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## Next Frontier embarks on campaign in Permian Basin

BY JILL MELCHER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU will hold a kickoff gala in Midland, Texas, Tuesday night to officially announce its Permian Basin regional Next Frontier fund-raising campaign.

The event at the Midland Country Club will provide TCU alumni and supporters from the region an opportunity to contribute to the five-year campaign as a part of the university's comprehensive \$100 million

national fund-raising effort.

"TCU has a very strong history with alumni in that area," said Eric Webber, staff manager for the Permian Basin campaign.

More than 600 of the university's alumni live in the Permian Basin region, he said.

"Our goal is \$5 million," Webber said. "That's the same as the goals for the Dallas/Fort Worth and the Houston regional campaigns, and the Permian Basin has only half the number of alumni as either one of those areas."

Webber said people in the Permian Basin region had strong ties with TCU because it was the main school for West Texas students to attend before Texas Tech University became firmly established.

"Nearly 45 percent of alumni in that area contribute," Webber said. "Nationally about 25 percent contribute."

Tuesday's gala will include an announcement that about \$3.5 million has been raised from Permian Basin supporters already, he said.

The regional campaign goals are expected to be met within the next six months, but the campaign will last the duration of the five-year national campaign, Webber said.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes a reception and dinner with a special videotape presentation, performances by the members of the TCU Concert Chorale and local musicians and remarks from current TCU senior marketing major Collin Sewell.

TCU alumnus J. Kelly Cox will serve as emcee for the gala.

Cox, who graduated from the university in 1977, is an independent oil operator and serves as the chairman of the Permian Basin regional campaign.

Midland businessman Clarence Scharbauer III, who graduated from TCU in 1973, will also speak to event guests. Scharbauer is a member of the Next Frontier national committee and oversees all regional campaigns.

Both Cox and Scharbauer also serve on TCU's board of trustees.

## Funding requests to be given to House

BY DENA RAINS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The House of Representatives' Permanent Improvements Committee will be presenting a series of bills totaling over \$22,000 in funding at today's 5 p.m. meeting.



The projects found in the bill include renovating the mall between Sadler and Reed halls, remodeling the Pit, installing a

university seal in the senior mall, landscaping the parking lot near Frog Fountain and adding track lighting outside the Main cafeteria.

An additional bill, in which Mortar Board will ask for \$1,000 to buy robes, will also be introduced in today's meeting.

The introduced bills will be voted on at next week's House meeting.

In other business, the House will vote on a constitutional revision that will clarify the determination of constituencies.

The revision would require that campus representatives reside in the hall or Greek house which they serve.

Another bill, which would give \$717.50 to Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity to attend their Grand Chapter Congress, will also be voted on at today's meeting.

The bill to fund lighting for artwork in the Main will be tabled until next week's meeting.

House President Scott Wheatley said the bill was tabled because the Finance Committee was unable to review the funding request.

The representatives will also be voting on Outstanding Student in Student Government during today's meeting.



TCU Daily Skiff/Layne Smith

A small reptile peeks out from under a piece of wood as it swims in a toilet bowl in the third floor Sadler Hall men's restroom Monday. The animal was discovered by Chancellor William Tucker.

## Raucous reptile

Chancellor discovers creature swimming in Sadler toilet

BY KRISTI WRIGHT  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

It is scaly, scary and usually seen sunning itself in a swamp. But on Monday, Chancellor William Tucker found an it — of sorts — swimming around a Sadler Hall men's restroom toilet.

It is an alligator, or at least a reptile that resembles an alligator in miniature.

"I noticed in the restroom this morning an interest-

ing sight," Tucker said. "And upon closer observation, I learned what I saw involved several logs with a small alligator that later proved to be alive."

Tucker then called upon some colleagues to confirm just what was this 10-inch long — tail included — peculiar visitor to the third floor men's restroom.

"I knew we had a diverse community at TCU," Tucker said. "But I did not know that included an alligator."

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## Projects launch Honors Week

Senior presentations, speakers to highlight event's festivities

BY JOANNA SHOEMAKER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Honors week kicked off Monday with the presentation of 11 senior honors projects.

Sally Bohon, assistant to the director of the honors program, said this year's students set a participation record with 19 senior honors projects.

The remaining eight presentations will be made from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. today in Moody Building 141N.

"The research presentations span the gambit," Bohon said.

Bohon said in addition to laboratory research presentations and history papers, there was a student who would be preparing a gallery show of fashion and design work, a student who had made a feature length movie, and another who had composed a piece of music that would be presented in a recital.

"These are new and exciting avenues for our research presentations," Bohon said.

Other Honors Week activities will include a speech by Robert Ballard on Deep Sea Explorations at 7:30 p.m. April 19, Honors Convocation at

11 a.m. April 20, Honors Forum with Ballard at 2 p.m. April 20, and the Honors Banquet at 6:30 p.m. April 20. An honors picnic will be held on April 22.

Ballard is most noted for his underwater exploration that discovered the "unsinkable" Titanic on September 1, 1985.

Bohon said one of the misconceptions of Honors Week was that it was just for honors students.

"This is not just a time to focus on the honors program," Bohon said. "This is sort of the honors program's gift to the university — to organize a week in which academics and excellence is the focus."

She said all students were welcome to attend Honors Week activities — especially convocation, where the TCU Scholars and scholarship awards will be announced.

"TCU Scholars are designated as the best graduating seniors in each of the disciplines, but two thirds of them aren't in the honors program," Bohon said.

Bohon said this showed that great students did not have to be in the honors program to receive recognition.

## MBA program sees gain in popularity

BY CHRISTOPHER THILGEN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Applications for admission to the M.J. Neeley School of Business Master of Business Administration program are up 56 percent compared to this time last year, said Peggy Conway, admissions director for the program.

Conway said she credited the increased attention to the national attention the school has received.

"It's clear to us that more people are becoming aware of the Neeley School's growing reputation," Conway said. "We are beginning to gain national visibility for our distinctive applied learning opportunities."

For the last two years the Princeton Review's Guide to the Best Business Schools has listed the TCU Business School among the top 70 business schools in the United States and has ranked the school first in building communication skills.

The guide has also listed the school among the top 10 in the nation for developing interpersonal, team-building and computer skills.

Conway said MBA candidates had

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MBA admissions director

opportunities to develop real-world skills in several key programs including the Business School's Center for Productive Communication.

Harriet Harral, director of the center, said students involved with the center were instructed how to write, speak and communicate interpersonally in the business environment.

"We hear from recruiters over and over again that communication is

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## Students needed to help with Big/Little program

BY KRISTAL GRIFFITH  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The House of Student Representatives is looking for juniors and seniors to provide time, advice and friendship to incoming freshmen or transfer students.

Students can sign up to be a TCU big brother or sister from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Student Center, or they can drop by the House office to fill out a form.

Today is the last day to apply. Stoney White, the chairman of House Univer-

sity Relations Committee, said the committee was changing the way the Big/Little program was organized the previous seven years.

The bigs will be required to attend a training session at 8 p.m. tonight in Student Center Room 205 or at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Student Center Room 222.

White said the committee would tell the bigs about other events they were required to attend and give them advice on what to say to their little brothers or sisters.

Bigs will be required to attend a luncheon on the second day of classes next fall where they will

meet their little for the first time.

Also, bigs will be strongly urged to attend a soccer game, programming council concert and movie with their little.

Lane Campbell, a sophomore history major, said she thought the committee's changes will help from when she was a freshman.

"I got a great letter from my big that told me good places to eat and places to park," Campbell said.

But Campbell never met her big. Campbell said she thought freshmen would benefit by actually meeting their big brother or sister.

### NEWS DIGEST

#### Doctor's records subpoenaed

HOUSTON (AP) — A doctor under scrutiny for the last-chance cancer therapy he offers patients nationwide delivered records Monday to a federal grand jury.

For 12 years, federal and state officials have tried to stymie the work of Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski, whose non-toxic, anti-cancer treatment using "antineoplastons" is legal but unapproved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for general sale and use.

Burzynski said he is frustrated that the Food and Drug Administration has tried to shut him down at every turn.

#### Saudis behead drug smugglers

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Eight foreign drug smugglers were beheaded Monday, the highest number of traffickers executed in a single day in Saudi Arabia.

The eight were convicted by Islamic courts of trying to smuggle drugs in their stomachs into the Red Sea port of Jiddah. Five were Pakistanis; the others were from Afghanistan, Yemen and Chad.

Each beheading was announced in a separate statement by the Interior Ministry, with a warning that the same fate awaits anyone caught smuggling narcotics.

#### Cheyenne Brando commits suicide

PAPEETE, French Polynesia (AP) — Cheyenne Brando, the daughter of actor Marlon Brando, committed suicide at her home in Tahiti after five years of depression, family associates said Monday.

Brando, 25, had been distraught since the killing of her boyfriend in 1990 by her half-brother, and had tried to kill herself at least twice previously, according to her doctors.

Family associates, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said she hanged herself Sunday at her mother's home in Punaauia, 6 miles west of Papeete.

#### Court argues endangered species law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, in a spirited argument over the Endangered Species Act, debated Monday whether the government for 20 years has wrongly interpreted the law to ban destruction of wildlife habitat on private property.

The case could lead to one of the court's most important environmental rulings since Congress passed the law in 1973.

The case centers on loggers in Oregon who want to cut trees in areas with the threatened northern spotted owl.

#### Iran bans satellite dishes

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iranians who want their MTV will instead get visits from a special police unit formed to seize satellite TV dishes, which become illegal on Tuesday.

"The ban will immunize the people against the cultural invasion of the West," Interior Minister Ali Mohammed Besharati said Monday in Tehran.

Owners of satellite dishes will have four days to remove them before raids by police begin, Besharati said. He said police would target houses where dishes are visible. Tehran has an estimated 250,000 satellite dishes.



## 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. **ETA IOTA SIGMA** Christian sorority sponsors "Managing Men and Your Mission... putting Him above him" from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in the Woodson Room. **THE FAX IS BACK** in the Student Center. Price is 50 cents per page. Available at the Information Desk. **TERRA** is sponsoring a celebration of the 25th anniversary of Earth Day from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday in the second floor of Sid Richardson. Call Patty at 926-6532. **ORDER OF OMEGA** is sponsoring the Greek Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Ballroom. Cost is \$7.74 and can be taken off meal cards. **PHI BETA DELTA** Honor Society for international scholars will meet at 3:30 p.m. April 27 in Moudy

132N. All are invited. Program is "Scholarships, Grants and Opportunities for International Study: for Faculty, Students and Staff." **PANHELLENIC** will sponsor a toy drive April 17-27 benefiting the Women's Haven. Any campus organization that would like to participate can call Rebecca Conner at 927-8790. The winning group receives a \$100 donation to the philanthropy of their choice. **WEIGHT WATCHERS AT TCU** meets Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. in Pete Wright 138. Cost is \$80 per 8-week session. Bring lunch and enjoy private weigh-ins, lectures and group support. Contact Yvonne Mann at 921-7722, ext. 6054 or E-mail Y.Mann@tcu.edu, or Box 32920. **UNITED ASIAN COMMUNITY** meets 5 p.m. Mondays in Student Center 204. Call Dui at 263-6201 or David at 924-3905. All are welcome. **CAMPUS CRUSADE** meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Student Center 205. **NOONDAYS** are 12:30 p.m. Thurs-

days 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. **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION** meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday in the Student Center 222. Everyone is welcome. **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 5:30 p.m. Thursdays in the University Ministries office. A free dinner is provided, followed by a fellowship program. Call 921-7830. **LAMBDA KAPPA KAPPA** meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday in Student Center 204.

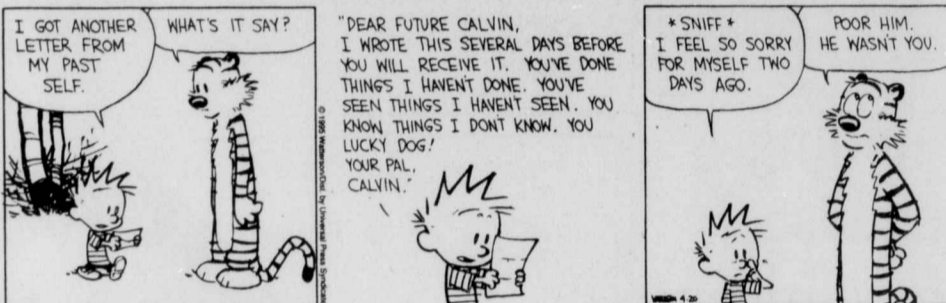
## The Beaten Path



by P.D. Magnus

## Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



## WEATHER

Today will be partly cloudy and mild with a high of 77 and a low of 57. Wednesday will be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and a high of 75.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	speech, Student Center Ballroom
<b>1 p.m. to 5 p.m.</b>	presentation of senior honors projects, Moudy 141N
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Gallery show, fashion design honors project, SC lounge
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Senior Honors Recital, Ed Landreth Auditorium
<b>3 p.m.</b>	Horned Frog Baseball vs. Dallas Baptist University
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	marine scientist Robert Ballard
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>11 a.m.</b>	Honors Convocation, Ed Landreth
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	"Managing Men and Your Mission... putting Him above him" sponsored by Eta Iota Sigma, Woodson Room
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	25th anniversary of Earth Day, second floor of Sid Richardson

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being seen in the business world as being absolutely critical," Harral said. "Businesses are looking more and more for students who have these skills when they come out of school so they don't have to take the time to train them later."

Harral said businesses were having to develop training programs to teach employees how to write, make presentations and work in teams.

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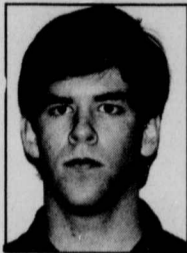
## GOP tax credits would encourage preservation of families

The underlying goal of the Contract With America is to restore the American dream.

To do this, Republicans have proposed the American Dream Restoration Act. The act, in its original form as passed by the House of Representatives, includes three provisions that will help the family reassert itself as the cornerstone of American life: a \$500 per child tax break for families with children under the age of 18, a repeal of the marriage tax and giving families the option of setting up tax-deductible Individual Retirement Accounts.

In order for the United States to be snatched from the jaws of mediocrity, it is especially important for Congress to pass the first two measures of this act.

The fact that the American tax structure treats the family as appalling. The family is unquestionably, as Newt Gingrich wrote in



much discipline and responsibility, we do just this. Sadly, there are children having children in this nation for the sole purpose of receiving bigger welfare checks each month.

The fact that the U.S. government is willing to support such immoral acts as these while taxing the very institution that

the Contract, "the basic building block of society," and we must protect it, not encourage its breakdown by taxing parents who stay together more heavily than those who do not.

But today, in a society without

has led this country to greatness is outrageous. With the current tax structure, a family going through rough times financially would benefit by breaking up.

According to the Contract, a single person making \$40,000 per year pays the government \$6,633 annually, while a married couple making \$80,000 pays \$14,551. This particular part of the tax code is completely and obviously unfair.

What is most often overlooked is how the splitting apart of families impacts the development of the children involved into young adults. This is the reason deadbeat dads are such a problem. When the father leaves, so does the male role model. When this happens, the next logical choice for young men put in this situation, particularly in the inner cities, is the "neighborhood gang."

As Dan Quayle so brilliantly pointed out in his 1992 speech to the Commonwealth Club of California on "family values," children who come from broken homes typically achieve lower standards academically, socially and economically in comparison to children who come from intact marriages.

Even with these facts out there, liberals continue to hit the American family so hard that many women are forced out of the home just so they can afford to pay Uncle Sam.

The beauty of the American Dream Restoration Act, if it becomes law, is that it will offer many mothers the opportunity to stay home and raise their children, without having to worry about how their family's taxes will be paid.

According to the Contract literature, a family of four making \$28,000 a year will

have its tax burden eased by 33 percent just by applying the tax credits for children. If the marriage tax is lifted, their taxes will decrease even more.

If the government has any intentions of curing the social ills that plague modern America, it must begin by providing families with the incentive to stay together. Our nation didn't gain its status as the world's most powerful nation by the government subsidizing promiscuous behavior. It is the family that has enabled the United States to become the great nation it is today. In order to maintain our position as the world's elite nation, we must stop pushing families to the back of the bus and start giving them the first-class treatment they deserve.

Brian Wilson is a sophomore news-editorial major from Parkersburg, W.Va.

■ BOB GREENE

## Gun problems turning schools into war zones

The letter was anonymous, but it had the ring of truth.

The writer, according to the letter, was a parent of children who attend Tonti Elementary School in Chicago. "(T)wo of our students were involved in an incident with a gun," the writer reported. "One student obtained a loaded gun and brought it to the bus stop. There he gave it to another student, who put it in his book bag and brought it into the school. Although many of the other students saw it, it took some time before one student came forward."

"The police were called, the boys were arrested, handcuffed and removed from school. They were suspended for 10 days... I do not understand why this child has the right to continue to go to school... How do his rights to an education outweigh the rights of 800 other children to a safe environment?... The child who told about the gun is terrified of revenge, and the other students are too."

The awful thing is that the story — the allegation of an elementary school student in the United States bringing a gun to school — did not sound at all implausible. Indeed, when we spoke with Chicago Public Schools officials, they said that the facts in the letter were accurate.

Both Maria Howell, the principal of Tonti school, and Lauri Sanders, spokeswoman for the public schools, sounded frustrated and sad when they explained what had happened. Yes, the boy — a 13-year-old — had brought a fully loaded 9-shot handgun to class. Yes, he was back in school. Yes, we in this country are living in melancholy times.

"What are we to do?" Sanders said. "Do we take a child at the elementary level and disallow him from coming to school ever again? We can't do that. But do the other students have rights? Of course. We teach our children to tell a teacher or a police officer or crossing guard if they see someone with a gun. And then when the person with the gun returns to school, the child who told someone might wonder whether doing that was the right thing."

Sanders said that in more than 60 public high schools in Chicago, metal detectors are a way of life. As depressing as that is — funneling students through the detectors to electronically frisk them for weapons — it soon may become even more depressing. Because there is an increasing call for metal detectors in the doorways of the elementary schools, too. And when you begin the school days of elementary-age boys and girls by marching them through metal detectors, you are robbing them of part of their childhoods.

"It sends a certain signal to our young people," Sanders said. "It tells them they are in an unsafe environment — either the neighborhood they are coming from, or the school they are about to enter. It gives the message that they are living or studying in a war zone."

And they are receiving the message. "We are working with a very savvy population," Sanders said. Meaning the students. "We are constantly having to change the times of the sweeps, because if some students know we're checking for weapons at 8 a.m., they'll arrive at 9:30 a.m. to get around it," she said. "If they know we're checking for weapons at the east door, they'll use the north door. So we have to keep moving."

"We marvel at the adaptability of children," Sanders said. But as school systems move closer to putting metal detectors at the doors of the elementary schools, it is clearly time to admit that the level of tolerance may have become exceeded.

"I completely understand parents being opposed to children who have brought handguns to class going to school with their children," Sanders said. "But what is your going to do with a 13-year-old child — put him in jail?"

The saddest thing is, the boys and girls who are living in the midst of all this may not know that the world was every any other way.

Bob Greene writes for the Chicago Tribune.



■ KEVIN ARCENEUX

## '96 GOP hopefuls overeager to take right-wing views

The 1996 presidential election is rapidly approaching. This one will be really interesting. Every Republican candidate, with the exception of Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, is falling all over himself to show he's the most conservative.

Let's take Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, who has taken a giant leap to the right. He has signed a "no new taxes" pledge, which he refused to sign in 1988. His new "all-this-country-needs-is-morals" rhetoric sounds like a cheap ploy to dupe every Bible-beater west of the Mississippi River into voting for him. And his new urge to "modify" affirmative action looks like a flip-flop on an issue he has always supported.

Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, on the other hand, has stayed true to his twisted views. Gramm is nothing but a single-minded capitalist who likes to call himself an economist. Gramm would like to balance the budget while at the same time giving big business all the tax breaks it wants — ignoring the people who do the real work.

California Rep. Bob Dornan is another hot potato. Dornan sprinkles his speech with so much military imagery that you'd think he was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. But he's just like the other conservatives out there who would like to gut social programs that do some good, give tax breaks to the wealthy who don't deserve it and have a military buildup that would rival Ronald Reagan's.

What about conservative commentator Pat Buchanan? He would make a great president, given his anti-civil libertarian views and homophobic rhetoric. That's got to score high on the Rush Limbaugh Good Character Scale.

He also fits in the same boat with Dornan on that oh-so-necessary military buildup. Like Dornan, Buchanan would like to see abortion made illegal. Apparently, the right to privacy just isn't quite as important to them as their crusade against reason.

However, Alan Keyes has got to be the "true" conservative out of the whole mess of GOP candidates. He blames everything on "declining morality."

Keyes' cure for poverty is for poor people to become more moral. Never mind the fact many poor people work themselves to death at minimum wage, yet still remain in poverty. Never mind that the poor have no incentive to work, because if they are on welfare, the payments (which are below the poverty line) are taken away when they get a job (where their wages are below the poverty line).

Keyes argues that the poor don't need education, self-esteem or any of those things the rich take for granted; they just need morals.

There is no possible way the government can lower taxes, increase defense spending and balance the budget.

It's all a ploy to dupe the average guy into voting for Republicans. If they can do this, why not lower taxes, increase domestic spending and balance the budget? Because that doesn't fit in with big money's view of how the world should be.

The tax cuts go to the wealthiest. The increase in defense spending goes to the defense industry fat cats. And God forbid we have social programs that work. After all, we wouldn't have all those poor people competing for jobs and keeping the wage rates substandard.

The answer to our country's problems doesn't lie in some political ideology; it lies in understanding, compassion and reason.

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## EDITORIAL TAXES

### Presidential politics shouldn't dictate reform

The war over cutting taxes is developing an unusually political character, even in the battle-scarred environment of Washington, D.C. In the wake of the passage of a \$189 billion tax-cut bill by the House of Representatives earlier this month, various Republican leaders are engaged in a frantic race to see who can advocate the most far-reaching and extensive tax cuts.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich has proclaimed that the House tax-cut bill "takes money from the bureaucrats and gives it back to the people." Eager to establish firm conservative credentials for their 1996 presidential campaigns, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm are desperately attempting to outflank each other on this issue.

However, presidential politics should not drive the debate over tax cuts. The feeding frenzy to radically reform the nation's tax code including proposals to adopt various forms of a so-called "flat tax," and abolishing the federal income tax in favor of a national sales tax, is increasingly developing a "me, too" mentality that ignores the complexity and ramifications of the issue.

Tax cuts are politically popular, but may likely prove to be fiscally irresponsible. As Dole, Gramm and other Republican presidential candidates campaign around the country championing massive tax cuts and full-scale system reform, the national debate over tax reform should not be determined by these purely political maneuvers.

## LETTER

### Biblical laws limit forgiveness

This letter is written to clarify what I believe are inaccuracies in Mr. Barzilla's column on April 11, 1995. First, Mr. Barzilla quotes Jesus' lecture on forgiveness and says that we should always forgive because God forgives. Yet, there are numerous examples of people pushing God's forgiving capacity past its limits. For example, the account of Sodom and Gomorrah which was destroyed by fire and brimstone (Genesis 19) and the scattering of the people for excessive pride at the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11). This clearly indicates that even the Lord's capacity for forgiveness can be exceeded.

Secondly, Mr. Barzilla says that he finds it hard to believe that "... he (Jesus) would reject the homosexual community." This may be true, and probably is, but even if Jesus did accept the homosexual community, he would not have condoned their behavior, which is in clear violation of Old Testament laws. What most people fail to realize is that there is a vast difference between toleration and validation. Jesus would probably have had lunch with homosexuals at least, but he would have urged them in the strongest way possible to correct their divergent course.

The best illustration of this simple fact is to

use Mr. Barzilla's own example of a prostitute who was to be stoned. This passage is found in John's Gospel (Chapter 8). After Jesus dismisses the scribes and Pharisees, he tells the woman to "... go, and do not sin again." This shows that while Jesus may not have condemned her for her crimes, he wanted her to correct her ways.

A corollary point is how we know homosexuality is a sin. Several passages are found throughout the Bible; these include: "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination" (Leviticus 18:22) and "If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination..." (Leviticus 20:13). Even in the New Testament we find passages that condemn homosexuality: "... men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error." These passages obviously refute Mr. Barzilla's assertion that we cannot know whether homosexuality is wrong because "God himself... never spoke against it in the Scriptures."

Of course, the claim could be made that since

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Other administrators from surrounding offices stopped to take a peek at the creature, and workers from facility services were dispatched to remove it.

"The chancellor said, 'Go into the men's room and tell me what you see.' I looked at it (the reptile) and it moved," said Rick L'Amie, director of Office of Communications, whose office is on the third floor. "We were astonished."

When a facility services worker reached a gloved hand into the toilet to retrieve the reptile, it snapped at him, L'Amie said. "It was definitely feisty," he said.

Facility services workers also discovered that whoever put the reptile in the toilet plugged the drain with the logs so it could not escape through the drain.

L'Amie said the incident was "clearly a prank — a cruel prank."

Hanging from around the reptile's neck was a handwritten, laminated note that read, "My name is Izod. I am an American alligator. Please help me," L'Amie said.

However, L'Amie said university officials did not know whether the reptile was an actual alligator.

It could be a Caiman, L'Amie said. Caimans are small reptiles that resemble alligators, but only grow to be 2- to 3-foot long and are sold as pets.

Aquarium Pet Center on Berry Street sells Caimans for \$50, said Brian Fugitt, a clerk there. Fugitt said the reptiles were popular pets.

Facility services officials contacted biology department faculty members to identify the reptile, L'Amie said.

The university is taking the reptile's welfare seriously in case it turns out to be an American alligator, he said.

"American alligators are protected species and should only be handled by proper authorities," L'Amie said. Meanwhile, the reptile is at facility



services, sitting in a clean bucket with some water, and awaiting identification, L'Amie said.

Tucker said upon realizing the reptile was alive, he was concerned with its survival.

"It occurred to me it needed a better living environment than a toilet bowl," he said. "I presume we will place the alligator in a more acceptable place."

Once the reptile is identified, the university will find a proper home for it, L'Amie said.

Staff writer Chris Newton contributed to this report.

**Above — Chancellor William Tucker was surprised on Monday when he discovered a reptile in the restroom.**

**Left — "Izod," peering out from under the left log, was evidently placed in the toilet as a prank, university officials said.**

Photos by Layne Smith

## College ranking system under fire

Drinking and driving still don't mix.

By SALLY S TREFF BUZBEE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — For years, American colleges have railed against magazine rankings of their campuses as oversimplified "short cuts" that gloss over the complex, subtle nature of learning.

Now there are contentions that some of the schools, under pressure to attract students, are fibbing about the figures they send each year for the rankings done by U.S. News & World Report, Money magazine and others.

The rankings have come under closer scrutiny since an April 5 Wall Street Journal article reported discrepancies in data sent for the rankings and information sent to debt-rating agencies.

The dispute over the rankings has underscored the importance of marketing to the nation's 3,000 colleges and universities.

"It's a buyer's market," says Lee Stetson, dean of admissions at the University of Pennsylvania, whose school was not mentioned in the Journal article. "And the amount of publicity you get helps determine the students you get."

A spokesman for New York University — which was mentioned in the Journal article — said questions asked by the surveys could be interpreted in different ways, which resulted in varying answers.

For example, the Journal reported that NYU, in responding to the U.S. News survey, excluded the SAT scores of about 100 poor students in a special state-sponsored program. But NYU's Virgil Renzulli said Monday the U.S. News survey asked for SAT scores for students entering school in the fall. The 100 excluded students began classes in the summer.

"This has become a fairly big thing. We don't take this as an accurate rating of how good a school is," Renzulli said.

Among other discrepancies

reported by the Journal:

• New College of the University of South Florida, in Sarasota, reported its freshman class average SAT score as 1296. But that score was obtained by cutting off the bottom-scoring six percent of students, raising the average 40 points.

Admissions director David Anderson told the newspaper the practice, since stopped, was part of the school's marketing strategy. Anderson refused to comment to The Associated Press, referring questions to another college official, who did not return phone calls.

• Northeastern University in Boston and several other schools excluded international and remedial students' SAT scores, even though surveys specifically said not to. Northeastern's provost, Michael Baer, said the practice gave potential students a more accurate reflection of what their peer group would be.

• Long Island University told U.S. News that its graduation rate was 55 percent, but told the National Collegiate Athletic Association the rate was 28 percent, the Journal reported.

A spokesman for the school, in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, said Monday that the discrepancy

seen by the Journal was an example of "one office not communicating with another office."

Gary Wojtas said the higher number included transfer students, who graduate at an extremely high rate, while the lower number only counted students entering the university as freshmen.

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these passages come through men (albeit, men inspired by God) they are less valid. To make this claim, though, implies that all of the Bible should be disregarded because all of it, at one time or another, came through men.

Thirdly, Mr. Barzilla says that belief (faith) in Christ is the way to salvation. However, he leaves out the most fundamental part of the salvation equation: grace. Paul tells the church in Ephesians that "... by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of your own doing, it is the gift of God." Belief is not enough, according to Paul, to get to heaven; one must also accept the gift of grace which comes from God through the Holy Ghost.

Finally, what I felt was the most blatant error on Mr. Barzilla's part was his assertion that since humans wrote the Bible, "... all of these laws were contrived by humans." I would like to point out, by way of example, the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20: 2-17) and the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3-11). Each of these passages was given directly by God or God through Jesus Christ. To invalidate these passages based on their assumed lack of divine inspiration would invalidate many of the laws we hold in our current society: do not kill, do not steal, do not commit adultery. This position would obviously lead to anarchy and chaos, even though the example is extreme.

While Mr. Barzilla's column did contain a grain of truth, misguided though it was, Christians and good people alike must remember that religious laws were not given to prevent us from having fun. Rather, they are given to prevent us from hurting our relationships with others, including God.

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•Harvard University, which often ranks near the top of surveys, had a slight discrepancy in the SAT scores it reported to U.S. News and Moody's Investors Service Inc., the Journal said.

Marlyn McGrath Lewis, director of admissions for Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges, told the Journal the U.S. News figures were accurate and described the Moody's information as a "mystery." "It's more a reflection on how Harvard counts, than anything sinister that could be read into it," spokesman Joe Wrinn said Monday.

Joyce Smith of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors insists "no school should misrepresent itself.

"But there is such fierce competition for students," she notes. "If you drop in those rankings, alumni might call. The president might get angry."

## Job projections released

### Business, food, health industries growing, officials say

By TIM MARTIN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

North Central Texas Interlink, a work force planning organization, has released its 1995 list of 12 key industries and top 40 growth occupations for the North Texas area through the year 2000.

The top three key industries are business services, eating and drinking establishments and health services, according to a release from Interlink.

Interlink's targeted occupations with the largest average annual state wide openings include general function managers, 6,750 openings; registered nurses, 4,870 openings and secondary school teachers, 4,750 openings, according to the brochure.

Candy Slocum, executive director of Interlink, said the organization produced the brochure annually and dis-

tributes it to educators and trainers in the 16-county region.

"Metropolitan-area secondary and post-secondary educators use this targeted industry and occupation list for development of technical curriculum," Slocum said. "Economic development organizations use the list for industry recruitment and retention purposes and parents, teachers and students use it in career-planning activities."

Slocum said the occupations were selected by a team of local economists, educators, private industry council representatives and industry leaders. She said each occupation must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- require more than six months of training
- pay at least \$9 per hour
- have at least 1,000 annual openings state wide
- show positive growth to replace-

ment ratio

"In their targeting process, the selection team uses data provided by SOCRATES, the state's quality work force planning computer system," Slocum said.

Ginger Nicholas, assistant director of the TCU Career Planning and Placement Center, said she generally agreed with the organization's findings.

"Many of the new jobs will be created by smaller, non-Fortune 500 type employers," Nicholas said. "The health care industry will also become increasingly important with the aging of our society."

Interlink is a private organization that receives a \$75,000 grant for each of its 24 regions from a tri-agency partnership of Texas Education Agency, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and Texas Department of Commerce, according to the release.

## KEY INDUSTRIES

Industry	1994 Local Employment	% of Total Employment
Business Services	160,683	7.75%
Eating/Drinking Establishments	135,706	6.55%
Health Services	135,272	6.53%
Engineering/Accounting Services	46,803	2.26%
Special Trade Contractors	50,102	2.47%
Social Services	25,092	1.21%
Automotive Repair	20,025	.97%
Trucking/Warehousing	39,404	1.90%
Communications	34,861	1.68%
Education Services	14,840	.72%
Printing/Publishing	30,484	1.47%
Transportation by Air	47,967	2.31%
<b>Total</b>	<b>742,239</b>	<b>35.81%</b>

source: InterLink

## Court sides with GM in suit over gas tanks

By JEFFREY BRODEUR  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — A federal appeals court Monday threw out a settlement under which owners of allegedly fire-prone General Motors Corp. pickups would have gotten \$1,000 coupons toward new GM trucks.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with opponents who branded the 1993 settlement merely a "sophisticated marketing program" to sell more GM trucks.

The court also said the \$1,000 coupon would be worthless to rental companies and "less wealthy" truck owners unable to purchase new GM trucks.

The case involved the "sidesaddle" fuel tanks GM put on trucks built from 1973 to 1987. Last fall, Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said the trucks were prone to catch fire in a crash, and he blamed the design for 150 deaths.

Last December, GM averted a recall by reaching an agreement with the government to spend about \$51 million on safety and research programs. Some industry analysts estimated a recall would have cost GM \$1 billion.

The plaintiffs in the Philadelphia settlement argued that the truck design and lawsuits over fiery accidents had reduced the value of their vehicles. The settlement combined 36 class-action lawsuits filed across the country.

The appeals court said that because of a failure to take all factors into consideration, the federal judge who approved the settlement overestimated its cost to GM, which was put at \$1.9 billion to \$2.8 billion at the time.

When the settlement was reached, GM estimated 5 million to 6 million trucks remained on the road.

"We're delighted that the court threw out a bad decision that rewarded lawyers and did nothing for consumers," said Clarence Ditlow, executive director of the Center for Auto Safety, which contested the settlement.

"When they started marketing these trucks in 1973, GM ads said 60 percent of them would still be on the road 18 years later. They made the trucks rugged, but they made the gas tanks like balloons waiting to be punctured."

Ed Lechtzin, a GM spokesman in Detroit, did not immediately return a call for comment. The attorney who argued the case for GM, James Schink, refused to comment. The plaintiffs' lawyer, Diane Nast, did not return a call for comment.

The case now returns to U.S. District Court, where Ditlow said his agency will continue pressing for an order requiring a recall.

The trucks were built with their gas tanks outside the vehicle's frame, a design that critics said made them vulnerable when hit from the side. GM has since abandoned the design but denied it was unreasonably dangerous.

## Heart disease surgery risky, study suggests

By LINDA LEAVELL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — A device that reams out clogged heart arteries may result in more deaths than angioplasty, a more traditional method that uses a tiny balloon to open blockages, a study suggests.

Researchers found that 2.2 percent of patients who underwent the scraping procedure, known as atherectomy, died within one year, compared with 0.6 percent of patients who had the balloon procedure.

"We expected no difference between the two procedures, and certainly the fact there was a difference and that it was statistically significant in this trial gave us a source of concern," Dr. Eric Topol, chairman of cardiology at Cleveland Clinic and the study's principal investigator, said Monday.

In 1994, about 50,000 Americans underwent the scraping procedure, compared with 370,000 who had angioplasty.

The findings were published in Saturday's issue of the Dallas-based American Heart Association journal *Circulation*.

Atherectomy involves inserting a device attached to a catheter into a blocked artery to shave off fatty plaque from the vessel wall.

During angioplasty, a balloon is pushed into the area of the blockage and inflated, widening the pathway for blood flow by flattening plaque against the artery wall.

The study, called CAVEAT I, followed 1,012 randomly selected

patients, with about half undergoing each procedure.

After one year, 11 patients had died in the atherectomy group and three in the angioplasty group. All but one of the deaths were related to heart disease, Topol said.

Topol said he expected the mortality rate for both procedures to be about 1 percent after a year. He said the big difference made him discount the possibility of a statistical fluke.

After six months, the study found more heart attacks among atherectomy patients, which could help explain the higher mortality rate at year's end, Topol said.

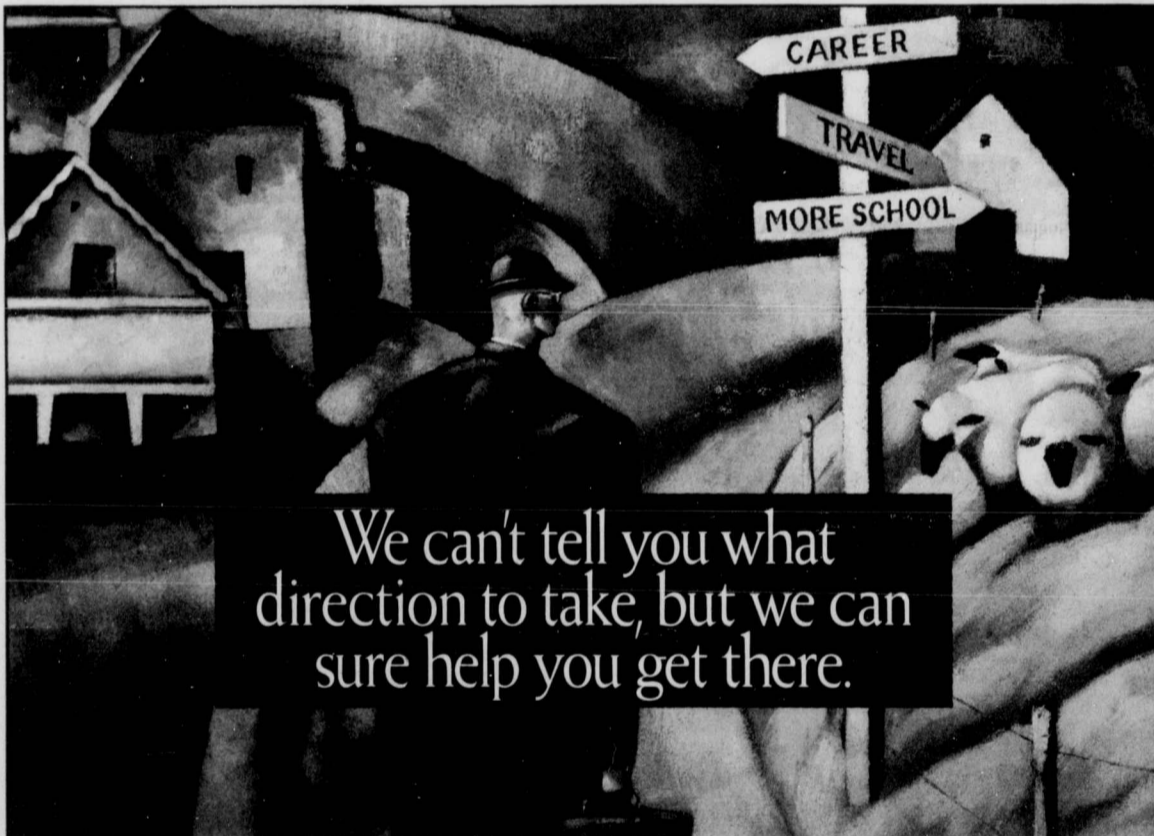
The six-month report also found a higher risk of other complications and no long-term benefits when compared with angioplasty.

Atherectomy received Food and Drug Administration approval in 1990, while angioplasty has been used since about 1978, Topol said.

Topol said doctors may have been attracted to the atherectomy because it's a new technology and the first actually to remove plaque. But the study suggests doctors should be careful about whom they select for the procedure, he said.

He said atherectomy worked best when arteries were large and straight, allowing the cutter to pass through easily. By contrast, angioplasty can be used on narrower, curving arteries.

Michael Mooney, a cardiologist at Minneapolis Heart Institute whose patients were involved in the study, said the results might reflect physicians' inexperience with the procedure.



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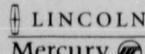
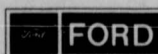
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## Cougars shock Frogs

### Last-place Houston gains split with huge rallies

BY BRETT VAN ORT  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Last weekend, the TCU baseball team proved that no lead is safe unless the game is over. The Horned Frogs locked up with the University of Houston Cougars in a strange four game Southwest Conference set at the TCU Diamond Friday and Saturday.

#### BASEBALL

Houston came into the series as spoiler, and left a hint of mold on TCU's hopes for postseason play.

TCU (23-19, 10-8) won Friday's first game, 9-3, and took a 14-2 lead into the fourth inning of the second game, but wound up losing 17-16. Saturday, Houston (20-24, 3-15) came out and whipped the Frogs 7-1. The Frogs bounced back in the second game and finished up the series split winning 6-4.

The wind blew hard out to left in Friday's first contest as 847 in attendance watched TCU designated hitter Ryan Dunn, a freshman, tie up a 1-0 game in the second inning with a solo shot to left.

It was Dunn's fifth collegiate yard shot.

In the third, TCU would score five, capped off by center fielder Jeff McCurdy's three run blast to left center.

The 6-1 lead was all TCU starting pitcher Toby Dollar would need. Dollar (5-4) finished the seven inning affair for his fourth complete game this year.

But there would be no complete game in the second game, not for Cougar starter John Box. Box faced only ten TCU batters and let six come across home plate.

TCU starter Flint Wallace didn't fare much better either. Head coach Lance Brown pulled Wallace after seven innings of work. His work included "scattering" 17 hits in his seven innings, while allowing nine to come home.

As Wallace handed over the ball to reliever Heath Collins, TCU enjoyed a 16-7 lead. But with what Brown termed "a complete collapse of the bullpen," TCU saw the lead dwindle to 16-11 after the eighth.

Houston loaded the bases to start out the ninth against reliever Jaymie Bane. Designated hitter Todd Whitting stepped up to the plate for his second plate appearance of the year. Whitting singled in a run in the eighth, his first plate appearance of the season.

Whitting kept his season average

at 1.000 with a single up the middle that scored two and advanced third baseman Brent Bice from first to third.

With the score 16-13, Brown replaced Bane with right hander Kevin Andries.

Andries tried to turn a double play on a ball hit back to him, but the Frogs didn't turn the pivot quick enough, and center fielder Dustin Carr reached first on the fielder's choice. More importantly, however, Bice scored on the play.

The score stood at 16-14.

After another out and single, shortstop Jason Smiga came to the plate with runners on the corners. Smiga launched an Andries pitch into the right-center field gap scoring both runners.

The score was then 16-16. Brown brought in Scott Atchison to finish the ninth — even though he was scheduled to start the next day.

Houston won the game in the first extra frame. Atchison hit catcher Kirk Blount with the ball. Blount took second on a passed ball while Jason Farrow stood at the plate.

Farrow started out the game in right, ended up pitching for the Cougars, too. Farrow doubled. Blount scored. Farrow (4-4) pitched the tenth and got the win as well as the game winning hit.

The Cougars escaped with a victory.

In game two, the two teams combined for 33 runs, 44 hits, seven errors, 12 extra base hits, and used 13 pitchers.

"You ought to be able to close out a ten run lead with nine outs to go," Brown said. "I don't care who you are, you don't win ball games playing like that. Games you should win like these are the ones that hurt the most."

In Saturday's first game, Houston took advantage of a TCU team that appeared to be still recovering with the preceding night. TCU managed only two hits during the seven inning contest.

Derek Lee started on the mound for the first time since March 5. The Cougars tagged him for a first inning run and Houston scored four in the third against Lee to extend the lead to 5-0.

"Derek's game just got out of hand so quick," Brown said. "He wasn't able to throw any curve balls because his injury (strained wrist flexor) limited him."

While Houston hitters figured out Lee (1-3), TCU hitters had problems with Cougar starter Kevin Boyd. Boyd (1-2) allowed only two hits and

one run in his five and one-third innings.

Farrow, who won the second game on Friday, pitched the final inning and two-thirds to eventually pick up the save.

The Cougars tied the score in the sixth against TCU starter Scott Atchison.

TCU retaliated by scoring three in the seventh off reliever Jon McDonald (3-3). In the eighth, the Frogs scored two more insurance runs. Then, the Cougars made a ninth inning rally once again.

**"Games you should win like these are the ones that hurt the most."**

LANCE BROWN,  
TCU Baseball Coach

Atchison (6-4) took a four hitter into the ninth. The Cougars scored three of four quick hits, prompting Brown to go to the bullpen. Unlike Friday, the bullpen put out the flames this time. David Meyer retired left fielder Chris Scott on a grounder to second, and the Frogs earned their split.

"It might take 14 wins to get into the postseason tournament," Brown said after Saturday's split. "I still think it will be the last weekend until we know who is going to the tournament."

The top four teams in the conference advance to postseason play May 18-20 in College Station. The winner of the tournament gets an automatic bid to the NCAA regionals, while the other teams hope for at-large bids.

"Now I don't think there is any chance for us to win the conference championship," Brown said. "There are just so many variables."

He's right. The logjam atop the conference standings indicate TCU cannot hope that teams will knock each other off.

"We are gonna have to win two series to get in the tournament," Brown said. "At least we control what we are gonna do."

#### SWC STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pct	Total	W	L	T	Pct
Texas A&M	10	4	0	.714	30	13	1	0	.698
Texas Tech	8	5	0	.615	35	8	0	0	.814
Rice	9	6	0	.600	29	12	0	0	.707
Texas	10	8	0	.556	37	12	0	0	.755
TCU	10	8	0	.556	23	19	0	0	.548
Baylor	5	9	0	.357	21	19	0	0	.525
Houston	3	15	0	.167	20	24	0	0	.455

## Montana prepares for farewell

BY DAVE GOLDBERG  
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Eddie DeBartolo will be there, ready to cry at the drop of a Super Bowl ring. So will Ronnie Lott, Dwight Clark and a lot of the other San Francisco 49ers who helped Joe Montana bring San Francisco four titles.

Guess who else is likely to show up at Montana's retirement party? Steve Young, the quarterback who forced 49ers owner DeBartolo to ship Joe out of town.

Yes, the same Young who finally established himself in San Francisco when the 49ers won their fifth Super Bowl in January. The same Young who had six touchdown passes in the game to break Montana's record by one.

But Tuesday will be Montana's Day, likely to be far more emotional than the day five summers from now in Canton, Ohio, when Montana's automatic induction into the pro football Hall of Fame is made official.

For in a city where being different is an art form, an ordinary guy named Joe brought San Francisco four NFL titles in nine seasons and is without question its most popular citizen.

And if, in fact, Montana left his heart in San Francisco during his two seasons in Kansas City, it's also true that San Francisco's heart went with

him.

"I don't feel weird about Joe's retirement because I was hoping it would come a little sooner. It was so hard to watch him play somewhere else," says Clark, who made "The Catch" after "The Throw" in the 1981 NFC title game to start the 49ers on their Super Bowl run.

While Lott, Clark, Jerry Rice, Roger Craig and many others made major contributions, those first four titles were regarded in the San Francisco area as "property of Joe Montana."

So if various friends and relatives from Montana's first hometown, Monongahela, Pa., will be there along with the brass from the Chiefs, with whom he ended his career, this is San Francisco's treat.

Montana's agents, International Management Group, made that clear when they organized the celebration, leaving Wednesday as the day for a second, lower-key tribute in Kansas City.

The official announcement will come at noon in Justin Herman Square, and among the guests will be mayor Frank Jordan and Huey Lewis, the official rock singer of the 49ers who stopped singing the national anthem before Niners' games about the time Montana left town.

Then comes a luncheon that will

include DeBartolo and all those former 49ers' teammates, including, apparently Young, with whom Montana's relations were cool at best during their years together but have warmed up since.

Young's agent Leigh Steinberg said Monday that his client was invited by IMG's Peter Johnson and is planning on being present.

It's liable to be an emotional meal, particularly for the 49ers' front office.

Clark, now the 49ers' vice president for football operations, was Montana's closest friend when they played together. But until last Tuesday night, when Montana called him and invited him to the celebration, the two barely spoke after the trade two years ago that temporarily shattered Montana's ties to San Francisco.

"We are," says Carmen Policy, the team president and DeBartolo's closest friend. "Like a tight Italian family. All tears, all emotion. Letting Joe go was the hardest thing we've had to do."

But now it's all hugs and tears. It's a safe bet that if Montana isn't crying after the ceremony on Tuesday, Policy will be.

As for DeBartolo... "Eddie," Policy says, "is Italian opera."

Particularly when it comes to Joe Montana.

## Cowboys tackle charged with assault

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DALLAS — A charge of sexual assault against Cowboys offensive tackle Erik Williams was being prepared Monday by the Dallas Police Department, a spokesman said.

Sgt. Jim Chandler said because so few cases originated in the small portion of Dallas located in Collin County, the paperwork would be mailed to the district attorney early Tuesday.

"We have, in effect, filed charges. They just haven't received them," he said.

Williams, an All-Pro offensive tackle for the Dallas Cowboys in 1993 before being hurt last season, was arrested at his home early Thursday.

A 17-year-old nightclub dancer who said she had known Williams for several months called 911 and asked police to go to the 26-year-old's north Dallas home and ask for her, police said.

When they arrived, Williams said she was not there, police said. As officers returned to their patrol car, they said they heard a sound and saw the girl looking out a window.

Officers returned and arrested Williams and Roderick Carson of

Madison, Wis. Carson, 26, was Williams' teammate at Central State of Ohio.

Both men were released Thursday after posting \$2,500 bond at separate hearings. Carson also faces a charge of sexual assault.

The woman told police that she and the men "partied" at the house, then one of the men threatened to "blow (her) away" if she didn't perform sexual acts. She said each man then held her down and raped her, Chandler said.

Sexual assault is a second-degree felony that is punishable by two to 20 years in prison.

Williams' attorney, Donald Godwin, did not return telephone calls to his office from The Associated Press.

In October, Williams' vehicle slammed into a highway ramp while he was driving home from celebrating a victory over the Arizona Cardinals.

Williams pleaded no contest to misdemeanor drunken driving and received two years' probation.

## Stranded cat in coliseum finds home

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DALLAS — The lonely cat in the rafters at Southern Methodist's Moody Coliseum has finally been rescued.

The feline attracted national attention last Thursday when in the middle of a press conference the cat let out a loud meow for 15 seconds. SMU's startled athletic director Jim Copeland stopped in the middle of a sentence and asked "What the heck is that?"

KXAS-TV captured the moment on film and NBC affiliates all over the country aired it. On Friday, the SMU sports information office received calls from as far away as Boston and New York wondering about the fate of the cat roaming the 30,000-square-foot maze of ceiling.

Humane cat traps were put out, but no luck. "We checked the trap on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and early Monday," said assistant athletic director Griz Zimmermann. "We finally caught her. It must have been the sardines we put in the bait."

The cat quickly found a home with Barbara Sanders, a member of the SMU custodial staff.

"I'll call it 'Moody,'" she said.



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## D.C. board to oversee mayor

### Clinton signs bill designed to prevent bankruptcy in capital

By TOM RAUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Hoping to avert an embarrassing bankruptcy for the nation's capital, President Clinton signed a bill Monday to set up an oversight board with broad powers over Mayor Marion Barry and the city council.

The law also allows the District of Columbia to borrow hundreds of millions of dollars from the federal Treasury to help pay its bills. It requires a balanced city budget in three years.

With Barry looking on, Clinton said the seat of the U.S. government — known for high crime, potholes, slow trash pickups and deteriorating schools — should be transformed into "a city that works."

But leaders of both political parties called the assignment a daunting one.

The GOP-sponsored bill sets up a five-member board with powers that include the authority to lay off thousands of city workers. The city of 600,000 residents faces

a \$722 million annual deficit and has seemed headed for bankruptcy.

City officials complain that the former federal enclave — which has had "home rule" powers such as an elected mayor and council since 1974 — cannot tap the sources of income usually available to municipalities. For instance, the federal government pays no property taxes and Congress has blocked city efforts to tax commuters.

Barry, who was re-elected to the mayor's office last November after six months in prison for possession of drugs, had a front-row seat at the Roosevelt Room signing ceremony. Clinton gave him one of the pens he used to sign the legislation and the two chatted amiably.

Outside, Barry said he generally supported the measure — which allowed the new board to overrule his budget proposals — even though there were "some restrictions we don't like."

Barry said he viewed the new legislation as "keeping intact the office of mayor" while adding a new layer of budget responsibility.

## Houston track files for bankruptcy

By MIKE DRAGO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Sam Houston Race Park officials filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday and announced a multi-million dollar deal to restructure the track's debt and keep the beleaguered operation running.

Track president James Noteware said a tentative agreement with more than two-thirds of bondholders was centered around cutting the track's \$75 million debt in half and deferring interest payments on the remaining \$37.5 million for up to six years.

The deal also includes a \$10 million infusion, including \$5.8 million in cash and \$1.7 million in loan guarantees, all underwritten by the majority shareholder, Maxxam Inc.

In exchange for reducing the debt, bondholders will receive equity in the reorganized operation. The agreement, struck last week, is similar to an offer Maxxam made last month.

"This is a milestone for Sam Houston Race Park," Noteware said. "The bottom line is that the restructuring will put the race park on the kind of solid footing we have been working to achieve."

"It removes the specter of doubt that has kind of been a cloud over our operations."

Noteware said he expected the track to remain under a Delaware bankruptcy court's supervision about two months.

"We expect this process to be routine," he said.

In the interim, the track will remain open seven days a week for simulcast races and should begin a 40-day quarterhorse meet as scheduled July 14, track officials said.

Sam Houston, the first Class I facility in Texas, defaulted on a \$4.4 million debt payment in January and has been negotiating with bondholders since late last year.

The \$84 million facility in northwest Harris County opened last April 29 with some 16,500 race fans bet-

ting \$1.3 million on a 10-race card. It has been downhill from there for Texas' first thoroughbred track in 57 years.

Attendance averaged 7,500 with daily betting handles less than \$600,000 for the initial 45-day thoroughbred meet, far lower than the expected 10,000 people and \$1.2 million in daily wagering.

Because of the results, purses plunged from a high of \$150,000 per day to only \$30,000 per day, which drove away horsemen. That, in turn, forced the track to cut racing days because there weren't enough horses.

Track officials admitted they overestimated the market for horse racing and underestimated racing fans' knowledge of parimutuel wagering. They also blamed a flawed marketing campaign and fired their advertising agency.

Investors responded to a cash call from track management last year and provided an additional \$6.5 million just to make ends meet.

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Campus Police reported the following offenses and violations from April 10 to April 17:**

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**  
April 12: A student reported to campus police that her car was vandalized while parked in the Ranch Management parking lot at 4 p.m.. The back window of the vehicle was broken and the passenger side rearview mirror was broken off. The student

told police she had no idea who might have done this. Police have no suspects at this time.

**BURGLARY**  
April 10: Campus police reported the burglary of a vending machine located on the first floor of the Sid Richardson building. The lock was punched out and the door was ajar when police noticed the theft. Housekeeping officials assisted in unplugging the

machine and turning it towards the wall. Police have no suspects at this time.

**THEFT**  
April 13: A propane grill was stolen from a fraternity house, campus police reports said. The fraternity valued the grill at \$200. Police have no suspects at this time.

Compiled by CHRIS NEWTON.

## Gunman takes manager hostage

### Former employee wounds one in East Texas shooting

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARTHAGE, Texas — A former employee walked into a plastic cup manufacturing plant with a gun on Monday, critically wounding the personnel manager and taking the plant manager hostage, company officials said.

Ernest McNeill, 56, personnel manager for Carthage Cup Co., was shot in the abdomen and leg by the former employee, identified only as a man in his late 20s who had been a forklift operator in the plant's warehouse until he was terminated about three months ago.

McNeill was taken to Panola General Hospital, then airlifted to East Texas Medical Center, 60 miles to the west in Tyler, where he was reported in critical condition in the intensive care unit after surgery.

The plant manager being held hostage was identified as Steve Inderlunas.

A spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety said company officials reported that the former employee entered the plant's administrative offices about 10:30 a.m. and asked to see someone.

The man walked back to an office and then a receptionist heard shots and ran from the building. DPS spokeswoman Sherri Green said. It was unclear whom

the gunman asked to see or whether McNeill was the intended victim, she said.

A SWAT team from DPS headquarters in Austin flew into Carthage to take over negotiations, which were continuing into the late afternoon. The former employee and his hostage were reportedly holed up in a downstairs office.

Carthage Cup Co. manufactures plastic cups and employs about 130 people, officials said. Carthage is about 150 miles east of Dallas.

The company's headquarters is located in Longview, about 35 miles northwest of Carthage. A company spokesman said Monday afternoon that company officials had no comment on the situation.

On the scene in addition to DPS officers were the Carthage Police Department and Panola County Sheriff's Department officers, officials said.

The gunman allowed emergency medical personnel into the administration offices to remove McNeill, Ms. Green said.

McNeill was listed in guarded condition prior to being airlifted to Tyler, said Judy Peterson, director of nursing at Panola General.

"He was alert and talking when he left here," Ms. Peterson said.

## Supreme Court leaves rulings intact in two reverse discrimination cases

By LAURIE ASSEO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — With affirmative action under fresh scrutiny, the Supreme Court on Monday left intact two court victories won by white men who said they were victims of reverse discrimination.

The court let stand a ruling that an affirmative action plan for promoting black firefighters in Birmingham, Ala., unlawfully discriminated against whites.

And the justices let a white man collect \$425,000 from a Pittsburgh company he accused of denying him a promotion because of his race.

Neither action was a ruling. Instead, the court made no comment

as it left intact federal appeals court decisions in each case.

But Monday's action came amid growing debate in all three branches of government over whether affirmative action still is needed to help minorities — and whether such aid is fair to non-minorities.

Republican leaders in Congress are seeking elimination of most affirmative action. President Clinton has asked for a review of the 100-plus federal programs that invoke affirmative action.

And the high court is expected to announce a major decision by July on a white-owned company's challenge to a federal highway program that offers special help to minority-owned small businesses.

In other matters Monday, the court:

- Heard arguments in an important environmental case over the scope of the federal Endangered Species Act. At issue is whether the law bans destruction of wildlife habitats on private property, including logging in forests inhabited by the northern spotted owl.
- Agreed to use a lawsuit stemming from the 1983 downing of a Korean airliner over the Soviet Union to clarify

what damages can be awarded when Americans die on international flights.

- Refused to shield a Secret Service agent from being sued for taking along a CBS camera crew when he searched a Brooklyn, N.Y., home three years ago. The lawsuit says he violated the residents' right to privacy.

In the Birmingham case, city officials and black residents argued that the plan for promoting firefighters was a valid effort to remedy past bias against blacks.

The city had agreed in 1981 to settle a discrimination lawsuit by starting an affirmative action plan aimed at increasing black employment in the fire department to 28 percent — the share of blacks in the county labor force.

The plan set a temporary goal of promoting blacks to half of all fire lieutenant openings each year until 28 percent of those jobs were held by blacks.

A group of white firefighters sued in 1982, saying the promotion goal discriminated against them.

The fire department ended the 50 percent annual goal in 1989 because it had met the 28 percent overall goal. But the white firefighters' lawsuit continued because they were seeking back pay.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled for the white firefighters last year, saying the promotion goal violated the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection and a federal civil rights law.

The appeals court said it found no valid basis for the 50 percent promotion goal when blacks made up a much smaller share of the firefighters eligible for promotion.

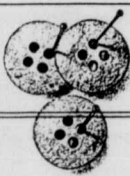
In the Pittsburgh case, the court turned down Duquesne Light Co.'s argument that the award won by Frederick Claus should be overturned because there was no evidence of anti-white bias.

Claus joined Duquesne Light in 1964, and since 1985 has been its director of engineering. In late 1987, Claus sought a promotion to manager of construction and engineering. The job went to James Griffin, who is black.

Claus later was denied another promotion.

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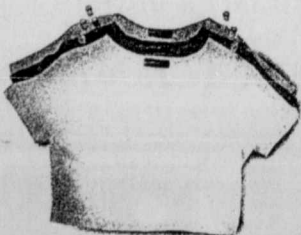
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