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Officials continue search for inmate

Escaped prisoner still missing after fourth day

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Investigators found a hacksaw blade they believe was used by convicted killer Martin Gurule to begin his escape from death row four days ago, prison officials said Monday.

Gurule, 29, remained at large despite the efforts of 500 officers and 70 tracking dogs who crisscrossed heavily wooded and swampy areas around the Ellis Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, home of the state's death row.

"We're going to go on the assumption he's still here until we find evidence he's not," said Sgt. Tommy Freeman, who manages the dog

teams at the prison. "It's very frustrating," Gary Johnson, director of the prison system, said late Monday afternoon after another full day of searching.

"But we can't quit just because we're frustrated.

"We just have to be patient and press on."

Johnson repeated his belief that Gurule remained within a 7-mile perimeter to the south and east of the prison.

"If I knew he was not here, we would pull out," he said. "But we have no plans now of pulling out. As long as there's a chance he's here, we'll be

here. We're committed for the long haul."

Freeman and his dog teams, aided by the hundreds of officers and at least two helicopters, have been searching since late Thanksgiving night, shortly after Gurule and six other condemned killers tried to flee the prison about 85 miles northeast of Houston.

Officials said the seven used the hacksaw blade to cut through a recreation yard fence.

They then climbed to the roof of the prison and waited for more than three hours.

After sliding to the ground, they dashed across a grassy perimeter toward two tall chain-link fences topped with razor wire.

When Gurule hit the second fence, a motion detector was set off and tower guards made out the mov-

ing bodies in heavy fog and began shooting.

Authorities believe no one was hit. His six colleagues surrendered, but Gurule was able to scale the second fence and dash into the foggy night.

He has not been seen since, making Gurule the first inmate to escape from the Texas death row in 64 years.

Freeman said his dogs tracked Gurule's scent to a highway about a quarter-mile east of the prison, where it abruptly stopped.

"Unlike a lot of people think, there are a lot of situations where we can have a problem (tracking)," Freeman said.

Prison spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said it was possible the inmate had stepped into a pile of cow manure, which would throw off the dogs' ability to track his scent.

Freeman noted, however, that the

constant yelping of the dogs could have an effect on the inmate if he is hiding.

"The average individual doesn't want to be chased by dogs," he said. "It has a psychological effect."

While authorities believed Gurule was nearby, they have not dismissed the possibility that he was picked up in a car.

"It's something we're exploring," Fitzgerald said.

The blade, a common tool used in the prison shops, was found atop the prison building the inmates climbed Thursday night.

"It was not brought in from the outside as far as we can determine," Fitzgerald said.

"It's the kind we have at our industries. We have a bus barn here, a furniture shop. The fact we have a saw blade is not unusual. We are con-

cerned, obviously, how this occurred, but first we have to find him.

"What we're fearful of is this guy has nothing to lose," he added. "He's already put two bullets in the heads of people. We don't want an encore performance."

Gurule was sentenced to death for the Oct. 12, 1992, shooting of Minas "Mike" Piperis during a robbery at Piperis' U&I Restaurant in Corpus Christi. Gurule also was charged with killing restaurant worker Anthony Staton, but that case never went to trial.

Authorities said other investigations in addition to the search effort were under way but refused to discuss them.

"This is proceeding on two planes," Castlebury said. "We just won't tell you what's on the other plane."

Holiday Helping

Tech students, faculty, staff help South Plains hungry

By Laura Hensley
Staff Writer

A woman wandering out of the University Center on Monday afternoon stopped and glanced at the boxes of canned foods being loaded on to trucks, she lit her cigarette and announced to no one in specific, "We sure did raise a ton of food didn't we. I think it's wonderful," and went on her way.

Although the amount of food raised during the Tech Can Share Food Drive was well over a ton, more than 22,000 pounds to be exact, the woman's sentiments captured the spirit of the food drive perfectly.

Everything from cream corn, green beans, canned peaches and soup were loaded on to South Plains Food Bank trucks at the UC, marking the end of the campus-wide food drive Monday afternoon.

Throughout the drive, which was sponsored by Community Service Learning, campus departments and student organizations competed with each other to raise food to be donated to the food bank.

The history department topped the competition by donating 3,800 pounds of food. Peggy Ariaz, a secretary in the history department, said professors, students and staff helped contribute to the donation.

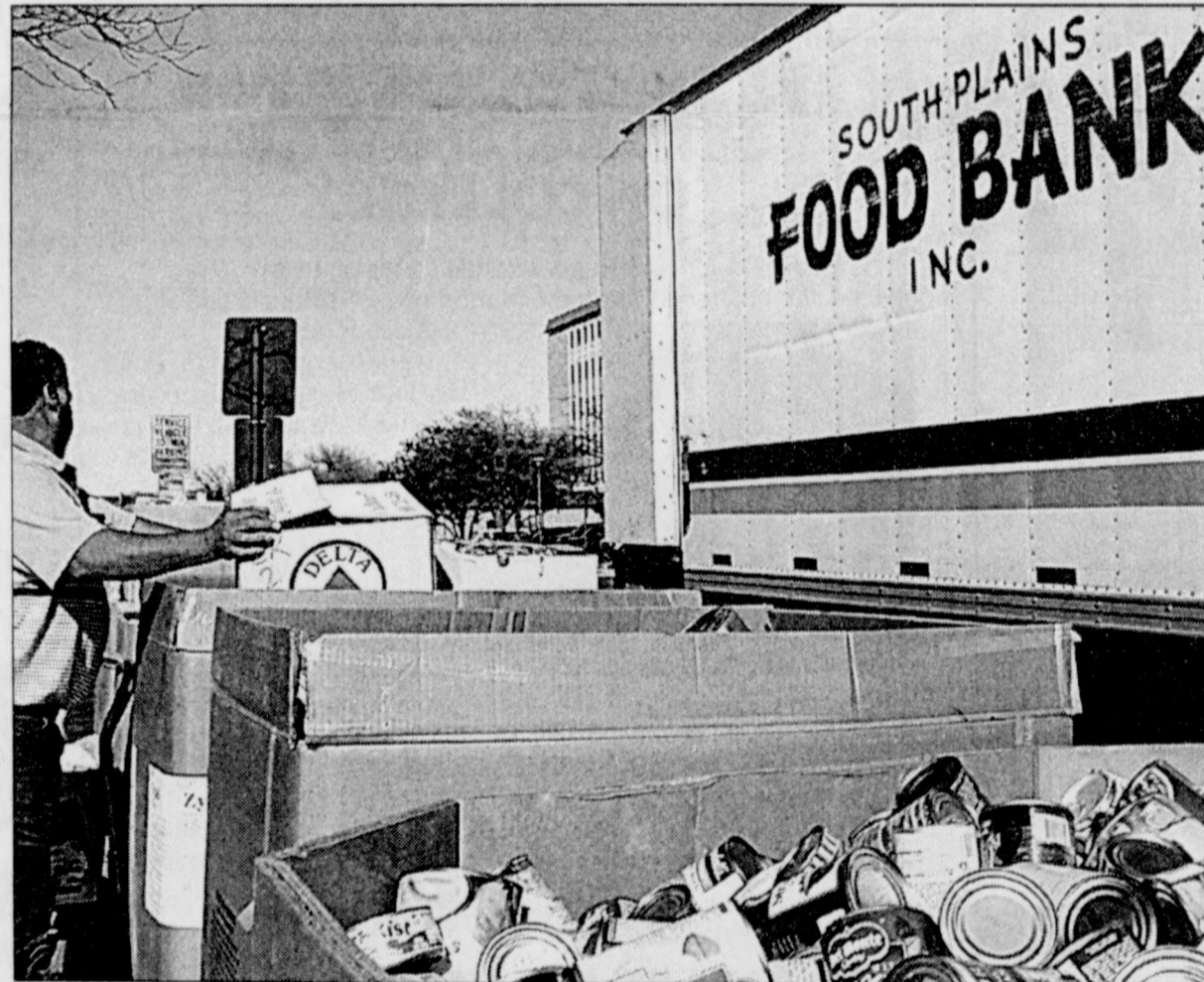
"This is something we enjoy doing every year," Ariaz said. "We just spread the word to the professors, and then they ask students to bring food to class."

Ariaz said each year the department tries to do better than the year before and usually competes with the political science department to spark interest between the two departments.

"We were afraid we weren't going to top last year," Ariaz said. "Everybody around here feels the same way — that this is a worthwhile cause and that is why we do so well each year."

Tech sorority Chi Omega led student organization donations with 794 pounds. Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Alpha Delta Pi sorority teamed up to donate 811 pounds of food.

Monica Marquez, assistant in the UC and a graduate student from Odessa, said a generous donation from the athletic department also contributed to the large



Helping out: Jim Rodriguez, a warehouse supervisor for the South Plains Food Bank, sorts through canned goods for the Tech Can Share Food Drive. The event raised more than 22,000 pounds of food for charity.

amount of food given to the South Plains Food Bank.

"At the very last minute, (the athletic department) announced that people could get into the men's basketball game Friday

night with four cans of food," Marquez said. "We got 3,700 pounds plus, because of that."

Although the food drive did not reach its goal of 25,000 pounds, Marquez said she considered it a

success.

"It was a really good turn out," she said.

"Giving makes the difference and many people will be touched by this."

Bush's visit to Jewish settlement cancelled

JERUSALEM (AP) — A planned visit to a Jewish settlement on the West Bank by Texas Gov. George W. Bush, a potential presidential candidate in 2000, was abruptly cancelled Monday.

Bush is visiting Israel with three other Republican governors on a trip organized by the National Jewish Coalition, a group of American Jews whose right-wing sentiments mirror the policies of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's conservative government. The governors had expected to tour the settlement of Alfei Menashe on Tuesday.

It was not clear what led to the cancellation, which apparently saved Bush from a premature entanglement in one of the thorniest foreign policy issues confronting the United States.

Palestinians see the West Bank, which Israel captured from Jordan in 1967, as the nucleus of a future state. But many Israelis view the West Bank as an irrevocable part of the Jewish homeland, and settlers there are staunchly opposed to the U.S.-sponsored Wye River peace accord, which calls for additional Israeli withdrawals from the territory.

A foreign ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said U.S. officials feared a settlement visit could trigger a backlash from the Palestinians and asked that the delegation not be taken to the West Bank. Larry Schwartz, spokesman for the U.S. embassy in Israel, had no comment.

Ahmed Tibi, an adviser to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, said such a trip would have defied the policies of successive U.S. administrations — including that of his own father, George Bush — that have opposed Jewish settlements on lands Israel captured from its neighbors.

"It would have been a mistake on his part, especially for a possible presidential candidate," said Ahmed Qureai, speaker of the Palestinian legislature.

Bush, together with Governors Marc Racicot from Montana, Paul Cellucci from Massachusetts and Mike Leavitt from Utah, attended a dinner in Jerusalem on Monday that was hosted by Netanyahu.

Combest addresses safety issues

By Gretchen Verry
Staff Writer

State Agricultural Co-Chairman and Congressman Larry Combest traveled to Lubbock on Monday to discuss food safety issues facing local grocery stores.

Combest led a tour through United grocery store at 82nd and Boston, pointing out issues facing the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

John Motley, senior vice president of food marketing affairs for United, also was present at the event.

"This is basically a show-and-tell visit to point out the huge responsibility the USDA maintains in keeping the food supply of America safe," Motley said.

On the tour, Combest also



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addressed the issue of product labeling based on its country of origin.

"There has been heavy debate over this issue in the past year," Combest said.

"It is important to beg the question of at which point a product becomes foreign."

Another issue in debate focuses on whose responsibility the labeling becomes.

"Is it up to the grocery store or the point of origin to label the product?" Combest said.

"I think it's important for the consumer to know the ramifications of this issue."

Combest also addressed the issue of technology in food inspection.

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Larry Combest
U.S. Congressman

"It is important that the USDA has the best technology that is available," Combest said. "We need to establish the methods and means to provide them with the highest levels of technology."

Research is another important aspect of the USDA's role, Combest said.

"Research in all forms of agriculture is a significant issue for the USDA," Combest said.

"It is important to be constantly updating ag technology."

Local representatives of United also were on hand for the event.

Store manager Chris James discussed the issue of produce freshness with Combest.

"We are seeing a recent trend in packaged items with freshness dates in the produce area," James said.

Gas stations, refineries may be sold if Exxon, Mobil merge

NEW YORK (AP) — A merger between Exxon and Mobil could prompt government antitrust watchdogs to insist the new company sell off numerous gas stations and refineries, putting thousands of jobs in jeopardy.

"Everyone is kind of scared," Richard Hidalgo, a 26-year veteran of Mobil's 1,200-employee refinery in Beaumont, said Monday.

"No one really knows what's going to happen."

Even without a divestiture order from the government, analysts predict thousands of job cuts, with estimates reaching as high as 20,000 — or about 16 percent of the combined work force.

"What you're talking about here is a classic cost-cutting scenario ... You merge two companies together and you basically gut one or both of them," said Michael Young, an

analyst with Deutsche Bank Securities in Boston.

But even though the merger would form the world's largest oil company, most analysts said Monday they don't expect worries about industry dominance to be strong enough to kill the deal.

"When the final analysis is made, it will be determined that the industry remains highly fragmented and highly competitive," Young said.

Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp., the nation's two biggest oil companies, announced last week they were in merger negotiations. A deal, which would probably be structured as an Exxon purchase, would likely be in the \$60 billion-plus range, making it the richest of all time.

Still, a combined Exxon-Mobil would represent just 4 percent of global oil production capacity.

Tech students will travel to the Netherlands

By Melody Ragland
Staff Writer

Three Texas Tech students will travel to the Netherlands in April 1999 to participate in the Computer Programming Competition World Finals.

Jason Hammons, Brad Johnson and Nathan Rogers qualified for the world finals by placing third in the Association of Computer Management United States South Central Region Programming Contest. The contest was Nov. 7

at Rice University in Houston.

There were 71 teams at the contest and Tech placed third and seventh. This is the eighth time a team from Tech has qualified for the world finals. Tech has missed their chance by one spot four different times, said Don Bagert, the team's faculty adviser and associate professor of computer science.

Bagert said at both regionals and the world finals the students solve problems as a team. Each team con-

sist of three students and their goal is to solve problems as quickly and correctly as possible.

"The problem solving and competition together is a lot of fun," said Hammons, a senior computer science major from Lubbock.

The students solve problems involving games and puzzles, Bagert said.

"The purpose of the competition and the team is to see how good of problem solvers they are," Bagert said.

"They learn a lot of important things."

Bagert said through the competition, students learn cooperation, how to be better problem solvers, how to work in a team and how to work with limited resources and time management.

"The quicker the students are, the better," Bagert said.

Hammons said it is really important to work with a team and learn problem solving.

"You have to have the ability to work

as a team if you're going to go far,"

Hammons said. Bagert said students are chosen by individual skills and then they look at the chemistry between the students and put together teams.

The team members and coach will travel to the Netherlands in April. IBM, the world finals sponsors, will pay for all expenses in the Netherlands. Bagert said they only have to pay for the traveling expenses to the Netherlands and back.

Architecture college names distinguished alumnus

Larry Self has been named by Texas Tech's College of Architecture as a distinguished alumnus.

Self is the current executive vice president of the St. Louis-based firm HOK Architects. He is a 1968 graduate from Tech and is a 30-year veteran with HOK.

HOK is a global design organization which provides architectural, engineering, planning, interiors, graphics and consulting services. In 1991, Self became the executive director of HOK Europe and the Middle East to oversee the company's expansion in Europe.

Self has been involved in projects such as the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and the Houston and Dallas galleries.

Allocation of funds for registered organizations begins today in UC

The annual allocation process by the Senate Committee will begin today to award funding to registered organizations.

Every year the Senate Committee on Budget and Finance allocates student service fees for Tech student organizations and determines what organizations will receive funding. The process will begin when organizations wishing to receive funding attend mandatory workshops at 7

p.m. today in the University Center Lubbock Room.

Organizations also will pick up funding request packets that will be available in the Student Government Association office in room 230 of the UC.

The allocation process will continue until March 4, when the Senate committee will have the first reading of the budget bill for 1999-2000.

Ruling likely to open Love Field

FORT WORTH (AP) — Federal regulators are leaning toward allowing wide-ranging nonstop flights out of Dallas Love Field, according to Fort Worth leaders and attorneys familiar with the issue.

They point to a June 30 letter in which U.S. Department of Transportation general counsel Nancy McFadden wrote that "careful analysis" found that "expanded service at Love Field would not injure DFW" and would have "little, if any, impact on Dallas-Fort Worth Airport's

growth," the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Monday.

The federal agency is expected to rule soon on whether federal law pre-empts local control in determining where planes can fly from the in-town airport.

The city of Dallas supports long-haul flights, but Fort Worth leaders fear they would undermine Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, which is jointly owned by the two cities.

Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr

said a DOT ruling dismantling the limits that restrict Love Field flights to Texas and six other states would be a crushing blow to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

"It would have devastating ramifications for DFW, for the neighborhoods around Love Field, and we'll fight it all the way," Barr told the newspaper.

But advocates of opening Love Field to longer flights say such a ruling would help restore federal control over interstate commerce.

Audit finds weakness in IRS controls

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service used unarmed bicycle couriers to transport millions of dollars in taxpayer checks and hired employees for sensitive positions before completing their background checks, according to an audit released Monday.

IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti said he "generally agreed" with results of the audit by the congressional General Accounting Office but added that the IRS is already taking steps to shore up several security weaknesses.

"We recognize that financial crimes and identity fraud committed through the theft of receipts and tax return data not only harm the government but taxpayers and banks as

well," Rossotti said in a written response. "We are committed to mitigating this risk."

The GAO study involved visits to IRS service centers in Atlanta, Philadelphia, Austin, Texas, and Ogden, Utah, April 20-23, during this year's tax filing peak. Practices at district offices in Los Angeles, northern California and north Texas also were observed.

At all four service centers, investi-

gators found that unarmed couriers driving civilian cars alone or riding bicycles were used to deliver tens of millions of dollars in taxpayer checks.

One courier, the GAO found, left a \$200 million deposit unattended in a car with a window open. In another instance, a vulnerable bicycle messenger was entrusted with up to \$100 million in deposits every day. The sites of neither of the incidents was identified.

Although the deposits did not in-

clude cash, taxpayer checks contain such private information as bank account and Social Security numbers, names and addresses and signatures. They can be "cloned" using account numbers into fake bank accounts if stolen.

"The theft of one peak season deposit could place a significant administrative burden on (the) IRS to contact taxpayers and initiate stop payment orders on tens of thousands of checks," GAO investigators wrote, although the audit did not identify any instances of such a theft.

But the GAO did cite lack of adequate background checks in 12 of the 80 IRS employee thefts investigated from January 1995 to July 1997. Those 80 thefts totaled some \$5.3 million.

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Dean named to serve on Texas Architectural Foundation

James White, dean of the College of Architecture at Tech, has been named to serve a two-year term on the board of directors of the Texas Architectural Foundation.

TAF is an organization that awards thousands of dollars in

scholarships every year to graduate and postgraduate students in Texas architecture schools.

Some of the scholarships awarded by TAF are restricted to Tech students.

White not only serves as the dean of the College of Architecture, but he also is active in the Texas Society of Architects and the Lubbock chapter of American Institute of Architects.

White has served as the dean of the College of Architecture since October 1987.

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Tuesday, December 1, 1998

Lubbock, Tech celebrate Day Without Art

By Sebastian Kitchen
Staff Writer

Today, art on campus will be covered in black as part of the Day Without Art. In its 10th year, the Day Without Art is an event to remind the public of the hundreds of artists who die from AIDS every year.

Texas Tech will observe the day by covering art around campus. The Will Rogers statue, the statue of Preston Smith in front of the administration building and all of the artwork in the University Center and other buildings on campus will be covered in black.

"Several departments and organizations have called us wanting help," said Angie Dunlap, activities adviser with UC Programs.

The Day Without Art is part of World AIDS Day. Several events will be throughout campus as part of the

event. "This is so important because this is a topic that needs to be addressed," Dunlap said. "The more you try to avoid discussing it, the more of a problem it becomes."

In the art building hall gallery, the department will present "The Wall: Living Memories and Tributes" from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The art department will present the "World AIDS Day Commemoration Program: Memories and Lives" at 6:30 p.m. in the art department studio gallery.

The theatrical presentation,

"Breakout!" will be performed at noon in the UC Courtyard.

The movie "In The Gloaming" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. today in the UC Allen Theatre. Admission cost is \$2 for Tech students and \$4 for the general public.

Free Confidential HIV testing will be offered from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the UC Bell Tower Room.

Friendship in the Age of AIDS, an informational lecture, will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the UC Allen Theatre and is free to the public.

HIV-positive Joel Goldman and

college friend T.J. Sullivan will speak to students and the general public about dealing with HIV and AIDS. Each year, the two men travel to more than 100 universities trying to inform campuses about the deadly virus.

Goldman used to be active in the fraternity party scene at the University of Indiana, drinking and having

unprotected sex. Life as he knew it came to a screeching halt when Goldman

discovered he was infected with HIV. Sullivan, his fraternity friend, will educate other students of the dangers so they will not end up in Goldman's position.

This week's events will help educate students on HIV and AIDS. "People need to know the facts about AIDS at least from a prevention stand point," Dunlap said.

"This is so important because this is a topic that needs to be addressed."

Angie Dunlap
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Mild weather helps Christmas tree growers

BALTIMORE (AP) — Mild weather is shaping up as a gift for Christmas tree growers in Maryland, particularly those in the western part of the state where heavy snowfall in previous years made harvesting nearly impossible.

The balmy fall weather is just fine with Randy Sisler, manager of Mountain Top Tree Farm in Oakland. "Harvesting is going really good so far," he said. "The trees are good color, good needles, and they have good growth, long and full."

The 250-acre Garrett County farm has 200,000 trees. It largely is a wholesaler but also has a retail choose-and-cut operation. It expects to sell about 3,000 trees by mid-December.

This year's drought killed about one-quarter of seedlings planted in the spring, but the problem can be fixed by planting more next year, Sisler said.

Sisler, vice president of the Mary-

land Christmas Tree Association, said he expects to sell out of trees, as he does every year.

"I never have leftovers," he said. "The last couple of days they are buying what I have left."

The Maryland Department of Agriculture estimates there are about 250 Christmas tree farms in the state, with sales of about \$2.5 million.

Susan Butler of Butler's Orchard in Germantown, about 25 miles northwest of Washington, D.C., expected the first big rush over the Thanksgiving weekend. The 300-acre family

farm, which has been in the Christmas tree business since the 1950s, hopes to sell about 1,000 trees before Christmas, depending on the weather.

Christmas trees account for about 10 percent of the farm's income, and harvesting comes at just the right time — after all the summer crops have been harvested, but in time to help sell apples in cold storage.

Drought caused less than a 5 percent loss among the farm's tree seedlings, which were watered at crucial periods.

The quality of all the trees is very good this year. But Butler's has too few 8-foot Douglas firs to meet de-

mand, and will have to get them from a tree farm near Frederick, farther west. People want the taller trees to fill the foyers and rooms with cathedral ceilings in the larger homes, Butler said.

Drought last spring killed about 80 percent of seedlings as well as some mature trees at John Hutchison's 12-acre Christmas Forest near Cordova on Maryland's Eastern Shore. But Hutchison said he and his three brothers will just tighten their belts and plant again next year.

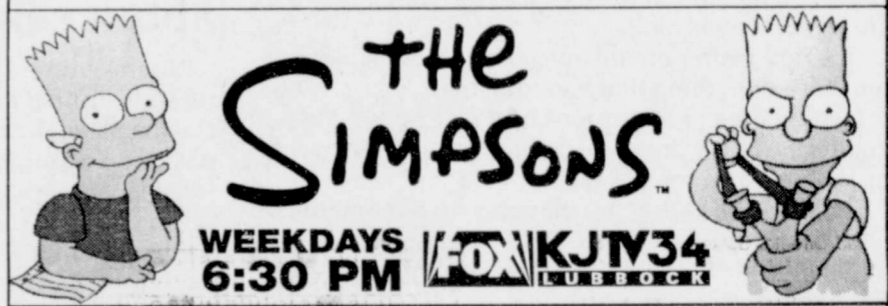
"We were exceedingly dry," he said. "I lost trees that have been there eight or 10 years."

The farm's choose-and-cut operation opened Saturday.

"I like to see families with kids, walking through the wilds looking at the trees, and having a memorable experience," Hutchison said. "To me that is as important as the trees, to have fun and not just run out there to get a tree and rush back."

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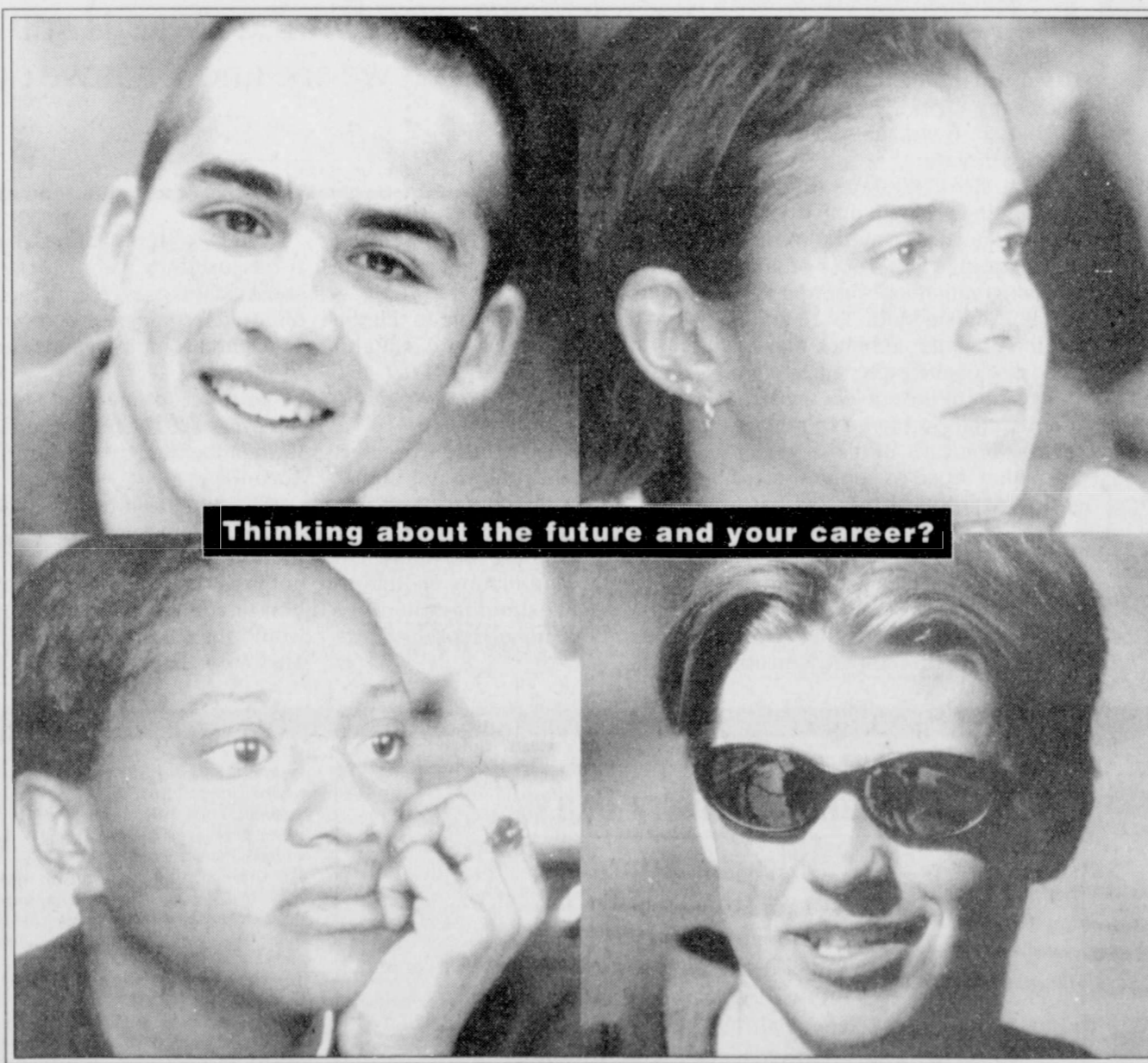
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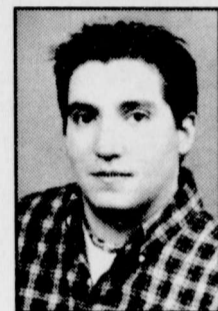
VIEWPOINTS

Tuesday, December 1, 1998

Keeping memories alive

The turkey is in the freezer. The dressing is in the trash. The pies have all been eaten. The Cowboys have lost.

All of the aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents and other relatives that were in town are gone. The Christmas decorations have been brought down from the attic.



Kevin Preas
Columnist

And we are back in Lubbock, trying to get through what is left of the semester.

That's right, the Thanksgiving holiday is over, at least for another year.

I know, the break went by too fast. They always do. You get home and by the time you try to get anything done, it's time to leave again.

I spent most of my break sick, trying to get some sympathy from either my mother or my girlfriend (I would have preferred more from

Jen, but I did not get too much from either).

Anyway, as I sat on my couch, runny nose and coughing, with no one to feel sorry for me, I begin to think back to those days of yesteryear — when attention was easy to come by, and there was more than enough time to do anything you wanted during your breaks. It was a time when you did not have to worry about money or even when you had to go back to school.

Do you remember the day after Thanksgiving when you were 10 years old.

I would gather up any magazine, catalog, newspaper, flier — anything that had toys in it?

I would then patiently look over every page. I would analyze every toy there was to look at, carefully weighing the pros and cons of each.

I would then gather my thoughts for a moment and make a second pass through the pictures, this time marking each of the toys I found acceptable as Christmas presents.

Do you ever miss those days? For a child that is what Christmas is all about.

The problem a lot of us face today is we have lost the idea of what this season is about.

Now, I know the holiday season is not about getting toys any more, but it is about that idea of hope we all used to have. An idea of hope we sometimes seem to forget as we get older.

On Saturday, I didn't feel much better, but Jen dragged me out of the house and took me to the mall anyway.

We were looking for presents for her niece and nephew. As we wandered through the toy store, I saw something wonderful.

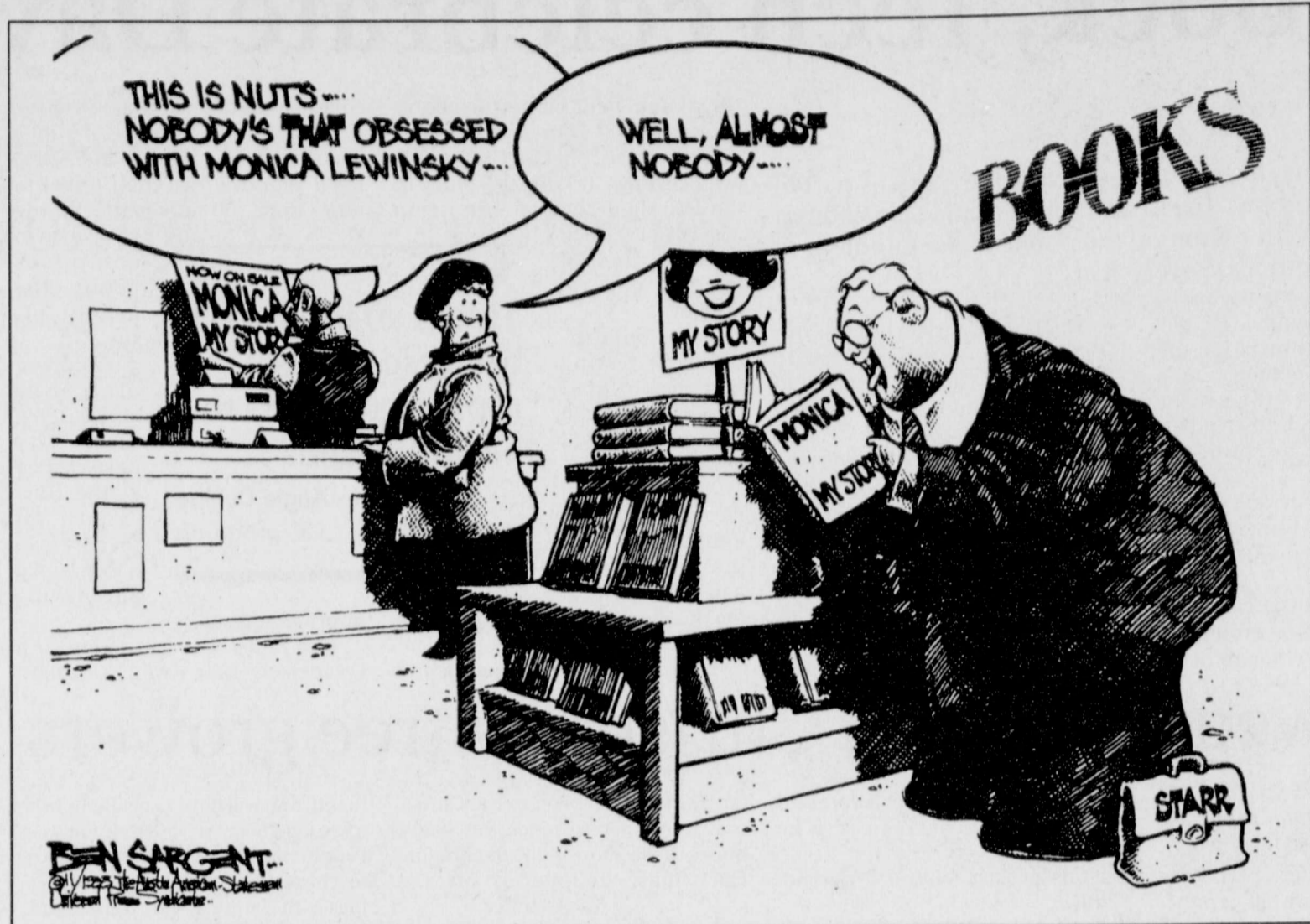
Among the hundreds of rushing people, grabbing for toys, giving each other dirty looks, I saw the looks on the faces of the children who were there looking at the toys. I saw the happiness and joy in their faces. The hope in their eyes.

It was enough to make me feel better.

It made me forget about all the things that I was complaining about, the crowds, the trip back we both would soon have to make, finals and even how bad I felt.

It made me remember this is the greatest time of the year.

Kevin Preas is a senior public relations major from Plano.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students shouldn't complain about campus police

To the editor: I am appalled at two letters that were recently printed in *The UD* about the University Police Department. The first was the criticism of an officer for not stopping for her so she can cross the street and instead let another student cross. I only have one thing to say to you.

"Jay walking." It is illegal and punishable. So be thankful that he didn't write you a ticket.

The most upsetting was the student who could not get to his residence hall. I agree that it is a pain, I know I used to live on campus myself. I do not feel as though he should have come down so hard on UPD. I seriously doubt that he approached the officers in a "nice" manner. I, and any other logical person, could seriously doubt that not one but two officers would threaten to take him to jail if he was calm and collective. Quite frankly just because you have a college degree doesn't make you a "smart" person.

I know there are a lot of you out there who say "this" and "that" about the police, but I think you should all keep something in mind. The UPD is trying to keep this campus safe.

Sometimes they are not going to let you cross. And sometimes they get stuck with the assignment of directing traffic. These things may make you angry. But these are the same officers who arrest thieves pointing knives at people. They protect us from drunk obnoxious people, who sometimes decide to get real stupid and drive. They're also watching at the many other events that take place on this campus during the late night hours.

So don't be so quick to critique a police officer's job

because you had to detour to get to your residence hall or because you had to take a few extra steps.

Denis Prose
junior
MIS

Advice on how to charge fees instead of raising prices

To the editor: Another rate increase for students at Tech? I'm in shock. Well, at least the fees for student parking are reasonable and the service is great. (Can you sense the biting sarcasm?)

By the way, what is this Horizon thing worth if they can't afford to give the staff at traffic and parking a small raise without increasing student fees? But what really bothers me is the fact the increase in student parking fees will be used for an arena that most students will never step foot in.

At the rate construction is moving, we may never see it completed. However, I don't see why students are shocked over this. After all, in a university that places academics low on a list topped by athletics and public image, what else could we expect? I've included some suggestions on ways to avoid the raise in fees:

- Students could take the bus, walk, or bike to school. On second thought, then the parking office would lose money, and Tech would have to increase another fee to cover it.
- Students could car pool and split the cost of gas and permits. (It's a great way to meet members of the opposite sex and is environmentally friendly.)
- (My personal favorite.) All of the students can call

Mr. Montford and request that he give us a ride to our 8 a.m. class.

• Get involved. Let people in high places know that we won't be pushed around any longer. We know what's reasonable and Tech has crossed that line too many times.

Lori Turney
junior
pre-Physical Therapy

Garages not lots for campus

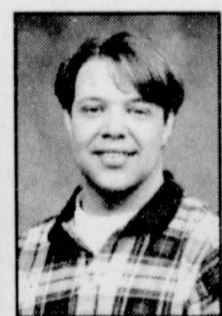
To the editor: I couldn't have said it better myself, because I would not have been so nice.

Parking at Tech is so frustrating that I can barely keep my thoughts in order, but I will try my best. With all the money this university sucks out of my pocket the best it can come up with is a dirt lot. I guess no one has heard of the modern architectural wonder known as the parking garage.

This is a structure that is built up — not out — a concept obviously lost on our "flat world" administration. More cars, less ground area. Who da' think it? And all that extra money from raising already exorbitant parking fines? How about hiring some competent and efficient advising personnel? Well, maybe not. Now that I've vented, I feel a little better. At least until the next time I get to park in the back 40 and squeeze into an already dangerously full bus. Anybody see a green route? Hell, at this point I'll take a red one. I could go on, but I won't.

Art Allen
freshman
undecided

Censorship is strong, even after ratings boxes



Wayne Hodgkin
managing editor

On Sunday, Nov. 23, the CBS program "60 Minutes" aired a segment depicting retired pathologist Dr. Jack Kervorkian's assisted suicide of Thomas Youk of Michigan.

Youk, 52, was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Portions of the tape that were aired on the program on participating CBS affiliates showed Youk being injected with a lethal dose of drugs, and congratulations in order to local CBS affiliate KLBK-TV 13 for airing the program. Lubbock may not be so conservative after all.

Because of the subject matter of the material portrayed in the segment, some CBS affiliates around the nation opted to not air the program, including the Dallas-based A.H. Belo Company and their six affiliates.

As a journalist, I am all about the First Amendment and out and out against censorship. And that is what I believe the Belo company and oth-

The fact remains that the TV gods still are controlling what we see and what we don't see.

ers around the nation were practicing when they opted to not show the controversial segment.

Who are these people to tell the nation what they should see and what they should not see?

Who are these people to deem what I see as controversial?

I thought the TV gods got over this issue when they began the implementation of the ratings boxes you see on every program that airs.

I am 22 years old, and I think I'm old enough and mature enough to decide what I should/should not watch on TV. This goes for the entire nation, too.

The TV gods probably did not air it because they were worried that some kid was going to turn on the TV and watch some poor dote wanting to die and some psychotic wanting to kill him.

What kid do you know is going to flip over to "60 Minutes" and watch it when the "Rugrats" are on Nickelodeon?

OK, then they probably didn't air it because some psycho might be out there contemplating on whether or not to call up ole Kervorkian and ask him to come end his life. But why would the so-called TV gods care? They are still trying to decide what to

rate the program.

The fact remains that the TV gods still are controlling what we see and what we don't see.

They are telling us "hey, we believe you (the general public) are not mature enough to view this program, so we are not going to show it to you."

Is it ever going to end? Are we ever going to be free in the so-called Land of the Free?

People in America are persecuted every day because of their personal religion and views ... people in America are harassed every day because of their sexual preference ... and yes people in America are despised because they choose Mint Chocolate Chip instead of Jamoca Almond Fudge.

This is how ridiculous the situation has become.

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Tech volleyball invited to NCAA Tournament
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Lockout causes NBA withdrawal



Brent Dirks
Sports Editor

Hello, my name is Brent, and I am a NBA basketball addict. Yes, I have tried to hide my addiction in past columns saying I could easily wait for the WNBA and college basketball to cure my insatiable craving. But it doesn't work. On day one hundred and who knows of what seems like an eternity, I can't stand it. I keep flipping to TNT looking for something, anything, to cure the

bunger, but all I can find is stuff like back-to-back showings of 48 hours and really other bad movies from the 1980s. And that's even with Eddie Murphy's four-letter words and great comebacks edited out.

I want to see overpaid, underworked superstars talk unedited trash on the court. Even overpaid and underworked Ted Turner can't deny me that with NBA basketball.

One particular satellite cable system offers the possibility to see every, yes every, NBA game seven days a week 24 hours a day.

After finally deciding to save up what seemed like a million dollars. (Despite conventional wisdom, sports editors don't get paid all that much. It was either food or satellite

television.) I find I can't order my little five in a hand, and it looks like I may never get to. I guess I'll finally get to eat after all.

I start shaking around 10 p.m. flipping through all the many channels looking for any highlights, but all I can find on ESPN and Fox Sports Southwest is bowling and football highlights, damn.

Maybe college basketball could help me get through the bad times, but no.

Nobody can equal Shaq bricking more than half of his free-throws or Allen Iverson saying he is the best basketball player that has ever walked this Earth.

I got a new game recently for my computer, NBA Live 1999. It's the greatest.

Instead of only watching the overpaid crybabies on the court, I can finally control their actions.

If I want to bench Iverson, it's done. If I want to start Tony Battie for Shaq, it's done, all at the click of a mouse.

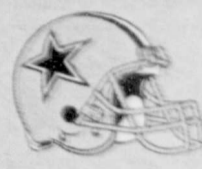
Cory Carr has started to look a lot better in the Bulls' shooting-guard spot than Michael Jordan, so ride the pine your Airness, or "guard" as he is listed in the game.

Tonight it's Houston vs. Chicago. Go Cory, go.

Five more weeks of this lockout may fry my computer.

Please help.
Brent Dirks is a senior journalism major from Lubbock. He can be reached by e-mail at bdirks@netscape.net.

Smith joins list of Cowboys injuries



Mathis hopes to be able to return kicks and play cornerback.

IRVING (AP) — The news keeps getting grimmer for the Dallas Cowboys' secondary.

Left cornerback Kevin Smith joined right cornerback Deion Sanders on the 'questionable' list Monday, and coach Chan Gailey is readying numerous strategies for doing without them in Sunday's game against New Orleans.

Following three days off after a 46-36 loss to Minnesota on Thanksgiving Day, Gailey got the trainer's injury list and it showed Smith with back and neck injuries.

Sanders missed the Vikings game with an injured left big toe. Smith was hurt returning a punt against Minnesota.

"We'll just have to go on a day-to-day basis" with both Sanders and Smith, Gailey said.

Sanders said Monday that his toe injury "is going to be a lingering thing. Pray for me."

The best news for Gailey was the return of defensive back Kevin Mathis, who has been sidelined with a broken arm.

Mathis hopes to be able to return kicks and play cornerback.

"He'll do both if he can go," Gailey said of Mathis.

Charlie Williams, Kenny Wheaton, and Terry Billups, who was activated off the practice squad last week, will work at corner during the week.

The Cowboys were bombed by Randall Cunningham for four touchdowns.

Gailey said a combination of youth and injuries served to make the Cowboy secondary an easy target.

"You don't have as much communication back there," Gailey said.

"It's kind of been a domino effect."

Other Cowboys who were questionable included running back Chris Warren, who injured the groin opposite the one he hurt in August, and wide receiver Jeff Ogden with a shoulder injury.

NFL changes coin flip procedures after controversy

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL wants to ensure that there never again will be another flap over a coin flip.

Four days after the Pittsburgh Steelers blamed a disputed coin flip in overtime for their Thanksgiving loss to the Detroit Lions, the NFL announced the first changes in the coin toss rules in 22 years.

The changes, which take effect for Thursday's Eagles-Rams game, require the visiting captain to call

heads or tails before the referee tosses the coin, instead of when the coin is in the air. Also, the back judge and field judge will stand by the captains throughout the coin toss ceremony to make sure there is no confusion over the call.

"Our new procedures should make certain that the Thanksgiving Day incident is not repeated," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Monday. "Prior to Thanksgiving we

used the existing procedures for more than 20 years without any serious incident, and expect our modifications to apply for 20 times 20 years."

On Thursday in Detroit, Steelers running back Jerome Bettis said "tails" for the coin flip for overtime.

But referee Phil Luckett heard "heads." The Lions won the toss and the Steelers never got the ball as Detroit drove for Jason Hanson's game-

winning 42-yard field goal.

Luckett explained later he heard someone say "heads" before Bettis said "tails."

Bettis and Carnell Lake, the other Steelers co-captain at the toss, both denied that.

"All three individuals have excellent reputations and are known to be men of integrity, but their conflicting accounts do not resolve the matter," Tagliabue said.

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Diamondbacks sign free agent Johnson

PHOENIX (AP) — The Arizona Diamondbacks, in the spectacular final act of their ambitious offseason pursuit of free agents, agreed Monday to a \$52.4 million, four-year contract with Randy Johnson.

With an average salary of \$13.1 million per season, Johnson becomes the game's highest-paid pitcher and the second-highest paid player behind Mo Vaughn, who agreed last week to an \$80 million, six-year contract with Anaheim that averages \$13.33 million.

The addition of one of the game's most feared pitchers, coupled with last week's signings of Todd Stottlemyre and Armando Reynoso, gives the second-year expansion club one of the game's most formidable rotations.

"I'm not going to call us a contender, but what I'm hearing from people in baseball is that our starting rotation could be one of the top two or three in baseball," Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo said.

Johnson, who lives in nearby Paradise Valley, chose the Diamondbacks over the Anaheim Angels, Los Angeles Dodgers and Texas Rangers because he wants to play close to home and he thinks Arizona is making moves to quickly become a contender.

"We tried to weigh all the fac-

tors — how competitive the team would be in the future, where his family would be comfortable," said Johnson's agent Barry Meister.

"Money was a non-factor because everything was pretty comparable. He made the decision late, late, late last night, slept on it, still felt that way in the morning, and we called the other clubs."

Johnson, 35, will be pushing 40 when the contract expires, but the Diamondbacks had to agree to four years to land the Big Unit.

"The marketplace dictates what you need to do, and the fact is that was what the market was for Randy," Colangelo said.

"To play the game, you have to accept the risk. And this is not a blind risk. He is that dominant to where you would be prepared to take that risk with him more than with someone else."

The Diamondbacks finished 65-97 last season, the third-worst record in baseball.

"I didn't like losing as much as we did, and the thought of waiting another three or four years to be able to compete was not very appealing to any of us," Colangelo said.

He decided the quickest way to contention was through pitching, and from the start, Johnson was his top priority.

Tech returns to NCAA tourney

By Jeff Keller
Staff Writer

After a year-long layoff, the Texas Tech volleyball team will make a return to the NCAA Tournament against Ohio State in the first round of the tournament. The Red Raiders will hit the road to face the Buckeyes at 4 p.m. Thursday at Gainesville, Fla. in the East Regional.

The NCAA bid is the third trip to the tournament for the Red Raiders (23-10 overall, 10-8 Big 12) under Tech coach Jeff Nelson.

Despite a 23-11 record a year ago, Tech failed to make it into the tournament, which made this year's bid special, senior setter Lisa Hilgers said.

"Last year was a big upset for us just knowing that we didn't make it into the tournament," Hilgers said. "That was hard on us and it made us work even harder to make it this year."

This season the Red Raiders not only set the goal of making the tournament but of advancing to the Sweet 16, senior defensive specialist Kim Breitbach said.

"It feels good, but we expected to get there," Breitbach said of the No. 22 Red Raiders.

"The only thing that would feel better is if we could win these next two matches and make it to the Sweet 16, which is what our goal was to get farther than we ever had."

If the Red Raiders are going to get farther than they ever have in the tournament, they will have to defeat a Buckeye squad that finished sixth

in the Big 10 conference with a 16-13 overall record and a 9-11 mark in the conference.

Ohio State has a 2-1 lead in the all-time series between the two schools, but the schools have not played since 1986.

If the Red Raiders get past the Buckeyes, they would likely face the No. 1-seed host Florida team, who has a first round match against Tennessee-Chattanooga.

The Red Raiders last faced the Gators in 1995 in the NCAA Tournament.

Tech lost a five-game match to the Gators in that match and would like to return the favor if the opportunity arises, Breitbach said.

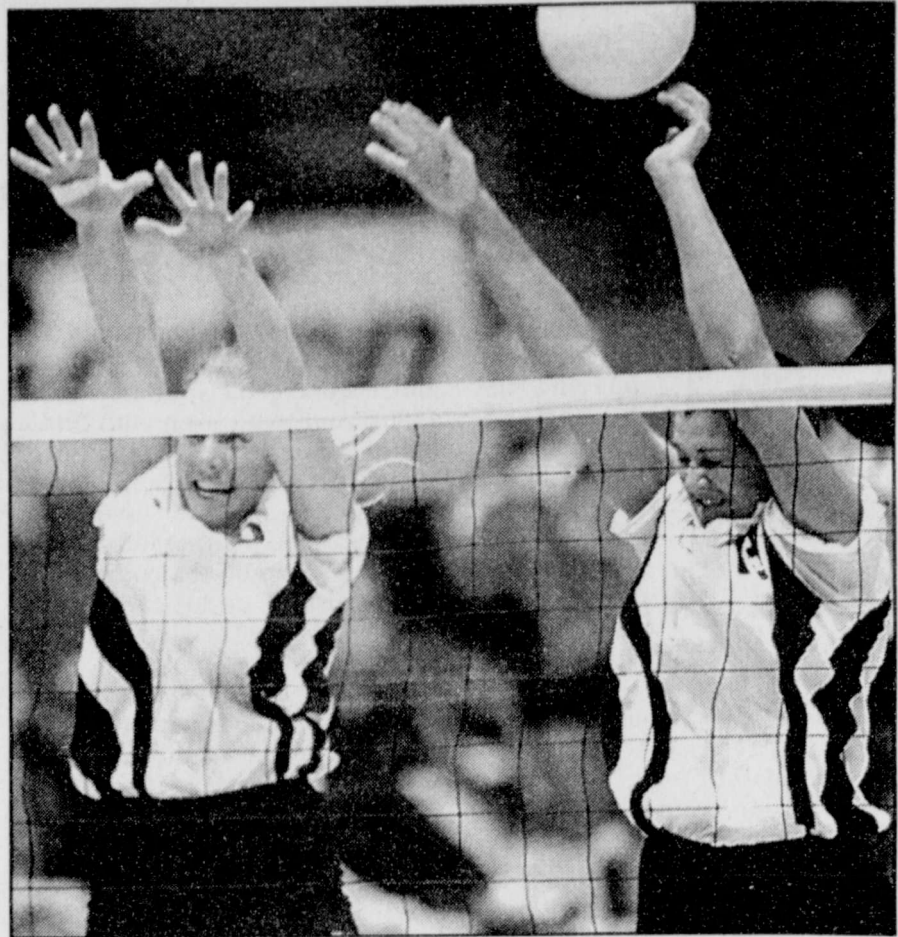
"That was a tough match to lose it was really close," Breitbach said of the 1995 tilt with Florida.

"I think that we're peaking right now though. I think that we are playing the best ball that we have ever played. So I think it will be a really good match if we play them this time and we will definitely be out for revenge."

The Red Raiders are not overlooking the Buckeyes but are excited to face the Ohio State squad they are not familiar with, Hilgers said.

"We need to first look at Ohio State and go out and play that match and do the best we can," Hilgers said.

"I think when we don't know much about a team we go out and play harder because we don't know what to expect from them. I think with this team it might be a positive for us just to go out and give it all because we don't know what to ex-



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Double Trouble: Red Raiders Sonia Moric and Kristen Holmes go for a block earlier this season. After not being invited last season, Tech will return to the NCAA Tournament Thursday against Ohio State.

pect from them, and we'll have to be prepared at all times."

Nelson said his team has worked hard and is ready for the NCAA tournament.

"Our team doesn't have a lot of fear," Nelson said. "We're kind of a

blue collar team. We don't have any All-Americans, we don't have any high school All-Americans or top players. We just have a lot of kids who like to work hard and play. I think they will do a great job out there battling."

BCS system mystery to championship game-focused Snyder

(AP) — Bill Snyder doesn't understand the Bowl Championship Series standings and he won't bother to figure them out.

The Kansas State coach's only concern this week is trying to beat Texas A&M in the Big 12 championship Saturday.

"We realize that that's the only thing we have any kind of control over — and A&M certainly has an impact on that, too," Snyder said during a conference call Monday.

"We don't understand the system and the nuances, but we do understand that we're not going to have any impact on how that plays out. Our main concern is to do all we can to play well."

The Wildcats (11-0) are No. 1 in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll and No. 2 in The Associated Press poll. However, they are No. 3 in the poll



that counts the most, the one from the BCS.

In the BCS poll — which combines both those polls, three computer rankings, strength of schedule and record — being third means you're the first loser. The top two teams, currently Tennessee and UCLA, will play in the national championship Jan. 4.

"It's real frustrating," said return specialist David Allen. "But we know if we win out something good might happen for us. So we've just got to keep on winning."

There are a few ways for Kansas State to still win a spot in the Fiesta Bowl. All scenarios begin with a victory over No. 10 Texas A&M (10-2).

The second step would be an upset Saturday by either No. 23 Missis-

sippi State against No. 1 Tennessee in the SEC championship or Miami against No. 3 UCLA in a game rescheduled because of bad weather.

Should the Volunteers and Bruins win, the Wildcats' last hope would be that their victory is impressive enough to move them high enough in the computer rankings and polls to offset their weak schedule.

Snyder admits he's clear on the scenarios — "It's not that we're oblivious to what's going on," he said — but he said he's not asking his players to try embarrassing A&M just for the sake of winning poll votes.

"I think when you start thinking along those lines you're going to create problems for yourselves," Snyder said.

"I believe our players believe the same way. Texas A&M is too good of a team to think about winning by a

particular margin.

"Our major concern is doing the things we do as well as we can to give us a chance to win. Anything beyond that probably puts us in harm's way."

Linebacker Jeff Kelly said Wildcat players are not concerned with the BCS.

"We can just do what we have to do," he said.

"If they choose someone else, they choose someone else. If we win out, we know what we've done."

A&M, which was blasted 54-15 by Nebraska in last year's Big 12 championship, earned a return trip this year by going 7-1 in league play and winning the South division.

The Aggies had been riding a 10-game winning streak until losing Friday to Texas, 26-24.

"We lost a two-point road game to a team that probably has the

“Our main concern is to do all we can to play well.”

Bill Snyder
Kansas State coach

Heisman Trophy winner and a very good offensive line," A&M coach R.C. Slocum said. "We're going forward and picking up the pieces and looking forward to the challenge ahead of us."

Because the Wildcats are such huge favorites against the Aggies, the pregame hype will center around the BCS as much as the Xs and Os of the game itself.

A&M players may be sick of hearing about Kansas State's national championship hopes by game day, but for now linebacker Dat Nguyen said his teammates aren't thinking about playing spoiler.

"We're not into all that," Nguyen said.

"We want an opportunity to showcase our ability. We want to come out on a positive note."

Packers' coach Holmgren apologizes for cursing at heckler during game

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Speculation over Mike Holmgren's future apparently has gotten to the Green Bay Packers' coach, who apologized Monday for cursing at a fan who derided him at halftime Sunday.

Holmgren was making his way toward the tunnel in the north end zone at Lambeau Field after his

team's uninspired first-half performance against the Philadelphia Eagles when a fan shouted that Holmgren should start thinking about his current job instead of his next one.

Holmgren responded by yelling two expletives at the heckling fan.

On Monday, Holmgren said he was sorry even though he felt the fan, who didn't use vulgarities himself and was not ejected, had crossed the line.

"I'm embarrassed by it, first of all," Holmgren said. "I have never done that before and I trust I'll never do it again. I fully believe that a fan comes

into the stadium and if we're playing poorly, they can say just about anything they want to say."

But, Holmgren said, the fan "in my opinion, crossed the line with me. It was pretty personal, dealing with my family, my future, things ... that to me right now is very sensitive."

The Packers are 8-4 and on the verge of conceding the NFC Central title to the Minnesota Vikings.

"I'm giving it everything I've got, believe me, in my job right now, for the Packers and for this team," Holmgren said. "I'm sensitive to that, and I reacted. I shouldn't have. I should have just kept walking. I wasn't right in what I did. I apologize to the gentleman."

Jerry Parins, the Packers' chief security officer, said the fan wasn't

ejected because his comments weren't vulgar. He speculated the fan was upset that the heavily favored Packers led just 10-6 at halftime in a game they won 24-16.

Holmgren has tried not to talk about his future this year, but the subject keeps coming up because he has a clause in his contract that allows him to leave for a job as both coach and general manager.

Two weeks ago, Packers general manager Ron Wolf estimated there's an 80-percent chance Holmgren will leave Green Bay, where he's 80-41 in seven seasons.

Holmgren insisted his fate isn't affecting his performance.

"My focus is entirely on what we're doing right now and this football team," he said.

"Anyone that cares to think differently is wrong."

Wolf said he didn't think the focus on Holmgren's uncertain future was wearing on his coach.

"No, I don't think it is," Wolf said. "This whole affair has been going on since the week of the Super Bowl."

Holmgren failed to quash rumors that week that he was interested in going to Seattle.

Then, the escape clause was written into his contract, and he's been dogged by queries about his plans ever since.

The questions first arose last season after he said he'd like to try his hand at running an entire operation, "and I said, 'Yes. Some day,'" Holmgren recounted. "Now, this thing has taken on a life of its own."

Holmgren, who has guided Green Bay to back-to-back Super Bowls,

said his players have "done a remarkable job" in not allowing the speculation over his future to fluster them.

"In the feedback I'm getting from players, it's not affecting them at all," Holmgren said. "Guys joke with me about it."

Offensive lineman Marco Rivera says he isn't thinking about it.

"The only thing I worry about is what I got to do to make this team better," he said.

Meanwhile, off-hand remarks by Cleveland Browns president Carmen Policy about his interest in Holmgren could lead to a fine for tampering.

A league official has questioned Policy who, in response to a question at a recent meeting of a civic group, talked of his interest in Holmgren as coach and general manager.

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