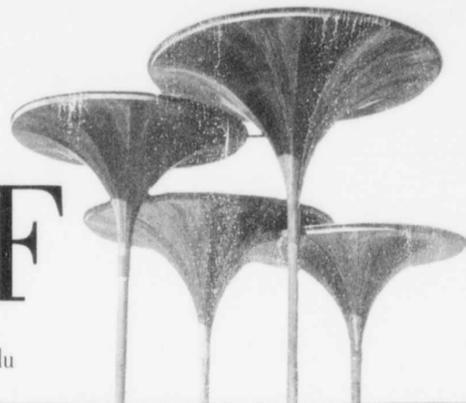


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## Today's News

### STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

**DALLAS** — The abrupt firing of Terrell Bolton, the city's first black police chief, was illegal and damaged his reputation, his lawyer told the City Council on Monday.

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**WACO** — Authorities say a convicted felon cut himself after smuggling a razor blade into the McLennan County Courthouse, the second such incident in three months.

News Digest on page 4

**ATLANTA** — The U.S. infant mortality rate dropped to another record low in 2001, in part because of a decline in SIDS deaths, but is still higher than that of other industrialized countries, the government said Wednesday.

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## On Campus

### FCC study shows rise in identity theft

**BATON ROUGE, La.** — A rise in identity theft chronicled by a recent federal survey indicates Louisiana State University students should be more aware of behavior that puts them at risk for victimization.

A recently released Federal Trade Commission study found 4.7 percent of adults surveyed have been victims of identity theft.

This means approximately 10 million Americans have been victimized in the past five years, the study reports — a much higher number than previously thought.

Experts say college students are just as susceptible to identity theft as other adults.

According to the FTC survey, the average identity theft case takes about two to nine hours for the victim to correct.

—The Reveille

## Correction

In the Sept. 12 edition, the article, "Candlelighters Run/Walk benefits children with cancer," mistakenly reported that Danielle Taylor was in a wheelchair.

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## The Weather

### TODAY

High: 87; Low: 67  
Partly Cloudy

### THURSDAY

High: 87; Low: 60  
Partly Cloudy

### FRIDAY

High: 78; Low: 54  
Partly Cloudy

## Looking Back

**1884** — A California judge sets a record for trying criminal cases, disposing 13 criminal cases on his docket in only six minutes. Although he apparently set a new record for speed, defendants in Oakland's criminal court did not stand much of a chance of gaining an acquittal. In a 40-year period at the turn of the century, only one defendant in 100 was acquitted.

# Laughing matter



ABC film critic Joel Siegel speaks about job and answers questions to four radio-TV-film classes Tuesday afternoon in Moudy Building South, room 156.

Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

## Siegel shares humor, heritage with guests

**KRISTI WALKER**  
Staff Reporter

The Jewish people's sense of humor is what has allowed them to survive, said Joel Siegel, ABC-TV film critic, Tuesday at the sixth annual Gates of Chai Lectureship in Contemporary Judaism.

With a seemingly unending repertoire of jokes, Siegel discussed Judaism in American life and cinema for 700 to 800 TCU

students, faculty and guests.

Siegel allowed the audience to see the back stage of Hollywood with his humorous remarks of Jewish culture impacting the film industry and the stars involved.

He illustrated his points by showing clips of Hollywood classics and explaining the humor behind certain scenes.

At one point, he showed a clip of "Casablanca" and pointed out the use of "midgets" in the background of the final scene to make a fake plane look larger.

Bryce Romero, sophomore international communications major and a member of Hillel,

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Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

Joel Siegel talks to a packed crowd Tuesday night in Ed Landreth Auditorium for the 6th Annual Gates of Chai Lectureship in Contemporary Judaism.

## First meeting

### Leaders of SGA anticipate rise in student interest

**BY DANNY GILLHAM**  
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association President Brad Thompson said he was excited about the participation for the first SGA meeting of the semester Tuesday.

"We usually have higher numbers in the fall," said Thompson, a senior radio-TV-film major. "It's good though. We get a lot of new

people with a lot of new ideas."

House of Student Representatives Vice President Andrea Reed said this year's SGA has 72 members, 10 of which were not at the meeting. Reed, a senior international business and social work major, also said 42 members are first-time members.

Katrina Shutt, a junior marketing and finance major, replaces CiAnn Ardoin as vice president of Programming Council halfway through her term. Thompson said SGA had to only look within House to replace Ardoin.

"Katrina was on the PC (executive committee) last semester, so

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House Vice President Andrea Reed moves along the agenda during the first SGA meeting of the semester Tuesday in the Student Center.

Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

## Isabel to hit eastern coast

**BY EMERY P. DALESIO**  
Associated Press

**RODANTHE, N.C.** — Worries about potential damage to the beaches along Nags Head, N.C., prompted Laura Berry, a recent TCU graduate, to call her parents in Falls Church, Va.

The family makes an annual trip to Nags Head each summer. Her grandparents, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Nags Head this past June.

"We're all worried about the beach erosion Isabel will have on

"We need to get people's attention because this storm can cause a lot of damage and loss of life if people are unprepared."

— Max Mayfield

National Hurricane Center director

the community," Berry said.

Cars, recreational vehicles and SUVs streamed inland from North Carolina's Outer Banks on Tuesday as up to 90,000 people were urged to get out of the way of Hurricane Isabel, the most powerful storm in four years to menace the mid-Atlantic coast.

Isabel's winds weakened during the day to around 105 mph from a peak of 160 mph over the weekend. But forecasters said the hurricane could strengthen when it crosses the warm waters of the Gulf Stream on a projected course that could take it straight into the Outer Banks early Thursday.

Holly Barbour, vacationing from Wheeling, W. Va., said she and her family planned to head

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## Mentors help local students

**BY KRISTI WALKER**  
Staff Reporter

Students are taking leadership classes to a new level by becoming Mentors in Action at a local sixth-grade school, Leadership Center director.

"The hope is to increase self-esteem in these students and to increase retention rates of students for high school and college," Walsh said.

The year-long program involves 23 TCU students who have signed up for the MIA class through the Leadership Center. Each TCU student mentors one or two students once a week, said Walsh.

MIA was originally the idea of students Kristin Spratt, Christine Schmidt and Jamie Pacilio, former students of the "Foundations of Leadership" class, who wanted to put their leadership training into action, Walsh said.

Now, in conjunction with Fort Worth ISD, TCU students and the Leadership Center, the program has begun. The mentors will first undergo two training sessions to help develop their leadership and mentorship skills, Walsh said.

Rosemont 6th Grade School students participating in the two-hour after-school program are led in self-esteem exercises and talk with their mentors at each session, said Walsh.

Darron Turner, director of Student Development Services, said MIA will give the younger students a chance to interact with college students and to see that college is an option for them.

"We want them to see themselves in a positive light," Turner said. "We want to help them realize what they want to do in life, and then show them

(more on MENTORS, page 2)

## CAMPUS PIZZA HUT TO CHANGE MENU ITEMS

**BY AARON KOKORUZ**  
Staff Reporter

Pizza Hut is undergoing an image change that will bring new menu items to campus.

Rick Flores, general manager of Dining Services, said the new menu items at Pizza Hut will include P-zones, which are similar to calzones, and cinnamon bread sticks. There will also be a change to Pizza Hut's breakfast sandwiches.

"Instead of having the pan

crusts on the sandwiches, they're now going to have fresh biscuits instead," Flores said.

Meredith Holbert, a senior Spanish and Latin American Studies major, said the new menu items are great because they will be a nice change and bring in more money for both Pizza Hut and Dining Services.

Pizza Hut opened nine years ago at TCU and has had a steady flow in sales ever since, Flores said.

"We were around 700 [pizzas] when Pizza Hut was first there but that has slowly leveled off to 500 to 600 pizzas a day," Flores said.

The decline in sales could be contributed to the fact that now there are 10 places to eat on campus, as opposed to just five a few years ago, Flores said.

In addition to menu changes

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Your bulletin board for campus events

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■ **Society of Professional Journalists** will have its first meeting at 5 p.m. tonight in 279 Moudy Building South. Guest speakers will discuss the media's influence on politics.

■ **TCU Wednesday Worship** will meet at Robert Carr Chapel at noon. Call University Ministries at (817)257-7830 or e-mail k.b.low@tcu.edu for more information.

■ **December 2003 degree candidates** should file Intent to Graduate forms in the office of their academic dean by the deadline set by that academic office. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the registrar by Oct. 6.

■ **Intramural Team Tennis** registration will take place until midnight Tuesday. Registration can be done online at (www.campus-rec.tcu.edu).

■ **TCU Semester in Florence program** is now taking applications, due October 15, but recommended to be submitted by October 1. Additional information and applications are available online at (www.ied.tcu.edu/florence/florence.html). For more information, contact the International Education office at (817)257-7473 or in Sadler Hall, room 16.

■ **Career Services** will offer a free information session to help students with interviewing skills. The session is scheduled from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wed., Sept. 24 in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 134. For more information call (817)257-5220.

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## SIEGEL

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the on-campus Jewish organization, said he appreciated the humor and emphasis on contemporary Judaism in the presentation.

"I enjoyed him as a TV personality and respect him as a Jewish role model," Romero said.

Richard Allen, associate professor of the radio-TV-film department, said he was very excited that a man of Siegel's caliber and recognition came to speak at TCU.

*"He is very Jewish and it came out in all of his jokes. The shape of his jokes were very spiritual and theological. Like most Jewish humor, Siegel's jokes were very human, but they were telling you about how life ought to be lived - with great hope in the face of great suffering."*

— Kenneth Cracknell

professor theology and global studies

"He is a very good representation of a Jewish person in the industry," Allen said.

Kenneth Cracknell, Brite Divinity School professor of theology and global studies, said that Siegel is a man with wonderful insight.

"He is very Jewish and it came out in all of his jokes," Cracknell said. "The shape of his jokes were very spiritual and theological."

"Like most Jewish humor, Siegel's jokes were very human, but they were telling you about how life ought to be lived - with great hope in the face of great suffering."

Siegel finished the lecture by answering several questions from the audience. He signed copies of his book "Lessons from Dylan," a legacy of his life and Jewish heritage, for his son.

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## PIZZA

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and additions, Pizza Hut will also be installing a newly designed storefront sign to replace the current one, Flores said.

Flores said these changes will be made soon but no exact date has been finalized yet.

"Pizza Hut is going through a re-imaging process," said Flores. "Pizza Hut is one of the few companies that will actually change their menu on a regular basis and a lot of places don't."

Pizza Hut's willingness to change and work on new menu items is crucial to its success at TCU, Flores said.

The same exact menu will gradually wear itself out and no longer make any money, he said.

"We learned our lesson a few years back with Taco Bell," Flores said. "The

menu didn't change and gradually it leveled and then it really died."

Bryan Baeten, a junior international economics major, said if Pizza Hut doesn't make any changes to its menu, it should be replaced because he doesn't like the pizza, in general, and would like more options.

The amount of time a franchise stays at a particular college depends on the menu variety and size of the student body, Flores said.

Smaller schools, such as TCU, can usually only support one or two brands at a time, Flores said. At TCU, those are Pizza Hut and Freshens Yogurt, he said.

"Pizza Hut can and will survive at TCU for the coming years," Flores said. "They're very active in what they do and the product is good."

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Freshman nursing major Lauren Scullion will soon have a bigger selection from Pizza Hut to choose from in Frog Bytes.

Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

## MENTORS

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they can do it, and how to do it.

Turner also said the program offers a chance for TCU students to give back and to be a part of something bigger than themselves.

Schmidt, a senior speech pathology major, said she is optimistic about the program, since it already has more people than the original estimate of about 15 participants.

The desire of the students involved is to establish a relationship and to be a friend that these children might not find any other place, Schmidt said. Mentors want to talk to them, help them with their homework and play games with them, Schmidt said.

"There is a high rate of ninth-grade drop out students in this area because of confidence

issues," said Schmidt. "We want to encourage them to go to school, listen to their teachers, go to college and to see their future, regardless of their home situations."

The mentor program will end with a shadow day that involves the Rosemont students attending TCU classes and eating at the Student Center with their mentors, Schmidt said.

Spratt, a senior finance and accounting major, said an original goal was to allow students to put what they learn in the leadership classes to use, and to see how important it is to serve a community and give back to others.

The mentors are scheduled to meet the students for the first time at 3:30 p.m., Sept. 24, at Rosemont 6th Grade School.

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## SGA

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it was easy to find a replacement," Thompson said.

The majority of the meeting served as an introduction to the semester, but communications committee chairwoman Corrie Lockhart talked about a bi-monthly newsletter SGA will publish beginning next week.

"There is a bunch of people who don't know what is going on on campus, and a lot of people don't know what SGA does or is doing," said Lockhart, a sophomore advertising and public relations major. "This is going to keep everybody updated."

Lockhart said by putting something physical in people's hands, people will turn in suggestions and get involved with SGA.

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## ISABEL

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south to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"Yesterday was so nice, we couldn't believe that a storm was coming," she said. "A lot of people were saying they were heading out when they told us to evacuate. So we're going to do the same."

Coastal residents from South Carolina to New Jersey boarded up homes and businesses and stocked up on batteries, water and other supplies. North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley declared a state of emergency, allowing him to use the National Guard and also seek federal disaster relief after the storm passes.

Easley urged residents to evacuate low-lying coastal areas.

"Now is the time to prepare," he said. "The course and intensity of this storm may change very quickly."

Thousands of tourists and others abandoned parts of North Carolina's Outer Banks as rough surf pounded the thin, 120-mile-long chain of islands.

By Tuesday evening, grocery stores and restaurants were closed or shuttered and the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse was barred to visitors. The main beach highway, N.C. 12, was unusually barren of traffic and the beaches nearly desolate.

"Even a lot of old salts are bailing out," Brian Simmons said as he placed plywood across the window of Stoney's Seafood in Avon. "I don't know if it's some vibe they feel or something."

But some weather-tested residents treated the evacuation orders as just a suggestion.

"It's easier to stay on the island," Margie Brecker said as she and her husband boarded up their Christmas shop in Rodanthe and prepared to hunker down. "That way, we are right here when it's time to clean up, and we're able to help others."

David Kidwell, a 64-year-old retiree, was staying put at his home in Kitty Hawk.

"If it was a 5, I'd be gone. If it was a 4, I'd be gone. But right now it's looking like a 2 or less," he said. "That's just nothing more than a big nor'easter as far as I'm concerned."

National Hurricane Center director Max Mayfield said he was concerned people were not taking the storm seriously enough because it had weakened to a Category 2.

"We need to get people's attention because this storm can cause a lot of damage and loss of life if people are unprepared," he said.

At 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Isabel was about 545 miles southeast of North Carolina's Cape Hatteras, moving northwest at around 8 mph. It was down to a Category 2 storm on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale of intensity, from Category 5 over the weekend.

A hurricane watch was posted from Little River Inlet, S.C., to Chincoteague, Va., including a large part of the Chesapeake Bay.

After hitting land, Isabel could also spread heavy rain from North Carolina all the way to the New England states.

Staff reporter Becky Brandenburg contributed to this report.

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## The Skiff View

### OPTIONS

Offer more than pizza at odd hours

Dining Services seems to be doing a good job of making sure that student needs are met, but to what degree is puzzling. On the healthy side, there's the new Main Grain to accommodate vegetarian diets. On the flip side, Pizza Hut will be expanding its menu with more junk food to clog our arteries. While people will continue to complain about campus food selection for generations to come, we aren't going to ramble on about the "horrible cafeteria food."

On the contrary, TCU has greatly expanded on its dining options. Over the past few years, eateries have been popping up all over the campus to keep up with changing trends. The variety of food that is offered meets nutritional requirements and, for the most part, tastes fine. However, most of us on the southeast side of university hardly ever get a chance to eat it.

When we do find the time to make the walk over to the Main or Eden's Greens to get something to eat that doesn't come in a wrapper, we're surprised to find that our schedules conflict with the dining hours offered. Maybe we'll just wade through the cookies, candy, pretzels, chips, Ramen noodles, ice cream and pizzas that are readily available at Frog Bytes. At best, we can walk away with Wheat Thins and a fruit smoothie. Or we could head over to SubConnection to wait 20 minutes in line for another cold meal. Not all of us have the desire or the means to make the trek down Berry's fast food extravaganza for a quick bite between classes.

It's not that there's nothing to eat, but nothing to eat during the only hour you have to eat. Dining Services may be able to cater to everyone's taste but not to everyone's time.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

It's not "read my lips, no new taxes" this time, but Bush's claim to reduce big government is just as deceptive and false as the elder Bush's failed promise.

After campaign rhetoric promising Republican-friendly government-reducing strategies, the Bush administration has helped the government expand to the largest it's been since the end of the Cold War, according to a new study released by the Brookings Institution's Center for Public Service.

In 2002, about 12.1 million people worked for the federal government, more than at any other time since 12.6 million in 1990.

After Sept. 11, most of the increases have been in defense. A prime example is the increase in airline security. The creation of the new Transportation Security Administration within the Department of Transportation made government employees of civilian airport workers.

However, other non-defense federal departments have expanded through private outsourcing. About 8 million of the 12.1 million federal employees worked for government contractors and organizations that received government grants.

Increases in the federal workforce are not bad. Jobs are created from these expansions, but when government expansion comes from

private outsourcing, there is less accountability to taxpayers and customers.

When politicians and analysts look at the growth of government, many times contract workers are not included, even though their paychecks come from public resources.

When revenue for these resources is shrinking because of tax cuts, where will the money for paying these contract workers come from?

Directly from the pocketbooks of our children and grandchildren, as the federal deficit continues to grow.

At last count, there were still nine members of the Supreme Court, 100 senators and 435 representatives.

The core of our government isn't growing, and our military isn't increasing in size, at least not dramatically. The IRS doesn't have thousands of auditors getting hired by the day. Where are all these jobs going?

It can't work effectively both ways. A bigger government, whether the Bush administration cares to admit it or not, requires a huge amount of revenue.

The American public needs a show of honesty and responsibility from their president, and it doesn't appear to be coming any time soon.

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## Sit by a stranger for a change

Share your seat on the bus to help keep "surfers" safe

Most of us have seen "Forrest Gump." Well, do you remember the bus scene? You know, Forrest's first day of school. He walks down the aisle, eyeing the empty seats, but even before he can ask to sit down, the children slide their bags or themselves in the available spot.

My heart still sinks as I remember the thick Southern accents denying him access to a seat. I've actually had the pleasure of witnessing something just as incredible. It's disappointing almost to a point of hilarity.

Yes, I'll admit it, I ride the Frog Shuttle. It's convenient because I live in Worth Hills, and it's nice when the weather is less than satisfactory. Around the noon running times, though, it gets overcrowded, necessitating people to stand while they ride. Or does it?

A lot of people ride solo like I do because they are coming from a class and their friends aren't finished with their classes yet. The riding pattern of a solo rider is to take a seat away from the other riders by themselves. When I board the lovely bus, I'm usually first in line and I am able to find a seat to accommodate my solo-rider complex.

However, about 80 percent of the time, people are filling the aisle, holding on to the pro-

vided rails, trying to "surf" the route from west campus, to east campus, to Worth Hills. I've even done it a few times and it's a hassle trying to keep your balance. But embarrassment is sure to ensue if you fall, so you do what you have to do.

Good news. Sometimes you don't have to. Just because you don't know a person's name doesn't mean you can't sit by him or her and learn it. I've had to suppress giggles while watching a shuttle surfer struggle with balance. I almost feel guilty, but then I glance down at the empty seat next to me. I turn around to look at a few empty seats in the back, and it's that much harder to keep from laughing. Solo riders can easily break the ice and ask others to sit down, but I'm just as shy as they are.

I guess we could blame it on Americans not being very personable or outgoing. We're excellent communicators, but it seems we seldom find the occasion. I know when I meet a person for the first time, I usually don't shake his or her hand. In France, it's an unwritten rule that you shake the hand of any person you meet, when you meet him or her and as you depart from his or her company. If they know a person well, they kiss on either cheek to greet one another. Americans like to have their personal bubbles. You're not likely to see many kissed hellos, but just because you sit next to someone doesn't mean you have to kiss them hello. Sometimes we should sacrifice our mild discomfort for someone's safety.

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Becky Henderson

## No clear lines drawn for file sharers who download MP3s

Guess what? You're a criminal! And even if you didn't know file sharing is illegal, the record industry still believes it has the right to sue you for all you're worth.

In recent months, the Recording Industry Association of America decided to do its part to clean up America by investigating a nation-wide crackdown on the disgusting deviants who share music files online. And many Americans are turning from their criminal ways to avoid a hefty lawsuit.

File sharers can be charged \$750 to \$150,000 for each infringement of copyright, according to the Copyright Law of 1976. So if you have a thousand songs on your computer, the RIAA can fine you for each individual copyright violation, leaving you with a multi-million dollar lawsuit.

According to the NPD Group, Inc., a marketing and research

firm, the number of households acquiring music files decreased 40 percent between April and June — a decrease most likely connected to the RIAA's aggressive campaign against file sharing.

File sharing may be unethical but is it actually illegal? Or is the RIAA simply using scare tactics to shut down their biggest competition?

Revenue from music and video sales fell 14 percent between

"So if the small bands are in favor of sharing, then perhaps the RIAA is really protecting the likes of Justin Timberlake."

1999 and 2002, according to the RIAA. While some of this is likely due to a mediocre music selection, researchers at the NDP Group believe file sharing has severely cut into the profits of the recording industry.

The RIAA argues that the real victims of file sharing are the artists. But according to an article in the San Jose Mercury News, small bands actually like file sharing because it helps them get exposure. And really, not many people will shell out \$15

for music they've never heard. So if the small bands are in favor of sharing, then perhaps the RIAA is really protecting the likes of Justin Timberlake. After all, he really needs another Escalade.

And when we look at the letter of the law, it gets even trickier. According to chapter 10 of the Copyright Law, it is legal to make a copy of something for one's personal use. So it should follow that burning a copy of my CD to give to a friend would not be illegal. But what if I send that CD to my friend over the Internet, in MP3 format? And what if I am sending it to someone I have never met, but am exchanging MP3s using a file-sharing software like KaZaA? Where do you draw the line?

I have a feeling that all of this will be settled in court during the coming months. In the meantime, music lovers have a decision to make. Pay \$15 for a CD, or risk thousands for a lawsuit. The choice is yours.

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## Nobel prize may not fit Bush

Last May, President George W. Bush and Tony Blair were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts leading the recent war in Iraq. Isn't there something wrong with giving such an award to two leaders at war?

The Norwegian Committee who nominated them apparently doesn't think so. Now let's remember this: **COMMENTARY** is the same prize once awarded to Mother Teresa for her humanitarian work and to Martin Luther King Jr. for his civil rights efforts.

First, it would be important to understand the origins of this prestigious prize as well as the vague definition of "peace" upon which the selection committee bases its decisions. When Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel died in 1896 as one of the wealthiest men in Europe, he left the bulk of his estate to a fund on which the interest was to be awarded annually to persons whose work had been of the greatest benefit to mankind.

The Nobel Foundation began awarding individuals or organizations in five different areas: physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and, according to Nobel's will, "to the person who shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between the nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies, and for the promotion of peace congresses."

There is little doubt the war in Iraq may have made the human rights situation there better or perhaps reduced weapons of mass destruction, but it was a war, and to give a prize for peace may even seem like word-play.

Some say war may lead to peace by wiping out an enemy who fosters conflict, and this is probably what the Norwegian who nominated both leaders had in mind. But the prize is not for making the world a better place, but for promoting and achieving peace. The first prize was given to Jean Henry Durant in 1901 for founding the Red Cross. Theodore Roosevelt won it in 1906 for drawing up the peace treaty between Russia and Japan. Another U.S. President, Woodrow Wilson, won it 14 years later after founding the League of Nations.

Last year, Jimmy Carter became the latest American to earn the prestigious prize for his effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts.

While Bush and Blair may be making the world a better place, force is being used and people are dying.

Do the ends justify the means? Well, based on the language used by Nobel in his will, the prize is supposed to be awarded primarily in the direction of negotiations and peace processes.

However, the discussion should at least be broadened a little because enough ambiguity has been created by the contributions of people who used force productively.

Since the nomination came after the 2003 deadline, Bush, Blair and the rest of the world will have to wait until next year to know the final result.

Maybe then the world will have a clearer picture of the impact the occupation of Iraq has had on world peace.

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## National/State Roundup

### Police chief's lawyer challenges firing

DALLAS — The abrupt firing of Terrell Bolton, the city's first black police chief, was illegal and damaged his reputation, his lawyer told the City Council on Monday.

City Manager Ted Benavides had the right to demote Bolton but not to fire him under the city charter, attorney Robert Hinton said during Bolton's hearing before the City Council and about 200 spectators.

He asked the city attorney to contact him within 10 days to "negotiate some sort of solution."

"You didn't have the right to fire him and what has happened as a result of that has damaged his reputation," Hinton told the council.

Benavides, who cited poor job performance in Bolton's Aug. 26 firing, refused to speak with reporters. Mayor Laura Miller said Bolton's attorney misinterpreted the city charter and that Bolton has no legal grounds to challenge his firing.

### Lawsuit filed over bridge's collapse

SAN ANTONIO — The widow of the Port Isabel fire marshal killed in the Queen Isabella Causeway's collapse has sued the state highway agency and other defendants in connection with the collapse two years ago that killed eight people.

Survivors and relatives of victims on Monday marked the two-year anniversary of the collapse of the state's longest bridge, which links South Padre Island with the mainland.

A tug pushing the steel-laden barges slammed into the causeway's support pillars early on Sept. 15, 2001, causing a 240-foot gap in the bridge. Eleven unsuspecting motorists drove into the break and fell more than 80 feet. Three were rescued from the water.

The widow of fire marshal Robert Harris filed a lawsuit against the Texas Department of Transportation, Cameron County and Oklahoma-based A.G. Hill Power Inc., alleging they are negligent because the lights on the causeway were out that night.

Attorneys for Anita Harris are seeking \$3 million in damages from the state, which owns the 2.5-mile long bridge; the county, which provides its maintenance; and the company contracted to repair lights in the county.

### Investigation into death of children

TEXAS CITY — An investigation into the earlier deaths of a woman's two children is continuing in the days leading up to a custody hearing to determine who should care for her three surviving children, including one the mother is charged with stabbing earlier this month.

Martha Burks, 32, remains at the Galveston County Jail. She has been charged with intent to commit serious bodily injury for allegedly stabbing her 5-year-old daughter, causing a punctured lung.

Assistant Galveston County District Attorney Bill Read told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's edition that investiga-

tors are looking into the 1991 and 1999 deaths of two of Burks' children.

"We're looking into everything," Read said.

Burks' 2-month-old son died in 1991 of what was then determined to be Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Eight years later, Burks' 4-year-old daughter drowned in the family's swimming pool.

CPS spokeswoman Estella Olguin said earlier this month there was no indication the deaths were "anything other than accidental."

A custody hearing in the case has been set for Thursday.

### Felon smuggles razor blade into courtroom

WACO — Authorities say a convicted felon cut himself after smuggling a razor blade into the McLennan County Courthouse, the second such incident in three months.

Sheriff's deputies discovered Terry Bronaugh, 28, had four razor cuts less than an inch long on his forearm when he got back to jail after a court appearance last week.

Bronaugh was not seriously injured but required stitches, said chief Deputy Randy Plemons.

Jurors had sentenced Bronaugh, a twice-convicted burglar, to 60 years in prison Thursday after his conviction on three counts of sexually assaulting a 7-year-old girl two years ago.

Bronaugh's hands were cuffed behind his back during the trip back to jail, Plemons said.

Bronaugh admitted he hid the blade from a jail-issued dispos-

able razor inside the plastic wristband used to identify inmates, Plemons said. Jailers are supposed to make sure the 750 inmates return the razors and blades after each use, Plemons said.

Inmates are searched, and most are forced to change clothes before transport to the courthouse. But in this case, the hand-held metal detector sounded because of metal fasteners on the wristbands, so the blade went undetected, Plemons said.

Bronaugh was transferred to prison Friday, county officials said.

### U.S. infant mortality rate at record low

ATLANTA — The U.S. infant mortality rate dropped to another record low in 2001, in part because of a decline in SIDS deaths, but is still higher than that of other industrialized countries, the government said Wednesday.

The U.S. rate in 2001 — the latest data available — fell to 6.8 deaths per 1,000 live births from 6.9 the previous year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The rate has declined 38 percent since 1983, when it was 10.9 per 1,000 live births. It has dropped to an all-time low in each of the last four years after a brief plateau in 1997 and 1998.

The 2001 decline was attributed largely to an 11 percent decline in deaths from sudden infant death syndrome, one of the three leading causes of infant death along with congenital malformations and low birth weight.

The CDC said SIDS declined because of public health campaigns that encourage mothers to take such steps as making their babies sleep on their backs.

### Charges filed against late trading practices

NEW YORK — State officials Tuesday filed the first criminal counts in their investigation of mutual fund trading practices, charging a former Bank of America employee with larceny and securities fraud.

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer announced the charges against Theodore Sihpol III, who surrendered to authorities Tuesday morning in New York. At the same time, the Securities and Exchange Commission announced civil charges against the former Bank of America broker.

Spitzer said the charges were the first of several expected in the mutual fund probe he announced this month.

Authorities allege Sihpol was involved in late trading, or buying mutual fund shares at the 4 p.m. price after the market closes. Late trading is prohibited by New York law and SEC regulations.

"Our combined message is clear: Late trading is wrong," Stephen Cutler, enforcement director for the SEC, said at the joint news conference announcing the civil and criminal cases.

If convicted, Sihpol faces eight to 24 years in prison. Bank of America spokesman

Robert Stickler had said before the announcement that the bank had not been notified of any charges.

The company announced last week that it had fired Sihpol along with several other employees, including the head of Bank of America's mutual fund business, Nations Funds.

### Man charged with murdering Williams' sister

COMPTON, Calif. — A felon with ties to a street gang was charged Tuesday with murdering the half sister of tennis stars Serena and Venus Williams.

Aaron Michael Hammer appeared briefly in Superior Court but Judge John J. Cheroske postponed his arraignment to Sept. 23 at the request of the defense. He remained held without bail.

Hammer, 24, of Compton, is accused of shooting Yetunde Price, 31, in the chest as she sat in a sport utility vehicle early Sunday with a companion, Rolland Wormley, 28. An assault rifle and shell casings were found at the scene.

Hammer also was charged with using and possessing a firearm. If convicted of all charges, Hammer would face life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Hammer has ties to a Compton street gang but is not a member, authorities have said without elaboration. He has convictions for check forgery and commercial burglary.

Activists and residents raised candles in Price's memory Monday night at an anti-violence rally in Compton.

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### File Sharing @ TCU

It's no secret that across college campuses everywhere, music continues to be downloaded, despite the threat of legal repercussions. Students are now facing the risk of being slapped with hefty fines as the music industry closes in on college campuses.

BY AARON KOKORUZ  
Staff Reporter

Jaelyn Wilbur, a senior fashion major, said she knows she takes a risk by downloading music, but she does it because it's fast and accessible.

"It's much easier to download off the Internet because it's faster than going up to buy a CD and pay for the whole CD when maybe all you want off that particular CD is one or two songs," Wilbur said.

People who violate copyright laws by downloading music are responsible for a 31 percent decline in compact disc sales over the last three years, according to the Recording Industry Association of America Web site. For this reason, the organization is targeting college students who download large amounts of copyrighted music for lawsuits aimed at recouping its losses.

"It's like we are big time criminals here," said Savannah Lay, junior anthropology major. "We aren't trying to hurt anyone here, just trying to get some good music to listen to."

The RIAA has filed 261 lawsuits in federal court against people who downloaded an average of 1,000 copyrighted music files, RIAA officials said Sept. 8.

According to RIAA press releases, around 1,000 subpoenas have already been issued around the United States.

At TCU, there have been no subpoenas issued, said Mike Russel, associate dean of Campus Life.

"If a subpoena was issued to TCU, we would definitely comply with that subpoena," Russel said.

Russel said Campus Life doesn't know what the punishment would be for such a case at TCU because they haven't seen anything like that. Punishment would be decided on a case-by-case basis, he said.

"We only had one person who had a repeat offense and that was because of a virus," Russel said.

David Edmondson, assistant provost of Information Services, said a device called Network Shaping

allows TCU to tune the network to the amount of space students can utilize for file-sharing programs, such as Napster. He said the firewall could block Napster and other music downloading programs but doesn't.

"There is a firewall up on the TCU network to block traffic that might possibly come into our network and contaminate it," Edmondson said.

Ebony Platt, a senior business management major, said she feels bad about downloading the music and doesn't do it much anymore because she realizes it's the people behind the scenes in the music industry who are affected.

U.S. copyright laws allow up to \$150,000 in damages for each song offered illegally on a person's computer.

"We do have the TCU Computer Usage Policy that says copyrighted materials are not to be shared," Edmondson said.

Edmondson said there are agencies out there and companies that work for the recording industry that look on college networks for file sharing systems and tries to find IP addresses to find students who are file-sharing. Those students are then turned over to Campus Life, Edmondson said.

Last April, the RIAA sued three other college students and accused them of using illegal file-sharing programs on campus networks.

All four lawsuits were settled out of court. Each student agreed to pay between \$12,000 and \$17,500 to the music industry over the next several years, according to RIAA spokespeople.

Daniel Peng, a junior at Princeton University, was sued by the RIAA. He settled with the organization for \$15,000 and is also facing legal fees.

"I work every summer to save some money for the school year, but each

summer only covers at best a quarter of the settlement, so I will be paying off the RIAA for quite a few years," Peng said.

Peng said he started a Web site asking for donations from people around the world to help pay legal fees and the RIAA. He said the biggest donation he received was for \$500 from a donor in Lincoln, Neb.

The RIAA has started an amnesty program for people to admit they illegally share music online. People who sign this must promise to delete any downloaded music and not participate in anymore illegal file-sharing.

Individuals who have already been targeted by lawsuits will be ineligible for this program.

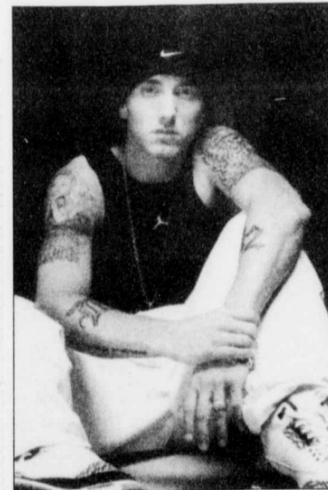
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## Musicians disagree about right of fans to share files through Web sites

### Metallica fights Napster, doesn't think about the fans

Metallica historically has allowed fans to record their concerts, but they say they draw the line at songs taken from albums, such as "Master of Puppets" (RealAudio excerpt) or demos of "I Disappear," the band's contribution to the "Mission: Impossible 2" soundtrack, which were readily available through Napster.

Radio stations are paying close attention to fan reaction.

"I wish Lars (Ulrich) had decided to find a way to profit from Napster instead of fighting it," said Bill May, operations manager at San Diego radio station KIOZ-FM, which hosts a daily "Mandatory Metallica" segment.

"I don't begrudge the man the opportunity to make a living and have a career and future from his music, but I think he went about it in a way that wasn't best for the band right now," May said. "I agree he should profit from his art, but I think he discounted the backlash the fans would have."

Ulrich said he does not enjoy the battle or the ensuing controversy.

"If you are fortunate enough to be at the level that we are, this is some of the stuff that comes with the territory," Ulrich said. "This is about Metallica, this is what's right for us, and we don't want to be puppets in these types of games, because it ultimately affects us directly, and how people relate to what we do. It's kind of an evil necessity."

([www.vh1.com/news/articles/971500/05312000/metallica.jhtml](http://www.vh1.com/news/articles/971500/05312000/metallica.jhtml))

### Courtney Love defends Napster, blames bad artists

Courtney Love defended Napster with the following statement: "It's not piracy when kids swap music over the Internet

using Napster. There were one billion music downloads last year but music sales are way up, so how is Napster hurting the music industry? It's not."

The outspoken front woman of Hole went on to blast Napster bashers, "The

only people scared of Napster are people who have filler on their albums and are scared that if people hear more than one single, they're not going to buy the record."

([www.vh1.com/artists](http://www.vh1.com/artists))

### Linkin Park supports fans' downloading rights

Yahoo!'s Launch Media spoke with Linkin Park front man Chester Bennington about their reluctance to sell individual songs online. He told Launch the band wants to use the Internet but wants it to be done in a way that works for fans as well as the band.

"We're all going to have to adjust," Bennington told Launch. "You know what I'm saying? Eventually everything is going to be purchased online. It's just a matter of how you're going to do it. You know? Do you sell albums by track or do you sell albums to download for one cost when you go in to download the music? Who knows? It's not up to me, it's up to the people to figure out the way they want to do it, and to do it in a way that's not going to destroy the bands that they love."

([www.antimusic.com/news/03/july/ite/m20.shtml](http://www.antimusic.com/news/03/july/ite/m20.shtml))

### Eminem disagrees with, threatens file sharers

Eminem has said he wants to "meet" and "beat" whoever illegally distributes his tracks on the Internet.

The "My Name Is" rapper spoke out after finding his new album, "The Marshall Mathers LP," available through Napster a full week before its official release. "Whoever put my \*\*\*\* on the Internet," he remarked, "...I want to meet that mother\*\*\*\*\* and beat the \*\*\*\* out of him, because I picture this scrawny little \*\*\*\*\* going, 'I got Eminem's new CD! I'm going to put it on the Internet!'"

Mathers goes on to attack Napster executives and users, calling them "little sissies," and arguing that MP3 fans should have a "guilty conscience" for swapping their music online.

"I could never afford a computer, but I always bought and supported the artists that I liked... If you can afford a computer, you can afford to pay \$16 for my CD."

([www.dotmusic.com/news](http://www.dotmusic.com/news))

## By the Numbers:

- 71 percent of heavy downloaders said that instead of buying a CD they have burnt someone else's copy.
- 48 percent of them said they no longer have to buy CDs because they can download music for free.
- 61 percent of 12-17-year-olds burned someone else's copy of a CD instead of buying their own.
- 13 percent increase in the number of 12-17-year-olds who have burned someone else's CD instead of buying it.

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# Texas Senate floor full once again

BY NATALIE GOTT  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The bitter infighting in the Texas Senate for the past six weeks gave way to handshakes and warm embraces Tuesday as Democrats and Republicans appeared together on the Senate floor for the first time in a month and a half.

"Today was a wonderful showing of good faith on every senator's part," Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, said after the Senate met briefly.

"All of us are professionals," said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas. "We can disagree without being disagreeable."

During the last six weeks, the senators seemed to be anything but agreeable after 11 Democrats staged a boycott of the Texas Senate over GOP attempts to redraw the state's congressional districts. The boycott brought the Senate to a standstill during the second special session because the Senators did not make quorum.

Republicans, which hold every statewide-elected post in Texas, say they should have more representation in the Texas congressional delegation, currently controlled 17-15 by Democrats. The Democrats have argued that the current districts should stand and have said that

plans before the Legislature this year would hurt minorities.

The Texas Senate did not take up redistricting, or anything of controversy, Tuesday. That doesn't mean that they will agree.

One outstanding issue pertains to the fines that the Republicans imposed on the Democrats during the second special session last month for every day the Democrats missed. The fines total \$57,000 and until they are paid, the Democrats lose other perks, such as prime parking spots around the Capitol.

Democrats returned to the Capitol Tuesday to find large, heavy barrels blocking their

parking spots rather than the small orange cones that had been there the day earlier.

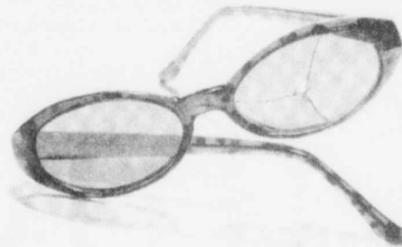
Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, said the fines should be rescinded because they were ordered when the Senate did not have a quorum.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, agreed rescinding the fines could be an option if the Democrats agreed to some measure to ensure they attend the Senate.

Another pending matter is redistricting itself. Republicans want to move forward with a plan but the Democrats say they will continue to oppose it.

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# Consumer prices rise by largest percent in months

BY JEANNINE AVERSA  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices rose by 0.3 percent in August, the largest increase in five months, reflecting in part a jump in the cost of gasoline that pinched motorists' pockets.

The latest reading on the Consumer Price Index, the government's most closely watched inflation barometer, came after increases of 0.2 percent in June and July, the Labor Department reported Tuesday. August's performance

matched economists' expectations.

"Energy prices were the villain again," Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics, said of the August CPI report.

Excluding energy and food prices, which tend to swing widely from month to month, "core" consumer prices nudged up by just 0.1 percent in August, down from a 0.2 percent increase the previous month. The showing on the core inflation rate suggested that most other prices are moderate and marked a slightly smaller increase than the 0.2 percent rise

that economists were forecasting.

On Wall Street, stocks moved higher. The Dow Jones industrials gained 32 points, and the Nasdaq was up 14 points in the first hour of trading.

Even with recent increases in the CPI, Fed policy-makers have expressed more concern about inflation going down, rather than up.

Economists have said the current climate of generally low levels of inflation allows policy-makers with the Federal Reserve Board, who were meeting Tuesday, the leeway to keep

a key short-term interest rate at a 45-year low of 1 percent.

At previous Fed meetings and in speeches, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues have talked about the importance of being on guard against the remote threat of deflation, an economically dangerous and widespread price decline, because of its potential to wreck the economy.

With the economy showing signs of gaining traction, deflation fears should ease, some economists said.

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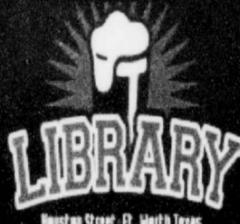
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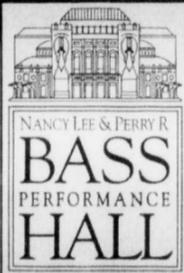
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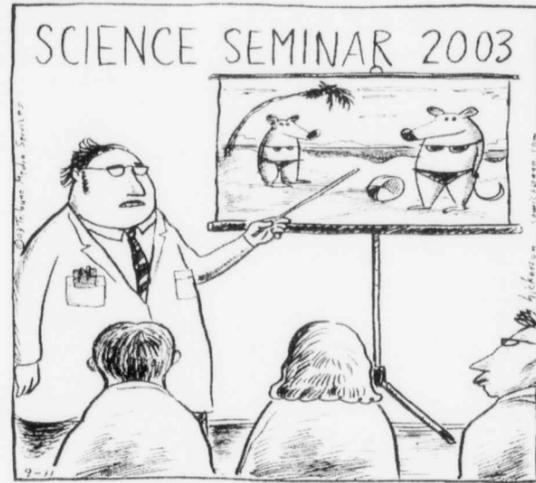


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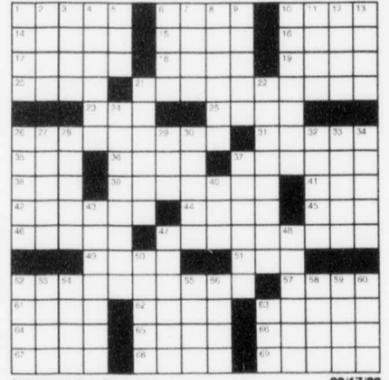


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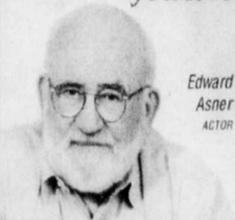
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## The Sideline

### Golfer claims individual honors

TCU women's golfer, and preseason All-American Brooke Tull started out the 2003-04 season in style, claiming individual medalist honors at the Northwest Invite in Sunriver, Ore. Tull edged her closest competitor, San Francisco's Kristi Larsen, by one stroke, while the second place Horned Frogs finished 12 shots behind the tournament champion and 20th-ranked UNLV. The 25th-rated Frogs were unable to gain on the Rebels on a cold and rainy final day, as the tournament's top two teams registered identical scores of 313.

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### Spurs' visit to White House postponed

SAN ANTONIO — The threat posed by Hurricane Isabel has pushed back the San Antonio Spurs' scheduled visit to the White House. Team officials said in a brief statement Tuesday that the White House and the NBA champions are trying to line up another time for the visit, which had been set for Thursday.

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The hurricane, with winds topping 100 miles an hour, is approaching the East Coast. More than 100,000 people have been urged to leave North Carolina's Outer Banks ahead of the storm, which is predicted to hit land on Thursday.

### Former Dallas Stars president returns

ARLINGTON — Jeff Cogen, a former vice president of the Dallas Stars who oversaw marketing of the Texas Rangers in 2001, is returning to the Rangers after a two-year absence.

"He will oversee ticket sales, sponsorships, marketing, communications and other revenue-producing activities in the newly created position of chief operating officer," the team said Tuesday.

Cogen, currently the chief operating officer of the NHL's Florida Panthers, was the Stars' vice president from 1993 to 2001 before joining the Southwest Sports Group, which at the time oversaw marketing for the Rangers.

### Stickane adjusting at Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION — Scott Stickane is adjusting to his new nickname, of "Meathead," and at the same time absorbing the plays he'll call as Texas A&M's middle linebacker Thursday night against No. 8 Virginia Tech.

Stickane stepped in when senior Jared Morris had to leave for the season with a knee injury suffered during a game Sept. 6 against Utah. The pressure has been on for Stickane during an off-week to get ready for the run-oriented Hokies.

## Looking Back

1984 — Reggie Jackson hit his 500th career home run. It was exactly 17 years from the day he hit his first major-league home run.

# Cory Rodgers

## Redshirt freshman shines on special teams



BY BRENT YARINA  
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Cory Rodgers was forced to make a decision two years ago, a decision that would have left most college football prospects weighing each and every one of their options.

However, for this redshirt freshman wide receiver, his decision to sign with TCU over some of the most prestigious football programs in the nation, including Syracuse, Colorado and Louisiana State, was academic.

"It was the tradition of winning and wearing the purple that brought me here," Rodgers said. "I didn't really want to go to a big, big school. The main thing was my education. I get a chance to interact with my professors at TCU and classes are a smaller size, so I'm not just a number."

If Rodgers' performance on the playing field is any indication of how he feels about his decision to play football at TCU, he must have no regrets.

In his first two collegiate games, Rodgers has caught the attention of his teammates and coaching staff by excelling as a premier return man and showing promise as a wide receiver. Rodgers is already among the Conference USA leaders in punt return average and kickoff return average, where he is averaging 22.3 yards and 30.2 yards, respectively.

In fact, Rodgers has shown so many flashes of excellence this

season that some of his coaches are comparing him to former football star LaTarence Dunbar, who now plays for the Atlanta Falcons.

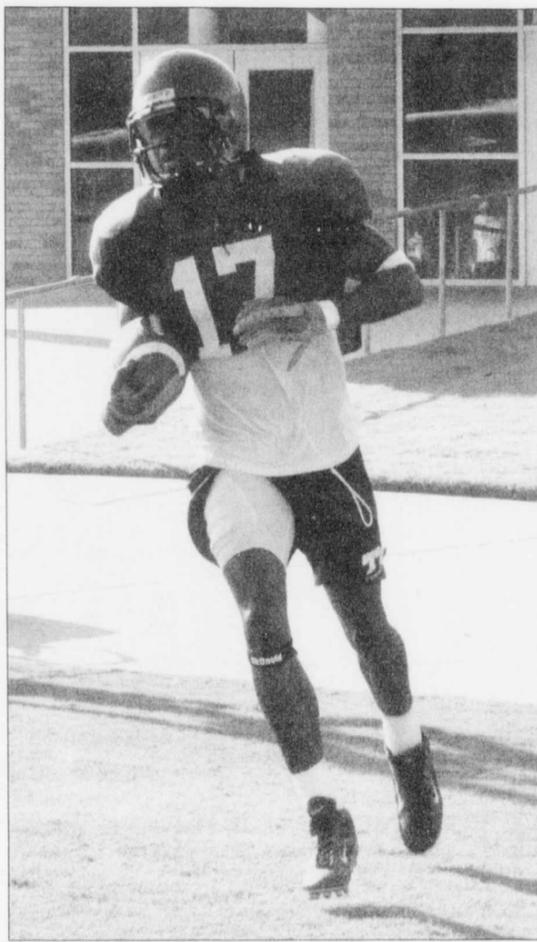
Rodgers said he doesn't allow the expectations some have set for him get in his way and tries to focus on improving and doing his job.

"I feel kind of special when I get compared to LaTarence Dunbar, but I'm nowhere near where he was," Rodgers said. "I got a lot more work to do, so I just try to come out here every day and make plays and help my team win."

Special teams coach Dan Sharp said Rodgers needs to improve his field vision and become a smarter runner before he can be in the same class as Dunbar. He said there is no doubt Rodgers will be a great receiver and returner at the collegiate level.

"Boy, it's been awhile since I have seen anybody do the things he does when he gets the ball in his hands," Sharp said. "Corey is getting better and better every week as a returner and a receiver. He's getting on the field more as a receiver, too. When he does the same kind of things he does in the game, it doesn't do anything but give us more confidence to put him in situations to help win football games."

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Freshman wide receiver Cory Rodgers receives the football Tuesday at practice in preparation for Saturday's game against Vanderbilt.

## Frogs deal with injuries

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Recent injuries to key players have plagued the football team during its week off, but head coach Gary Patterson remains optimistic.

Tye Gunn suffered a separated shoulder Sept. 9 after slipping in practice, and senior Ricky Madison suffered a season-ending knee injury against Navy Sept. 6. The injuries have left the Frogs under new leadership on the field, not only at the running back position, but in the hands of redshirt junior quarterback Brandon Hassell.

"I'm not worried about Brandon," Patterson said. "We won't change what we do. We just need him to manage the game. Good programs have to find a way to step up."

Hassell went through the 2003 spring practice camp as the team's No. 1 quarterback due to Gunn's injury.

"The good thing for Brandon, and probably a blessing in disguise was his 15 days of practice in the spring," Patterson said. "He's the one that did everything that we needed to do, and that's why I asked him, how he felt at the end of spring, he said 'I feel good' and I told him that is the feeling you need to take in right now."

Hassell has spent three years as an understudy and has seen limited action in his college career. He has appeared briefly in two collegiate games but has yet to throw a pass. The Arlington native has no doubts in his performance for this weekend's game against Vanderbilt.

"I don't think too much is going to change on game day," Hassell said. "I mean, it'll be the same old pre-game stuff and just get out there and get ready to go. I think a lot of times, guys try too hard to make the big plays, and it's all about going out there and letting things happen."

This Saturday marks the fourth meeting of the two schools, with TCU leading the series two games to one.

Patterson said Vanderbilt will pose a challenge, having the best defense and the most physical offense TCU has played so far this season.

He said what you see is what you get with Vanderbilt.

"They're going to throw the ball, and they don't make a lot of mistakes. On defense, guys load the box and you have to throw on them because of how well they defend the run. They're a lot more physical than the teams we've faced so far."

The Frogs will go into Saturday's game with a 2-0 record, ranked 20th in the *Associated Press* poll and 19th in the *USA Today/ESPN Coaches* poll.

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## Texans are young, but show promise

BY MARK BABINECK  
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HOUSTON — The Texans are neither the Super Bowl contenders they resembled by winning at Miami in Week One, nor are they the inept bumbling who fizzled down the stretch at New Orleans last Sunday.

Like many things in life, the truth lies somewhere in between.

The Texans are among the 16 teams who stand at 1-1 entering the season's third week, and almost certainly in each city choruses of "We're Number One!" have been followed by cries "The sky is falling!" or vice versa.

"We played two teams in their home-opens and one game was exactly the way we want to play in the first game against Miami," coach Dom Capers said. "After watching the game (film from Sunday), it's a great example of how we cannot play."

For each reason to be optimistic about the Texans there are obvious signals not to get carried away:

— The offensive line had a spectacular opener when it shut out Miami sackmeister Jason Taylor and kept David Carr upright throughout the 21-20 upset. In the 31-10 loss at New Orleans on Sunday, Carr went down five times in a scene reminiscent of last year, when he was dropped a record 76 times.

No NFL offensive line will keep its quarterback clean week in, week out, so the Dolphins game should have been seen for what it was: a Herculean performance. And though Carr had a rough day Sunday, most of the sacks came as the Texans had fallen behind and the Saints knew he had to throw.

— In their first six quarters, the Texans held two potential playoff teams to a total of 27 points before imploding in the second half at New Orleans.

The Texans defense is no fluke, ranking 16th in the NFL last year and sending defensive end Gary Walker and cornerback Aaron Glenn to the Pro Bowl. They've hung in there so far without Walker, out with a left shoulder injury.

There are problems, though. Matt Stevens, who lacks the range usually desired in a free safety, has become the favorite target of talk radio callers for missed tackle opportunities that led to big plays in both games. And the lack of depth that wasn't an issue last year, when injuries were few, looms as a problem with the temporary loss of Walker to a sore left shoulder and the season-ending left knee ligament tear to stalwart nose tackle Seth Payne.

— Stacey Mack was the conference's second-leading rusher after his 89 yards in

the first week. Then he returned to earth Sunday with 31 yards and the Texans' inability to move the ball on the ground sent the offense into desperation mode.

Even in the first game, Mack averaged less than 4 yards per carry and has been overshadowed both games by exciting runs from rookie Domanick Davis, currently the third-down back. He's shown the ability to be a feature back in short stretches of his career, so there's no indication he'll lose carries yet.

"We didn't run the ball well enough. You couple that with too many penalties and what you have is a bad formula," Capers said. "It puts you in a lot of third-and-long situations."

As organized and focused as Capers is, he still must overcome an incredibly young team that starts two rookies — Martin and rookie receiver Andre Johnson — and several second-year players on offense who simply aren't going to be as consistent as older vets. So the Texans surely will have more heroic efforts, just as they surely will drop a few more stinkbombs.

Bottom line is, this is a franchise 18 games into its history and still right on schedule to be a playoff contender by 2005. It just won't always be pretty.

## Parcells revels in first victory with Cowboys

BY JAIME ARON  
Associated Press

IRVING — Bill Parcells was on his way to the team bus in the wee hours Tuesday morning, still smiling from an incredible first victory as coach of the Dallas Cowboys and thrilled to have shared it with so many friends.

Then he clicked on his cell phone and listened to about eight messages. All were congratulatory, though most aren't fit for print. "Friendly obscene," he described them, adding they were hilarious.

Bob Knight called later and praised a rookie for a heady play

during crunch time. When Carolina offensive coordinator Dan Henning phoned, the former Parcells assistant skipped hello and went straight to the Xs and Os behind an important pass.

"He just called the play the way we call it in the huddle," Parcells said.

For Parcells, the jokes were funnier and the questions easier to answer in the afterglow of the 35-32 overtime victory against the New York Giants that began Monday night and ended after midnight.

Dallas surprisingly led by 13 points at halftime and by 15 in the

fourth quarter. Then the Giants got hot, the Cowboys got cold and New York led with 11 seconds left. All the Giants needed was a squib kickoff that would give Dallas time for only a desperation pass.

But the ball curled out of bounds at the 1, a penalty that let the Cowboys start at the 40. A quick sideline pass to Antonio Bryant, the one Henning knew was coming, set up Billy Cundiff's career-long 52-yard field goal as time expired.

Cundiff made a 25-yarder in overtime, giving him an NFL record-tying seven in one game

and making Parcells 1-1 on his new job.

"That," Parcells said, "was a good win."

The in-game circumstances were remarkable enough.

Doing it on the road, against a division rival, on a Monday night, in a hostile environment — one that happens to have been Parcells' home stadium for 11 of his previous 15 seasons as a head coach — and with dozens of his former players there ... well, it was enough to almost make Parcells choke up.

Saying he didn't want to be too sentimental, Parcells made it clear

how much it meant to him that Lawrence Taylor, O.J. Anderson, Mark Bavaro and several other players he led to two Super Bowls with the Giants stopped by the visiting locker room after the game.

"That's really why I coach, for that," Parcells said. "When you see those kids you had and they're 45, 46 years old now and they're coming and hugging you, saying, 'Hey, go do your work. Get your job done,' it means a lot to you. It makes you feel special."

Parcells knows he's a long way from building that bond with the Cowboys. But Monday night was a great start.