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Today's News STATE NEWS

LAREDO — A 79-year-old Laredo man Tuesday was sentenced to 15 months in prison after he and an accomplice posed as attorneys and bilked two victims out of \$70,000.

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FORT WORTH — A dispatcher who answered a 911 cell phone call from a man being stabbed to death was suspended without pay for lack of action on the call, police said.

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OnCampus

Students petition UTA's proposed tuition hike

ARLINGTON — More than 1,500 University of Texas at Arlington students have signed a petition to protest administrators' proposed tuition increases.

Jeni Hall, a sophomore, said she began circulating the petition after she found out how high the university wants to raise tuition. She decided to distribute the petition while at a student forum on the subject Wednesday.

"Actually before the forum was over I was ready to leave and write the petition and come back to have people sign it while they were still there because I was so angry," she said.

Hall said she stayed up late into the night writing the petition.

Administrators declined to give the number of signatures needed to impact their decision on the proposal.

"They have not said at any point that they will listen, but right now we have over 1,000 names," she said. "I want 5,000 names before the next meeting, and that's about 25 percent of our current student population. I feel like if 25 percent of the school says 'No, we're not going to pay for this,' then at some point they have to listen."

The next step she plans is a little different — a protest.

The administration's tuition proposal calls for a \$15-per-credit-hour increase in the spring and an additional \$20-per-credit-hour increase next fall.

— *The Shorthorn*

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The Weather

TODAY

High: 89; Low: 60;
Sunny

THURSDAY

High: 85; Low: 64;
Partly Cloudy

FRIDAY

High: 86; Low: 63;
Partly Cloudy

Looking Back

1962 — In a televised speech of extraordinary gravity, President John F. Kennedy announces that U.S. spy planes have discovered Soviet missile bases in Cuba. These missile sites — under construction but nearing completion — housed medium-range missiles.

TCU aims to keep tuition low

BY BLAIR BUSCH
Staff Reporter

Higher education seems to be synonymous with higher tuition costs wherever you go.

The College Board released new information Tuesday comparing the increase for private and public universities. Private school tuition increased six percent for the current academic year, from an average cost of \$18,596 to \$19,710.

Like many other colleges

across the nation, TCU has steadily increased tuition costs every year. For the current school year, TCU increased tuition by 7.9 percent to cost \$17,590.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he is concerned about the rising costs of tuition.

"As an educator, I want education to be affordable for everyone, particularly at the university level," Boschini said.

Carol Campbell, vice chancel-

lor for finance and business, said administrators have the task of keeping tuition costs low while the costs of providing education are increasing. Private institutions are dealing with three years of a declining stock market and that is a key element for financial support, Campbell said.

"There will be an increase, but I cannot give a range (for increase) right now," Campbell said.

TCU is still one of the lower-

priced private universities in the country. Tulsa University is the only comparable private school whose tuition and fees of \$16,835 are lower than TCU's tuition and fees, Campbell said.

"We will remain a relatively low-cost institution in comparison to other private universities," Campbell said. "We will make every effort to provide sufficient financial aid."

TCU keeps tuition and fees low because it is subsidized by

the endowment, which is currently at \$800 million, Campbell said.

In comparison with other Texas private universities, TCU has the lowest tuition and fees, and Southern Methodist University costs the most with tuition and fees of \$23,588. SMU, which cost \$11,768 in 1991, has increased tuition by more than 100 percent over the

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Hands on



Lori Russell/Staff Photographer
Art and science premajor Max Bobich and advertising/public relations major Amy Graziano-Davis stir plaster Tuesday afternoon in the three dimensional design class in Moudy Building North.

Program sets new record

BY CARMEN CASTRO
Staff Reporter

With 195 prospective students attending the monthly Monday at TCU this week, the program set a new record of student attendance, said Carrie Wright-Brown, admissions coordinator of Monday at TCU.

The university hosts Monday at TCU from September to April. Last month, the event broke the previous record of 525 total participants, which includes both prospective students and their parents, who came to experience the campus for a day, Wright-Brown said.

Monday at TCU has grown drastically since its advent in the mid-1980s.

Jim Atwood, assistant to the dean of admissions, said Monday at TCU continues to be popular because admissions counselors enthusiastically recommend it to students.

"In all of our contacts with students, college night programs, high school visits, calling and writing students, etc., we encourage visiting the colleges in which the student may have an interest," Atwood said.

The program evolved from the Friday on Campus program established in 1976, which had a weekend, party atmosphere that interfered with the number of TCU students willing to lodge high school students the night before the all-day event, said former Associate Dean of Admissions Janet George Herald.

Wright-Brown, along with the Student Foundation and the TCU Ambassadors, organized Monday at TCU, which includes a campus tour, as well as a residence hall tour, breakfast and lunch on campus, special interest sessions and meetings with faculty and financial aid representatives.

Barry Hough and his daughter Allison, a high school senior, drove to TCU from Oklahoma City.

"It's surprising to see such a crowd," Hough said. "Last summer, we came to visit, and it was nothing like this."

Allison Hough said she was really excited and interested

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Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer
Senior criminal justice major Crystal Jones distributes TCU literature to prospective student Tom Hutchins of Kansas City at the closing session of Monday at TCU.

New security measures arise

BY LESLIE MILLER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration pledged Tuesday to move more aggressively against potential threats in the wake of an incident in which federal authorities said a young man boasted about successfully compromising airline security.

From now on, a Transportation Security Administration official said, the agency will automatically single out for response any threatening communication and will seek to better train its employees on how to recognize such messages.

"The system should have picked it up. If this highlights a

flaw in the system, it could be relatively easily corrected," TSA spokesman Mark Hatfield acknowledged in an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America." His statement came a day after Nathaniel Heatwole of Damascus, Md., was charged in federal court in Baltimore with taking a dangerous weapon aboard an aircraft.

The case against Heatwole, 20, followed discovery of bags containing box cutters, bleach and other prohibited items aboard two Southwest Airlines planes. The government says Heatwole spirited box cutters onto two airplanes and then told the TSA what he did.

Hatfield conceded Tuesday that the TSA must help its employees become more capable of recognizing the threatening messages among some 5,700 complaints, queries, compliments and other comments that flow daily into the agency's Contact Center.

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more widespread. On Sept. 15, the document said, the Transportation Security Administration received an e-mail from Heatwole saying he had "information regarding six security breaches" at the Raleigh-Durham and Baltimore-Washington airports between Feb. 7 and Sept. 14.

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News Brief

SGA election code is temporarily suspended

Student Government Association passed a resolution Tuesday night temporarily suspending its election code to approve its House Judiciary Board Committee.

Elections and regulations chairman Nick James said the committee is necessary in case any violations of the SGA election code are committed during the upcoming elections.

"It's one of those things that you can't not do," James said.

"It has to be done."

James, a junior political science major, said the committee is not currently in place because

of his own mistake.

Applications for the committee board will be turned in by Friday and will be presented for approval Tuesday, James said.

He said the committee will consist of himself, four house members, three non-house members, a member of Campus Life and newly appointed SGA Parliamentarian John Athon.

Athon, a junior history major, will complete the term of previous parliamentarian Blake Eason, who stepped down in order to run for SGA president.

Athon has been a member of SGA for four semesters and was appointed by SGA vice president Andrea Reed.

Danny Gillham

THE PULSE

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Your bulletin board for campus events

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moody Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 29805 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

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

■ **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.

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

■ **University Career Services** presents Sophomore Spotlight from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday 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.

■ **Word of Truth Gospel Choir** presents "Prime Time Praise" at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge. Jason Illian will speak. E-mail j.t.baltimore@tcu.edu for more information.

■ **TCU Student Foundation** is taking applications, due Wednesday. Applications can be picked up at the Student Center Infomation Desk, in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center, in the admissions office or at (www.alumni.tcu.edu/groups/sf.htm). Call (817) 257-8796 or (817) 257-5030 for more information.

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TUITION

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Last 12 years, said Morgan Olsen, SMU vice president of business and finance. TCU, which cost \$7,696 in 1991, increased tuition and fees by 128.5 percent during the same 12-year time span.

Public institutions increased tuition and fees on average by 14.1 percent from an average cost of tuition and fees of \$4,115 to \$4,694 for the current year, according to a release from the College Board.

The University of California led the nation with the highest percentage increase for tuition at 39.4 percent for the current academic year, according to the CNN Web site.

Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Communication Larry Lauer said TCU trims

costs wherever they can to keep costs down.

"We run a very frugal institution," Lauer said. "We don't have excess staff or faculty where we do not need them."

Boschini said he is aware how difficult it is to run a university while keeping costs down.

"I have to fight to keep everything balanced with my desire to keep the place open and running," Boschini said. "I believe that TCU has done a good job of keeping access in mind."

Other universities are also increasing financial aid to compensate for the tuition increases. According to the *Daily Texan*, The University of Texas plans to increase tuition by 13 percent starting in spring 2004. The university will set aside 28 percent of the increase to go toward financial aid.

Lauer said price increases add value to the education students

receive at TCU.

"We maintain quality by improving classrooms and lab facilities," Lauer said. "The cost of maintaining the university adds value to the education."

Boschini said he wants TCU to remain financially accessible to both current and prospective

Tuition increases for current academic year

University of California	39.4 percent
University of Arizona	39 percent
University of Oklahoma	27.7 percent
Iowa State	22.3 percent
University of Virginia	19 percent
University of Alabama	16.25 percent
Ohio State	14.3 percent
University of Texas	13 percent
Texas Christian University	7.9 percent
Southern Methodist University	7.5 percent
Baylor University	6.9 percent
University of Michigan	6.5 percent

— according to CNN.com

students.

"The appropriate increase will always be a balance between my issues of access and offering a high quality of high education," Boschini said.

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Taking a break



Vichitraveer Singh/Staff Photographer

Sophomore political science major Jessica Thomason takes a break on a bench near the Mary Couts Burnett Library Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday's high temperature reached 86 degrees.

VISIT

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since she has friends who have already attended.

The campus tours are led by paid Student Foundation members and volunteer TCU Ambassadors.

In addition to the campus tours, Student Foundation members also serve on student discussion panels, said Rebecca Hensley, a senior nursing major and Student Foundation director of recruitment.

Eric Fare, president of Student Foundation, said he's surprised with the program's popularity.

"I am amazed at the amount of

growth that Monday at TCU has experienced in recent years," said Fare, a senior marketing and finance major. "Time and time again, I hear wonderful reports from prospective students and their parents after their tour with us."

The Student Foundation is currently accepting applications to find students that can help promote the university.

Sixty-three ambassadors signed up to help out during at least one session of the day's event, said Sara Blackwood, TCU Ambassadors director of Monday at TCU and a junior art history major.

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SECURITY

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security have been added since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Even if a passenger got a forbidden item past a checkpoint, he said on NBC's "Today" show, there are other safeguards built in, such as strengthened cockpit doors and the presence in many instances of onboard air marshals.

"We have a security system built on layers and the layer we call passenger screening, while it's vastly improved over the pre-9-11 era, it still has its limitations," Hatfield told NBC.

The incident has produced calls in Congress for hearings into the performance of the TSA.

After his court appearance Monday, Heatwole, a junior at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., was released without bail for a preliminary hearing Nov. 10. He faces up to 10 years in prison.

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The Skiff View RECORD

Volleyball shouldn't be overlooked

One day after the initial Bowl Championship Series standings were released, conversations regarding the Frogs possibly receiving an invitation to a BCS bowl were rampant all over campus.

The conversations are well deserved, considering the Frogs are 7-0 and one of the remaining five undefeated teams in the nation this season. But we cannot and should not allow the football team's many successes this year to overshadow another record-breaking season from a different TCU athletic team.

The volleyball team is having its best season ever and the team seems to be ignored completely by most students. This season, the volleyball team has recorded more victories, 16, than the team has won in any other previous year. In fact, the Frogs have already surpassed their win total of 12 from last year and they still have eight more games to play, not counting post-season tournaments.

This team is young, talented and exciting. They are led by Dominika Szabo, the only TCU volleyball player to ever earn Conference USA Player of the Week honors, and Ellen Rheme, a junior transfer from the University of Florida.

Attendance at the games is OK, but a good number of people attending are not students.

It is time for TCU to show support for another sport, other than its football team. There is not a team on campus who deserves this support more than this season's volleyball team.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Grand Theft Auto makers sued after shoot-out

On June 25, two children played out a scene from an adult video game, firing shotguns at cars on a busy highway. One person was killed in the re-enactment, and another was injured.

The 14- and 16-year-old boys charged in this crime pleaded guilty in criminal court, but soon the case will be back in court for a civil lawsuit.

Who will be the defendant? Not William and Joshua Buckner, the brothers who acquired and fired the shotguns that killed Aaron Hinckley and injured Kimberly Fede that day in Tennessee. Not the boys' parents, who allowed them to play the "mature"-rated game that inspired them to fire the fatal shots and who were absent the day the boys took guns to the highway and started a real-life shoot-out. Not the person responsible for allowing the boys access to the guns. Not even the person who bought or allowed the boys to purchase the video game.

No, the defendant in this \$100 million lawsuit will be TAKE2Interactive, the developer that created "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City," the game the Buckner boys were emulating. According to the lawyer leading the charge, it is

TAKE2Interactive, not the children or anyone directly

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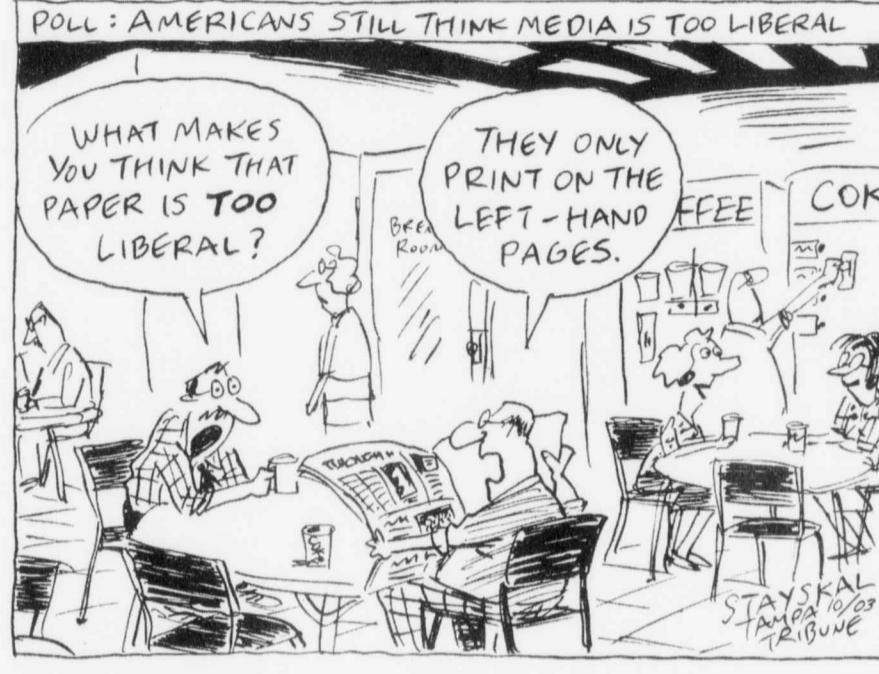
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Think of troops when Christmas shopping

Only 63 shopping days until Christmas. Have you decided what to get America's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen?

A recent poll by Stars and Stripes newspaper found morale in Iraq to be at an all-time low. Our military personnel seem to think we don't care about them any more. The care packages that once clogged the mail service are no longer coming in. The support for the war effort has been replaced by finger-pointing and protests. Since they do their duty to keep each of us safe, we

each have our own responsibility to remind them how special they are.

There are lots of ways to brighten up a service person's day, and all it takes is a spare second and some pocket change. Even college students have enough time and money to help out.

Here are a few ways you can make a real difference in the lives of our uniformed protectors:

- Visit (www.fisherhouse.org) and make a donation. This organization provides housing for military families while their service member is sick or injured. Think of this as the Ronald McDonald House for military families. You can make a single donation, or you can sponsor a family.

- The VFW Auxiliary is collecting items for care packages for female soldiers. They need things like pre-sweetened drink mix (individual packages); serving-sized packages of chips, crackers or

cookies; something for the sweet-tooth that won't melt; batteries; writing paper, envelopes, pens and stamps; pre-paid phone cards; personal items like toothpaste, shampoo, tampons, soap and high-quality toilet paper; and fun items like small hand-held electronic games, puzzle books and small water guns. If you have a little extra money, soldiers love to receive a soft, fluffy towel. Mail your items to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111, and they will be forwarded on to a soldier who needs them. The VFW must mail items by Nov. 13 for Christmas delivery, so keep that in mind when planning.

- Gift certificates are easy to buy and fun to spend. You can send gift certificates to our troops by visiting (www.aafes.com) and clicking on "Gifts from the Homefront." Gift certificates can be used at the military exchange stores where our

troops buy their supplies and occasional goodies. Gift certificates will be sent to someone deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan. All it takes is 10 bucks and the time it takes to warm your lunch in the microwave.

Got a tight budget? Instead of buying a family member a gift that will go straight to the junk drawer, make a donation in his/her name. That's the kind of Christmas gift anyone will enjoy receiving.

For more suggestions, including how to send a free e-mail greeting to the troops, visit (www.defendamerica.mil/support_troops.html).

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Restrictions maintain safety

Parking complaints are as much a TCU tradition as wearing the purple and white. It seems the only way to satisfy the student body is to install 6,500 front row spaces by every building. But since the laws of physics guarantee that's not going to happen any time soon, the solution

students have arrived at

is to park along the streets in the surrounding residential area.

Many students have realized there are those days when driving through parking lot after

parking lot, only to find that

they're all full, compounds the

anxiety of being late. The previous quick fix was to pull into

a no-parking zone in the residential area behind campus.

After all, if caught, the punishment was so slight, only \$15,

that the convenience was worth the fine.

Now, with a much larger fine

looming, students will have to

think twice about whether shav-

ing five or ten minutes off their

walk to class is really worth

breaking the law. More than

likely the \$100 fine will keep

the restricted spots empty, as they are intended to be, and residents will be assured that their neighborhood is accessible to emergency vehicles.

The fine increase was a direct result of the efforts of TCU's residential neighbors. Their concerns leading to the increase are valid. As explained by Jamie Johnson, the Fort Worth police officer assigned to the TCU

"If you can't rouse yourself from dreamland, don a pair of running shoes before heading out because you're going to have to hike to class."

neighborhood, parked cars along the streets caused some passageways to be too narrow for emergency vehicles. Maneuvering around corners was impossible in some places because cars were parked too close to intersections.

The situation was so out of

hand, Johnson said, that fire

trucks took to driving around the

neighborhood once or twice a

day, just to make sure that, if

necessary, they could find

enough alternate routes to get

where they needed to go. That's

not just mere inconvenience;

that's a risk to public safety.

TCU's neighbors have worked hard in recent years to form community watch groups. Johnson said as a result of their efforts, violent crimes rarely occur in the TCU neighborhood, especially compared to other parts of Fort Worth. He also said the car burglaries that seemed

epidemic the last year or so have subsided and are also becoming rare occurrences.

As daily visitors in this

neighborhood, the least students

can do is to show their gratitude to the people who have worked

so hard to maintain a safe com-

munity. Respecting the parking

restrictions so that residents can

receive emergency care if needed

is not only a simple courtesy

but an obligation as well. The

fine increase reinforces this obli-

igation.

Students have heard it all

before, but it still remains that

the best way to find a parking

space is to get to campus before

everybody else. If you can't

rouse yourself from dreamland,

don a pair of running shoes

before heading out because

you're going to have to hike to

class.

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Kobe case too hyped

Did he or didn't he? With two wars going on in the Middle East and millions in poverty, the most important thing that seems to be on people's minds is the Kobe Bryant case. Simply put, Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez have been too quiet lately.

With all the elements of sex, money and celebrity, the Bryant case is sure to give Court TV a ratings boost for a while. Many pundits have already hyped it as the trial of the new century. However, there are a few things that need to be considered before Bryant becomes a poor man's O.J. Simpson.

There wasn't a murder committed, and Bryant is a newcomer to the world of womanizing. After a couple of years in the NBA, I can't imagine seeing anyone on the street with a "Free Kobe" T-shirt anytime soon. There are a few crazy fans on the Internet (see www.prayforkobe.com), but that's about it. Maybe he should have cut some more Sprite commercials and made a movie with Leslie Nielsen.

Athletes are no strangers to scandals, but I'm wondering what possessed Kobe. Of all the celebrities, models and Laker Girls with whom he could have broken his marriage vows, why pick some hotel employee in Colorado? And to think, his first attempt at betraying his wife landed him in this much mess. I take it Shaquille O'Neil isn't the only rocket scientist on that team.

As for the accuser, her actions before the alleged incident are questionable. She had sex with three different males three consecutive days in a row. Anyone who moved that week was good enough for her in Squaresville, Colo., but we're expected to believe that high-profile basketball star Kobe Bryant never seemed tempting to her? Not even in his hotel room, late at night, while watching pornography? She merely talked to him about his stance on Iraq and gave him a goodbye kiss?

Either way, Bryant should have kept his hands to himself. If you put yourself in situations like that, you're only asking for trouble. Bryant's lucky he didn't contract any sexually transmitted diseases like several Laker players before him.

If a woman like Bryant's accuser comes on to a celebrity who has a lot at stake, that celebrity should just say, "Glad to meet you!" and sign an autograph. If the woman is irresistibly hot, the celebrity should go to his hotel room, lock the door, get lots of Kleenex and call his wife. Problem solved.

I'm going to wait for the issue to settle itself, and either outcome is fine with me. If he's innocent, drop it; if not, his manhood should be removed and hung from the rim as an example to other players who have a potentially glimmering eye.

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State Roundup

Laredo man sentenced 15 months in wire fraud case

LAREDO (AP) — A 79-year-old Laredo man Tuesday was sentenced to 15 months in prison after he and an accomplice posed as attorneys and bilked two victims out of \$70,000.

Jose Jimenez also was ordered to pay \$35,000 restitution, said Michael Shelby, U.S. Attorney for Texas' Southern District.

Co-defendant Juan Manuel Sanchez, 50, of Laredo, will be sentenced Nov. 10 to give him time to raise restitution, the U.S. attorney's office said in a news release. Sanchez has paid \$10,000 toward restitution so far.

Both men pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud. They admitted to devising a scheme to obtain fees from victims in Laredo and Mexico by pretending to be attorneys performing legal services from April 1998 to March 2001.

The men worked out of their homes and the men admitted to creating letterhead that appeared to be from an official United States government agency.

Their two victims paid about \$70,000 in what they thought were legal fees. One victim believed his

business dispute was being resolved, while another thought his immigration matters were being handled.

The defendants weren't attorneys, nor were the services performed.

Emergency dispatcher suspended without pay

FORT WORTH (AP) — A dispatcher who answered a 911 cell phone call from a man being stabbed to death was suspended without pay for lack of action on the call, police said.

Christine Sanders, 34, was suspended Monday from the Haltom City Police Department for four days after an internal investigation into that call and an unrelated call.

A report said Juan Gallegos would have died regardless of how Sanders handled the call. He was killed in August in a parking lot in Fort Worth near Haltom City, where he stopped after an apparent road-rage incident, police said.

Gallegos, 32, never talked to Sanders during the 15-second telephone call, but voices and the sounds of the slaying were recorded.

A man could be heard accusing Gallegos of "brake-checking" — a term for tapping brakes to get a

following car to slow down.

No officers were dispatched because Sanders did not have an exact location, police said.

She should have called Gallegos back and notified a supervisor, according to the internal affairs findings.

Jeromy M. Jolley, 21, was arrested Aug. 27 on a murder warrant after witnesses said his voice was that of the man on the tape. Last month, Brian C. Taylor, 21, was arrested on suspicion of trying to conceal evidence in the slaying.

Sanders could not be reached for comment. She will work with a training officer for two to six months when she returns, Haltom City police Cpl. Shawn Holt said.

Sanders' suspension is also for her lack of action on another call in August in which a woman said a car without headlights was following her, Holt said.

Sanders told her to drive to the police station, then hung up, but she should have stayed on the phone with her and should have sent a car to meet the woman, Holt said.

A new tracking system for mobile 911 calls in Tarrant County has narrowed the search for cell

phone callers in emergencies, but authorities say callers should give a location if possible.

Perry signs bill to allow new El Paso med school

EL PASO (AP) — A bill signed by Gov. Rick Perry clears the way for a new \$45 million medical school in El Paso that likely will focus on diseases disproportionately affecting border residents, such as diabetes.

The medical school will be a branch of Texas Tech Medical Center.

Perry signed the legislation on Monday authorizing the state's first medical school in 26 years. El Paso's school will be the ninth in Texas and the first on the border, which suffers from a chronic shortage of doctors.

"This is a long-term commitment to El Paso and to the border region," Perry said after signing the bill, which includes authorization for Texas Tech University to sell \$45 million in tuition revenue bonds.

"The economic development side is important, but it's not as important as the quality-of-life side of what this means for the border region," the governor said.

Texas Tech already has authorized \$2 million to design the four-year medical school. Construction could begin late next year or in 2005.

Dr. Jose Manuel de la Rosa, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center regional dean, welcomed Perry's signing of the bill, but warned that there still is work to do.

El Pasoans already have pledged \$3 million for the project. Community leaders plan to ask Perry for at least \$2 million from the governor's economic-development enterprise fund to help finance startup costs and faculty recruiting.

Texas Tech's budget for its El Paso campus is expected to jump from about \$50 million to \$200 million a year, said El Paso businessman Robert Brown, a Texas Tech regent.

Port of Houston gets new closed-circuit surveillance

HOUSTON (AP) — Commissioners for the Port of Houston have directed staff members to negotiate a \$12 million security contract that will include closed-circuit surveillance.

Port commissioners on Monday chose TRC Customer-Focused Solutions as the top company for the contract from among nine firms that submitted responses following a Request For Qualifications proposal sent out by the port.

Other security improvements at the world's sixth largest port will include design and installation of systems for access control, fencing, lighting, gate entrances, emergency response and evacuation procedures.

The Port of Houston, located along a 25-mile stretch of the 50-mile-long ship channel, helps service a \$15 billion petrochemical complex, the nation's largest. U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, in a tour last month, said maintaining security at such ports of entry is vital.

Congress, since the 2001 terrorist attacks, has passed some new mandates for additional port security, port Executive Director Tom Kornegay told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's editions.

Texas ports, under legislation enacted earlier this year, are authorized to execute such contracts, which port officials say can streamline the construction process.

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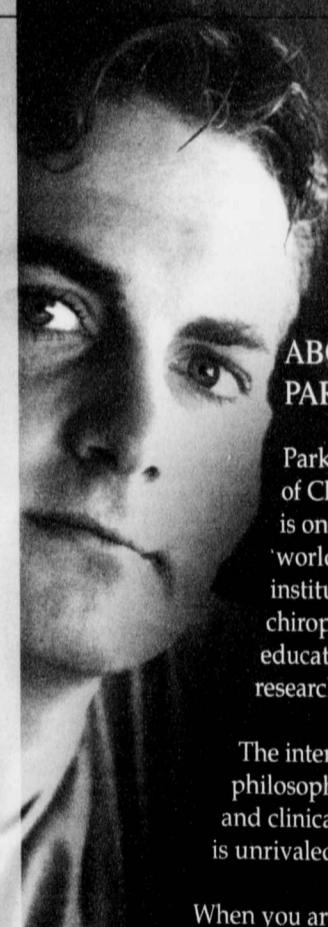
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Madonna

a timeline

by Jessica Fleming

1958

Aug. 16 Madonna Louise Veronica Ciccone was born in Bay City, Mich. to a large, lower-middle class, Italian family. The third child (and first daughter) of eight spent much of her adolescence helping to raise the other children.

1964

Madonna's mother dies of breast cancer, forever shaping the singer's life.

1976

Attends University of Michigan on a dance scholarship, studying under Chris Flynn, the owner of a ballet school.

1977

Leaves school for New York City, arriving with only \$35 and a will to conquer the city. She takes up a series of part-time jobs in fast food and modeling while studying on scholarship at Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre, under highly acclaimed choreographer Alvin Ailey.

1978

Joins The Patrick Hernandez Revue.

1979

Madonna and then-boyfriend Stephen Bray form the band Emmy.

1980

Madonna is signed as a solo artist to Sire Records for \$5,000 and released the dance club hit "Everybody."

1981

Second single "Physical Attraction" released.



July 23 The album "MADONNA" is released.

1982

"Holiday" becomes a top 40 hit. "Borderline" becomes a top 10 hit, beginning a string of 17 consecutive top 10 hits.

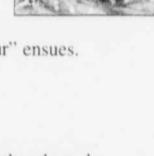


Nov. 12 The album "Like A Virgin" is released. "Virgin Tour" ensues.

1983

Appears at Live Aid.

January "Material Girl" single released.



March 29 "Desperately Seeking Susan," starring Madonna in a role similar to herself in the late 70s, is released.

Aug. 16 Marries actor Sean Penn.

1984

June 30 The "True Blue" album is released, yielding the hits "Papa Don't Preach," "True Blue" and "Open Your Heart."



The film "Shanghai Surprise" is released (made with Sean Penn and produced by George Harrison) and flops.

1985

"Open Your Heart" hits No. 1.

Nov. 17 "You Can Dance" album released.

"Who's That Girl" film released.

**1986**

Jan. 10 Divorces actor Sean Penn.



March 21 The album "Like A Prayer" is released. The controversial video for the title track led to condemnation by the Vatican and Pepsi Cola renouncing a contract with Madonna.

1987

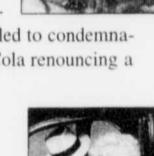
"I'm Breathless" album released.

Nov. 13 "The Immaculate Collection" album released.

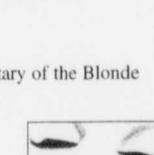
Blonde Ambition Tour follows.

"Dick Tracy" film released.

Appears on the MTV Music Video Awards as Marie Antoinette performing "Vogue."

**1988**

"Truth or Dare," a documentary of the Blonde Ambition Tour, is released.

**1989**

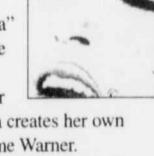
October The album "Erotica" is released and considered tame compared to her earlier work.

The film "A League of Their Own" is released and Madonna creates her own record label, Maverick, with Time Warner.

November The photographic book "Sex" is released.

1990

The album "Bedtime Stories" is released.



Madonna: a retrospective

Twenty years after the release of her first album, one of the best-selling artists of all time is still going strong

Boys love her, girls hate her and conservatives everywhere condemn her career as a smorgasbord of public indecency only to be rivaled

COMMENTARY with Monica

Christina Ruffini Lewinski and that blue dress.

Whether you love, hate, condemn or condone her, it is evident to everyone that Madonna knows how to get publicity. Her personal life is almost indiscernible from the ever-changing public image that has been on the cutting edge of fashion, music and media censorship for over 20 years.

Born Madonna Louise Ciccone (yes, amazingly, she does have a last name), she always had an inherent interest in the arts. In the late seventies, Madonna performed as a dancer for several small, underground pop groups and eventually began singing as well. In 1982, Madonna was signed to a solo contract with Sire records. Although her

first album was respectfully popular, Madonna had not yet distinguished herself from the dozens of other hungry young pop stars trying to break on to the 1980's pop scene. Big hair, clashing colors and hot pink scrunchies were everywhere. To distinguish herself from the flashy pop stars of the time, Madonna knew she would have to make a name for herself in another way.

By her second album, Madonna had figured out that nothing sells like scandal. The title, "Like a Virgin," says it all. Though she may have been young and inexperienced, Madonna learned quickly how to manipulate the media. Images of her romping around in a white-lace gown and stiletto heels were soon everywhere and soon spawned a onslaught of aptly named "Madonna wannabes."

Through out the next few years, Madonna made a name for herself by producing another album and starring in several movies. But in her seventh album, "Erotica," Madonna found the key to all her publicity woes. "Erotica," accompanied by her first book entitled "Sex," contained graphic lyrics and vulgar images. The book was banned from most mainstream bookstores, and the album's music video was put on MTV's "won't play" list. Madonna said she was interested in "pushing boundaries and showing off," and subsequently sold over two million copies.

In 2000, Madonna resurfaced with a new husband, a new baby and a new sound.

Her offbeat and shockingly hip album "Music" attested to a new found staying power and showed the

world that Madonna was not going anywhere. In 2002, she released "American Dream," a controversial (as always) collection of songs

that question as well as



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condemn American values and goals.

So what has been the key to

Madonna's success? Adaptation,

scandal, sex, controversy, public-

ity, pornography, virginity, per-

oxide, boys, men, husbands,

children, stories, tabloids, books,

interviews, paparazzi, live

shows, movie roles, platinum

songs, platinum albums, new

looks, new sounds and an all-

consuming desire to come out on

top. All have driven Madonna to

become the most famous female

musician in history.

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Top 15 Madonna songs (Amazon.com)

Ray of Light

Don't Tell Me

Deeper & Deeper

Like a Prayer

Vogue

Take a Bow

Music

Human Nature

Cherish

This Used to Be My Playground

Bad Girl

Beautiful Stranger

Like a Virgin

Holiday

One More Chance

1995

Madonna's home attacked by 39-year-old Roger Hoskins, who was shot twice before police could arrest him.

November The album "Something to Remember" is released.

1996

Lands title role Evita, winning a Golden Globe for Best Actress for her role in that film.

Jan. 16 Appears in court for the case against her stalker Roger Hoskins, who received a guilty verdict.

Oct. 15 Gives birth to daughter Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon.

1998

The album "Ray of Light" is released, from which the title track, "Frozen," "Ray Of Light," "The Power Of Good-bye" and "Nothing Really Matters" become popular.

1999

"Beautiful Stranger," from the soundtrack of "Austin Powers 2: The Spy Who Shagged Me" hits the No. 2 spot on UK charts.

2000

The book "Madonna: Nude" in 1979 is released by Longwind Publishing, containing nude pictures taken of Madonna on February 12, 1979, by photographer Martin H.M. Schreiber.

Madonna stars in her husband's remake of the film "Swept Away." She also performs the theme for the James Bond movie "Die Another Day."

2003

March 24 The controversial video to her new single "American Life" is released.

March 31 Retracts the controversial video "American Life" from the airwaves.

April 22 New album "American Life" released.

Aug. 28 Madonna kisses Britney Spears on the MTV Video Music Awards.

Sept. 15 Callaway Editions released "The English Roses," a children's book (the first of five) by Madonna, and is reported to have sold 57,369 copies in the U.S. alone in its first full week. The second book "Mr. Peabody's Apples" is due to be released Nov. 10.

Sept. 16 Madonna appears on Oprah to promote her book. Surprise guests include Madonna's fifth-grade teacher and a cancer survivor.

Oct. 16 Q magazine celebrates the 20th anniversary of Madonna's first album with a 148-page, full-colour, luxury special collector's edition, containing classic Madonna interviews from 1983-2003 and rare and unseen photographs.



Suspect withdraws request

BY SONJA BARISIC

Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad, acting as his own lawyer, withdrew a request Tuesday that might have allowed him to introduce mental health evidence at sentencing to persuade a jury to spare his life.

"I've changed my mind on that," Muhammad told Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. at the beginning of the second day of testimony.

Muhammad has been barred from presenting any mental health evidence in the capital murder trial because he refused to meet with prosecutors' mental health expert. On Monday, he had asked Millette to reconsider that ruling. He dropped the request Tuesday.

Although Muhammad is not pursuing an insanity defense, testimony about his mental condition might be considered as mitigating evidence to spare him the death penalty if he is convicted. Lawyers for fellow sniper suspect 18-year-old Lee Boyd Malvo intend to mount an insanity defense.

In a rambling but adamant 20-minute opening statement Monday, Muhammad told the jury the evidence "will all show I had nothing to do with these crimes."

Prosecutors complained Tuesday that he is getting too much help from his standby lawyers, Peter Greenspun and Jonathan Shapiro.

"It's apparent the defendant cannot act as his own counsel," assistant prosecutor Richard Conway said.

"The current situation is intolerable."

The judge agreed that Muhammad was getting too much help, but said he "appears to be competently representing himself, appears to be asking questions appropriately, seems to understand his legal rights."

Muhammad agreed to physically separate himself from his standby lawyers to reduce communication.

Muhammad is accused of shooting 53-year-old Dean Meyers on Oct. 9, 2002, the seventh victim in a three-week shooting spree last October that left 10 people dead in the Washington, D.C. area.

On Tuesday, a Prince William County police officer said he spoke to Muhammad just a half hour after the shooting, but let him go.

Officer Steven Bailey said Muhammad was "very polite and very courteous" as he drove his Chevrolet Caprice out of a restaurant parking lot where authorities believe the sniper shot was fired.

Bailey said Muhammad told him police had directed him into the lot as

they secured the crime scene. Bailey learned later that was untrue.

"I didn't catch on. I wish I had," Bailey told Muhammad on cross-examination.

Bailey also found a Baltimore map book at the restaurant parking lot, which was later determined to have Muhammad's fingerprints on it. The map book is one of the few pieces of physical evidence linking Muhammad to the Manassas crime scene.

Also Tuesday, a witness to the shooting testified he heard the shot and saw Meyers lying in a pool of blood at a gas pump, and immediately assumed it was a sniper shooting.

He said he "went inside the store, dug down. We felt unsafe, scared."

On cross-examination, Muhammad asked Jason Salazar, "Can you recall seeing me at the area?" Salazar said he hadn't.

Muhammad's decision to defend himself raised the possibility he could cross-examine shooting survivors and his alleged accomplice.

"I know that it's (Muhammad's) right, but I think he's going to try to taunt the victims," said Kelly Adams, the survivor of a shooting attack in Alabama. Authorities have linked the fatal shooting to two of the alleged sniper shootings.

On Monday, Malvo was brought into the courtroom for about two

minutes so a witness could identify him. He exchanged the briefest of glances with 42-year-old Muhammad but did not take the stand.

The witness, bank employee Linda Thompson testified she saw Muhammad and Malvo outside her bank shortly before Meyers was gunned down while pumping gasoline nearby.

Muhammad refused to cross-examine Thompson in Malvo's presence but later asked the woman: "Was it because we was black that you remember us?"

Larry Meyers, brother of the shooting victim, also testified Monday, speaking briefly about his brother's life, including military service in Vietnam.

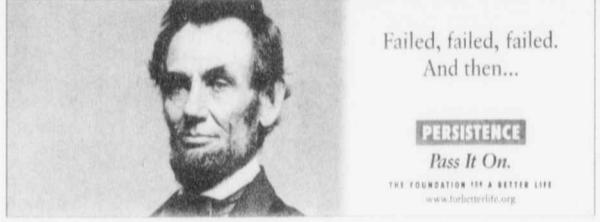
Larry Meyers identified his brother from a snapshot, with prosecutor Paul Ebert asking, "Does this represent your brother in life?" and then from a bloody crime-scene photo, with the prosecutor asking, "Does this show your brother in death?"

Muhammad and Malvo were arrested last Oct. 24 at a highway rest stop in Maryland. Prosecutors have said the shootings were part of a plot to extort \$10 million from the government.

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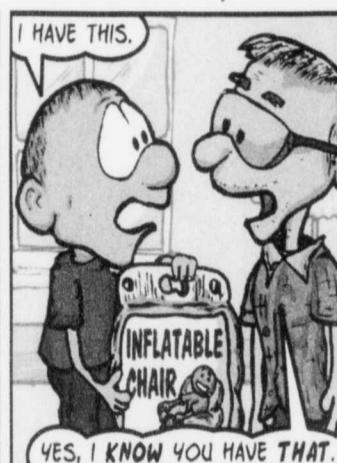
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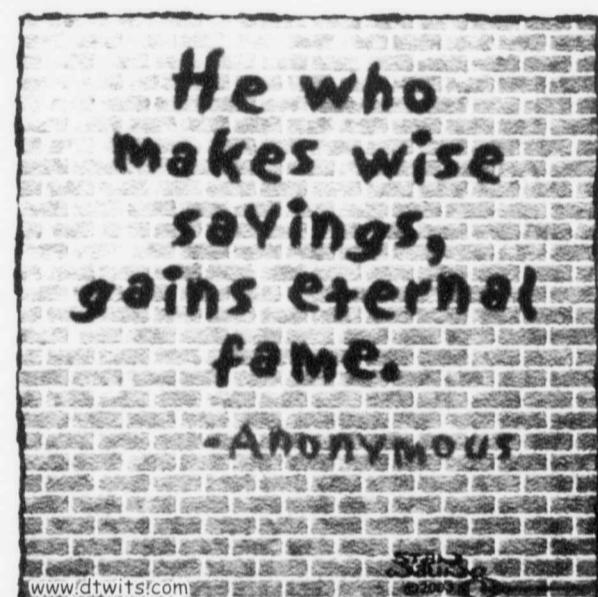


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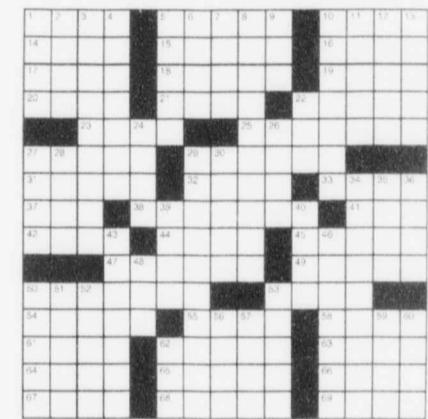
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53 Tear apart
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The Sideline

Police charge football player with trespassing

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas running back, Cedric Benson, was charged Tuesday with forcing his way into an apartment in a search for a stolen television, Austin police said. Benson was charged with criminal trespassing, a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in jail and a \$2,000 fine if convicted, Austin police spokeswoman Laura Albrecht said.

Benson was not immediately available for comment.

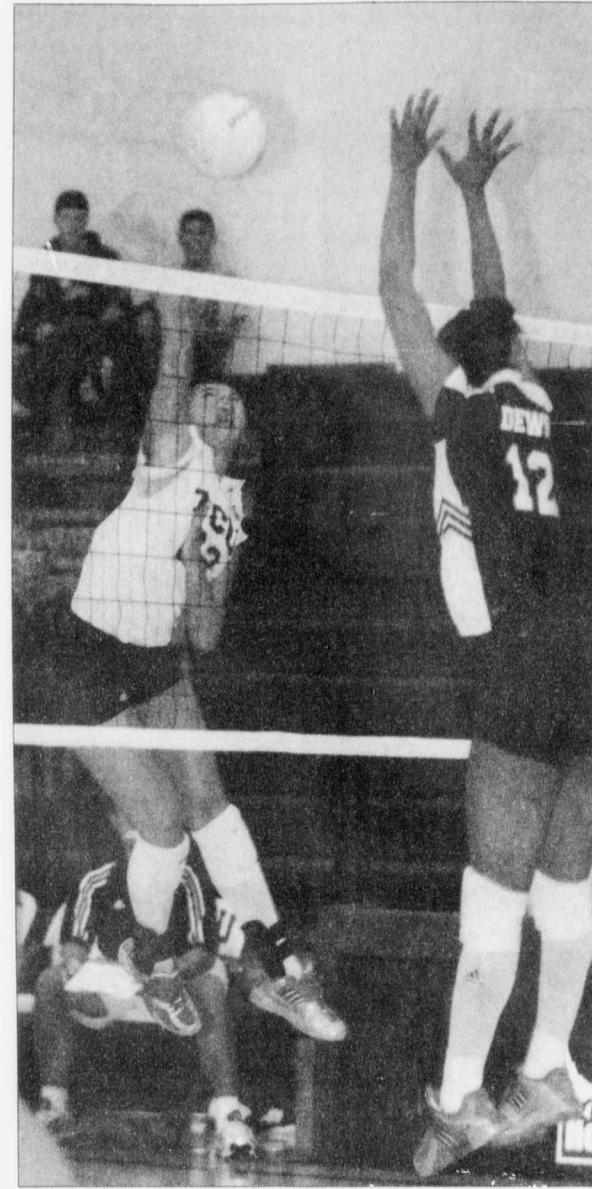
He is accused of joining three other males in forcing their way into the apartment Oct. 7 in a search for a television Benson had reported stolen from him in 2002.

Two Yankees to attend hearing over brawl

BOSTON (AP) — A hearing will be held Nov. 7 to determine whether Yankees reliever, Jeff Nelson, and right fielder, Karim Garcia, should be charged with assault and battery for a bullpen brawl at Fenway Park.

Police filed paperwork Tuesday in Roxbury District Court requesting the hearing. Nelson and Garcia have the option of appearing to counter the assault allegations made by Paul Williams, a 24-year-old part-time groundskeeper.

Williams apparently was cheering the Red Sox while working in the Yankees bullpen. He was released from a hospital wearing a neck brace after the fight during the Oct. 11 game in the AL championship series between New York and the Red Sox.



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Freshman outside hitter Jenna Miller spikes the ball over the Houston defense. The Frogs will face South Florida in conference play Friday at 6 p.m. in Tampa.

Setting the record

BY MARY HOLLIS

Skiff Staff

The 2003 season has proven to be record-breaking for the TCU volleyball team. The team set a school record for the most matches ever won by a TCU squad with a recent victory over St. Louis. The victory was the Frogs' 16th win this season.

Junior outside hitter Dominika Szabo said much of the team's success this season is a result of the players adjusting to head coach Prentice Lewis' system.

"Coach was new, and we all had to work together to get used to the new system and the six new recruits she brought," Szabo said.

Lewis, who came to TCU before the start of the 2002 season, also said the players' added year of experience under her system has been key to the Frogs' success this season.

"We have a lot more players and one more year of understanding," Lewis said.

She said the success her team has encountered this season had been a goal she wanted her team to strive for since the beginning of the season, but it has come sooner than she expected.

In Lewis' second year as head coach, the Frogs have already won four more matches this season than they won all last season.

Anna Vaughn, a freshman middle blocker, said many good players were pulled onto the

team, and TCU is going to continue to improve. She said junior opposite Ellen Rehme, who transferred to TCU from Florida, knows what it is like to win.

"She adds a competitive drive to the team as well as her athletic ability, and you can count on her for kills," Vaughn said.

Lewis also said Rehme brings a competitive edge to the team.

"She hates to lose and will try to find a way to win," Lewis said. "She has elevated the team much more in their drive to win."

Szabo said she views the upcoming Conference USA tournament as the biggest challenge the team has ever faced. She said if the Frogs make it to the tournament, they will have to be at the top of the game and be ready to play.

"This would be the biggest challenge for us," Szabo said. "It would be a really good deal to get there and a nice reward."

Lewis said while it will be extremely difficult for the Frogs to win the conference this year, they are not giving up. The Frogs are in an eighth place in a tie

with Houston in C-USA play with a 2-3 record, trailing Southern Mississippi and Tulane by 3.5 games.

"We will do the best we can if we get there," Lewis said. "The plan is to be there and play well."

Vaughn said TCU can continue its success in conference play if it works hard everyday and continues to go out on the court with confidence and intensity.

"It would be awesome (to win the tournament); it would show how far we have come even from a year and how far we can go," Vaughn said.

The Frogs must first complete their regular season schedule before they can think about turning their attention to the conference tournament. TCU still has eight matches remaining before the C-USA tournament begins.

This weekend, the Frogs will go on the road to play South Florida Friday and Alabama-Birmingham Saturday.

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