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## Instructor writes sign language program

By KRISTIN NEMETZ  
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A computer program designed by a TCU faculty member will soon help teach the art of sign language.

The CD-ROM program, created by deaf education instructor Ann Lieberth, teaches sign language. It is now being tested in the Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic.



Lieberth and her partner Doug Martin started the project five years ago in Missouri. The program, named HyperSign, provides the sign language interpretation of words. Another part of the program includes children's games such as Concentration that are translated into sign language.

Other portions of HyperSign interpret individual words in storybook-style for children.

The program helps deaf students as well as hearing students learn sign language and how to communicate it properly, Lieberth said.

"The program has over 3,000 signs in its dictionary," Lieberth said. "It (HyperSign) will teach all ages with different levels for children, teens and adults."

Lieberth said she has taught sign language classes in the past where her students couldn't retain what they had learned the week before. HyperSign provides easy access to a constant resource of the information taught in class, she said.

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TCU center Kurt Thomas goes up for a dunk against SMU Wednesday night. TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims

## Clinton defends national service

GOP threatens to cut Americorps

By CHRISTY HAWKINS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A Republican-led fight in Congress against AmeriCorps, President Clinton's national service initiative, has Clinton defending the program, calling it the most prized accomplishment of his administration.

The plan allows Americans to pay off college loans through public service in grassroots volunteer groups.

James Riddlesperger, an associate professor of political science, said Clinton has supported that kind of public service for a long time.

"The answer to why Republicans oppose the program is probably more of a tactical opposition rather than an ideological one," Riddlesperger said.

Wendy Grassi, spokesperson for AmeriCorps, said Congress passed the program in 1993 with bipartisan support.

However, funds for the program are appropriated every year. AmeriCorps is up for reauthorization in 1996, Grassi said.

"The program has been very successful since its kickoff on Sept. 12, 1994," she said.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich opposes the program and was quoted as calling the program "coerced volunteerism" and "gimmickry."

Gingrich repeated his opposition in an interview printed in the Jan. 16 issue of *Newsweek*.

"I am totally, unequivocally opposed to national service," Gingrich said in the interview. "It's a gimmick."

Gingrich and many other Republicans have repeatedly voted against

the program since its introduction in 1993.

Eli Segal, director of the White House office of National Service said the program deserves support, according to a Jan. 17 issue of *The Dallas Morning News*.

"I'm not sure I understand why he (Gingrich) calls this 'coerced volunteerism,'" Segal said. "This is a purely voluntary program."



Bill Clinton

Clinton said in his State of the Union speech Tuesday that more than 20,000 students participated in AmeriCorps in 1994. That is more than the total amount of people who participated in the Peace Corps in one year, he said.

"This is citizenship at its best," Clinton said. "We shouldn't stop it."

The purpose of cutting spending and shrinking government "is not to wreck the government, not to give us a mean-spirited government," Clinton said. "It is to give us a lean government that will help us to work together to solve our own problems," according to *The Dallas Morning News* article.

Emma Baker, director of financial aid at TCU, said she does not know of any TCU student who participates in the program.

"Individuals, not schools, are selected to participate in the program," Baker said.

## Families discuss welfare reform

Social workers say proposals fail to provide adequate support

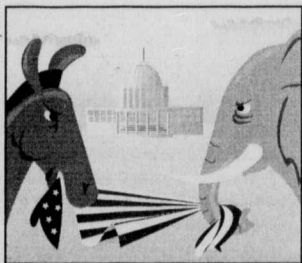
By R.BRIAN SASSER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

For TCU graduate Joey Ames and his clients, the term welfare is not political rhetoric, it is a tool for survival.

Ames, who graduated in 1994, is a licensed social worker for the Tarrant County Mental Health and Retardation Department. He works with families who have children with mental and physical disabilities.

Many of his 25 case families are on welfare, and are concerned about new plans to make changes, he said.

"It's not that the families aren't able to get jobs," Ames said. "It's that



the training programs don't provide the child care they need."

Linda Moore, an associate professor of social work and director of the social work program, said talk about

welfare reform seems aimed at bashing the women and children, and not really reforming the system.

"Reform is not a money saver," Moore said, "but it makes it look like they're cleaning up the deadbeats, and that looks good."

Aid to Families with Dependent Children payments, the most expensive welfare program, is less than 2 percent of the federal budget, she said.

Many of the federal reform plans promise to give the state more control over the welfare system. In the Republican's "Contract with Amer-

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## Series shows cinema subtleties

By CINDY GARCIA  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

By the end of *Disclosure*, most moviegoers were on the edge of their seats. However, few realized that director Barry Levinson increased the number of edits in the film to create a suspenseful effect.

TCU now has a film series that spotlights some of the subtleties that most people miss when watching a movie.

David Whillock, assistant professor of radio-TV-film, said the art, art history and radio-TV-film departments, in conjunction with the TCU Programming Council, developed the series to educate students on some of the more subtle aspects of art that appear in movies.

Amy Gafford, fine arts chair of the Programming Council, said the film series provides a great alternative for TCU students on Thursday nights.

"I loved the first movie *All That Jazz*," said Gafford, a junior studio art and psychology major. "It was different because the college age group doesn't have as many opportunities to see some of the great films of the past."

Whillock said there was a receptive crowd of 35 for Thursday's screening of 1979's *All That Jazz*, which was the film series debut.

Whillock opens each screening with a short introduction on the points of interest that will occur during the movie.

"We want to make people more aware when they watch a film that it's a well-thought-out process," he said. "In a good film each frame is an artistic piece."

two weeks through April 20. *Camille Claudel*, a 1989 film about the relationship between legendary sculptor Auguste Rodin and one of his students, will show Feb. 2. The relationship has been called one of the most important collaborations in the history of modern art.

Art		
	All That Jazz	Jan. 19
	Camille Claudel	Feb. 2
Film	Days of Heaven	Feb. 16
	Jules & Jim	Mar. 2
	An American in Paris	Mar. 23
Series	Ran	April 6
	Citizen Kane	April 20

Whillock said that the films were chosen for their aesthetic value and to give students a chance to see films that aren't regularly seen on a big screen.

"We hope that through this program students will be able to look at the art in film critically, in addition to just watching for entertainment," Whillock said.

The film series will continue with a different film showing every

Rodin is best known for his sculptures "The Thinker," and "Clauel."

Other movies in the series include: *Days of Heaven* on Feb. 16, *Jules and Jim* on March 2, *An American in Paris* on March 23, *Ran* on April 6, and *Citizen Kane* on April 20.

Admission is free and the screenings begin promptly at 7 p.m. in Moudy Room 164S.

## Weakened virus a clue to cure

By DANIEL HANEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — One man's HIV infection over a decade ago is giving scientists their first evidence of the safety of an AIDS vaccine that has been considered too dangerous for people.

In a kind of unintended natural experiment, the man caught a genetically weakened form of the AIDS virus. The virus the man caught is virtually identical to the weakened virus used in the experimental vaccine,

which works well on monkeys. Typically people fall ill within 10 years of contracting HIV. But this man, now 44, appears to be perfectly healthy at least 12 years after getting infected.

About 5 percent of HIV-infected people show no signs of immune system damage more than a decade after catching the virus. Understanding the factors that keep them healthy is a major goal of AIDS research.

The study is the first to show that long-term HIV survival clearly may

result from catching a crippled version of the virus.

Certainly, one healthy patient does not prove safety. And it also does not demonstrate whether the vaccine wards off other HIV infections, although the researchers said it may have kept the man, a hemophiliac, from getting more lethal forms of the virus from his clotting material, which was produced before it was routinely screened for HIV.

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### NEWS DIGEST

#### Group files suit against FDA

WASHINGTON (AP) — A private group sued the Food and Drug Administration Wednesday, seeking restrictions on saline-filled breast implants.

Public Citizen accused the FDA of delays in investigating 13,477 reports, dating to 1991, of injuries associated with the implants. They include ruptures, infections and mysterious auto-immune disorders.

"The FDA's inaction on this dangerous device is unconscionable," said Public Citizen's Dr. Sidney Wolfe.

#### Former gov. holds garage sale

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The nuts and bolts of former Gov. Ann Richards' political machine are up for sale.

"Everything must go," said longterm aide Kirk Adams.

Her campaign is holding a "garage sale" Saturday at her former campaign headquarters. Richards, a Democrat, lost her re-election bid to Republican Gov. George W. Bush on Nov. 8.

Her campaign hopes the sale will raise about \$10,000 to help defray a debt of about \$50,000, Adams said.

#### Rocket mistaken for missile

An erroneous report that Russian forces had shot down a missile launched from northern Europe had governments around the world worried.

The "missile" turned out to be a NASA-funded rocket that aimed to study the Northern Lights. The Norwegians launched it within their own territory after informing the Russian government. It was not shot down.

Vyacheslav Terekhov, deputy director of the Interfax news agency, blamed the mistake on false information from a high-ranking military source.

#### Tax collector arrested for theft

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A former top Tarrant County tax official who has admitted to transferring \$4.2 million in tax funds to a private account was arrested Wednesday.

Former Assistant Deputy Tax Collector Don Sharp was arrested on suspicion of theft over \$100,000 by a public servant, officials said.

He was released from Tarrant County Jail after posting a \$20,000 bond, said sheriff's department spokesman Major James Skidmore. Last week, Sharp acknowledged wire transferring the money to his own account at a brokerage firm.

#### Arrest made in UT prof's death

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Eleven Cambodians were arrested Wednesday in connection with the Jan. 15 murder of Susan Ginsburg Hadden, university professor in Austin, and her Cambodian tour guide.

An official who spoke on condition of anonymity said eight men and three women were detained in connection with the deaths.

Luggage and cameras believed to have belonged to the American couple were discovered with the suspects in the jungles of northwestern Siem Reap province, the official said.

## CAMPUSLINES

Campuslines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought by the Skiff office, Moudy 2915 or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

**SPRING BREAK DATES** The University Bulletin (Catalog) published incorrect dates for Spring Break 1995. The correct dates are from Friday, March 10 at 10 p.m. to Monday, March 20 at 8 a.m. These dates can be found in the 1994-'95 Student Handbook.

**UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH** is happy to provide student parking in three lots: corner of University and Cantey, corner of Cantey and Rogers and corner of Rogers and McPherson. But students will be towed if they park in the North Lot of University Drive adjacent to the church. That lot is reserved for UCC activities.

**ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS WORKSHOPS** Two-year vs. four-year colleges roundtable discussions for new and returning junior college transfer students are today from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

**PHI THETA KAPPA** alumni meeting is Friday at 3 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

**HOUSE OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES** is now seeking town representatives. A student must have a 2.5 GPA and live off campus to qualify. Applications are available in the House office, in the Student Center Annex. The application deadline is 5 p.m., Friday.

**CONFLICT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP** is Monday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Rickel. For reservations call 921-7100 or stop by the Alcohol and Drug Education Office.

**HIGH ADVENTURE CLUB** meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 222. Call Paul at 926-9510.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan 31 to March 21. Sign up in Student Center Room 139 or call 921-7830.

**OLAS** Organization of Latin American Students meets Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Student Center 204. Chris Montez at 737-5012.

**STUDENTS FOR ASIAN INDIAN CULTURAL AWARENESS** is looking for donations and volunteers for "Experience India" Feb. 11 in the Student Center Ballroom. Call Aashish Patel at 921-3216.

**DISCIPLES STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS** meets every Thursday night at University Christian Church, 2720 S. University. Food is served at 5:30 p.m. followed by a program and fellowship. A \$2 donation is appreciated for the supper.

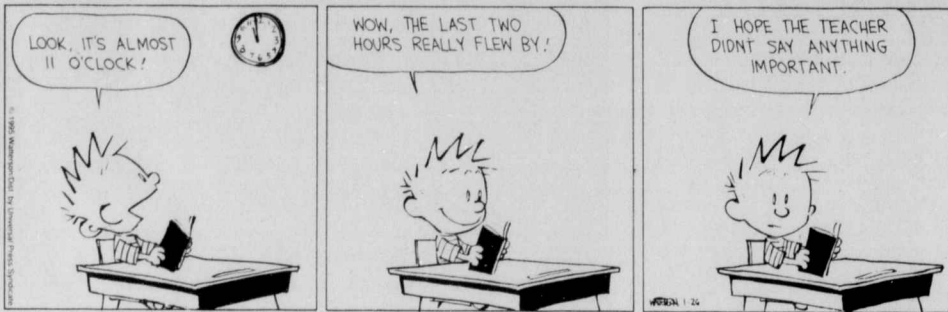
## The Beaten Path

by P.D. Magnus



## Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



## WEATHER

Today's forecast is mostly cloudy with a high in the mid 60's and a low in the 50's. There is a 50 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms.

Friday will be partly cloudy and windy with a high near 60.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

**Today**  
First ISA Meeting  
Angel Flight Rush  
7:30 p.m. Graduate recital by percussionist Larry Gerber, Ed Landreth Auditorium

**Friday**  
Last Day to Withdraw at 75 percent refund  
9 p.m., SC ballroom, Programming Council showing of "Airplane"

**Saturday**  
Ranch Management Roundup  
Noon, Men's Basketball, TCU vs. Texas A&M, Daniel-Meyer Coliseum  
Women's basketball, TCU vs. Texas A&M, in College Station

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## New Jersey man sues Texas lottery officials

BY MIKE DRAGO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — A New Jersey man sued Texas Lottery chief Nora Linares and state lottery commissioners Wednesday for refusing to pay him \$10.4 million he won in a Lotto Texas drawing in November.

Scott Wenner, 37, of Riverside, N.J., correctly picked the six winning numbers in a Nov. 23 Lotto Texas drawing, but Linares ruled earlier

this month he couldn't collect his prize.

Texas law bars unlicensed sale of lottery tickets and prohibits retailers from charging more than face value. For his \$1 ticket, Wenner paid \$2 to Pic-A-State, a Lakewood, N.J., ticket broker not licensed by the Texas Lottery.

In a lawsuit filed in state district court Wednesday, Wenner alleges breach of contract against Linares and lottery commissioners. He also accuses the lottery of discrimination for refusing to pay because he lives out of state.

The petition asks the court to rule Wenner acted in accordance with lot-

tery rules and should get the jackpot.

"I don't think they know the meaning of the word integrity," Wenner, reached by telephone at his home in New Jersey, said of the commission. "I just feel they're not upholding the American dream. The American dream is if somebody wins the lottery, you pay up."

In a prepared statement, Linares said she had not yet been served with the suit and would have no comment. The Texas attorney general's office, which represents the lottery, said it hadn't seen the lawsuit either.

Austin attorney Dale Johnson, who filed the case on Wenner's behalf, said the law regarding out-of-

state ticket buyers should be clarified.

Many lottery advertisements reach people across state lines and players place their trust in the state's integrity to pay up, he contended.

"These out-of-staters are bringing in not just tens of millions of dollars but hundreds of millions of dollars," Johnson said. "Frankly, we ought to be encouraging it instead of discouraging it."

State Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, said he met with Linares on Wednesday and asked her to pay Wenner.

Wilson, whose 1991 legislation established the state-sponsored games, said the lottery commission misinterpreted the law's intent.

He's drafting a bill to clarify the law and allow out-of-state brokers to sell lottery tickets. The bill would avert future problems as well as resolve Wenner's claim, he said.

Wilson added the dispute was sending a bad message to lottery players.

"In Texas, supposedly our word is our bond, and this looks like we're being kind of chintzy and cheesy and petty," he said. "We need to play the game correctly and live up to our word."



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## Program page 1

"Many of the students were too busy with work and their families," Lieberth said. "The program is easily transferred to video cassette so it can be taken home and viewed."

Four different people perform the sign language on the CD-ROM program in Spanish and English. The user sees the word signed, sees a picture of the word, sees the written form of the word and hears a voice saying the word.

Laura Cullington, a graduate student in speech pathology, said TCU is lucky to have Lieberth on its team. "Her project will be a great contribution to not only the hearing impaired, but to those of us who wish to communicate with them," Cullington said.

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■ KEVIN ARCENEUX

## Balanced budget amendment would be counterproductive

There is an old problem that has become a new crisis. People are sick of Congress spending more money than it makes and they want to put a stop to it. The Republicans say they have a sure-fire plan, and since Black Tuesday gave them majority status in November 1994, they believe the country is mandating it be done. The Republicans' solution is the balanced budget amendment.

Realistically, the only way to balance the budget or cut the deficit to zero by the year 2002 would be to make enormous spending cuts amounting to about \$1 trillion. This means it would be necessary to severely cut, if not abolish, many social programs — especially if the Republicans plan on raising military spending. Cutting social programs would only balance the budget at the expense of the poor.

Poverty is already a multigenerational



balance the budget would only create a caste system and promote greater class inequality. The Republican plan to cut taxes to help balance the budget will not create more revenue or increase economic activity. The poor never see a penny of supply side surpluses. In reality, money only trickles into the pockets of corporate board members. The

problem. Slashing welfare spending would only further exacerbate the problem by not giving the underclass of this country the hope and means to transcend poverty. A Republican slash-and-burn policy to

reason taxes needed to be raised in 1990 was because of the shortsighted, short term yielding policies of the Reagan administration.

The balanced budget amendment would also tie the hands of Congress. A balanced budget means that Congress cannot spend more than the treasury receives in tax revenues. In everyday life, people buy cars and houses with loans; people finance emergencies with credit cards. In effect, they are spending more than they make.

The federal government, too, buys many worthy things on credit. To force the government to balance the budget would mean that it could not finance many needed programs. It would mean the government would be helpless to help in times of disaster and crisis.

Also, what if Congress didn't balance the

budget? Since balancing the budget would be mandated by the Constitution, Congress would be acting unconstitutionally. Thus, the Supreme Court would step in. This would transfer a legislative function to the judicial branch, which would violate the separation of powers doctrine.

Finally, a balanced budget amendment is not necessary. Unlike private citizens, the government will never become insolvent.

There are three reasons why a constitutional amendment is not necessary: First, the debt may be refinanced through bonds; second, the government has the power to levy and collect taxes; and third, the government is the sole backer of currency — when you're making the rules, it's hard to lose.

What the government does need to do is get the deficit under control, not eliminate it.

The deficit is not intrinsically bad; it fuels the economy and allows the government to get a handle on the economy during recessions.

The current deficit is about 20 percent above receipts, which is too high. So Congress should continue to follow the economic plans of President Clinton, thereby achieving a controlled deficit.

Clearly, it will take some time to achieve a controlled deficit, but good public policy is never implemented overnight. The only thing a balanced budget amendment would do is exclude the government as a major player in stabilizing the economy and widen the already too wide gap between rich and poor.

Kevin Arceneux is a sophomore political science major from Fort Worth.

■ LAURA POTTER

## Professional sports are too money-crazed

Imagine it's Sunday afternoon on Jan. 29. Out of nowhere, Iraq decides to launch an attack on the United States. The president breaks in on Sunday afternoon television to inform the nation of the crisis. Instantly, thousands of riots break out, not from panic over the threat to the nation, but in passionate fury over the preempting of the Super Bowl.

This really isn't an exaggeration. I went to a department store about two Sundays ago, and couldn't find anyone on the floor to help me. Most of the staff, except for a couple of older ladies, were clustered around the electronics department staring at a NFL playoff game.

Interestingly enough, the manager was one of the people sitting there engrossed in a football game, ignoring the customers in the store. In fact, if I had been dishonest, I could have walked right out of the store with merchandise and never been stopped.

What's going on here? Sports such as football, baseball, basketball and hockey have been taken far beyond their original concepts. In the beginning, many sports were outlets for athletes themselves, until people realized the money that could be made.

"Professional" sports have been around since the 19th century, but they have not always had the same emphasis. It wasn't until the 1930s that the NFL began to look like it does now, with two divisions and a season-ending championship game.

In the past 40 years, athletes seem to have forgotten the purposes of the sports themselves in their search for money and fame. Somehow, it's more important whether their contract is for \$3 million or \$6 million than the actual playing of the game. Athletics have become a business, with billions of dollars riding on each season.

Players are bought and sold, and their faces are plastered on billboards, magazines, shirts and everything else imaginable.

The sport itself is forgotten. In fact, these days we build huge multimillion dollar arenas where the biggest question is whether or not the spectators will be able to drink beer or not.

What purpose do sports serve in our society, beyond being something for people to watch while sitting at home drinking beer? If sports are for the players themselves, to keep their bodies in top physical condition, why should they be paid millions of dollars for it?

As long as we are on this line of reasoning, a lot of sports are far too violent to merit any good for the players. With the amount of money riding on the outcome of each game, good players seem to be targeted to be taken out of action. Look at all the injuries sustained in just one game of an athletic event. This is definitely not in the best interests of the players.

Of course, the entertainment value of sports cannot be neglected. Athletic events draw thousands of spectators and inspire great loyalty from their fans. Billions of dollars are made every year on professional sport paraphernalia such as hats and T-shirts. People enjoy watching athletes play their games.

But sports have been carried too far. The importance of the players and the various games have been blown way out of proportion.

If a bunch of movie stars decided they were not getting enough money and refused to act, the entertainment business would just hire someone else. But when the baseball players decided they weren't getting enough money, the entire season was shut down.

I'm not against sports. My sister plays junior-varsity soccer, and my mom is a baseball umpire. I've grown up watching games and discussing them. It's just that the integrity of many sports has been destroyed in the rush for profits, which has degraded their value in my mind.

Football, baseball, basketball and hockey need to somehow get back to their roots where the game, not the money, was important.

Laura Potter is a junior English major from Plano, Texas.



■ MATT PEARCE

## Joycelyn Elders left long legacy of incompetence

Last month, President Clinton asked Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders to resign after Elders had made the latest in a long line of controversial statements about social issues. Clinton proved with this action that he is capable of making intelligent decisions.

But the decision only balanced out one of the president's biggest mistakes, which was appointing Elders in the first place. Her credentials for the position of surgeon general were dubious to begin with. It seemed to matter most that she was from Arkansas and a good friend of the Clintons.

It is certainly commendable that Elders was able to rise from poverty, earn a medical degree and become a successful physician. But while she was surgeon general, she failed to say anything intelligent to the American people.

Elders was applauded by liberals for saying what she wanted to say rather than what people wanted to hear. But she usually failed to give intelligent explanations to support her controversial statements.

In December 1993, Elders stirred up controversy when she suggested that the government look into legalizing certain drugs in order to control the prison population. This came only two weeks before her son was arrested for selling cocaine to a police informant.

Once again, Elders received liberal support for her statements. But a person of Elders' prominence should have realized that the legalization of drugs would benefit only those who use and sell them.

Elders was a one woman war machine. Instead of presenting her views in a professional manner, she resorted to maligning her opponents.

In one speech in 1993, Elders told anti-abortionists to "get over their love affair with the fetus." Elders was entitled to her opinion on abortion, but she could not have expected to earn widespread respect by deliberately insulting those who oppose abortion.

The fact that Elders is very liberal is not what made her an incompetent surgeon general. She was incompetent because she failed to represent the country as a whole. Often, her statements seemed designed to deliberately antagonize various groups.

Elders was well-known for her caustic remarks about the religious right and the Catholic Church. In one speech, she apologized for some of her statements, but her apology was accepted by few.

Elders apparently didn't understand the "freedom of religion" concept that is granted by the U.S. Constitution. Millions of people have immigrated to this country for the right to exercise their religious beliefs. Elders was in no position to criticize the beliefs of one of the largest religious groups in the nation.

Christians apparently aren't the only people that Elders didn't care about. Elders said the U.S. government should spend more money on AIDS research than on cancer and heart disease research because most of the people with cancer and heart disease "are our elderly population." Elders had a strange way of rationalizing how the government should spend its research money.

Elders' resignation was long overdue. In filling her vacancy, President Clinton should take great care to find someone who can properly represent this country. Hiring Joycelyn Elders was a mistake that did not need to happen.

Matt Pearce is a freshman news-editorial major from Wenham, Mass.



■ EDITORIALS

## FRIVOLOUS LAWSUITS

### Prison lawsuits are gratuitous

One of the key themes of Gov. George W. Bush's 1994 gubernatorial campaign was a promise to end so-called "frivolous" or "junk" lawsuits.

In his inaugural speech on Jan. 17, Bush assailed the "junk lawsuits that clog our courts and threaten our producers." Ending frivolous lawsuits will expand the state's job base "so anyone who wants a job can find one," Bush said.

More specifically, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales wants to crack down on frivolous lawsuits by prison inmates.

According to estimates by the Texas attorney general's office, taxpayers pay thousands of dollars to subsidize each prison inmate's lawsuit. Most of these

lawsuits are filed for ridiculous reasons.

One inmate sued the state for confiscating his pornographic magazines. Other inmates have sued for things such as faulty lighting in prisons. Records show that one Texas inmate has filed 123 lawsuits and lost all of them.

Morales has a six-point plan to reduce in number the thousands of lawsuits filed by Texas inmates every year. Morales correctly argues that there is no reason to allow such frivolous lawsuits to further burden the already crowded caseload of the Texas judicial system.

Prisoners have constitutional rights, but these rights do not include clogging the court system at taxpayers' expense.

## LETTERS

### Columns, editorials are different

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■ LETTER

### Faculty should attend ceremony

On Dec. 17, I proudly graduated from TCU. However, I was disappointed and embarrassed because none of the faculty from the psychology department attended the ceremony.

I was embarrassed because my parents wanted to meet and thank the faculty, and I was at a loss to explain the faculty's apparent contempt for what was one of the most important

days of my life thus far.

I realize how very dull attending the graduation ceremonies must be year after year, but for me and about 40 other psych students, that ceremony was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Maybe this letter will remind the faculty that graduation once meant something to them, too.

Marilyn A. Pugh, Ph.D.  
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## Boy rubs knees raw in school punishment

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NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A 7-year-old boy wore his knees raw when his teacher punished him for leaving his desk by forcing him to crawl around the room for an hour, the family's lawyer said.

Students taunted Austin Scroggins during the punishment Friday, calling him a dog and barking at him, said lawyer Bob Leslie.

The first-grader was wearing blue jeans and the cloth rubbed his knees raw as he crawled, Leslie said. He was moved to a different class.

The boy left his desk to retrieve a fallen pencil, Leslie said.

"He dropped a pencil and went down on his hands and knees to get it," Leslie said.

When he sat down, the teacher, Betty Davis, told him she would punish him by forcing him to crawl around the room the last hour of the day.

"He had a lot of trust in his teacher," said the boy's mother, Vickie York. "He liked her. He loved her. Now it's like he's shunning away."

Superintendent James Smith said the matter had been referred to the school district's personnel department.

"We want to get the teacher to give her side of what happened," Smith said. "Then our personnel department will make conclusions from that."

The family has not decided whether to take legal action.

## Company markets, sells genetically ripened fruit

BY ROBERT GREENE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A second company has received approval to produce and sell tomatoes that have been genetically altered to reach shoppers while ripe.

The Agriculture Department granted approval last week for DNA Plant Technology Corp. of Oakland, Calif., to market its tomato, but didn't announce approval until Wednesday. The tomato will be test-marketed in March in New York state and New Jersey with the brand Fresh World Farms Endless Summer, said company spokeswoman Ellen Martin.

Last May, government regulators approved the first such tomato, developed by Calgene Inc. of Davis, Calif. The tomato is being sold in the Chicago area, and the company is

building packing plants in Lake Park, Ga., and Immokalee, Fla., said Calgene spokeswoman Carolyn Hayworth.

Both companies aim to give consumers a tomato that tastes and feels fresh off the vine even in the dead of winter. But their techniques differ.

The newly approved tomato has been modified to interrupt production of ethylene, a hormone that causes several fruits and vegetables to ripen. As a result, the tomatoes ripen more slowly.

That means the tomatoes can be harvested at a yellow, more nearly ripe stage without going bad before reaching market. The process also lowers costs because harvests can occur less frequently.

Final ripening is done by spraying the tomatoes with ethylene gas, the same substance used to make basically hard, green tomatoes look red.

## Court rules in controversial custody case

BY SANDRA SKOWRON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — For a second time, the Illinois Supreme Court on Wednesday gave custody of Baby Richard to the biological father he has never met, taking the child from the adoptive parents who have raised him all of his 3 years.

The ruling was the latest round in a heart-wrenching legal battle that raised troubling questions about the finality of adoptions and the rights of biological parents, and also drew the state Supreme Court, Gov. Jim Edgar and the state Legislature into a fierce public dispute.

Richard was put up for adoption by his mother, Daniela Janikova, who believed the boy's father, Otakar Kirchner, had abandoned her. Kirchner, who at first was led to believe the boy had died, began fighting for custody before the boy was 2 months old. He and Janikova have since married.

Last summer, the justices ruled that Kirchner had been denied his parental rights and invalidated the adoption by a suburban Chicago couple. That ruling caused a public uproar.

On Wednesday, the justices granted Kirchner's request for an order that the child be turned over to

him. The adoptive parents, identified in court documents as John and Jane Doe, had argued that they should retain custody under a new state law prompted by the case. The law allows courts to consider a child's best interests when an adoption fails.

Jerold Solovy, the lawyer for the adoptive family, said he would ask the state Supreme Court to delay the effect of its ruling. He also indicated he would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, which earlier refused to hear the case.

"This ruling, in my humble judgment, is contrary to all Illinois law, all notions of fairness, and I'm astounded," Solovy said.

"Clearly, the Supreme Court has ruled that the child was chattel," said Cook County Public Guardian Patrick Murphy, who had sided with the adoptive parents.

The state court's order came with extraordinary speed, just hours after lawyers for both sides argued the issue before the justices. The court usually doesn't rule for weeks or months after hearing arguments on a case.

"I think the swiftness of this seems to indicate they're sending a message," said Kirchner's attorney, Loren Heinemann. "They're saying get this nonsense over with and get it over with now."

## President stops gifts by lobbyists to fund

BY MARCY GORDON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A day after challenging Congress to forswear lobbyists' gifts — and only hours after being goaded by Senate Republican leader Bob Dole — President Clinton directed his legal defense fund to stop accepting such contributions.

Trustees for the defense fund said in a statement Wednesday that donations from would-be contributors who are registered lobbyists would be refused.

The decision was announced amid growing partisan bickering between the White House and Capitol Hill over which party was making a good effort to reduce the influence of special interests on government.

Republican ire escalated after Clinton, in his State of the Union address on Tuesday night, challenged Congress to pass lobby reform legislation and to refuse to accept gifts from lobbyists.

Dole called that "a cheap shot" and accused Clinton of hypocrisy, saying the president was collecting money from lobbyists for his legal defense fund.

The fund was created last June and accepts contributions of up to \$1,000 from individuals. Corporations, unions and political action committees were barred from donating.

Wednesday's decision to bar individual contributions by lobbyists was announced in a joint statement by the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh and Nicholas Katzenbach, co-chairs of the defense fund. They said they were acting at the request of the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Congress has rejected lobbying reform proposals twice this month. The prospects appear dim for legislation that would rein in special-inter-

est influence or abolish such lawmakers' perks as expense-paid golf vacations.

"It's really a question of whether or not the Republican leadership is willing to take it up," said Rep. John Bryant, D-Texas, a leader in the lobby reform effort in the House.

Early this month, Democrats made unsuccessful attempts in the House and the Senate to attach a ban on accepting lobbyists' gifts to a bill giving congressional employees the same workplace rights as other Americans. Republican lawmakers then promised to consider the gift ban later as part of a package of lobbying reforms.

Clinton noted in his address that lawmakers recently rejected the lobbyist gift ban and then told them: "Tonight I challenge you to just stop taking them — now, without waiting for legislation to pass. Then, send me the strongest possible lobby reform bill, and I'll sign it."

Dole's response Wednesday was hardly conciliatory, saying, "I thought that was probably the worst, the low point in his speech."

"He knows that the American people are concerned about this," Dole said in an interview on Fox Television. "But let's face it, Mr. President, have you seen a lobbyist lately? You probably have."

He asked of Clinton, "Is he going to stop taking money from lobbyists for his defense fund?"

The fund was established last June to help Clinton pay his legal fees from a sexual harassment lawsuit brought against him by former Arkansas state employee Paula Jones and from an investigation into the Clintons' Whitewater land investment in Arkansas.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry declined comment on Dole's statements.

## Man, son use prayer; survive in wilderness

BY ZEYNEP ALEMDAR  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANKARA, Turkey — The American pilot and his son huddled together in the older man's jacket, collected water in ski boots and talked about heaven, hoping that prayer and his survival training would keep death away during the nine days they were stranded in the frozen wilderness.

But their hopes dwindled as the days passed, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Michael R. Couillard said Wednesday, a day after he and his 10-year-old son, Matthew, were rescued from the Bolu Mountains in northern Turkey.

"We talked about heaven because it looked like we were going there," Couillard told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from the U.S. military hospital at the Incirlik air base in southern Turkey.

Father and son were flown there for treatment Tuesday after their rescue.

The hospital said in a statement Wednesday that the two Americans were treated for mild frostbite on their feet and toes and that "the prognosis is good for full recovery."

Couillard said he used tree branches to make a floor in the cave where they took refuge for six nights after getting lost in a Jan. 15 blizzard on a Boy Scout ski trip.

"Matthew's pants were all wet and I took them off and had him wear my spare pants," he said. "He was buried under my ski jacket which I zipped up, we were like birds."

Couillard said he used his son's ski boots to carry clean mountain water from a stream 50 yards below.

They passed the days and the nights talking.

"I was telling him stories," the colonel said. "I tried to keep his hopes up. We talked about food that we would eat. ... We talked about our family, the places we visited."

Father and son slept on and off. "The cold would wake us up and we would warm each other," Couillard said.

They heard helicopters overhead, but rescuers couldn't see them because of dense forest.

Finally, Couillard, a graduate of an Air Force survival course, made the difficult decision to leave his son

behind and go for help.

"I had hopes someone would spot us the first few days but on the seventh day I decided that if I had not gone now, I would not be able to go later with the little strength I had left," Couillard said.

He left his ski jacket with his son to keep him warm and left wearing only a turtleneck to protect him against the freezing temperatures.

In an interview in Bolu shortly after their rescue, Matthew talked about his fear of dying alone in the cave.

"My father was gone. It kept snowing," the boy told the Anatolia news agency. "I thought about what would happen if I died."

His father skied for an hour and a half before coming across a vacant state forestry camp. Woodcutters found the 37-year-old officer there in an unheated cottage.

Couillard managed in broken Turkish to describe where he had left his son. Rescuers found the boy and brought him to the cottage.

The ordeal began when Couillard and his son were separated from the rest of the ski group in a Jan. 15 snowstorm at Kartalkaya resort.

Couillard said their only food was "a couple pieces of hard candy."


"But that was no issue. We lost our hunger in a couple of days," he said.

When they realized they were lost, they found a road and skied down it before taking shelter under some trees for the night. The next day they found the cave. Temperatures during their ordeal hovered around freezing, day and night. Hundreds of Turkish and U.S. soldiers searched for the missing pair for days.

The colonel lost 33 pounds, said Feridun Sagiroglu, a doctor at Bolu state hospital, where father and son were first taken. The boy could not be weighed there because he could not stand on his feet.

Shortly after they disappeared, a previously unheard of Lebanese group claimed Couillard was kidnapped to win freedom for a Shiite Muslim leader held by Israel, but American and Turkish authorities quickly discounted that claim.

Couillard is assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Ankara as a staff officer to the joint U.S.-Turkey military mission.



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**The TCU Cheerleaders celebrate after placing third in a national competition in Dallas in early January.**

## Cheerleaders place third in competition

By **HEATHER HOGAN**  
 TCU DAILY SKIFF

Twenty cheerleaders from TCU's took third place in a national cheerleading competition held Jan. 4-6 in Dallas.

The competition will be nationally televised later this spring, said Cheerleading Sponsor Holly Rascoe, who choreographed the squad's routines.

Melissa Johnson, a junior pre-major and co-captain of TCU's co-ed squad, said the squad

worked hard preparing for the competition.

"Taking third place was definitely a surprise," she said. "It took a lot of hard work, discipline and a positive attitude to prepare for."

The third place finished earned the squad a trophy and \$500 dollars, which the team will use to purchase uniforms.

Last year, TCU's first year in the nationals, the team took tenth place.

TCU's team battled several injuries in the competition that year, but this year only a few girls suf-

fered injuries and no one on the squad had to be replaced, Johnson said.

TCU's team qualified for the nationals at a cheerleading camp last summer.

Tryouts were held early last fall for the 20 coveted spots on the nationals squad, Rascoe said.

The night of the Independence Bowl, the TCU cheerleaders began practicing for the national competition, she said.

"Our goal was to be in the finals, and we were thrilled to have gone

even farther than our goal," she said.

"Cheerleading is a wonderful asset to TCU's athletic program that people don't always notice," she said.

Johnson said the squad was happy to be a part of TCU's recent athletic success.

"With the football team being SWC champs and the basketball team leading the SWC, we feel like we have added to the success of TCU athletics and are proud to wear the TCU uniform," Johnson said.

## AIDS from page 1

Recently, doctors discovered that the man's virus was crippled by a mutation in one of its nine genes. By coincidence, this mutation is identical to the one deliberately engineered into an experimental vaccine for SIV, the monkey form of the AIDS virus.

Scientists showed two years ago that giving monkeys that weakened form of the virus protects them from catching the lethal variety, despite deliberate exposure. Yet it does not make the monkeys sick.

The case of the man who was inadvertently vaccinated was described in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine by researchers from the New England Regional Primate Research Center and the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

The search for a human AIDS vaccine has been disappointing. Giving dead fragments of the virus does not appear to stimulate the body enough to ward off infection. Yet giving a weakened but live virus — called an attenuated vaccine — is considered too risky because of the chance it will cause the disease it is intended to prevent.

Dr. Ronald C. Desrosiers of the primate center said many scientists agree that a live attenuated AIDS vaccine is

likely to be the most effective at preventing infection.

"But the big concern is safety, safety, safety, safety," he said. "This guy is doing fine. This is evidence of sorts that it can be safe."

In an accompanying editorial in the journal, Dr. David Baltimore of Massachusetts Institute of Technology wrote that "continued study of an attenuated vaccine is reasonable."

He noted that a still-unpublished study, conducted by Dr. Ruth Ruprecht of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, found the crippled virus caused AIDS when given to baby monkeys.

Because infants' immune defenses are immature, a virus that is harmless to grownups may be lethal to them. Her study raises the possibility that mothers who get an attenuated vaccine might pass the AIDS virus to their babies.

Dr. John Sullivan of the University of Massachusetts, a co-author with Desrosiers, said he thinks researchers should try to test such a vaccine.

"When there is a new person infected every 15 seconds, we can't sit around and scratch our heads and say we need to think about this for 10 more years," he said. "It's time to move forward with the idea that an attenuated vaccine might in fact be used."

## Reform page 1

ica," for example, they propose giving states the flexibility to design their own work programs and determine who must participate in them.

The best welfare systems come from the states, and not Washington, the contract said.

In turn, Texas Comptroller John Sharp has proposed a state welfare reform plan that he said will save taxpayers over \$100 million.

The plan, labeled "A Partnership for Independence," contains nearly 100 proposals and aims to enforce personal responsibility and strengthen families.

According to Sharp, "Taxpayers, already fed up with the inefficiency of the system, are now asked to support growing numbers of children whose healthy parents fail to live by their obligations."

Moore said welfare should be regulated by the federal government, not the state.

"Texas is anywhere from the sixth to 15th richest state, but it's anywhere from 48th to 49th in aid to AFDC payments," Moore said. "There needs to be more welfare consistency across the country."

Ames asked his clients who are on welfare to comment on some of Sharp's proposals.

Sharp's plan recommends that AFDC payments be limited to two years. These AFDC payments usually average around \$200 per month, Ames said.

Many of Ames clients said getting a job is difficult because the job training programs do not offer child care, and their AFDC payments are not enough to pay for the care, Ames said.

"Average child care at a YMCA or other place costs \$75 to \$80 per week, per child," Ames said. "There's just no money to pay for the children."

Sharp's plan proposes a one-time emergency cash payment to recipients to reduce the dependence on AFDC. That money could be used for child care or any other necessary costs.

The plan also promises to require job training and education for parents. Ames said the families would be eager to attend training, but it would be hard to go to without child care.

Sharp's plan would require mothers who receive AFDC and choose to have additional children to identify the father to receive more benefits.

Ames said the mothers he talked to were not always sure who the father was.

"Getting the father to admit he's the father is really hard," Ames said. "Even if they do admit it, many of the mothers don't want anything to do with the dads after the child is born."

But Sharp said the plan would help

force fathers to face up to their responsibility by strengthening child support enforcement.

However, Ames said the families currently face delays and apathy in child support enforcement.

"One mother knows where the father is, but the attorney general's office is doing nothing about it," Ames said. "The attorney general seems to be dragging his feet on this."

Sharp said the proposals would only work if those on welfare are willing to

cooperate.

"Every recommendation in this report is framed by an implicit agreement between those who receive public assistance, and those who pay for it," Sharp said.

Moore said welfare reform seems to be more political talk than actual legislative change.

"When I hear them talk about reform, I just kind of smile," Moore said. "We've been discussing welfare reform since we started welfare."

## Texas adults receive AFDC payments

Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) payments totaled 360,819 adults in Texas in 1993. South Texas, which has the highest AFDC participation of any region, saw more than 6 percent of the population receiving AFDC assistance, while just over 3 percent of residents in the Metroplex were on AFDC.

### 1993 adult AFDC recipients

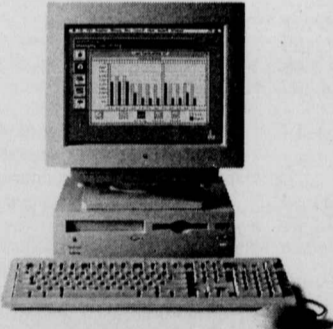
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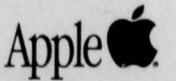
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# STOCK SHOW

## True cowboys arrive in town

### Fallin' in the dirt, way of life for rodeo bareback bronc riders

By KRISTAL GRIFFITH  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Helmets, shoulder pads and cleats may fill the Dallas Cowboys' locker room, but real cowboys don't even get lockers.

Their saddles, chaps and spurs are stuffed in athletic bags and scattered about the concrete floor.

The rodeo participants in the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo gather in a hallway behind section 3M in Will Rogers Coliseum; they greet each other with handshakes and smiles as they begin to prepare for their events.

From their camaraderie, you would think they were a team. But they are all opponents, competing for their livelihood.

And like any athlete, professional cowboys each prepare for the ride a little differently.

Neil Ballard, a rookie bareback bronc rider, said his routine consists of stretching, concentrating and getting his equipment together.

All bareback bronc riders use standard legal "riggin'" as an equipment staple, he said.

Rigging is the leather handle that bareback riders strap to the horse. That handle and their legs are all a rider can grip during the wild 8-second ride.

Ballard said he puts rosin, a powder-like substance, on his glove to get a better grip, and wears boots, boot ties and spurs to keep a hold with his legs.

"I also wrap boot ties around the middle of my boots to keep them

from falling off," Ballard said.

Spurs are important for gripping but the riders use free-spinning spurs so it will not hurt the animal, he said.

Marvin Garrett has been riding bareback broncs for 11 years and said he is so familiar with putting on the equipment that he focuses on mental preparation.

"You have to devote time every day to strengthen yourself mentally," he said. "It's not something you do just before you ride, but every time you get on a horse."

And in the 16 years Garrett has ridden bareback, he has had a lot of time to think.

"Riding was always in the back of my mind," Garrett said. "I played rodeo when I was little, and when I finally had a chance to ride bareback, I fell in love."

Ballard said he got hooked on the adrenalin rush during the ride.

Unfortunately for many riders, the sport provides more of an adrenalin rush than a financial rush.

Garrett has been fortunate — he has been able to support his wife and three children who live in South Dakota.

With his good fortune and the help of his travel partners, Garrett can afford a private small-engine plane.

"It saves a lot of travel time and allows me to spend more time with my family," he said.

But other riders aren't quite as lucky. Ballard, for example, will drive to Illinois and South Carolina, to participate in other rodeos before returning to Fort Worth for Mon-



day's round. The cowboys each ride three rounds and after their scores are averaged, the top 12 get to ride in the finals on Feb. 5.

Garrett said he expects to be in the finals and win between \$5,000 and \$11,000.

Ballard isn't so confident, but said he will keep riding until his money runs out.

But until then, he puts his riggin' back in his bag and moves on to the next rodeo.

Above: This cowboy takes "the bull by the horns" Tuesday night at the Southwestern Exposition and Stock Show. The cowboy walked away from the arena unharmed.

Right: Johnny Chavez, a bullrider from Bosque, New Mexico, concentrates before heading into the arena for Monday night's bullriding competition.



Photos by Blake Sims.

## Grin, bear it - cowboy's gotta ride

By KRISTAL GRIFFITH  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

When Johnny Chavez mounted a bull three years ago, he held on tight just like any other ride. But when he was thrown off, his left thumb was still wrapped in the rope that was strapped to the bull, and the rest of his hand wasn't.

The loss of his thumb has not stopped Chavez from riding.

Chavez rode another bull Monday night at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. This time, he only had a broken finger and two broken wrists.

For Chavez and other rodeo riders, injuries are a part of the job. It is the job of the workers at the Stock Show Sports Center to treat riders' rough falls.

Jeff Roger, a Stock Show Sports Center worker, said Chavez and other cowboys like him ride with injuries other athletes would not dream of competing with.

"Cowboys are a different breed," Roger said. "If they don't ride, they don't make money."

Money and health care on the road is a definite concern for riders, Roger said. And until the mid-80's, when

the parent company of Justin Boots opened the sports center, cowboys were left on their own to find a doctor.

Chavez said the sports center is a big help.

"I think they are very good to help us at no cost," Chavez said. "I know my injuries would be worse if I had not taken their advice."

The workers at the sports center recommend the riders wear protective gear to help prevent injuries.

Bull riders wear bullet proof vests to distribute the pressure of impact if they are kicked. Some bareback bronc riders stuff pads in the back of their pants to protect their tail bones. Many of these riders also wrap tape around their weak joints to provide support.

Despite the protective gear, some injuries are impossible to avoid, Chavez said.

Benny Joe McCoy is a bareback rider. His left foot got stuck in the gate when his shoot was opened, and when his horse began bucking, his ankle was dislocated.

A sports center team helped him off of the arena floor and put McCoy in a walking cast.

McCoy said the cast and therapy have improved his ankle. But if it isn't completely healed by next Tues-

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## Women's tennis back in swing

BY ERNESTO MORAN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU women's tennis team began practice last week in preparation for a spring season that the Lady Frogs hope will contain a few surprises for the rest of the Southwest Conference.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Led by sophomores Coryn Wilken and Deirdre Walsh, the Lady Frogs turned in impressive individual performances in the fall, raising hopes for a turnaround from last year's 4-16 record (1-6 SWC).

Head coach Roland Ingram's young squad includes only one junior, Christina Stangeland, and no seniors.

"Our whole team is young," said freshman Allena Cano, who along with Walsh is ranked No. 38 in doubles in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings. "That's kind of good, because we're definitely unknown to the other schools. I think that gives us an advantage."

Stangeland and freshman Annika Kjellgren, who went 7-1 and took the Westwood Intercollegiate title, are tied for the No. 24 doubles ranking, a distinction unexpected to Stangeland.

"That was (a surprise) for me," Stangeland said. "We had a good record in the fall (7-1 as a doubles pair), but it didn't even cross my mind that we could get ranked. It was a pleasant surprise."

"She's hitting really well," Stangeland said of her partner. "She's looking really, really strong right now. I think she worked pretty hard over Christmas."

Wilken, on the strength of a 10-1 record and first-place finishes at the TCU Invitational and Bill Day Memorial tournaments, entered the singles rankings at No. 55. Walsh broke in tied at No. 85.

In addition to the fall campaign results, another reason for the Lady Frogs' optimism is the high level of intensity in practice, which Stangeland called "boot camp."

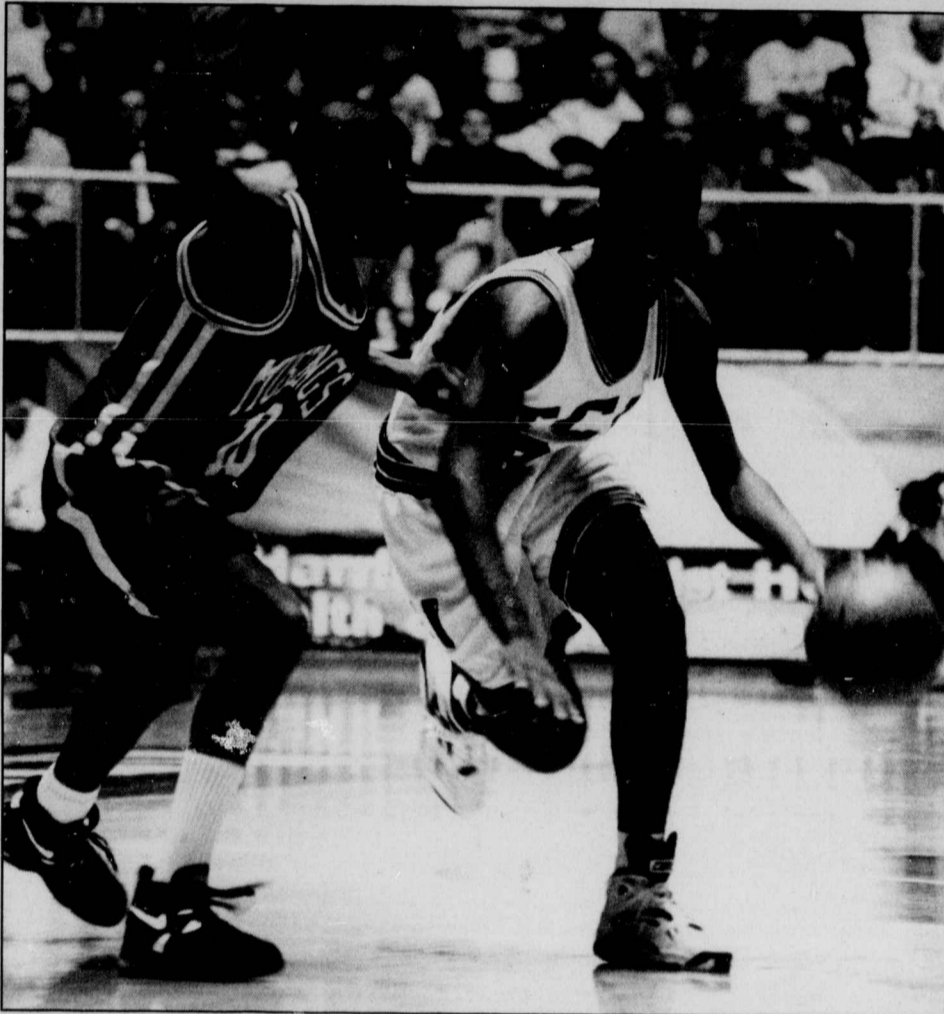
"We're working pretty hard," Stangeland said. "Everybody's hitting really well right now. It's tough practice."

"It is (good competition), because it keeps everybody wanting to try hard," she said. "You really can't slack off, because if you slack off you're going to fall behind. So it keeps everybody going."

The Lady Frogs first dual match of the season is Feb. 8 at the University of Texas at Arlington. Play begins at 2 p.m.

"It (the match against UTA) should be a good first match for the freshmen," Stangeland said. "In dual matches there's always a little more pressure because you're not just playing for yourself, you're playing for the team. It should be a good way to start."

# 'Billyball' too much for Ponies



Freshman guard Juan Bragg pushes the ball up the floor on SMU's Jemeil Rich.

## Frogs down Metroplex rivals behind Waits' 31

BY RICHMOND WILLIAMS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's basketball team continued to steamroll through the Southwest Conference Wednesday night behind the play of their big men. The Horned Frogs downed the

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mustangs of SMU 113-101, marking TCU's fourth conference win in five outings.

Junior forward Byron Waits reached his career high with 31 points, 25 of them coming in the first half. Waits benefitted from double and triple-teams on senior center Kurt Thomas from the SMU defense.

"Kurt is our go-to man," Waits said. "If they keep double-teaming him, I hope I just keep on stepping up and playing well."

Waits helped get the partisan crowd of 6,058 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on their feet early. After sophomore guard Jeff Jacobs hit a three-pointer to open the game, the Frogs soared to an 18-4 lead just four minutes into the game.

SMU head coach Jeff Shumate got his club settled down, however. The Ponies scratched their way back to tie the ball game at 24 with 11:45 left to play in the first half, scoring three three-pointers in less than a minute.

The two teams kept it tight for the rest of the half, swapping baskets until

the halftime horn, with TCU taking a 59-58 advantage into the locker room.

The Mustangs had hit 64 percent from the field in the first half, but cooled down to 35 percent in the final 20 minutes. Sophomore guard Jemeil Rich, who had scored 20 points (including three three-pointers) in the first half, was held to five points in the second.

TCU head coach Billy Tubbs said the Frogs did not challenge the Ponies' perimeter shots in the first half, but adjusted the defense in the second half.

Senior forward Michael Thoele contributed from outside the three-point line, hitting four treys in five tries, including three in the first nine minutes of the second half to give TCU up 84-69 with 11:14 left to play.

Thomas left the game with 27 points and 15 rebounds, putting him in a tie for sixth place on TCU's all-time scoring list with 1,219 career points.

The Mustangs never got closer than six after that point, despite several late jumpers from sophomore guard Troy Mattheus.

The Frogs scored at least 100 points for the ninth time this season, hitting the century mark on a fadeaway by freshman guard Juan Bragg with 3:55 remaining.

Tubbs, who received an early technical, was not entirely pleased with his team's effort.

"We weren't hitting on all five cylinders tonight," Tubbs said, "but we're making progress."

## Swim, dive teams hope to grow

BY SCOTT RUSSELL  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU swim and diving teams hope to rebound this weekend from losses to No. 8-ranked Tennessee and No. 25-ranked A&M when the women face the Houston team Friday night at 7 p.m. and both teams face Rice at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Rickel Swim Center.

### SWIMMING & DIVING

"I expect our men's team to have a really great meet against Rice, but our women's team will have to compete well in both their meets if they want to win," head coach Richard Sybesma said.

"The Rice meet will be a nice break from the competition last weekend, but we're really going to have to swim fast if we want to win," freshman Vince Sanchez said.

The women's team from Houston is led by junior diver Olivia Clark who scored all 27 points for the Cougars at last year's NCAA Championships.

The Lady Horned Frogs will also have some trouble compensating for the loss of top swimmer Sheila Hewardine. Hewardine suffered a punctured left knee, a bro-

ken shoulder blade, and a cut eye in a car accident last Saturday night.

"Both Houston and Rice have excellent women's programs and we'll need to compete at our best as a team, especially without Sheila, in order to win," Sybesma said.

According to Sybesma, competing poorly as a team was also a major factor in the team's loss to A&M Friday night.

"We had a six week layoff from competition over the break and I think that was a major factor in our flat attitudes," Sybesma said. "However, we picked it up and we were awesome against Tennessee as a team."

Many of the younger swimmers on the team said the opportunity of getting to swim against two ranked teams in the same weekend was a

great opportunity.

"Swimming against ranked teams was a whole new experience for me and it made for great competition," Sanchez said.

The meet Saturday against Rice will also be the last home meet ever for TCU seniors Luke Small, John Dolynchuk, Joseph Fennell, Brian Fell, David Doggett, Julie Musgrove, Tama Salter, and Leah Springstead.

"These swimmers have really done a lot for our team and for the University and I would like to see a lot of people come out to support them in the last ever meet in the Rickel," Sybesma said.

*If you didn't read it in the Skiff, it wasn't worth reading.*

### SPORTS DIGEST

#### Lady Mustangs beat Frogs

(Dallas) - The SMU Lady Mustangs defeated the TCU Lady Horned Frogs 94-48 last night in front of 749 people at Moody Coliseum.

SMU senior guard Jennifer McLaughlin scored 20 points to lead her team. Sophomore forward Stacy Price scored a game-high 23 points to lead TCU.

The Lady Mustangs had a 51-20 lead at halftime.

TCU is back in action Saturday against the Texas A&M Lady Aggies in College Station.

#### A's stay in Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - San Francisco Bay area developers Steve Schott and Ken Hoffmann have reached a "preliminary agreement" to buy the Oakland Athletics.

Team chairman Walter J. Haas wouldn't disclose details of the deal pending approval from other owners. The deal must be approved by 10 of 14 AL owners and eight of 14 NL owners.

Schott, president and owner of Citation Homes of Santa Clara, Calif., called Wednesday "a historic moment in my life."

"I look forward to a long stay in the Bay area," he said.

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## Council withstands fire upholds anti-bias rule

By TERRY WALLACE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas City Council weathered vocal opposition Wednesday and upheld a new policy to protect homosexuals against discrimination in city hiring, firing and promotion.

The council voted 9-6 to uphold the policy, two weeks after adopting it by a 9-5 vote Jan. 11.

Mayor Pro Tem Domingo Garcia, a policy supporter, quoted Anne Frank's observation that all people deserve respect as human beings. Frank was a German-Jewish girl who kept a diary while she and her family were in hiding during the Holocaust.

"I believe that," Garcia said. "I've heard the debate from both sides. But the bottom line is we're all human beings. None of us should be discriminated against, at any time, for any cause."

But council member Glenn Box, a policy opponent, said city rules and ordinances should reflect a community's mainstream morality.

"I've heard a lot of things, a lot of terms thrown around," Box said. But it's pretty simple from my standpoint. It all boils down to whether you believe homosexuality is right or wrong. I believe it's wrong."

"Every single law that we enact ... is a reflection of our society's moral code," he said.

The second vote came after the council was informed by City Attor-

ney Sam Lindsay that the first one may have violated the Texas Open Meetings Act. The public wasn't notified that the potential changes in personnel policy would include a change to the anti-discrimination provision.

Council member Donna Blumer urged that the vote be put off.

"An issue as divisive and controversial as this requires further discussion by the council," she said. "To ratify the original vote would only continue the acrimony and further the feeling that this (Jan. 11) vote was railroaded through."

Nevertheless, the public apparently was ready as the large council auditorium was filled through much of Wednesday afternoon. Opponents and supporters alternated before the council.

Several critics warned that the policy might not only protect homosexual men and women, but also sexual predators such as pedophiles.

"The policy that you enacted was very unclear," said Dallas accountant Ken Sibley. "I've asked many people what 'sexual orientation' means. You've opened yourself up to many different recognitions."

But supporters said the policy would raise a shroud of fear from the minds of gay men and women already on the city payroll, many of them covertly.

"It is good business and responsible management of tax dollars to hire the most responsible individual, regardless of sexual orientation," said Steve Atkinson, co-chairman of the Gay and Lesbian Political Coalition of Dallas. "Otherwise, gay and lesbian employees would not be as productive because of fear of discrimination."

The policy comes in the wake of the city's settlement of a lawsuit filed by Mica England, who was denied a job as a police officer because she is a lesbian.

The city settled her lawsuit in September for \$73,000. England has since decided to become a chef.

## First lady denies guru link

By MICHAEL BLOOD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Hillary Rodham Clinton, piqued by a magazine report linking her with a New Age author, says she has "no gurus, spiritual advisers or any other New Age alternative" to her Methodist religion.

The first lady says best-selling author Marianne Williamson is a political supporter with "an intriguing view about popular culture." However, Williamson is not playing any spiritual role in her life, Clinton said.

"It is factually true that I have met with Ms. Williamson," Clinton wrote in a Jan. 20 letter to Esquire magazine. But she added that as first lady, she's "met with Americans of every stripe."

The letter to Esquire editor in chief Edward Kosner was released

by the magazine Wednesday. It is scheduled to be published in the April edition.

Clinton's missive came in response to a brief story in a gossip column in the January edition of Esquire. It said that Clinton "has become tight" with Williamson, who's latest book, "Illuminata," is on best-seller lists.

Quoting an unidentified source, the magazine said Williamson had even worked on a speech for President Clinton. That was not confirmed by the first lady's office, the magazine said.

Williamson — known in the Hollywood media as the "guru to the glitterati" — was reportedly among other New Age authors invited to the presidential retreat at Camp David in December. She has been praised by Oprah Winfrey and officiated at Elizabeth Taylor's eighth wedding, to husband Larry

Fortensky.

In a two-page letter on White House stationery, Clinton said the Esquire story implied Williamson was her "spiritual adviser" or "guru." Neither of those terms appeared in the text of the story, although the word "gurus" was used as part of the headline.

Williamson "is neither my 'guru' nor spiritual adviser," Clinton wrote to Kosner. "I believe those who publicized her visit want to marginalize my expression of faith as a Christian."

"I suppose that no matter what I do — or do not do — I will be criticized and exploited by some. Yet, I will continue casting a wide net to meet with as many different Americans as I can," she said.

"I have no 'gurus', spiritual advisers or any other New Age alternative to my Methodist faith and traditions," she wrote.

## Flu virus plagues survivors of quake

By PAUL ALEXANDER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KOBE, Japan — Officials appealed for medicine Wednesday to combat a flu outbreak that threatened to turn into an epidemic in shelters that house hundreds of thousands of people who lost their homes in last week's earthquake.

The ground continued to rumble in Kobe, the western city that took the brunt of the Jan. 17 quake that killed more than 5,000 people. An aftershock of 4.7 set buildings swaying and sent new fears through a community wondering when its nightmare will end.

There were no reports of damage or casualties but high-speed trains in the area were halted and several expressways were closed as a precaution.

Eight days after the quake, about one-fifth of Kobe's population — 307,000 people — remained in tents and makeshift shelters set up in schools and government buildings.

Faced with the largest number of homeless people since World War II, Japanese officials fear the spread of any contagious disease, especially among the very old and the very young.

Provincial health official Michio Takaoka said 428 people in the shelters have been diagnosed with influenza in recent days. Another local official, Yasuhiro Kikkawa, said 154 doctors and 400 nurses, mostly volunteers, were trying to identify those at risk of serious illness.

"The doctors are very much concerned now about influenza," Kikkawa said.

He said local authorities desperately needed more medicine and surgical masks to stanch the spread of disease.

As of Wednesday, the death toll from the quake stood at 5,074 with 61 missing and 26,618 injured. Nearly 75,000 buildings were damaged or destroyed.

In an effort to ease the general misery, Japanese troops erected several temporary public baths around the city, giving thousands of people their first opportunity to bathe since the quake.

Authorities condemned 1,268 quake-damaged buildings and began demolishing some of them with the help of Japanese troops. Officials are anxious to prevent more deaths and injuries from aftershocks.

## Dispute clouds liberation ceremony

By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OSWIECIM, Poland — Jews from around the world returned Wednesday to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Nazis' biggest death complex, where 1.5 million people were killed before it was liberated 50 years ago.

Jews accounted for more than 90 percent of those killed at the camps from 1940 until they were liberated by the Soviet army on Jan. 27, 1945.

But a dispute over the degree of Jewish participation in Friday's anniversary ceremonies has marred the event.

Nobel Peace laureate Elie Wiesel, who heads the official U.S. delegation, complained that the government-organized commemoration does not focus sufficiently on the suffering of Jews, the main victims of the Nazi Holocaust.

"There are still problems," Wiesel said during a lunch meeting Thursday with Polish President Lech Walesa. "I hope to resolve them. I'm convinced that the Polish authorities will understand why we are so sensitive to the question of Jewish participation."

The government's ceremony reflects the view of the Polish people, half of whom equate the word "Auschwitz" with the martyrdom of their nation. About 6 million Polish citizens were killed during the war, the majority in death camps. Half of them were Jews.

One issue that caused anguish among Jews was the failure of organizers to list the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead, separately on the anniversary program. Instead the program notes that prayers of several religions will be held during Friday's events at Auschwitz.

That led some Jews to say they wouldn't attend and others, like Wiesel, to accuse the Polish organizers of showing a lack of respect for Jewish sentiments.

Polish organizers said they always intended to have the Kad-

dish as part of the Friday program.

Moreover, a separate Jewish prayer and remembrance service Thursday at Birkenau was added at the instigation of Szymon Szurmiej, leader of Poland's Jewish community. The World Jewish Congress later said they, too, would attend the Thursday event. Birkenau is where the Nazis constructed gas chambers to kill Jews and anyone else deemed unfit for work at the various factories that employed slave labor from the Auschwitz concentration camp complex.

"The symbols of Polish suffering and of Jewish extermination are combined in this week's commemoration," said Rabbi Andrew Baker, part of a delegation of the American Jewish Committee.

Although half the Jews who died at Auschwitz were Polish citizens, many Poles do not recognize the death camp as the symbol of the Holocaust that it is for the world's Jews. The Nazis built most of their death camps in occupied Poland, creating the impression among Jews of Polish complicity in Hitler's "Final Solution."

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