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Workshop to explore religious symbols

BY JOANNA SHOEMAKER
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Uniting Campus Ministries will sponsor an interfaith workshop at 7 p.m. tonight in the Student Center Room 207 to give students a chance to compare uses of symbols in different religions.

The program, "Symbols and Reality," will include presentations by students from Islamic, Jewish, Unitarian and Christian faiths on how symbols are used in their religions.

"We are hoping this will give people a chance to discuss their own views and understand other's views," said Anna Mueller, a sophomore math major and chairwoman of the Uniting Campus Ministries Faith Education Task Force.

Meredith Wilk, a sophomore history major and a Jewish TCU student, said she hopes the program will open doors for discussion.

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ANNA MUELLER,
Sophomore, Math

"I hope people will come away understanding a little more about Judaism and daily and weekly traditions," Wilk said.

The Islamic, Jewish and Christian faiths are represented by organized religious groups on campus. Mueller said the Faith Education Task Force decided to include the Unitarian faith because it knew of Unitarian students who could help balance the program.

While the Christian faith encompasses many denominations, Mueller said the task force hoped to give a more unified view to avoid having the Christian faith dominate the workshop.

To do this, five Christian denominations have taken a symbol and will present the overall Christian meaning.

Mueller said after the students presentations, participants would be invited to ask one-on-one questions of the speakers and members of the clergy.

Members of the clergy are helping with the presentations, but Mueller said the task force thought the students would relate better to students than off-campus ministers.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Rebecca Newitt
Doug Weiss, a counselor for Heart to Heart Counseling Centers of Fort Worth, talked about the ups and downs of sex during his speech, "Having the Best Sex" Tuesday night in the Student Center Ballroom. Weiss' message was part of Safe Break Week.

Greatest sex soulful affair, says therapist

BY TIM MARTIN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A licensed therapist, brought to campus as part of the Safe Break campaign, told students that good sex incorporates the body, the mind and the soul.

Doug Weiss, addressing a group of almost 75 students, said to have the best sex, two people must totally connect with each other.

"Anything short of that complete connection is just the 'squirr,'" Weiss said. "But when the connection is made it is like Hiroshima."

Weiss said a variety of factors could prevent people from having healthy sexual relationships.

"People who have been sexually abused at some time are less likely than others to be able to be sexually satisfied," he said.

"Sexual compulsives or sex addicts also experience problems because their 'normal' sexual experiences do not measure up to their altered sexual experiences."

Weiss said it was best to seek help to take care of these problems early because they could affect not only one's sex life, but also the ability to have fulfilling relationships.

Young people should step back and "choose" what they want to get out of their sexual relationships, he said.

Weiss recommended discussing these issues with a friend to create a sense of commitment and then openly discussing those feelings with future partners.

Weiss told students that studies showed those who have the most satisfying sex were involved in monogamous relationships or marriage and had a strong religious devotion.

Statistics also show that women are more likely than men to be satisfied sexually, he said.

To add excitement to a sexual relationship it may be helpful to set a time and place to have sex, he said.

"Make it a celebration," Weiss said. "Don't just have sex because you are together and in the dark."

Also at the speech, winners of the Safe Break Week participation contest were announced. They were Chi Omega and Pi Beta Phi sororities.

Winners were decided by which group accumulated the most points. Points were awarded for attendance at the Dr. Michael Leeds speech, the Students Reaching Out retreat and the Wish List Scavenger Hunt and poster contest.

The winners will be recognized during the Watusi reggae band concert noon on Thursday in the Student Center Lounge. Mock-tails will also be served during the concert.

Dallas leader to speak on lead contamination

BY ERIC WALTERMIRE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A Dallas mayoral candidate and environmental justice speaker will discuss the problem of lead contamination in metropolitan areas at 4:30 p.m. today in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 3.

Luis Sepulveda, president of the West Dallas Coalition for Environmental Justice, will talk about his personal battle with lead pollution in his Dallas neighborhood, said Chris Schultz, president of TERRA, the university's environmental club. TERRA is sponsoring Sepulveda's speech.

"A main focus of Mr. Sepulveda's cam-

paign is the lead contamination problem in Dallas," Schultz said. "He is here to promote a greater sense of environmental awareness in the Dallas/Fort Worth area."

Sepulveda, 42, serves on the Board of Directors for several organizations including the Dallas County Hospital District and the Texas United Environmental Organization. He is also vice president of the Arcadia Community Council.

Sepulveda said he decided to fight lead pollution because he was convinced that lead contamination persisted after a mid-1980s cleanup.

According to an article in *The Dallas Morning News*, Sepulveda accepted an award last

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CHRIS SCHULTZ,
president of TERRA

May for his coalition during a national conference on "Building a Lead-Safe Future" in Washington.

The award recognized the coalition's work to educate the public about lead poisoning and environmental issues.

Sepulveda has written articles for *Environmental Action Magazine* and the *West Dallas Toxic Times*. He is currently working on a book about his work for *Environmental Justice*, according to *The Dallas Morning News*.

TERRA is a part of the National Wildlife Federation and the organization has been trained by the Texas Natural Resources Commission to test the water quality of the pond behind the Greek residential area.

The organization also helps students in environmental fields find jobs and internships, Schultz said.

Proposal to change 1930s act

U.S. banks seek competitive edge in world market

BY TIM MARTIN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

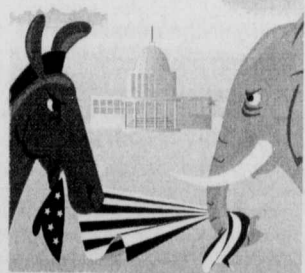
Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin outlined a Clinton administration proposal last week that would break down some of the barriers separating the practices of banks, security firms and insurance companies.

The proposal calls for a revision of the Glass Steagall Act that was passed in 1933. That act restricts banks from underwriting securities and forbids banks to sell

insurance.

The Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, which forbids single ownership of both commercial banks and insurance companies, would also be revised under the Clinton proposal.

Stanley Block, a professor of



finance, said conditions had changed over the decades and banking was now a worldwide industry. "The major worldwide banks are based in

see Banks, page 5

House tables attendance measure

BY KIMBERLY WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A bill to improve the attendance of members of the House was tabled at Tuesday's House meeting.

President Scott Wheatley announced that if passed, the bill presented by the Elections and Regulations Committee would not go into effect until fall of 1995.

The bill proposes that if a member is absent from four House or committee meetings, their constituency would be contacted by the House secretary, who would recommend a replacement be elected.

A member that has a fifth unexcused absence would be automatically removed from the roll and no

longer be considered a member of the House.

Resolution 95, submitted by the Executive Board, concerning the priority of full accessibility for all students in Reed Hall, was also tabled.

Members also discussed proposed Marriott improvements and several upcoming events on campus at the meeting.

Steven Wheelock, chairman of the permanent improvements committee

said the group was working on some new plans for the Pit.

"We are getting some really funky ideas for the Pit, putting art down there, really changing it for the students — it all depends on whether or not Marriott lets us do it."

Teddi Donevska, a sophomore math major, said something should be done about the music in the Pit as well.

"It doesn't help your digestion," she said.

In other business, Wheatley reminded House members that the Frog Forum is at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Student Center and the deadline for purchasing bricks for the Senior

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NEWS DIGEST

Athens: to clean air, ban cars

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Residents of smog-choked central Athens can breathe more freely from April to June, when most cars will be banned in an experiment aimed at turning historic areas into pedestrian walkways.

Only public buses and neighborhood residents will be allowed to drive in the one-square-mile area, including a zone around the Acropolis, the environment minister said Tuesday.

Air pollution in the city of 4 million people and 1 million cars and trucks is near danger limits on most days.

Reps ask for cereal inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two congressmen produced shopping list Tuesday and called it a rude awakening: \$4.49 for a box of Raisin Bran, \$4.69 for Frosted Flakes and \$4.25 for Rice Krispies. Rep. Charles E. Schumer of New York and fellow Democrat Sam Gejdenson of Connecticut asked the Justice Department to undertake an antitrust investigation to see if cereal makers were conspiring to keep prices high.

Kellogg's, General Mills, Post and Quaker Oats control 85 percent of cereal sales, they said, and take too much profit.

Veterans celebrate war victory

REMAGEN, Germany (AP) — German veterans and the Americans who defeated them joined under cold, bright skies Tuesday to celebrate the bold U.S. thrust over the Rhine 50 years ago — which hastened the end of World War II.

The veterans, many in their 80s, shivered through speeches at a ceremony in the shadow of the stone towers of the Ludendorff Bridge. The American capture of the bridge signaled the end of a miserable war and the start of a long friendship with Germany.

'Bistro' service takes flight

DALLAS (AP) — For some passengers who just can't wait for that airline food, American Airlines Inc. is beginning to offer a meal in a bag — before the flight.

American's new "Bistro" service has passengers on short flights pick up their breakfasts or lunches from coolers set up by their boarding gates. On Bistro flights, only first-class passengers or those ordering special meals will be served on the airplane.

Dallas-Fort Worth passengers will see the new Bistro service beginning in early April.

American airlines slashes prices

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — American Airlines Inc. on Tuesday started another in a series of air fare cuts to some Mexican destinations.

American said the sale reduces normal excursion fares by up to 30 percent from some U.S. cities to Mexico City, Monterrey, Guadalajara and Leon.

Tickets must be purchased by March 31, with travel from Friday to Aug. 31. Tickets for the Monday-Thursday flights must be bought three days in advance, and other restrictions apply.

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 291S or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR ELECTIONS are today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Center.

FROG FORUM is today at 11 a.m. in the Student Center Lounge. The discussion will be focused on Greek issues at TCU. For more information call Tedi at 732-7079.

CAMPUS CRUSADE meets today at 7 p.m. in Student Center 205.

PEER COUNSELORS are taking applications for Helping Skills Training Session. Applications are available at the Counseling Center. The deadline is today. Call 921-7863.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES will hear testimonies of Sally Simrad and Karen Morgan at

9 p.m. tonight in the Coliseum. **TCU DEMOCRATS** will meet at 6 p.m. tonight in the Student Center. Check the Student Center board for room number.

WATUSI, a Dallas reggae band, will play at noon Thursday in the Student Center Lounge as part of Safe Break Week. Free mocktails will be served. The event is sponsored by PC Concert Events and ROAD Workers.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS APPLICATIONS are available at the Student Center Information Desk. They are due March 20.

TCU'S STUDENT FOUNDATION will accept applications through March 24 for the 1995-96 school year. This is a student organization that volunteers in the Admissions, Alumni and Development departments. Applications are available at the Student Center information desk. Call 921-7803.

NOONDAYS are 12:30 p.m. Thursdays in Student Center 216. Bring lunch and a friend to learn about the names of God. Sponsored by

Baptist Student Ministry. **EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP** is forming at the TCU Counseling Center. The group will meet from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call Dr. Lisa Rollins-Garcia at 921-7863.

DISCIPLES STUDENT FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday nights at University Christian Church, 2720 S. University. Food is served at 5:15 p.m., followed by a program and fellowship. A \$2 donation is appreciated for the supper.

CANTERBURY Episcopal student fellowship meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays in the University Ministries office. A free dinner is provided, followed by a fellowship program. Call 921-7830.

ANOREXIA AND BULIMIA SUPPORT GROUP the anonymous, 12-step approach support group, will soon begin meeting off-campus. Call 926-1997.

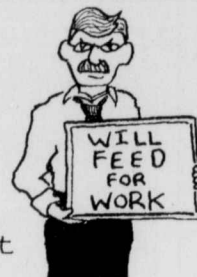
RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT GROUP is forming at the Counseling Center. Call Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863.

The Beaten Path

by P.D. Magnus



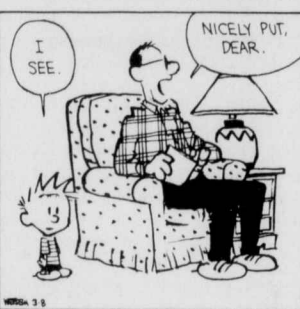
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Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



WEATHER

Today's forecast is sunny and windy with a high of 52.

Thursday will be fair with a high in the 60s.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today
noon, University Chapel, Robert Carr Chapel
8 p.m., Alpha Chi Omega Fashion Show, Scott Theater

9 p.m., Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, Daniel-Meyer Coliseum
6 p.m., TCU Young Democrats meeting, Student Center

8 p.m., Spring Dance Concert, Ed Landreth Auditorium

Thursday
noon, Safe Break Concert with Watusi reggae band, Student Center Lounge
TCU Fine Arts Guild production

Friday
Classes recess at 10 p.m.
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Saturday
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Women's Golf, UT/Betsy Rawls, Longhorn Classic

Sunday
TCU Fine Arts Guild Production

Monday
Spring Break
Mid-semester unsatisfactory notices due in registrar's office by 9 a.m.

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CORRECTION

The front page photo in Tuesday's Skiff was taken by Blake Sims, not Layne Smith.

Missy Evans is co-chief justice of the Fraternity and Sorority Judicial Board. She was incorrectly identified as the co-chief justice of the IFC judicial board.

The Skiff regrets the errors.

PLAY IT SAFE. IT'S ONLY A BREAK.

AND IT'S TOO LATE TO GET YOUR TUITION BACK.

House

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Appreciation Program is noon on Friday.

Greg Trevino, vice president for programming council, said the council's showing of Forrest Gump was a success.

He said that 475 students attended the showing of Forrest Gump, the largest attendance for a movie since the 1980s.

Trevino also discussed upcoming Programming Council events.

Watusi, a reggae band from Dallas will perform at noon Thursday in the Student Center Lounge as part of the Safe Break festivities.

Trevino also said the Jewels and Gems showing, cancelled last Thursday due to an ice storm, was rescheduled for March 30.

Also the House designated April 12 as Handicap Awareness Day.

Trevino said he hoped the day would allow students to better appreciate and understand the challenges the physically disabled face.

Leon Reed, a freshman political science major, said the House was willing to listen to any student concerns.

Student concern boxes are available to students in the Student Center and the Post Office; all students are encouraged to drop off suggestions, he said.

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■ P. D. MAGNUS

Ditching penny, switching to dollar coin make perfect 'cents'

A penny for your thoughts? Probably not. If thoughts are anything at all, they've got to be worth more than one measly cent. In fact, pennies aren't good for much more than hiding under couch cushions. Things that actually do cost just a penny (cheap candy, small washers and other minutia) are so insignificant that they're always bought in bulk. The total bill is a few dollars, anyway.

The penny, that noble memorial to Abe Lincoln, has gone the way of the eight-track tape player. Unlike the eight-track, however, everybody still has pennies. We get them as change and give them as change. The time spent counting them costs more than the coins are worth. The government still pays to melt down the old ones and mint new ones. Last year, banks in some parts of the country actually had to pay a premium on the little stinkers because there weren't enough in cir-



round prices to the nearest nickel. Besides the fact that future generations won't understand what we mean by "a penny saved is a penny earned," the plan has no down side. As long we're reforming our monetary system, the dollar bill should be replaced with a coin. Whenever such a suggestion is made, though, someone raises the specter of

culcation; everybody had them in jars on their dressers.

Unlike many perplexing social problems, the solution to this one is child's play: No pennies, no problem. Take them out of circulation, and

the failed Susan B. Anthony dollar, which the government minted from 1979 to 1981.

Shaped, colored and sized so as to be easily confused with the Washington quarter, the Susan B. was such a disaster that the mint is still storing 65 percent of those produced.

Over the past six months, however, usage of the coins has experienced a significant upturn. According to the March 7 issue of *Numismatic News*, 39 million Susan B.'s have gone into circulation since July of last year.

At that rate, all the little monsters will be out of storage in just over five years. If this is happening even with the coin's ill-considered design and terrible image problem, a \$1 coin should not be dismissed simply because of the Susan B. debacle.

The most recent push for a dollar coin has been spearheaded by the Coin Coalition, a

haphazard alliance of vending machine operators, transit authorities and advocates for the blind. Their reasons for involvement are obvious and compelling.

For vending machines and transit systems, the difference is between a \$400 bill recognizer and a \$30 coin slot, according to a report in Sunday's *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. If you've ever had to fight with a Coke machine to make it accept your crumpled \$1 bill, you understand the problem.

Although the Susan B. is hard for the blind to distinguish from the quarter, it's impossible to tell a \$1 bill from a \$5 bill without looking. With better planning, such as giving the dollar coin a smooth edge, the difference would be obvious.

If Congress is looking for a way to shave costs, the longer life span on a coin versus a bill would save \$112 million over five years,

according to the Congressional Budget Office. Each bill lasts only about a year-and-a-half, while coins remain in use for 30 years.

Dollar coins are no wild idea; Canada has done quite well with them. Britain, Germany and France also have coins as their basic unit of currency.

U.S. Rep. Pete Geren of Fort Worth opposes the idea, but his rhetoric makes it clear that he only objects because the Bureau of Engraving and Printing employs 500 people here. That's just pork barrel politics. Besides, the dollar coin will provide work for all those mint employees who used to press pennies.

P.D. Magnus is a junior physics and philosophy double major from Burleson, Texas.

■ CRYSTAL DECKER

Death places treasure of life in perspective

It's been nearly two weeks since Russell died, and I'm still looking for him at screenings.

Isn't that strange? It would be true to say I knew Russell only slightly, but now I know him well. As he lived, he was a colleague: a tall, slight man who would be found in the theaters as consistently as the rest of us in the Critics' Circle. But in his death, the details of his character were filled in, his nature described, questions answered.

He was an extraordinary writer. I knew that. I actually read his articles in *The Dallas Morning News*, something I usually avoid with my other colleagues



(Todd Jorgenson excepted). He was popular: a master interviewer, with a dry wit and a gentle perspective. He loved the same music I do, the same books.

He died of AIDS. Is that important? I think so. It was another side to Russell, one I knew about but never discussed with him personally. Another life. His primary one. I was part of his secondary life, his business life.

And, in that life, I was the one who made the phone calls. "Russell Smith has died," I said. Over and over. Russell Smith has died, his memorial is at the Inwood Theatre in Dallas. Yes, I'll be there. It's only right. We were his "working buddies," after a fashion, and we should be there.

At 22, I haven't seen too many memorial services, but I can't imagine you ever get used to them. I watched his loved ones cluster together. They did not cling to one another, or weep bitterly, or wail over their loss. But they didn't laugh and joke, either. In fact, conversation was trivial. They were very still. Accepting. Finding strength in their numbers.

And it was much the same with my group. Seven reviewers, from all over the Metroplex, there to pay our respects to the man we knew. In a way, we were "tipping our hat" to one of our own, acknowledging the loss of one of the more gifted artists among us.

He died at 37. People did wear black at Russell's service. I wasn't sure they would.

Flowers and his byline photo from *The Dallas Morning News* adorned the Inwood Theatre lobby, along with baskets of service programs and red AIDS ribbons.

A friend of mine was struggling with his ribbon. I took it from his fingers and pinned it to his lapel. He didn't say anything. Thinking about it now, we all stood very close to one another, closer than normal, but didn't say much at all. We sat near the back, a cluster of professional admirers and friends.

We did not know him well. We were not his family, his drinking buddies, or the people who shared his life. Those people sang. They read W.H. Auden, Shakespeare and T.S. Eliot. They spoke with love and respect. They communicated their loss. Some cried.

I got to know him. Oh, Russell, so many people loved you. You were a treasure, and we only spoke in elevators and while we waited for the movie to start.

In your death, I learned things about you I should have already known. I took your life for granted. I knew you had AIDS, Russell. I knew for quite a while, but felt no urgency.

I never found the time. I believe that every event in life has a lesson, that God tries to teach us basic truths of life through our everyday experience. And sometimes, if a lesson is not learned, He will give us an event that will impress that point upon us.

I have never learned to live in the present, to look at the people of my life and treasure them as they are — temporary. People fall away. Graduate. Lose touch. Die. We must learn to hold close those people in our lives, to treasure them as if they may not be with us tomorrow.

Now I understand. Thank you, Russell.

Crystal Decker is a senior radio-TV-film major from Carrollton, Texas.

■ EDITORIAL

SURVEY SAYS . . .

Student response to questionnaires disappointing

Leaders depend on input from their constituents to govern.

The key to a representative democracy is representatives taking action with the knowledge they have some idea of how those they represent feel about the issues.

When those being represented do not make their feelings known, leaders govern, in a sense, with a figurative arm tied behind their backs.

Such is the case concerning a thoroughly apathetic response to a recent survey by the House of Student Representatives to determine student views on major campus issues.

According to House Vice President Sharon Selby, approximately 400 survey forms were distributed through Student House representatives to ascertain the pulse of the campus. Out of those 400, only 50 responses were turned in — a response rate of 12.5 percent.

"We didn't get as much response as we would have enjoyed," Selby told the *Skiff* in a March 1 story. Selby added that the response was not very representative of the student body.

House members plan to use the survey results to help determine their priorities for action, Selby said. The 50 students who responded listed parking, campus security, campus unity, food service and spirit as the five most important issues.

Granted, the House could have perhaps marketed the survey more effectively, especially to off-campus students — a point on which Selby agreed. Next year, the House plans to increase publicity and target students more effectively.

Even if all 400 students who received the surveys had responded, the results would still have only represented a cross sample of the student population. But it would have shown that students are not stereotypically apathetic.

Students who do not participate in the political process forfeit their right to complain about their representative government. Without so much as a blip on the compass of student opinion, student government leaders are left to chart a somewhat uncertain course.

■ LETTERS

TCU education is bargain

In response to Mike McCaffrey's column about TCU accounting . . .

When will the students here realize what a bargain TCU really is? All we have to do is look across the Metroplex at SMU. There, a year of school goes for about \$17,000 at least. I applied to a private school in Virginia where students pay between \$17,000 and \$18,000 a year. Schools like Cornell and Harvard charge over \$20,000 a year. Bottom line: in comparison to other private schools in the country, TCU is cheap and it costs money to attend a private university. The Financial Aid Office is located in Sadler Hall if you need help.

Also, we must realize how much it costs to run a university. Remember, TCU does not receive state money like UT and other public schools. This is one of the reasons why private schools cost more — they are privately funded. No tax money goes to support private schools. And here at TCU, the administration is engaged in a constant battle trying to please everyone complaining about food, parking, security and other issues. It is not cheap trying to please people who will never be satisfied. Bottom line: it is expensive to run a university like TCU.

Finally, if tuition is so high, if the food sucks, if there is not enough spirit/unity, if the football team is not good enough, if there is not enough parking and there is not enough security — in other words, if TCU is such a bad place — then transfer. No one is forcing you to attend TCU.

Jonathan Dugas
Sophomore, English and physical education

Name-calling solves nothing

I was called a Marxist the other day in my political science class. I was not being labeled for my views, since I hadn't said anything remotely Marxist. Rather, the implication was that since I was a "Marxist," my views were obviously wrong (or evil or anti-Christian or drug related; pick your modifier).

This kind of dismissing name-calling does not belong in a high school, much less a collegiate classroom. The university is a place for the open-minded and reasonable discussion of different ideas. If one is not willing to participate in this kind of adult exchange, then one does not belong in college.

Additionally, if you are dead set on calling people names, then the least you can do is get the name right. In class, I made the comment that corporate America needs to take more responsibility for the people it affects. This is not a Marxist idea. Karl Marx's thoughts were much more radical than that.

However, I will also say that Adam Smith's ideas about the free market are antiquated and defunct, that capitalism is oppressive in many ways and that organized religion is "the opiate of the people." Then, one could call me a Marxist and be correct and we could go and discuss it over a cup of coffee.

John J. Azzolina
Junior, philosophy

■ MIKE McCAFFREY

Vicious crimes deserve ultimate penalty of death

Two weeks ago, the state of Texas executed Samuel Hawkins, a confessed murderer and rapist. In an interview with the Associated Press before his death, he claimed: "I'm well-balanced, intelligent, dignified, reasonable. The illusion is that you're dealing with some animal that can't be reformed."

Let's discuss that. Hawkins had received two death sentences, one for the 1976 abduction, rape and murder of a 12-year-old girl from Potter County, Texas, Rhonda Keys, and the second for the 1977 stabbing death of Abbe Hamilton in Borger, Texas. In addition, he had been sentenced to life imprisonment for the 1976 rape and beating of a 21-year-old woman in Hereford, Texas. On top of that, Hawkins was linked to approximately 40 rapes in Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas, and had been incarcerated in Colorado for rape and in Oklahoma for burglary.

What was that? "Well-balanced, intelligent"? Oh, yeah, I'll buy that — and Brutus was an honorable man.

Mrs. Hamilton, 19, was six months pregnant when Hawkins stabbed her nearly 20 times, to the point where she was nearly decapitated. In a statement to police, he said he was looking for someone to rape, and just went door-to-door until he found one that was open.

Say that again? "Dignified, reasonable"? Oh, sure, that sounds like a reasonable thing to do to someone. According to a Feb. 21 AP story, Hawkins "insisted it was unfair to label him an animal, and said he doesn't deserve to be executed."

Unfair? What's unfair is how he invaded the lives of all these people. He didn't deserve to be executed? What about the people who deserved to live their lives without being assaulted, robbed, abducted, raped or murdered? They were in the right; they didn't ask for what he did.

Society draws lines to define those behaviors which it will not allow. Without these lines, life would indeed become, as Thomas Hobbes said, poor, nasty, brutish and short. To insure that these lines are not despotically crossed, punishments must be assessed, and sometimes that punishment means execution.

What did he say? "Something about him not being an animal beyond reform? Sorry, I don't think so. Beyond reform may be putting it mildly. In fact, "animal" may not have been strong enough, either.

When a criminal cannot be reformed and returned to society, execution is a legitimate recourse. Some say that this makes society just as bad as the criminal. Not so. Society did not attack, rape and murder innocent people in this case. The criminal, knowing it was illegal, immoral and inhumane, did it anyway. Society is just trying to enforce its laws and safeguard its citizens.

There's nothing wrong with capital punishment. When a criminal commits crimes so heinous that reform is beyond sight, a society has every right to remove him through whatever means needed. Furthermore, when one violently acts against society and infringes on others, that person no longer enjoys the complete protection of that society.

Sometimes, that means that the only way for society to protect itself is to expel that criminal from its midst. Centuries ago, Britain sent its criminals to colonize Australia. We can no longer exile criminals. Therefore, the more extreme cases warrant execution.

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Frogs take to the snow

By KRISTIN NEMETZ
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Spring Break is here and many TCU students will be hitting the slopes.

Jan Pearce, a travel agent for Carlson Travel Network, said she's been swamped with skiing reservations for months.

"Spring Break and Christmas are our busiest times of the year for booking ski trips," Pearce said. "It's also the most expensive time of the year to ski."

It is best to book a package deal that includes air, hotel and lift tickets instead of buying each individually, Pearce said.

Jan Pfeifer, Aspen information services representative, said lift tickets in Colorado range from \$40 to \$49 per day. Aspen's tickets are the most expensive, and Winter Park costs the least, she said.

"You'll be paying the highest prices in Aspen, but you'll find that resorts all over Colorado are expensive, especially during Spring Break," Pfeifer said.

It is also possible to buy five-day lift tickets that will save skiers money, Pfeifer said.

Skiers who want to check ski conditions can call the various resorts for a snow report that is updated daily with weather information, Pfeifer said.

Many Spring Break skiers will be flying into the new Denver International Airport that opened last Tuesday.

Rhonda Walters, a reservations consultant for United Airlines, said DIA was originally supposed to open over a year ago and the delay has cost more than \$5 billion.

The airport will also cost travelers who fly in and out of it, Walters said.

"There will be a passenger facility charge of \$3 to land at the airport and \$3 to take off from the airport," Walters said. "You will also see a significant increase in the price of your airline ticket."

Many skiers who don't want to pay the extra cost to fly can drive to Colorado.

David Daniels, a real estate agent in Austin, has been driving to Colorado at least twice a year for more than nine years during the ski season.



The trip from Fort Worth to Denver takes about 14 hours, depending on how fast you drive, Daniels said.

From Denver it takes one hour to get to Breckenridge, four hours to Vail and six hours to Aspen,

he said.

"The roads are plowed," he said. "But you always want to check ahead for road conditions. Call AAA or keep your radio tuned to weather information."

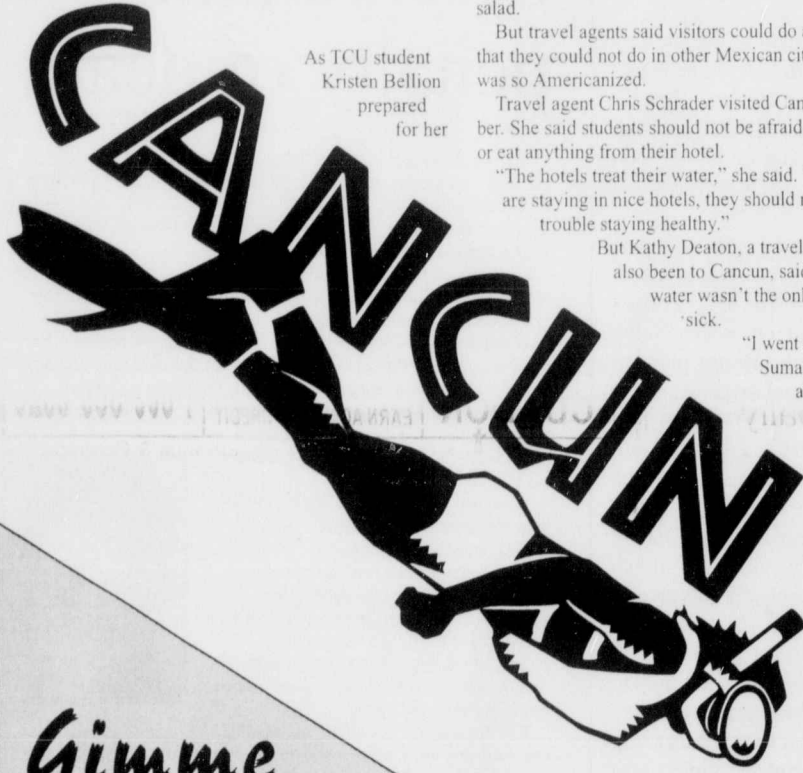
There are many rest stops along the way, and it is best to switch drivers every two hours to be safe, he said.

Cancun's craziness calls collegiates to coast

Mexico offers more than just sun to those looking for an exciting Spring Break

By KRISTAL GRIFFITH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

As TCU student
Kristen Bellion
prepared
for her



Spring Break trip to Cancun, she heard advice such as don't drink the water, don't eat the fruit and don't eat a salad.

But travel agents said visitors could do a lot in Cancun that they could not do in other Mexican cities because it was so Americanized.

Travel agent Chris Schrader visited Cancun last September. She said students should not be afraid to drink water or eat anything from their hotel.

"The hotels treat their water," she said. "So if students are staying in nice hotels, they should not have any trouble staying healthy."

But Kathy Deaton, a travel agent who has also been to Cancun, said drinking the water wasn't the only way to get sick.

"I went snorkeling in Sumal and got sick after I took in some of the water,"

Deaton said.

Deaton suggests getting a prescription from a doctor before going to Cancun so that people will not have to worry about where or what they eat.

"If you want to try eating downtown, you won't have to worry about getting sick," Deaton said.

Both Schrader and Deaton said travelers wouldn't have trouble finding familiar places to eat if they didn't want to try the Mexican food.

"Planet Hollywood, The Hard Rock Cafe, Wendy's, and Kentucky Fried Chicken line the Laguna strip," Deaton said.

Travel agents said going to Cancun could be less expensive because the exchange rate of the peso was good, but students could still be ripped off.

"It is fun to go to the market and look at silver jewelry and baskets, but some of the best deals are in the airport duty-free shops," Schrader said. "Travelers can't be afraid to walk away from the store owners; some of them will follow you into the streets trying to sell their products."

Deaton suggests exchanging a few dollars before leaving the United States so students are familiar with the newest peso and just in case they need the foreign currency.

"If you end up having to take a taxi and don't have Mexican money, they will take the American money, but will charge you much more," Deaton said.

But Deaton said students should not exchange all of their money here because the exchange rate in Mexico would be better.

The current peso to dollar exchange rate is 5.94 pesos to the dollar.

Schrader said that even though the exchange rate was good, many of the restaurants and stores were American, so the prices would be comparable to the United States.

Schrader said it only cost two pesos to ride the bus system and public transportation was the most practical for students.

"The hotel shuttle will pick you up from the airport and drop you off at your hotel," Schrader said. "From there, the bus system runs the entire beach."

Deaton said students should not rent a car because if an accident happens, it would be their fault if they didn't speak Spanish.

Schrader encourages visitors to see the Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza and Tulum, but students should select a bonafide tour company to take them to the sites.

"Selling time shares is a big business down there and people will try and tell you that they will take you to the ruins and give you breakfast for \$20 but they try and sell you a time share on the way," Schrader said. "Don't believe a tour company that charges you less than \$50."

Schrader said students who went inland should take bottled water and bug spray.

"The vendors will overcharge you for water and my bug spray was like gold," Schrader said. "People were offering me two pesos for a shot of bug spray."

But Schrader said students who didn't want to go inland could find lots to do at the beach.

"Cancun is ideal for para sailing because of its wide beach," Schrader said. "Other Mexican resorts have had accidents where people slam into trees or buildings."

Deaton said students should swim and water ski in the beach and not the Laguna.

"We saw bus boys clean off plates in the Laguna because they were feeding the alligators," Deaton said.

Schrader said the only worry students should have about the beach was that Cancun was known for its strong undertow when weather is rough.

Gimme a BREAK

Not ALL students beach-bound

By KIMBERLY WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Several TCU students have decided that the arrival of spring break doesn't mean it's time to hit the beach.

Instead some students have chosen to go on family trips, participate in community service, look for jobs, attend weddings and ... keep bees?

Kent and Kirk Bertino, sophomore accounting majors, along with their sister, Rebecca Bertino, a junior English major, will join their family on a trip to Canada.

They will visit Banff to go skiing and ride to the top of a glacier and will also stay at Lake Louise, a scenic town with shopping and nature trails.

"Since my family rarely gets to see each other, it will be nice to enjoy their company in such a picturesque setting," Kent Bertino said.

Kristel Vaught, a senior advertising/public relations major said she would return home to Bonham, Texas while her parents venture to Padre Island.

Towards the end of the break she said she would travel to Oklahoma City with a group of her sorority sisters to attend TCU graduate Whitney Sanders' wedding.

Philip Kanayan, a senior history and political science double major said that he was going to spend his break trying to check out job possibilities.

"I'm going to try to find out what I'm going to do when I leave

TCU," Kanayan said.

Masashi Inoue, a sophomore economics major said he was renting a car and driving with four of his friends to the Grand Canyon to sightsee and go camping.

Thirty members of the Brothers Under Christ fraternity decided to spend their spring break doing community service. Curt Norwood, a junior engineering major said they would be rebuilding fences and cleaning out trails at a Young Life Camp near Asheville, N.C.

"That's a place I went to when I was in school so it's a special place to me and it'll be fun because I'll be with the guys," he said.

Shane Higgs, a sophomore speech communication major said this trip would challenge his faith and get him out of his comfort zone.

"The physical labor is in part serving each other and serving God; it's also a test of character and really good fellowship," he said.

Ryan Miller, a senior finance major, will be flying to Las Vegas to gamble his spring break away with his two roommates.

The same group went to Vegas last year and stayed at the Luxor Hotel and Casino. This year they will be at the Excalibur and plan on concentrating on checking out other casinos as well.

Jeff Moehling, a junior nursing major, will spend his break keeping bees.

Moehling will be going home to

By MICHA CORTESE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

If you're spending Spring Break '95 in South Padre Island, get ready to party with about 150,000 other college students at the free concerts, games and activities.

Cindy Kossler, a media/public relations spokeswoman for the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the Coca-Cola Jam Fest '95 was sponsoring three to four live concerts a week for three weeks at the Radisson Resort South Padre Island.

TCU students will be able to enjoy a series of concerts during their break, including Joan Osborne and Rusted Root on March 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wesley Dennis and a country act to be announced on March 15 from 1 to 4 p.m., she said.

The Jam Fest will also include games such as 3-on-3 basketball tournaments, Coca-Cola Drag Race, human bowling and tug-of-war, she said.

Kossler said the Collegiate Health & Fitness Tour would sponsor games, activities on the beach, giveaways, music and entertainment at the Sheraton Fiesta Resort and Charlie's Paradise Bar.

The tour's main objectives is to promote health and fitness activities, safe Spring Breaks nationwide and drug and alcohol prevention on college campuses, Kossler said.

Kossler said there wasn't any tar on the beaches because the recent oil spill did not make it to South Padre Island. The beaches were totally unaffected, she said.

The Associated Press reported last week that some globs of tar were washing up on beaches on the Gulf of Mexico side of Padre Island.

A Norwegian tanker that collided with another tanker in early February caused 37,800 gallons of oil to spill from the tanker, according to the Associated Press.

Rodney Wehe, a senior accounting major, said he

has gone to South Padre Island for Spring Break for the past three years.

"It is the unsupervised real college experience," Wehe said. "People usually get up around noon, go to the beach with refreshments and lay in the sun until about 3 or 3:30 in the afternoon. Then everyone recoups by napping or eating until about 5 o'clock."

"People go out anywhere from 8 to 10 at night to Charlie's or Louie's (Backyard), or they take a cab to Mexico," Wehe said.

There is a large assessment of cheap bars in Mexico where the drinking age is 16, Wehe said. Students can "bar hop" and not spend a lot of money, he said.

"The police patrol pretty well, but they don't care about drinking," Wehe said. "They are more concerned with accidents and security at the hotels, bars, clubs and the streets at night."

Kossler said South Padre Island brought in law enforcement officers from all over the state, and that each property has its own extra security.

Marie Herrera, a sophomore speech pathology major, said she was going to South Padre Island with her roommate and six other friends.

"I decided to go to Padre because it's cheaper than Cancun, but still lots of fun," she said. "Cancun wasn't bad, but Padre is half the price."

Cristen Herter, a sophomore premajor, said she and her friends would probably try to jet ski, parasail, shop and party.

"I just want to do stuff we can't do during school," Herter said.

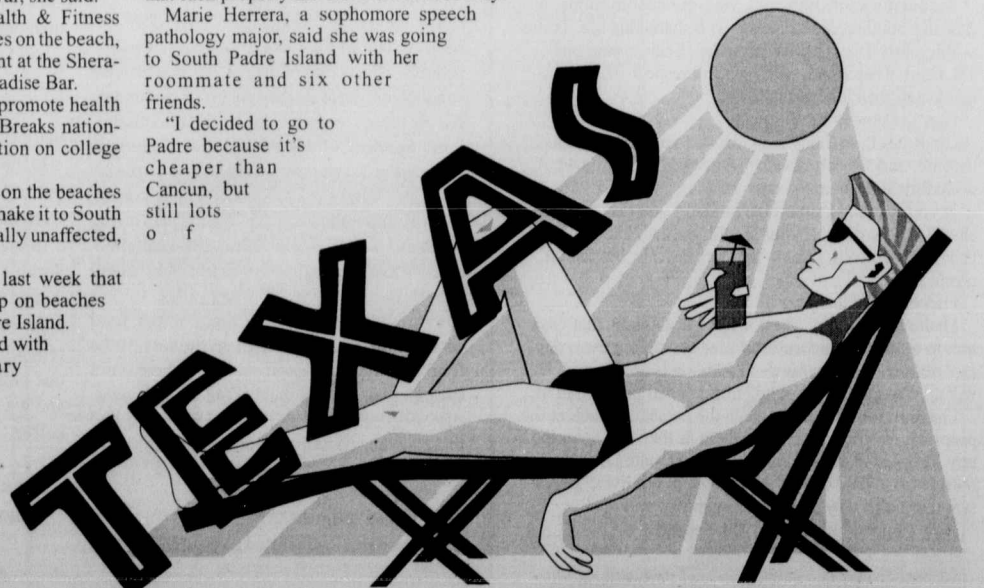
Wehe said people must reserve jet skis three to four days in advance, and not many people try to get them. Many people play tug-of-war or basketball at the Radisson, he said.

Wehe said many hotels require seven-night reservations.

"You get run down after three or four days because of eating fast food, drinking and laying in the sun," he said. "You're ready to go home, but you can't."

The restaurants are over-priced, so everyone eats at McDonalds or gets pizza, he said.

Norwegian oil spills won't tar students' good time in Padre



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Local ballet offers discount tickets

TCU violinist to perform with Fort Worth Dallas Ballet

By JENNIFER HOLMES
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU students can attend the Fort Worth Dallas Ballet's fourth program series on March 24 through 26 for half the price.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. on March 24 and 25, and at 2 p.m. on March 26 at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

Students can receive a special 50 percent discount off regular ticket prices by presenting their I.D. cards at the box office two hours before performance time, said Lisa Petit, the company's marketing manager.

The performance series will highlight a premiere metropex performance of "Tzigane," choreographed by the late George Balanchine, according to the company's press release.

Frank Almond, TCU's violinist-in-residence and Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra's concert master, will accompany the dancers to the music of Maurice Ravel.

The ballet was originally created for Suzanne Farrell, Balanchine's favorite ballerina, who had returned to the New York City Ballet in 1975 after a five-year stint with Maurice

Bejart's Ballet of the 20th Century in Belgium.

Maria Thomas, one of Fort Worth Dallas Ballet's leading ballerinas, will perform the role created by Farrell. She will be partnered by Mikhail Gaidamakin.

"I love it," Thomas said of her new role. "It's been, and will continue to be, one of the highlights of my career so far."

The ballet begins with a five minute solo, performed by Thomas to the soloist violin music, played by Almond.

"It's really a relationship between the dancer and the violinist," Thomas said. "The steps are unusual. It's not your typical classical piece."

She said she loved the piece because of its gypsy flavor, dramatic quality and the difference in physical and emotional interpretation to be found for each performance.

Thomas said that Farrell coached her for the role.

"What's important to her," Thomas said of Farrell, "is that I understand the concept of it, that I understand what the steps are about and what the music is saying, and how those two things have to mesh."

Other Balanchine ballets on the program are "Square Dance," (1957) with music by Antonio Vivaldi and Arcangelo Corelli, and "Raymonda Variations," (1961) with music by Alexander Glazounov.

Principal dancers for "Square Dance" will be Margo McCann and Todd Edson, while "Raymonda Variations" will feature Maura McKenna and Nikolai Semikov in the leading roles.

Also on the program will be "Webern Pieces," choreographed by FWDB's artistic director Paul Mejia, who is Farrell's husband. The ballet, which premiered in Fort Worth in 1987 with then-Dallas Cowboys running back Herschel Walker, is set to Anton von Webern's "Four Pieces for Violin and Piano, Opus 7."

Featured as the leading dancers for the Webern piece are Maria Terezia Balogh and Todd Edson.

Tickets range from \$8 to \$34 and can be purchased at Dillard's customer service department or by calling 1-800-654-9545. Season ticket packages are available through the Fort Worth Dallas Ballet's subscriber services at (817) 377-9988 or 1-800-377-9988.

Students star in 'Club Soda'

By CINDY GARCIA
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The setting is 1946 Brooklyn, N.Y., but sophomore theatre major Travis Schuldt said Stage West's southwest premiere of "Club Soda" could easily be rewritten in 1995 Fort Worth where the decisions between love and college are just as real today as they were 50 years ago.

Schuldt along with TCU students Amy Conant and Hayden Coore are starring in the production about Lillie a teen-age girl and her struggles as she's poised between childhood and maturity, between love and career, between breaking the labels of society and following her dreams.

"Since it hasn't been that long since we were all in high school, I don't think anyone will have trouble relating to Lillie and the Club Soda boys," said Hayden Coore, a freshman theatre major who plays a Club Soda boy in the production.

The play, written as an autobiography of playwright Leah Kornfeld Friedman, begins with 14-year-old Lillie directly addressing the audience as though she's reminiscing from a journal.

As Lillie tells the audience about her teen-age years, it becomes evident that Club Soda, the boys club, that Lillie's boyfriend is a member of is monumental in her life, Coore

"...I think many women today still struggle with this confusing time that Lillie goes through of wanting to be with the boys because they can go and do what society says she cannot."

AMY CONANT,
Junior, theater
and radio-TV-film major

said.

"Even though women have made great strides since 1946 with the Women's Movement, I think many women today still struggle with this confusing time that Lillie goes through of wanting to be with the boys because they can go and do what society says she cannot," said Amy Conant, a junior theatre and radio-TV-film major who plays the role of Lillie. "I think Lillie is an early feminist heroine and an inspiration for women today."

"This play is appealing and hits close to home because it's easy to connect to the characters," said Schuldt, who played Binnie, Lillie's boyfriend.

Despite the fact that Conant, Schuldt, and Coore have all been in college plays none of them have

ever run 20 shows before. They said they agreed the bond they shared with their fellow cast members carried them through the shows and came across to the audience.

"Even though we do it every night, it's fun, and I think the audience shares in that," Coore said.

Since "Club Soda" is a professional show, Coore says "it's guaranteed to be good."

He says the environmental style of theatre where scenes are happening all around the audience, direct addresses to the audience by Lillie, and the relevant issues "will get the audience involved from scene one."

"Club Soda" is a play that deals with serious issues but can still make you laugh and for romantics, may even warm your heart," Conant said. "It's a great play to bring a date to."

"Club Soda" previewed last weekend, but officially opens March 8 and runs Wed. through Sun. through March 27.

The shows start at 8 p.m. Wed. through Friday, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sat., and at 7 p.m. on Sun.

All shows are performed at Stage West, across the street from TCU on University, and "Student Rush" tickets can be bought at the door thirty minutes before each show for \$5. March 12 and March 15 are special "Pay what you can nights" and on those nights tickets may be bought for \$4.

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Corrigan, Texas to help his dad in the beekeeping business.

This tradition of keeping bees started Moehling's eighth grade year. Moehling will make about \$400 during the week, but the primary reason he said he was keeping bees over spring break was personal.

"This has always been a great way to get in some quality time with my dad," Moehling said.

No matter where they are going or if they are simply, as one girl put it, "going home and taking one really long nap," one thing is certain: TCU students are ready for a break.

Banks from page 1

Japan and the larger European countries because they are allowed to engage in speculative activities unlike banks in the United States," Block said. "The idea is to make our banks more competitive in the worldwide banking industry."

Block said the change would hurt smaller banks and insurance firms.

"Smaller banks that are not in a position to underwrite securities or offer insurance would probably be acquired by the larger banks as they

become more powerful," he said. "Small insurance firms and independent agents would be destroyed."

Block said deregulation was always accompanied by a degree of disruption in the system, but this issue also raised a question concerning how these overlapping practices would be monitored.

"I am in favor of the proposal because I am against regulation," he said. "But once regulations are in place people become used to living in a regulated environment. The process of deregulating an industry must be handled very carefully."

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Russian royals' remains reburied in ceremony

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ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Two members of the Romanov royal family were reburied Tuesday in the 18th century cathedral where Russian czars since Peter the Great have been interred.

The remains of Grand Duke Kirill and his wife, Grand Duchess Victoria, were brought to Russia for reburial from a cemetery in Coburg, Germany. The couple died in exile in the 1930s.

Kirill was a first cousin of Russia's last czar, Nicholas II. The remains of Nicholas and his family were supposed to have been buried in the cathedral on Sunday, but the interment was postponed because authorities want to conduct more genetic tests.

The remains of the duke and duchess arrived in St. Petersburg by ferry and were transported across the city in black hearses to the Peter and Paul Cathedral. The cathedral's 400-foot golden spire is the tallest point in the city.

About 200 people stood somberly

in a drizzle outside the cathedral while Mayor Anatoly Sobchak, accompanied by dozens of priests and journalists, observed the placing of the remains in a church crypt next to a vault containing the remains of Peter the Great.

The reburial, requested by descendants of the family, was authorized in January by Sobchak and President Boris Yeltsin.

Nicholas II abdicated in 1917, and he and his family were held prisoner after the revolution at a royal compound outside St. Petersburg, then called Petrograd. Later, the Bolsheviks moved them to the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg, where they were murdered in July 1918.

The whereabouts of the bodies was a mystery until July 1991, when five female skeletons and four male skeletons were excavated from a pit near Yekaterinburg.

Tissue from the remains was brought to Britain last year, and British geneticists confirmed they were the remains of the czar, his wife and three of their five children, as well as three servants.

Conoco defends oil deal with Iran

BY MICHELLE KOIDIN
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HOUSTON — Conoco Inc. officials on Tuesday defended their deal with Iran to develop Persian Gulf oil fields and insisted the Houston-based company violated no U.S. restrictions on business with the Middle East country.

"We certainly understand the political sensitivities and the political situation," Conoco spokesman Carlton Adams said. "I think we're astute people."

Adams said the oil company, a subsidiary of DuPont, agreed to the contract Sunday. It is the first such deal between an American firm and Iran since 1980 when Washington severed ties with Tehran.

"What we have done is totally permissible under U.S. law," Adams said. American companies currently are allowed to buy oil from Iran, but they may not resell it in the United States.

The company said the deal complies with U.S. restrictions because it was made by its affiliate, Conoco Iran N.V., and none of the oil and natural

gas will be brought to the United States.

At least one industry analyst in Houston said Conoco weighed a number of uncertainties in dealing with Iran and took the gamble, which other analysts reportedly said could be worth \$1 billion to the energy company.

"Conoco is looking for places all over the world that do not have any geological risk and do not have much geographical risk. So what they've done is they've decided to take the political risk," Dale Steffes, an inde-

pendent analyst based in Houston, said.

"Iran is not the enemy it was 14 years ago. For some people, it's still the enemy. Foreigners are the enemy — especially Middle East foreigners. But that's not true anymore. We have changed the world quite a bit since then."

The Iranian oil ministry predicted export of oil from the fields could generate revenues of \$12.5 billion, and natural gas could fetch \$250 million.

An announcement by the ministry made no mention of the United States, which broke ties with Iran in the wake of the seizure of U.S. hostages in Iran in late 1979. It said Conoco's Dutch affiliate would develop the fields.

Conoco needs no federal approval for the project, which will develop oil fields on Sirri Island, about 80 miles off the coast of Iran. Conoco and the Iranian oil ministry said they are expected to produce more than 120,000 barrels per day within two years.

Busing to integrate schools stops

Lubbock, Midland boards voting to end forced integration

BY JEAN PAGEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK, Texas — A generation of children boarded buses that carried them cross-town to help integrate Lubbock campuses.

But after almost a quarter-century, brakes were clamped down on forced busing in the Lubbock Independent School District.

Trustees will vote Thursday to quit the desegregation method that the LISD started under federal court order in 1970.

"There's a question of whether it's still an essential tool for ensuring equality," said Mike Moses, superintendent. "I'm sure that it's not."

Steps to wrap up desegregation orders also stretch to Midland this week.

Midland Independent School District officials will meet in court Friday to lay out a schedule for their attempt to gain unitary status. The MISD was declared segregated in 1976.

Superintendent Joe Baressi said the need for federal intervention has diminished as Midland's minority population grew and dispersed across the city. Elementary students get bused under a consent decree.

"We feel that we have implemented the plan as required by the courts and have done it well for the past 18 years and deserve to be out from any kind of supervision," Baressi said.

Lubbock school officials kept up their busing strategy even after winning unitary status in 1991.

During the 1970s, black neighborhoods in East Lubbock and white neighborhoods in West Lubbock each day traded as many as 3,000 students by bus.

But thanks to magnet schools and population changes, LISD busing numbers have dropped — this year, to 442 students out of 32,000. No one expects much opposition when busing's phase-out is proposed Thursday.

"Parents are ready for a change," said Corine Pandya, president of the City Council PTA in Lubbock. Her daughters were bused in first grade.

"A lot of parents don't see the educational merit in it," Mrs. Pandya said. "They're from all walks of life, from all parts of the city."

Busing continues to some extent in desegregated districts across the state, including Dallas and Austin.

"It had its place and its moment," said Moses, the nominee for Texas Education Commissioner. His two sons were bused in Lubbock.

But Moses said districts can direct more money and emphasis toward teaching once they leave the hamstrings of desegregation mandates.

"We came to the realization in the 1990s that the state and federal government can only do so much," he said. "If we are going to continue to improve, people at the local level have to be in control of their own destiny."

U.N. deputy killed in N. Africa

ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — Gunmen killed a United Nations official in Algeria's capital Tuesday after he resisted their attempt to hijack his car.

Oussini Lahrache, an Algerian who was deputy head of the U.N. information center in Algiers, was shot as he left home on his way to work in the morning, U.N. spokesman Joe Sills said.

The two assailants escaped and there was no immediate word on their identity or whether they were caught, he said.

It was unclear whether the killing was part of the violent anti-government campaign by Islamic extremists in Algeria or a common crime, Sills said. He added, however: "We have no reason to believe that there is targeting of the U.N."

Sills said the United Nations may need to step up security for its employees in Algeria.

He said Lahrache and a neighbor were heading toward the car when two men stopped them and tried to hijack the vehicle. He said Lahrache resisted and was shot but the neighbor escaped unharmed.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said in a statement he "strongly deplores this and all gross acts of violence which have already claimed so many innocent lives in Algeria."

Lahrache had worked for the United Nations since 1983.

Intellectuals, journalists and foreigners have been frequent targets of Islamic radicals fighting to topple Algeria's military-backed government. Thousands of people have been killed since January 1992, when a military coup halted legislative elections a Muslim fundamentalist party was winning.

Inmate stabbed to death while breaking up fight

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KINGSTON, Ontario — An inmate whose case became a *cause celebre* for supporters of the wrongly convicted has been stabbed to death in prison.

Donzel Young was attacked Monday in the gymnasium of Collins Bay penitentiary, assistant warden Yvan Thibault said. Initial reports suggested Young was trying to break up a fight.

Young, 33, was convicted of two counts of second-degree murder for a

1989 shooting in Toronto.

The Jamaican immigrant attracted the support of the Association of the Wrongly Convicted, which asked the government to review his case. His supporters said another man had confessed to the killings and said the investigation that led to Young's conviction was sloppy.

"He never had a chance to clear his name," said Guy Paul Morin, an association member.

The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear Young's case.

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Frogs face uphill battle

Women's basketball team hopes to play David against Goliath Texas Tech tonight in Dallas

By BRAD HORN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

When the Lady Horned Frogs take the court against the Texas Tech Lady Raiders in the first round of the Southwest Conference postseason tournament tonight, a season full of disappointment will more than likely come to end.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

For the hapless Lady Frogs (1-26, 0-14 SWC), a loss tonight to the Raiders (27-3, 13-1 SWC) at the Moody Coliseum in Dallas would end a season that will long be remembered as an exercise of futility — one that culminated with a 25-consecutive game losing streak and very few positive highlights.

The Lady Frogs, who have not won a game since defeating Central Florida, 65-55, on Nov. 27, enter tonight's game as the eighth, and

final, seed of the SWC Classic. TCU ended its regular conference season winless with a 97-43 loss to Tech on Saturday.

"It's not what I expected," freshman forward Stacy Price said. "There were lots of surprises for us along the way."

The first, and most painful, surprise for the Lady Frogs came before the season ever got underway. Senior guard Stephani Gray was lost for the season with anterior cruciate ligament damage to her right knee.

Things only went from bad to worse for head coach Shell Robinson when sophomore guard Nicole Perdue quit the team in December for personal reasons.

Those two key departures, coupled with injuries throughout the season to all but two team members, left Robinson with only eight healthy players for the team's season finale against Tech.

"I can't say that we did the best we could because I don't think we did,"

Price said. "We've got to hang in there and hope that next year will be better."

Price said that one of the hardest things for the team to overcome was losing on a consistent basis.

"The main problem was that once we got down, and lost so much, it was hard trying to find a way out," Price said. "Once we have our whole game plan together I think we'll be ready to play."

Despite the troubles the team has faced this season, the Lady Frogs are still a young squad.

Next year's season should see the return of nine of the 10 players, including six freshman and two sophomores. Six of the team's top seven scorers should return as well.

The Lady Frogs enter tonight's game as a longshot against the nationally-ranked Lady Raiders, and an upset of Texas Tech would be a remarkable feat, Price said.

"We need to stop their fast break," she said. "They've got a fast game plan and we need to slow them down."



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TCU sophomore guard Kayla Courtade goes to the hoop earlier this season. The Lady Frogs hope to upset Texas Tech in the SWC Classic tonight in Dallas.

Owners consider baseball expansion

By RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Baseball owners took a break from their strike negotiations Tuesday to consider adding a pair of expansion teams for the 1998 season.

The teams, expected to be named the Tampa Bay Devilrays and the Arizona Diamondbacks, will have to pay expansion fees of about \$140 million each.

The five groups that made 30-minute presentations to the expansion committee said they weren't discouraged by baseball's constant labor battles.

"I don't want this to sound trite, but it can't get any worse," said Phoenix Suns president Jerry Colangelo, who leads the group from his area. "It can only get better. I think it's bottomed out."

Vincent Naimoli heads the Florida group. His bid to buy the San Francisco Giants and move them to St. Petersburg was rejected by the National League owners in September 1992, prompting an antitrust suit that's still pending.

"At this point, we'll just sit and wait and hope," he said.

One group from Orlando, Fla., and two from northern Virginia also are seeking teams, but Phoenix and St. Petersburg are considered the overwhelming favorites.

Owners, who may take a final expansion vote on Wednesday or Thursday, said they must press ahead with a decision because of the deadline faced by Colangelo's group.

Maricopa County approved \$253 million of funding for a \$275 million retractable-roof stadium, but the funding will expire unless a franchise is granted by April 1.

Colangelo said his belief in the Phoenix market was one of the reasons his group was willing to pay up to \$140 million.

"If someone handed me one-third of the teams in baseball, I wouldn't touch them with a 10-foot pole," he said.

Acting commissioner Bud Selig said if a final expansion decision wasn't made this week, he likely would call another owners' meeting later this month.

Owners say they don't intend to designate leagues for the new teams until later. If one team is added to both the American and National leagues, it would necessitate the start of the interleague play.

Cowboys' Haley 'unretires'

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas — All-pro defensive end Charles Haley, who said after the Dallas Cowboys' loss in the NFC championship game that he was retiring, will play another season.

Haley, 31, who is due to make \$1.95 million this season, said Tuesday he decided to "unretire" for several reasons. One of those reasons, he said, was the Cowboys' commitment to keep their players.

"I'd rather not play if we're going to lose and if they sit on their hands as far as getting other players, I still might retire again," he said.

Haley said that money was not a factor in his decision.

"If a team treats me right and treats me like a man with dignity, then I don't worry about the money," he said. "I did not want to retire on a loss."

Haley said he began changing his mind when he was in Hawaii for the Pro Bowl.

"I talked to (broadcaster) Frank Gifford and he told me I should stay in there because you don't want to retire when you can still play," he said.

Haley also recalled a conversation with Cowboys public relations director Rich Dalrymple.

"Rich told me, 'Hey, guy, I love you,' and nobody ever told me that before," he said. "I guess I had to come back after that."

Said coach Barry Switzer: "This is great for the team. We had some contingency game plans we won't have to use. With Charles Haley and James Washington gone, this would have been a real dull team."

Haley, one of the top pass rushers in the NFL, had 12 1/4 sacks and 68 tackles for the Cowboys. He was credited with 52 quarterback pressures.

SPORTS DIGEST

Spectator hit by discus Frogs lose to Aces

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — A spectator at a high school track and field meet was in critical condition in a San Antonio hospital Tuesday after he was struck in the head by a flying discus.

Hector Aguirre, 38, of New Braunfels, was watching the field events at the Ranger Relays at Smithson Valley High School when the Saturday mishap occurred.

He was airlifted to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, a hospital spokesman said Tuesday.

"It's a tragic accident that was not anyone's fault," Clark said. "It's just an unfortunate thing."

The Horned Frog baseball team dropped another close decision Tuesday, losing 9-8 in 10 innings to Evansville at the TCU Diamond.

Junior right-hander Flint Wallace started the game for the Frogs and pitched nine innings, but sophomore David Meyer (0-1) picked up the loss. Senior right-hander Adam Benes (1-0) received the win for the Aces in the two schools' first meeting.

Third baseman Kerby Smith was credited with his sixth error of the year in the contest.

The loss was the fourth straight for TCU, who will try to rebound against Temple March 8-10 in Lubbock.

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Fight erupts at Texas prison

By KELLEY SHANNON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DILLEY, Texas — With the Dolph Briscoe Unit under lockdown, state prison officials Tuesday began investigating a huge brawl at the prison that law officers quelled using tear gas and riot batons.

Prison officials also sought to reassure residents of this South Texas community, who for the most part welcomed the medium-security prison when it opened two years ago.

"The response by the correctional officers was excellent. They conducted themselves in a professional manner," said Allan Polunsky, newly named chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

"Disturbances happen at prisons — we house only convicted felons," added Gary Johnson, the prison system's regional director.

Seven inmates were taken to hospitals after a racially motivated melee involving 400 to 500 inmates erupted at 8 p.m. Monday in a prison recreation yard, authorities said. By Tuesday, four of those inmates had been returned to the prison; three remained hospitalized.

It appeared Hispanic and black inmates were fighting each other, Johnson said.

"They broke up concrete storm drains that run underneath the sidewalks, and they used them on each other as well as on the buildings causing some damage as well as

a number of broken windows," said TDCJ spokesman David Nunnelee.

Damage, which was concentrated at the prison infirmary and another building and included damaged cabinets and broken computers, was estimated at more than \$100,000.

Area law enforcement agencies sent officers to help prison guards during the disturbance. Officers shot tear gas and used riot batons to control the situation, then restrained inmates with plastic handcuffs, officials said.

Earlier, about 6 p.m. Monday, authorities quickly calmed a smaller fight among about 20 black and Hispanic inmates in a housing unit, Johnson said.

Prison officers were to begin interviewing inmates Tuesday to determine instigators. Penalties could include transfers to different prisons, administrative in-house punishments or "free world" criminal charges, Johnson said.

The entire unit — with the exception of about 300 "trustee" inmates who are housed separately and are helping with cleanup — likely will remain under lockdown for several days, Johnson said.

"What that means is there will be no movement. We'll provide showers to those inmates, we'll bring sack lunches to their cells," he said.

Of the three inmates who remained hospitalized Tuesday, one was in stable condition at the Frio Hospital in Pearsall, and two were in stable condition at University Hospital in San Antonio, Nunnelee said.

Storm sweeps Texas

Tornados, floods cause power loss, injuries

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Cleanup crews and utility crews were busy around Southeast Texas on Tuesday after flash floods and damaging winds, including at least two suspected tornadoes, caused widespread damage and power outages.

At least five people suffered minor injuries in the Huntsville area, officials said.

As many as 250,000 electric customers lost power during the night in Southeast Texas, said Leslie Kjellstrand, spokeswoman for the Texas Public Utility Commission.

Widespread damage to mobile homes was reported throughout Southeast Texas.

A suspected tornado about 4:30 a.m. destroyed two auto repair shops, including one built of cinder blocks, and damaged an elementary school in Trinity, about 80 miles northeast of Houston. No injuries were reported, said acting mayor Lyle Stubbs.

"We really won't know how much damage was caused (city-wide) until all the trees blown against homes are removed," he said.

Inmate crews from the nearby Eastham Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice were pressed into the cleanup around Trinity, a town of about 2,700 residents, Stubbs said.

At least three people suffered cuts and bruises when a suspected tornado tore through a mobile home park near Huntsville, about 70 miles north of Houston, said Chief Deputy Billy Linville of the Walker County Sheriff's Department.

Two motorists suffered minor injuries when their cars struck trees felled across roads near Huntsville, county emergency service officials said.

About 100 families had to flee their homes in Lufkin after four inches of rain fell during a three-hour period early Tuesday caused flash flooding along Cedar and Hurricane Creeks, said Ron Wesch, city emergency management coordinator. Some homes had over four feet of water in them, he said.

By midafternoon Tuesday, forecasters said the Neches River was about two feet above flood stage near Diboll, about 90 miles upstream from Beaumont. Forecasters say the river should crest early Wednesday, about three feet above flood stage.

Scattered businesses, warehouses and storage yards lost their roofs in the wind early Tuesday in Houston, said Cora Crews, spokeswoman for the Houston Office of Emergency Management.

In Polk County, about 200 homes were damaged along a 10-mile wide patch across the county, said county spokeswoman Patty Smith. About 25,000 customers — most of the county, was left without power early Tuesday, she said.

The havoc resulted from a line of severe thunderstorms, the vanguard of an Arctic cold front that moved rapidly across the state early Tuesday. The cold front dropped temperatures from the upper 70s and lower 80s Monday afternoon to the 30s late Tuesday.

As many as 181,000 Houston Lighting and Power customers were without power early Tuesday. The

utility serves 1.4 million customers.

School districts in Spring and Klein, just north of Houston, were closed because of the power outages.

Officials had hoped to restore service most of those customers by nightfall today, she said.

Elsewhere, wind gusts ranging from 50 mph to 60 mph were common as the storms moved through Central Texas and South Central Texas.

A lightning bolt blasted away the chimney and part of the wall of a home in southwest Austin. A 77-year-old woman and her 55-year-old daughter, who were sitting near the fireplace drinking coffee, suffered minor cuts and bruises when they were showered with bricks and debris from the 1:30 a.m. blast, said Cathy Brandewie, Austin fire spokeswoman.

The storms were followed by winds gusting up to 45 mph and cold temperatures that threaten to move as far south as the Hill Country peach orchards, officials said.

Forecasters said that at temperatures could dip to 30 in western sections of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, not likely cold enough to damage citrus trees, said Rod Santa Ana, citrus specialist for the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

But mid-20s cold early today could threaten the peach crop in the Hill Country, said Michael Flynn, meteorologist in charge of the Southwest Agriculture Weather Service Center in College Station.

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Regulations prevent death, groups say

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Seventy-three thousand lives have been saved in the past decade by seat belts, child restraints, motorcycle helmet laws and age 21 drinking laws, a coalition of insurers, consumers and health groups said Tuesday.

Despite the reduced carnage on America's highways and progress against disease and accidents, almost one million Americans still die each year from preventable causes, said the Coalition for Consumer Health and Safety.

With Congress considering mea-

sures to rein in federal regulators, coalition leaders put in a good word for such agencies as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Traffic Safety Administration and the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America and chairman of the coalition, said, "In our zeal to rid ourselves of unnecessary regulations, we must not throw out the baby with the bath water. ... These agencies must not be weakened."

Most of the 970,000 deaths that the coalition considers preventable are from smoking (419,000), dietary fac-

tors and sedentary lifestyles (300,000), and alcohol (100,000). These deaths and millions of injuries cost society \$380 billion a year, Brobeck said.

The National Safety Council has estimated that 22,500 people died from accidents in their homes in 1993. The number of deaths from falls increased from 6,500 to 7,100.

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Bill limits filing of frivolous lawsuits

By MARCY GORDON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The House passed a Republican bill today aimed at limiting what backers say are frivolous lawsuits by making the losers pay legal fees under certain conditions.

The lawmakers voted 232-193 to approve the bill, the first in a package of proposed complex changes in the nation's civil legal system.

The bill would establish a system requiring parties in many federal lawsuits to pay the other side's legal fees if they refused a settlement offer and wound up getting less through a trial.

The vote occurred against a backdrop of competing lobbying campaigns from business, consumer and legal groups and robust opposition by the Clinton administration.

Two other bills before the House this week would make it easier to defend product-liability and securities-fraud cases. They would preempt state laws by creating a federal limit on punitive damages in most lawsuits. The three far-reaching measures are part of the Republicans' "Contract With America" agenda.