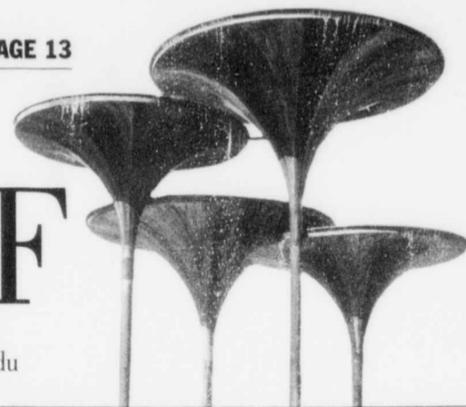


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## Today's News

### STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

**TEMPLE** — With dozens of early flu cases diagnosed in Central and Southeast Texas, state health officials have issued an immunization advisory.

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**DALLAS** — Ever since Raymond and Patsy Nasher started collecting sculptures 50 years ago, one rule guided them more than any other.

News Digest on page 4

**BOSTON** — Five federal agents posing as passengers succeeded in sneaking weapons through security checkpoints at Logan International Airport last week, officials said.

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## On Campus

### Upcoming elections focus on college voters

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** — With the presidential primary season quickly approaching, the nine contenders for the Democratic nomination and President Bush are focusing on college-age voters as a possible swing group.

Harvard University's Institute of Politics, in conjunction with Schneiders/Della Volpe/Schulman, a public opinion and market research company, surveyed 1,202 students ages 18 to 24 by telephone. Thirty-four percent indicated they would vote to retain Bush and 32 percent said they would vote for the nominated Democratic candidate. Eight percent said they would vote for the independent running, and 26 percent said they had not yet formed an opinion.

Of the students surveyed, 59 percent said they would definitely be voting in the 2004 presidential election.

— Daily Collegian

## Correction

The story "Dunn Named Interim Coach" in Oct. 15's edition should have said interim cornerbacks coach Kasey Dunn previously coached at the University of New Mexico.

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## The Weather

### TODAY

High: 75; Low: 52; Sunny

### SATURDAY

High: 76; Low: 52; Sunny

### SUNDAY

High: 80; Low: 56; Mostly Sunny

## Looking Back

**1835** — Texans approve a resolution to create the Texas Rangers, a corps of armed and mounted lawmen designed to "range and guard the frontier between the Brazos and Trinity Rivers."

# Plans for lot in development

## Parking garage, stores possible behind Perrotti's

BY MEGHAN YOUKER  
Staff Reporter

The commuter parking lot around Perrotti's Pizza may be converted into a complex of apartments, retail stores and parking spaces, if developers and architects decide development is still possible, university officials say.

Administrators chose Phoenix Property Co. of Dallas and Robert A.M. Stern Architects of New York City to

develop the property, said Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and administration.

The project team has until the end of December to do further financial analysis and design work to determine if it can go ahead with the project, Campbell said.

Jason Runnels, executive vice president of Phoenix Property Co., said the company is committed to going forward and could begin prep work in January.

Actual construction for the project could begin in March with completion by fall 2005, Runnels said.

If constructed, the first floor of the building would contain some sort of retail — either stores, restaurants or office spaces — but it is up to the Phoenix Property Co. to lease to the building's tenants, Campbell said. These retail spaces

would most likely face Berry and West Bowie streets, she said.

"There is not going to be an auto-body shop in there," Campbell said.

About 200 apartments, enough for about 500 residents, would be above the first level of retail, Campbell said. Additionally, about 600 parking spaces would be located in a garage with exits on Greene Avenue and Waits Street. The parking would not be visible, because it would be surrounded by apartments, she said.

The apartments would be designed for students, who could easily walk to campus, Campbell said.

"(Students) could wake up at 7:55 a.m. and be in class by 8 a.m.," Campbell said.

Runnels said there would probably be apartments with up to four bedrooms and

four bathrooms. The apartments would be about 80 percent furnished, with all utilities, Internet, cable, phone and washer and dryer included. Rent could range from about \$500 a month to \$800 a month per person and each roommate would sign an individual lease, Runnels said.

"Privacy has typically been a big issue for our residents," Runnels said. "That's why most of our apartments have a bathroom for every resident."

Campbell said the Phoenix Property Co. will do a market study and hold focus groups to see what type of apartments students want. Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he will set up dates with the developers to talk to students about amenities they want.

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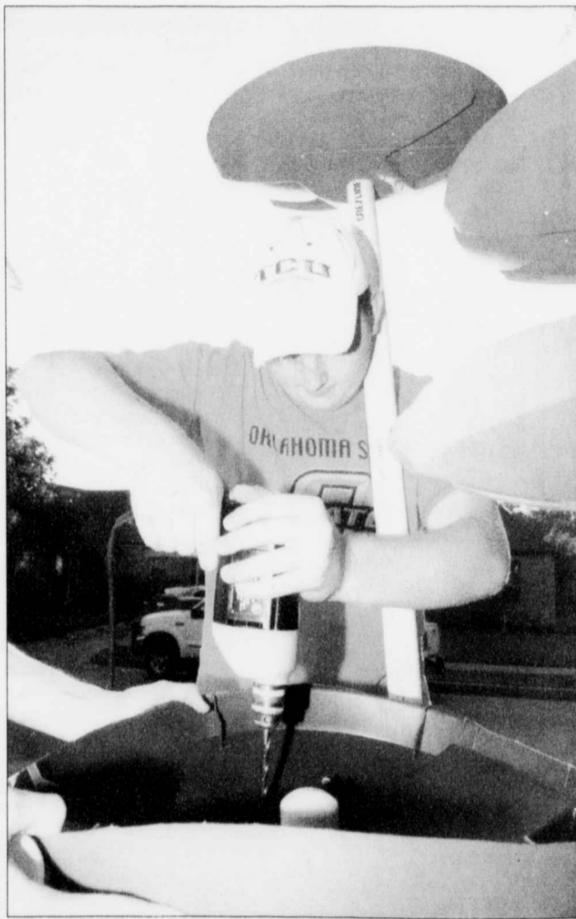
Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer  
(Above) Sophomore radio-TV-film major Adam Hepworth gets his groove on during the Pi Kappa Phi's skit. (Right) Kappa Alpha Theta member Amanda Sewill, a sophomore kinesiology major, dances with Kappa Sigma members to tunes from "Chicago." (Top right) Pi Beta Phi members discuss their routine backstage.

# FROG FOLLIES

Student organizations try to outperform each other in a talent show held in the Student Center Ballroom Thursday night.



## FLOATIN'



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer  
Junior computer information science major Dustin Nation puts the finishing touches on a mock Frog Fountain that sits atop a float, which will run in the Homecoming parade at 6:30 p.m. today.

## Army ROTC gears up for Saturday's challenge event

BY KYLE WITTENBRAKER  
Staff Reporter

Josh Grimes says he is ready to lead his team to Ranger Challenge this weekend at Camp Bullis in San Antonio.

Ranger Challenge, which is sometimes called the varsity sport of Army ROTC, consists of six events, said Grimes, a senior radio-TV-film major. The events include a hand grenade assault course, weapons assembly, a one rope bridge crossing, a written test over the Army rifle platoon manual and a physical training test, he said.

The final event is a 6.2-mile run while wearing full gear, including a 20- to 30-pound pack.

Sophomore Will Shumate, a political science major, said the team members must stay close together during the run, because this makes them work as a unit and develops team integrity.

"We're going for perfect execution in the shortest amount of time during the events," Shumate said.

Grimes said 30 to 33 teams from about 15 schools will be competing this weekend.

He said TCU is sending 14 students in two teams to the competition. The purple team consists of five males, with one male alternate member, and the white team is made up of five males and one female, with a male and female alternate.

(more on ROTC, page 2)

## Anglican leaders feel pressure

### U.S. churches torn over homosexuality

BY ROBERT BARR  
Associated Press

LONDON — The world's Anglican leaders piled pressure Thursday on churches in New Hampshire and their openly gay bishop-elect, warning that if he takes office it could shatter a global communion deeply torn over homosexuality.

"If his consecration proceeds, we recognize that we have reached a crucial and critical point in the life of the Anglican Communion," the leaders of 37 national churches said after two days of emergency, closed-door talks. "We have had to conclude that the future of the communion itself will be put in jeopardy."

The Anglican primates issued a statement that also told church leaders to start thinking about new structures of "episcopal oversight" so that bishops on one side of the debate over gays would not

have to supervise congregations that rejected their views.

Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, head of the U.S. Episcopal Church, joined in the statement. American conservatives, who are close to revolt over their church's growing acceptance of gay relationships, took that as a hopeful sign.

Griswold said he intended to be in New Hampshire on Nov. 2 for the consecration of the Rev. V. Gene Robinson as bishop — but he said "anything could happen" before then.

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■ **TCU Theatre** presents "Talk Radio" at 5:30 p.m. today at the Studio Theatre. Admission is free and open to the public. Call (817) 257-5770 for more information.

■ **TCU Police** will offer Rape Aggression Defense programs from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays free of charge for everyone and are looking for participants. Call (817) 257-7276 for more information.

■ **University Career Services** presents Sophomore Spotlight from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center Banquet Hall. The event is intended to help sophomores decide on majors, find careers and more. For more information, call (817) 257-7860.

■ **TCU Symphony Orchestra** and Choirs and Music Alumni present Choral Fantasy by Beethoven; Germán Gutiérrez and Ronald Shirey conducting at 2 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. A reception for music alumni will follow immediately in the lobby of the Walsh Center for Performing Arts. Call (817) 257-7602 for more information.

■ **20:24 Bible Study** meets at 6:15 p.m. Sundays in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 1.

■ **Creative Writing Contests** have begun. Submissions for 25 different contests are due Nov. 17. Contact Charlotte Hogg at c.hogg@tcu.edu or (817) 257-6257 for more information.

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## PARKING

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Campbell said the apartments will be both nice and expensive.

"They will be what you call first class," Campbell said.

Campbell said rent for apartments would be paid to the developers, who would pay the university to lease the property. Campbell would not comment on how much the university would receive.

The team designed the project assuming Perrotti's Pizza would not move, Runnels said. Although he has not spoken with anyone at Perrotti's, Runnels said his company would do its best to work with restaurant owners.

"If we buy their land, we can leave them in our project," Runnels said. "It would be a great fit."

Phoenix Property Co. built downtown Fort Worth's Firestone Apartments and the West Village in Dallas. It has also completed a student housing project at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Campbell said administrators spent the last few weeks interviewing developers and viewing presentations from 10 different teams. TCU officials started negotiating with the selected team Oct. 3, she said.

"There are still a few i's to dot and t's to cross," Campbell said.

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## HOMECOMING EVENTS

### Friday

Parade 6:30 p.m. Main Campus  
Pep Rally after parade Student Center steps  
Fireworks following the pep rally

Comedian Godfrey ("Make 7up Yours") 9 p.m. Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Midnight Madness 10 p.m. Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

### Saturday

Football Game TCU vs. UAB 6 p.m.  
Amon Carter Stadium

## Player dies during football practice

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A senior football player at Everman High School collapsed and died while on a routine training run Thursday, a day before Homecoming.

Craig Boatwright was running with coach Erik McGuffin around the track at the school when the senior collapsed at about 7:25 a.m., superintendent Dan Powell said.

As McGuffin tried to resuscitate the 6-foot-4-inch, 210-pound Boatwright, a passer-by called 911. Boatwright, who planned to play at TCU next year, was pronounced dead at about 8:15 a.m. after being taken by ambulance to Hughley Medical Center. A cause of death was unavailable.

"There's nothing in his history or among his friends' knowledge that would have suggested to him or anyone else that he might have had such difficulties," Powell said. "Everyone here at the school feels heartshaken at this tragedy." Powell said after consulting

with players and coaches, it was decided they would still play against Venus High School Friday night.

Homecoming festivities will be postponed until Everman's next home game, Oct. 31.

Counselors and local ministers were being made available to console teachers, coaches and students.

"We've had tremendous community support from ministers and others who have lent their healing hearts to those who are in pain this morning," Powell said.

The Bulldogs (4-2) are two-time defending 3A state champions. During the school's victory in the state 3A championship game last year, another Everman player suffered a paralyzing injury.

Senior defensive back Corey Fulbright was injured while blocking a pass in the first quarter of the game against Burnet High School at the Alamodome.

He fractured his lower neck and is a quadriplegic as a result of the injury.

## CHURCHES

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Asked if he would urge Robinson to withdraw, Griswold said: "I might do many things."

Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, who is personally sympathetic to gays but has pledged to uphold the church's teaching that homosexual acts are contrary to Scripture, said the primates had issued "an honest statement of where we are, a statement of our willingness to work together, and our recognition of the obstacles to our working together."

Archbishop Drexel Gomez, primate of the Province of the West Indies and a sharp critic of Robinson's election, said the primates had "studied, reflected, prayed and worked together, and we have done so in almost brutal honesty."

Both sides in the bitter debate found reasons to cheer the statement, and primates left the meeting with their fragile association still intact.

Supporters of gay clergy took heart that the primates agreed to appoint a commission to begin "urgent and deep theological and legal reflection" on ways out of the impasse, and to report within a year.

"This leaves Rowan Williams free to encourage debate, which is what I hoped for above everything," said the Rev. Colin Slee, dean of London's Southwark Cathedral.

The Rev. Kendall Harmon, a conservative from the Episcopal diocese of South Carolina, said he believed Griswold might yet ask the New Hampshire diocese to put off the consecration.

The statement also criticized Canada's diocese of New Westminster, in British Columbia, for deciding to permit blessings of gay couples.

"We are still in communion but there are dark, dark clouds on the horizon, particularly

around the consecration of the bishop of New Hampshire," said Canada's primate, Archbishop Michael Peers.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has no authority to discipline any of the national churches, which have previously divided over the ordination of women as priests and bishops. However, he could withdraw recognition that a church is part of Anglicanism.

Williams called the summit immediately after the General Convention of the Episcopal Church confirmed Robinson's election this summer, which came over vehement conservative objections.

Robinson has said repeatedly that he will not withdraw.

If he is consecrated, the primates said, "the ministry of this one bishop will not be recognized by most of the Anglican world, and many provinces are likely to consider themselves to be out of Communion with the Episcopal Church (USA). This will tear the fabric of our Communion at its deepest level."

American conservatives, organized under the banner of the American Anglican Council, had hoped that the leaders would expel the Episcopal Church and recognize them as the true Anglican body in the United States.

But the primates didn't go that far. They urged national churches to "take time to share in this process of reflection and to consider their own constitutional requirements as individual provinces face up to potential realignments."

The conservative Church of Nigeria, home to 17.5 million Anglicans and the communion's second-largest province, has already severed ties with the Canadian diocese in protest of gay blessings.

Evangelicals fear that pro-gay decisions anywhere within the communion will undermine their evangelism, especially in areas where they are competing with Muslims.

## ROTC

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Grimes said some team members have attended several different Army specialization schools. They jumped out of planes at U. S. Army Airborne School, rappelled at The Sabalauski Air Assault School, scaled glaciers at the Northern Warfare Training Center and worked with Green Berets at the U. S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School.

Grimes said the teams trained 16 hours a week and sometimes trained twice a day.

"We did everything from running to calisthenics to getting in the weight room," he said.

Shumate said training was split into two areas. Physical training gets the cadets in shape, and skills training gets them ready for the events, he said.

Michael Quirke, a junior history major, participated in Ranger Challenge last year.

"I did it for a personal challenge," he said. "It's a big time commitment and it's a whole lot of training in the early morning."

Shumate said he wants to be a strong member of his team.

"I'm the youngest member of purple team and the other guys have more experience," he said. "I don't want to make any rookie mistakes."

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## PoliceBlotter

- Oct. 8 Criminal Mischief**  
Martin Moore Hall — Broken window  
Foster Hall — Damage to clothing  
**Theft \$50 to \$500**  
Milton Daniel Hall — Paint sprayed on windows and doors
- Oct. 15 Burglary of Motor Vehicle**  
Tennis center — Passenger window broken, purse stolen
- Oct. 14 Disorderly Conduct**  
Colby Hall — Obscene telephone call
- Burglary of Motor Vehicle**  
Coliseum parking lot — Passenger window broken, radar detector stolen
- Oct. 15 Burglary of Motor Vehicle**  
Coliseum parking lot — Passenger window broken, radar detector stolen
- Oct. 15 Burglary of Motor Vehicle**  
Coliseum parking lot — Vent window broken, CDs stolen
- Oct. 16 Burglary of Motor Vehicle**  
Observatory parking lot — CD player stolen

— Compiled by Staff Reporter Becky Brandenburg

# OPINION

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## The Skiff View FILTER

### Bush wants his news or no news

Sometimes in an effort to make something better, you can make it worse.

This week, President Bush made an unheard of move and granted exclusive interviews to five regional broadcasting networks. He did it because he felt the bigger networks were filtering information and putting too much of a negative spin on the war in Iraq.

He said, "somehow you just have to go over the heads of the filter and speak directly to the people." He praised the improvements being made in Iraq, especially to Iraq's schools.

Good idea, in theory. It's understandable that the President is trying to get his side of the story out there and convey something that he thinks is more accurate. With no end in sight to the military action in Iraq and elections looming closer, Bush needs some good public relations. But recent events show it's a little fishy.

Also this week, form letters started appearing in 11 local newspapers from the 2nd Battalion of the 503rd Infantry saying soldiers were being welcomed in Iraq with "open arms." Could be true. But according to the Gannett News Service, six soldiers said they agreed with the letter, but didn't write it, one soldier hadn't signed it and one soldier didn't know about the letter.

It is possible that the soldiers are being welcomed in Iraq, and it is possible Iraq's schools are getting better. But it appears like this is all just one big public relations stunt. Bush is creating his own filter.

It is our sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and friends risking their lives in Iraq, and we have the right to know the truth about their situation.

## QuoteUnquote

Quotes we ran that made you think ... or laugh

"We share the story of Christ, but more than that, we show them love, which they don't all get at home."

— **Jason Monarch, senior finance major and Kids' Club leader**

"I can't imagine parking remaining a problem with the new fines and the possibility of being towed."

— **Jamie Johnson, Fort Worth police officer**

"In the end, people often arrive home from their vacations more exhausted than when they left."

— **Laura McFarland, senior news-editorial journalism and English major**

"We've got a bunch of players who are showing a lot of guts and who love to play football. They come to play."

— **Gary Patterson, head football coach**

"I served all around, and I know how it works."

— **Blake Eason, junior finance major and SGA parliamentarian**

"I stress abstinence, but if it was all I talked about, then I wouldn't be serving the majority of the student population."

— **Burton W. Schwartz,**

**physician at the TCU health center**

"Pat Robertson is to Christians what Osama bin Laden is to Muslims, an extremist who has used religion to preach hatred."

— **Josh Deitz, senior political science major**

"Somehow, writing a 10-page paper in three hours amounts to a red badge of courage in our student sub-culture."

— **Jessica Sanders, senior news-editorial journalism major**

"Having the internal gumption to persevere through trying times, as many literary figures do, is a quality no student can afford to be without."

— **Melissa Christensen, junior news-editorial journalism major**

"When alcohol is seen as the 'forbidden fruit' by college students, it only becomes more tempting."

— **Erin Cooksley, freshman political science major**

"It's a passion now. TCU Ambassadors has allowed me to spread the love I have for TCU."

— **Maria Christina Poulos, senior communication studies major**



## Root, root, root for the Cubbies... one more year

It never ceases to amaze me just how wrapped up I can get in a game. It could be called a sickness and in this instance, it's a case of the baseball blues.

COMMENTARY



Julia Mae Jorgensen

The Chicago Cubs were almost there, but Wednesday night, it was painstakingly obvious that "almost" doesn't count.

Now, in a period of grief and mourning, I'd cheer for the Red Sox or the Yankees in the World Series. Hell, I'd cheer for the Old Timer's League, simply because they aren't those fish from Florida.

As Chicago fans wallow in the sadness that is a Cubbies loss, we can neither forget nor neglect to be thankful for just how close America's favorite baseball team came to winning it all and what a truly amazing ride their 2003 season was. Not since that charming movie "Rookie of the Year" have we seen such fabulous, fairy-tale play from an American classic ... the Chicago Cubs.

Since the franchise's inception, the Cubs have arguably been America's favorite baseball team. The Cubs are the team I think of when thinking baseball in America. Some might say the New York Yankees, but not me.

The Cubs have this ability to draw you in whether you've been cheering for decades or just hopped on the El train last week. I have not heard of anyone that doesn't have a soft spot for the Cubbies.

What was great about Chicago's chance at the World Series was watching a team who helped build the sport make a run at regaining its throne.

You couldn't ask for a more classic and fulfilling sports moment.

The Cubs won their only two World Series titles by beating the Detroit Tigers in 1907 and 1908. Since then, they have had four shots at the privilege of calling themselves America's best baseball team, only to lose four times.

Two of those golden opportunities were destroyed by none other than the Red Sox in 1918 and the Yankees in 1932. Chicago's chance at revenge this year is gone, but their drive for vengeance isn't. Somehow, I think Chicago will neither forgive nor forget.

For the Cubbies, though, I think it wasn't even about the title anymore. Well, that's not true, it's always about the title, but more so it came down to a strong desire to prove themselves as a ball club and they did that.

It never occurred to me not to cheer for the Cubs. My home team, the Colorado Rockies, haven't even visited the idea of a pennant in their existence, yet I still hold out hope that one day those bright lights will shine on a World Series victory. Until then, though, I will throw my support to whatever team I think has the "baseballs" to take it all the way, and that team was and will be the Chicago Cubs.

Those Cubbies have waited 95 years, now 96, to retake the World Series. This season is over, but next year, who will stand in their way? If they want it bad enough, no team in Major League Baseball.

For the love of the game, I will keep wanting the Cubbies, because it's about time.

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## Student Speak Out

What is your opinion on the court decision to remove "Under God" from the pledge of allegiance?



"I don't agree with it. I think the court should keep it legal. I don't think it's separation of church and state. It's what we were principally founded on historically."

— **George Furguson, sophomore international business major**



"Absolutely not. The phrase 'under God' is a part of our historical foundation that establishes us on our religious principles."

— **Trevor Smith, freshman entrepreneurial management major**



"I disagree with it because our nation was based on values of god. It's a shame to take it out of schools, but I see their point."

— **Marcus Lewis, freshman engineering major**



"I don't think it should be removed because it's been there as long as the pledge has been around. That's the way it's been, that's the way they wanted it."

— **Liz Butler, freshman pre-business major**



"That's ridiculous, do they want to take God off the money too? It should stay in the pledge of allegiance because that's an important part of our country."

— **Miranda Haedge, sophomore nursing major**



"That's pretty sad. Just because everyone is trying to defend what the founders believe and what's in the Constitution, you'd think they'd defend everything."

— **Celeste Hanvey, sophomore pre-major**

## Some worldly food for thought

What's the first thing that comes to mind when (a non-native) thinks of Saudi Arabia? It's probably camels, sand dunes, al Qaeda men

running around with AK-47s and a 52 percent expatriate community living in style. In this column, the truth about Saudi Arabia will be

unveiled to further explain what the world is like outside the U.S.

The most common misconception is that Saudi Arabia is barren and underdeveloped.

"Dude, didja live in a hut?"

"Did you ever join an 'Islamic' organization?"

These are just a taste of the questions that I was asked when I got to Fort Worth. Do you honestly expect anything else but uncontrollable laughter to these questions? Life in the Kingdom is like anywhere else (well, almost). The only time you'd see a camel in Saudi Arabia was if you went out into the desert. That's how hard it is to find them, because you can't really parallel camels to a GMC. How do I know this you ask? I've lived my fair share of time over there in the land of Arabia. A good 10 years of growing up with the sound of mosques starting at 5 a.m. and going on periodically five times a day.

Saudi Arabia is a mixture of old tradition and modern hustle and bustle; much like the United States in its early infancy. A metropolis with a backdrop of both the desert and the sea. However, the rest of the world pictures the region as desolate, death-valley country. Modern-day conveniences and traditional boundaries are often crossed in the land of Arabia as Saudi/Muslim culture is in control. I say Saudi/Muslim culture because Saudi culture has a different regime from most traditional Islamic laws. Some examples are that all businesses must close for prayer.

Most of you reading this are probably thinking to yourselves "Ah Ha! He's admitting they're fanatics in that country." Truth be told, there are religious fundamentalists living in Saudi, but the part you don't hear about in the American newspapers is that every day hundreds of prayer callers and Islamic teachers are either being removed from their posts of authority, deported or sent to re-education. Additionally, a majority of Saudis or resident Muslims have little to no conflict with the U.S. and its foreign policy.

However, there are those who disagree to a strong degree. Those people make up not 90 percent, not even 20 percent but 3 percent of the country. These fanatics, who use weapons rather than their minds, do not represent the correct image of the Middle East. A parallel to such extreme groups are the Klu Klux Klan in the U.S. What if the world perceived the U.S. as being KKK country? It would not paint an accurate image, would it? But due to America's largest export, pop culture, a different picture is painted for the U.S.

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## National/State Roundup

### Flu shot advisory issued by state health officials

TEMPLE (AP) — With dozens of early flu cases diagnosed in Central and Southeast Texas, state health officials have issued an immunization advisory.

At Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, 40 patients were diagnosed with influenza it in the past five days. During the flu seasons of the last two years, doctors said nine was the most cases treated during any week.

"It's a little bit frightening," Ralph Feigin, physician-in-chief of Texas Children's Hospital and chair of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions.

The Texas Department of Health, noting heavier-than-normal amounts of influenza cases across the state, issued the flu advisory Wednesday.

At Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple, health officials said the influenza A strain was confirmed in up to 13 patients.

Doug McBride, a TDH spokesman, said the flu was identified this month in Bell County.

The flu outbreak hit Houston the first week of October. The last time flu hit this early was in 1991, during the last week of October, said Dr. Paul Glezen, a pediatrician and head epidemiologist at the Baylor College of Medicine Influenza Research Center.

Health experts say strong flu activity in the first half of October is unusual. Influenza generally does not begin spreading widely in the community until January,

and sometimes as late as March.

This year, the A-Panama strain is more likely to cause more complications in adults, while last years Hong Kong strain usually affected children more, Glezen told the Temple Daily Telegram in Thursday's online edition.

An ample supply of the flu vaccine should be available this year, McBride said.

### Modern art sculpture center to open Oct. 20

DALLAS (AP) — Ever since Raymond and Patsy Nasher started collecting sculpture 50 years ago, one rule guided them more than any other.

"A work of art had to give us the butterflies," said Raymond Nasher, 81, whose wife died of cancer in 1988.

Following the flutter, the couple amassed a collection of more than 300 pieces — rich with the works of Rodin, Picasso, Matisse and Miro — that is generally considered the world's most important private collection of modern sculpture.

After years of lending pieces to museums across the globe, Nasher built a permanent home for the collection in Dallas. The \$70 million Nasher Sculpture Center, opening Oct. 20, is expected to turn the city's underdeveloped downtown arts district into a polestar for modern art.

"This is really a dream come true," Nasher said. "It's an amazing feeling."

### Hispanics say number of Latino districts is low

AUSTIN (AP) — A prominent Hispanic legal rights group has

jumped into the court fight over the state's newly enacted Republican congressional map, claiming it does not create enough Latino districts.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund filed a lawsuit Tuesday in federal court in Victoria on behalf of the American GI Forum of Texas. At least two other legal challenges have been filed since the Legislature gave final approval Sunday to the new congressional districts.

"The newly enacted congressional redistricting plan for Texas does not accurately reflect Latino voting strength in the year 2003," said Nina Perales, MALDEF regional counsel and lead attorney in the group's court case.

Although the Republican plan "purports to create an additional Latino majority district in South Texas, in fact it eliminates one district and adds another, with no net increase in electoral opportunity," Perales said.

If Texas is going to redistrict, Perales said, the result should be an increase in the number of Hispanic districts, particularly in South Texas and Dallas.

### Texas unemployment rate dips to 6.5 percent

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas unemployment rate dipped slightly to 6.5 percent in September because the number of job seekers fell faster than the decline in jobs, the Texas Workforce Commission said Thursday.

The most closely watched figure, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, fell from 6.6 percent in August.

Much of the new hiring was in the government sector, which added 15,700 jobs in September.

Construction added 3,000 jobs on top of 3,500 positions added in August, the commission said. Trade, transportation and utilities gained 2,800 jobs in September.

Job losses in manufacturing slowed to 900 in September, fewer than half the number of jobs eliminated in August. Professional and business services continued to show slow gains, with 800 new jobs in September.

According to the commission, the number of working Texans actually declined by nearly 12,000 to 10.3 million. The number of those officially counted as unemployed dropped by 26,700, to 727,000, the commission said.

The Workforce Commission, however, adjusted the figures for seasonal patterns in hiring and firing, which resulted in a gain of nearly 9,000 nonseasonal jobs and the official unemployment rate of 6.5 percent.

Economists generally believe seasonally adjusted figures are a better measure of the job market.

Following are the preliminary September unemployment rates for the Texas metropolitan areas, with revised rates for August in parentheses. The local figures are not seasonally adjusted. The statewide unemployment rate, without adjusting for seasonal hiring and firing, was 6.6 percent.

### Police officers accused of sodomizing suspect

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A man accused Minneapolis police of sodomizing him with the handle of a plunger during a drug raid,

and two officers were suspended while the FBI investigated.

Speaking publicly for the first time since Monday's alleged attack, Stephen Porter buried his head in his hands Wednesday after telling reporters he had feared for his life.

The assault allegedly happened as officers executed a search warrant at a home.

Porter, 25, said two officers left him in the living room while moving everyone else to the kitchen.

Porter said the pair performed a full body-cavity search but found nothing. The plunger handle was then shoved into his rectum four times, tearing tissue, he said.

Police Chief Robert Olson said marijuana and suspected cocaine were found during the raid. Porter was booked and then contacted jail authorities to say he had been assaulted, Olson said. Olson said Porter, who was released Wednesday without being charged, received medical attention after reporting the assault.

Mayor R.T. Rybak, who appeared with Olson on Tuesday, said the two were "very concerned, and we take it very seriously." Another police supervisor said he didn't believe Porter's account.

Olson turned the case over to the FBI, he said. FBI Agent Paul McCabe said the agency will review the case and then consult the U.S. attorney's office.

### Federal agents sneak weapons through airport

BOSTON (AP) — Five federal agents posing as passengers succeeded in sneaking weapons

through security checkpoints at Logan International Airport last week, officials said.

The Homeland Security agents smuggled certain "prohibited items" past federal screeners, said George Naccara, the airport's federal security director. He did not specify what the items were.

The two jetliners that were flown into the World Trade Center towers originated in Boston. Federal screeners were hired at airports nationwide to tighten security after the attacks.

"I am always disturbed if we miss anything," Naccara told the Boston Globe. "We're not perfect. I admit that. It was a learning experience."

A number of screeners were pulled aside on the spot and told they had failed to find illicit items, Naccara said.

"In individual cases (undercover agents) spoke to the screeners," he said.

The tests at Logan were part of a federal investigation at about 15 major airports around the country, he said, adding that security at Logan is "no better or worse" than at other airports.

The security lapses will help the airport improve safety, according to Jose Juvex, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Port Authority, the agency that operates the airport but has no security responsibility.

Logan was visited as part of Homeland Security's program of "penetration testing" said Tamara Faulkner, a spokeswoman for the inspector general's office.

She refused to confirm the results of the tests, saying they are expected to be presented to Congress within several months.

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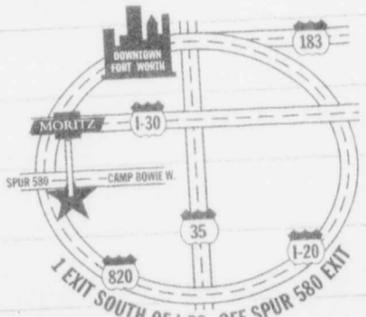
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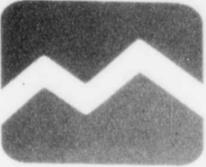
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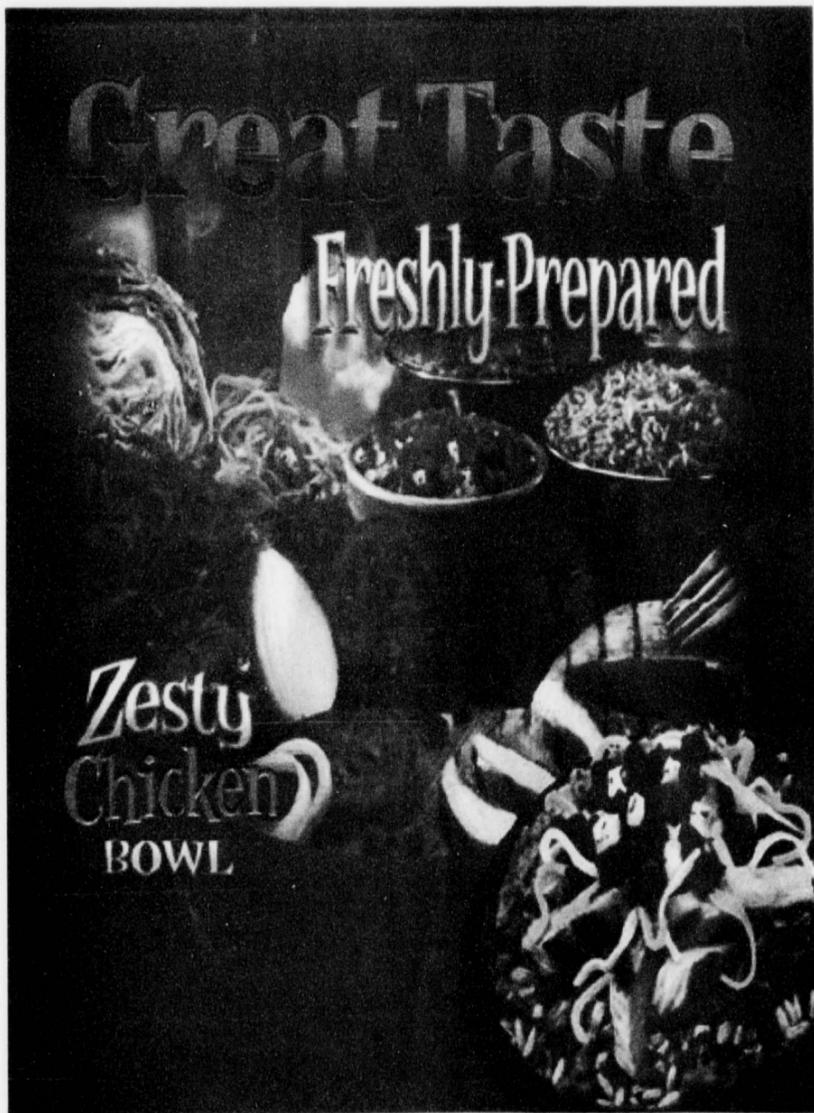
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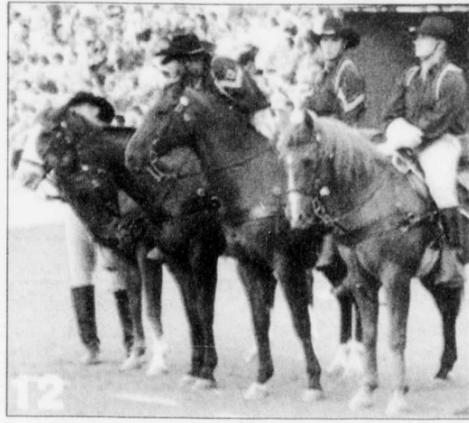
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# A DAY IN T

**1** Tina Hernandez ices down a bucket of Pepsi bottles at her father Ricky's concession stand on the northwest side of the stadium. Much of the concession preparation begins before 10 a.m. on game day.



**2** Groundskeeper Raul Puebla anchors the floor mat onto the field on the TCU sideline. The mat keeps the grass underneath it protected during the game.



**3** Sophomore finance major Edward Green tests the coaches' headsets five hours before game time.



**4** Freshman music education major Jimmy McDonald warms up on his drums under the direction of Brian West. The drummers start practicing hours before the full band arrives at the stadium at 2 p.m.



## A Look Inside

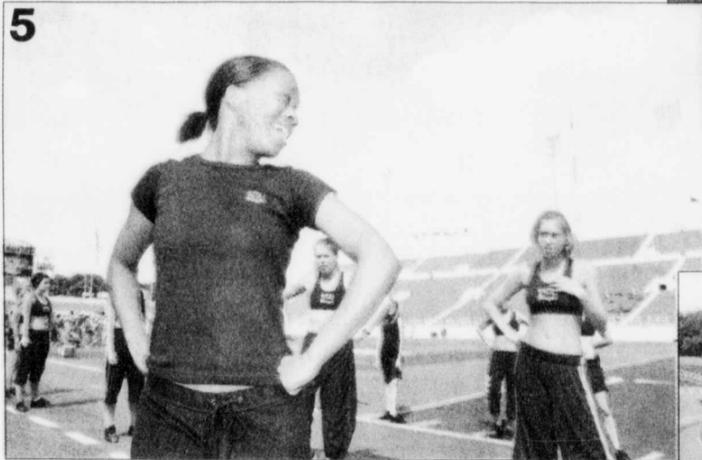
**5** Showgirls captain Ashley Tate, a senior computer information science major, leads the Showgirls in practice in the early afternoon.



**6** Associate director of bands Brian Youngblood briefs the band on the day's schedule. The band recesses and meets at Frog Fountain dressed and ready to go an hour before game time.



**7** Paul Franco of Bobby's Fajitas rotates chicken on his grill located on the boardwalk of the north side of the field. The grill, named Fajita Bob, is roughly 10 feet long with a 6-foot chimney.



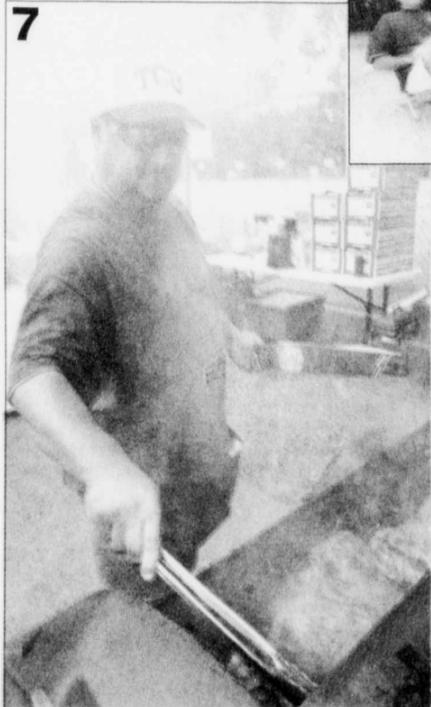
**8** Pat and Carrie Flynn sit behind their car an hour before the game tailgating on the West side of the stadium.



**9** Freshmen Jeff Ballard and Cory Rodgers get ready for the day's game. Players spend the night before a home game in a Holiday Inn and arrive two hours and fifteen minutes before kickoff.



**10** A fan sings the national anthem with his hand over his heart. TCU Army ROTC cadet Patrick Crocker performs the national anthem.



**11** A group of young fans line up in the south end zone anxiously waiting to run across the field.



**12** An ensemble of Army cavalry soldiers stand at the south end zone after displaying the colors during the national anthem. Soldiers who have recently returned from Iraq are also present.



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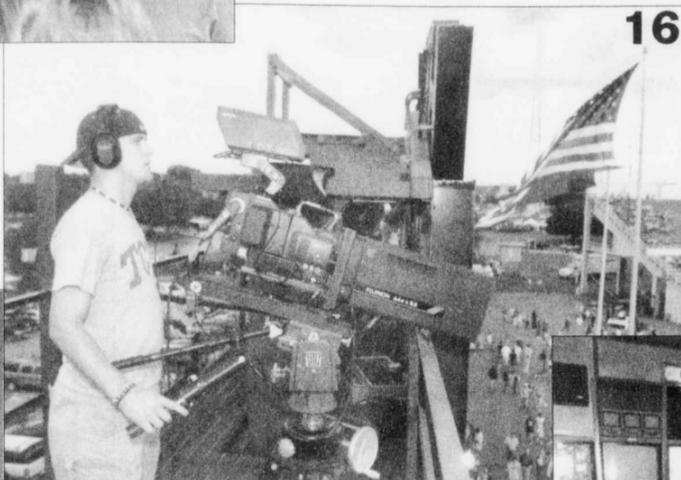


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**13** Junior safety Mark Walker waves his hands in the air to hype up the crowd before kickoff. The game starts in one minute.

**14** Chancellor Victor Boschini observes the game high above the action in the Chancellor's Suite over the press box. Boschini entertains a number of Fort Worth officials and big donors.

**15** Fort Worth Star-Telegram writers John Miller, left, and Damien Pierce, right, discuss logistics early in the game in the press box. A typical game brings more than 100 media personnel to the press box.



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**16** Senior radio-TV-film major Brian Micocci video tapes the game's action on top of the Dave Bloxom scoreboard. The images from Micocci's camera are wired through the RTVF truck and relayed to the scoreboard.



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**17** Frog Vision producer Dave Keeney, left, assists director Scott Dailey, center, and senior radio-TV-film major Krista Adamson in choosing which images and graphics are broadcast onto the scoreboard from inside the RTVF truck behind the west stands.



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**18** Amy Grimes counts money made from ticket sales from the northeast ticket house. The attendance of 39,282 is reported during the third quarter.

**19** Senior line-backer Devon Davis tries to grab the ball and help TCU to a 27-0 shutout. This is the first recorded shutout since a 37-0 win over Rice on Oct. 28, 2000.



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**20** Head coach Gary Patterson stands beside senior wide receiver Chris Wingate to sing the Alma Mater.

**21** Sophomore finance major Eric Hart, an Army ROTC member, collects trash leftover from fans in the bleachers of the West stands. ROTC members are at the stadium until after midnight on game day.



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**22** Coach Gary Patterson receives questions from the general press and discusses the game in detail. Patterson also speculates about what the coming week will bring and comments on injuries sustained during the game.

**23** Junior broadcast journalism major Natalie Mattern files and sorts statistics from the day's game.



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**TCU VS. ARMY**  
 Game day at Amon Carter Stadium is like no other day. There are countless individuals that contribute to a game, many arriving early in the morning. The photos for this spread were shot Oct. 4 when TCU played Army. Photographers Ty Halasz, Stephen Spillman and Simon Lopez roamed around W.A. Monty and Tex Moncrief Field from noon to midnight taking pictures of people and events that are always in the spotlight or rarely seen. We hope we can give you an idea of how much work goes into making a football game possible.



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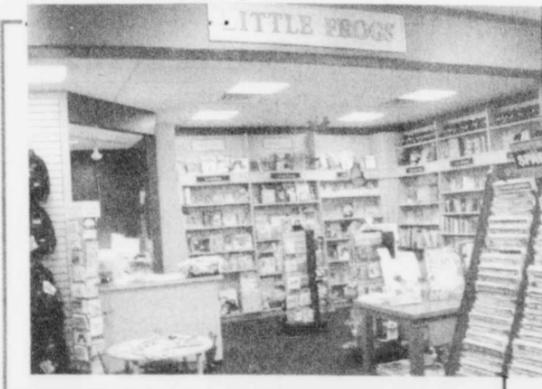
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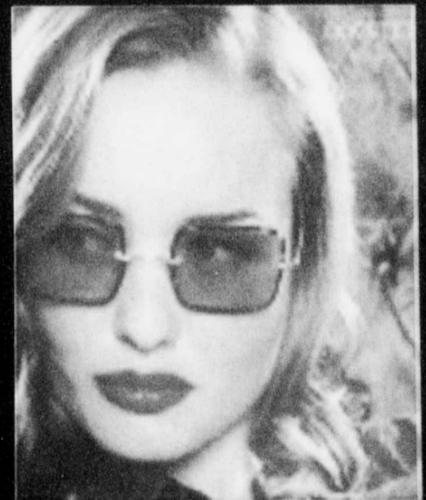


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## Tarantino kicks it old-school with "Kill Bill"

BY GERONIMO RODRIGUEZ

Good movies are about more than good endings — the key is all the moments in between. Quality directors start sending their message minutes after the light flickers onto the screen, exploring all aspects of filmmaking by the time the reel reaches its end.

With "Kill Bill: Vol. 1," Quentin Tarantino amplifies this idea, creating a work designed to satisfy the true movie buff and regaining some prestige in the cinema world along the way.

The director and his proud parents at Miramax caused quite a fuss by slicing the movie in half, but after watching what Tarantino has done just with the first half, no one will be hesitant to stand in line for Vol. 2, which hits theaters in February.

The film begins with Uma Thurman's character, who was known as Black Mamba but now goes by The Bride, fighting to breathe after getting whipped by the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad. Bill (David Carradine) decides to end her days with a bullet to the head. The pulling of the trigger coincides with Bride telling Bill she's carrying his baby.

And just how did Tarantino tell this story of a bride who survives something close to hell? He offers something old in the movie's samurai theme, something new in more ways than one, and something borrowed in the score to the gore to the fight scenes. But it might be the something blue he offers that puts the film over the top, teasing audiences until the second installment.

In The Bride's sad journey, she experiences a blood-stained wedding, the apparent loss of her unborn child and a string of sexual abuse while comatose. It's that first scene in which Tarantino establishes sympathy for his character, and it might tie up in the last scene of the next movie. Knowing Tarantino's work, it might not be the ending you'd expect.

As for borrowing past directors' ideas (which is what the former video-store clerk is known to do), it works in this movie. Even a film purist can't help grinning when the camera leans in to fill the shot with a character's face, or when the story is driven by such a breathless score that it becomes more of an opera. But just as it did in "Pulp Fiction" and "Jackie Brown," that grin might wear off, and all that's left is a guy who knows his movies.

Is he a good director? Sure, but he's nowhere close to Sergio Leone on a bad day.

After experiencing "Kill Bill," it's clear Tarantino just might know the classic directors' works better than any other fan. He knows there's no such thing as a long-winded battle if it's done right. He knows how to jump around a plot without losing his audience. He knows all about eccentric characters and what they bring to a movie.

Sure, it's missing an ending, but Tarantino could have easily slapped one on this film and been done with it. Good directors don't do that.

At least we won't have to wait six years for more of Tarantino's work. He already has one of this year's best films, and in four months, we'll see if Vol. 2 is one of next year's best.

*This is an article from The Daily Cougar at the University of Houston. It was distributed by U-Wire.*

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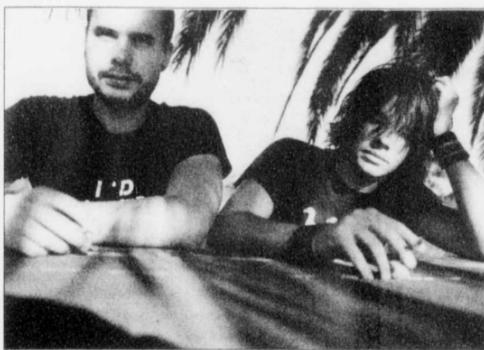
## MUSIC REVIEWS

BY LARA HENDRICKSON  
Features Editor

### CHRIS KNIGHT-THE JEALOUS KIND

Knight tells the story of losers, lovers and everything in between in his third album, *The Jealous Kind*. Knight hails from six miles out of Slaughter, Kentucky, a remote coal-mining town of 200 people where he was born, raised and still lives in a trailer there with his wife and children. Knight's first album had him being compared to Neil Young, Steve Earl and a Nebraska-era Bruce Springsteen. Knight has had hits on CMT, yet his songs take a slightly brutally intense tone, with odd Christmas songs and songs that go beyond death. Obviously Knight takes on the attitude of labels not mattering as much as the power of an intense song. There truly is no label to put on this album.

### THE FORMAT-INTERVENTIONS AND LULLABIES



The Format's album *Interventions and Lullabies* is a no-holds, rousing, pop-music conglomeration. Sam Means and Nate Ruess are the prolific heads of the group and neither is old enough to even rent a car (both "scraping their early 20s"). The album is a hum-along, diverse Elektra mix that mixes Beatlesque melodies with 80's pop. The Arizona duo calls their "anti-glam" music "Desert-Pop," and are produced by Walt Vincent, the mind behind Liz Phair and Pete Dinklage. The band is perfectly summed up in their choice of their name: While "Format" is actually their name in an ironic twist (they hope to not be a "formatted" band), they tell roadies that they were visiting a friend named Matt in the hospital and found a card that said "For Matt." Cute, if it were true.

### KINGS OF LEON-YOUTH AND YOUTH MANHOOD

Brothers Nathan, Caleb and Jared Follohill received their musical education in the backseat of a minivan. Their father, a Pentecostal minister, encouraged the two to perform the likes of The Rolling Stones when their mother was not around. The family comes from Memphis, where the brothers became interested in R&B and the rock-and-roll greats. In the UK the album sold 34,500 copies in the first week of release, debuting on the mainstream UK chart at No. 5. *The Los Angeles*

*Times* said *Youth and Youth Manhood* is "urgent, loose urban blues reminiscent of 'Exile'-era Stones." The band has promised to move up in the United States, and it is definitely an album worth listening to.

### LUCKY BOYS CONFUSION-COMMITMENT



Chicago's Lucky Boys Confusion's sophomore album takes an unapologetic and surprisingly melodic look at life. Lucky Boys Confusion members said their first album, *Throwing The Game*, was not as "mature" as their latest album, because the band has "learned to trust their instincts more." The unique songwriting melds the bands genre-crossing album. The band believes in an admirable grassroots approach of constant touring and low-budget living. For the band that sold CDs out of their backpacks and slept on friends' floors as they toured the Midwest, Lucky Boys Confusion album *Commitment* seems like an apt name. The infectious, unblinking and honest album commands die-hard support — perhaps more than they are worth.

### APRIL SIXTH-MANIPOSA AVENUE



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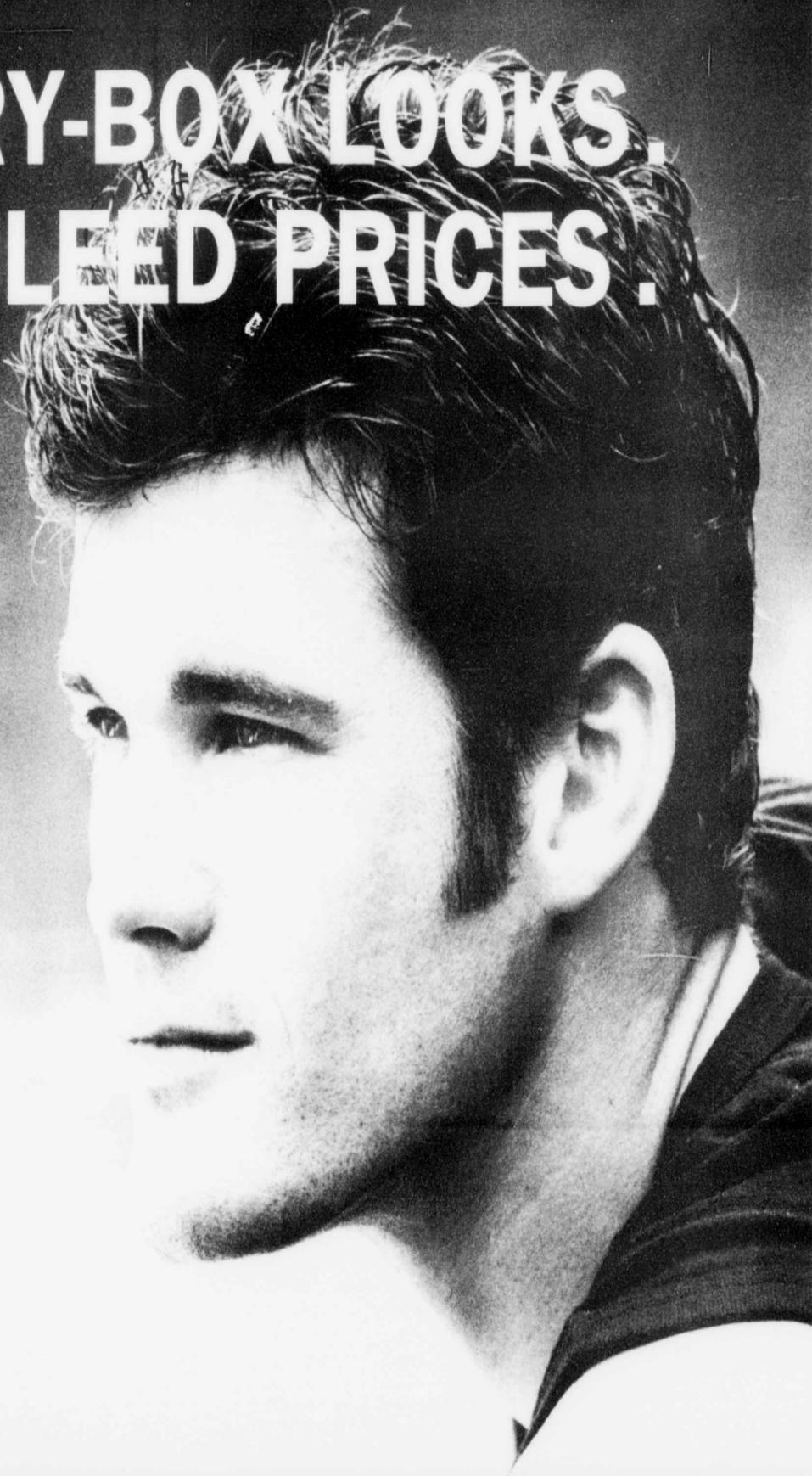
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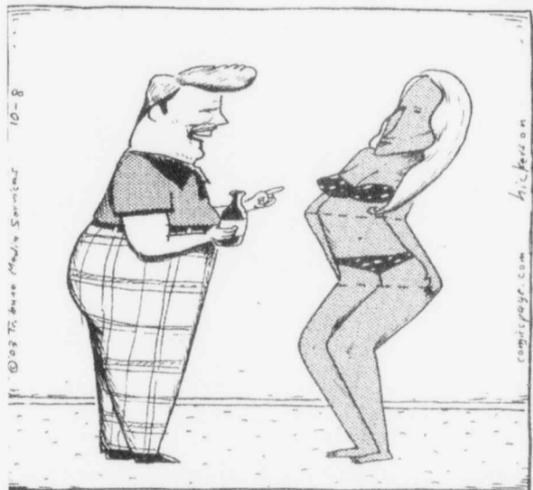
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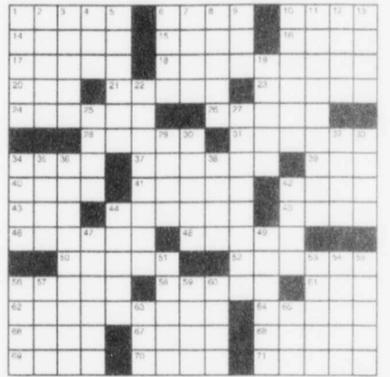
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## The Sideline

### Men's tennis duo to travel to Midland

TCU sophomore Rafael Abreu and junior Fabrizio Sestini of the Horned Frog men's tennis squad will travel to Midland, Texas, for the Midland Racquet Club Invitational today to Sunday. It marks the third tournament for both Frogs this fall. The duo kicked off the season in Peachtree City, Ga., at the adidas Invitational in September and then competed in the Icy Hot/ITA All-American Championships in Chattanooga, Tenn., two weeks ago.

The Midland Invitational consists of a 32-player singles field and a 16-team doubles draw. Consolation matches will be played in addition to the main draw. Other schools sending student athletes to compete in Midland include Arizona, Baylor, Boise State, Duke, Oklahoma, Pepperdine, SMU, Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Tulsa and UCLA.

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### TCU to host women's Regional Championship

TCU women's tennis will be hosting the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Southwest Women's Regional Championships today to Monday. The singles finalists and doubles champion from this event will earn spots in the Nov. 6 to 9 ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships at the University of Michigan.

This event will feature the top players from Division I schools from Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Seventeen ITA Regional Championships for NCAA Division I men and women are taking place over the last two weekends of October at campuses across the nation.

The ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships were inaugurated in 1978. Recent participants include current professionals James Blake, Bob and Mike Bryan and Laura Granville. Veteran pros Todd Martin and Lisa Raymond are also among the past champions.

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### Soccer team to take on C-USA opponents

The TCU Horned Frogs soccer team returns to Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium after a two-week absence. The Frogs will face a pair of Conference USA foes this weekend. Southern Miss comes calling on Friday in a 3 p.m. match. League-leading Tulane will visit TCU Sunday. Game time for the match is set for 1 p.m.

The Frogs are coming off a big road win at Houston last Friday. The Frogs fell behind in the first half 1-0 but scored three goals in the second half to take the match by a 3-2 score. Jessi Moore scored two goals for the Frogs and Amy Van Zandt picked up the game-winning goal with less than a minute remaining in the game for her sixth goal of the season and her third game-winner.

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## Looking Back

1989 — As the Giants and A's get ready to play Game 3 of the World Series, the Bay Area is hit by a massive earthquake. The game is quickly postponed by Commissioner Fay Vincent, and he wisely orders the evacuation of Candlestick Park.

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## Frogs to take on a 'physical' UAB team

BY JOHN ASHLEY MENZIES  
Staff Reporter

The 13th-ranked Horned Frogs enter Saturday's Homecoming game against Alabama-Birmingham as the top ranked Division I-A team in Texas. Better than Texas, better than Texas A&M, better than Texas Tech.

"You take it when you can get it," head football coach Gary Patterson said earlier this week. "It doesn't happen very often. I've got it framed. TCU-13. Texas-20. 'Cause next week it could be different."

Patterson said UAB is another physically imposing team that will line up and go at you much like TCU.

"UAB is a team that two years ago physically beat us up, probably more than any club in the last two or three years," Patterson said. "They have good skill players and are big up front."

Nose tackle Brandon Johnson said the Frogs are prepared for a physical game against UAB.

"There's a nastiness," Johnson said. "There's a mentality. They're definitely going to run the ball downfield. They have a big (offensive) line, but from what I've seen on film, they're just as physical as anyone else we'll play."

TCU will have to play mistake-free football, and the quarterbacks need to keep doing what they are doing, Patterson said.

"Our tight ends and o-line need to step to the plate," Patterson said. "It is hard to get a rhythm when you have guys out with injuries."

Wide out Quently Harmon is out and neither tailback is at 100 percent, Patterson said. Sophomore quarterback Tye Gunn needs to shake off the rust and continue to not turn the ball over, he said.

Gunn said the offense should have more success because of the Frogs ability to run the football against UAB.

"I think we'll have a pretty balanced attack this week. We've had a pretty balanced attack every week," Gunn said. "For the most part, we should have good play action just 'cause I think we'll be able to run the ball successfully."

The offense has not been able to get into a rhythm the last two games, and Patterson said the offensive strug-

gles are connected to a lack of passion more so than poor play calling.

"We need to put our good and great players in a position to make good and great plays," he said.

Through the injuries and through the offensive struggles, TCU remains undefeated. Patterson said the team doesn't talk about streaks because it tends to just add more stress on the players.

"On any given day, we must be the best team on the field," Patterson said.

"We don't worry about it. We just worry about winning ball games."

TCU's winning streak has helped them move into the top 15 ranked teams for the first time since 2000.

"It's something to be proud of," Patterson said. "Fifty percent of the people out there don't think we should be there. We have to prove we should be there."

Part of that comes from people in the college football world claiming that TCU doesn't play strong opponents, Patterson said.

"Arizona was a top five school when we scheduled that game five years ago," Patterson said.

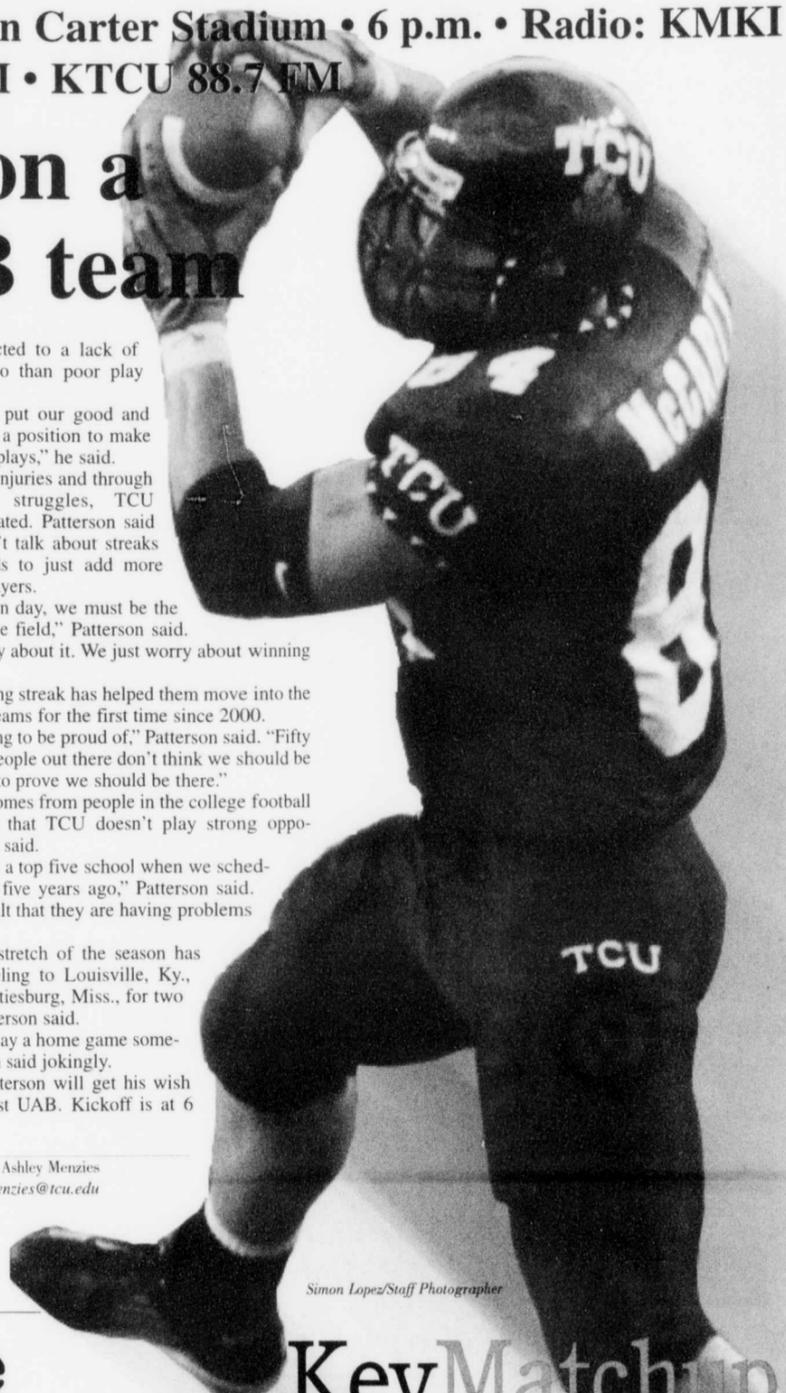
"It's not our fault that they are having problems now."

The current stretch of the season has the Frogs traveling to Louisville, Ky., and then to Hattiesburg, Miss., for two big games, Patterson said.

"I'd like to play a home game sometime," Patterson said jokingly.

For now, Patterson will get his wish Saturday against UAB. Kickoff is at 6 p.m.

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## The Edge

**TCU PASSING GAME** The Frogs passing game uses a variety of short passes to help move the ball and control the clock, then waits for the defense to draw in before trying to stretch the field by going deep. It's not the most exciting, but it's efficient. Cory Rodgers has emerged into a legitimate threat, and the Frogs will need to use him, as UAB has a stingy pass defense.

**UAB PASS DEFENSE** The UAB defense has held some high caliber throwers in check this season. Although he only has one interception on the season, cornerback Bobby Keyes is always in position to make a play on the ball. The secondary is not as athletic as the USF secondary, but it will still pose a problem for the Frogs passing game.

**TCU RUN GAME** The Frogs ground game has kept the offense alive this season. Last weekend TCU did not rack up big yards, but it controlled the ball and the clock. Robert Merrill continues to make plays, and with Lonta Hobbs returning to full strength, the backfield should start to shine. The offensive line will be seeking redemption from a less than stellar performance against USF. Look for the Frogs to utilize their speed and run to the outside.

**UAB RUN DEFENSE** The Blazers have a big run stopper in nose tackle Shamar Abrams (6-1, 310), but the rest of the front four are undersized. UAB has not excelled at stopping the run, although outside linebacker Zac Woodfin does a great job of getting to the ball. Against the bigger Frogs offensive line, the Blazers should have a hard time getting to both Merrill and Hobbs.

**TCU PASS DEFENSE** The Frogs pass defense put on a showcase performance against the USF spread offense. The unit is playing great defense and blanketing receivers, which is allowing for the Frogs defensive line to get more pressure on the quarterback. That trend should continue against the Blazers.

**UAB PASSING GAME** Quarterback Darrell Hackney is an explosive player. He has the ability to make the big plays, and is averaging more than 230 yards a game. Roddy White is a big play receiver who is averaging 17.9 yards a catch. If they get into a rhythm early, they could have a big game, but the Frogs have made a living from shutting down high powered passing games.

**TCU RUN DEFENSE** Is there ever any question? The Frogs are third in the country in rush defense, and it looks like they get better with every game they play. They continue to dominate the running game, forcing teams to the air for the majority of the game. The front four, combined with linebackers Josh Goolsby and Martin Patterson, make up an almost impenetrable defensive front.

**UAB RUN GAME** The UAB running game will not win the game. In fact, it will have a hard time just moving the ball on the ground. The Blazers rushing offense ranks 104th in the country, and it does have a serious threat at the running back position. Look for the Blazers to abandon the run early in the game.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** This could be a tossup. UAB has a much better punt team than the Frogs, but the Frogs punt return team is better. However, the Blazers could give the Frogs problems on kickoffs. UAB is 23rd in the country in kickoff returns (average per return) and if the Frogs cover unit isn't at its best, the Blazers could break one for a touchdown. Nick Browne has a sure foot, but he will be matched by UAB kicker Nick Hayes who is 9-of-11 on field goals this year. The field position battle is an important aspect of the game and one that could doom the Frogs.

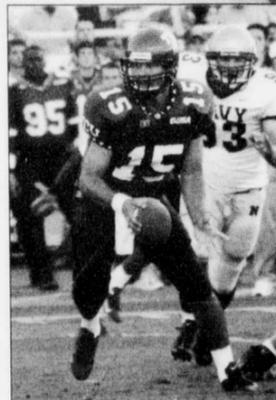
**OVERALL** The Frogs are starting to get more players healthy, and everyone is looking for them to hit stride at any moment. Of course, that's what people have been saying since the Tulane game. The Frogs are winning, but it's time to start winning in a more convincing manner. They face yet another opponent who cannot match them in talent, and the Frogs definitely have more at stake. With a healthy Tye Gunn and both running backs, the Frogs should start to do more damage. The Frogs finally get a convincing win in front of a Homecoming crowd.

**PREDICTION:** Braden Howell - Frogs 30-13 Brent Yarina - Frogs 24-9

## Key Matchup

Gunn is an efficient leader. He needs to turn into an explosive one. He should have knocked all the rust off against USF and should return to the quarterback who lead the team to more than 40 points a game last season. If Gunn can get the offense running in rhythm, the Frogs could rack up the points.

**Tye Gunn**  
15 QB



**Darrell Hackney**  
4 QB

Hackney is the leader of the Blazers, and their success depends on his performance. Unlike Gunn, Hackney does not have the luxury of a top rated defense, so he will have to work harder. The better he plays, the better Gunn will have to play, and the better chance UAB has of winning the game.



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