

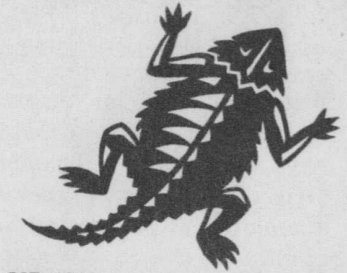
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## Entire accounting graduate class finds employment

By JOE ZIGTEMA  
Staff Reporter

It's hard to be better than perfect.

The university's Master of Accounting class of 2007 achieved a 100 percent job placement rate upon graduation.

Barry Bryan, director of the MAC program in the Neeley School of Business, said this was a result of a good job market and the program's gradu-

ates being highly qualified. Bryan said since the Enron scandal, companies are looking for more credibility in financial reporting, which has created a better job market for recent graduates eligible to take the CPA exam.

TCU's CPA exam pass rate last year was 59 percent, according to the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy Web site. Seventy-eight percent of University of Texas students

passed the exam, and 75 percent of Texas A&M students passed.

"I think we're certainly holding our own," Bryan said, "and our recruiters would tell you the exact same thing."

The program's recent success is attracting students to the program, Bryan said. The MAC program has risen from 17 students in 2004 to 40 students in 2006, according to the TCU Fact Book.

The school has seen an increase in the number of recruiters on campus, including three new firms, RSM McGladrey, Inc., Grant Thornton LLP and PKF Texas, that came to TCU this fall. PricewaterhouseCoopers, one of the Big Four accounting firms, named TCU one of its key schools for recruiting around the country.

Katie Lacker, a MAC student who will work for Pricewater-

houseCoopers, said she is glad to have a job waiting for her when she graduates in May 2008.

"It's comforting because we're able to focus completely on school," Lacker said. "It's not like we have to worry about taking off school to go to an interview or look for jobs while having to study for tests too."

Bryan said this year's class was chosen from among roughly 90 applicants, and enroll-

ment is based on the needs of the market.

"I would feel a little guilty to bring in more people than could get jobs when they finish," Bryan said.

Bryan said TCU's program will never equal the size of those at the University of Texas and Texas A&M University. Texas' program graduated 100 students last year, according to the McCombs School of Busi-

ness. See **ACCOUNTING**, page 2

## BOOKING IT



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor

Construction workers leave the bookstore work site Thursday. Construction of the new bookstore at the corner of S. University Drive and W. Berry Street is set to be completed in January 2008

## FWRPD stats omit campus numbers

By MEGAN MOWERY  
Staff Reporter

Although Fort Worth crime statistics suggest the TCU area is relatively more safe than surrounding areas, that might not be the case.

Fort Worth crime statistics in the TCU area do not show the total amount of crime because Fort Worth police do not report on-campus crime, said Kirk Byrom, a neighborhood police officer for the Fort Worth Police Department.

The TCU Police report and record crime on the TCU campus separately, Byrom said, and those statistics are not included in the city's statistics.

To calculate the total amount of crime in the TCU area, the TCU annual crime statistics would have to be added to the Fort Worth Police crime statistics, said TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham.

When the TCU crime statistics are added to the Fort Worth crime statistics for the four sections that make up the TCU area from January to August

2007, the TCU area has 16 percent more crime than the five sections surrounding it.

The reason the crime statistics are recorded separately is because the TCU Police have a different jurisdiction, Ham said.

Ham said because the TCU Police have such a good relationship with the Fort Worth police, it makes it easy to accurately record crime statistics. None of the crimes are recorded by both departments, Ham said.

Combining the TCU and city crime statistics show the TCU area had 276 crimes reported during those months. The most, 81, were on-campus thefts.

The five sections surrounding the TCU area had 222 crimes reported total. The majority, 181, were also thefts.

Compared to last year's statistics in the TCU area, crime is up 8 percent for the months of January to August.

See **CRIME**, page 2

## Country performer to play at tailgate

By DAVID SPENCER  
Staff Reporter

Students will not need to travel far to give parents the true Fort Worth honky-tonk experience this Family Weekend. The Student Government Association is bringing it all to campus.

Texas country music performer Kevin Fowler will perform at 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the Brachman parking lot. Fowler's performance is part of an attempt by SGA to get upperclassmen to attend the student tailgate, said Aaron Wolfe, a junior advertising/public relations major and vice chair of Programming Council.

"We know that Kevin Fowler is a popular name among students," said Jace Thompson, a senior accounting major and SGA president. "One of the goals of SGA was to bring big names

to campus."

Fowler's new album, "Bring It On," was released Tuesday. His popular songs such as "The Lord Loves a Drinking Man" and "Loose, Loud and Crazy" are projected to bring an entirely new crowd to the event.

"The Family Weekend barbecue usually caters to the freshman class," Wolfe said. "We hope Fowler at the tailgate will bring out more upperclassmen."

Fowler creates music geared toward 20 and 30 somethings who grew up watching MTV as well as CMT, according to his Web site.

SGA's incorporation of music provides good entertainment for the students prior to the game, said Greg Franklin, a sophomore business major.

See **FOWLER**, page 2

## Neeley hosts family business seminar

By ANTOINETTE NEVILS and JACKIE RODRIGUEZ  
Staff Reporters

The Neeley Entrepreneurship Center is hosting a family business seminar today to teach families how to transition the next generation into the business, said an assistant director at the center.

Brad Hancock, assistant director of the center, said the seminar will cover critical issues that family-owned

businesses deal with every day such as communication, conflict resolution, deciding who has the right combination of capability and motivation for the business world as well as other topics.

Hancock said many TCU students come from family-owned business backgrounds.

The center is having the seminar during Family Weekend, Hancock said, because many people and

their families will already be on campus.

Hancock said Sam Lane, a family business expert, is the seminar's presenter.

"We chose Sam because he is an outstanding resource," said David Minor, director of the Neeley Entrepreneurship Center.

Lane has a doctorate degree in organizational psychology and has been a family business consultant for more than 25 years, Han-

cock said. Minor said the seminars will be twice a year, giving students an opportunity to network.

An evening reception will be at Minor's home. Minor said the reception is an opportunity for attendees to get to know Lane and senior administrators of Neeley on a more personal level.

The seminar will be at the Colonial Country Club from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

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# Campus PR firm joins students with clients

By JULIETA CHIQUILLO  
Staff Writer

RealWorld Integrated Marketing Communications, an advertising agency staffed by TCU students, celebrates its first anniversary this month.

The student-run advertising agency worked on 68 projects for 28 clients in its first year of operations, said the director of RealWorld IMC.

The agency works only for nonprofit organizations.

"We're giving back to Fort Worth by giving the nonprofits a lot of their money," said Claudia Butts, director of RealWorld.

RealWorld IMC is one of eight similar agencies in the United States, Butts said.

According to RealWorld IMC's Web site, the agency was born when the Schieffer School of Journalism won the Vision in Action grant in the summer of 2006.

One of the goals of the Vision in Action program is to promote interaction with the community, said Tommy Thomason, director of the Schieffer School of Journalism. Nonprofit organizations need advertising services but cannot afford to go to a downtown advertising agency, he said.

"We are the only student

agency that we know of that has offices off campus and takes nonprofit clients exclusively," Thomason said.

Butts said RealWorld IMC is the agency of record for Lighthouse for the Blind in Fort Worth, a nonprofit organization that provides services to people who are visually impaired.

Butts said the agency's current big project is "Christmas in Cowtown", a shopping event for the Junior League of Fort Worth, an organization of women committed to community service. The agency is in charge of promoting the event, from media planning to banners and tickets, Butts said.

According to RealWorld IMC's Web site, the agency is staffed by students majoring in advertising/public relations, marketing, graphic design and photography.

"We're giving back to Fort Worth by giving the nonprofits a lot for their money."

**Claudia Butts**  
director of  
RealWorld

Currently there are 12 interns at the agency, Butts said.

Thomason said the agency was created because advertising/public

relations students didn't have opportunities to gain experience on campus, unlike broadcast and news-editorial journalism students who have outlets in the TCU Daily Skiff, Image magazine and TCU

News Now.

"For our graduates, the issue is not so much what courses they took or what grades they made, but it's what kind of practical experience resulting in portfolio items that they bring to the table for a potential employer," Thomason said.

Thomason said the difference between being an intern at a local agency and working for RealWorld IMC is that students at local agencies usually work in the periphery whereas RealWorld IMC interns are at the center of the agency, from initial meetings with clients to the development of projects and campaigns.

"They get better quality experience," Thomason said.

Butts, a TCU graphic arts graduate with extensive local experience in advertising, said she and copy chief Margaret Ritsch advise students before sending them to clients. Some organizations continue with the agency, but the list of clients is always rotating, she said.

Alana Villegas, a senior advertising/public relations and psychology major and one of the agency's founding members, said RealWorld IMC operates like any other agency. Each client is assigned to a small team of students, who are in charge of managing the account, she said.

"Everything we do is real," Villegas said. "It's not a class project — that's why we called it RealWorld."

MOVIE REVIEW

# Gamers vie for history

By MARCUS MURPHREE  
Associate Editor

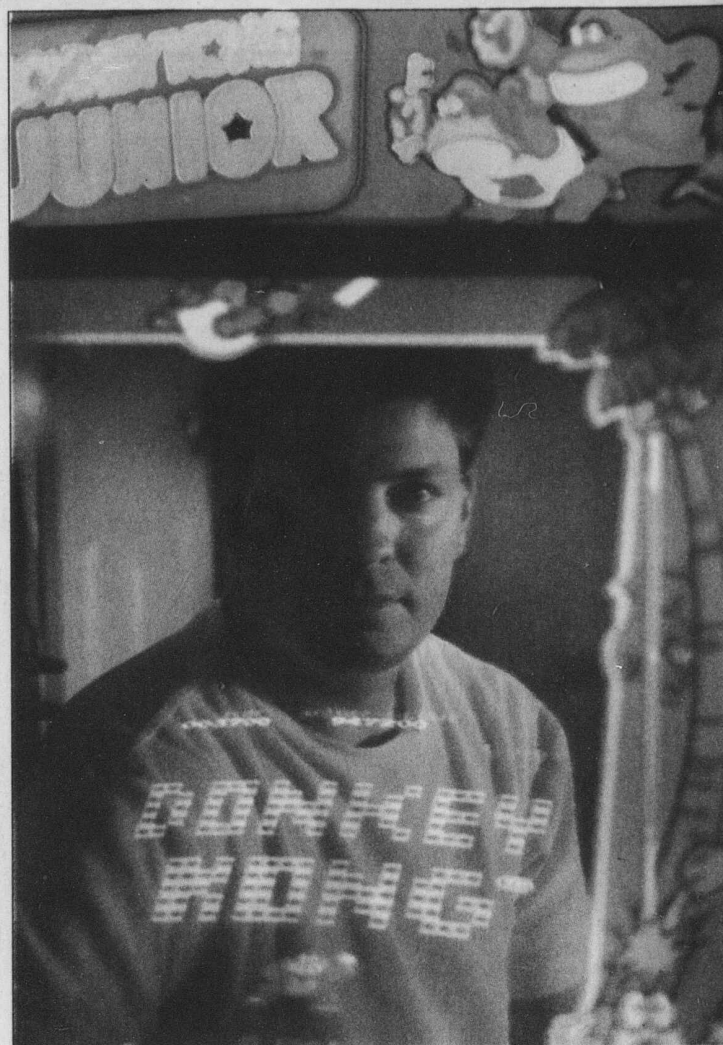
Two men, one game, a mission, a hope, a passion: "Donkey Kong."

Wait. "Donkey Kong" — the video game with the large ape-like creature who throws barrels at Mario as he ascends the steel girders of the construction site?

"King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters" is the story of arcade game gurus Billy Mitchell and Steve Wiebe, and it has been taking a trip through independent movie theaters nationwide. Last Friday it made its premiere in Fort Worth at the newly opened Hulen Movie Tavern.

Documentary films sometimes have trouble establishing a plot and finding story twists when it is factual information being put into a cinematic feature, but director Seth Gordon managed to uncover a story full of controversy, deceit and villainy with real-life characters.

Basically, there are two men who are competing for the title of the world's best "Donkey Kong" arcade player: Billy Mitchell, known as the "Gamer of the Century" by Time magazine, and Steve Wiebe, the man who will always be second best at everything. Mitchell is a suave classic gamer who knows that being the best takes hard work and sacrifice; he is determined not to relinquish his title to a nobody from Redmond, Wash. Wiebe is the delightfully mediocre



ROD MAR / Seattle Times via MCT  
Steve Wiebe has set a world record on the arcade video game Donkey Kong Junior.

family man who lost his job with Boeing and went on to find comfort in Donkey Kong. Mitchell is the best, but Wiebe wants the title and sets out to become the Guinness Book of World Records holder for highest "Donkey Kong" score.

When Wiebe initially sets the record scores for both "Donkey Kong" and "Donkey Kong Jr.," Mitchell takes on the role of an arcade Joseph Stalin using his gaming Kremlins to ruin the man who briefly took his throne. With a simple phone call and a quick score update, Billy Mitchell returns to the top leaving Wiebe in pursuit of a video game nirvana.

What follows is the tale of heartbreak as Wiebe tries to regain his title, but he is at the mercy of Mitchell and his flunkies. The raw emotion and the tears shed by the man who will always be second-best reveal a downtrodden protagonist who differs from the conniving Mitchell.

There is a moral that shows being the best doesn't always make a man the favorite in a competitive atmosphere. That, and anyone who has ever wasted a Saturday afternoon locked in their bedroom playing video games should not be ashamed of an afternoon in front of an electronic screen.

## Where the West Rides Again!



Buffalo Runners—Big Horn Basin, Frederic Remington, 1909



Detail from The Buckler, Charles M. Russell, 1904

Enjoy the Sid Richardson Museum, home to one of the most significant private collections of paintings of the Old West by Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell. Personally collected by legendary Texas oilman and philanthropist Sid W. Richardson (1891-1959), these and the other paintings captured the romance and ruggedness of the western United States in the late 1800s, a time when most Americans had little firsthand knowledge of the frontier.

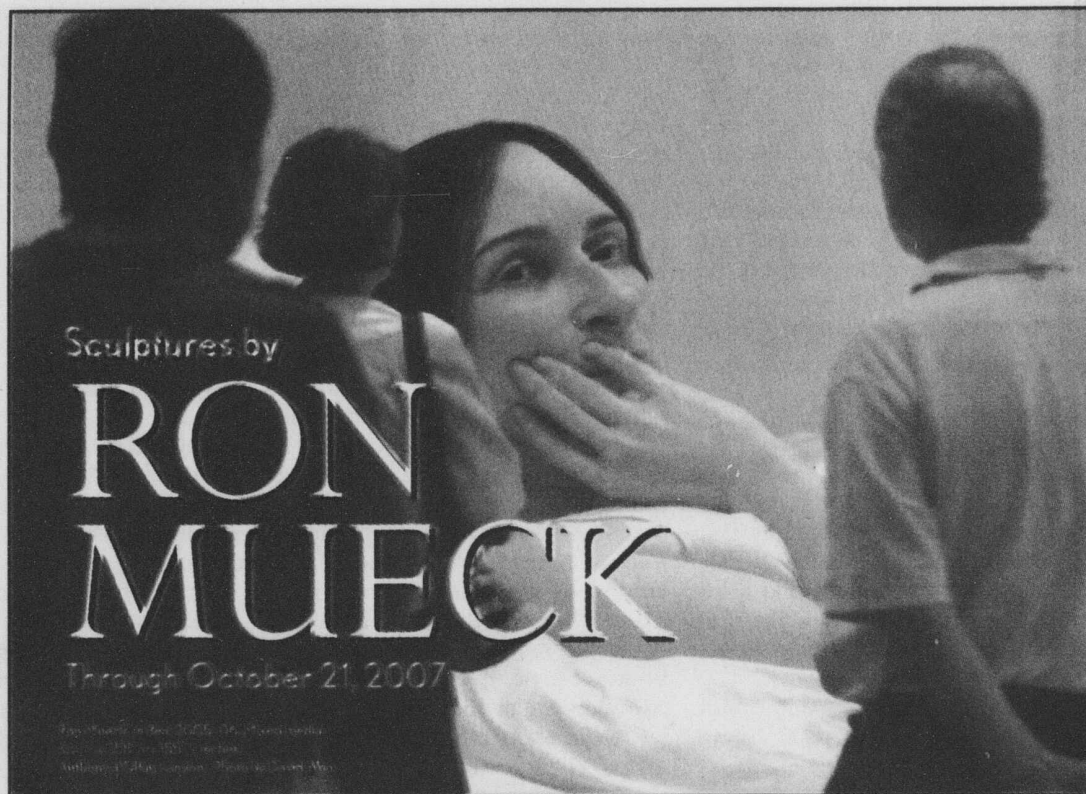
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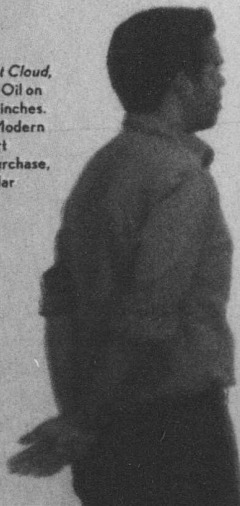


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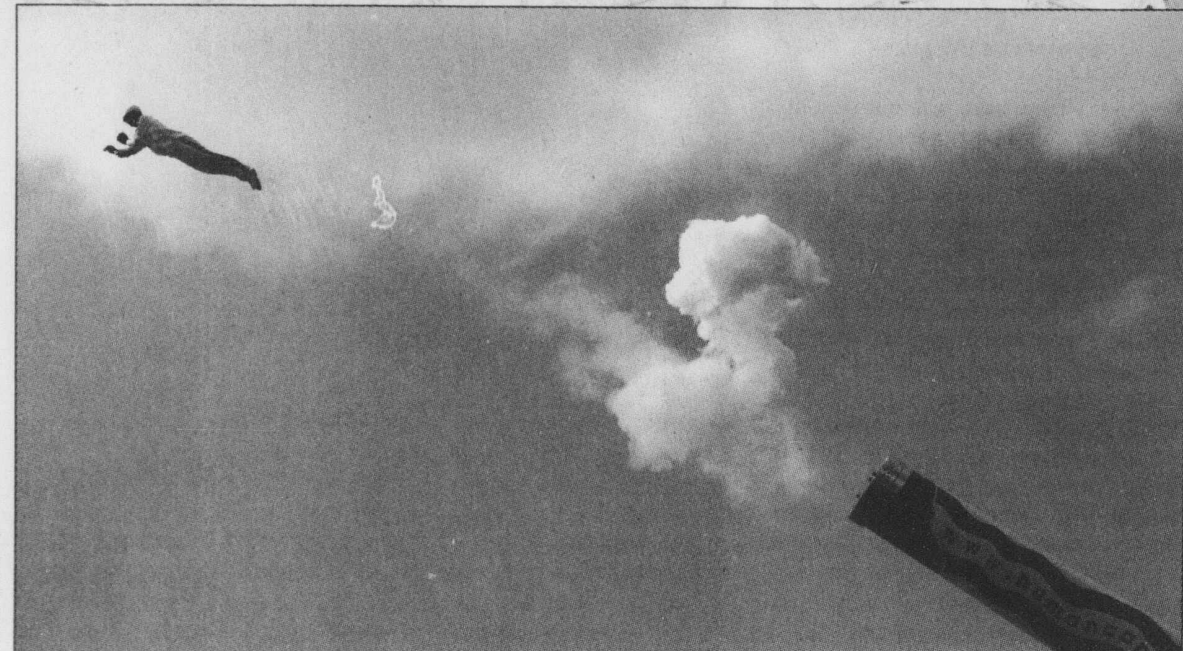
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# THE ART OF FLYING



## 'The Bullet' to shoot through Texas clouds

David "the Bullet" Smith Jr., a human cannonball, is one of the many attractions that will keep fairgoers' eyes pointing upward at this year's Texas State Fair. His average launch sends him flying 75 feet in the air.

By BRETT LARSON  
Staff Reporter

His job is to fly more than 100 feet through the air feeling 9 Gs of force wrench his body. This is double the amount of force experienced on The Texas Giant at Six Flags Over Texas.

David "the Bullet" Smith Jr. is a human cannonball from Missouri. That's right, a human cannonball.

He gets paid to be launched out of a cannon for the enjoyment of a crowd.

As a part of the State Fair of Texas and its "The Sky's the Limit" theme, the Bullet is bringing his act to Dallas.

Fair officials first contacted Smith Jr. last November when fair president, Errol McKoy, saw his show.

Sue Gooding, the director of public relations and marketing for the fair, said Smith Jr. is an obvious choice for this year's fair.

"His show is a natural tie-in to our theme," Gooding said in an e-mail. "It is an unusual and entertaining performance that will thrill fairgoers."

And in keeping with the fair's theme, The Bullet is among several additions designed to keep fairgoers eyes pointing skyward.

Along with the human cannonball, the fair features a new gondola ride that runs through the park and the person who holds the world record for constructing the tallest playing card tower.

### Like Father, Like Son

Smith Jr.'s career started with his family.

The Bullet's father, David Smith Sr., was a school teacher when he decided to become a human cannonball.

Smith Sr. was soon a world leader in the cannonball field, setting records for flight distance and shocking crowds far and wide.

Keeping the act in the family, Smith Sr. passed down the art of human cannonballing to his son, Smith Jr., two of his daughters and a niece.

"My mom had seven kids," The Bullet said. "Every one of them has been shot out of a cannon a few times. It's something that you've got to do at least a few times."

The Bullet is a former world record holder for distance shot from a cannon, a record he took from his father. Smith Sr. later recaptured the record from him with a launch of more than 200 feet.

"He and I are the only two in the world that can do that," Smith Jr. said. "He told me, 'Son, I want to break 200 feet before my body can't handle it anymore.'"

Don't ask the Bullet or his human cannonball performing family how their cannons work, because it is a closely guarded family secret.

"My dad designed and created our cannons," Smith Jr. said. "The way they work is kind of a family secret."

### No Pain, No Gain

The Bullet said the real skill involved with cannonballing is being able to fly.

"The acrobatic part is knowing how to fly," he said. "You've got to be able to resist at least 9 G's of pressure when that cannon fires."

The average cannon sends the Bullet 75 feet in the air, an experience he compared to launching oneself 150 feet out of a seven story building.

If during any launch he exited sideways even a little bit, Smith Jr. has to know how to straighten his body mid-air, locate his target and land perfectly on his back.

The cannonball business is one where mistakes can be painful. The Bullet has hurt his back, broken bones, suffered concussions and pulled countless muscles.

"I've pulled muscles that I didn't know I had," Smith Jr. said. "That landing is absolutely unforgiving. There's one way to land and there's no other. Anything else is broken bones at least."

Audrey Smith, his wife, said injury is always a very big concern and an everyday battle. In one instance last year, Smith Jr.'s back was so hurt his father had to be flown in to finish the rest of the act.

"His back got to the point where it was uncertain if he was going to be ready for the cannon shot or if he

was going to retire to the Caymans forever," Audrey Smith said.

Performing through the pain is common for the Bullet, who knows there are few replacements if he goes down.

"I can't call in sick to work," the Bullet said. "What do you do? Who do you call? They've invested so much time and effort and publicity for me to go over there and say 'No I can't do a show my back hurts.' I couldn't do that."

### Up, Up and Away

Smith Jr. tours the world with his act, performing in front of millions of fans. He is launched out of a cannon as often as 60 to 80 times a month and claims more than 600 launches in 2006.

Audrey Smith and their children travel with Smith Jr., seeing the world as they go.

There are benefits and drawbacks of being married to the human cannonball, Audrey Smith said.

With constant movement and bookings, Audrey Smith said 24 hours does not always seem like enough time in a day.

With their combined years of experience in the circus and as traveling entertainers they somehow get through it all, Audrey Smith said.

### The Next Generation

The Bullet met his wife in a circus where the two of them worked together.

The relationship evolved quickly. Smith Jr. and Audrey Smith were engaged, married and expecting a child all within six months after their first date.

As for whether the family tradition of human cannonballs will continue, Smith Jr. said only time will tell for his four young children.

"I've got a 3-year-old daughter Chloe, who is my biggest fan," the Bullet said.

"She is going to be a

cannonball, is what she says."

Audrey Smith said, for Christmas, Chloe Smith asked for her first cannon, which she has yet to receive.

"A little early to tell, but if anyone wants to be one it's her," the Bullet said.

Audrey Smith agreed it was still too early to tell if any of their children would ever become human cannonballs, but the prospect of it is both frightening and exciting.

"As a mother, you sure can't hope that your child ever gets shot out of a cannon," Audrey Smith said. "On the other hand, if they have the mental and physical mobility to become a human cannonball it wouldn't be that bad."

With the best human cannonball teachers available, Audrey Smith said having children as human cannonballs is definitely a possibility.

"I can tell you right now that out of four children we probably have two of them that are very possible candidates," Audrey Smith said.

For all of those who have not seen a human cannonball before, the Bullet said that it is something that should be experienced firsthand.

"When your friends go and see and come back and tell you 'You've got to go and see the human cannonball,' I don't think you understand just how crazy it is," he said. "It's something that is a live stunt. It's not something you watch on TV."

### Dropping Jaws

The Bullet has experienced every

response imaginable from people watching his show, and now Texans will be able to throw in their opinions as well.

"I've had every reaction," the Bullet said. "If people say it's crazy, you know what, maybe it is. I've watched my dad do this, and I've said, 'Oh, my God I can't believe I do that.' I hope that everybody thinks it's crazy at the end of it."

This will be the Bullet's first trip to the Texas State Fair, which he said he is looking forward to.

"I hear it's the biggest and the best," he said. "Everything's bigger in Texas. I look forward to spending almost a month with them."

The Bullet will be blasting across Gateway Plaza twice a day, with an added show Saturday and Sunday at the State Fair of Texas.

## Texas State Fair returns with old favorites, new attractions

By MEGAN MOWERY  
Staff Reporter

The theme for this year's Texas State Fair, "The Sky's the Limit," might not apply to the attractions alone.

The economic impact the fair has on Dallas annually is approximately \$350 million, and the food and ride revenues in 2006 reached a record-breaking \$26 million, said Nancy Wiley, a public relations consultant for the fair.

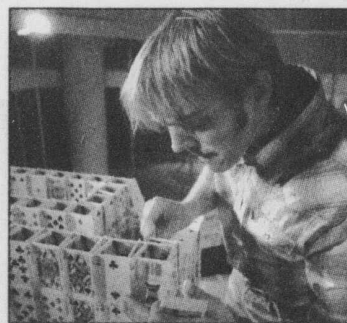
The fair offers more than 200 concessions, and the No. 1 reason people come to the fair is the food, Wiley said. About three million fairgoers are expected during the event's 24 days, Wiley said.

The University of Texas versus the University of Oklahoma football game has been played at the Cotton Bowl stadium during the fair since 1929, Wiley said. The tradition will continue this year Oct. 6.



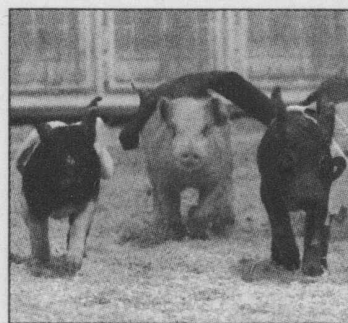
A free-flight bird show, showcased four times a day, is one of the highlights at the Texas State Fair. Returning for the 20th consecutive year, the show features feathered performers from around the world.

**Where:** Band Shell  
**Cost:** Free



The sky is the limit for card-stacker Brian Berg. Appearing at the Texas State Fair for the first time, Berg will attempt to beat his previous Guinness World Record for the tallest house of cards. Berg holds two Guinness World Records, one of which he accomplished in 1992 at the age of 17.

**Where:** African American Museum  
**Cost:** Free



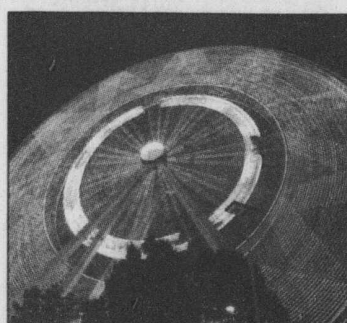
Pigs will be flying this year at the Texas State Fair. That's right, the pig races are back by popular demand this year at the Texas State Fair. Get a chance to watch these speedy pigs perform three shows a day.

**Where:** TXU Energy Arena  
**Cost:** Free



The new gondola ride, Texas SkyWay covers more than 1800 feet from one station to the next. Situated 65 feet off the ground, the SkyWay gives riders a view from above the state fair.

**Where:** Midway  
**Cost:** 10 50-cent coupons

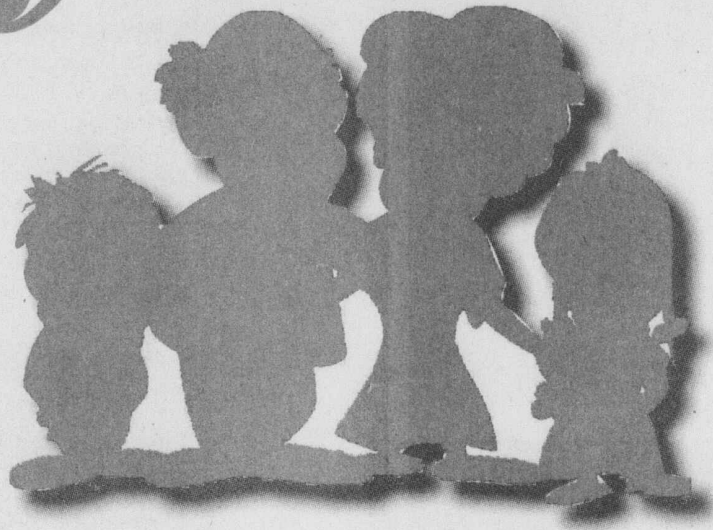


The fair also features the 12-story Texas Star Ferris Wheel, one of more than 70 rides offered at the State Fair. The Texas Star is the largest ferris wheel in North America, which stands 212 feet high.

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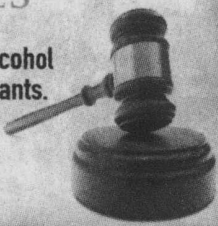
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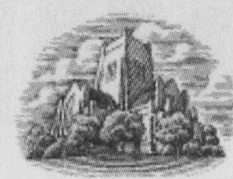
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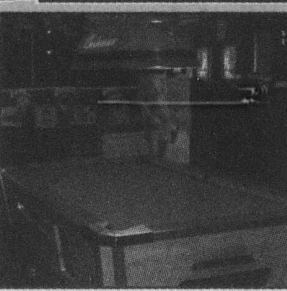
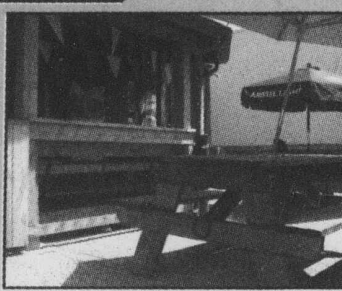


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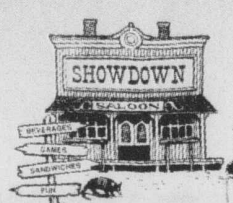
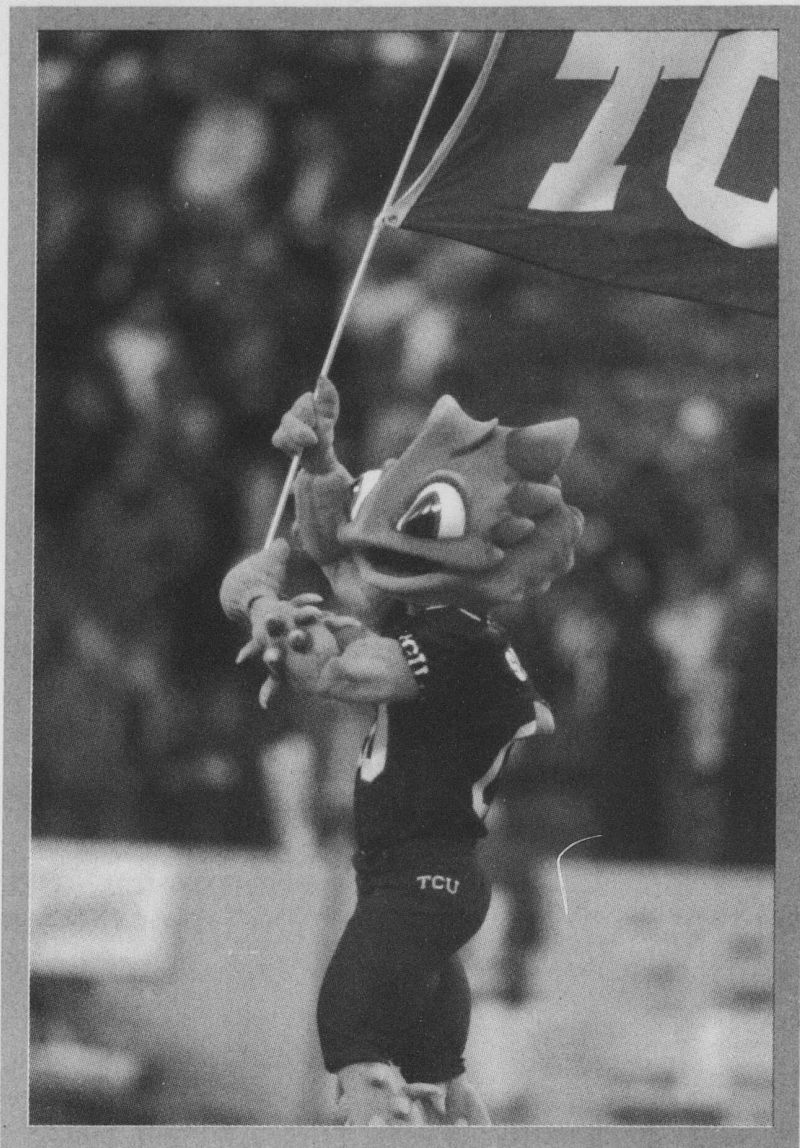
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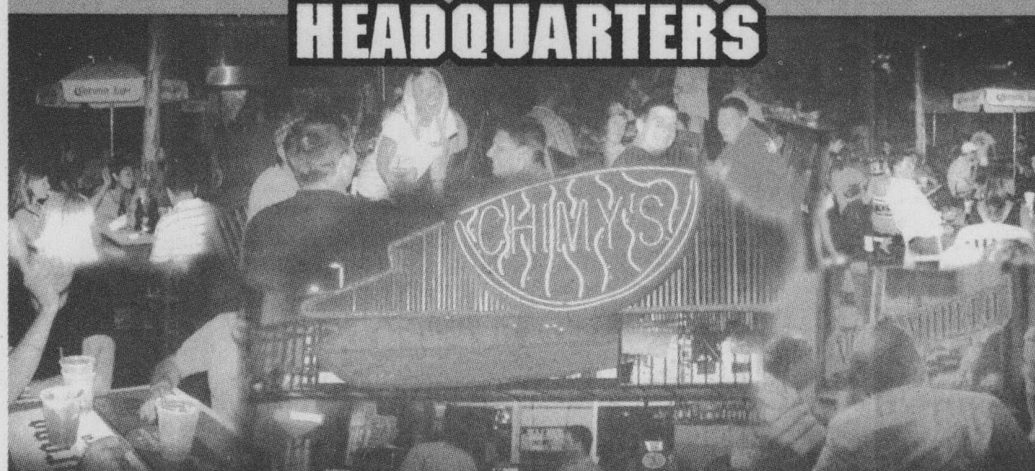
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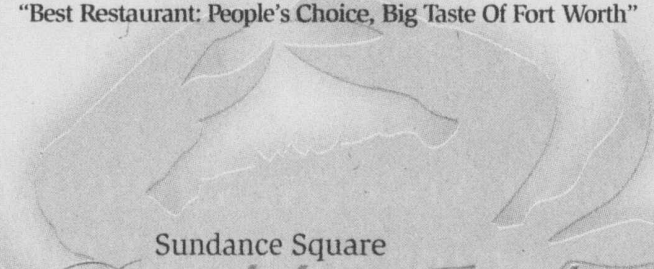


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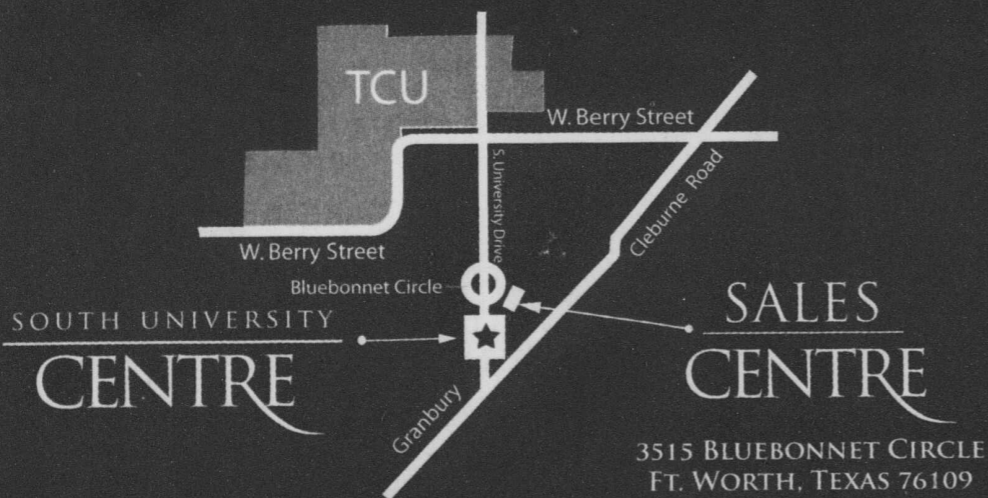


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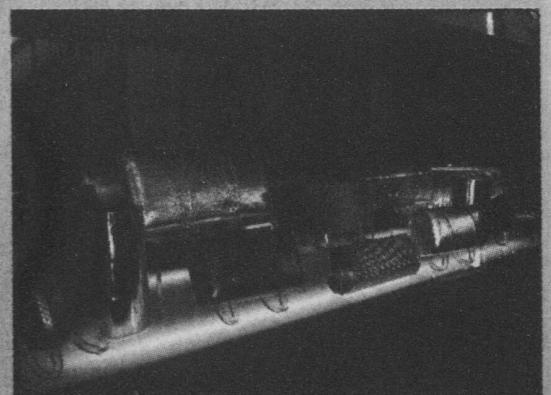
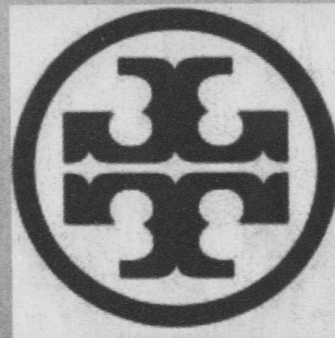
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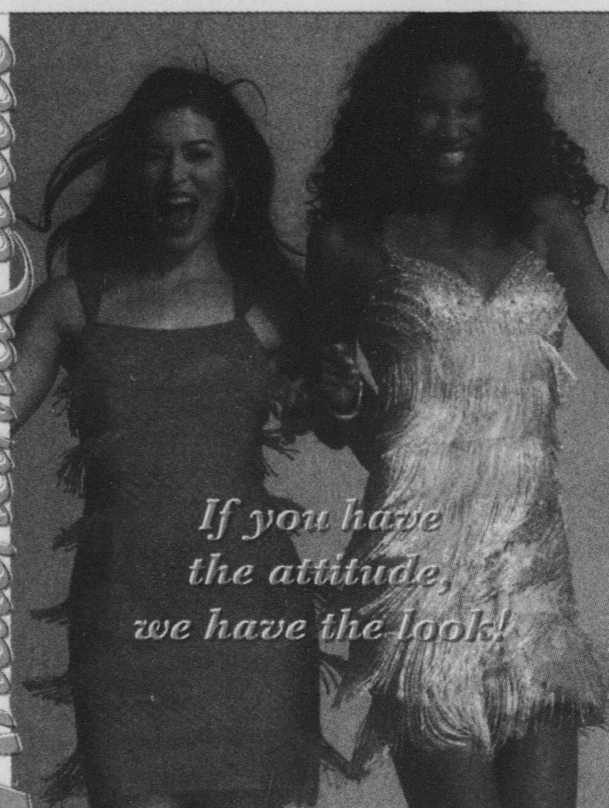
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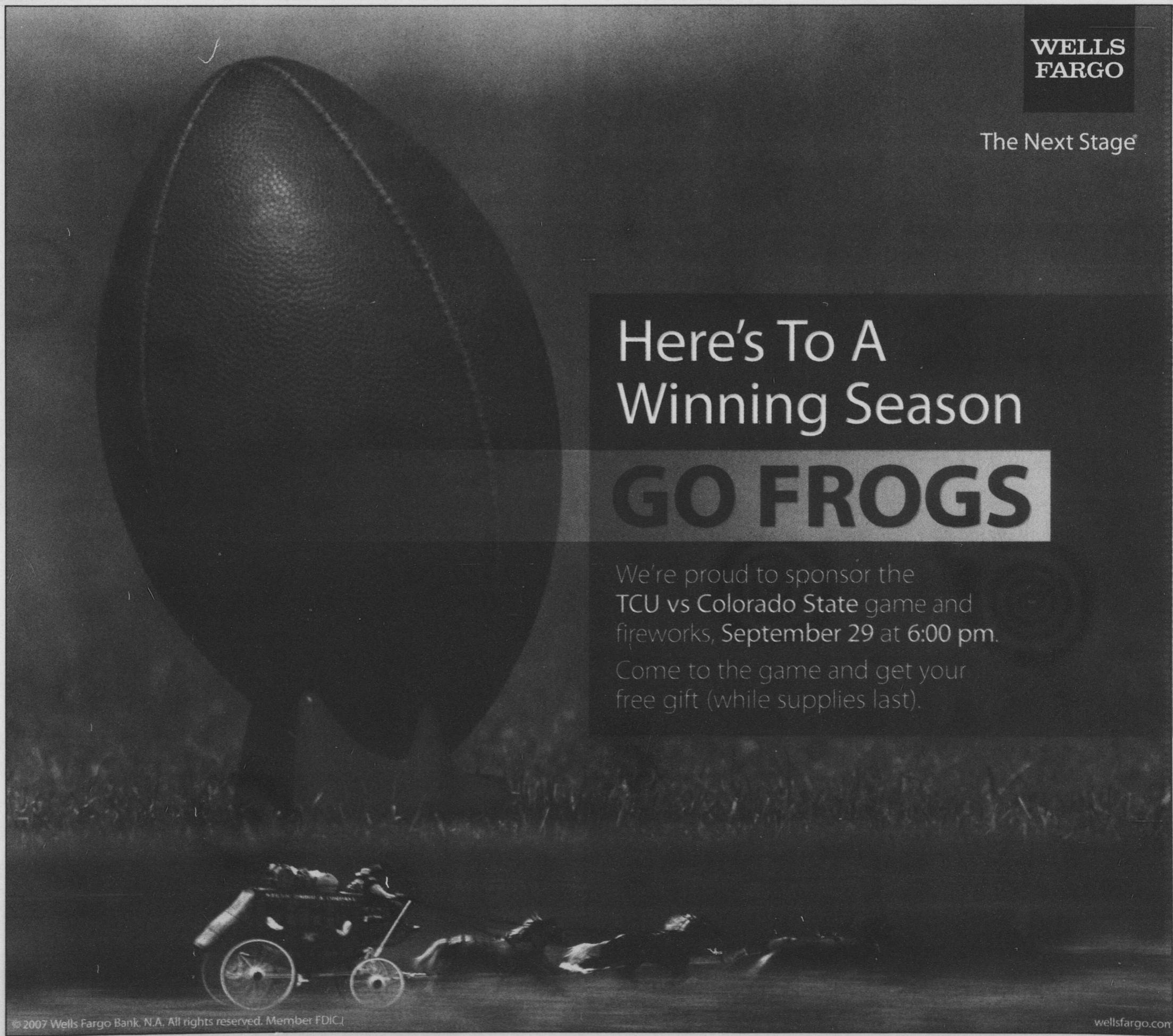
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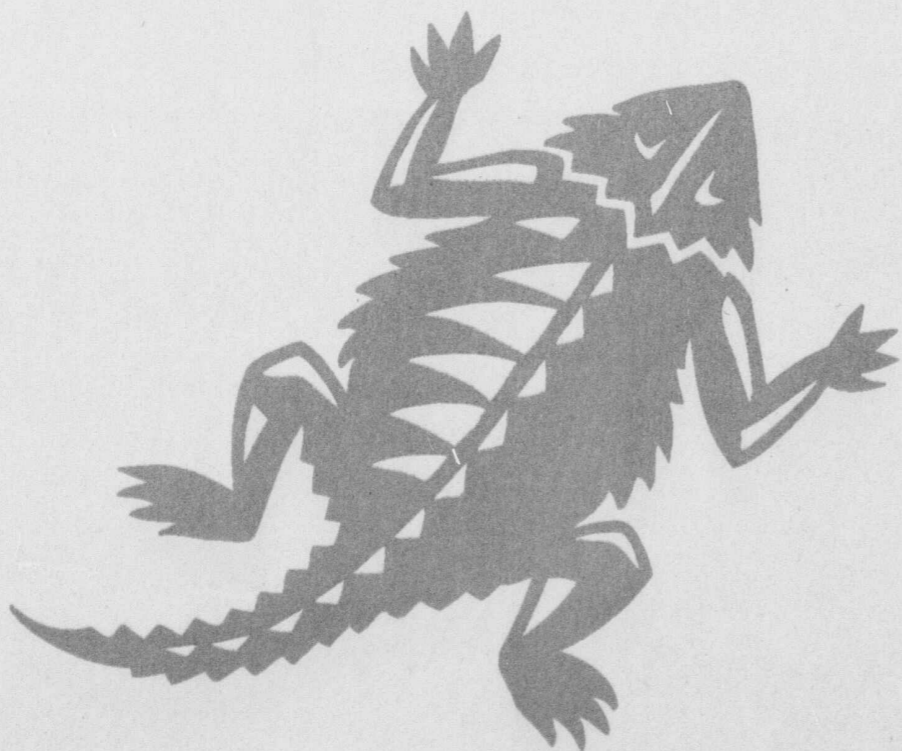
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# Weatherford man sues over bone transplant

By JAN JARVIS  
McClatchy Newspapers

Jim Livingston never gave much thought to the bone transplanted in his neck until that Sunday afternoon when his doctor called to tell him about the recall.

"Do they want it back?" he asked, half-jokingly.

Quickly it became clear that this was no laughing matter.

Bone allegedly stolen from a corpse had been used in Livingston's neck to relieve the pain of a ruptured disk.

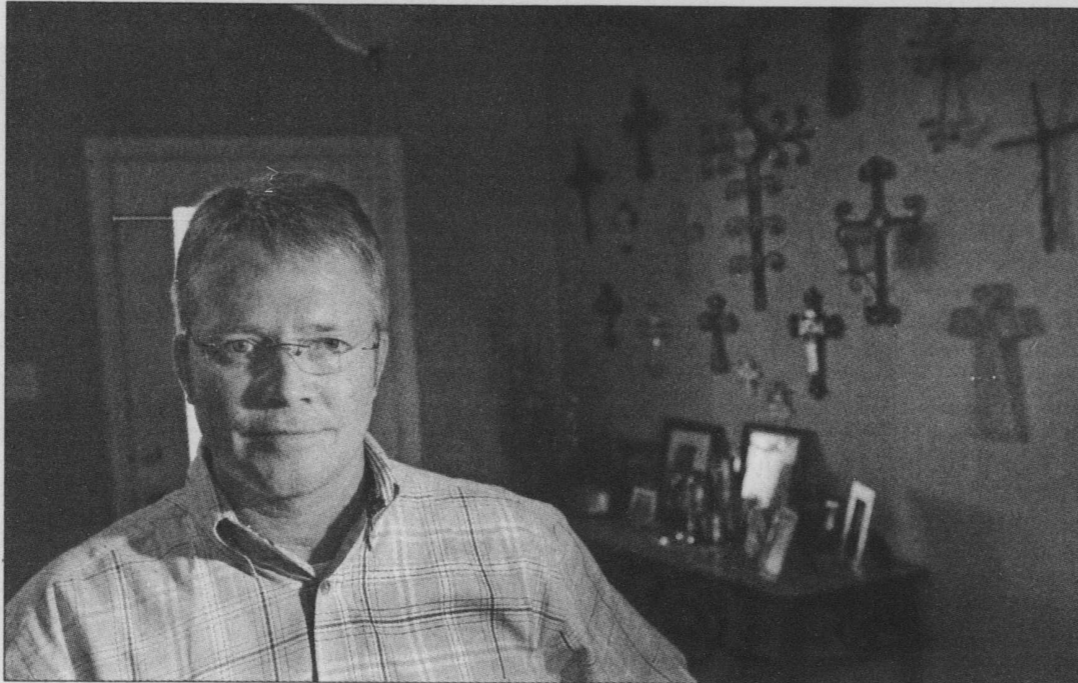
With that bit of news, the 44-year-old Weatherford, Texas, father joined hundreds of others nationwide who are living with the knowledge that they carry bones and tissue taken illegally from cadavers in what has become a bizarre tale of selling body parts for profit.

The experience has left Livingston, an insurance inspector, yearning for answers. Fed up with wondering what would happen to his wife and three children if he became seriously ill, he filed a lawsuit last month in New York claiming fraud and negligence against the parties involved in the scandal. He is not seeking a specific amount.

"How can you sell parts out of a body, just like parts from a stolen car?" he said.

New York authorities investigating the case believe Biomedical Tissue Services owner Michael Mastromarino started by striking deals with funeral directors to remove body parts from corpses without notifying their families or screening for disease. Then, in a secret room in a Brooklyn funeral home, he removed bones, tendons and heart valves, according to a spokesman for the Kings County district attorney's office in New York. The charges include a Class B felony punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

Mastromarino is accused of doctoring death certificates and forging consent forms, according to the Kings County district attorney's office.



Jim Livingston, 44, of Weatherford, recently learned the bone transplanted in his neck was taken illegally from a corpse. Livingston is just one of many people throughout the country who have had their transplanted bones recalled for this reason.

Then, investigators believe, he replaced the bones with PVC pipe and sewed the incision so it would not be noticed at the funeral.

From there, the body parts were shipped to processing firms across the country. Once sterilized, they were implanted in patients from early 2004 to September 2005.

No one seems to know just how many patients received stolen tissue or bone.

Tissue from a single human body can be used for more than 100 tissue transplants. A body can bring more than \$250,000 for harvesting, according to a spokesman for the Kings County district attorney's office. Although it is illegal to sell body parts, the law allows tissue banks to recover transportation and processing costs.

After New York investigators started to unravel the case involving Mastromarino, five tissue processors that received human parts from Biomedical Tissue Services in Brooklyn issued voluntary recalls. Medtronic, a Minneapolis distributor that received the parts, also issued a voluntary recall.

When Baylor All Saints

Medical Center at Fort Worth — the hospital where Livingston had surgery — learned of the recall, it immediately pulled the tissue from its stock. Physicians who had implanted the suspect material contacted their patients, said Wendy Walker, a spokeswoman for Baylor Health Care System. Five Baylor patients were notified, she said.

When Livingston found out that the bone used in his Sept. 1, 2005, surgery was from Biomedical Tissue Services, he panicked. Then he got a blood test.

Although there is no evidence of disease, Livingston worries that future tests will bring bad news. It's that fear and the lack of proof that he's not a risk that gnaws at him most.

"Nobody can medically tell

you that you don't have anything to worry about," he said. "For all I know, this guy died of bone cancer and I've got his bones."

Medtronic, which is named in Livingston's lawsuit, has said he has nothing to worry about. The company has voluntarily recalled about 16,000 bones nationwide, said Medtronic spokesman Bert Kelly.

"As of this date we have tested 12,000 to 13,000 people, and none have shown up with an infectious disease that is traceable to the recalled tissue," Kelly said. "A few patients have shown up with infectious diseases of some sort, but none have been linked to the tissue in their surgery."

Once someone tests negative for an infectious disease

"they should be cleared from here to eternity," Kelly said. An infectious disease cannot survive the sterilization process, he said.

But Livingston, a one-time professional roper on the rodeo circuit who now works for State Farm's Premiere Service Program, said there's no guarantee that he won't get sick years from now.

"It's a situation where I put it on the back burner, but it has just kept eating away at me," he said. "I want to believe that I got nothing to worry about, but it is the kind of thing you think about in the middle of the night and wonder, 'What if?'"

More meaningful oversight of tissue harvesting is needed to protect people such as Livingston, said John David Hart, Livingston's lawyer.

"There has to be some sort of process in place so these companies that obtain donor tissue and bone make sure that the product is safe," he said. "Patient safety is being compromised by an industry's greed and the failure of the government to provide adequate oversight."

About 1.5 million pieces of tissue are used in transplants each year, according to the American Association of Tissue Banks. The transplants are used to replace tissue or bones damaged by trauma, tumors and other conditions.

Government regulations require consent of the donor's family before the tissue can be removed.

After the tissue is removed,

it is disinfected using antimicrobial chemicals, irradiation or both. The process eliminates HIV, hepatitis, bacteria, mold, fungi and spores and removes 99.9 percent of blood, lipids and marrow, according to Regeneration Technologies, a Florida-based processing company that is also named in the lawsuit.

By the time the tissue fragments reach a distributor such as Medtronic, they are hardly recognizable. Bone is crafted into different shapes, some as small as dice. Over time, the transplant fuses with natural bone to form a solid piece.

Knowing that the bone he received went through a sterilization process is of little comfort to Livingston. He tried to trace the donor but was blocked by privacy laws.

Now he worries about getting HIV, hepatitis, even mad cow disease.

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By ANDREW BAGGARLY  
San Jose Mercury News

For many in the organization, including owner Peter Magowan, Barry Bonds' first home run as a Giant will remain the most singular in memory. It came the first time he stepped into the batter's box in 1993, cutting through the cold at Candlestick Park.

Wednesday night, 15 seasons after he revitalized a franchise, Bonds couldn't exit with the same punctuation. He slapped his bat with his hand in resignation immediately after hitting a fastball from Jake Peavy that died at the warning track.

Six innings, three at-bats, two tappers on the infield and

a flyball to the track. Then it was time to say goodbye.

Like a perfect showman, Bonds kept the changes wanting more.

Fifteen years after coming home to the team of his boyhood and 50 days after surpassing Hank Aaron as the all-time home run king, Bonds waved farewell to a sell-out crowd of 42,926 at AT&T Park.

In their home finale, the Giants lost 11-3 to the San Diego Padres, who retained a one-game lead over Philadelphia and Colorado in the National League wild-card standings.

Bonds couldn't hit the ball out of the infield in his first

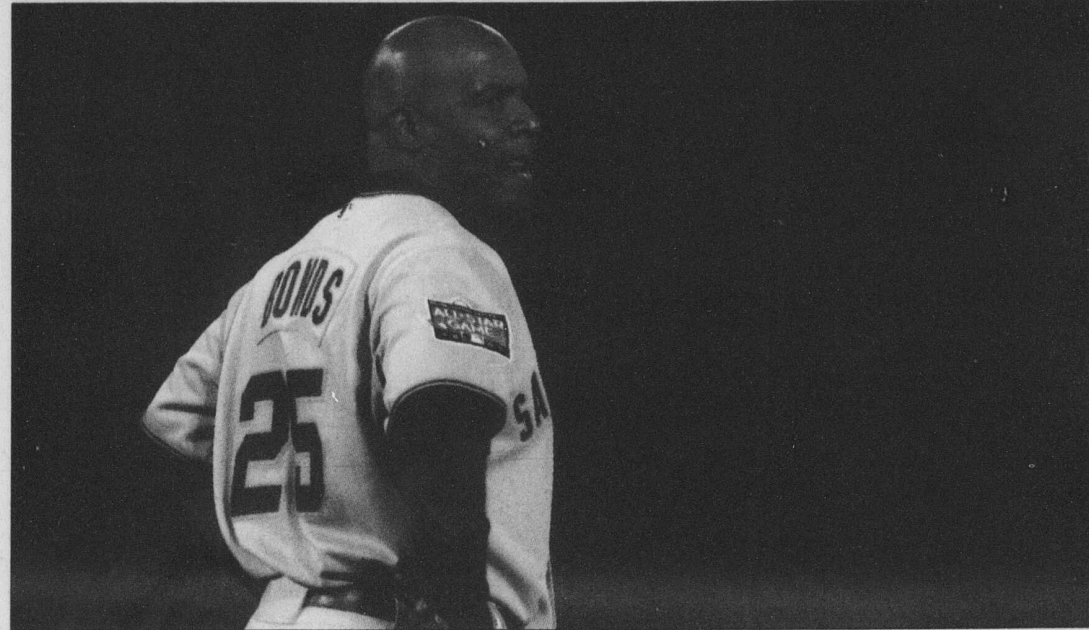
two trips against leading Cy Young Award contender Peavy. He limped after balls in left field on his sprained toe.

But he remained in the game for one more at-bat, and once the Padres had built a comfortable lead, he knew Peavy would throw him straight heat. Bonds hit a 2-0 pitch to right-center and the crowd gasped, but the 43-year-old slugger instantly recognized he didn't get all of it.

The fly-out ended the inning and Bonds wrapped his arms around Peavy. Then he waved to the crowd and descended into the dugout where teammates met him. He waited almost a minute as the crowd chanted his name before trotting out to acknowledge them with a curtain call.

Then he grabbed his bats and headed down the tunnel, where his family met him at the clubhouse door.

If Bonds had connected a



San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds appears during a game against the Washington Nationals at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 1.

few millimeters lower on the barrel from Peavy, he might have cleared the fence and exited just like Ted Williams,

who hit a home run in his final at-bat with the Red Sox and then skipped a three-game series at Yankee Stadium.

Unlike Williams in 1960, Bonds has pledged to play on. But because he is such a polarizing figure — his 756th home run ball will have an asterisk branded on its hide before it is shipped to the Hall of Fame — Bonds might decide retirement is a better option than anything he finds on the free-agent market.

If so, the record will stand at 762. Bonds' final home run swing as a Giant — and perhaps ever — came Sept. 5 at Coors Field on a 99 mph fastball from the Colorado Rockies' Ubaldo Jimenez.

Bonds was playing for the first time since Sept. 15, when he sprained the big toe on his right foot in an off-balance attempt to catch a ball at the warning track.

The left-field bleachers

were crowded with signs, flashbulbs and hero worship. The fans stood and applauded Bonds each time he jogged to left field, and he acknowledged them with a wave or a waggle of his cap.

One female fan wearing a Bonds jersey and no shoes wasn't satisfied with her glimpse from the stands. She trespassed onto the field before the sixth inning but couldn't stutter-step past security officials who immediately surrounded Bonds.

A hopeful armada of kayaks and dinghies, which could be decommissioned in the post-Bonds era, gathered in McCovey Cove for one last attempt to claim waterlogged history.

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RIFLE

## Team shoots for repeat success

By TIM BELLA  
Sports Editor

The experience gained from last year's record-breaking season should provide a strong start for the rifle team's season opener at the Horned Frog Invitational, the head coach said.

Head coach Karen Monez said the experience this season's group of sophomores gained as freshmen should prove beneficial. The team did not finish lower than second until their fifth-place finish at the NCAA Championships — the first appearance in the program's history.

"We're just so much further ahead with this first competition," Monez said. "I think we'll start a lot stronger."

Lauren Sullivan, a sophomore who shares the school record in the 60-shot air rifle and 60-shot small-bore competitions, said the team has been working to regain its comfort in their positions. She said high practice scores in the weeks leading up to Saturday are encouraging to say the least.

"I feel like we're doing even better this year," Sullivan said. "Our practice scores have been better



LINDA KAYE / TCU Athletics  
Junior Tanya Gorin finished seventh with a score of 565 at a tournament hosted by Nevada-Reno last year.

than all of our scores last year, so hopefully that will be really promising this season.

"We're definitely hoping for a win," Sullivan said.

The familiarity between the Horned Frogs and the teams they are competing against this weekend, UTEP and the University of Nevada at Reno, will prove to be exciting, Sullivan said.

The squad had five meetings with UNR last season and another three meetings against UTEP.

Sophomore Erin Lorenzen said she is looking forward to Saturday's competition and that the team

should do "pretty well." She said the team is not focusing on the pressure of trying to repeat last season's success. Instead, the team is focusing on the "pressure that we want to do better," Lorenzen said.

Last season's All-Americans Sullivan, Lorenzen and sophomore Simone Riford are returning this season. Even with last year's national recognition, Monez said there is no added pressure on the trio.

"I think they're very capable shooters, very talented," Monez said. "I think they expect to come back and perform even better than they did last year."

COMMENTARY

## Hokie back making huge gains

By DICK WEISS  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — West Virginia's sensational running back Noel Devine may only be a freshman, but he refuses to have his star totally eclipsed by quarterback Pat White and running back Steve Slaton. Both White and Slaton are legitimate Heisman Trophy candidates. The 5-8, 175-pound Devine will be one by this time next fall.

West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez has a history of bringing freshmen along slowly. But Devine is a meteor, a Barry Sanders clone in Rodriguez's creative spread offense, which is averaging 47.2 points and 357 yards per

game. Devine, a high school All-American from North Fort Myers (Fla.) High, has already become a huge hit on YouTube.com by making all the right moves for WVU (4-0).

He has rushed for 276 yards and three TDs and has an 11.1-yard-per-carry average as a backup to Slaton, who has rushed for more than 100 yards in each game and scored nine touchdowns. Devine created his own highlight reel the third game of this season when he raced for 136 yards in just five carries and ripped off runs of 31 and 76 yards in the third quarter of West Virginia's

31-14 victory at Maryland.

Devine, 19, will have a homecoming of sorts Friday night when the fifth-ranked Mountaineers play 18th-ranked South Florida (3-0) in an 8 p.m. ESPN game at sold-out 65,000-seat Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, about 120 miles from Fort Myers. This is being characterized as the biggest game in the Bulls' 11-year history, even bigger than USF's stunning 24-19 victory over WVU in Morgantown last year. The Bulls are limiting opponents to just 79 rushing yards a game rushing and should provide a challenge.

Devine's life has been filled with them. He lost his father when he was 3 months old and his mother when he was 12, both to the AIDS virus. At 16 he saw one of his best friends killed in a confrontation with a rival group. He moved out of his grandmother's house because he felt she was too strict and has been living at the home of an ex-teammate for several years. He rejected Deion Sanders' attempts to adopt him and, finally, he fathered two children, ages 1 and 2, by different mothers.

It's a lot to absorb.

Devine was a football prodigy. Administrators at his high school brought his situation to the attention of Sanders, the former Pro Bowl defensive back from Florida State who was a 1985 graduate of North Fort Myers, seeking his help. Sanders met Devine and brought him to training camp with the Baltimore Ravens. Devine then accompanied Sanders to his Prosper, Texas ranch with the intent of getting a fresh start.

At one point, Sanders received approval from Devine's grandmother, his legal guardian, to apply for adoption. But after two weeks, Devine rejected the idea, returning to Florida and leaving Sanders' Cadillac SUV at the curb of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport with the motor running.

Sanders reportedly was devastated. But he has remained close, refusing to abandon the kid. As for Devine, he had a spectacular senior year on the field, rushing for 2,148 yards and 31 TDs and earning a spot in the All-American game.

## QUICK SPORTS

### Ranked runners stride to Cowboy Jamboree

After cracking into the top-15 ranks this past week, both cross country teams head to Stillwater, Okla. for the 71st annual Cowboy Jamboree.

The men's team is No. 13 in the NCAA South-Central Region while the women's team is No. 10, according to the recent results from the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Leading the men's team into Stillwater is sophomore Festus Kigen, who is yet to finish less than second place in any race this season. He recently received Mountain West Conference Athlete of the Week honors for his performance at the Texas A&M Invitational.

The women's team is carried by freshman Tanja Ivandic, sophomore Dani Selner and junior Ashley Young. Ivandic and Young were the top two finishers for the women's team at the A&M Invite finishing eight seconds apart finishing near the top third of the pack.

Associate editor Marcus Murphree

### Full team awaits competition in second tourney

The TCU men's tennis team will be in Tulsa, Okla. Saturday competing in their second tournament of the season. The team will be competing in the Ralph Lauren Men's All-American Championship.

After a pair of wins by three freshmen last weekend at the Baylor Intercollegiate, the team will play all day at the University of Tulsa.

Senior, Cosmin Cotet, currently ranked No. 54 will join the TCU team this weekend after sitting out in the opening tournament because of the USA F23 Futures tournament.

Staff reporter Ana Bak

### Divided roster heads to separate competitions

After sitting on the bench last season because of transfer rules, junior Macall Harkins will team up with Anna Sydorska in the prequalifying game on Saturday to compete in the Riviera/ITA Women's All-American Championships in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

The women's tennis team will split up this weekend, three players competing in the HEB Baylor Invitational in Waco and four playing in the ITA All-American in Calif.

The team welcomes two new players, freshmen Maria Babanova and Idunn Hertzberg.

Staff reporter Ana Bak

COMMENTARY

# Bronx Bombers return from May funk

By JOHN HARPER  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — On July 1, the day that I set myself up for ridicule by declaring the Yankees dead, it is worth remembering Andy Pettitte failed to last two innings against the A's and Joe Torre was so tired of watching Bobby Abreu and Hideki Matsui give away at-bats that he batted Robinson Cano in the No. 3 spot.

Furthermore, the Yanks had lost nine of 11 games to fall to 37-41, and at the time, not even die-hard fans, at least none outside of Lincoln, Neb., could have picked Joba Chamberlain out of a police lineup.

So, um, does that cut me any slack with the jury of pinstriped loyalists, your honor?

Didn't think so.

All right, so my time has come to officially answer for being proven dead wrong, as the Yankees on Wednesday night clinched a playoff berth for the 13th straight season, and the 12th in a row under Torre's guidance.

Not that I haven't had time to prepare. By the second week in August, during a weekend sweep of the Indians in Cleveland, I knew I'd written them off too soon. By then, with the help of an infusion of youth, they looked and sounded like an entirely different ballclub from the one that had dragged its tail through the first three months of the season.

The bottom line is that I should have known better. Usually it's baseball writers like myself who are always telling fans to be patient, reminding them in May and June that the season is longer than they can imagine, that a team as talented as the Yankees benefits from the six months it takes to sort out the

best and the worst teams. In this case, I was doing a lot of that early this season, some of it with the sports editor of this newspaper, who was predicting doom and gloom for the Yankees, not to mention something like 162 errors for Derek Jeter, way back in April.

But you watch enough bad baseball and it wears down your patience. Watch enough of the lethargic, seemingly passionless baseball the Yankees were playing in April, May, and June, and you get sick of writing about how much time there is to make everything right.

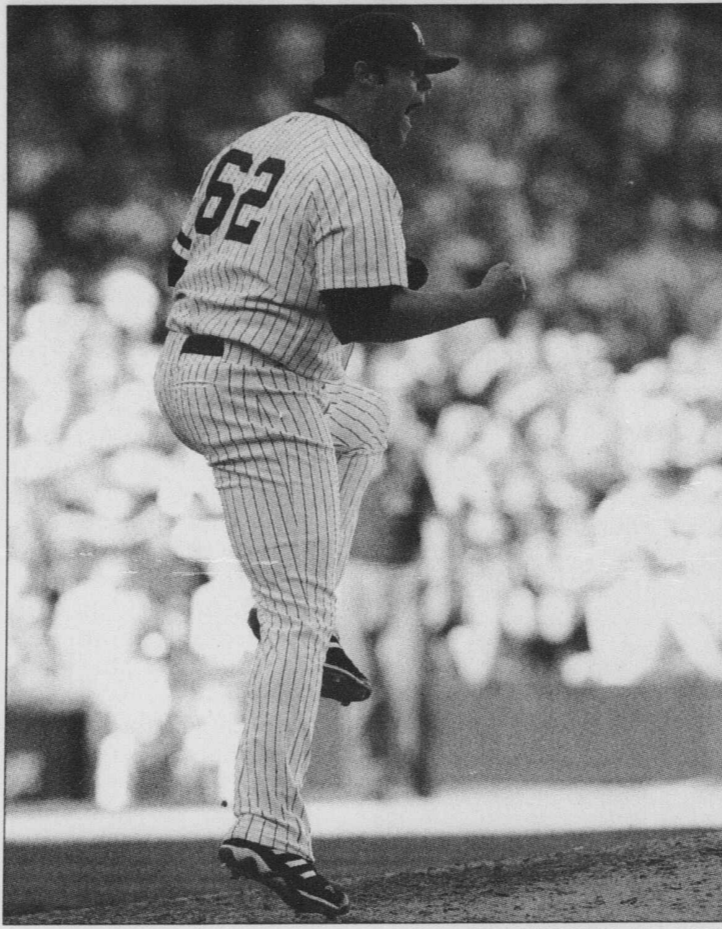
Not that I was merely desperate for a column that day. By then I was convinced this was the season in which age finally caught up with the Yankees. Abreu, Matsui and Johnny Damon all looked like they were ready for the Senior Tour, not to mention Roger Clemens and Mike Mussina.

Beyond various levels of resurgence by each of them, there have been two developments no one could have predicted.

Most significantly, the young pitching saved the season. At the time the Yankees were saying Phil Hughes might not be back until September, and while he hasn't been the phenom everyone predicted, as his leg injuries seem to have stolen some life from his fastball, he did help stabilize the starting rotation. Same goes for Ian Kennedy.

And then there is Chamberlain, the darling of Yankee fans, whose impact can't be overstated. On July 1, Joba was merely an impressive first-year minor leaguer, still three weeks from being promoted to Triple-A and tried as a reliever.

Secondly, the math seemed



AUDREY C. TIERNAN / Newsday via MCT  
New York Yankees reliever Joba Chamberlain reacts after getting the Toronto Blue Jays' Adam Lind to strike out and end the eighth inning Sunday. The Yankees clinched a playoff spot Wednesday with a 12-4 win against Tampa Bay.

prohibitive, mainly because I wasn't counting on the Tigers collapsing.

I thought it would take 95 wins to beat out either the Indians or the Tigers for the wild-card berth, which meant the Yankees would need to go 58-26 the rest of the way. Had that been the case, this last week might have been filled with suspense, but the Tigers fell apart, and so while the Yankees have surged, going 54-26, it took only 91 wins to clinch the wild card.

Anyway, it's made for an interesting second half. At some point I stopped rooting for my

prediction to hold up and just enjoyed watching the baseball the Yankees gave us the last couple of months — full of the energy and passion that was missing during the first half.

Indeed, as it heads to the postseason, this Yankee team seems to be showing more joy than any since the '90s. For once the Yanks don't seem dragged down by organizational expectations, perhaps because they had to fight their way out of the huge hole they dug.

They fooled a lot of people along the way. Pass the salt.

## FANTASY

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### Week 3 Matchups:

#### Green Bay at Minnesota:

This NFC North clash will provide another measuring stick for the 3-0 Packers. Adrian Peterson is a no-brainer starter and should get his 100 yards rushing and a score, but don't expect for any other Vikings starter to post significant numbers. The real test of this game will be Green Bay's offense against Minnesota's stingy defense.

#### Houston at Atlanta:

The Texans held their own against the Colts last week, but added more injuries in the process. Houston is now looking dangerously thin at wide receiver with Andre Johnson and Jacoby Jones both out as well as having running backs Ahman Green and Ron Dayne banged up. Samkon Gado and Andre Davis will be their replacements, at least in role. The only real lock in this game is the very good Texans defense against the very bad Falcons offense.

#### St. Louis at Dallas:

Don't look now but Dallas' defense is getting on track. In the last two games, Da'

Boys have racked up nine turnovers, a touchdown and five sacks. Look for those numbers to improve against a Rams offense that has been disappointing. There isn't enough space in this column to for a list of all the injured St. Louis offensive players, which includes its starting running back, tackle, guard, two wide receivers and quarterback Marc Bulger. What I'm trying to say is that this could end very badly for the Rams.

#### Kansas City at San Diego:

This could be the week the Chargers get themselves back on track due to Kansas City's defense. San Diego will stop Larry Johnson, although Bowe will sneak by them for about 80 yards receiving and a score.

#### New England at Cincinnati:

Cincinnati better pray for an offensive shootout Monday night because there is no way their defense can contain the high-powered Patriots offense. If you have a solid defense with a better matchup, it may be worth exploring this week, as opposed to starting New England against a strong Bengals offense that will be playing from behind. Rudi Johnson will be limited if he plays with his hamstring injury.

## FOOTBALL

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said that the Frogs will have to excel in all parts of the game, because the Rams are not likely to make a lot of mistakes.

"They're one of the teams you got to beat," Patterson said.

The Rams come to Fort

Worth after losing to Houston. With three tough losses in a row, Patterson said the Rams come into Amon Carter Stadium with a lot to play for.

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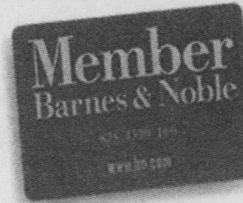
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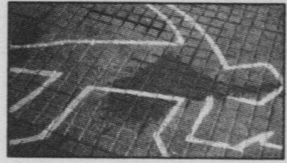
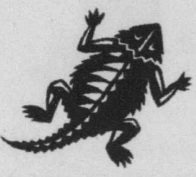
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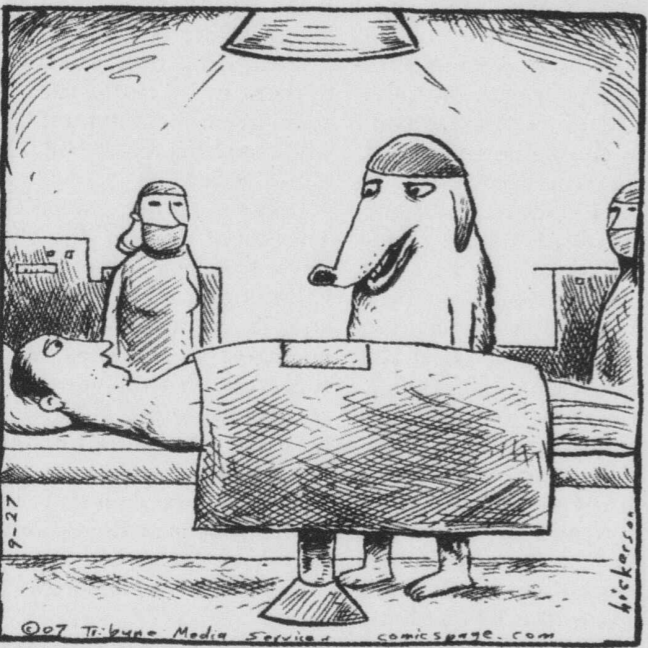
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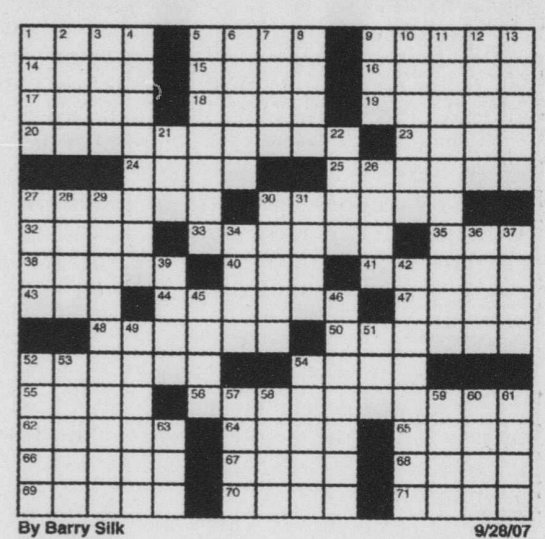
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**FOOTBALL**

# Winless opponent poses threat

By CAROLINE LOCKWOOD  
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs have learned in the past not to judge a team by its record. With the Colorado State Rams coming into Saturday's game at 0-3 this season, head coach Gary Patterson said the Rams will be a tougher opponent than they appear.

"We're going to have to play our best football game to this date to be able to win this ball game," Patterson said.

The Frogs head into Saturday's game at 2-2 following a 21-7 victory against SMU. In order to have its first winning streak of the season, Patterson said the team must improve from last week.

One aspect of the game Patterson said his team must improve on is the amount of turnovers the offense has committed. The offense has committed 11 turnovers this season — more than half the turnovers committed during the 2006 campaign.

"If we would've scored and didn't turn the ball over the last two weeks in the Air Force and SMU game, we probably would've scored 14 more points in both ball games," Patterson said.

On offense, both redshirt freshman Andy Dalton and sophomore Marcus Jackson will share snaps at quarterback as they did in the SMU game.

Junior center Blake Schlueter said though there may be some competition at the quarterback position, there is no controversy.

"We have two great quarterbacks who are very capable of leading our offense as they have both shown this season," Schlueter said. "Whoever is quarterback, we're totally going to be behind him, support him and block for him just the same."

Junior running back Aaron Brown will be back for his third game of the season, and Patterson said that he will be in better shape this week than he was last week. Brown missed two games due to a knee injury in the Baylor game. Schlueter said having Brown's presence on the field has quite an impact.

"He brings an extra spark, different style of running, and a little more speed so he can kind of stay up in the tackles a little more," Schlueter said. "Seeing him in the huddle is a huge motivation."

Patterson said the offense must improve on time of possession.

Senior defensive end Chase Ortiz said the extensive amount of time the offense spent on the field made a tremendous difference on the defense.

"The best defense is a good offense," Ortiz said. "As long as the offense is moving the ball and we're off the field, it's hard for the other team to put up points."

Ortiz said the main threat the Rams pose for the defense is running back Kyle Bell, who is averaging more than 100 yards a game with three touchdowns this season. In order to keep him



Senior wide receiver Marcus Brock gets a block from junior running back Aaron Brown on a carry against SMU on Saturday.

from having a successful game, Ortiz said the key to stopping Bell is controlling him before he gets started.

The defensive line will be without standout senior defensive end Tommy Blake, who has taken a medical leave of absence. Patterson said the team is doing what is best for Blake.

"We've tried for three weeks to push him through but that hasn't been a positive,

especially for him," Patterson said. "As a football team, we have to be able to move on since we're getting into the tough part of the season."

Patterson said Blake's situation will be re-evaluated in two weeks. Until then, junior Matt Panfil will fill in for Blake at defensive end.

In order to come out with a victory Saturday, Patterson

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**FANTASY FOOTBALL**

# Fantasy additions hinge on waivers

By ERICK MOEN  
Staff Writer

When I was growing up, the most exciting times of the year were always on Sunday and always during the football season.

**COMMENTARY**



Erick Moen

The best of these fall Sundays came when Dallas would play Green Bay or San Francisco, all three of whom were top teams in the NFL. The latest decade had seen them decline into obscurity, but to quote Thin Lizzy, "The boys are back in town," with all three of the teams now leading their respective divisions.

But before we get into this week's stuff, here are my thoughts:

1. Why is everyone proclaiming Donovan McNabb healed after beating Detroit? This is the same team that has been the focal point of every NFL joke since the departure of Barry Sanders. Philadelphia's win last week said more about how overrated the Lions are than it did about how good the Eagles can be.

2. It is now obvious Jerry Jones made the right decision to pass on Norv Turner and hire Wade Phillips. The Chargers and Cowboys are two teams on very different tracks three weeks into the season. But hey, at least Turner didn't get stuck with

the Falcons job.

And now the main event, this week's top three waiver wire adds and the matchups to keep an eye on.

**Waiver Wire Adds:**

**Brian Leonard (RB-STL):** Meet the new starting running back for the St. Louis Rams. The talented rookie from Rutgers is taking over for an injured and ineffective Steven Jackson. The coaches have liked what they have seen from Leonard so far and I'm betting if you are in need of a running back the next couple of weeks, you will too.

**Nate Washington (WR-PIT):** Another new face, but this one plays for a great team with a solid passing attack and a soft schedule the next few weeks. Washington was good for the Steelers last year with a struggling Ben Roethlisberger, so he could turn in some great fantasy numbers while starting for the injured Hines Ward.

**Dwayne Bowe (WR-KC):** The only pickup for this week that has some lasting value outside of the next couple of weeks. He has emerged as the best wide receiver on this very bad receiving team. Although his quarterback will limit his potential, he has been consistent the first couple weeks of the season, and you can't find many teams' No. 1 wideouts on the waiver wire.

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