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Fake gun used in bank robbery; no motive given for actions

Beadles currently at holding facility

By CAITLAN OSBORN
NEWS EDITOR

The Lubbock Police Department hosted a news conference Thursday at 2 p.m. to discuss details regarding Wednesday's bank robbery in South Lubbock.

Sgt. Jonathan Stewart, public information officer for LPD, said Tommy Ray Beadles, 61, entered the City Bank near 82nd Street and Quaker Avenue as a customer at about 3:20 p.m., before returning to the bank 10 minutes later.

At about 3:30 p.m., Beadles entered the office of a loan officer, whose name has not been released. He shut and locked the door, and told the victim he had a gun.

Beadles then told everyone to get out of the bank. No customers were in the bank at that time, Stewart said, however, five other employees were present.

"The victim remained behind with the hostage taker in the office," Stewart said. "He told her he had a gun, and she saw something in the waistband of his pants that she believed to be a gun, and she was in fear for her life at that point."

However, Stewart said, the gun in Beadles' possession was fake, but was disguised to give the appearance of a real weapon.

"It turns out the gun was actually not a real pistol," he said. "It was a toy."

Stewart said the hostage called

an LPD officer that she happened to know and Beadles let her make the call. The hostage got in touch with an off-duty officer, Kody Nesbitt.

"For some reason, something inside me just told me I was supposed to go ahead and answer the call," Nesbitt said at the news conference. "There was a lady on the other end of the line ... I could tell there was something wrong; she sounded very scared."

Nesbitt said he talked to Beadles on the phone and negotiated for the victim's release after about 20 minutes.

"I tried to establish a bit of a rapport with him, tried to calm him down to make sure he didn't do anything irrational," Nesbitt said. "I told him the only way I was going to keep speaking with him is if he left

the bank and we could continue this talk in private."

Capt. John Caspell of the LPD said officers first received a call of an in-progress robbery in South Lubbock at about 3:30 p.m.

Police and SWAT team members arrived shortly on the scene, while officers directed traffic and kept members of the Lubbock community away from the crime's vicinity.

Nesbitt said he drove to City Bank, talking to Beadles on the phone the entire time. After seeing the police cars and SWAT team members on the scene, the officer was placed in the car with hostage negotiators who, he said, were "instrumental" in helping make sure Beadles left the bank peacefully.

After speaking with Beadles on the phone for about 2 1/2 hours,

Nesbitt said, the robber exited the bank without difficulty.

Nesbitt said he had a connection with Beadles' family and used that as a way to build a rapport and make sure the robber did not cause any damage to himself or others.

There were no injuries reported, Caspell said, however, Emergency Medical Services vehicles were stationed nearby.

He described the situation as "fluid and ongoing" as officers cleared and secured the bank to make sure everyone had been evacuated successfully and to make sure no other weapons were found.

"There's a pretty involved process any time you're dealing with a hostage situation," he said. "That's certainly one of the most dangerous situations that we have to deal with.

We have certain procedures in place, some of which we won't discuss, but (they) go through hours and hours of training and ... very well-trained officers that responded to the situation."

Stewart said Beadles gave no reason as to why he chose to rob the bank.

"I don't know as to ... his state of mind or what his motives were," he said.

Stewart said Beadles is currently detained at Lubbock County Jail. He was charged with aggravated kidnapping, which is a first-degree felony. At this time, no bail has been posted.

Joshua Koch of KTXT-FM, a member of the Raider 88.1 news staff, contributed to this story.

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Architecture professor wins award for her discoveries, research

Patterns, math model used with new material

By NICOLE MOLTER
STAFF WRITER

Rima Al Ajlouni, an assistant professor at the Texas Tech College of Architecture, won the Architecture Research Centers Consortium New Researcher Award for 2011-2012 with her research between contemporary theories and traditional mathematics, which were published in the March 2012 issue of *Acta Crystallographica*.

Al Ajlouni said she has been working with patterns since 1996. Her research presents the first long-range mathematical model for solving quasi-crystalline geometry. Quasi-crystals are a new material that was accidentally discovered about 30 years ago, she said.

"They were trying to manufacture a different material, but then the cooling process was different, which is slower," Al Ajlouni said, "and so they ended

up with a new material that has never existed before."

The pattern of the material is not based on periodic order, meaning the elements and the structure do not repeat periodically, she said. The structure is based on fivefold symmetry, a difficult symmetry based off a pentagon.

"They thought that, that cannot exist in physics, however they were wrong," Al Ajlouni said. "So it was clear 'How would that work?' When you have a material, it has to be really structurally sound."

Al Ajlouni's research also revealed evidence of ancient designers' breakthroughs in mathematics as early as the 12th century, by creating geometry and patterns far more mathematically advanced than ever known of before.

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Mystical Melodies



PHOTO BY ASHLEY RATCLIFFE/The Daily Toreador

MARIA DEMUS, A senior music major from Dallas, plays the bass guitar and performs the song "All My Loving" at Open Mic Night on Thursday in the Student Union Building.

After Hours event draws talented students to Open Mic Night

By MICHAEL DUPONT II
STAFF WRITER

It takes courage to step on any stage in front of a crowded theater, especially when the audience is full of college students.

Some Texas Tech students were able to display that courage, or lack thereof, Thursday during Open Mic Night.

The after-hours event took place in the Barnes & Noble Café, located in the Student Union Building. Hosted by the Tech Activities Board, the event was open to any students who wanted to

display their talent.

Mackenzie Davidson, a junior business major from Fort Worth, was the emcee of the event and said the musicians are the ones who make events like these possible.

"Most of these people are regulars," she said. "They come every time we have this event so that helps us a lot. They're the ones that make this event the singers."

Davidson was one of the TAB representatives at the event and said the organization wants to provide free alternative events — like Open Mic

Night — to steer students away from other venues they might attend on a Thursday night.

"We just want to provide a free entertainment for the students," she said. "Instead of going out and drinking and having bad influences, we want to have a campus event and just come together."

Joshua Galvan, a freshman international business major from The Woodlands, said monitoring his musical progression along with enjoying the music of others is what led him to participate in the event.

"What kind of inspired me to do

Open Mic Night was to see the other musicians, and where they were and how I was progressing," he said. "But to also have a good time and enjoy some good music."

Galvan said writing and performing his own music helps him get through difficult everyday situations he faces.

"If you're going through something that's kind of upsetting, you want to write a song that'll help bring you up," he said. "It allows you to tell your story which is kind of fun."

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Texas Tech's Landmark Arts
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Where: School of Art
So, what is it?
Enjoy Virginia Saunders' exhibit, "Visions and Dreams," with images based on Saunders' recent travels in Europe and China.

Da Vinci: The Genius
Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Science Spectrum Museum
So, what is it?
This traveling exhibition features some of da Vinci's full-scale machine inventions crafted from his personal notebooks, as well as reproductions of his most famous Renaissance art, including the "Mona Lisa," "Virgin of the Rocks," "The Annunciation," the "Last Supper," the "Vitruvian Man," and the "Sforza Horse."

First Friday Art Trail
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Museum of Texas Tech
So, what is it?
Come enjoy different works of art at the First Friday Art Trail.

Texas Tech Baseball vs. Texas
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Rip Griffin Park
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Longhorns.

SATURDAY


Texas Tech Baseball vs. Texas
Time: 2 p.m.
Where: Rip Griffin Park
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Longhorns.

Trombone Studio Recital
Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Music building, room M01
So, what is it?
Enjoy this recital performed by students of James Decker.

Texas Tech Men's Tennis vs. Texas A&M
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: McLeod Tennis Center
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Aggies.

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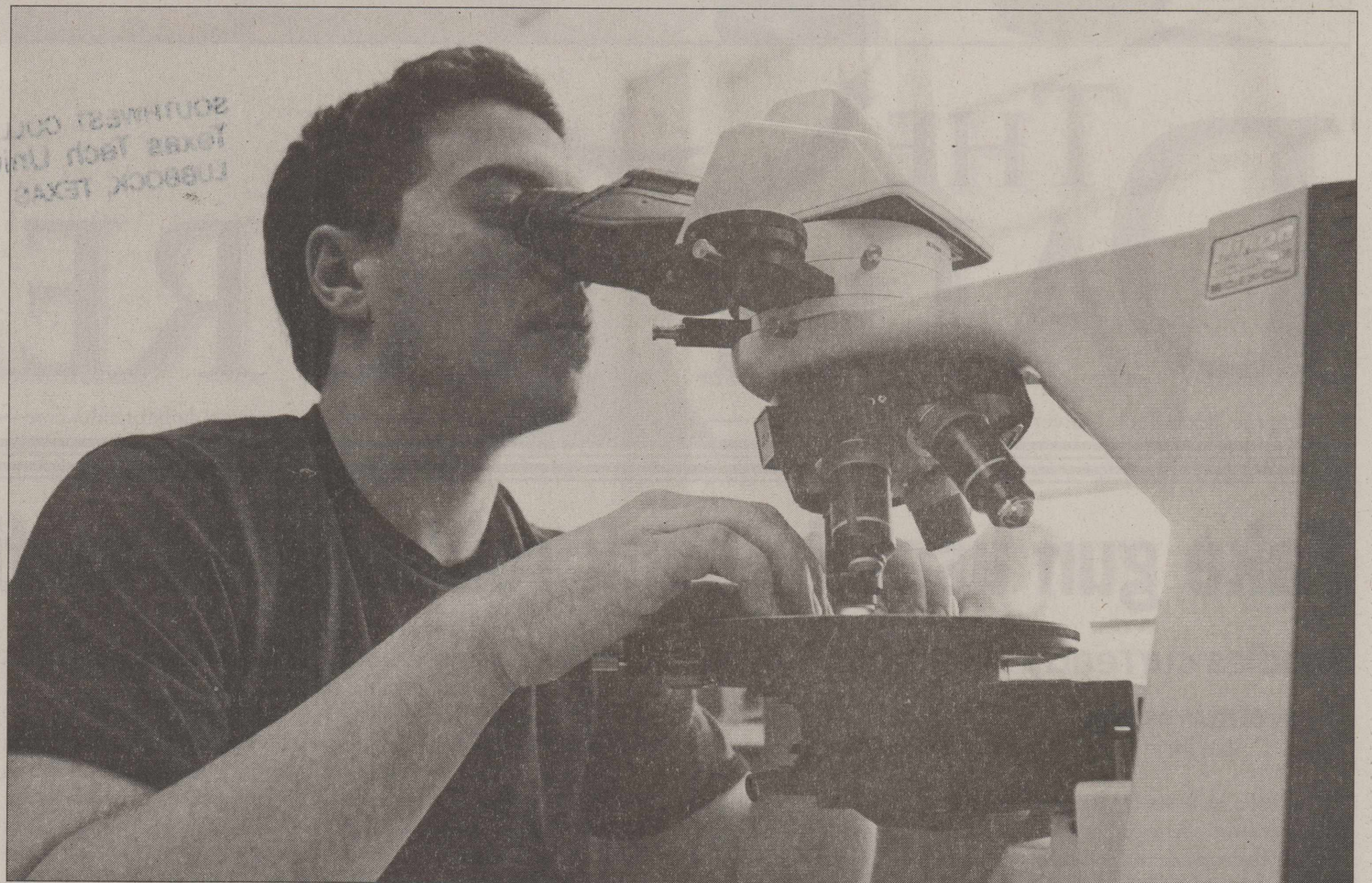
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BRENT WILLIAMS, A junior geology major from Houston, looks at minerals under a microscope for an optical mineralogy class Thursday in the Science building.

MICROSCOPIC MINERALS

Ajlouni

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"Recently, a few years back, they discovered this ancient pattern in Iran," Al Ajlouni said. "It has some kind of similar symmetry that is actually based on fivefold and tenfold."

"So then, basically, we started researching and understanding how this can happen. How would they even construct it since modern science with all the computers — it's really hard to construct this."

Collin Zalesak, a junior architect major from Mansfield, said he appreciates the historical connection to architecture.

"Part of what architects are supposed to know is the historical references behind things that happen," he said. "Part of Rima's

work is looking back at history and trying to understand that."

"With her going back and finding these breakthroughs, it's easier to realize that you're not always going to understand everything. You're always going to have to do research on something. There's never one answer right away. There's always something else you have to go into depth to understand."

Ancient patterns were found in both Iran and Barocco, Al Ajlouni said. These patterns are based on long-range order of patterns — global rules that govern the structure of the patterns.

"Basically, by analyzing these, the paper presents the first long-range order, based on simple compass and a straight edge, which the ancients used that," she said. "It presents a new methodology for resolving the complicated

long-ranged order of these patterns. This method is really easy to implement, so you can use it to come up with new patterns and new models and new tiling, which never existed before."

This is a new symmetry that has never been used before in architecture or art, Al Ajlouni said.

Complicated programming has been used to create some of it, she said, but this new research will make constructing this symmetry more accessible.

Figuring out how buildings function and the ways buildings should interact with the environment and society are some of the questions architects face today, said Tyler Porter, a junior architecture major from Snyder.

"I feel like those questions have already been answered," he said, "and they were answered way before any of us were ever thought

about, way before any modern-day person who's tried to solve these same problems. These problems have been solved by ancient architects and all that information was lost or flat-out forgotten."

What is being done today cannot compare to the things people learned in the past just by trial and error, Porter said.

The manufacturing of new materials, new devices, new art and new designs are all possibilities related to this research and discoveries from the past, Al Ajlouni said.

"By using these methods, there's hundreds, thousands, of patterns that they really can generate," she said. "That's what is exciting about this, not for just physics and mathematics but also for design and for art. It's the beginning of something great."

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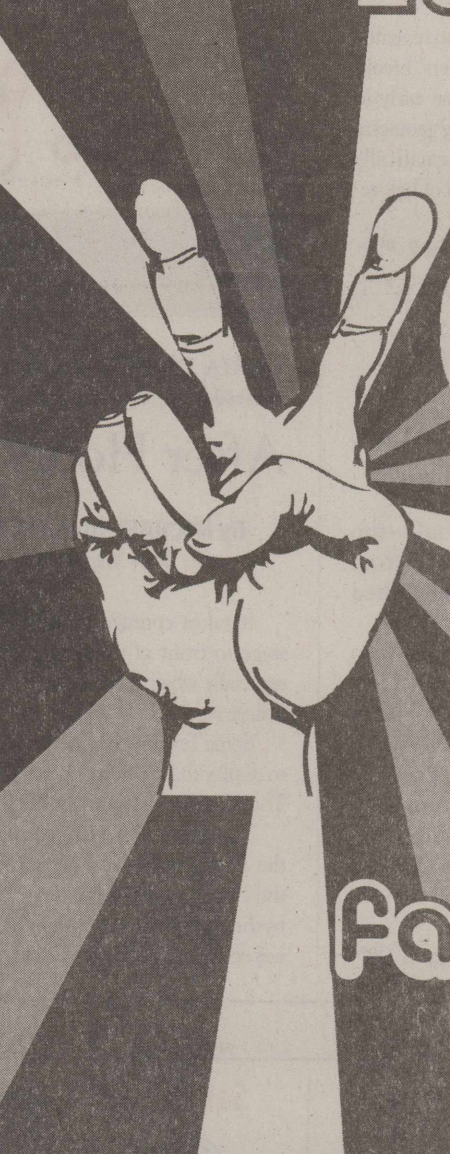
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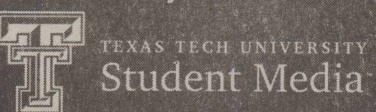
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SGA ←

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Senator Colin Davis, one of the bill's authors, addressed these concerns when he presented the bill, explaining the senate code that allows for student governments to create laws governing the body, and many such laws were already in place in the SGA at Tech. These include rules timing the campaigning period and a rule about current executives not being allowed to endorse future candidates.

"They were making it a federal constitution argument, when it wasn't one," said Doug Montgomery, a third-year law student from Plano.

Against the bill was Hunter Haralson, a senior chemical engineering major from Seminole. Haralson, a fourth-year senator, said he had run for office on winning blocs, losing blocs and without blocs. He did not see the harm in having them, which he said was a constitu-

tional right.

"It could be improved, it could be changed, but they can't take away that right," Haralson said. "Don't tell me who I can and can't talk to."

Many of the authors of the bill spoke in favor of it, calling for the senators to overturn the veto, and to be sure they were voting correctly for their constituents.

"This bill forces candidates to build personal relationships with students," said senator Erika Allen, explaining how the bill would actually help connections between senators and those they represent.

Senator Trevor White explained how blocs created collusion between the branches of government, which are supposed to have checks and balances. Senator Brandon Reeves spoke of the founding fathers of the United States, and warned against political party systems.

"You should not rely on anyone else (to be elected to student government)," Davis said. "You should rely on your-

self and your merits."

In the end, the vote was 62 percent in favor of overturning the veto, and instating the bill. However, overturning a veto requires a two-thirds vote rather than a majority vote.

The senate then passed Bill 47.31, which will make more student government documents, memorandums and reports for public viewing online.

"It's really important for students to have access so they can not only be knowledgeable...but can come talk to us about the issues," said senator Matt Pippin, a junior mechanical engineering major from Monahans. "Many important dialogues can't happen without the information."

Also passed were Bill 47.32, requiring both the U.S. and Texas allegiance pledges during SGA meetings. Bill 47.33 passed regarding SGA attendance policies, and the senate approved the 2012-2013 Student Organization Funding Bill for the fall semester.

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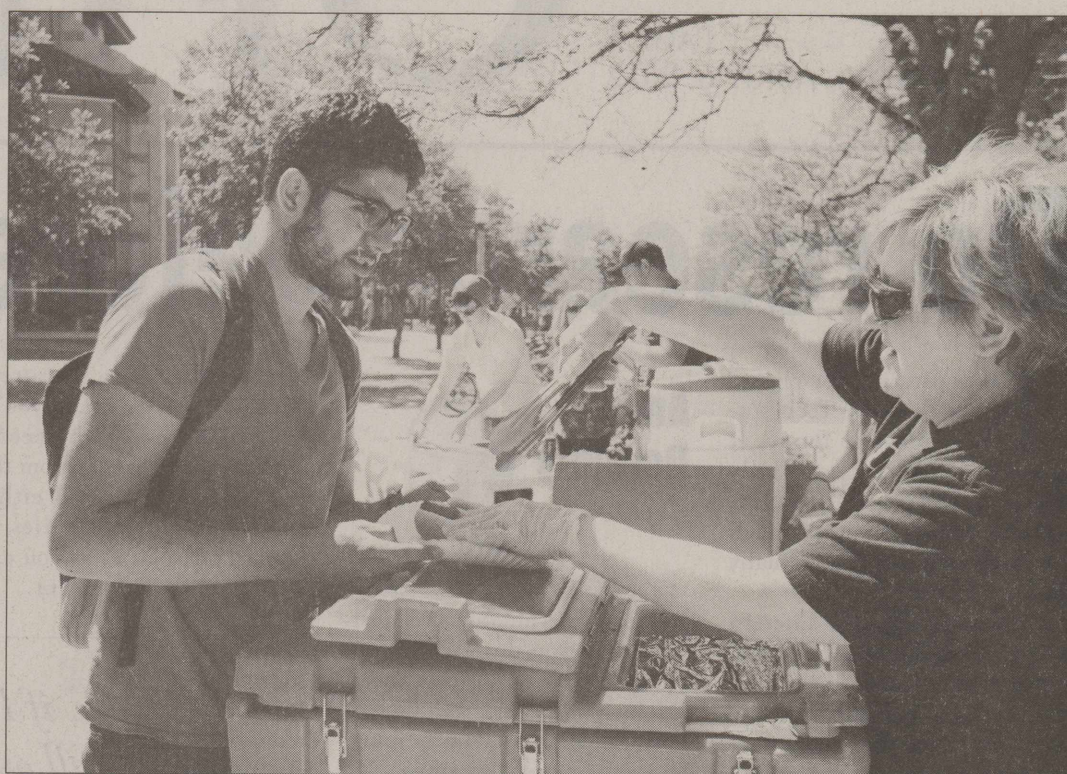


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KAREEN LIVELY, OFFICE Manager of the Baptist Student Ministry, gives Adam Hernandez, a junior advertising major from Keller, two hotdogs outside the Student Union Building on Thursday. The Baptist Student Ministry offered a free lunch of hotdogs and chips to all students.

Doctors want to redefine autism; parents worried

CHICAGO (AP)—One child doesn't talk, rocks rhythmically back and forth and stares at clothes spinning in the dryer. Another has no trouble talking but is obsessed with trains, methodically naming every station in his state.

Autistic kids like these hate change, but a big one is looming.

For the first time in nearly two decades, experts want to rewrite the definition of autism. Some parents fear that if the definition is narrowed, their children may lose out on special therapies.

For years, different autism-related labels have been used, the best known being Asperger's disorder. The doctors working on the new definition want to eliminate separate terms like that one and lump them all into an "autism spectrum disorder" category.

Some specialists contend the proposal will exclude as many as 40 percent of kids now considered autistic. Parents of mildly affected

children worry their kids will be left out and lose access to academic and behavioral services — and any chance of a normal life.

But doctors on the American Psychiatric Association panel that has proposed the changes say none of that would happen.

They maintain the revision is needed to dump confusing labels and clarify that autism can involve a range of symptoms from mild to severe. They say it will be easier to diagnose kids and ensure that those with true autism receive the same diagnosis.

With new government data last week suggesting more kids than ever in the U.S. — 1 in 88 — have autism, the new definition may help clarify whether the rising numbers reflect a true increase in autism or overdiagnosis by doctors.

There is no definitive test for autism. The diagnosis that has been used for at least 18 years covers children who once were called

mentally retarded, as well as some who might have merely been considered quirky or odd. Today, some children diagnosed with autism may no longer fit the definition when they mature.

"We're wanting to use this opportunity to get this diagnosis right," said Dr. Bryan King, a member of the revision panel and director of the autism center at Seattle Children's Hospital.

The revision is among dozens of changes proposed for an update of the psychiatric association's reference manual, widely used for diagnosing mental illnesses. The more than 10,000 comments the group has received for the update mostly involve the autism proposal, with concerns voiced by doctors, researchers, families and advocacy groups. A spokeswoman declined to say whether most support or oppose the autism revision.

The group's board of trustees is expected to vote on the proposals

in December, and the updated manual is to be published next year.

Among the proposed changes:

— A new "autism spectrum disorder" category would be created, describing symptoms that generally appear before age 3. It would encompass children with "autistic disorder," now used for severe cases, plus those with two high-functioning variations.

A diagnosis would require three types of communication problems, including limited or no conversation and poor social skills; and at least two repetitive behaviors or unusual, limited interests, including arm flapping, tiptoe-walking and obsession with quirky topics.

— Autistic disorder and high-functioning variations — Asperger's disorder and PDD-NOS, or "pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified" — would be eliminated, but their symptoms would be covered under the new category.

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Top Juarez cartel figure sentenced to life in US

McALLEN (AP)—A top Juarez cartel figure suspected of ordering more than 1,500 killings, including the slaying of a U.S. consulate employee in Mexico, was sentenced to life in prison in a U.S. court Thursday.

Jose Antonio Acosta Hernandez pleaded guilty in El Paso to 11 counts that included conspiracy, racketeering and murder. U.S. District Judge Kathleen Cardone sentenced Acosta to seven concurrent life terms, three additional consecutive life terms and 20 years in federal prison.

Acosta allegedly headed La Linea, the Juarez cartel's enforcement arm. Mexican authorities say the former police officer admitted to ordering more than 1,500 killings after being captured in July with his bodyguard in the northern Mexico city of Chihuahua.

"As the leader of La Linea's enforcement wing, Mr. Acosta-Hernandez directed a reign of terror," Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer said in a prepared statement. "Today's guilty plea and sentence are a significant step in our effort to bring to justice those responsible for the consulate murders, and it would not have been possible without the extraordinary assistance of our law enforcement partners in Mexico, including Attorney General Marisela Morales Ibañez."

Mexico extradited Acosta to the U.S. just three weeks ago.

A copy of the plea agreement signed by Acosta indicated he would plead guilty to counts that included racketeering, conspiracy to distribute and possess drugs, and murder. The document specified that the three murder-related charges carried mandatory life sentences.

Acosta's attorney did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Acosta, nicknamed Diego, was one of 10 people named in the indictment as participating in the killings of Leslie Ann Enriquez, an employee at the U.S. consulate in Juarez; her husband, Arthur Redelfs; and Alberto Salcido Cenicerros, the husband of another consulate employee. On March 13, 2010, Enriquez and Redelfs left the same children's party as Salcido. Both were driving white SUVs that were pursued separately by gunmen and

riddled with bullets.

When Mexican police arrested Acosta last year, President Felipe Calderon said through his Twitter account that it was "the biggest blow" to organized crime in the violence-plagued border city of Ciudad Juarez.

A factual summary attached to the plea explained that around 2008, Acosta became La Linea's leader and the cartel's plaza boss in Chihuahua

and Juarez. He coordinated "armed enforcement actions" with the Barrio Azteca gang against their common enemies.

At the time, the cartel led by Vicente Carrillo Fuentes was waging a bloody war with the Sinaloa cartel. The Mexican government has counted more than 9,500 murders tied to drug violence in Ciudad Juarez between 2008 and 2011.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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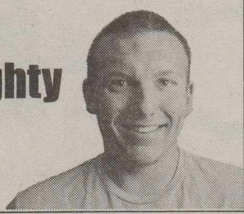
Registering for classes is in every Tech student's near future. It is a stressful time, especially now that the registering time has changed to 3 p.m. So much for those shmucks that actually go to class.

There are a couple different websites to help you pick professors and give you an idea about the teacher's learning style and the course itself. But, what if it's not the teacher or the course that is the actual problem?

Sometimes, it's much bigger than that, such as the department and its coordinators, for example. Where is the website that informs me to stay far away from chemistry if I have no real knowledge of the subject because it's been structured to weed me out the very first class I take?

Well, I am here to help on a couple of certain departments at Tech that I advise students to be weary of. I am not saying don't take the classes, because

Andy Doughty



they can be valuable. I'm just suggesting you do research on the department and the expectations first. Friends can be the most valuable assets in helping devise the perfect schedule.

I am definitely no expert, but I can give a few reviews from some of the departments I have taken classes at Tech. I don't have many complaints from my major and minor colleges.

My first tip is from the department I call home, English. Most of my teachers have been phenomenal and work hard to ensure I have a valuable learning experience.

The classes can be really engaging, but many of them are writing intensive and require

a lot of effort. Also, the attendance policy is brutal. If you're one of those people who need a couple days to recover from the weekend, I recommend either re-evaluate your priorities or take as little classes as you can in the English department.

The College of Mass Communications is the dream team of departments at Tech. From the coordinators, to the advisers, to the teachers, I can honestly say I have thoroughly enjoyed the program.

Its attendance policies are also pretty stiff, but most of the teachers make you want to come to class and they are willing to work with students to ensure they get the most of the classes.

My one complaint is class size.

I come from the English department, so I am use to about 25 people per class. In mass communications, it ranges from 100-250 for the three classes I am taking. So, if someone is looking for an interactive experience with the professors, it's unlikely to happen there. My worst experience at Texas Tech, hands down, has been with the Spanish department. I had no desire to take Spanish, but a foreign language

is required for my major.

I chose Spanish because I took so many years in high school, but that was before I realized what the Spanish department at Tech was like. By the

time I came to this conclusion, it was too late. I was already too invested to switch.

Throughout my three semesters in Spanish, I have realized they have top-notch teachers and recruit some of the best. Unfortunately, the teachers are just our babysitters. They have no control over our grades and do not design their lessons. They have little wiggle room to steer away from the 15-page syllabus, and if they do, they will answer to the coordinators upstairs who control the entire operation.

A few weeks back, I had a family emergency that required my absence for a week. All of my teachers, including my Spanish teacher, were very considerate and helped me get back on track. However, when I went to the Spanish coordinator, she shoved the syllabus in my face, excused one day that I was gone and never even looked up from her paperwork. I find it inappropriate for any student to be treated

like this by faculty.

We are paying good money to be here and some of us take our studies very seriously, but extenuating circumstances derail us from school. So, in my opinion, if I could do it all over again, I would choose a different foreign language with people who actually care about my advancement in the program and respect me as I respect them.

Clichés are designed for times like these and I can honestly say, "You win some, and you lose some." If you do it right, college can be the most valuable experience of your life. But, it's all about knowing what and who will take you the furthest in your time here.

So, take some time and research each department to see if they fit your requirements.

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Friends should be weary of judgement

If we are close to our friends or family, we sometimes tend to tell them things that go on in our intimate relationships. No relationship is perfect and will inevitably have its ups and downs.

Our friends and family often have a harder time recovering from the down time than we do. Is it a bad idea to involve our loved ones in our intimate relationships?

Too often in relationships, we listen to the advice of outsiders. A third party never has all of the information, making it difficult for them to give an unbiased opinion. Despite the skewed view, we often go to them asking what we should do next.

Perhaps if your boyfriend or girlfriend has cheated on you, you may need a support system. You might feel hurt and just need people to talk to. At that moment, you honestly feel like you and the person are done and will never be together again.

The reality is that we are creatures who find it difficult to break ties with people. It isn't easy for us to let go of the people we love. Saying goodbye may seem like one of the hardest things we can ever do.

You may, one day, decide to forgive the boyfriend or girlfriend who hurt you. Forgiving is great for the soul. You might even choose to

Jaira Keys



get back together. The problem is, in most cases, it seems our friends have a trickier time forgiving our other half.

It seems our loved ones remember our pain better than we do. They are typically less forgiving of our significant other than we are. Why is it so easy to judge someone else's relationship?

Although friends and family are there to help us through our hard times, — and although we want someone to listen to us when things are going bad, — perhaps we can make a better choice of who we vent to.

If you've ever backtracked and gotten back together with someone after a terrible breakup, then you've probably had to listen to your friends tell you how dumb you are. Your friends may frequently re-

mind you of why you two broke up. Friends often plant things in our heads and cause problems that weren't there in the beginning. Many of us find it easy to judge from the outside. It's simple to tell a friend to leave their significant other, because we are not emotionally invested.

Our friends often get into our heads and have us second-guess our decisions. They force us to use our brain for a decision that should be made with our heart.

No one is perfect. In relationships, you must simply decide what you are willing to deal with and what mistakes you can move past.

Will your friends be the reason you are single? You can't listen to your friends tell you what they would and would not deal with in a relationship. They are not you.

You have to live for yourself and do the things that make you happy. So, if that relationship brings you more joy than pain, by all means

continue to be with the person that makes you happy.

I know it can be difficult to not have someone to talk things through with when you are emotionally drained, but you must consider what the future holds. Are you strong enough to relive your past?

Perhaps we should only tell our friends about the great things in our lives and celebrate with them. But we shouldn't be that way with our friends.

We should be open and honest with our friends, without being judged. While we should be able to be candid with our friends, there should be certain aspects of our relationship that is off-limits to them.

I encourage you all not to be secretive, but to just be mindful of the things you say to your friends about your intimate lives. For some reason or another, they can't seem to forget what you've been through, even if they've been through a similar situation.

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Trayvon case must move beyond race

By KEVIN FRANCFORT
THE DARTMOUTH (DARTMOUTH COLLEGE)

Over the past several weeks, there has been an unavoidable buzz persisting throughout news and social media outlets concerning the death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin, who was killed in February by neighborhood watchman George Zimmerman.

Although it took a few weeks for word of this incident to spread beyond Florida, the persistence of local organizations and businesses, particularly radio stations, succeeded in getting the word out.

Rallies demanding justice for the slain teen have subsequently sprung up across the United States as outraged citizens learned of the local police department's seemingly sluggish response to Martin's death.

The incident has rightly thrust a spotlight on Florida's particularly lenient "Stand Your Ground" law, which protects the use of force as self-defense when there is reasonable belief of a threat, even if the one claiming self-defense was not the first to retreat.

Martin's death has reminded millions of parents across the country of the devastation that losing a child entails. This tragic event immediately presented itself as an opportunity for us to rally together as a nation and demand justice for each and every citizen, no matter his or her ethnicity, sexual orientation or religious preference.

So, when President Barack Obama offered his reaction to the incident on March 23, the nation was watching its leader intently. Obama's remarks were sympathetic and inspiring, as he called for a thorough investigation, while also reflecting on the tragedy that this sort of loss represents for parents. But as the president wrapped up his thoughts on the matter, he noted, "You know, if I had a son, he'd look like Trayvon."

Upon hearing this statement, skepticism over the accuracy and implications of Obama's response entered my mind. Although it might not have been

what he intended, Obama came across as implying that because he is the same race as Trayvon Martin, he is particularly able to sympathize with the calamity that the Martin family has endured.

It is highly likely that racism played a part in the murder of Martin — an inhumane act that has no place in our society and should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. But I believe it was unwise of Obama to highlight his shared race with Martin.

Would Obama feel less sympathetic if the murdered teenager had been of a different race than his own? Probably not, but Obama's comments can be easily construed as implying that very point.

Because racism still exists in our nation, as this tragedy exemplifies, it would have been wise of Obama to move past the discussion on race and instead highlight the unacceptable nature of the crime, regardless of the color of the victim or the shooter. But by mentioning the outward appearance of Trayvon Martin, Obama took the debate in an unintended direction, one that has proven to be divisive.

To that end, I hope that Obama will shift the course of this discussion away from the issue of race. This tragic incident should place scrutiny on the Florida law that has let this situation get so out of control. Therefore, it would be constructive for the president to make a conscious effort to refocus the debate in light of his highly publicized comments.

In fact, Obama's senior advisor, David Plouffe, was presented with such an opportunity when he was recently asked to respond to remarks by Newt Gingrich that Obama's statement was "disgraceful [because] it's not a question of who that young man looked like." Plouffe replied to this question by stating that Gingrich's comments were reprehensible, but failed to offer a true explanation of why.

We all ought to be outraged by the tragedy of Trayvon Martin's death because it is the ultimate loss for one's family and community. But we should feel this way regardless of what our potential sons might look like.

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One-act plays entertain Tech community

By **ASHLYN TUBBS**
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Captain Crunch. Paint stains. Poison pies.

These props took a role in some of the five plays performed as part of Raider Red's One-Act Play Spectacular hosted by the Texas Tech Department of Theater and Dance. The short plays were written, directed and performed by Tech students.

The performances began April 2 in the Maedgen Laboratory Theatre. Tonight and tomorrow night, the show will begin at 8 p.m. On Sunday, the performance will be at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for the public, or \$5 for students with a valid Tech ID. Some free tickets

are available for students.

The plays begin with "In Which I Lose My Virginity to My Best Friend's Older Brother," by Karen Wurl, which is about a 15-year-old girl who tells the audience the story of her first time. According to the RROAPS program, it takes place in Chicagoland in the 1970s.

This is followed by "Wet Paint" by Crash Buist, which is about a waitress who has a conflict with part of her past and takes place in a present-day diner.

Next, "Ok, Here's What Happened," by Sarah Dozier, is set in a present-day, rural house and is about a couple who encounter a bad situation that only crime can end.

Then, after a 10-minute intermission, is "Madres and Daughters" by Destiny

Bezruczyk, which is set in the present-day kitchen of a mama's house.

Lastly, "V for Vendetta Day" by Page Petruca is about a man who tries to win the heart of an office-mate on Valentine's Day.

"Petruca's 'V' for Vendetta Day' was by far one of the best one-act comedies I've seen," said Caylar Widick, a freshman public relations major from Vega. "The actors really nailed the performance."

It was not the only performance that received positive reactions from audience members, though.

"Ok, Here's What Happened' was the most entertaining show I've seen all year," said Anthony Chance, a junior general business major from Ft. Worth.

There were 14 actors/actresses in total, 20 production staff members, five directors and stage managers, and an assistant director who helped make this production possible. Many of these students are members of Alpha Psi Omega, Tau cast, National Honorary Theatre Society and the United States Institute for Theatre Technology.

Kevin Smith said he attended the plays for a class assignment and he encourages other students to attend the upcoming performances.

"It's not as long or drawn out as a regular play, so it's more enjoyable," said the freshman petroleum engineering major from Houston. "It's pretty funny, actually."

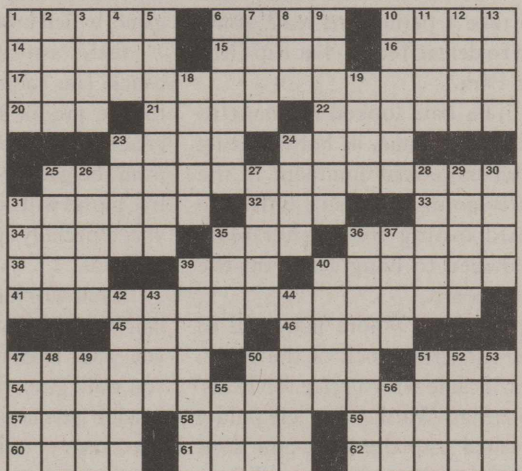
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 - Bea, for one
 - Freshwaterhouse-Coopers, e.g.?
 - Fitting
 - Hops heater
 - Tweaks, say
 - Aqua Velva alternative
 - German GM subsidiary
 - Original Rosanoke settlement?
 - Football Hall of Fame locale
 - Title acquired at church, perhaps
 - Losing line
 - Reacted to a dealer's request
 - Joos support
 - It Wasn't All Velvet
 - autobiographer
 - Caustic stuff
 - Goal
 - Blew up
 - Actress failing to live up to expectations?
 - Gifts support
 - Toon wisecracker
 - center
 - Get useful material from
 - Lyric poem
 - Bit of style in one's blood?
 - Venetian arch shape
 - City SSW of Moscow
 - Toss out
 - Goes after
 - Unlikely track winners
 - Hamburger helper's reward?
- DOWN**
- Out-of-favor sunscreen ingredient
 - Lingerie size
 - Robin's digs
 - Ring icon
 - Graham, for one
 - Il: 1961-99 Moroccan king
 - Almost all
 - Mich. neighbor
 - Celestial creatures
 - Inflammatory gel
 - "Spy" co-star
 - Joy is ... of love by which you can catch souls? Mother Teresa characters: Abbr.
 - Avoid restaurant crowds, perhaps
 - It may be half-baked
 - Prado pictures
 - Lock insets
 - Sonya's uncle, in an 1899 Moscow premiere
 - Maker of some drivers
 - Muslim leaders
 - "Casablanca" actor
 - Strawberry, e.g.
 - Pigeon tail?
 - Range rover
 - English court attire
 - 36 Singled out
 - Big-eyed birds
 - Words that replace details
 - Place to relax
 - Coquette's asset
 - Flare clock number
 - Govt. notes
 - Fiscal execs
 - Milan meat sauce
 - "So that's how it is"
 - Video CD file format
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 - Floor addition
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 - Marie Saint



By Jack McInturff

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Rachel Bradshaw, Terry's daughter, inks album deal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — When Rachel Bradshaw was a little girl, her father, hall of fame quarterback and part-time singer Terry Bradshaw, would pull out a guitar and employ the four chords he knew to sing Patsy Cline's

"Crazy" with his daughter.

Two decades later, father joined daughter Wednesday night at a dinner to celebrate her signing a record deal with Bigger Picture Group. The younger Bradshaw came to Nashville

from her hometown of Dallas to go to Belmont University, but had an ulterior motive.

"My parents wanted me to be in college but I came here to find out everything about music and about

songwriting, who do I talk to, how do I talk to them?" Bradshaw said.

"I spent a few years just meeting people and getting to know everybody I possibly could and I made friends and we'd start to write songs together."

Open Mic

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Jordan Fields, a sophomore early childhood major from Abilene, said Open Mic Night was the break she needed from studying.

"I've always liked singing," she said. "Then I learned the guitar like a year ago and I thought I'd just come out and play for fun."

The event gave performers a chance to gain experience in front of a smaller crowd in a more laid-back environment, Fields said.

"The first time I was really nervous because it was my first time performing," she said. "This was like my fourth time, so I was still nervous, but the environment was really chill, so that helped."

Fields encourages students who may be too nervous to perform to take a chance and get out of their comfort zones.

"The fear of rejection or that people won't like you is always in

the back of people's minds," she said. "I think it's always good for people to put themselves out there and get out of their comfort zones, because you never know what you'll get out of it."

Jordann Fowler, a freshman electronic media and communications major from Allen, said he enjoyed the energy of the event.

"I come to all of the Open Mic Nights," he said. "It's fun to see the songs they sing and the covers they do, and there's always different people. It's a good atmosphere. I just want to relax and listen to some music from kids on campus, and enjoy the free food and drinks."

Adrienne Norgello, a freshman business major from Dallas, said she has been to every Open Mic Night this school year and the musical atmosphere is what led her to attending the events.

"I don't have much else to do with my time," she said. "It's fun and I really love the atmosphere."

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Texas' strong middle innings carry Longhorns to win

By **BRETT WINEGARNER**
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After using a big inning in Tuesday's game against Angelo State to get a win, Texas Tech was on the other end of the stick Thursday.

No. 25 Texas brought around four runs in the top of the sixth to take a permanent lead, going on to defeat Tech 7-4 at Rip Griffin Park.

The bats looked dormant to begin the game, as both starting pitchers looked dominant in the early going. It wasn't until the third inning that either team managed to hang a run on the scoreboard.

Brennan Moore managed to get the first knock of the game, but it came with a price for Texas' Jonathan Walsh. The left fielder crashed into the wall, and went down in a heap. However, he got up under his own strength, and was able to stay in the game.

Barrett Barnes got the scoring started with a two-out double that bounced off the top of the center field wall to give the Red Raiders a 1-0 lead.

After a scoreless fourth inning by both teams, the runs started to roll in.

In the top of the fifth inning the Longhorns not only picked

up their first hit of the game, but jumped out to their first lead as well. It was not the hits as much as the walks that led Texas to their first sign of life on offense.

Tech starting pitcher Trey Masek struggled in the inning, as he walked three batters — one of which led to a run. This came after Texas picked up its first hit of the game, which brought a run as well.

Tech's associate head baseball coach Tim Tadlock — who spoke to the media since Tech head coach Dan Spencer got ejected from the game — said giving guys free passes will come back to haunt you, especially against a team such as Texas.

"That will happen, that's baseball for you," Tadlock said. "When you walk leadoff guys, and when you walk guys, they usually score. Leadoff guys usually score. They've got a history of being real good of getting guys over and getting guys in and that's what they did today."

Tech was able to respond quickly with a clutch hit from Scott Lejeune. After a strikeout and fly out to begin the inning, Jamodrick McGruder hit a triple and Texas decided to intentionally walk Barnes to put runners on the corners. It was then that Lejeune blasted a three-run homer into the Longhorns' bullpen to give the Red Raiders a 4-2 lead.

The homerun was a big moment in the game, but Lejeune said he knew Tech was going to need more than that to win the game.

"Just trying to help the team win," he said. "I knew that that wasn't going to win the game. I knew that we were going to have to keep competing and as it turned out we still needed some more."

Texas didn't let the Red Raiders keep the lead long though, as the Longhorns jumped right back in the top of the sixth. After Masek left the game after giving up a leadoff walk, Brennan Stewart came in and had a tough time getting an out. A single and a sacrifice bunt followed by an RBI single and double brought in three runs, which ended Stewart's night and put the Longhorns back on top 5-4.

Texas wasn't done though, as it tacked on another run before the inning was over, and then another one in the top of the seventh to build its lead to 7-4.

It was then in the top of the eighth that Spencer didn't care for a call by home plate umpire Mike Morris. Spencer came out to argue the call and after beginning to head out to the dugout he was tossed from the game.

The ejection got the rest of the team excited, Lejeune said.

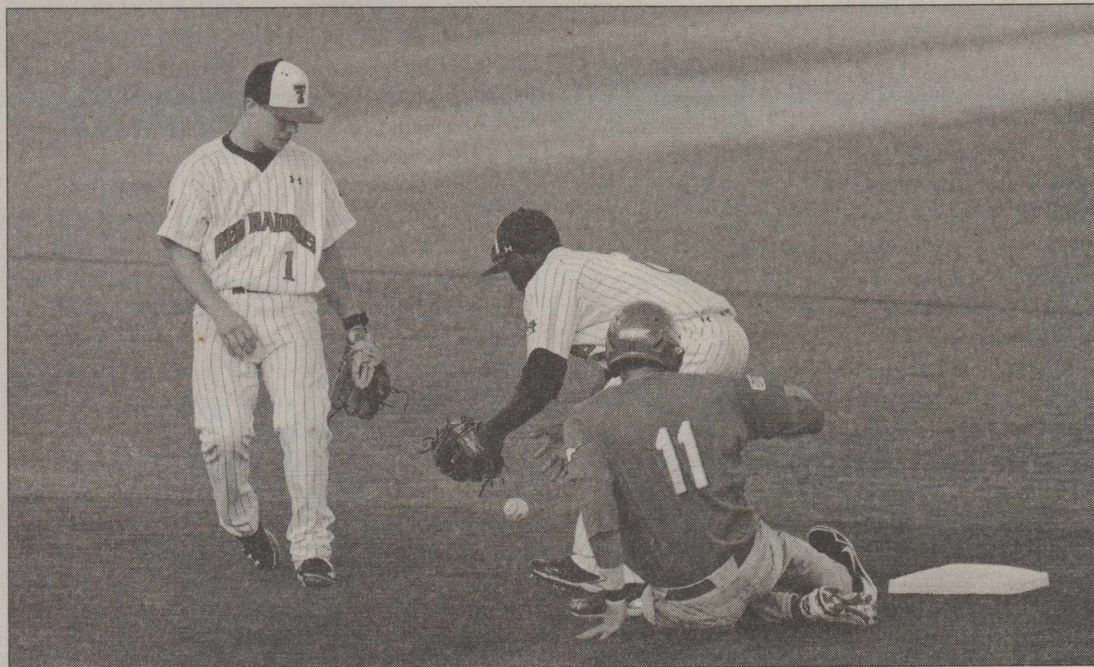


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TEXAS TECH SECOND baseman Jamodrick McGruder fumbles the ball from shortstop Tim Proudfoot, allowing Texas's Alex Silver to slide safely into second base during the Red Raiders' 7-4 loss against the Longhorns on Thursday at Rip Griffin Park.

"It's just a human reaction," he said. "You know, the people in the stands, people in the dugout, you know, you get fired up. You're glad your coach is fighting for you. You know, we love (Spencer) and we know that he's going to come to bat for us."

However, the Red Raiders weren't able to translate any of that energy into runs. Texas'

closer, and last years Stopper of the Year award winner, Corey Knebel, shut the door on Tech. He worked a perfect two innings and gave up only one hit to secure the victory for the Longhorns in game one of the series.

Masek said he doesn't feel like this will slow the Red Raiders down for the rest of the series, and the team's ace will come out and

take care of business in the second game of the series.

"I think we'll be all right," he said, "and I think Duke (von Schamann) is going to give us a good start tomorrow, and we'll come out with the win."

First pitch for game two is scheduled for 6:30 today at Rip Griffin Park.

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Robin Ventura debuts for White Sox at Nolan Ryan's Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Robin Ventura hasn't spoken to Nolan Ryan since charging the mound against the Hall of Fame pitcher 19 seasons ago.

When Ventura makes his managerial debut for the Chi-

cago White Sox on Friday at Texas, Ryan will be sitting in the front row of his team's new-look ballpark.

Six months after being hired to his first managing job, Ventura's first test comes against the

two-time defending American League champion Rangers for which Ryan is now president, CEO and part-owner.

"It's more of what the teams were going through at that time," Ventura said Thursday

when asked what he was thinking when he took off for the mound that hot August night at old Arlington Stadium in 1993. "It wasn't a me against him thing."

Ventura was then a 26-year-old third baseman for the White Sox who played 12 more seasons after that. Ryan, the major league strikeout king in the final season of his record 27-year playing career, got the player 20 years younger than him in a headlock and landed several blows.

Video of the brawl is still wildly popular at Rangers Ballpark, getting cheers every time it is shown.

But Rangers fans won't get to see it during the weekend series since the team has no plans to show it on the large video board while the White Sox are in town. They still get a chance to boo Ventura when he's introduced before the opener.

"I've seen it, so it's not like I haven't seen it. They can play it if they want. It's not going to change any decision I make or anything else I do," Ventura said. "I've played here in the past, it's not like I never came back here. (Fans) can get all riled up all they want. ... I'm concerned more about what my guys are

doing and how we play than I'm worried about if I get booed."

Ryan has said he plans to speak with Ventura during batting practice or another time Friday. He said the two have never spoken because their paths have not crossed through the years.

"It happened so long ago, and there's no animosity on anyone's part," Ryan said, referring to the scuffle almost 19 years ago. "It was part of our careers, and just a response to the moment."

Ryan said that even now, a picture of the moment is one of the most frequent items he's asked to autograph.

"I'm surprised that it's taken on the life that it has," he said.

Ventura said there are no hard feelings.

The Rangers are marking the franchise's move from Washington to Texas on the heels of their only two World Series appearances, and twice coming within a strike of a championship-clinching victory last October. The first-pitch ceremony Friday will include 13 players from the 1972 team.

It will be the 12th opening day for Michael Young, the Rangers' longest-tenured player who hit .423 in 19 Cactus

League games this spring.

"I know it's a lot (of opening days)," Young said. "Every year, it's getting better."

Colby Lewis, another Texas pitcher who previously pitched in Japan, goes in the opener against left-hander John Danks, like Lewis a former first-round pick by the Rangers. It is the first opening-day start for both.

Yu Darvish, the top pitcher from Japan that the Rangers committed more than \$107 million this winter to sign, is scheduled to make his major league debut in the fourth game, Monday night against Seattle.

Lewis pitched two seasons in Japan before returning two years ago to the Rangers, who drafted him 38th overall as a supplemental first-round pick in 1999. He won 10 games as a Rangers rookie in 2003, and was in the rotation to start the following season before a rotator cuff injury derailed his progress. He eventually had stops in Detroit, Washington and Oakland before going to Japan.

His first opening-day start for his original team comes after being so close to a World Series title six months ago.

"I feel blessed for the opportunity, and grateful," Lewis said. "We did everything we needed (last year) except for one pitch really. ... We've got the same group of core guys back. The opportunity is there for us to do it again."

Danks, from the Austin area about three hours away, was drafted ninth overall by Texas in 2003. He grew up going to Rangers Ballpark and always looked forward to possibly pitching on opening day there one day.

He will do it for the White Sox, who gave him a new \$65 million, five-year deal this winter. Chicago acquired him in December 2006 in a five-player deal that sent Brandon McCarthy to Texas.

"To be against anyone, it will be exciting," said Danks, downplaying the significance of doing it against Texas.

Having been to so many games at Rangers Ballpark as a fan, and a player, Danks has often seen that video of his manager's brawl with Ryan.

"We might take a couple of stabs at Robin if we win a couple of games here," said Danks, adding with a smile that there haven't been any jokes about it yet. "I need to learn him first and make sure I can. He might beat me up."

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