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Bar shooter says he should be fired upon

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A 27-year-old man sentenced to life in prison for a South Texas shooting rampage that killed three people said he should face a firing squad.

"I feel it could be justice," Brian Mark Kopatz said Tuesday as he was sentenced by District Judge Alex Gabert before a packed courtroom. "For me and the families."

Anna Hinojosa, 45, and Jesus Sanchez, 48, were killed Jan. 19 when Kopatz burst into a San Diego sports bar and opened fire with a semi-automatic weapon. Two more people were injured in the Duval County attack.

Kopatz left the bar, reloaded his weapon and drove to the home of Alma Perez, 46. When Perez opened her front door, Kopatz gunned her down while her 5-year-old grandson watched.

The killer's motives remain murky. Until the shooting, Kopatz was a quiet man raising peacocks and cockatiels, enjoying astronomy and collecting antiques, his father Jack Kopatz told the judge.

"There's not a good reason," said Sam Fugate, Kopatz's attorney.

NATIONAL

New York rat issues discussed at summit

NEW YORK (AP) — Some big cheeses held a summit Wednesday at Columbia University on how to get rid of the rats that seem to be overrunning New York City.

"Twenty years ago this city had a concerted effort to fight rats," rat expert Randy Dupree said somewhat wistfully. "That stopped, and now we've seen a burgeoning of the rodent population. What we need is everyone to join in on a war on rats."

About 250 rat-weary citizens turned out for the Rat Summit, at which academics, health officials, politicians and bureaucrats focused on Public Enemy No. 1 — *Rattus norvegicus*, commonly known as the Norwegian rat.

"Rat rage" appears to be on the rise in New York. At a recent rally on the steps of City Hall, demonstrators chanted such slogans as, "One rat, two rats, three rats, four, everywhere I look there's more and more."

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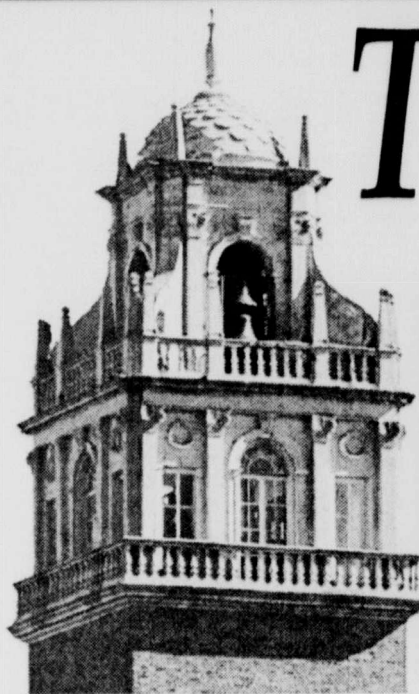
Man commits suicide after ferry disaster

PIRAEUS, Greece (AP) — The general manager of a shipping company under siege for one of Greece's worst maritime disasters leaped to his death Wednesday near the port where the ferry departed on its doomed voyage that left 80 people dead.

Pandelis Sfinias, 62, jumped from the sixth floor of the building housing Minoan Lines and landed on a parked car. He died instantly, police said.

"Every suicide is a tragic event and I can only express my deepest regrets," Premier Costas Simitis said in Budapest, Hungary, where he is on an official visit.

Minoan Lines is the parent corporation of Minoan Flying Dolphins, which owned the ferry that sank in a gale Sept. 26. A judicial investigation still has not determined why the Express Samina slammed into a well-marked rocky islet with more than 500 people on board off the Aegean Sea island of Paros.



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City wins race suit

Civil rights-oriented court case ends after more than two years of arguments.

By Jeff Lehr
Staff Writer

The Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled unanimously Wednesday in favor of the city of Lubbock and several Lubbock police officers involved in the Hampton lawsuit.

The three-judge panel, after hearing oral arguments three weeks ago, upheld a previous ruling and affirmed that "mistakes were made and acknowledged."

Hampton University basketball coach Patricia Bibbs, her husband, Ezell, and then-assistant coach Vanetta Kelso, alleged that Lubbock police arrested them Nov. 16, 1998, because they were black.

Subsequently, the Hampton trio sued the city of Lubbock, Police Chief Ken Walker, officers David Houser, Brian McNeill, Roger Hearron and Mike Overland and former officer Keith Jobe on April 19, 1999, alleging civil rights violations.

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings dismissed Overland from the suit in August 1999 and eventually dismissed claims against the defendants in December 1999. The Hampton coaches appealed Cummings' ruling.

Lubbock attorney Floyd Holder, who represents Overland and Jobe, said Wednesday's judgement by the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals basically reaffirmed Cummings' ruling because there was no legal matter involved.

"They had no case against the city of Lubbock or the police officers," Holder said. "You can make a mistake as long as it's an honest mistake."

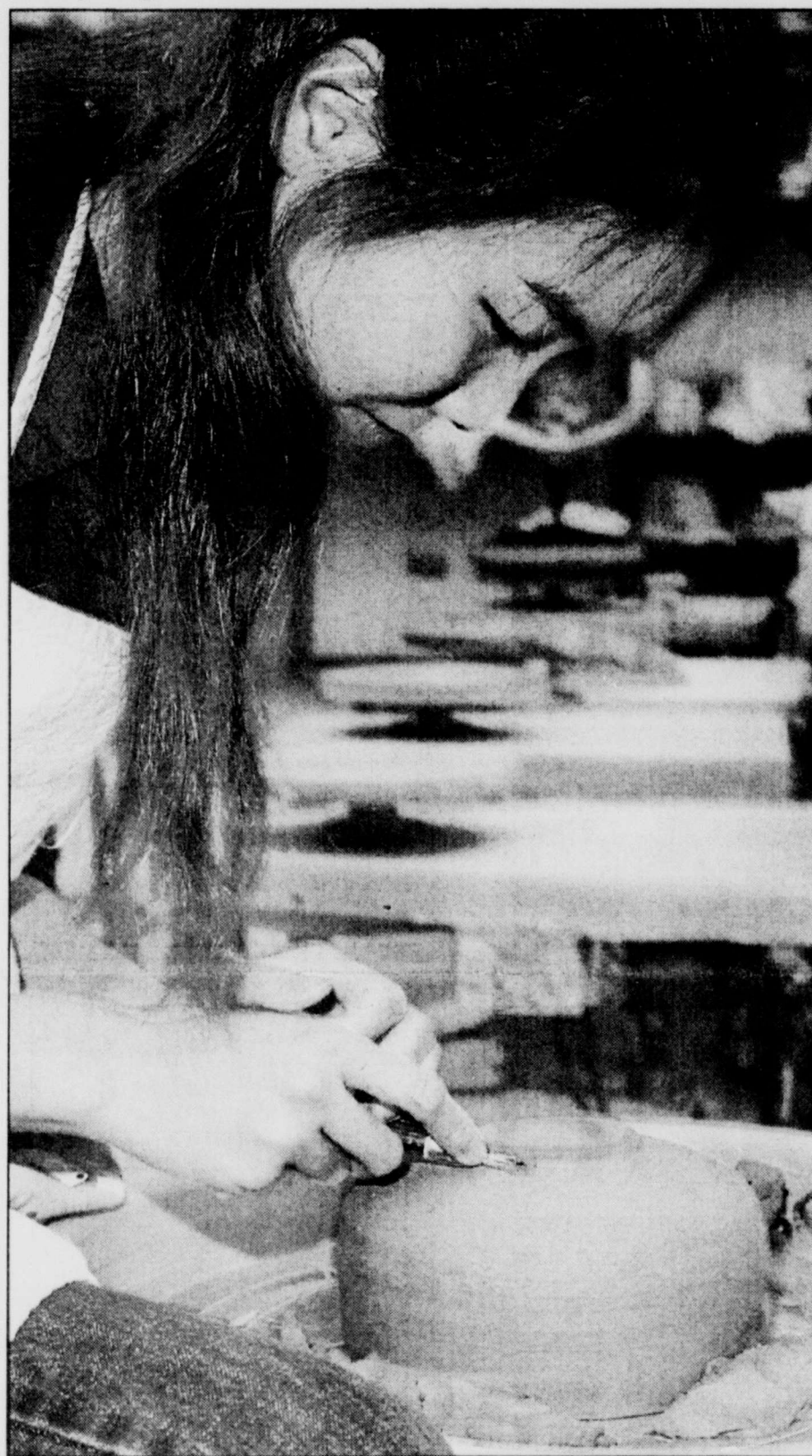
The arrests occurred while the Hampton women's basketball team was visiting Lubbock for a game against the Texas Tech Lady Raiders.

Police suspected a scam operation was under way, based on a woman's report that she was approached in a local Wal-Mart parking lot by a woman claiming to have found a bag of money. The victim described the suspect simply as a well-dressed black woman wearing a brown coat.

Police attempted to apprehend the coaches in the Wal-Mart parking lot. The victim identified them as the

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Playing in the mud



Mie Horiuchi, a junior studio ceramics major from Sapporo, Japan, completes a few last-minute trimming procedures on a bowl she created and donated toward the second annual Clay Club sale. The exhibition began Wednesday and will continue through today from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. inside the main entrance of the art building.

Catalog prefixes change

Developmental classes to undergo adjustments as colleges combine.

By Angel Wolfe
Staff Writer

Texas Tech students enrolling in developmental math and English classes may notice a change in the course prefix for their classes next semester.

Tech and South Plains College have entered into an agreement that will allow SPC instructors to teach SPCM 0300 and SPCE 0302 — developmental courses on the Tech campus for Tech students.

While the process will be gradual over the next few semesters, several classes already will be handed over to SPC instructors during the spring semester.

This will not change how students enroll for the class. Don Wickard, Tech registrar, said students will continue to register following the same procedure as always.

"Students will get on the (TechSIS Web site) and sign up for the course," he said. "The course designation for English will be SPCE, and the math will be SPCM."

The TechSIS Web site will show students to be registered for the SPC class and nothing will change as far as financial aid is concerned. If students are registered for 12 hours with the SPC class, Tech will recognize them as a full-time student.

A bill from SPC will be sent separate from the regular bill students receive from Tech. Payment for the class will be paid directly to SPC.

Earl Hudgins, Tech director of financial aid, said students who receive financial aid will continue to have their financial aid applied to their bill as normal. Students will receive their refund check in the

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Red Raiders garner millenium graduation jewelry

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

The faces of several proud parents and students filled the banquet hall in the Merket Alumni Center to capacity Wednesday evening to continue a tradition which began one semester ago — the official Texas Tech Ex-Students Association class ring ceremony.

About 400 Tech students received their rings during the event which carried through two nights, with each ceremony featuring Tech

Provost John Burns reading the names of each recipient and Tech President David Schmidly presenting the rings to each individual. As the students received their rings, each was handed a small piece of paper explaining the meaning of each symbol on the ring.

The students all stood and placed their rings on their fingers simultaneously before joining together to sing the "Matador Song."

"We were pleased by the turnout," said Curt Langford, marketing director for the Ex-Students Association.

"We were surprised so many parents showed up, though. We didn't expect that."

In order to apply for the ring, students must complete at least 60 credit hours.

"Before we had an official ring or ring ceremony, anyone could get a ring," Langford said. "We are now placing as much importance on the ring as the university places on the diploma. We wanted the president to deliver the ring, rather than a UPS driver, because it would place a special meaning and significance on it."

Prior to the ceremony, Dameon Randall-Davis, a graduate student in architecture from Houston, said he was excited to receive his ring.

"It signifies a major achievement," he said. "It symbolizes the end of the time I've spent here — tells me I'm about to enter the 'free world.'"

Schmidly said he thought the ceremony was a great experience.

"It was wonderful to see the students and all the pride," said Schmidly, a 1966 Tech graduate said. "I think the ceremony is very appropriate. Students spend four or five

years here, and this ceremony helps to develop their fondness for Texas Tech more. The rings they received are a symbol that will attach them to Texas Tech forever."

Schmidly, along with his wife, were presented with an official ring at the end of the ceremony.

When asked if he would have participated in the ceremony if there had been one when he graduated, Schmidly said, "absolutely."

"I wish we would have had one,"

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Parade, awards highlight ROTC command change

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

In their last event of the semester, the Texas Tech Air Force ROTC will conduct a parade and change of command ceremony at 4 p.m. today at Memorial Circle. An awards ceremony will follow the event.

"The parade and the ceremony focuses on the change of command," said Capt. Adrianna Creech. "The parade will happen just before the change of command."

During the change of command, Cadet Col. Matt Robins, the

active wing leader, will hand over responsibility of the cadet wing to new commander Cadet Col. Ryan Stanley, a senior general studies major from Spring. The passing of a U.S. flag from Robins to Stanley will signify the command change.

Also, as part of the event, another U.S. flag will be presented to Chancellor John Montford. The flag was aboard a T-37 aircraft that performed a fly-over at the Texas Tech-Oklahoma State football game on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The pilot of the aircraft was Air Force Capt. Douglas Antcliff, a Tech alumni who now is

stationed at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Okla.

"Montford owns several flags from his time in the service," Creech said. "We wanted to add this one because of the fact it flew over a Tech game on Veterans Day."

Creech said the chain of command changes every semester. Each candidate for the position must be interviewed by a board of faculty members and have a history of leadership. Creech said candidates also have to be a person who is "decent and well-rounded."

She said this is important be-

cause as wing commander, Stanley will be responsible for conducting leadership labs, the training of cadets, financial accounts for the ROTC and for coordinating the military ball at the end of the year. He also will be responsible for selecting officers to help coordinate these efforts.

In most semesters, Creech said, the competition for the position is fierce, usually with three or four quality candidates vying for the position. This semester, however, she said Stanley was the only one who had volunteered for the position.

Despite the fact he was the only

candidate, Stanley said the appointment is an honor to him and something that he has been working toward for almost four years.

"It is definitely an honor to be chosen as wing commander," he said. "This has been a goal of mine since the first day that I came here."

He said many of his goals for next semester include preparing sophomore cadets for their camp in the summer and retaining freshmen in the ROTC. He also said he wants to focus on helping many of the older

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participants in the attempted scam. She later recanted her identification, and police cleared the coaches of any involvement in the crime, which remains unsolved.

According to the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling, the case arose from an "unfortunate incident in which members of the Lubbock Police Department arrested persons who proved to be innocent."

The judges, although they stated they did not approve of the officers' decisions, further added that because police officers enjoy immunity from liability for money damages does not mean they should be "mulcted in damages" for decisions a reasonable police officer might make even though their decision proves to have been a mistake.

The plaintiffs may file a motion for a rehearing or file an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, but Holder said that is unlikely.

"You almost never get a rehearing in a unanimous decision," he said.

Dallas attorney Cynthia Hollingsworth, who represents the coaches, could not be reached for comment.

The opinion filed by the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was a "per curiam" brief, which means the case obviously did not pertain to any legal matter.

Holder said these types of briefs are rarely filed because of what they entail.

The Hampton incident brought Lubbock national attention when the coaches hired O.J. Simpson's attorney Johnnie Cochran and then told their story to the ABC television news show "20/20."

Largest solar space shuttle wings prepare for flight today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The biggest, most powerful, most expensive set of solar wings ever built for a spacecraft is about to take flight.

Late Thursday night, space shuttle Endeavour is due to lift off with the \$600 million solar panels, which will provide much-needed electrical power for the international space station.

The pair of glimmering, gold-colored panels will stretch 240 feet from tip to tip and 38 feet across, and cover half an acre, once they are unfurled on the newly occupied space station, Alpha. That's longer than the wingspan of a Boeing 777, longer than even the space station itself.

Attaching and spreading the wings, which are folded like an accordion for launch, make this NASA's toughest

construction mission yet. The job falls to five shuttle astronauts who have been training for this flight for more than three years. Two of them will go outside to help install the panels.

The five shuttle crewmen — plus the three men who have been living on Alpha for the past month — expect the unfolding wings to be a breathtaking

sight. It will be the largest structure ever deployed in space and will make the station one of the brightest "stars" in the sky.

"I think there's going to be a very sudden shift in people's perception of the international space station, because suddenly it's going to look much, much bigger than it already is," said Canadian astronaut Marc Garneau.

by an incentive flight ride.

"The purpose of the awards ceremony is to mirror activities in the military," Stanley said.

"If you work hard in the military, you are recognized and receive awards."

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cadets achieve the qualifications they need in order to be commissioned in the Air Force.

"Each cadet has to have a leader-

ship role before they can be commissioned," Stanley said. "We need to make sure the right people are chosen for the right spots."

Included in the events will be an awards ceremony, where about 20 awards will be given out to cadets

based on teamwork, physical fitness, recruiting efforts and military performance.

Some of the awards also will be accompanied by cash scholarships.

One award in particular, the Bernard Fisher Award, is accompanied

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he said. "I have an old ring with the stone in the center... I saved for an entire semester to be able to purchase it. There wasn't as much ceremony associated with it then. When you got it, you wore it - you didn't put it on at the same time as everyone else."

Schmidly expressed several words of satisfaction about the rings style and look. "I especially like the words, 'Strive for honor' that are engraved on the inside. I think they are very important... honor is one of the most impor-

tant qualities a person can have. And having it on the ring shows that it matters not only to the students, but to us as an institution."

Jessica Ghormley, a senior multidisciplinary studies major from Rockwall, said she was proud to have been a part of the ceremony.

"I'm proud to be a Tech student

and have my class ring," she said. "The ceremony made (receiving my ring) very special. I feel honored to have my ring."

Taylor Hollingsworth, a senior electrical engineering major from Houston, was one of the many students whose parents flew into Lubbock to attend the event.

"I didn't know they were coming in, so it surprised me," he said.

Hollingsworth's mother, Beverly Garcia, said her son played the ceremony off as "casual."

"He made it seem like it wasn't that important," she said. "But it was, and I'm glad I got to come. I got to practice my tears for graduation."

TechNotes!

■ **Town Hall Forum** at 7 p.m. today in the Wall/Gates Residence Complex Lobby. Topic will be service learning and will provide students an opportunity to learn and share their thoughts on how service learning could become an integral part of the university. Col. Robert Hickerson, dean of the Tech-Junction campus, will lead the discussion along with numerous service organizations on campus. The forum is open to everyone. For more information, contact the Student Government Association office at 742-3631 or e-mail sga@ttu.edu.

■ **ASDA Pre-Dental Chapter** will meet at 7:30 p.m. today in 113 Chemistry. Call Jose Cangas at 749-7511 for more

information.

■ **The Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Association** will have its last meeting for the semester at 8 p.m. today in the University Center Masked Rider Room. First on the agenda is "Will & Grace." GLBT and GLBT-friendly are welcome. For more information contact Cris Newsom or Jason Gray at 749-2956 or check out our Web site at GLBSA.com for up-to-date information.

■ **Volunteers for committees needed:** The National Black Graduate Student Conference will have an information breakfast at 10 a.m. Saturday in 224 Administration/Education. RSVP by 5 p.m. today at 742-0623.

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mail and are then class day SPC before the 12th class day.

"We should be sending out the refund checks starting the week before classes start, if the student has everything in order," he said. "So they should have the refund check in plenty of time to pay South Plains before the 12th class day."

Tech will send out a letter to students enrolled in the developmental classes to remind them that they will must pay SPC separately.

"Since there are a larger number of classes this semester, we thought it would be appropriate to send out a mailing," Hudgins said. "We're trying to make this as seamless as possible for students."

SPC will acquire about 25 percent of the classes until its instructors are teaching all the developmental courses, Wickard said.

Students needed for forum on potential opinions program

Students will have the opportunity to contribute their opinions on a potential new program at Texas Tech aiming to incorporate service and volunteerism with classroom education.

The forum will be at Wall/Gates Residence hall today at 7 p.m. and is sponsored by the Student Government Association. Colonel Robert Hickerson, formerly the executive director of the Texas Commission on Volunteerism and dean of the Tech campus at Junction, will lead the discussion. Members of the Women's Service Organization, Alpha Phi Omega, Brothers Under

Christ and the Miller Girls will also be in attendance.

"The purpose of this program is to connect volunteerism to the classroom," said SGA President Andrew Schoppe. "This will incorporate volunteerism as a long-term learning experience."

The forum is designed to receive input from students and organizations concerning the best ways to incorporate service projects in the classroom. Discussion about possible changes to class structure and the best method for incorporation also will be addressed.


He said the benefits of service

learning over traditional volunteerism is that the students more often would have the background to apply their background and interests toward helping another individual or group in need.

The service learning project is part of the Texas Campus Compact, an agreement between 19 other schools in Texas geared toward adding service learning into the educational environment. This branch, in cooperation with the compact on the national level, would coordinate the program between Texas and 29 other states expressing interest.

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Searching continues for Los Alamos tapes

Digging resumes for missing nuclear weapons data.

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — FBI agents resumed their digging in a snow-covered county landfill on Wednesday in a search for computer tapes containing nuclear weapons data from the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The agents had used a bulldozer to move mounds of garbage Tuesday and erected a large floodlight to work late into the night in the search for missing tapes on which former nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee downloaded the restricted information. Lee has said he destroyed the

tapes. If anything were thrown into the trash at the laboratory, the landfill is one place it could end up, lab spokesman James Rickman said.

FBI agent Doug Beldon confirmed Wednesday that the search had resumed.

Beldon had said Tuesday that the FBI was searching the Los Alamos landfill but neither he nor Justice Department officials would elaborate.

However, a source with knowledge of the case, insisting on anonymity, confirmed the search relates to the Lee investigation.

The search is expected to last several weeks.

Trash from the laboratory would have been compressed, said Ray Sisneros, solid waste manager for

“We’re going to know whether those tapes are in Taiwan or in a bank deposit box at Bank of America or in the Los Alamos County Landfill.”

John Kelly
FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY

Los Alamos County. He said the tapes would be buried in a layer of trash 6 to 8 feet deep and covered by 2 feet of topsoil.

After spending nine months in custody, Lee was freed Sept. 13 when he pleaded guilty to one count of il-

legally downloading restricted data to an unsecure tape. Fifty-eight counts were dropped.

The former nuclear scientist swore he never passed secrets to any unauthorized person and that he destroyed the tapes when his secu-

city clearance was revoked last year. Stacy Cohen, a Los Angeles spokeswoman for the Lee family and legal team, said she could not comment on the landfill search, but added: “Wen Ho continues to cooperate with the government.”

Lee attorney John Cline said he didn’t know about the search until reporters called him.

Assistant U.S. Attorney George Stamboulidis declined to comment.

Former U.S. Attorney John Kelly, who began the prosecution of Lee last year, first mentioned the landfill the day before Lee was freed.

Lee has been undergoing a debriefing in which he agreed, as a condition of his plea agreement, to answer agents’ questions about

what happened to the data tapes. Because of that, Kelly had said: “We’re going to know whether those tapes are in Taiwan or in a bank-deposit box at Bank of America or in the Los Alamos County landfill.”

Agents had said their concern over seven data tapes led them to oppose bail for Lee during nine months of pretrial wrangling. Agents found three data tapes early on and demanded to know what happened to the others, which contained nuclear weapons testing and design data.

After he was released, Lee told investigators for the first time that he had made copies of all 10 tapes and had disposed of the copies as well, FBI and Justice Department officials reported in September.

Investigation begins in 3-year-old’s death

DICKINSON (AP) — Police were investigating on Wednesday the death of a 3-year-old girl who died after she fell from a moving trailer.

No charges have been filed in the case and Dickinson police Capt. Steve Krone said he doesn’t believe any will be filed because there was

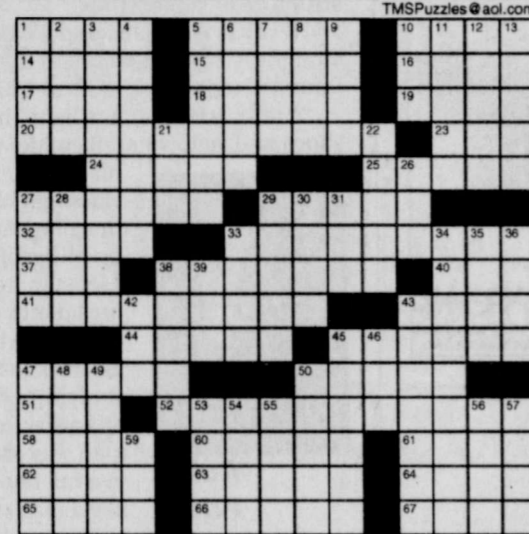
no negligence in the case.

Kayla Kuypers was riding on a flatbed trailer being pulled by a tractor on a pasture when she fell just after 4 p.m. Tuesday. Two of her siblings also were riding on the trailer, Dickinson Police Sgt. Michael Anzualda said.

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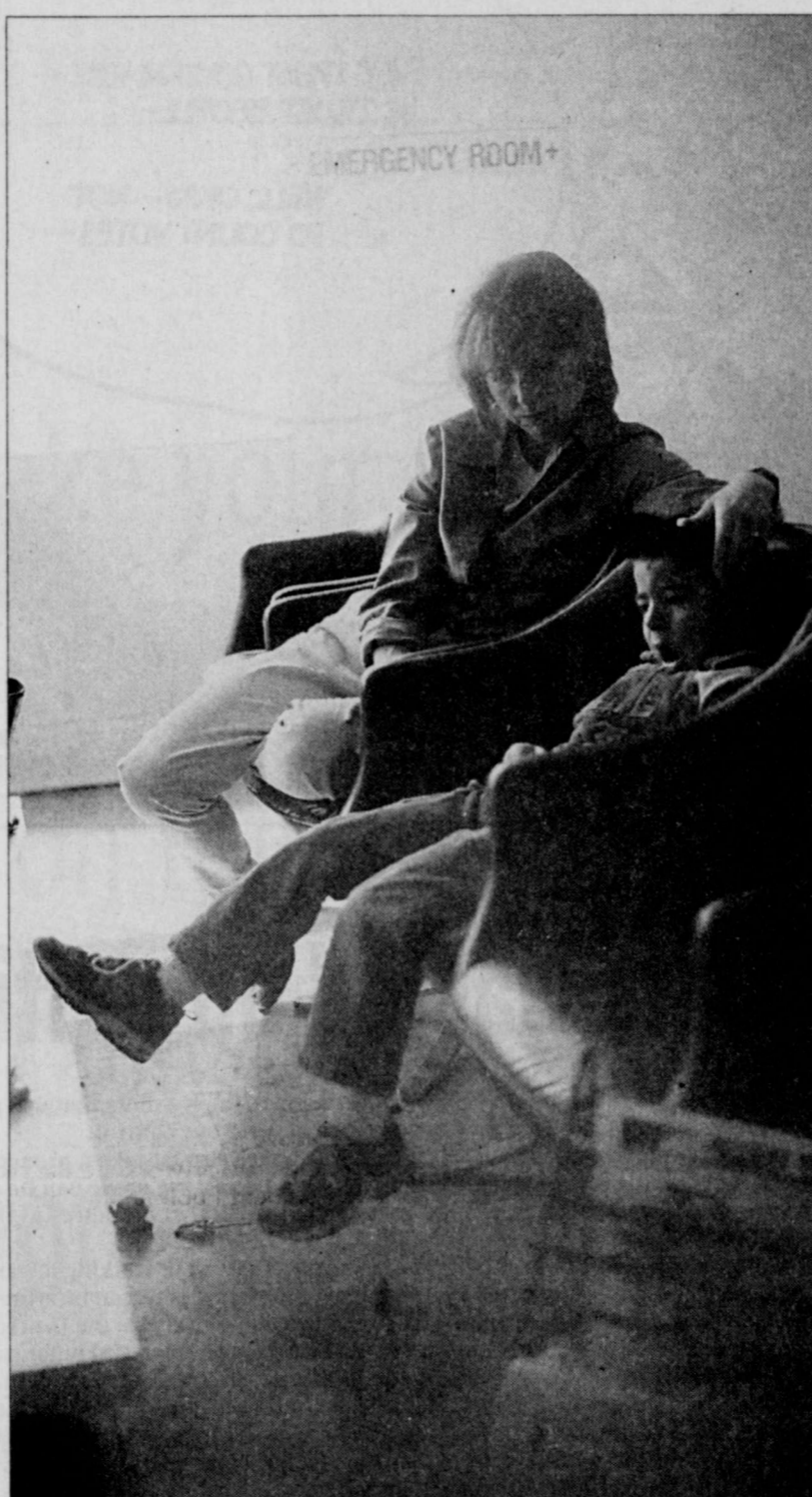
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What are your thoughts on paying extra \$3 next year in medical fees for Student Health Services?



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"I don't think they should make us pay it. They should find other ways to pay for those renovations than charging students. We already pay enough as it is."



Joann Garcia
senior elementary education major from Lubbock

"I have never really used Thompson Hall, but if it would help to build things here at Tech, then why not? I would pay it."



Meredith Hagar
sophomore ESS major from Dallas

"What's new? I don't think they should, but they are going to anyway. It seems like every time we look at our tuition bill there are a whole set of new extra fees."



Karen Snelson
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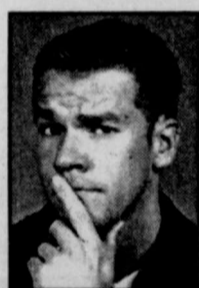
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Column

Complaints wasted on pettiness

Sentiment without action is the ruin of ideas." Henry David Thoreau
With election coverage interrupting their favorite TV shows, Traffic and Parking towing their illegally parked car, professors unjustly bearing out personal grudges by arbitrarily changing their grade to a D or any other number of egregiously flagrant violations of their self-serving pursuits, it is no wonder that those other students have very little time to be concerned with the rest of the world.



Loren Bell

But who is to blame? We live in a society that breeds greed, encourages selfishness and teaches us that no matter what, we should never take responsibility for our own actions. We live in a country that has its eyes so firmly fixed on its own crooked affairs that it cannot look beyond tomorrow — at what is, in essence, impending doom. We live in a time where decisive action is crucial, but instead, our government sits around mincing words, wasting time and doing everything possible to deny accountability for its gross negligence.

This last weekend, while the balance of Americans were stuffing themselves with turkey, delegates from more than 170 countries met in Hague, Netherlands, to watch the United States refuse to compromise on what may be one of the most important global efforts undertaken. This follow-up of the Kyoto Protocol, established in 1997 to see the global reduction of greenhouse gas emissions drop 5.2 percent below their 1990 levels by 2012, was an attempt to agree on a means by which the world's countries could reach that goal.

Unfortunately, the United States, the world leader in greenhouse gas emissions, refused compromises that would remove a series of loopholes that allow the nation to meet the terms of the agreement without taking any action at all.

To meet the standards set in the Kyoto Protocol, we would have to reduce our pollution from automobiles and power plants by 35 percent from anticipated 2008 levels. However, rather than actually doing something about it, we are dragging our feet, talking in circles and trying our hardest to allow corporate America to continue its accelerated rate of destruction.

Scientists agree that heat-trapping greenhouse gases are a major threat to our environment, predicting that this century global temperatures could increase as much as six to 12 degrees. This would be enough to cause worldwide climatic turmoil, the melting of the polar ice caps and

subsequent chain of events that will perpetuate the increase beyond our control.

In essence, we must take a proactive stance to curtail emissions now, or we will be destined to fight a losing battle against ourselves in the years to come.

However, instead of working toward this goal, our fearless delegates pushed an interpretation of the agreement that would give the United States credit for existing gas-reducing sinkholes, such as forests and farmland, which would put us in compliance as far as the numbers are concerned, but allow us to actually do nothing to change the fact that we produce nearly one quarter of the world's greenhouse gasses.

In other words, the United States, not unlike J.Q. Student, childishly, selfishly and ignorantly refuses to accept responsibility for its actions. Instead, we are trying to shift the blame and are presenting no workable solutions but plenty of complaints, excuses and vacant ideas that do nothing but serve our own self-interests.

As a result, the talks were suspended and no solutions were reached while the world shakes its collective head at the stubbornness displayed by the United States and its fellow polluters.

As leaders of the free world, we should be ashamed of our apathy and our refusal to make lasting improvements in the quality of our global environment.

But hey, that is the pattern we are comfortable with. Sit around and complain, bemoan and shift the blame on someone else, but when the time comes for us to take action, we will be damned if we will be so inconvenienced.

Challenge yourself to break this mold. Start with the little things like accepting the fact that Traffic and Parking serves a crucial purpose, and just because you are a student and the world revolves around you, you do not have the right to park your car in the middle of Memorial Circle.

Next, instead of whining, find a solution that does not always involve your getting something for nothing. Work at it and set an example for others, and little changes will begin to take place.

Once you have your own personal inconveniences taken care of, help our government to do the same. Find out what is happening in the world. Write letters to your congressmen expressing your utter disgust at the United States, environmental idiocy and blatant selfishness.

Take an active role in helping our government to rise above the sort of self-centered, petty greediness that we have come to expect from our fellow students. It starts with you.

Loren Bell is a senior biology and philosophy major from Lubbock.

Letters to the Editor

Take responsibility

To the editor: Is anyone else fed up with these whining complaints made by individuals who believe a dark conspiracy, known as Traffic and Parking, is out to get them? First, we get the fellow who believes he was wronged when his girlfriend was ticketed for parking in a handicapped space! Now, we get to hear the rantings of a student, who believes he was unjustly

treated for parking in a bus lane! These statements are absolutely ludicrous. One needs to understand that if he or she is going to park illegally, there are consequences to be paid. The people of Traffic and Parking are only doing their job, and, thus, should not be blamed for your errors. Suck it in. Pay your ticket. Get over it. Remember that the next time you park illegally, you might get a ticket, but please do not take the time to let us know.

Matt Hubner
junior anthropology

Column

Former Texas legislator will be missed

In May 1957, one of the ugliest times in Texas history, the Legislature was debating a long series of bills designed to reinforce the legal structure of segregation.

Henry B. Gonzalez opposed the bills for 22 hours straight — still the record in the Texas Senate.

Ronnie Dugger of The Texas Observer reported:

"A tall Latin man in a light blue suit and white shoes and yellow handkerchief was pacing around

his desk on the Senate floor. It was eight o'clock in the morning. An old Negro was brushing off the soft senatorial carpet in front of the president's rostrum. Up in the gallery, a white man stood with his back to the chamber, studying a panel of pictures of an earlier Senate. The Latin man was orating and gesturing in a full flood of energy, not like a man who had been talking to almost nobody for

Molly Ivins

three hours and had another day and night to go.

"Why did they name Gonzalez Gonzalez, if the name wasn't honored in Texas at the time?" he asked. "Why did they honor Garza along with Burnet? My own forebears in Mexico bore arms against Santa Anna — Texas was only one of its manifestations. Did you know that Negroes helped settle Texas? That a Negro died at the Alamo?"

The angry, crystal-voiced man stopped in his pacing and raised his arms to plead, "I seek to register the plaintive cry, the hurt feelings, the silent, the dumb protest of the inarticulate. ..."

"For 22 hours he held the floor, an eloquent, an erudite, a genuine and a passionate man; and any whose minds he didn't enter had slammed the doors and buried the keys."

What you have to remember about a 22-hour filibuster, still the record, is that it requires more than enormous physical stamina. You have to have 22 hours worth of knowledge in your head — and having heard many a shorter filibuster, I can testify that many people do not. They just don't know enough to talk that long, not to mention talking that long at such a level of historical, constitutional, legal and judicial knowledge, in addition to the extraordinary passion for justice that animated the whole.

Henry B. read widely his whole life and spoke four languages. That he was dismissed on the floor of the Texas Senate as a "lousy Mexican" was just a tiny part of the contempt and hatred that he experienced because of his skin color. Henry B.'s filibuster finally killed all but two or three of the whole hateful package.

When someone like Henry B. dies, as Gonzalez did Tuesday, I sometimes think those platitudinous tributes "fearless champion of the underdog, honorable and principled" actually get in the way of those who did not know the late, sainted whoever. Henry B. was not a saint. He was a boxer.

When he was 70 years old, some fool called him a communist, so Henry B. decked the guy. At the time, Henry B. claimed that although he was provoked, he had still acted in a restrained manner. "If I had acted out of passion, that fellow would still not be able to eat chalupas."

Henry B. once observed of a long-ago bit of political correctness that someone calling himself "Latin American" was just "a Mexican with a poll tax." As high-flown as his rhetoric could be — Sen. Phil Gramm once called him "the old blowhard" — it was often laced with mordant humor. He was always being outspent in his campaigns and would tell his supporters, "You can drink his beer and eat his tamales, but when you go the polls, vote for Gonzalez!"

Dugger told a story of him that I cannot forget. Henry B.'s parents were from Durango, but he was born in San Antonio. He started haunting the public library when he was 8, but when he started junior high, his accent was still so thick that they made fun of him.

He had read that Demosthenes of Athens developed his oratory by shouting at the sea with pebbles in his mouth. So Henry B. would read Thomas Carlyle aloud with pebbles in his mouth "until Poppa thought I was nuts and told me to stop."

He had a friend correct his enunciation as he read Robert Louis Stevenson. And on some nights, his sisters and brothers would creep up to his bedroom window and watch him declaiming to a mirror, and then they would run off giggling.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Airline cleared in pig case

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — US Airways acted reasonably when it allowed a pig to fly first class from Philadelphia to Seattle, the Federal Aviation Administration found.

Maria Trotta Andrews brought Charlotte, her 300-pound Vietnamese potbellied pig, on the flight Oct. 17, telling the airline it was a "therapeutic companion pet." Andrews said her heart condition was so severe she needed the pig to relieve stress.

"US Airways and its personnel acted in a reasonable and thoughtful manner, based on a legitimate request to transport a qualified individual with a disability and her service animal," said FAA spokesman Jim Peters.

Under federal rules, airlines must permit a service animal to accompany passengers to their seats.

The airline, embarrassed, filed an incident report with the FAA

based on passenger complaints that the pig became unruly when the plane landed. The animal tried to enter the cockpit and refused to leave the galley until a passenger tossed food at her, according to the report.

FAA officials interviewed US Airways personnel and passengers after reading an account of the incident in the Philadelphia Daily News and decided Nov. 18 that the airline did nothing wrong, Peters said Wednesday.

Andrews denies that Charlotte behaved badly during the six-hour flight.

"My pig did not run around the plane's aisles. My pig did not run around anywhere," Andrews said.

She told the airline ahead of time that she would have the pig on the plane, but said it only weighed 13 pounds.

"When they saw it in Philadelphia, they said it was OK to load it on the airplane," Andrews said.

VH1 awards show to debut tonight

■ **First annual 'My VH1 Music Awards' to feature celebrity performances, fan-selected awards.**

NEW YORK (AP) — VH1's sister channel, MTV, holds a successful awards show each September that is better known for the flamboyant antics of music stars than for the meaning of its trophies.

For a decade and a half, VH1 has been content not to even try competing.

On Thursday, however, the network is getting into the awards show business. "My VH1 Music Awards," with categories designed and decided by viewers voting online, will air live at 9 p.m. ET from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

"We'd been waiting patiently to find the right opportunity to launch an awards show that didn't look like

anybody else's," said John Sykes, VH1 president.

Since VH1's target audience of 25- to 34-year-olds is older than MTV's demographic, expect a comparatively sedate affair. But it's still rock 'n' roll, with the band Creed leading with nine nominations and Red Hot Chili Peppers with seven.

In addition to traditional categories like man, woman, group and song of the year, VH1 is trying to have a little fun. Viewers will give "awards" for the most entertaining public feud, the sexiest video and the category, "your song kicked (butt) but was played too damn much."

Sykes said he was intrigued by the idea of an awards show without envelopes, accounting firms or behind-the-scenes experts that nobody knows. The growth of the Internet made it possible for viewers to do it all.

"For us, it was just a fresh approach to a form that we felt was getting a little bit tired," he said.

Nearly 3 million people have voted for winners, according to VH1. The format leaves VH1 vulnerable to ballot-box stuffing, but Sykes is confident the results will give a true picture of how fans feel. Since voters have to register separately each time they vote, he doesn't think many people will repeat the process.

"Most of our viewers have jobs and lives that they're not going to spend that much time doing that," he said.

It's a potential coming-out party for Creed, which has a low public profile, considering the band has sold more than 6 million discs.

Creed's "Human Clay" was nominated as a "must-have album," the song "Higher" is a song of the year nominee, and Creed is a potential group of the year winner. Then again, "Higher" could also be selected as a song that was played too much.

The band will perform on the show, along with U2, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Christina Aguilera and Bon Jovi. Metallica will test the online

voting process, performing whichever song is selected by viewers.

John Leguizamo is the show's host.

...It was just a fresh approach to a form that we felt was getting a little bit

John Sykes
 VH1 president

Other nominees for VH1's song of the year are Faith Hill's "Breathe," matchbox twenty's "Bent," Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Otherside" and Vertical Horizon's "Everything You Want."

In addition to Creed, "must-have album" nominees are "Christina Aguilera," Faith Hill's "Breathe," matchbox twenty's "Mad Season" and Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Californication."

VH1's suggestions for most entertaining public feud include Diana Ross and her former partners in the Supremes; rapper Eminem against everyone; Metallica against the Napster song-sharing system; 'N Sync against its old promoter, Lou Pearlman; and Whitney Houston against Honolulu's airport security.

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A number that I haven't been able to readily track down is the sports

figure with the most money lost through fines.

While I can't say with certainty, I think Dennis Rodman must be near the top of that list.

Rumors persist that "The Worm" is preparing yet another basketball comeback.

He may be back in the game simply to pay off mortgages that were made necessary when he was fined due to his bizarre behavior.

Rodman, who began his career with the Detroit Pistons of the Bill Laimbeer and Isiah Thomas era, has amassed a total of \$700,000 in fines and lost contract incentives, as well as being suspended for a total of 39 NBA games.

Even when you're making the kind of dough that the National Boredom Association hands out, that's a lot of jack.

Can you see of Dennis coming home after a hard day of head-butting, sitting down with his family (that's a terrifying thought in itself)

and having to tell the members of his household that he lost \$200,000 at work because he just simply had to kick a cameraman?

The incident with the cameraman was well documented as it occurred during a nationally televised contest.

Rodman, by this time a Chicago Bull, dove for a loose ball and missed it.

Since it could not have possible been his fault for the ball getting by, he went to the nearest goat, a network cameraman.

He then kicked him in his most sensitive parts, causing the cameraman to double over in pain just before he called his lawyer.

Dennis paid \$200,000 in a settlement to his victim, lost that same amount in contract incentives and was suspended for 11 games. It was good for the kicker that Rodman wasn't wearing his spiked heels.

Before fans or owners are too quick to welcome Rodman back into

the league, keep in mind this is a pattern of behavior, not an isolated incident.

As a Piston, he was fined \$25,000 and missed two games for head-butting an opposing player.

He lost a game and \$35,000 for the same offense a year later.

As a San Antonio Spur, Dennis was fined 15K for not showing up for a game, then was suspended for the remainder of the season when he walked away from the team and a coach who had the audacity to demand an explanation for his absence.

The headbutting gene reared its ugly head again when Rodman joined the Bulls.

This time he slammed his concrete dome into a referee.

This infraction cost him \$65,000 and a six-game suspension.

This same class act was docked \$50,000 for screaming obscenities at Mormons in the crowd during the 1997 NBA Finals in Utah.

Mustangs lose Josh McCown

DALLAS (AP) — Junior quarterback Josh McCown is leaving SMU at the end of the fall semester after starting nine games this season, coach Mike Cavan said Wednesday.

McCown started the first six games before being replaced for three games by sophomore Dave Page. McCown then started the final three games for the Mustangs (3-9).

"Josh has been a real team player," Cavan said. "This is Josh's decision and we wish him the best wherever he ends up. I hope he has a great senior season."

Cavan didn't elaborate or give any indication as to where McCown might be headed when he transfers. McCown completed 169 of 331 passes for 1,969 yards and nine touchdowns this season. He also threw 16 interceptions, the fifth-highest total in SMU history.

Rumors surround Franchione's future at Texas Christian

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Christian athletic director Eric Hyman says he could retire comfortably if he had a dollar for every rumor he has heard about his football coach.

Dennis Franchione's name has been mentioned in some way just about every time the list of college football coaching vacancies grows.

"This is a business of rumors," Hyman said Wednesday. "It has got

ten to be absurd."

Only one school has contacted TCU about talking to Franchione. But even Missouri athletic director Mike Alden, a close friend of the coach, has said it is unlikely that

Franchione would replace fired TCU coach Larry Smith.

TCU, meanwhile, is discussing a new contract for Franchione, who has five years left on a deal negotiated after the 1998 season.

Franchione's name has also surfaced in relation to openings at Arizona State, Alabama, USC and Maryland.

None of those schools, however, had contacted Franchione or Hyman about their jobs Wednesday.

While there has been no official contact, there is no doubt that other schools would be interested in Franchione.

The Horned Frogs were 1-10 in 1997, the season before Franchione was hired.

They have just completed their third straight winning season since, and are ranked 13th nationally as they prepare to play Southern Mississippi in the Mobile Alabama Bowl on Dec. 20.

They have already won two bowl games under Franchione.

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Lady Raiders trap Bobcats

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

Although Halloween is long since past and the sight of a basketball does not scare freshman guard Jia Perkins, Perkins said she was scared Wednesday night.

Perkins made her first collegiate start of her career and showed why she received the starting nod as the No. 10-ranked Lady Raiders knocked off Southwest Texas State, 72-30, in front of 11,063 fans at the United Spirit Arena.

"When we start the game, we always go in our little huddle," said lone senior Katrisa O'Neal, who finished with 11 points. "And (Perkins) said, 'I'm scared.' But I just told her it was OK and just to go out and play her game."

Perkins did just that and led all scores with 17 points, shooting 9-of-11 from the field while adding four assists and five steals.

Perkins said although she was frightened, she did settle down after a few minutes.

"I was just thinking that I have to play like I do when I come off the bench," said Perkins, who said she will be scared every time she starts. "And that's what I tried to do."

Texas Tech (4-0) opened the contest by receiving three long balls from Perkins, O'Neal and guard Candi White within the first four minutes of the contest to take an early 11-2 advantage en route to a 33-10 half time lead.

However, that was the most offense Tech coach Marsha Sharp said she saw

all night.

Sharp said she thought the Tech offense was rusty coming off big victories over ranked opponents last weekend in the Virgin Islands.

"You have to be worried about being flat in this situation," Sharp said. "But I will give them an excuse because of travel and finals."

Because Southwest Texas State (2-3) does not have the caliber of talent the Lady Raiders played in the Virgin Islands, O'Neal said it was hard to get energetic for Wednesday's contest.

"It was a different type of ball game," O'Neal said. "Penn State and Southwest Missouri State played fast while Southwest Texas tried and slowed the game down to try and get us out of our rhythm."

Despite the offensive struggle on

the floor, Tech continued to play its trademark pressure defense, holding the Bobcat offense to a 28.3 shooting percentage from the field. The 30 points Tech allowed was the second-lowest total the Lady Raiders have given up in team history - 26 is the lowest total ever given by Tech in 1978 against McMurray.

At one point in the first stanza, the Tech defense held the Bobcats scoreless for eight minutes.

"I thought we played great defense on the perimeter by stopping their guards," Sharp said.

"We found out how to stop that backcourt cut, and I felt (SWT) struggled to find some offense when we did that."

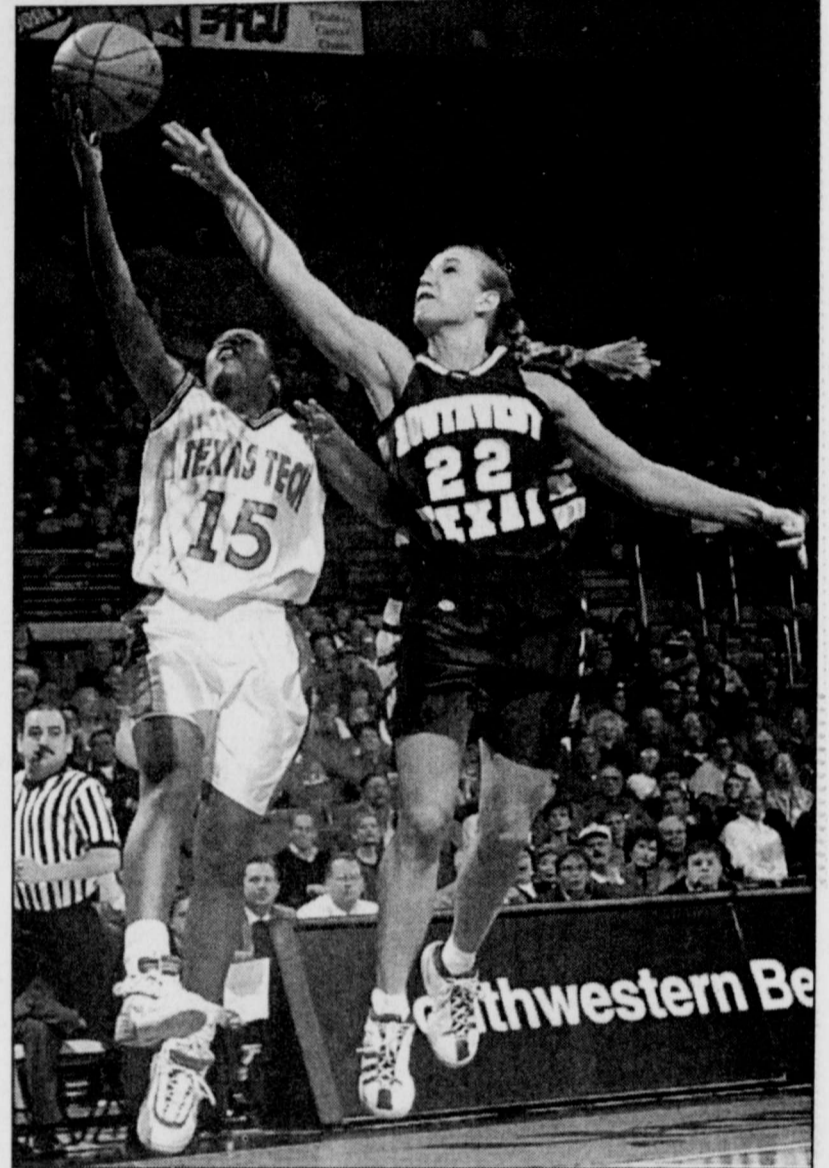
White and O'Neal teamed to hold the Bobcat's leading scorer, Kendall Arant, to four points on 2-of-13 shooting.

"I just feel like I have to step up and get us pumped," O'Neal said. "The main thing is that we have to come out and play our defensive game and keep attacking and being aggressive."

Tech finished the contest with 12 steals while forcing 23 Bobcat turnovers.

Freshman Dionne Brown led the Raiders with ten boards and 12 points off the bench.

Tech will try and continue its undefeated season when it takes on New Mexico at 7 p.m. Monday at the United Spirit Arena.



Guard Jia Perkins goes for two in Tech's 72-30 win over Southwest Texas State Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena.

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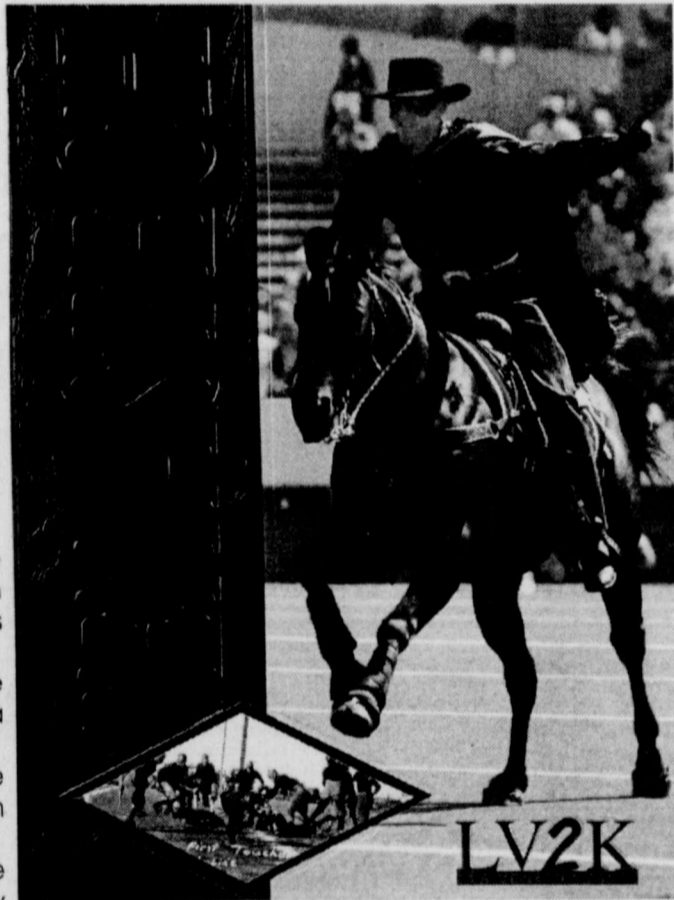
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Davis will remain with Miami

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Miami coach Butch Davis doesn't mind having his name mentioned year after year with just about every coaching vacancy in the country.

He considers it a compliment even though the rumors make it look like he will someday leave the Hurricanes.

Davis seemingly put those to rest Wednesday. He emphatically said he is staying at Miami, ruling out the Alabama job as well as any other college or pro coaching position.

"I'm not going to any other job," said Davis, who is 50-20 in six seasons with the Hurricanes. "I took this job with the idea that this would be the last coaching job that I would take and nothing has changed today, in the last 48 hours or the last six years."

After leading Miami (10-1) to its ninth consecutive win and its first Big East title in four years, Davis met with Houston Texans owner Bob McNair and talked to Alabama athletic director Mal Moore about their respective coaching vacancies.

But Davis said neither job would lure him away from Miami, which has offered a five-year contract extension worth about \$1.3 million annually. Davis, 49, is in his fourth year of a seven-year deal that pays him about

\$900,000 annually.

He has begun negotiations with Miami athletic director Paul Dee on the new contract.

"I hope to get something done with Miami in the very near immediate future," Davis said.

"This isn't going to be a deal for one year and then jump ship. Ten years from now, maybe. I don't know. Maybe if I get tired from college coaching. Who knows?"

Davis, who was named the Big East coach of the year Wednesday, turned around Miami's program after it was hit with numerous NCAA violations that resulted in 31 lost scholarships over a three-year period.

His success provided him with several coaching opportunities in recent years, including LSU, South Carolina, Oklahoma and Arkansas. He also had been mentioned as a candidate for several NFL jobs, including New Orleans, Green Bay and most recently with the Texans.

"I never had a doubt that he was staying," offensive tackle Joaquin Gonzalez. "He hasn't gotten the job done that he wanted to yet. ... We haven't won the national championship here. He's done a great job here. What he's instilled in our minds is that

he's here for the long run."

Added quarterback Ken Dorsey: "We're very grateful that he's going to be here. He's one of the best coaches in the country, which is very apparent in everyone wanting him."

Davis denied any possibility that he would stay in Miami for another season and then join the Texans, an NFL expansion team that begins play in 2002. Houston has no firm deadline for naming a coach.

"The Houston job is somewhat intriguing from the standpoint that it's a fresh start, there's no negatives," Davis said.

"But I put six years and an enormous amount of effort and energy into Miami. We have an outstanding football team currently, we've got a terrific football team coming back next year and we're having a great recruiting class."

Davis did see a downside to the Texans job.

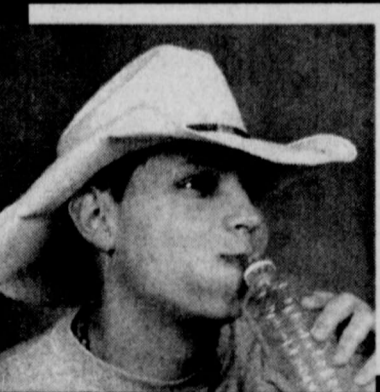
"They don't have an ocean, they don't have a beach, they don't have 85-degree weather," he said. "This is a good job. This is a very, very good job. I like it here, my wife likes it here, my son likes it here."

Davis showed less interest in Alabama.

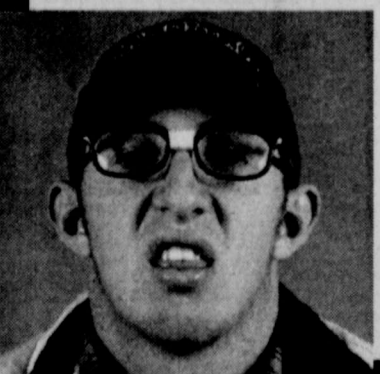
The Tide are looking to replace ousted coach Mike DuBose following their worst season since 1957.

They finished 3-8 after being ranked as high as No. 3 in preseason polls. The program also is in the midst of an NCAA investigation.

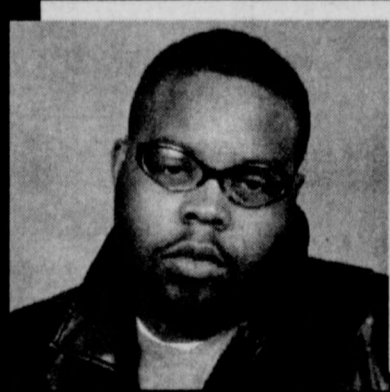
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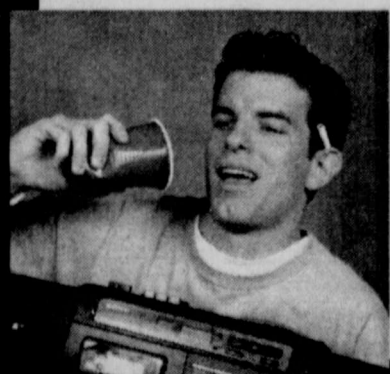
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