
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The real McCoy?: Texas' freshman QB evolving from Colt to steed

AUSTIN (AP)—Colt McCoy was just supposed to manage the offense for No. 5 Texas and let the Longhorns carry him along for the ride.

Instead, he and wide receiver Limas Sweed have become one of the best touchdown tandems in the country as the Longhorns (7-1, 4-0 Big 12) fight to

stay in the hunt for the national championship heading into Saturday night's game at Texas Tech (5-3, 2-2).

Sweed and McCoy have hooked up for nine TDs this season, four of them covering 42 yards or more.

The first was a 60-yard score on McCoy's second career completion.

The latest came last week with a 55-yarder against Nebraska in Texas' 22-20 victory.

"They have a special deal going on," Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis said. "(McCoy) has great confidence Limas is going to be where he's supposed to be."

McCoy's schoolboy looks and Sweed's imposing 6-foot-5 frame remind Texas fans of the Major Applewhite-to-Roy Williams connection a few years ago. Williams, who set Texas career receiving yardage and touchdown records, is now in the NFL with the Detroit Lions.

Sweed even wears Williams' old No. 4, which initially drew snickers

until Sweed started producing like Williams did on the field.

"Everyone laughed about him wearing that number," coach Mack Brown said. "He's earned it now."

The McCoy-to-Sweed connection has produced some of Texas' biggest touchdowns on the season. Sweed's 33-yard catch in the third quarter against Oklahoma proved to be the game-winner.

The pair recognized the Sooners' blitz and coverage. A simple nod from McCoy changed Sweed's route at the line, and he lofted a perfect pass to the corner of the end zone for the score.

Against Nebraska, McCoy shocked the blitzing Cornhuskers with a perfect

strike deep downfield to Sweed just before halftime. The blitz left the cornerback in single coverage and Sweed simply ran past him.

"He's a difference-maker for us every week," Brown said. "He's a mismatch."

So much so that the Longhorns threw a risky pass to him in the end zone before kicking the game-winning field goal against Nebraska.

McCoy threw a jump ball into coverage that fell incomplete. Had he thrown it higher and to the outside, Sweed would have had a good chance to make the catch.

Brown said he didn't think twice about the gamble.

"Throwing to him on a short corner is not a bad call," Brown said. "He's become a go-to guy."

McCoy and Sweed say their chemistry developed in summer workouts when the quarterbacks and receivers would get together for volunteer passing drills. Brown said he heard from Sweed more than any other player that McCoy was developing into a first-rate quarterback.

Nearly half of McCoy's Texas freshman record 20 touchdowns have gone to Sweed, who is now only three shy of Williams' Texas season record of 12.

McCoy said his favorite was his first, the 60-yarder in the season opener against North Texas. Sweed said McCoy's best was his last, the long pass against Nebraska when the quarterback had to stand in against a blitzing linebacker and took a hard hit under the chin just as he released the ball.

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:30	House Hour	The Office					War at Home
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Lady Raiders finish regionals

By WES SKIPWITH
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's tennis team ended competition in the Wilson/ITA Southwest Women's Tennis Regional Tournament in Fort Worth on Wednesday.

The doubles team of Kerryn Potgieter and Lakann Wagley advanced to the top eight out of 64 teams. They lost in the quarterfinals to Texas A&M's Anna Lubinsky and Nicki Mechem. The other Tech doubles teams of Janet Durham/Sophia Fankam and Brenna Jackson/Samantha van

der Drift both lost in the second round.

Van der Drift led all Tech singles competitors by defeating her first two opponents before losing to Baylor's Ivá Mihaylova, 6-1, 6-2. Three other Lady Raiders competed in singles draw; Durham, Potgieter and Wagley all lost in the first round.

Tech coach Cari Groce said she was very pleased with her team's performance at the regional tournament.

"This tournament was a good indication of how well we can compete," Groce said. "We were able to

pull a lot of upsets, which shows we can compete with anyone."

Tech will play its last fall tournament at the Western Michigan University Super Challenge in Kalamazoo, Mich., on Nov. 3.

Groce said her team will continue to build on its success from regionals in preparation for the Super Challenge.

"I think we've just got to keep working at getting the most out of the players we have," Groce said. "If we keep up the hard work, I know we can play with any other team out there."

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Unplanned punter is NCAA's best

WACO (AP) — Daniel Sepulveda still isn't sure why he started kicking with the Baylor punter one day as a freshman.

Sepulveda hadn't punted since junior high and didn't even know the proper technique. He was just kicking the ball around for fun. Plus, he had walked on at Baylor to be a linebacker like his older brother.

"If I would have understood then that if I were to actually win the punting job (and) that would be the only thing I would do, I probably wouldn't have done it," Sepulveda said. "That's not me. I'm a football player."

With the body (6-foot-3, 230 pounds) and mentality of a linebacker, Sepulveda instead became one of the best college players ever at a different position.

The senior is the NCAA's best punter with a 46.2-yard average and didn't miss a game after tearing a knee ligament during a pickup basketball game in April.

Sepulveda is a finalist to be the first two-time winner of the Ray Guy Award that goes to the best college punter, has the best career average (45.1) in the NCAA for anyone with at least 250 punts and is a

top-rated NFL prospect. His 85 career punts of at least 50 yards are four short of another NCAA record.

"He's an amazing asset for us. He does so many things for us offensively when we struggle. He can flip the field," quarterback Shawn Bell said. "He does so much more than people give him credit. He keeps bailing us out of jams."

When Sepulveda had surgery to repair a torn ACL in his right knee April 27, the recovery time was supposed to be 5-6 months — which means he should just now be getting ready to punt in a game. While he doesn't punt with his right leg, he does have to land on it.

"I doubted he could be ready by TCU," coach Guy Morriss said. "He proved me wrong."

Sepulveda had a 56-yard punt in that season opener, and has punts of at least that long in six games for the Bears (4-4), who play No. 23 Texas A&M on Saturday night in a game matching teams tied for second place in the Big 12 South. A 78-yard kick against Kansas State matched his career best.

"He's a kid that all the kids look up to with respect," Morriss said. "They watched him go through that rehab process every day. ... A lot of kids took

notice of how hard he pushed himself. I believe Daniel could be as good a linebacker as he is a punter."

Even though Sepulveda was kicking on the side that redshirt year, he was still a linebacker the spring of 2003 after Morriss became Baylor's coach. That's when Sepulveda volunteered to punt, then began working with Dallas-area kicking guru Rocky Willingham.

But Sepulveda thought he would still play linebacker and have the chance as a freshman to play alongside his brother, Stephen, who was going into his senior season.

"At the first of two-a-days, they pulled me out of linebacker drills, claiming that they didn't want me to get hurt," Daniel Sepulveda said. "It was the first time that I kind of realized, 'I guess I'm not a linebacker anymore.'"

Sepulveda always had a strong leg, but had never really been taught how to punt until he started working with Willingham.

"Like so many punters that are pretty much self-taught, he'd be very inconsistent," Willingham said. "I got him going with drills. They are not like most drills and are not comfortable. But he stayed with it, was very disciplined."

Texans' defense looking to build on win over Jags

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans hope their dominating defensive performance against the Jacksonville Jaguars will be a building block to continued improvement.

Houston's work in holding Jacksonville to 220 yards and seven points was one of the best performances in franchise history. But the defense still has much work ahead as it remains ranked second-worst in the NFL, al-

lowing 386 yards a game, after early season struggles.

Defensive coordinator Richard Smith sees his defense as a work in progress.

"When we started training camp we started to get better," he said. "We came out and had a couple rough games and they stayed together, believed in the system, believed in each other and I think that shows you the character of

those guys. Hopefully we can continue to grow on this experience."

The group includes seven starters with three years or less of NFL experience and two rookies. Coach Gary Kubiak knows that a key to the development of his team will be how quickly these young players can grow — a theme he's tried to impress upon No. 1 pick Mario Williams and fellow rookie DeMeco Ryans.

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Tech finishes fall golf at Isleworth

By WES SKIPWITH
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Composed of all underclassmen, the Texas Tech men's golf team shot a combined score of 917 to finish 17th at the Isleworth Collegiate Invitational in Windmere, Fla., Tuesday.

True freshman Will Griffin topped the Tech team with a tournament score of 227 and a tie for 35th. Sophomore Santiago Rivas shot a 229 and tied for 49th. Sophomore Brandon Lakatta finished one stroke behind Rivas with a total score of 230. Also competing for Tech were sophomore Garrett Merrell and redshirt freshman Jeremy Martin who finished tied for 72nd and 81st, respectively.

Three other Big 12 teams finished in the top five of the

tournament with Texas shooting a combined team score of 876 to finish first. Texas A&M took third place and Oklahoma State took fourth.

The individual medal-winner was Georgia's Brian Harman, the only golfer in the tournament not to finish above par. He shot a 216 to win the tournament.

Tech coach Greg Sands said with the team he was sending to Isleworth, his expectations weren't that high. The team was without All-American Oscar Floren who missed the tournament in order to play for Sweden in the World Amateur Team Championship today.

"It makes a big difference when you're missing a guy like Oscar who averages a 72 every round," Sands said.

Lakatta said without Tech's

senior leader, the team really needed its freshmen and sophomores to play well.

"It was a really rough week because none of the younger guys stepped up and played well in Oscar's absence," Lakatta said.

Sands said even though the team did not play very well, it still was a valuable learning experience.

"One positive I can take from this tournament is that now our younger kids know what it takes to compete at this high of a level of college golf," Sands said.

The Isleworth Invitational was Tech's last tournament of the fall season. Tech is currently ranked 24th in the country by Golf Week Rankings Online. The team will resume play Feb. 8-10 at the UH-Hilo Intercollegiate Tournament in Waikoloa, Hawaii.

Sands said during the offseason he will meet with each of his golfers and work on physical and mental approaches to games.

"More than anything I think we need to go back to the drawing board," Sands said. "We want to sit down with each member individually and figure out how each one can improve."

Lakatta said even though his team did not meet expectations in its last tournament, he still is very optimistic about the upcoming spring golf season and believes the team has what it takes to compete for the conference and national titles.

"I expect us to be more successful this year than last," Lakatta said. "We're a young team with a lot of talent, and we really expect to play well."

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Parcells names Romo starting QB

IRVING (AP) — Tony Romo is now the first-string quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, and will make his first career start Sunday night at Carolina.

Coach Bill Parcells said Wednesday that Romo, who replaced 14-year veteran Drew Bledsoe in the second half of Monday night's 36-22 loss to the New York Giants, will start.

"Any time you do something like this, it's not without a lot of consideration," Parcells said. "I've been thinking about it for some time. ... Hopefully, maybe as the team is comprised right now, he might be able to do a couple of things that assist us."

Neither Bledsoe nor Romo appeared in the Cowboys locker room

Wednesday. The team said Bledsoe would talk later in the day.

Romo, a fourth-year pro who had never thrown a pass in a game until this season, will be the ninth different starting quarterback for the Cowboys (3-3) since Hall of Famer Troy Aikman retired after the 2001 season.

Bledsoe joined Parcells in Dallas last year, reuniting with the coach who made him the No. 1 pick in 1993 for the New England Patriots.

His last pass Monday night was an interception at the goal line just before halftime when the Cowboys had a chance to take the lead. Bledsoe had already been sacked four times, once for a safety.

Parcells rarely changes quarterbacks midseason, often showing loyalty to veterans. Two years ago, Parcells stuck with 41-year-old Vinny Testaverde during a 6-10 season. Like Bledsoe, Testaverde had also played with Parcells earlier in his career.

But Bledsoe apparently made too many costly mistakes for Parcells. His last interception came in a game that could have given the Cowboys first place in the NFC East.

In Dallas' three victories, Bledsoe had six touchdown passes and one interception. But those have all been against teams with losing records. Against playoff contenders Jacksonville, Philadelphia and the Giants, he has one TD and seven INTs.

Parcells told Bledsoe about his demotion Wednesday morning.

"He was emotionally under control. I'm sure he wasn't happy to hear the news," Parcells said. "I just told him we're going to make this change right now, and that he needed to stay around ready. He assured me he would do that."

Romo was intercepted on his first pass, a ball tipped by Michael Strahan and caught by Antonio Pierce. He threw two more interceptions, one returned 96 yards for a touchdown.

"He's got to be more careful with the ball than he was the other night," Parcells said.

But Romo also showed he could be effective. He scrambled and completed 14 of 25 passes for 227 yards and two touchdowns, and flashed more footwork running for a 2-point conversion.

Terry Glenn, the Cowboys' leading receiver with 29 catches, said the team has confidence in Romo and likes his mobility. But it's still a difficult move personally for Glenn, who spent the first six seasons of his career in New England with Bledsoe and has become a favorite target.

"Well, you know Bledsoe is my guy. I wish things weren't going the way they are, but obviously the coaching staff sees something," Glenn said. "I'm just out here playing. I want to win. Whoever's out there, let's make plays and let's try to win."

Before Monday night, Romo's only two passes were a pair of completions with a touchdown to Terrell Owens. That came in the closing minutes of a 34-6 victory over the Houston Texans.

The limited game experience for Romo doesn't seem to bother the Cowboys.

"The guys believe in him," receiver Patrick Crayton said. "His mobility, man. He's an improviser sometimes when he gets out there. You kind of expect the ball to come to you on every play."



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(CALENDAR)

Friday

Soccer

Tech vs. Baylor 7 p.m.

Cross Country at Big

12 Championship

Men's Tennis

at Texas Invite

Saturday

Football Tech vs. Texas

6 p.m. (TBS)

Volleyball

at Kansas 7 p.m.

Men's Tennis

at Texas Invite

Sunday

Men's Tennis

at Texas Invite