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Student suffers injuries from accident crossing Berry Street.

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SPACE JAM



Outdoor club sports teams struggle to find adequate practice space on the university's fields. Story on page 6.

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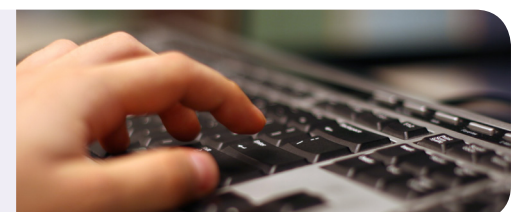
News - The age and funeral date for TCU alumna Jennifer Anne Prentice Alvarez, who was killed in a shooting over the weekend in Guatemala City, Guatemala, was incorrectly reported in Tuesday's edition. The funeral was held Sunday, Oct. 17, instead of Monday. The Guatemalan news source

elPeriodico incorrectly reported that Prentice was 28 years old. She was actually 26.

Sports - In the BCS poll ran yesterday, the Skiff listed Alabama with a 7-0 record. The correct record is 6-1.

CRYPTIC

Complex passwords protect online security.



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FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Student crossing Berry Street hit by car Saturday

By Christa Acuna and Leah Watkins
Staff Reporters

Early Saturday morning, the Fort Worth Police Department was dispatched to a major automobile accident involving a TCU student on West Berry Street.

Two officers arrived at the scene to find that Charles Wilkins McLaughlin, 22, had been struck by a tan sedan in front of The Aardvark, according to the incident report from the Fort Worth Police Department.

According to the incident report, the driver, Tyler Wayne Wilt, 25, walked to the bar to pick up his father and to drive him back home.

According to the report, Wilt had just turned onto West Berry Street from Cockrell Street and was accelerating to approximately 35 mph when he said he saw pedestrians crossing the street out of his peripheral vision.

According to the report, McLaughlin's roommate said he and McLaughlin both crossed the street from the north side of Berry Street and were headed to The Aardvark bar. He said he was walking slightly ahead of McLaughlin when he was struck.

Wilt said he did not have time to react, stop or swerve and then hit McLaughlin, according to the incident report.

According to the report, he was arrested due to unrelated warrants and a suspended driver's license.

There were no additional charges from the accident, according to the report.

According to the report, McLaughlin was transported to the intensive care unit at John Peter Smith Hospital and suffered a dislocated right shoulder, as well as several cuts to his face.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said in an e-mail that the university has been concerned about pedestrian safety on Berry Street for a while.

He said the university is working with the Berry Street Initiative to make the street more pedestrian-friendly. A plan, expected to begin in January, will include broader medians and enhanced intersections, as well as limited curb cuts and left turns to reduce traffic speeds.

"Because it is so unfriendly to pedestrians, many people drive rather than walk," Mills said. "This, in turn, makes it even more unfriendly to pedestrians."

SECURITY

Frequent changes aim to prevent phishing attacks

By Whitney Gipson
Staff Reporter

The university's requirements for creative and frequently changing passwords are used to prevent phishing and other information insecurity, an information security engineer said.

Barbara McClellan, information security administrator, said that in the past, many students were phished through their university e-mail account.

Phishing is the criminal activity of attaining private information, such as passwords and user names.

According to the university's password change website, students are required to change their passwords every 120 days.

McClellan said phishers then used those passwords to send large amounts of spam e-mail in a short time.

"In January, we had 20 people phished, which resulted in over 120,000 spam e-mails being sent from their accounts," McClellan wrote in an e-mail. "This caused our TCU e-mail system to be temporarily blacklisted from other [third] party e-mail systems such as Yahoo and Gmail until we could fix the accounts."

According to an article on MSNBC.com titled "Young people dumber about online passwords," a study by

Internet security service company Webroot showed that younger internet users from ages 18 to 29 are more reckless with sharing their passwords than older web users. According to the study, 54 percent of people in this demographic have shared their password with at least one person in the past year.

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Barbara McClellan
TCU information security administrator

McClellan said it is very important not to share passwords, not even with close friends or family. They may accidentally write them down and forget to throw them away properly. The university offers a way for parents to set up accounts to access their student's activity for another way of security, she said.

The study said the key to protecting passwords was to develop creative ones that use special characters. Using special characters such as exclamation

points, question marks and numbers make it difficult for criminals to predict the password.

For safety and security, the university requires students' passwords to be at least seven characters long and contain at least one letter, one number and one special character.

The study also said obvious passwords such as significant dates, birth dates or a pet's name could be publicly visible on social networks and could be easily predicted by others.

Sophomore psychology major Courtney Flores said that when she creates passwords, she tries to stick with general things or activities that have happened recently in her life. She said she thinks of passwords that she won't forget but won't be easy enough for anyone to figure out.

Creating lengthy and special character passwords can be annoying and inconvenient, but it helps provide safety and creates difficulty for hackers to predict online passwords, she said.

McClellan said her advice to students when creating passwords for multiple sites is to keep them different from one another.

"Don't make your Facebook password the same as your e-mail password," McClellan said. "If one account gets phished, then another account is more likely to become phished."

POLITICS

White says investments politically connected

By Jay Root and Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press Writers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Democrat Bill White on Tuesday accused appointees of Gov. Rick Perry of pressuring Texas teacher retirement system managers to make potentially risky investments that gave state business to politically connected companies.

A government whistleblower memo released by White's campaign for gov-

ernor describes a series of ethical lapses and insider deals at the \$100 billion Teacher Retirement System of Texas, where private investment firms whose executives made huge contributions to Perry allegedly got special treatment.

The leaked memo was written by the retirement system's former director of private market investments. Executives associated with companies mentioned in the memo have given Perry hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions, re-

cords show.

The retirement system issued a Tuesday statement saying that an external party investigated the allegations after the memo was written in spring 2009 and "found no improprieties with respect to how the investment decisions in question were made." The results of the investigation also were sent to the State Auditor's Office, the statement said.

White is treating the memo as an October surprise in the governor's race.

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Steven Slater, left, speaks briefly to the media after leaving a Queens courthouse in New York, Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010. The former flight attendant whose meltdown landed him in court has pleaded guilty to attempted criminal mischief and will undergo counseling.

Fed-up flight attendant avoids jail

By Colleen Long
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The fed-up flight attendant who waved goodbye to his career in a spectacular exit down an emergency chute made a soft landing in court Tuesday.

Steven Slater, 38, avoided jail under a plea bargain that requires him to undergo counseling and substance-abuse treatment for at least a year. He must also pay \$10,000 in restitution to JetBlue.

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said Slater wasn't just fed up with his job or angry at a passenger when he stormed off the plane. He said investigators believe Slater was drunk and suffering mental problems, though the prosecutor wouldn't give specifics.

"At the end of the day, I'm a grown-up and I must take responsibility for my actions."

Steven Slater
former JetBlue flight attendant

Slater spoke calmly as he pleaded guilty to criminal mischief and attempted criminal mischief. Afterward, a smiling, upbeat Slater said: "At the end of the day, I'm a grown-up and I must take responsibility for my actions."

Slater admitted he pulled the emergency chute Aug. 9 on a flight from Pittsburgh after it landed at Kennedy Airport. He went on the public-address system, swore at a passenger who he claimed treated him rudely, grabbed a beer and slid down onto the tarmac. He had a bandage on his forehead, apparently after he got hit with a piece of luggage before takeoff.

Slater's departure made him a folk hero to put-upon workers everywhere who have fantasized about quitting in a blaze of glory. He was a topic on TV shows, on the Internet and on the front pages of newspapers, with many cheering him for standing up to the often-inhospitable world of airline travel, and others accusing him of childish and dangerously reckless behavior.

Slater was initially charged with criminal

mischief, reckless endangerment and trespassing and faced up to seven years in jail. Under the plea bargain, if he fails to complete the counseling and treatment to a judge's satisfaction, he will get one to three years behind bars.

"Mr. Slater felt somewhat humiliated after what he perceived as degrading working conditions, and he had a level of rage at the time that was perhaps exacerbated by alcohol intoxication and maybe some other contributing stress factors," the district attorney said. "As a result, I think he overreacted when he was confronted by what he perceived as a rude passenger."

Brown said activating the escape chute "was no laughing matter," and he scolded Slater — and the public — for not taking his actions more seriously. The district attorney noted that it cost \$25,000 to fix the slide and that the plane had to be taken out of service, causing flight delays.

The airline has also pointed out that someone on the ground could have gotten hurt. Emergency slides deploy with potentially deadly force.

JetBlue had no comment on the plea.

Slater, who has no criminal history, has said he cracked under pressure because of his terminally ill mother, recently deceased father and health problems of his own, including HIV.

A mental-health evaluation determined that Slater has a clinical disorder and alcohol-abuse problems. The district attorney did not specify what his disorder was.

JetBlue suspended Slater after the incident, and he resigned in September, leaving him unemployed. He had worked at JetBlue for about three years, though he spent nearly two decades in the airline industry.

Slater said weeks ago that he wanted to continue working in the airline industry, but Howard Bragman, his publicist, would not comment on his future.

His 15 minutes of fame are not quite over: In a homage to Slater, several businesses are selling a new costume for Halloween: the disgruntled flight attendant.

"It's a blue steward shirt with a light blue tie and it comes with a Band-Aid for your forehead," said Todd Kenig, chairman of Ricky's NYC.

CAREER SERVICES

Networking a must for students

By Katey Muldrow
Staff Reporter

Students and alumni can learn how to tap into the unadvertised job market in a free Nothing But Networking workshop 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center, a student affairs director said.

Susan Nethery, associate director of student affairs programs and marketing, said online registration through the Career Services website is preferred and future attendees may register until the event begins. Close to 200 participants had registered as of Tuesday morning.

The speaker for the event Pam Stoker, assistant director of the Neeley Graduate Ca-

reer Service Center, will tell students where to look for networking opportunities and how to present themselves, Nethery said. Another topic of the workshop will be online networking and some of the dangers of social media.

The event is the second of three on-campus workshops this semester provided through Career Services, Nethery said. According to the Career Services website, the third workshop will be Nov. 3 and is titled Maximize Your Internship.


Students can register and find more information about upcoming workshops here: <https://careers.tcu.edu/student-events.aspx>




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The Skiff View

Password changes present predicament

Phishing, which is the illegal obtainment of passwords and user names, caused 20 people at the university to have more than 120,000 spam messages sent from their accounts in January. To prevent easy password hacking, students are required to change their passwords every 120 days.

According to an article on MSNBC.com, 54 percent of people between ages 18 to 29 have given out their password in the last year. Giving out your password is about as brilliant as handing out your PIN to a random stranger, so I'm not sure why someone would think that's a good idea. Because of those people, I'm advised to have a password with one letter, one number and one special character.

Are you kidding me? I can barely remember my own name half the time thanks to a busy college life. Creating crazy passwords that look like swear words in a cartoon makes them impossible to hack, but it also makes them impossible for me to remember.

Life would be a lot easier if people would just stop trying to steal my identity. Until then, I'm left with the precarious problem of hiding the sheet of paper on which I've written all my passwords.

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Students should be more aware of manners



Michael Lauck

We've all made this mistake at some point. We accidentally let the door shut on someone, or we offend someone with something we said with no intentional malice. Hopefully, if you are a proper human being, you eventually recognize your error and try to fix it.

There are a few things, however, that go unnoticed as being rude, especially on the college campus level. Here are a few:

1) Push your chair in after class, after eating or after getting up in general. I understand you're in a hurry to get to your next class, but this is college, not preschool. Nobody should have to face an assault of pulled out chairs to get a seat at the BLUU.

2) If someone is trying to be nice, don't reject them. Whether he or she grabs you a cup so you can get a drink, or holds the door for you, don't be that person that says, "No, I got it my-

self." That's like telling your grandma, "Thanks for making dinner grandma, but I'm eating out tonight." The person obviously made some sort of effort to help you out. Even if you could have done it yourself, it still is a little offensive to the person to deny them that opportunity.

3) Don't be that kid in the class who asks questions just to ask them. It's excellent for you to ask questions if you don't understand something in class. After all, someone else might have the exact same question. It's also great if you want to add to the discussion in a class that's discussion-based. But please, if it's a class for beginners, stop bringing up advanced topics that no one else in the class understands or cares about. We get it. You're smart and you know a lot about what's being talked about in class. Wait until after class or during office hours to talk to the professor about it.

4) In the same vein as No. 3, don't argue forever either. This is one where even I've had to restrain myself. We're in an intellectual environment. Disagreement is going to occur. Your arguing with the professor for an extended period, however, is unfair to the other students and takes up precious class time. One question of disagreement is fine. Twenty minutes of why Plato didn't

Yes, I know you may not be as interested in supply and demand as me. If you're going to bring a laptop to class, don't get on Facebook, play games or get on a webcam to see your boyfriend.

say exactly what your professor thinks he said means you're pushing it.

5) "Let me just check Facebook for a second..." Yes, I know you may not be as interested in supply and demand as I am. If you're going to bring a laptop to class, don't get on Facebook, play games or get on a webcam to see your boyfriend. I know I sound like a professor, but actually it is very distracting to every single person who's behind you. The reason I didn't bring my laptop is because I knew I would be doing exactly what you're doing now. Learn some self-control or buy a notebook and a pencil.

These things are pretty simple. However, even the simplest things can be very complicated to do sometimes. Just keep these things in mind, and everyone will thank you for it.

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PERSPECTIVES

Immigration an important issue in Texas governor race



Alex Apple

The *Washington Post* recently reported that the Obama administration has announced that in the past year it has deported a record number of illegal immigrants. The number deported has reached more than 392,000 with half of them being convicted criminals. These are very high numbers and it is a great start to fixing the illegal immigration problem. The main problem, however, is still the number of people coming into the country illegally.

In the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, over \$400 million in funds have been allocated to strengthen security along ports of entry in the Southwest border, according to the White House's official website.

Earlier this year Democrats attempted to tackle the immigration issue with a reform bill that would have strengthened security and penalties on illegal immigrants. Republicans, though saying immigration was a major issue, did not vote for the bill. This appears to be a purely political move by Republicans so Democrats could not take credit for fixing the immigration problem as the Republicans prepare to make some gains in November.

President Barack Obama wants to strengthen our border control with additional personnel, infrastructure and technology on the border, according to the White House website. He also wants to fix the immigration policies that make it difficult for families to stay together and plans to enforce more strictly regulations that prevent employers from hiring undocumented workers. According to the White House website, Obama plans to promote economic development in Mexico to decrease the desperation that leads to illegal immigration.

The issue of illegal immigration and immigration policy is also playing a large part in the Texas governor's race.

Governor Rick Perry has been fairly inactive regarding any major changes to immigration. Perry has used less than 10 percent of a Department of Homeland Security grant funding on border security, according to gubernatorial candidate Bill White's website.

According to the White House website, Obama plans to promote economic development in Mexico to decrease the desperation that leads to illegal immigration.

In contrast, according to White's website, he will make border security a top priority, allocating all available federal funding to that border security. White claims that he plans to fund an additional 1,000 local police and deputy sheriffs along with 250 troopers and forensics technicians across border communities.

Perry has said that the lack of progress on border security is the federal government's fault rather than his own, according to White's website. To his credit, he has increased some funding for rangers along the border to fight specific gangs and drug trafficking. However in his new television ad "Border," Governor Perry uses the rhetoric that "Securing our borders is Washington's responsibility, but it's Texas' problem." While he is correct that the national government is responsible for securing our borders, the ad does not highlight any new plans that the governor has.

The issue of immigration and border security is a large issue both nationally and in Texas. The gubernatorial candidates' stances on the issue will certainly decide some votes.

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Education, not confidence, is key



KC Aransen

"Waiting for Superman," the award-winning documentary that recently hit limited theatres nationwide, speaks on the touchy subject of public education in the United States. Specifically, the movie touches on the problems with our current education system.

During the roughly three minute trailer, the first words shown sporadically across the screen are "every kid has a dream – but our schools are failing them." Why is this though? No one can seem to answer this buzz-worthy question. Both public and private school teachers have the same complaints: too many students, not enough

supplies and textbooks, the inability for students to sit quietly for a class period and focus on the course and, most obviously, low teacher salary.

The problem is that children are affected. A statistic listed off in the trailer of "Waiting for Superman" slammed our educational system, saying that "among 30 developed countries we rank 25th in math and 21st in science, in almost every category we've fallen behind," which is a scary but true statistic. As the narrator finishes however, he says the students of the United States rank No. 1 in confidence.

But how far can confidence get you without a high school diploma? Only 58 percent of students in the largest cities across America graduate high school. Though this rate is higher for students who go to high schools in the suburbs, the amount of 16 to 24 year-old Americans without high

school diplomas is around 10 percent. Dropping out of school not only leads to a significantly lower income, but those students without a high school diploma are eight times more likely to go to prison than a high school graduate according to the trailer.

But we have confidence. Confidence, however, will not make up for lack of a good education, especially in a world where a diploma can change your entire future. It is not just about how confident anyone is (and confidence is not a bad thing), there has to be something to back up that confidence — like a good education.

Education can be something for students and the country to rely on, something to put us back on top. Then we can back up our confidence with action.

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CAMPUS SPORTS

Official: Club sports teams still facing space issues during outdoor practice times

By Jennifer Iller
Staff Reporter

Once, an intramural softball player hit a foul ball. But instead of just hitting the ball into foul territory, the player also struck a practicing rugby player, a campus recreation director said.

Cristie Carpenter, associate director of campus recreation, said club sports have faced issues with limited practice space and a limited budget.

Carpenter coordinates practice facilities for the teams and said this scenario was not the first space issue club sports teams have faced while trying to all fit into the intramural field for practices.

Finding practice space for all the sport clubs has been a struggle, Carpenter said.

There have been major issues this semester because it's hard to expect club sports to succeed individually when they are all crowded into a small space for practices, she said.

"All we have are the intramural fields," she said.

The fields have to accommodate intramural teams plus the nine sport clubs that have to practice outside.

Club sports have to go through the athletic department to receive permission to

use varsity athletic facilities, she said.

While varsity sports have worked with club sports to share facilities, ultimately, it's varsity sports' field space on their time, Carpenter said.

Outdoor fields have to be maintained, she said. Women's and men's lacrosse are hard on the grass because of the way the game is played.

Caleb Homer, a senior rugby player, said the club teams usually overlap each other in practices at the intramural fields, but try to split practice time amongst each other as best they can.

Currently rugby, lacrosse and men's soccer all share the intramural field during practice, Homer, a general studies major, said.

Not all club sports have similar practice space issues though.

Carpenter said some sports, such as taekwondo, elite dance and volleyball are able to use extra space in the rec center to practice.

Lyndsie Gregorie, captain of the women's club volleyball team, said the team hasn't had any problems.

The varsity volleyball team practices in the special events gym while club volleyball practices in the rec gym, Gregorie, a physical education major, said.

Homer and Gregorie both agreed that Carpenter has done a great job keeping space organized and giving everyone time to practice on the limited spaces.

Carpenter said funding has been a big issue.

Campus recreation has a small, limited budget for club sports, she said. Once clubs meet all the university safety regulations, pay league and tournament fees and buy necessary equipment, there is a very limited amount of money although club sports have been receiving more money than ever before from SGA.

Individual sport clubs apply for funding with the Student Government Association each semester, Carpenter said. Each sport may be given anywhere from \$200 to \$3,000 by SGA, she said.

Additionally, some sport clubs raise money by hosting tournaments.

Gregorie said club volleyball hosts tournaments where other university club teams pay an entry fee to participate. The proceeds made from tournaments are then put in the club's fund.

Carpenter said members of all club sports are also required to pay dues to their club team to help supplement costs.

GYMNASTICS

Liukin mulls over a return to competition



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In this photo taken Sunday Oct. 17, 2010, Nastia Liukin, left, stands next to her father and gymnast coach Valeri outside the U.S. team bus at the World Championships Gymnastics in Rotterdam. If Nastia decides to make a comeback her dad will have a key role in priming her for the London Olympics.

By Raf Casert

Associated Press

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — When it comes to the heart, there is no doubt where Nastia Liukin will be at the London Olympics — right in the middle of the gymnastics floor, defending her all-around title.

Whether she'll actually be there, however, is another matter.

In discussing a possible return to competitive gymnastics, Liukin begins with an "It is not out of the question" answer. But that changes almost as quickly as her staccato delivery. Liukin's love for the sport bubbles over so much that even a description of the endless morning-till-night days of ruthless, regimented training soon gets her dreamy-eyed.

Would she do it again? With emphasis, with almost as much conviction as a wedding vow, she says "I do."

"I miss it."

But, make no mistake, this does not amount to an official proclamation.

"I'm the kind of person that if I say something, I want to follow through 100 percent," Liukin told The Associated Press at the world gymnastics championships. "So I am not making any formal announcement."

Note the studious use of the word "formal." She gives herself until Christmas to make a final decision.

Why the big fuss about a champion possibly making a return to top competition? Because women's gymnastics thrives on star appeal — from Nadia Comaneci to Mary Lou Retton to Svetlana Khorkina — and Liukin has it in spades.

Her hair a lighter shade of blonde, her heels a spikier version of stiletto, Liukin stands out, literally, among the dozens of gymnasts at the world championships she came to visit.

She talks with a confidence belying the fact she is 20 until the end of the month.

Much of that comes from her record. Beyond the most prestigious title of Olympic all-around champion, she has four other medals from the 2008 Beijing Games. She is also a four-time world champion and nine-time world medalist, matching Shannon Miller's U.S. record. As bragging rights, that counts.

She very much left international competition on her terms, and has been veering in plenty of directions since.

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Texas Rangers' Bengie Molina celebrates after hitting a three-run home run off New York Yankees starting pitcher A.J. Burnett in the sixth inning of Game 4 of baseball's American League Championship Series.



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Texas Rangers' Bengie Molina is hit by a pitch from New York Yankees pitcher A.J. Burnett in the third inning of Game 4 of baseball's American League Championship Series.

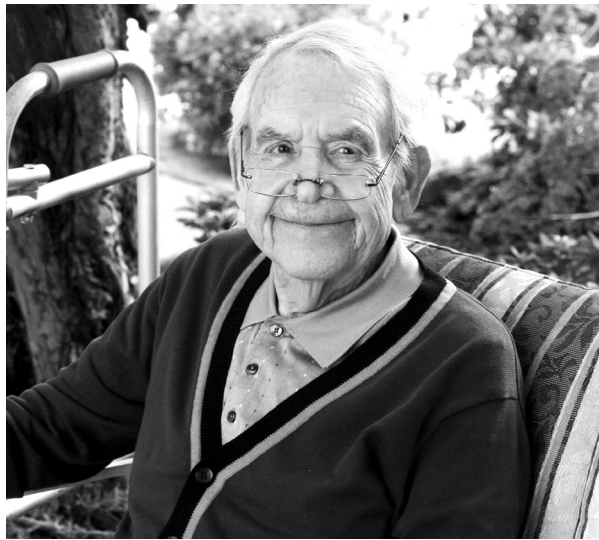


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Texas Rangers' Michael Young hits an infield single to drive in a run in the third inning of Game 4 of baseball's American League Championship Series against the New York Yankees.

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In this undated film publicity image released by CBS Films, Tom Bosley is shown in a scene from, "The Back-Up Plan."

ENTERTAINMENT

'Happy Days' actor dies at age 83 after long career

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Bosley, whose long acting career was highlighted by his hugely popular role as the understanding father on television's nostalgic, top-rated 1970s comedy series "Happy Days," died Tuesday. He was 83.

Bosley died of heart failure at a hospital near his Palm Springs home. Bosley's agent, Sheryl Abrams, said he was also battling lung cancer.

TV Guide ranked Bosley's Happy Days character No. 9 on its list of the "50 Greatest TV Dads of All Time" in 2004. The show debuted in 1974 and ran for 11 seasons.

After "Happy Days" ended, Bosley went on to a recurring role in "Murder, She Wrote" as Sheriff Amos Tucker. He also was the crime-solving priest in television's "The Father Dowling Mysteries," which ran from 1989 to 1991.

When he was first offered the costarring role in "Happy Days," a series about teenage life in the 1950s, he turned it down.

"After rereading the pilot script," he recalled in a 1986 interview, "I changed my mind because of a scene between Howard Cunningham and Richie. The father/son situation was written so movingly, I fell in love with the project."

Propelled by the nation's nostalgia for

the simple pleasures of the 1950s, "Happy Days," which debuted in 1974, slowly built to hit status, becoming television's top-rated series by its third season.

It made a star of Henry Winkler, who played hip-talking, motorcycle-riding hoodlum Arthur "Fonzi" Fonzarelli. His image initially clashed with that of Richie and his "straight" friends. But over the show's 11-season run Fonzarelli would transform himself from high school dropout to successful businessman.

After "Happy Days" ended, Bosley went on to a recurring role in "Murder, She Wrote" as Sheriff Amos Tucker, who was often outsmarted by Angela Lansbury's mystery writer, Jessica Fletcher.

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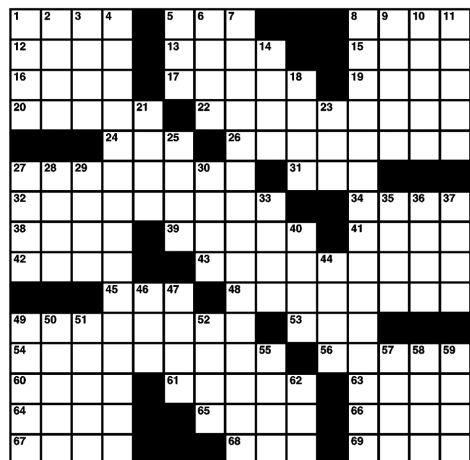
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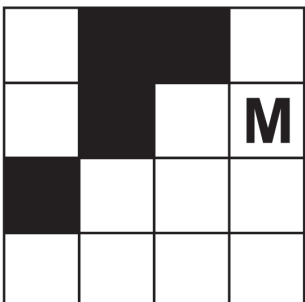
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By Elizabeth A. Long 10/20/10

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Tuesday's Solution



"House Hunters"

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Tuesday's Solution

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FORT HOOD

Nurse recounts day of shooting



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In this Oct. 12, 2010 file courtroom sketch, defense attorney Lt. Col. Kris Poppe, right, speaks to Investigating Officer Col. James L. Pohl, center, while Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, left, listens during Hasan's Article 32 hearing inside the U.S. Magistrate court in Fort Hood, Texas.

By Angela K. Brown

Associated Press Writer

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Three young soldiers showed no fear and didn't try to hide in the face of certain death as a lone gunman approached them during a deadly shooting rampage at Fort Hood, a civilian nurse testified at a military hearing Tuesday.

"All three of these kids just stood their ground. They didn't flinch. They weren't afraid of him," Theodore Coukoulis told the Article 32 hearing. "All three looked directly at the shooter. They were looking at death and they knew it."

Coukoulis, who was working in the Fort Hood medical building Nov. 5, said all three died in the attack that day — the worst mass shooting at an American military base.

The hearing will determine if Army psychiatrist Maj. Nidal Hasan — charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder — should stand trial.

Coukoulis said several civilian nurses were hiding together under desks but that the shooter walked past them and instead shot the three soldiers who stood nearby.

The prosecutor asked if he was sure the gunman saw the civilian staffers, to which Coukoulis replied, "Yes."

Based on various soldiers' testimony about where the 13 victims were in the building that day, the three soldiers were Staff Sgt. Justin De-Crow, 32; Spc. Jason Dean "J.D." Hunt, 22; and Pfc. Michael Pearson, 22.

Hiding in the back of the building when the gunfire started, Coukoulis later heard the gunman's slow, deliberate steps as he walked around, stopping in one area "because there was nobody left to shoot." He testified that the spent rounds of ammunition had become stuck in the tread of the shooter's boots.

"You could hear the 'clack, clack, clack,' as you could hear the 'bang, bang, bang,' of the gunfire," Coukoulis said, adding that the rampage lasted about 10 minutes.

He stood up and identified Hasan in court as the gunman. He said he recognized Hasan that day because about a week before the shooting, the major had been uncooperative during a conversation about vaccinations at the medical center.

Hasan has attended every day of the hearing, now in its second week, in a wheelchair. The 40-year-old American-born Muslim is paralyzed from the waist down from police gunfire

that ended the onslaught.

Earlier Tuesday, the court heard a recording of a 911 call made by the facility's chief nurse, who was barricaded inside her office throughout the shooting.

In the recording, Regina Huseman's description of the events unfolding outside her office are punctuated by the sound of gunfire and muffled cries for help.

"He's coming back in! He's got all of us! He's still walking around. ... I don't know where he is," the clearly terrified Huseman can be heard saying.

"All three of these kids just stood their ground. They didn't flinch. They weren't afraid of him. All three looked directly at the shooter. They were looking at death and they knew it."

Theodore Coukoulis

Fort Hood civilian nurse

Once the shooting ended, Huseman emerged from her office and surveyed the devastation wrought at the center where soldiers undergo medical tests before deployment.

"Oh my God! There are about 15 down, probably more than that," she told the 911 operator.

The operator asked if the gunman was dead. "I don't know, but I have got to start helping these people," Huseman said.

The nurse wiped away tears as she told the court how she walked around inside the building, checking for signs of life among the bodies on the floor and one slumped on a chair.

Several witnesses at the hearing have pointed to Hasan as the balding major in Army combat uniform who shouted "Allahu Akbar!" — "God is great!" in Arabic — then opened fired on unarmed military and civilian personnel in the crowded building.

Staff Sgt. Michael C. Davis testified Tuesday that he was shot in the back as he crawled from beneath a desk. Under cross-examination, he told defense attorney Lt. Col. Kris Poppe that he didn't see the shooter because he was behind a cubicle partition, and that the bullet may have pierced the cubicle wall before hitting him.

"I'm pretty sure there was no direct line of sight, so he (Hasan) heard people over there or it was a ricochet," Davis said.

DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL

Army recruiters to accept openly gay recruits, court ruling under appeal

By Anne Flaherty

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department said Tuesday that it is accepting openly gay recruits, but is warning applicants they might not be allowed to stick around for long.

Following last week's court ruling that struck down a 1993 law banning gays from serving openly, the military has suspended enforcement of the rule known as "don't ask, don't tell." The Justice Department is appealing the decision and has asked the courts for a temporary stay on the ruling.

The Defense Department said it would comply with the law and had frozen any discharge cases. But at least one case was reported of a man being turned away from an Army recruiting office in Austin, Texas.

Pentagon spokeswoman Cynthia Smith on Tuesday confirmed that recruiters had been given top-level guidance to accept applicants who say they are gay.

Recruiters also have been told to inform potential recruits that the moratorium on enforcement of "don't ask, don't tell" could be reversed at any point, if the ruling is appealed or the court grants a stay, she said.

The uncertain status of the law has caused much confusion within an institution that has historically discriminated against gays. Before the 1993 law, the Defense Department banned gays entirely and declared them incompatible with military service.

Douglas Smith, spokesman for U.S. Army Recruiting Command based at Fort Knox, Ky., said even before the ruling recruiters did not ask applicants about their

sexual orientation. The difference now is that recruiters will process those who say they are gay.

"If they were to self admit that they are gay and want to enlist, we will process them for enlistment, but will tell them that the legal situation could change," Smith said.

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Cynthia Smith

Spokeswoman for the Pentagon

He said the enlistment process takes time and recruiters have been told to inform those who are openly gay that they could be declared ineligible if the law is upheld on appeal.

"U.S. Army Recruiting Command is going to follow the law, whatever the law is at the time," he said.

U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips, who had ordered the military to stop enforcing "don't ask, don't tell," was expected to deny the administration's request to delay her order. That would send the case to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Associated Press writer Kristin M. Hall in Nashville, Tenn., contributed to this report.

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NFL

Coach favors rule, defends player

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Steelers coach Mike Tomlin favors the NFL's stricter enforcement of helmet hits. But he still insists linebacker James Harrison's violent hit on Browns receiver Mohamed Massaquoi was within the rules.

The NFL is reviewing whether Harrison's concussion-causing hit on Massaquoi warrants a fine or suspension. The league said Tuesday it will immediately begin suspending players for dangerous and flagrant hits, particularly those involving helmets.

Harrison sidelined Browns receivers Massaquoi and Joshua Cribbs with concussions on separate hits about seven minutes apart in the second quarter of the Steelers' 28-10 victory Sunday. Harrison lowered his head and slammed helmet-first into the left side of Cribbs' helmet, but the NFL deemed the hit legal because Cribbs was a runner.

Despite the Steelers' reputation for being one of the league's most physical and intimidating teams, Tomlin said Tuesday he favors whatever the NFL deems necessary to make the game safer.

"I'm all for player safety. I think it is the proper initiative that the NFL has," he said. "I think we need to safeguard the men that play this game to the best of our abilities and make it as safe as we can. I'm a proponent of player safety and whatever rule or rule adjustments we need to make to make it safer."

One way to eliminate some of the helmet hits, he said, is to further emphasize a lowering of the strike zone—the area where players are tackled.

"Helmet-to-helmet contact is going to occur from time to time in football," Tomlin said. "Things happen fast, these are big, moving people. I think the issue is here that we coach a lowering of the target, to reduce the number of those opportunities and to talk



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This Oct. 17, 2010, file photo shows Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison (92) lining up against the Cleveland Browns during the second quarter of an NFL football game, in Pittsburgh. Harrison states his objective matter-of-factly: He's out to hurt any opposing player who roams into his vicinity.

about flagrant or egregious approaches."

Tomlin didn't speculate whether Harrison might be fined or suspended. He stood by his postgame comments Sunday, when he said that neither hit was worthy of punishment.

Still, Tomlin said he supports whatever punitive action the league takes against any player it deems as violating the stricter rules.

"I am a proponent of levying whatever kind of punishment the NFL office deems necessary for those that are repeat offenders or those that are flagrant, and those that are egregious hits," he said.

FOOTBALL

Ranger's Lee makes postseason pitching look easy, strikes out 13

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Pitching in the postseason is supposed to be stressful. Cliff Lee is making this all look so easy.

The ace of October overpowered the New York Yankees again, striking out 13 and sending the Texas Rangers to an 8-0 victory Monday night for a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven AL championship series.

Josh Hamilton hit an early two-run homer off Andy Pettitte and started a six-run outburst in the ninth with a leadoff double. Lee allowed only two singles in eight innings and became the first pitcher to reach double digits in strikeouts three times in one postseason.

"It's tough to be better than that," Yankees slugger Mark Teixeira said.

Mr. Automatic improved to 7-0 with a 1.26 ERA in eight postseason starts. Three of those wins have come against the power-packed Yankees, including two in last year's World Series for Philadelphia.

New York won the other four games against the Phillies to take home its 27th championship, but now faces a tall task to repeat. The Yankees must win three straight against the resilient Rangers to advance without facing Lee in a decisive Game 7 at Texas.

"I'm not satisfied," Lee said. "We still have some work to do here. A lot of fun to come into New York and get this first one. Hopefully we can come out here tomorrow and pick up where we left off."

It'll be a tough act to follow after Lee and the Rangers handed the Yankees the most lopsided shutout loss in their storied postseason history. The left-hander also joined Orlando Hernandez (8-0) and Orel Hershiser (7-0) as the only pitchers to win their first seven postseason decisions.

About the only slip-up all night for Lee came when he stumbled as he stepped up to his seat at the postgame podium.

"Booby trap right here," he said with a grin.

Game 4 is Tuesday night and the Yankees will start struggling right-hander A.J. Burnett, who hasn't pitched since Oct. 2. Tommy Hunter goes for Texas in his first start at Yankee Stadium.

In the previous best-of-seven league championship series that were tied 1-all, the Game 3 winner advanced to the World Series 19 of 27 times, according to STATS LLC.

"I don't think we're in trouble," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "We're down 2-1, we're not down 3-0. It's frustrating we've lost two games in a row, but we've lost two games in a row a lot of times before and come back."

Pettitte, the ol' pro seeking his 20th postseason win, did his best to match Lee. But the longtime New York lefty hung a first-inning cutter that Hamilton yanked over the short porch in right for his second homer of the series.

"It was just a bad pitch," Pettitte said. "At

the time, you don't think that's going to win the ballgame."

Lee matched a career high for strikeouts and Texas broke it open in the ninth against an ineffective David Robertson, getting RBI singles from Nelson Cruz and Bengie Molina, plus a two-run single by Mitch Moreland.

Rookie closer Neftali Feliz flung his 100 mph fastball and finished the two-hitter in a nearly empty ballpark, adding two strikeouts to increase Texas' total to 15 — one shy of a postseason record for Yankees batters.

New York's two hits matched a postseason low also set in Game 4 of the 1958 World Series and Game 3 of the 2001 division series.

Lee nearly landed with the Yankees before Seattle traded him to Texas on July 9. Maybe they should have offered a few of their many All-Stars — Lee doesn't seem to need much help.

"It was just a bad pitch," Pettitte said. "At the time, you don't think that's going to win the ballgame."

Andy Pettitte
New York Yankees starting pitcher

New York could try again by throwing money at him in the offseason, when he can become a free agent.

"He certainly got their attention," Rangers president Nolan Ryan said with a chuckle.

Michael Young had three hits for the Rangers, who are 4-0 on the road in these playoffs. Texas won all three games at Tampa Bay in the first round, including a pair of masterpieces by Lee.

Then he said he was looking forward to facing the Yankees.

Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez and Co. fared no better than the Rays. Cutters, curves, sliders — they couldn't touch Lee, who pumps in one strike after another like a robot programmed to do so.

"It's really not that easy. He's not just firing balls down the middle of the plate, he's throwing quality strike after quality strike and there's a big difference," Young said.

Lee was so dominant, New York hitters were left shaking their heads in the dugout or questioning calls by plate umpire Jim Reynolds.

Robinson Cano showed bunt, Brett Gardner tried another headfirst dive into first base. None of it worked.

Gardner singled leading off the sixth and stole second, but Lee never rattled. He struck out Jeter for the second time, then induced routine grounders from Nick Swisher and Teixeira, who is 0 for 11 in the series.

"It's really fun being out in center field and watching him pitch," Hamilton said. "It's just amazing to watch."

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SPORTS

ANALYSIS

Penalties still paining Cowboys



J.D. Moore

I've said it before and I'll say it again. The reason that the Dallas Cowboys are terrible this season is due to penalties. In the Cowboys' loss to the Minnesota Vikings Sunday, the Cowboys were flagged for another 11 penalties resulting in the accumulation of 91 penalty yards.

As of now, only fellow cellar-dwellers Detroit and Oakland have picked up more penalties than Dallas.

I've already analyzed the impact of penalties in a past article, but what has developed since my last criticism is that head coach Wade Phillips claimed that he worked on reducing penalties in the Cowboys organization.

I'll allow a moment of laughter before we move on.

Before I analyze and criticize, allow me to get everyone on the same page. In a recent press conference, when asked about his strategies to prevent penalties, Phillips said:

"It depends on the team and the players. Some of them respond to money. Most of them respond to peer pressure... That's really where you get to a player more than anything, more than cussing him out, more than fining him... Overall, it's really the team itself and bringing it out and being accountable. That's why

we always talk about that. Everybody is accountable to each other."

Don't worry, I'll wait for you to finish that belly laugh or wipe away those tears.

There is absolutely nothing in Phillips' statement that makes any remote sense. If Phillips thinks that his strategies will keep players from committing penalties, then I implore Jerry Jones to take back everything he's said about firing a head coach in the middle of a season.

For starters, the thought that fines would stop penalties is absurd. As Phillips said in the conference, fines have little effect on NFL players in comparison to peer pressure. When you have a team full of players who make millions of dollars a season, a fine doesn't even come close to preventing players from making a mistake on the field. If thousands of dollars seem a relatively small amount to an NFL player, how does Phillips reason that a fine of any sort would keep a player from making a mistake?

Amazingly, the other concept Phillips explored is even more ridiculous. Uncle Wade said that he has been actively trying the nonsensical and impractical theory of peer pressure to end the penalty issue. While defending Tony Romo from oncoming defensive lines, I'm pretty sure the last thing that a Cowboys tackle or guard would think is, "I wonder what my teammates will say if I grab a hold of my opponent's jersey." Mistakes can't be prevented on the fact of fear or rejection. The idea that peer pressure prevents penalties is a senseless and

pathetic ideology.

If Phillips wants to be a decent head coach, he needs to realize that mistakes come from poor fundamentals. Mistakes cannot be prevented with fines, peer pressure or other fear-inducing concepts. Mistakes are made when a player doesn't do his job the textbook way. Instead of fining a player or allowing his team to chew him out, Phillips needs to start working with penalty-prone players on their finesse and technique.

The only way that holding calls can be prevented is by teaching linemen to block properly. The only way to avoid pass interference calls is to teach corners not to get beat. The only way to get away from penalties is to buckle down on basic fundamental football skills and make your players perform those basic fundamentals.

The Cowboys are already stuck in a deep rut, mainly because of penalties. If there were ever a time to hit a panic button, it's now. Phillips has painfully shown that he has no clue how to fix the Cowboys.

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FOOTBALL

Patterson: Defense prepared for Falcons

By David Stein

Staff Reporter

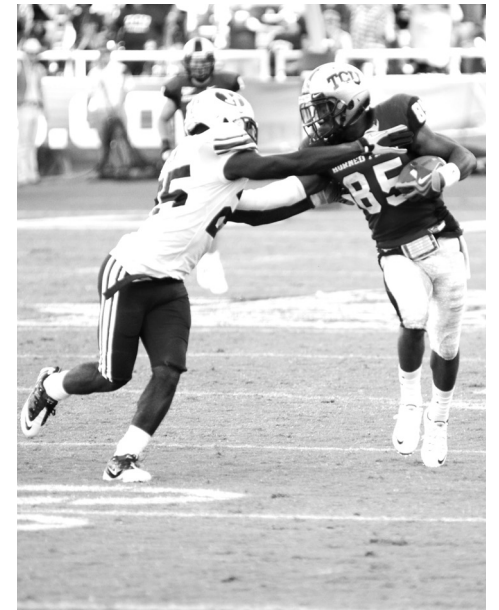
For most football teams, a defense prepares all week for the opposing offense, but head football coach Gary Patterson said he has been preparing his defense for Air Force's offense all season.

Air Force runs the triple option offense, a run-heavy scheme that helped them become the best rushing attack in the nation. This is the best Air Force offense since TCU joined the Mountain West Conference in 2005, Patterson said in his weekly media luncheon. He said the Frog defense prepared for Air Force in the spring as well as practicing against the triple option as well as at the end of practices for the past few weeks.

"What a triple option offense does is it makes you get better with your eyes and your feet," Patterson said. "You can't take false steps and you've got to get your eyes in the right place."

The defense practices against the scout team, a group of backups that simulate the offense of the team TCU will play. Freshman quarterback Matt Brown and redshirt freshman quarterback Rick Settle are fast quarterbacks on the scout team who have done well running the triple option, Patterson said. The Frogs played against the triple option during the Tennessee Tech game and also had experience against a similar run-heavy offense when they played Wyoming. While this gives the defense experience against the triple option, Patterson said it also allowed Air Force coaches to see how TCU defended it.

Defense hasn't been a problem for TCU lately. The Frogs haven't given up a touchdown in the last three games, propelling them to the No. 1 ranked defense in the nation.



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR
Senior wide receiver Jeremy Kerley stiff arms a BYU defender on a kickoff during the game on Saturday.

One of the reasons for their success is how players have filled in for last year's starters. Patterson said he thought senior cornerback Jason Teague has only allowed one catch this season as a starter. Junior safety Tekerrein Cuba was a TCU player of the week last week after filling in for injured safety Alex Ibiyole.

Another reason for the success on defense is junior linebacker Tank Carder. A preseason All-American, Carder said the sky is the limit for this year's defense, but Air Force will be a tough game against good athletes. Arder also said the scout team has done a great job simulating Air Force's offense in preparation for the game.



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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) runs past Minnesota Vikings linebacker Chad Greenway (52) in the first quarter of their NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010 in Minneapolis.

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Texas Rangers' Mitch Moreland breaks his bat lining out to right field in the fifth inning of Game 3 of baseball's American League Championship Series against the New York Yankees Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, in New York.

Team attitude, style key to season success for Rangers



Marshall Doig

As a lifelong Texas Rangers fan, I've come to expect the worst in any situation involving my team, be it spring training, opening day, midseason or September.

On the few occasions that the Rangers have made the playoffs in the past 20 years, I dared to hope, but pessimism was still there. I suppose that goes for any Rangers fan, and let's face it: The franchise hasn't given its fans much to cheer about for the last 50 years.

When Texas began this season's playoff run, my hope actually eclipsed my pessimism for one simple reason: This year's team is different than any before it, and it shows.

I won't wax poetic about Texas' pitching staff, which is arguably the best in the franchise's history, or has at least performed when the team needed it most. What stands out about this team is its attitude and style.

Through one playoff series against the Tampa Bay Rays and through three games against the New York Yankees, the Rangers have shown that they are exactly what they claim to be: a team that plays without being intimidated and stays loose even when things look bleak.

Having the Rays come back from a 2-0 American League Divisional Series deficit to force a Game 5? No sweat. Texas had Cliff Lee and good baserunning for that.

Having to face the Yankees, with their 27

world championships to the Rangers' single playoff series win, in the AL Championship Series? Not worried, even after giving up a five-run lead in Game 1. The Rangers just learned from that and held the leads they had on the way to winning the next two games.

It's great to watch a baseball team that's having fun, even in the most serious of baseball situations. The Rangers' style has allowed them to outscore New York 20-8 in the series through three games, and 15-2 in their Game 2 and 3 wins.

Meanwhile, the Yankees struggled offensively in Games 2 and 3 while trying to play catch-up. They went 1-11 with runners in scoring position in Game 2, and Lee put New York's batters into an offensive coma in Game 3 by striking out 13 and allowing only two hits.

The Rangers said before the ALCS that other teams might be intimidated by the Yan-

kees' pinstripes, but that they were not. Any doubts about that after the first three games have disappeared faster than Josh Hamilton's two home runs out of the park this series.

As the series moves to what could be a series-clinching Game 5, depending on Tuesday night's Game 4 outcome, the Rangers could have another chance at rewriting the franchise history books and giving their fans the most they've ever had to celebrate.

No matter the outcome of this season, however, it has been a massive turning point for Texas as a franchise. No matter what happens, the Rangers finally have a postseason performance to be proud of, and pride like that is one ingredient that makes championship teams.

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