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Bird-watching

Careful timing is everything when giving the finger

Last week, drivers on a major Fort Worth thoroughfare were treated to a sight that has become increasingly common on America's roads — a driver, who can only be described as being in a fit of road rage, extended a single finger in greeting to another motorist.



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The genial driver, who was trying to figure out the weather, was driving a Texas A&M university vehicle.

The employee "was remonstrated by his supervisor for bringing disrepute to Texas A&M" according to the Bryan-College Station Eagle — as he well should be. This "gentleman" has convinced North Texans that people involved with this University are unfamiliar with the right time and place to fire "the finger." Improper use of a middle finger should be avoided at all costs, lest one wants to look like Keyshawn Johnson.

It is high time the rules for bird-flipping are established. Let's face it: Americans will give up using the finger as soon as Bill Clinton gives up women. The bird will remain extended longer than reruns of "When Animals Attack part 16" will run on Fox, let us make sure that digit is done right.

1. Choose timing wisely. Telling people they are No. 1 in all the polls while your mother is present is not a good idea. Unless, of course, she has already done so or you are directing the bird at her. If the latter is the case, you have bigger problems than improper flipping of the bird. Use of the middle finger is probably not advisable in front of one's significant other, either. Extending the single digit greeting can show Honey in a hurry that the air of polite sophistication you have spent weeks lying about — err, establishing — is as fake as Tori Spelling's breasts.

2. Do not fire the finger at bosses or professors. This may sound like common sense, but there are idiots everywhere — remember, Jesse Ventura was elected governor. Even if they are not looking, someone else will be and will be happy to turn you in for brownie points. It is amazing how quickly a person can go from "that kid who flipped me the bird" to having a name — and an F or a pink slip.

3. Do not flip off cameras. No matter how reasonable it may seem, that picture is guaranteed to grace the front page of a newspaper or be on television later that night. America loves bird-watching, and it does not matter who gets called for illegal use of the finger. So if you are going to have a case of the stupids and flip off a camera,

smile when you do. At least folks will think you are a friendly SOB instead of a garden-variety SOB.

4. Referees are fair game. People who officiate sporting events are masochists by nature. Ironically, they also are almost always wrong — note the moronic pass interference call on Sammy Davis on Saturday. So go ahead, show them the digit. You will feel better, and they will too. And if they do not, who cares?

5. Never flip off anyone who is bigger than you. This once again seems like common sense, but some people have a nasty habit of losing common sense at inconvenient times. Keep this in mind should you ever feel that urge to down a few alcoholic beverages. No, that person did not get smaller, and no, you did not get bigger or tougher. The end result will remain the same: Flip him off, go home in a box.

6. Flipping the bird while you are alone is acceptable, but only under certain circumstances. If

8. If you are going to fire the finger at strangers, make certain they will never be able to figure out who you are. Wear generic clothing and no visible identification during your attack. "Visible identification" includes, with a large A&M logo on the side.

9. Do not use the finger on anyone who has a bumper sticker that says "I'm an NRA."

Now that the correct ways to use one's middle finger have been set in stone, make sure you adhere to all rules and regulations. Otherwise, your gesture of friendship may get into some serious trouble. Go in peace and happy flipping.

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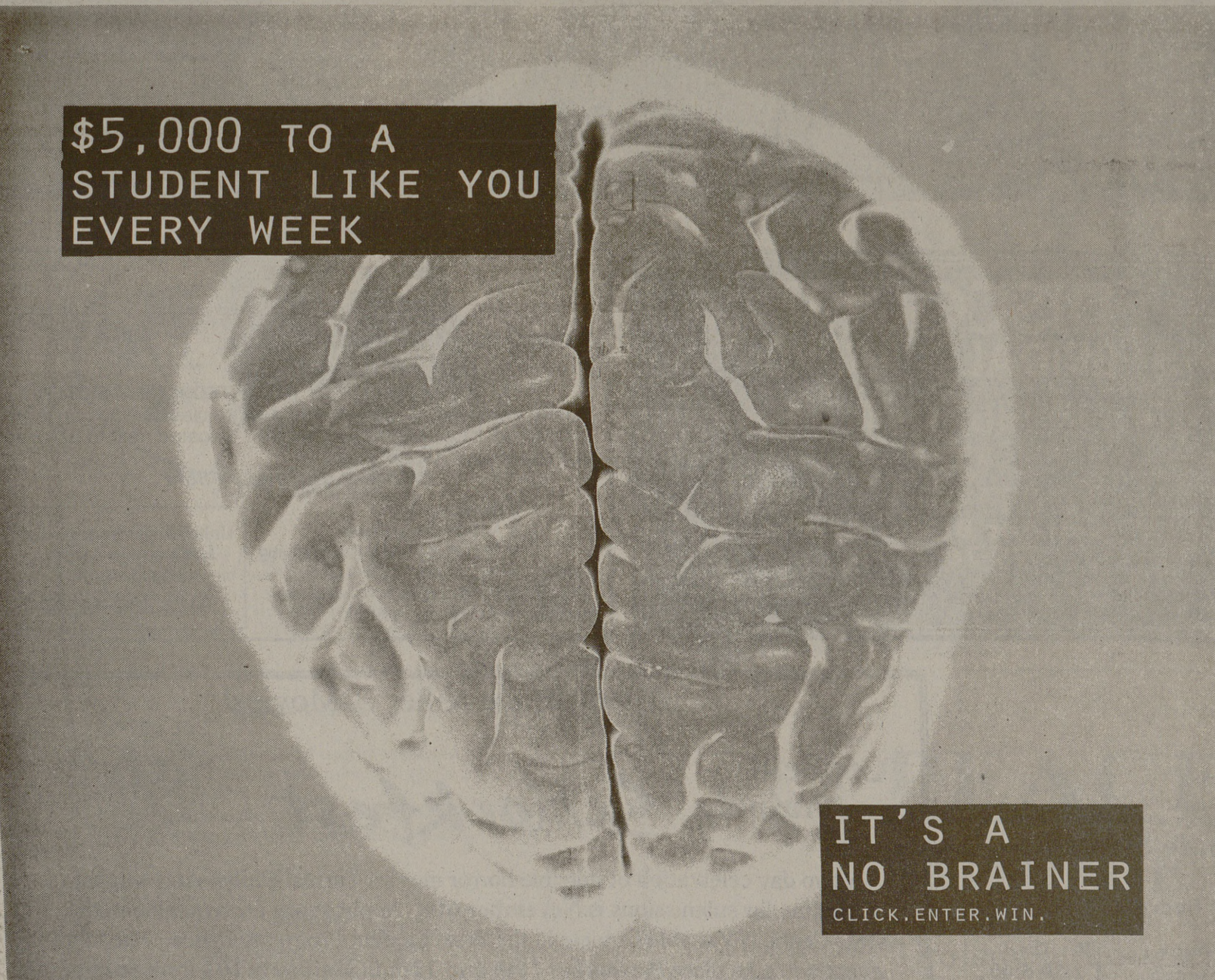
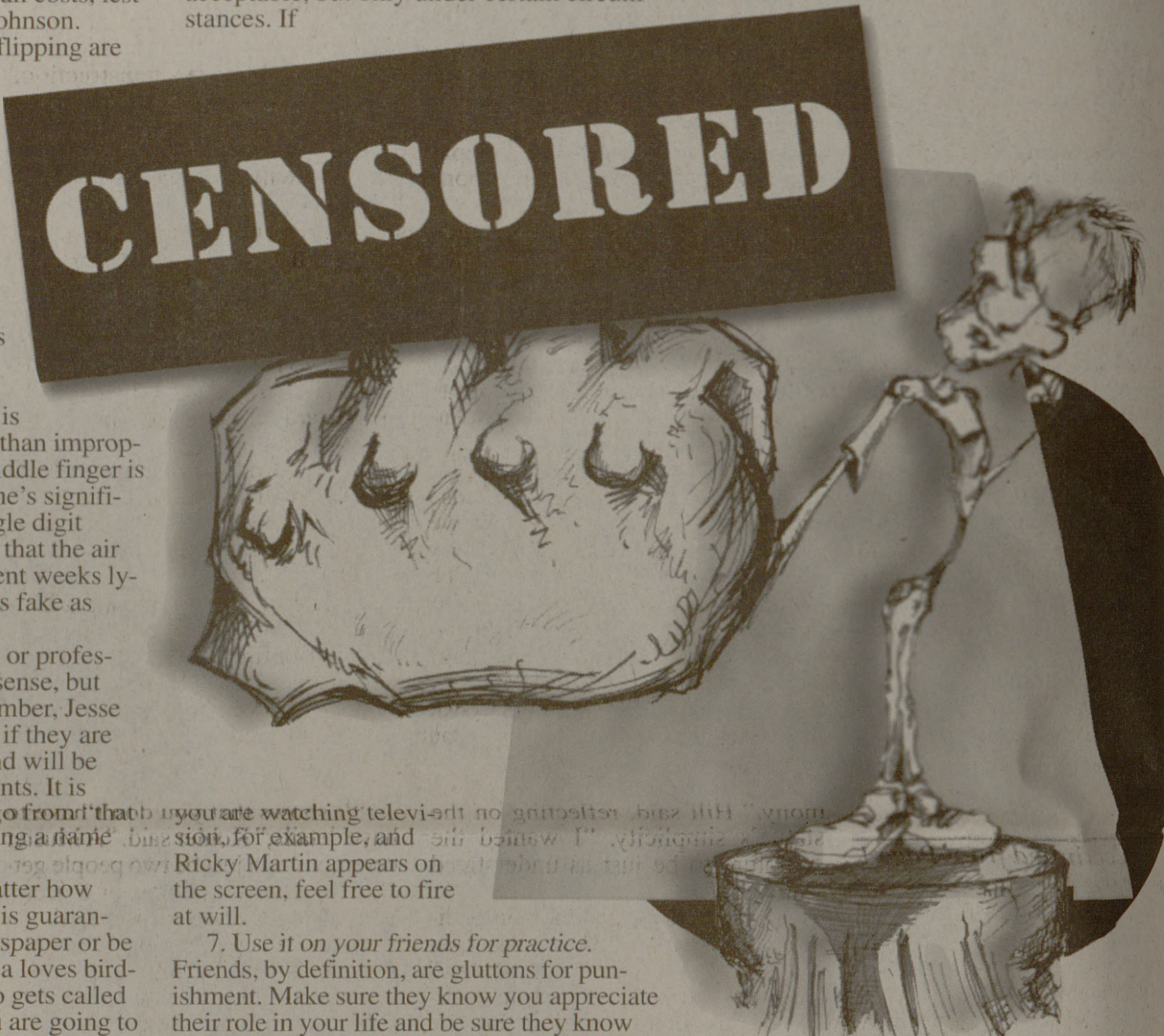
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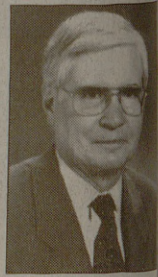
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