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## Marriott program strong in 16th year with Frogs

By CHIP CALLEGARI  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Finding the most efficient menu planning, catering and best food selection are three tasks Marriott Food Services has tackled in each of its 16 years at TCU.

Jim Fjelstul, director of Marriott food services at TCU, said that Marriott Food Services has been with TCU since 1980 and is on a year-to-year contract basis.

"It is a strong program; there is a very good relationship between TCU and Marriott," he said. "Contracting food services is fairly specialized. The schools are not very efficient to manage that service."

Marriott provides food services for over 400 colleges and universities, he said. A

majority of schools, including TCU, do in-house food services. Out-of-house food services contracts are a trend of the past, he said.

Marriott has roughly 150 employees and two kitchens — the Main and the Worth Hills cafeterias — and runs concessions at sporting events at TCU. The kitchen at Worth Hills serves only one menu, while the Main kitchen serves three: the Training Table, Eden's Green and the Main. Each menu is based on its own clientele and special dietary needs, Fjelstul said.

"Eden's is a little different, to remain special, and the snack bar is self-maintained and does not have a full kitchen," he said.

David Ripple, service operations director, said "each dining area has its own following,

like the Eden's diners."

Fjelstul said Marriott also caters special events on campus such as banquets, conventions and other programs. It has a base menu for catering events which is used about 75 percent of the time. Other times, it creates a special menu for that event.

The menu planning process for the regular dining areas is determined by surveys, changes on campus, comment cards and sales, he said.

"The menu planning process is evolutionary," he said. "With any major facility change, we work with the school and almost always have to change every six months. We look at sales and satisfaction for students. Sometimes it gets too repetitious."

Marriott has bought the franchise rights

for Taco Bell and Pizza Hut for this campus. Bringing in nationally known names brings more product lines or markets to the campus, and the students like it, he said.

The companies make surprise audits to make sure Marriott is using their recipes correctly, and Marriott buys all its products from the franchise distribution centers.

"Schools like it because it brings a national name to the market," he said.

Marriott spends just under \$2 million a year on food, Fjelstul said. It purchases from three main distributors. The Marriott distribution is used for the core supply, in which Marriott purchases food from the producers and then sells the food to each outlet. U.S. Food Service is used for foods that are not factory direct, and Ben E. Keith is used for

specialty items, he said.

Campus wide, Marriott purchases about 1,500 cases of food per week for the campus. Chicken tenders are most in demand, Fjelstul said.

Ripple said, "Operationally, this all-retail concept and the a la carte plan here at TCU gives the students a variety of dining."

"Currently we are looking at alternate meal plans for next fall," Fjelstul said. "Each school is very unique in its food service. Basically every school has its own meal plan designed to fit that school's needs."

These alternate plans include a combination of a la carte, all-you-can-eat and traditional campus meal plans, he said.

"There is more variety here than on any other campus in the nation," he said.

## Early applications reach record highs in nation's schools

### TCU bucks trend; gets few freshman from early notification, official says

By ANDREA DAUM  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

High school seniors are starting to apply to colleges and universities under early admissions policies in record numbers, according to a report in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, but TCU officials say that is not the case here.

While some schools get a majority of their freshman class from early admissions, TCU only gets between 25 and 30 percent of its applicant pool from the early notification process, said Sandy Ware, assistant dean of admissions.

"We generally do not have a significantly higher acceptance rate of fall applicants than spring applicants," she said. "It really depends on the pool. We know what we are looking for, and if we have a strong pool in the fall then we will admit them. If, however, we have a weak pool, we will wait until spring to accept more students."

Ware said the admissions office would never try to fill a large percentage of a class from early notification; instead, the admission committee tries to look at everyone

equally.

Ware said the admissions office realizes the pressures some high schools put on their students to have things done long before Christmas Break.

"We also realize that some students don't even think about applying until February or March," she said. "We want the best mix of students, so we would never come close to admitting a full class (of fall applicants)."

Ware said while at some schools the early decision process is binding, TCU's early admission is non-binding.

TCU offers an early notification process, which allows applicants to know where they stand with the university by Jan. 1 of the applicant's senior year. This process in no way commits a student to going to TCU if he or she is accepted early, she said.

"In an effort to understand and support the needs of students and parents, we believe this (admissions process) should not be binding," Ware said.

"To bind yourself into a decision at that early a point would mean the student is obligated to withdraw

applications from other schools," he said. "Sometimes making an early decision can stress a student to comply with his or her decision even if things have changed along the way."

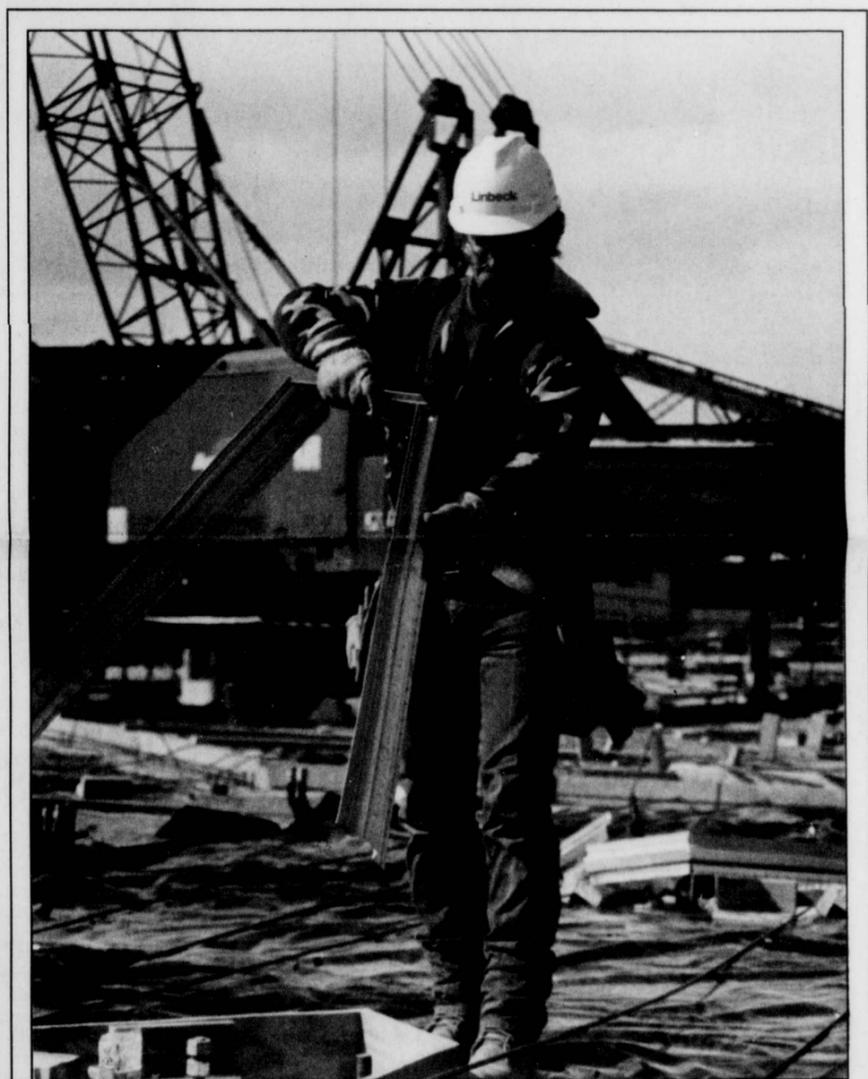
Amy Richardson, a sophomore history major, applied early so she would know where she stood with TCU before applying to other schools.

"TCU was my first and only choice," she said. "I had been coming here for Siblings' Weekend and other events since I was a junior in high school, and I wanted to know whether I got in or if I should start looking elsewhere."

While some schools offer advantages or extra perks to those who apply early and commit, TCU does not offer anything to those who commit early.

"I feel the advantages of applying early are basically to get the paperwork out of the way, letting the student know where they stand with the university," Ware said. "The only real perk for early applicants is that they receive their housing packets first and are able to sign up earlier

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TCU Daily Skiff/Dena Rains  
A construction worker lays the foundation for the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitor's Center Monday. Construction for the building blocked off part of Stadium Drive.

## Memorial bill reaches House floor for vote

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The House of Student Representatives will vote today on a bill requesting \$525 for a memorial tree in honor of Eric Holt, a TCU student who died in January 1995. The Finance Committee

approved Bill 96-6 in full, said Brian Spindor, House treasurer.

The bill was submitted by the Permanent Improvements committee.

Another bill that will be introduced requests support for the

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## Campus Police buy Jeep for patrols

By JENNIFER LONGLEY  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Campus police officers will begin patrolling campus in a brand new car this week. But this addition to the police patrol is not another Ford Taurus; it's a new Jeep Cherokee.

The Cherokee will replace one of two police cars that TCU is trading in due to high mileage and overuse, said Campus Police Chief Steve McGee.

"These cars run 24 hours at very low speeds, which is not good for the cars," McGee said.

Campus police gets new vehicles every two years, McGee said. He said Campus Police wanted to get a different car model because the Fords have not been very reliable.

McGee said he conferred with several officers to find out which car would best suit their needs. Officers decided a vehicle which increased visibility in parking lots would help them when patrolling campus, he said.

"The Jeep allows officers to get up higher and see over cars in the parking lots," McGee said. "We can see people in the parking lots better and hopefully deter any mischief."

McGee said Campus Police also needed a four-door model with more passenger room because police cars are often used to transport students on campus.

Once the officers decided what they needed, McGee and Officer Kelly Ham went shopping for the new police vehicle. McGee said they looked at models similar to the Jeep, like the Ford Explorer.

"The Jeep was the best buy and drove the best," McGee said.

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### News Digest

#### Balloon crash injures four

HARTSEL, Colo. (AP) — A hot air balloon with nine people aboard went down Monday, seriously injuring at least four people, Park County authorities said.

The accident occurred at about 9:45 a.m. about 10 miles east of here, officials said.

A spokeswoman for the Park County sheriff's office said the balloon, operated by Mile High Adventures of Colorado Springs, picked up passengers in Breckenridge, and then went down about 50 miles to the southwest.

#### City hosts mass gay wedding

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Dozens of gay couples, dressed in everything from traditional white dresses and tuxedos to full drag, were united today in city-sponsored "weddings" uniting same-sex couples in symbolic union.

Among the couples were nurse Margaret Johnson, 38, in a white dress, and her partner of three years, Liliana Diaz, 44, a social worker in a red jacket and skirt.

"It's a commitment and it's also a political statement," said Johnson, who said she was so nervous her hands were "freezing."

#### Two anti-gov't leaders arrested

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Federal agents arrested two leaders of the fugitive "freemen" anti-government group Monday, authorities said.

LeRoy Schweitzer, 56, and Daniel E. Peterson, 53, were arrested without incident, U.S. Attorney Sherry Matteucci said.

Federal agents also were negotiating with a dozen or so fugitives at the farm they have used as headquarters, Matteucci said.

Schweitzer and Peterson are charged in a federal grand jury indictment with issuance of fraudulent checks and money orders, he said.

#### Court to review language laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stepping into a politically charged dispute, the Supreme Court agreed Monday to review whether states can make English their official language and require its use for most government actions.

The justices said they will examine a lower court ruling that said Arizona's official-English constitutional amendment violates state employees' right of free speech.

Official-English laws have been growing in popularity along with proposals to limit immigration and restrict government benefits to immigrants.

#### Wreckage found after 13 years

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The wreckage of an airplane that disappeared more than 13 years ago has been found with the skeletons of five people on board, a news agency reported Monday.

The remains of the Piper Aztec were found Friday by four villagers collecting firewood in a remote jungle in Indonesia's northernmost province of Aceh, the official Antara news agency said.

It quoted police Capt. Tamzil Djilil as saying some documents in the wreckage indicated that the plane had crashed on Nov. 25, 1982.

## CampusLines

CampusLines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the Skiff office, Moudy 2915 or sent to TCU Box 298050. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

**VICTOR BELFI** will speak on "Slide Rule Nostalgia" at the Parabola meeting at 4 p.m. today in Winton-Scott Hall 145. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. in Winton-Scott Hall 171.

A **FREE STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP** will be offered at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Center for Academic Services, Rickel 106. Topics include time management, study skills and test taking.

**BLACK STUDENT CAUCUS** will sponsor "Can You Play It Like You Talk It?" a dominoes and spades tournament, at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Student Center Room 205-206. First prize is \$75; second prize is \$50.

Teams can sign up at the Student Center Information Desk or Room 220 for \$3 today or \$5 after today.

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES** will host Caedmon's Call, a contemporary Christian band, at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom. All students are invited. Admission is free.

**"SHOWTIME AT THE APOLLO,"** sponsored by the Black Student Caucus, will be from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are available for \$3 at the Information Desk or \$5 at the door.

A **BIOLOGY SEMINAR** will be held at noon Friday in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4. Dr. Steven J. Norris of the University of Texas-Houston will present "The Emperor's New Clothes: A Tale of Antigenic Masking and Variation in Syphilis, Relapsing Fever and Lyme Disease."

**HUMAN RESOURCES** will host a

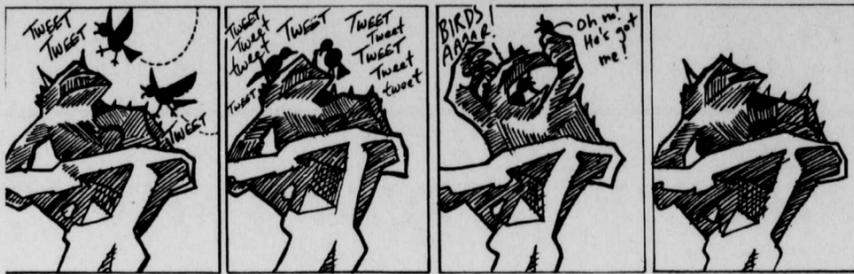
brown bag seminar at noon on April 12, in which Greg Stephens will cover tips for traveling in Mexico. Call 921-7790.

**TCU'S STUDENT FOUNDATION** will accept new member applications for the 1996-97 school year through Friday. Student Foundation is a service organization that promotes the welfare of the university by volunteering in the Admissions, Alumni and Annual Fund offices. Members must be classified as a sophomore in the fall after the application is made and must maintain a 2.5 GPA. Pick up applications at the Student Center Information Desk, the Admissions Office or the Alumni Office. Call 921-7803.

A **RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS** class will be offered for female students from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from April 1 through April 17. The cost is \$15. Call D.J. Swiger at 921-7777.

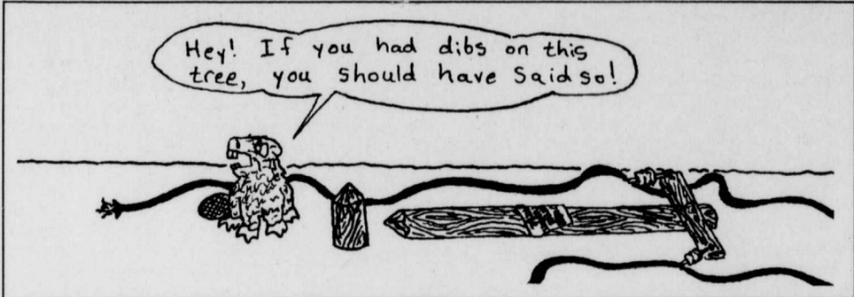
## The Adventures of Superfrog

by Ben Roman & Adam Wright



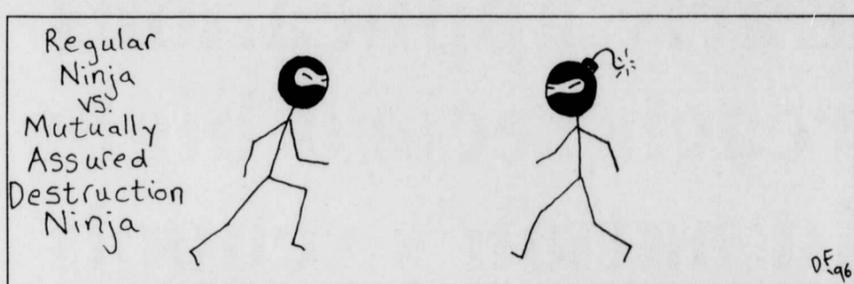
## The Beaten Path

by P. D. Magnus



## Ninja Verses

by Don Frederic



## PurplePoll

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Did you get sunburned over Spring Break?

Today's Purple Poll question was asked of 100 people in the Main Cafeteria last evening by a Skiff pollster.

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annual Easter Sunrise service. Matt Rosine, president of Uniting Campus Ministries, the group which plans the service, said the bill would ask for \$1,210. The money would go toward renting chairs, refreshments, publicity and honorariums for the brass quintet and the drama team who will perform.

Rosine said he expected about 300 people to attend the service. "It's great that the House is willing to support total campus programming like the Easter Sunrise service," he said.

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Richardson said the one definite advantage of knowing where she was going by Jan. 1 was that she had enough time to plan before she came to TCU.

Ware said she was comfortable not having students make a commitment early.

"I think there is a lot to be said for keeping your options open," she said. "I sense among a lot of students that they are not ready to make that kind of commitment yet. Very few know what they want to study and where. I think it's important to always maintain as many options as you can."

## Jeep from page 1

McGee said he made his recommendation to Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs. It was then turned over to Joe Laster, director of facility services, who buys all TCU vehicles.

Jeeps do not come with a police package, so Campus Police had to get the new Jeep wired and detailed for police use, McGee said. The Jeep will have the TCU logo and a

purple stripe on the sides. McGee said the officers came up with the design that will adorn the Jeep.

McGee said police will see how the Jeep runs and how reliable it is before making the decision to buy more. He said the Cherokee will make it easier for officers to get around campus.

"A smaller wheel-based car, like the Jeep, is more suited for parking lot patrols at slower speeds," McGee said.

# First lady visits Bosnia to boost morale

BY RON FOURNIER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARKOVICI, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Protected by sharpshooters, Hillary Rodham Clinton swooped into a military zone by a Black Hawk helicopter Monday to deliver a personal "thank you, thank you, thank you" to U.S. troops. "They're making a difference," the first lady said of the 18,500 Americans working as peacekeepers in Bosnia.

Mrs. Clinton became the first presidential spouse since Eleanor Roosevelt to make such an extensive trip into what can be considered a hostile area, though others have visited hot spots.

She was proud of the distinction: "To be here on the ground is something I wanted to do so that maybe people back home would see it — not through the eyes of the secretary of the Army or someone in a position in the military — but like Eleanor Roosevelt, who has always done everything first, to visit the troops to say thank you."

Accompanied by her daughter, Chelsea, the first lady plunged into a grueling goodwill tour designed to boost troop morale in Bosnia and highlight efforts by Bosnians, Croats and Muslims to resolve deeply held differences.

Standing on a dusty, makeshift boardwalk near an out-of-the-way military hospital, Mrs. Clinton said, "For the first time, children are playing again. Farmers are in their fields. People are moving into their homes."

The first lady acknowledged several "bumps in the road," a point underscored just three days ago when a U.S. soldier was killed in a vehicle accident. Mrs. Clinton visited the soldier's driving companion in the military hospital.

"It's not going to be easy," she said, pointing to the flight of Serbs from areas of Sarajevo they held as the city came under Bosnian control. "Feelings are very deep. There is a lot of pain. There is a lot to get over — a lot to forgive if there's going to be reconstruction and reconciliation."

## Weather Watch

Today will be mostly cloudy with a high of 57 and a low of 44.

Wednesday will be mostly cloudy with a high of 56 and a low of 42.

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Leigh Anne Robison

## Dunblane tragedy affects all

Do you remember kindergarten? The images are probably a bit blurry, but most everyone can recall the days of eating paste, taking naps and choosing that first lunch box.

Most of the memories are pretty innocent and benign, but can you recall the biggest problems you had back then? The most horrifying experience to most of us at that tender age was wetting our pants or getting caught picking our nose. The end of the world consisted of getting sent to The Principal's Office.

We probably didn't even know what guns were, much less face the possibility of being mowed down by an armed pedophile while we were in gym class.

Twenty-nine kindergartners in Scotland came face to face with the ugliest of real-life nightmares. Sixteen of them died, along with their teacher, who attempted to protect them by throwing her body in front of as many as possible. Only one child remained untouched by the bullets, as he dragged his friends' bodies into an alcove. He thought he could save them.

To shake our heads and say, "It's not safe anymore," would be the gravest of understatements. If we didn't wholeheartedly believe that before, we understood perfectly on April 19, 1995. You know what I'm talking about. You can conjure the image of a soot-covered firefighter cradling the broken, dying body

of one-year-old Baylee Allmon instantly.

Last year we shook our heads and whispered about the poor children who were casualties of the Oklahoma City bombing. They died, along with approximately 150 adults in a seemingly-random terrorist attack. It could never get worse than that.

But in Dunblane, it did. "Mr. Creepy," as 43-year-old Thomas Hamilton was commonly called among the community, armed himself with four guns (two of them semiautomatic) and intentionally picked off children.

The people of the United Kingdom reacted in a fashion certainly not surprising to us. When British Prime Minister John Major met with Parliament the following day, politicians of opposing factions erased party lines and collectively expressed their sorrow and sympathy for the previously bucolic Scottish town. They demanded tougher gun restrictions in a nation that sees gun-related deaths about as often as a solar eclipse.

One thing was different about Dunblane, however. The members of the community requested that the media allow them time to grieve in privacy, and the media obliged. Reporters and camera crews packed up and rolled out in a respectful caravan. The Queen's visit was hardly covered at all.

While news coverage could spark an

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even greater outpouring of sympathy from around the globe, sympathy isn't what the people there need right now. Unaccustomed to such madness, the one thing they can

hope for is quiet healing that comes only with time.

We understand that here. For the moment at least, the United States, home to the sickest of the sick, now shares top billing with the United Kingdom, a former haven of safety and civilized behavior. We Americans, who think we have seen and survived every atrocity, shudder to think at the tragedy that has suddenly pervaded the British Isles.

It's a naive mistake to think it can't happen here. Now it seems to happen Everywhere.

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Kevin Arceneaux

## Americans ought to help immigrants improve lives

Isn't it funny that we always have to find someone else to point the finger at when things don't seem to be going right? We always seem to find a scapegoat when the going gets tough. We Americans are an industrious and creative bunch, especially our mainstream society that can find a way to marginalize anyone who doesn't fit oh-so-neatly into that dominant culture.

This blame-game seems to be most relevant in economic terms. After all, when times get tough for our pocketbooks, we must find somebody to indict. We must purge our consciousness of any wrongdoing. We are innocents who have fallen prey to some other diabolical, menacing force; it is a force we must uproot and destroy at all costs. If we fail, we may risk exposing our own infidelities that lurk surreptitiously beneath our facade.

We don't have a problem with poor education, inferior infrastructure or inadequate job training programs; rather, our problems are drugs and immorality that plague our inner-cities. They aren't symptoms of the problem, but the problem itself.

Likewise, crises in political corruption and race relations are attributed to "politics as usual" and other people's inability to work hard like the rest of us. They aren't due to our apathetic refusal to vote or take on the responsibility to be informed; and it's certainly not because we refuse to bridge gaps and admit differences.

Well, there is another scapegoat we must not forget. That scapegoat is illegal immigrants. In the early 1900s, the scapegoat was legal immigrants. Those people were stealing our beautiful white-Anglo-Saxon-Protestant culture and, more importantly, our jobs. So Congress passed laws to marginalize them. We limited immigration, made alcohol consumption illegal and sought to disenfranchise them.

Now the problem is illegal immigrants — specifically, Mexicans who cross the border in search of jobs to feed their families and escape from their deplorable living conditions of the shanty towns. And like the aliens of yesteryear, they are trying to steal both our culture and jobs. So Congress has come to the rescue. Just last week, the House passed legislation that would crack down on illegal immigration by an overwhelming 333-87 vote.

The bill would take all forms of public assistance away from undocumented aliens. That's right, no more food stamps, housing assistance and Medicaid for these freeloaders. What's

### Entropy in Eden



more, states can bar their children from receiving public education.

What a wonderful bill. As a proud American, I hold my pious head high and salute it — we have achieved a moral breakthrough. We must put American children first, you

know. Maybe this is just the idealist in me, but aren't we committing a grievous crime against our fellow humans? So they speak a different language and have a bit more of a tan — aren't they the same as us? I've always marveled at the paradox that like no other animal, we have the capacity to care for those weaker than us, but we don't.

We can build giant cities, cars and airplanes, harness and control energy, cure diseases and prolong our lives through modern medicine. Yet we don't use these advantages to help our less fortunate brothers.

Maybe our obligation to our southern friends is to invite them in and help them establish a new, better life. The results could be quite positive. Instead of stealing jobs, they could spur the creation of new jobs. Instead of them exploiting public assistance, they could use it to help them get on their feet and educate their children, so they could become productive members of society.

And if not, it is still our obligation to help them. Unlike the beast, we have the ability to transcend our own existence and look to a higher morality. We should not create fences by labeling each other and ignoring their suffering. We have a burdensome responsibility. We should open our arms, not close our borders.

Otherwise, let's change the words engraved at the bottom of the Statue of Liberty. Maybe it should read: "Give me your tired, huddled masses yearning to be free, as long as they have proper documentation and don't get on welfare."

Kevin Arceneaux is a junior political science major from Fort Worth.

## Pomp and Circumstance

Graduating seniors face the music in May

Subtle changes will be taking place around this campus now that Spring Break is over.

At first, it will be hard to pinpoint. The lines in the Main will shrink, classes will be sparse and the Career Center will probably get a little more crowded.

There will be a noticeable discontent in the air as a percentage of TCU's student body begins the official process of freaking out with the steady approach of May 11.

It's called Senioritis, and while this energy-sapping disease is nothing new, it takes on a whole new form in college. In high school, you were worried about how you'd look for the prom, and that was about it. Your college acceptances had already rolled in, GPA no longer mattered and teachers didn't give you much homework anyway. A summer of freedom approached, and at the end of it was the ultimate liberation: college.

But now, we've been there and done that. There's nothing new about having no curfew, getting into bars and doing our own laundry. Unless moving home is in the plans, these daily rituals will probably continue once graduation has come and gone.

What's on the planner for the average graduating senior right now? Well, what every senior's parents are focused on is the job search. All the networking, cover letters, resumes and interviews are enough to kill a person who is juggling so many other things simultaneously. Plus, no one seems to realize that

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it's not cheap to pay for the postage, photocopies, stationery and interview clothes! Finding a

job is a full-time effort in itself.

Then there's shelter — which is something that's easily taken for granted during the college years. For the employee-wannabes willing to relocate anywhere, there is no assurance of a place to live. Leases are about to end, so if a graduate wants to stay around the Metroplex, his or her plight looms ominously.

Some seniors have the added task of planning a wedding. Go take a look at the calendar of booked dates for Robert Carr Chapel. It seems there may be a kernel of truth to the myth that some girls book the big day at the start of their freshman year (regardless of whether or not they have met the requisite groom).

Finally, a mere six months after commencement, those loan repayment bills will kick in. Staring down a debt of thousands of dollars is rather intimidating and causes one to wonder if a private school was the right decision after all.

All that worrying leaves little time for having fun and enjoying life, and that's the biggest tragedy of all. Seniors, this is your last semester in college — and you should do your best to enjoy these last days of irresponsibility while you can — that is when you are not busy having a total nervous breakdown or suffering through that final round of tests, papers and projects.

Scott Barzilla

"God forbid we try to teach children to keep an open mind on the issues . . ."

## OBE provides strong skills, open-mindedness

Over the past few years, there has been a growing debate over the theory known as Outcome Based Education (OBE). The proponents of the theory and its detractors have been gearing up for a showdown ever since some schools began adopting the concept.

The theory of OBE was developed in response to the need to prepare Americans for the ever-complex job market. Outcome Based Education is exactly what it says. It focuses on the skills we must acquire to compete in the world today.

Proponents of the plan claim that our educational system would be better off if we were to focus on these skills instead of on college preparatory curriculum.

OBE proponents also promote the idea of citizenship education. In short, it prepares students for the workplace and society, according to its supporters.

Opponents of the theory claim that OBE "dumbs down" curriculum for the students. These claims probably have a kernel of

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truth to them, and it probably would be wise and beneficial to allow this kind of intelligent debate.

However, religious fundamentalist groups are the loudest detractors of this theory. They claim that proponents of OBE and other theories similar to it are "morally bankrupt" and "intellectually bankrupt."

Opponents of the theory have bemoaned the fact that schools that subscribe to OBE attempt to teach their students to be tolerant of people who are unlike themselves, to



cooperate with people unlike themselves and to keep an open mind.

God forbid we try to teach children to be tolerant of people unlike ourselves. God forbid we try to teach children to keep an open mind on the issues — heck, they might even learn more that way.

These values have been dubbed as "liberal" values, and thus the religious conservatives have dubbed educators as "morally bankrupt." It is not as though these schools have a group orgy on the weekend; they are just trying to teach the students to cooperate with and learn about people who are different from them.

I suppose that if these religious zealots had their way, every school would teach children to be intolerant of people and cultures "different" from themselves. I suppose that cooperation isn't a big concern for religious fundamentalists. I suppose religious fundamentalists want to teach students to be closed-minded. If you need a case study, just look at Merrimack, N.H.

In order to prevent liberal educators from acting, several GOP presidential candidates have proposed that we put education back into the hands of the parents. Alan Keyes even referred to these people as "educrats." I don't know what an educrat is supposed to be, but I bet they know a lot more about education than most of the Republican presidential candidates.

It's particularly funny that religious zealots continue to claim that proponents of OBE and people like them are "intellectually bankrupt." Most of have little or no understanding of how education really works, so they continue to hide behind catch phrases like "morally bankrupt" and "liberal bias." OBE may not turn out to be the answer, but in order to solve the problems we have in education, we need to have real intellectual debate instead of hiding behind catch phrases and stereotypical assumptions.

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## Texas Republicans hope for more seats in House

BY JANINE ZUNIGA  
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ARLINGTON, Texas — Top Texas Republicans united in the Lone Star State Monday to help boost the party's chances of grabbing U.S. House seats from the Democrats in November.

Showcasing their theme, "Conservative Leadership, Common Sense Values," Texas GOP Chairman Tom Pauken and other Republican officials launched a one-day, three-city tour of Texas, a key battlefield with more open congressional seats in play than any other state.

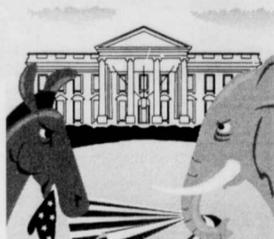
Pauken told about 50 supporters Monday at The Ballpark in Arlington that Texas is a conservative state and deserves better representation than it currently has in Congress.

"We're here to send a signal that the Republican Party and the congressional delegation are committed to supporting our candidates for Congress and to try to add to our numbers here in Texas," Pauken said.

The Texas GOP was handed a plum opportunity to trim the Democrats' 18-12 edge in the delegation when six Democratic incumbents chose not to seek re-election this year. By contrast, only one Republican incumbent decided not to run again.

"We're going to win congressional seats in this state, we're going to keep the majority of the U.S. Congress and we're going to win the presidency of the United States," said Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Dallas.

Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman Martin Frost, reached at his Washington, D.C., office, said the Republicans are all wrong.



"First of all, there are 18 Democrats and 12 Republicans in the U.S. Congress right now (from Texas). We expect to keep those 18, and we expect to pick up two more," said Frost of Dallas, referring to the seats currently held by Reps. Greg Laughlin of West Columbia and Steve Stockman of Friendswood.

The Texas delegation often is cited as one of the most bipartisan on Capitol Hill, with Republicans and Democrats putting aside partisan politics to unite on issues of importance to the state.

In past election seasons, lawmakers from both parties were muted in their involvement in the campaigns of challengers seeking to topple incumbents.

That trend is changing in Texas, with Republicans eager to hold onto their hard-won majority in Congress. Republican lawmakers are being asked to help raise money to help bankroll challenges against Democratic incumbents.

## UT students demonstrate

### Recent court ruling against affirmative action programs forces universities to re-evaluate admissions policies

BY JUAN B. ELIZONDO JR.  
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AUSTIN — Hundreds of students marched on the Capitol and met with Attorney General Dan Morales Monday to protest a federal appeals court decision overturning affirmative action programs at the University of Texas School of Law.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last week that the UT law school's race-based admissions policies were unconstitutional. Minority students are demanding further appeals of that decision.

Chanting, "We won't go back," the crowd gathered on campus and marched several blocks to the Capitol's north steps. From there, they moved to Morales' office, where five students met with the attorney general in a closed, 40-minute meeting.

About 300 other students waited outside Morales' office in the cold weather, waiting for word from him.

"As good attorneys, they said, they need to weigh their options," said Kevin Michael Foster, a graduate student who was among those who met with the attorney general and his staff.

"They said they stand for the same principles as we do."

Students booed the lack of decision, but promised to remain focused and to return to Morales' office if he opts against further appeals.

Before the meeting, Foster said students objected to eliminating race as a component of admissions.

"The decision said race cannot be a part of the (admissions) decision," he said. "We want it to be one of many factors. What we are arguing is that there is a need for diversity."

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Morales, said the attorney general could reach a conclusion about an appeal within days. Morales could seek a review by the full 5th Circuit or could go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Monday, Morales told reporters the case is likely to end up before the country's highest court, but he warned that an appeal has not been decided.

"I think it would be irresponsible for us to attempt to deal with this case on the assumption that it was only going to impact upon the University of Texas or only impact upon the states in the 5th Circuit," he said. "There are some in the national civil rights community

for example who... are not comfortable that this is one of the stronger cases with which to present the U.S. Supreme Court with the issue of affirmative action in higher education."

The 5th Circuit's ruling reversed a decision by an Austin federal judge who had upheld in 1994 the law school's policy of letting some minority applicants enter law school under lower standards than whites.

Four white students sued, claiming they were denied admission by an unlawful policy based solely on race.

The university system has suspended admissions to all 15 of its campuses in Texas as it re-evaluates its policies. Texas A&M on Monday began a 10-day freeze on all applications systemwide.

University of Texas President Robert Berdahl assured students last week that the school will take whatever steps necessary to protect affirmative action.

Associate U.S. Attorney General John Schmidt, the No. 3 official in the Justice Department, also has criticized the ruling and said he'd consider asking the U.S. Supreme Court to consider the case.

## Texan ambassador to move to Botswana

BY MICHELLE MITTELSTADT  
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WASHINGTON — If the Senate agrees, Texan Bob Krueger soon will be changing hats and addresses.

Most recently the U.S. ambassador to Burundi, the New Braunfels native has been nominated by the Clinton administration as ambassador to Botswana.

The change couldn't be more striking.

Burundi is a nation plagued by ethnic tensions, where an estimated 100,000 people have been slaughtered since the country's president was assassinated in 1993.

Botswana, by contrast, is far less tumultuous; more worried about its persistent droughts than internal strife.

The move requires Senate confirmation. Krueger, who briefly represented Texas in the Senate in 1993, was to appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Tuesday for his confirmation hearing.

Krueger is being shifted to Botswana because of security concerns, the White House said last month.

Some reports out of the State Department, however, indicated that he was being moved because of his outspokenness against the blood bath and its inciters.

President Clinton has been publicly supportive of Krueger's diplomacy, at one point describing him as a man who "risked his life to try to keep people alive in Burundi."

Several newspapers in Burundi and a province governor were among those calling for Krueger's death. He and his convoy came under machine

gun attack last year while traveling with Burundi's foreign minister. Krueger and the diplomat weren't injured, but two others in the eight-vehicle convoy were killed and eight wounded.

A year ago, the State Department ordered Krueger's wife and two young daughters out of the country, citing the danger. Last September, Krueger himself was summoned back to Washington.

"We were forthright in identifying injustice, in calling attention to the terrible acts of violence and murder going on," Krueger said in an interview Monday.

Saying that he could not remain silent and retain any self-respect, Krueger added: "I have no regrets whatsoever."

But the security risks, coupled with the extended absence from his family and birth of a son five months ago, made Krueger reassess his priorities.

"I had told the State Department, 'I have no desire as such to leave Burundi, but because I have very young children, I can't really stay separate from them for two years,'" he said.

If confirmed, Krueger plans to move his family from New Braunfels to Botswana's capital of Gaborone.

The move would be the latest in a series of recent career changes.

Krueger was appointed to the Senate in January 1993 to succeed veteran Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, who had resigned to become treasury secretary. A former U.S. House member, ambassador-at-large to Mexico and Texas railroad commissioner, Krueger was defeated in mid-1993 by Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison.

## Texas asks judge to lift '92 ruling

BY PEGGY FIKAC  
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AUSTIN — Texas is asking a federal judge to lift a 1992 judgment that settled a landmark lawsuit over prison conditions, saying the state can run a constitutional system without a court order in place.

The move, announced Monday by Republican Gov. George W. Bush and Democratic state Attorney General Dan Morales, immediately prompted concern from lawyers who've been involved in protecting inmates' rights.

It also drew a separate announcement from several GOP lawmakers that they are hiring private lawyers to intervene in the matter. They said they want to ensure not only that U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice's court judgment is vacated, but that the U.S. government is barred from intervening in state prison systems except in limited circumstances.

Morales, who is seeking only to lift the 1992 judgment, says he isn't taking the action to change the administration of Texas prisons. He said the judgment already gave Texas day-to-day operational control over its prisons.

"We have learned our lesson. We have come to recognize it is far more expensive for us to deal with the grief and the expense of violating the Constitution... than it is to comply with the Constitution to begin with," he said.

But Morales, whose office negotiated the 1992 settlement with inmates' lawyers, said the move "heralds profound symbolic significance" regarding Texas' proven ability to run a constitutional prison system.

Texas is ready to "bury the remains

of the Ruiz litigation" now that it has built prisons to relieve the overcrowding that was the "overriding concern," Morales said.

Bush, who vowed to challenge the settlement during his gubernatorial campaign, said, "Texans can run Texas. We are ready to step out from underneath the shadow of federal control."

They announced the state has filed a motion asking Judge Justice of Tyler to vacate his judgment approving the lawsuit settlement. Justice presided over the case brought in 1972 by inmate David Ruiz.

The motion drew concern from San Francisco lawyer William Bennett Turner, who had represented inmates during the lawsuit.

"It makes me very suspicious. The obligations that are imposed on the state by the final judgment are so general and so fundamental, in the sense that they barely guarantee decent conditions, that there can't be any real reason by the state needs to get out from under it," Turner said.

"They can't be feeling the pinch unless they have something up their sleeve about wanting to turn the clock back 25 years and run unconstitutional prisons again," he said.

Jim Harrington of the Texas Civil Rights Project added, "Too long the state has said that it should be trusted, and too often it has betrayed that trust."

Harrington said that without a court judgment in place, there isn't an easy way to seek a court inquiry into questionable prison practices. He said new complaints would mean starting litigation over again.

Turner said a new lawsuit could be assigned to a different judge "who wouldn't have the memory and the will to stop the system from going back to the bad old days."

In a related move, a Texas congressman and two state lawmakers — all Republicans — announced formation of The Fund to Take Back Texas Prisons Inc. that will hire expert counsel to get involved in the court action.

State Rep. John Culberson of Houston said that in addition to doing away

with the Ruiz settlement, the group wants to limit federal intervention in state prison systems.

Under the group's argument, which it wants to take to the U.S. Supreme Court, the federal government could only get involved in prison issues having to do with requirements for due process and equal protection of the laws; the ban on cruel and unusual punishment; and circumstances in which the state accepts federal money with strings attached.

Other lawmakers involved are U.S. Rep. Bill Archer of Houston and state Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson. Culberson said U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, also would help with raising money for the effort.

"We want to be sure Ruiz is truly terminated this time... and to accomplish this bigger purpose that will have national implications for all 50 states," Culberson said.

Justice For All, a criminal justice reform group, voiced support for the effort by the Republican-led group.



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## Comet a welcome sight for skygazers

By CAROLYN THOMPSON  
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BOSTON — Other comets have come closer to Earth. Others have shone brighter. But as comets go, Hyakutake, the little greenish fuzzball in the sky, is a heavenly reward for skygazers.

"All of the sudden, all of your neighbors who thought you were a little odd hunting for dim, little, distant galaxies in a telescope in your backyard in the middle of the night suddenly can step outside their door and there it is," said Alan MacRobert, an associate editor at Sky & Telescope magazine in Cambridge. "For amateur astronomers, these are wonderful times."

Hyakutake, making its first appearance in about 9,000 years, has been drawing countless eyes to the night sky.

Internet sites are crowded with enthusiastic observations.

"Boy is this fun," began one message. "Dang, what a sight!" read another. "You simply can't

miss this comet. It just jumps out at you."

"WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW!" opened still another.

Not bad for a big chunk of dirty ice that's been drifting above since the solar system formed.

"There's something about the appearance of a comet," said Brian Marsden, associate director for planetary sciences at the Smithsonian-Harvard Center for Astrophysics. "I suppose it's the fact that you can have this thing... just for a little while and know it's come from a great distance."

Hyakutake (hya-koo-TAH-kay), named for the amateur Japanese astronomer who discovered it in January, is the brightest burning comet since Comet West in 1976. It is visible throughout the Northern Hemisphere.

Observers say there have been few more watchable comets this century, though the much larger Hale-Bopp due to pass near Earth next year could top Hyakutake's show.

At Hyakutake's nearest point to Earth — about 9.5 million miles away Sunday and Monday —

sky-watchers said it had the brightness of Sirius, the brightest star in the northern sky. Its tail of glowing gases is an estimated 62,000 miles long.

A comet came closer to Earth as recently as 1983, but it was nowhere near as bright.

Experts say the comet will start to fade after Monday until the first week in April as it drifts farther from the Earth, but may brighten again as it gets closer to the sun. It should become visible to people in the Southern Hemisphere in mid-May, MacRobert said.

Traveling 198,000 mph, Hyakutake's orbit and the gravitational effects of the planets should bring it back this way in about 17,000 years. Halley's Comet returns every 76 years.

"Things like this spur people to look up beyond the surface of our tiny little planet here, where we live our tiny little lives running around in tiny little circles," MacRobert said, "and see something of the bigger, wider universe that is out there for us, waiting to see if we only look up."

## Lucid settles in for long mission

### 1st American woman joins Mir crew

By MARCIA DUNN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Working like skycaps high above Earth, astronauts and cosmonauts lugged 12-gallon sacks of water and other supplies Monday from space shuttle Atlantis to Russia's Mir station.

American Shannon Lucid was excused from most of the heavy lifting. Assigned to the station for the next five months, she spent her second day as a Mir crew member settling in and reacquainting herself with her Russian colleagues, Yuri Onufrienko and Yuri Usachev.

She is the first American woman to live on the orbiting Russian outpost, and only the second American.

"Yuri and Yuri have gone out of their way to make sure that I feel at home, and I'm very comfortable here," said Lucid, already wearing her blue Russian flight uniform.

"Shannon fits in," Onufrienko said.

As of midday Monday, the crews had moved more than 100 of 132 items into Mir, including nine sacks of water, numerous science experiments and a large Russian instrument for stabilizing the space station.

With all the moving going on, the place looked a mess, by NASA standards anyway.

White duffel bags filled with cargo blocked the narrow tunnel linking Atlantis and Mir, waiting to be moved — it wasn't clear in which direction. Inside the normally neat Atlantis, bulky packages containing Mir cargo were piled for return to Earth.

"If it looks a little cluttered in here... it really is," astronaut Linda Godwin said from Atlantis. "We've got a

lot in here, and not everything is put away yet."

By contrast, the 10-year-old Mir has always been cluttered, with cables and wires sticking out every which way and equipment lashed to the walls and crammed into every nook.

Most of the 5,200 pounds of freight should be moved into Mir by the time the hatches between the spacecraft are closed Tuesday in preparation for Wednesday's spacewalk by Godwin and Michael "Rich" Clifford.

Atlantis lifted off on Friday and arrived at Mir on Saturday night. The shuttle will undock on Thursday, return to Earth on Sunday and — in August — go back for Lucid and carry up her replacement.

NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin told Lucid he wants a full report once she completes her mission, the longest for an American.

"This mission that you have is going to really help us better understand how to prepare for the international space station," he said. "We're not just interested in the technical things. Some of the psychological impacts of isolation up in space are pretty important also, we learned from Norm Thagard's mission."

Thagard was excruciatingly frank during his nearly four months on Mir last year, complaining of skimpy menus, sporadic family contact and little non-Russian news. Lucid should have an easier time: She got to choose her meals in advance and has been promised regular calls home and U.S. news updates.

NASA officials insist they want Lucid to be just as candid as Thagard was, for the sake of those who will follow.

## Spray may snuff out smokers' addiction

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
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WASHINGTON — Hard-core smokers are about to get new help in kicking the habit: a nasal spray that gives them a shot of nicotine from a bottle instead of a cigarette.

Nicotrol NS is a pump bottle that holds 100 milligrams of pure nicotine that smokers can inhale to ward off cigarette cravings. It is to be sold by prescription only to adult smokers trying to quit, the Food and Drug Administration announced Monday.

But the FDA warned that smokers could become as dependent on the nasal spray's nicotine as they are on cigarettes. Scientists already discovered one desperate woman who plotted ways to get the nasal spray for a year when she ran out of a three-month supply received during a research study.

Smokers should try to use the spray for just three months — and never

longer than six months, the FDA said.

Despite the risk, Nicotrol NS "will be a very big help to smokers in general, but specifically to the heavier smokers," said Dr. Richard Hurt, director of the nicotine dependency center at Mayo Clinic.

"It's clearly safer for the patient to use the nicotine nasal spray than cigarettes."

McNeil Consumer Products of Fort Washington, Pa., will begin selling the spray later this year, but would not reveal an exact date or price.

Smoking cessation is a multimillion-dollar industry. Nicorette gum goes on sale next month without a prescription. Also next month, the makers of two nicotine patches, now sold by prescription to some 3 million would-be quitters, will seek FDA permission to sell over the counter. Some 20 percent to 25 percent of gum and patch users quit smoking.

The nicotine nasal spray, developed by Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc.,

hits the bloodstream faster than the gum or patch, offering the potential of almost immediate relief of cigarette cravings.

No one has compared Nicotrol NS directly to nicotine gum or patches. But studies of 730 patients found 25 percent given the nasal spray stopped smoking for at least a year, compared with 13 percent of smokers who tried to quit without help.

A squirt up each nostril gives the smoker one milligram of nicotine. Smokers aren't supposed to inhale it more than five times a day. Overdosing is dangerous — 40 milligrams of nicotine at once can be lethal.

A milligram dose may seem large, particularly when low-nicotine cigarettes advertise that smokers' blood absorbs a tenth of that amount.

But smokers' brains absorb less nicotine from the spray than from cigarettes, Hurt said. The lungs send cigarette smoke-borne nicotine

straight to the heart, where it is pumped to the brain in five heartbeats. Nicotrol NS is absorbed through the lining of the nose, where it goes into the bloodstream and circulates through the body before reaching the heart and then the brain, Hurt explained.

It's the same reason snorted cocaine is less potent than smoked crack cocaine, he said.

Addiction is a fairly remote risk, largely because the spray's sting can make it unpleasant to use, the FDA acknowledged. Among 369 spray users Pharmacia studied, only 26 used Nicotrol NS for a year, including the woman who plotted to get unused bottles from other study participants and watered them down to make them last.

But Pharmacia must track Nicotrol NS to prove to the FDA that smokers don't abuse it — and that the spray doesn't circulate among teen-agers, who are not supposed to use it.

## Boy found safe after two nights alone

By MARTHA MENDOZA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ZUNI, N.M. — For two cold nights, four-year-old Danny Finke wandered alone through the Zuni Mountains without anything to eat or heavy clothes to keep him warm.

More than 200 people searched for him on horseback, in vehicles and by air. Finally, the crew of a New Mexico National Guard helicopter spotted the lost youngster Monday and whisked him to safety.

His only request: An apple.

"That's one lucky little boy, and it speaks loudly of our volunteer search and rescue people," said Rick Goodman, state search and rescue resource officer.

Danny told his parents he spent most of his time walk-

ing after wandering off from his parents Saturday during a hike in Fence Lake, a remote farming and ranching community in the mountains about 20 miles east of the Arizona border. He disappeared after trailing behind them in a hilly area of ravines and pine trees.

A small snow storm hit the area later that day. The temperature fell to around 17 degrees, with wind chills of 10 degrees below zero.

Danny's body temperature was 92 degrees, 6.6 degrees below normal, when he was found late Monday morning, said David Kessler, clinical director of Zuni Public Health Service Hospital.

The boy was reunited with his parents, who are doctors at the hospital, and he was admitted for observation.

"He looks well," Kessler said. "His vital signs are good."

## Car strippers show off talents

\$7.6 billion in parts stolen from vehicles each year, experts say

By PHIL WEST  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Even car strippers have bad days.

Three professional body shop workers were supposed to demonstrate Monday how to strip a 1985 Cadillac de Ville in 8 to 10 minutes.

Their time: 13 minutes, 40 seconds.

Even so, the demonstration showed how professional thieves can strip \$10,000 worth of parts from a car very quickly.

The Legislative Plaza demonstration was sponsored by Tennessee Anti-Car Theft Committee, a coalition of law enforcement and businesses formed last year.

Car stripping is a \$7.6 billion a year business, large enough to

rank it 56th among Fortune 100 companies — if it were a legitimate enterprise.

"We want people to be aware it's a big business," said Bob Downer, an insurance claims supervisor and president of the ACT committee.

The car strippers — Chuck James and John Fry of David McDavid Pontiac-GMC in Irving, Texas, and Lionel Richardson of Bill Cole Collision in Plano, Texas — travel the country, displaying their car stripping skills.

Their best time for a unibody-type construction vehicle — as most late-model cars are — is 8 minutes, 30 seconds, James said.

The three men used only hand tools and could have cut their time dramatically with air tools. But the demonstration was intended to show how car thieves work as

a "chop shop," where vehicles are dismantled and sold for parts.

Parts from a \$4,000 car can be sold for more than \$10,000, Downer said.

In Monday's demonstration, the crew began with an unlocked car.

Thieves normally break glass and unlock the doors. A thief also can use a "Slim Jim" to open a door in under 10 seconds, Richardson said.

Incredibly, thieves need to use no force in 20 percent of reported car thefts because owners have left the keys in their cars, Downer said.

"People can do a couple of things. Don't leave keys in the car. Park smart. And use anti-theft devices," he said.

More than 30,000 vehicles are stolen each year in Tennessee.

Only 60 percent of stolen vehicles are recovered.

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## China ends war games; negotiations possible

By Marcus Eliason  
Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — China cooled its rhetoric and ended its war games Monday, and Taiwan proposed a significant trade concession to Beijing, suggesting that both sides want to end their eight-month war of nerves.

China sent thousands of troops on military maneuvers near Taiwan and test-fired ballistic missiles in a failed attempt to undercut support for Taiwan's president, whom Beijing accuses of harboring dreams of independence.

Monday's developments indicate the two rivals, having plunged into a confrontation that alarmed their Asian neighbors and drew in the U.S. Navy,

are now looking for ways to get relations back to normal.

The end of the war games had been scheduled, and Taiwan warned another may be imminent, although not so threatening. But China's move coincided with a shift in emphasis from vilifying President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan to talking about what must be done to restore the peace.

Taiwan, for its part, offered to partially meet a fundamental Chinese demand by establishing direct trade links with China.

The trade concession was hedged and conditional, and has been raised before. Some have come to see the links as inevitable, given the island's \$24-billion investment in China, which has continued to flourish

despite the war games.

But coming just 48 hours after Lee's landslide victory in Taiwan's first direct presidential election, it appeared designed to demonstrate sensitivity to public expectations of a more conciliatory approach to China.

Taiwan is trying "to show its goodwill, and offer a chance for the mainland to save face after its military intimidation failed to pull Lee down," Ma Kai of Taiwan's Chung Hua Institute for Economic Research said in an interview.

Trade presently goes mostly through Hong Kong. Economics Minister Chiang Pin-kung said the government will submit legislation in June to create special districts licensed to have direct trade links to China.

Taiwan's Nationalist government banned contact with Beijing in 1949, when it lost the mainland to the Communists in a civil war.

China claims sovereignty over Taiwan, and wants it to make moves toward reunification, including opening direct air, mail and shipping links. Lee's government had resisted, saying the barriers shield Taiwan from interference by its giant neighbor.

On Monday, Chiang said Lee "will take a more active approach in economic and trade policies toward the mainland," but added that dropping the overall ban would require negotiations with China.

Earlier, a Chinese official reminded Taiwan of China's longstanding offer to hold a high-level meeting and discuss direct links.

"We believe the door to negotiations is still open," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang.

But he repeated China's demand that Taiwan first stop pursuing independence and support reunification.

With the end of the land, sea and air exercises, the Taiwan Strait that separates Taiwan and China fell quiet for the first time in 18 days. Ships and planes could resume normal travel without diverting.

But Taiwan's National Security Bureau director, Yin Tsung-wen, said China may be planning a new exercise that would take place in mountains and in towns in the Fujian province that resemble Taiwan's landscape.

They would take place inland, how-

ever, and therefore be less threatening to Taiwan, Yin said.

A Chinese general, Zhang Wannian, also repeated threats Monday to use force to capture Taiwan if it pursues independence or if foreign forces interfere in reunification, China's official Xinhua news agency reported.

In Washington on Monday, President Clinton said he was encouraged by statements that came from both sides after Saturday's election, and that he hoped China and Taiwan were at a turning point.

China's wrath has been kindled by a Taiwanese drive to raise its international profile, highlighted last June

see Taiwan, page 8

## Consumers 'mad' about cow disease

### British government unable to allay fears; beef boycott continues to spread

By Robert Barr  
Associated Press

LONDON — Hoping its words would speak louder than its modest actions, Britain said Monday that the risk of humans catching mad cow disease is "extremely small" and ruled out destroying millions of animals to curb its spread.

But far from calming worries, the government's statement only fueled what is becoming an increasingly partisan issue and sparked angry exchanges in the House of Commons.

"Last week I said public confidence was hanging by a thread. Now public confidence has collapsed," Harriet Harman of Britain's opposition Labor Party told the legislature after the announcement.

Conservative lawmaker Tony Marlow shouted at Miss Harman that she was "a stupid cow."

The European Union banned British beef and veal on Monday, and Burger King restaurants in Britain joined the spreading boycott that threatens to devastate the nation's \$6-billion beef industry.

Government scientists said they were investigating two possible new cases of the human sickness linked to mad cow disease.

The panic over British beef began last week, when the government disclosed that scientists believe 10 cases of a lethal brain disease "most likely" stemmed from the cattle disease, formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy. At least eight of the victims have died.

Millions of Britons stopped eating beef, and school cafeterias, restaurants and more than a dozen nations banned it.

On Monday, the trouble continued for the

British beef industry, with the European Union banning its meat. Britain was the only dissenting vote in the EU veterinary committee. All but two EU countries — Ireland and Denmark — had already banned British beef, as the United States has done since 1989.

British Prime Minister John Major immediately appealed to EU Commission President Jacques Santer and won a promise to reconsider the decision Tuesday.

Burger King announced Monday night that its restaurants in Britain were joining McDonald's, Wendy's and the British Wimpy chain in switching to imported beef.

And scientists said they were investigating two more possible cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease — an incurable and little-understood human illness — thought to be linked to mad cow disease, in addition to the 10 already disclosed.

Essentially, the government on Monday stuck with the same advice it gave last week, and offered little more than reassuring words to persuade consumers that its beef is safe.

Last week, the government's main recommendation was that all carcasses of cattle over 30 months old have all the bones removed. On Monday, officials proposed no new action.

"No human activity is without some risk. If the government rigorously enforces the current and newly recommended controls, we believe that this risk is likely to be extremely small," said Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell, quoting the government's scientific advisory panel.

Confounding predictions in Monday's newspapers that the government would order the destruction of millions of animals, Dorrell said a scientific advisory committee "does not believe that addi-

tional measures are justified at this stage."

Some Britons believe their children are at special risk of contracting the disease, but the government advisers said that was not the case, and Dorrell urged school cafeterias to put beef back on their menus.

Officials hoped the statement would get people buying British beef again.

"I believe that confidence should be restored on the basis of what (the advisory committee) and others have said," Agriculture Minister Douglas Hogg told the House of Commons. If that doesn't happen, he said, he might recommend further action.

Cattle farmers seemed heartened by the announcement.

"We have got a long way to go, but the overreaction of the last few days looks like (it is) calming down," said Colin Maclean, director general of the Meat and Livestock Commission. "Slowly but surely, our sales will recover."

But Sheila McKechnie, director of the Consumers' Association, Britain's largest independent consumers' group, said: "The government's advice has done nothing to answer the key consumer concerns about beef."

Since 1986, 161,663 cattle have died of mad cow disease, mostly in dairy herds.

While accepting that the human cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease may be related to the sickness in cows, the government believes the danger ended in 1989, when it banned sheep offal from cattle feed.

Sheep are known to suffer from a similar brain disease called scrapie, and scientists believe that cattle got the disease from eating sheep tissue added to their feed as a protein supplement.

## Gov't fears uprising after 26 die in battle at Kashmir mosque

By Kaiser Mirza  
Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — Vultures flew over Kashmir's holiest mosque Monday, while below, as many as 26 people lay dead of gunshot wounds from a battle between Muslim separatists and government police.

The violent confrontation at the Hazratbal mosque on Sunday raised fears of a public uprising.

Guerrillas have occupied the white marble, onion-domed mosque in Srinagar, the state's summer capital, for more than a year. But until Sunday, security forces had avoided fighting in the ancient shrine, which holds a sacred relic that Muslims believe is a hair of the Prophet Mohammed.

Government negotiators were unable to persuade the 32 guerrillas still holed up at the shrine to leave on Monday.

Police confirmed only 11 deaths — nine militants and two security men. But a rebel leader inside the shrine said 14 guerrillas were killed and 12 policemen lay dead on the mosque's lawns.

Among the dead was Basharat Raja, the senior commander of the rebels' Jammu-Kashmir Liberation Front.

One of his subordinates, Masood Alam Khan, said his men would not let police retrieve bodies until reporters were allowed to see them.

"We opened fire on the forces when they tried to enter the compound to take away the bodies," he said in a telephone interview. "It's been 36 hours, and vultures are flying over them."

The militants said the government must meet three demands before they leave: let journalists inside the Hazratbal shrine, lift the siege and relax the curfew imposed in the area to block the militants from escaping.

Shops and business were shuttered in Srinagar, the center of a Muslim insurrection for independence, to protest the violence in the shrine. The strike will remain in force until Tuesday evening.

Muslim guerrillas and Indian troops have been fighting for six years in Kashmir, the only Muslim-majority state in predominantly Hindu India.



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## Queen makes first royal visit to Poland

By Andrzej Stylinski  
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Queen Elizabeth II praised Poland's contribution to building a new European order, saying Monday that Britain supported Warsaw's aspirations to join NATO and the European Union.

The queen, making the first visit to Poland by a British monarch, also recalled the two countries' World War II alliances.

"We are now partners at a time of peace," the queen said during a state

dinner at the Presidential Palace.

Queen Elizabeth is repaying a 1991 visit to Britain by former President Lech Walesa, the Solidarity hero who led the drive to topple Poland's totalitarian regime and became Poland's president.

Walesa, who lost the presidential election to ex-Communist Aleksander Kwasniewski last fall, will meet privately with the queen on Tuesday.

British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind also is in Poland to meet his Polish counterpart, Dariusz

Rosati, and President Kwasniewski to discuss Poland's hopes for EU and NATO membership.

On Monday afternoon, Queen Elizabeth II honored victims of the Holocaust, laying a wreath at a Jewish memorial in Warsaw.

The queen's visit to Umschlagplatz, the wartime starting point for Nazi transports of Jews to the Treblinka extermination camp, was a last-minute addition to the itinerary. Jews in Britain had earlier criticized Buckingham Palace for not scheduling a stop at the former Nazi death

camp at Auschwitz.

Poland's chief rabbi, Menachem Joskowitz, said the queen's visit to the memorial was important, especially for Holocaust survivors.

"This shows that we are not alone and that others care about the lessons of history as well," he said.

At the marble memorial, 10-year-old Dawid Szurmiej presented the queen with a menorah — a candle-lamp symbolizing the Jewish faith — and noted that 1 million of the 6 million Holocaust victims were children.

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## Frogs steal 3 games from Rice; near top of SWC

By BRETT VAN ORT  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

As the brooms were waving this weekend at the TCU Diamond, one thing was clear. TCU right fielder Ryan Dunn pastes the pitching of the Rice Owls.

TCU (22-15, 5-2 in the Southwest Conference) swept a three-game series at the expense of the Owls (22-9, 2-3), who are ranked No. 17 by *Collegiate Baseball*.

TCU won Friday's game on a Dunn bases-loaded walk in the tenth inning, and pinch-runner Scott Atchison upped the score 9-8 in favor of the Frogs. TCU came back Saturday and pasted the Owls behind the hitting of Dunn by scores of 9-4 and 9-8.

TCU swept the season series from Rice. The Frogs beat the Owls 12-7

on March 16 at the First Pitch Tournament in Houston, where the Frogs went 2-2 against Southwest Conference opponents.

Dunn, a sophomore, had a big hit or walk in every game against Rice, including a three-run homer at Houston. Against the Owls this season, Dunn compiled seven hits in 13 at-bats, two homers, a double and 13 RBIs.

"This was a great series of games for us as a team," Dunn said. "And it's a good series for me, too, because I was struggling coming into this series."

TCU had to make a comeback in every game of the series.

"We both had the opportunity to score," TCU head coach Lance Brown said. "We just got the key hit and they didn't. We are fortunate enough to get the right hitter up at the

right time."

In Friday's contest, TCU scored first but saw a 2-0 lead vanish in the next half-inning. TCU stayed close the rest of the way and finally caught up in the eighth. Rice untied the game in the top of the ninth, taking an 8-6 lead.

But the TCU bats would not die. With one run already across the plate, Ryan Dunn came up as the winning run. Dunn drew a walk to continue the inning, but assistant coach Nolan Ryan argued balls and strikes with home plate umpire Tim Henderson. Ryan was immediately ejected from the ballgame and that seemed to light a fire under the Horned Frogs.

TCU junior David Johnson followed with a deep drive to left field that William Ford dropped for an error. Casey Smith scored on the play to even up the score again and provide a chance for Dunn to display his

extra inning heroics.

In the tenth, Dunn walked with the bases loaded on a 3-1 pitch that looked close to the plate. As Atchison scored after replacing Mark Silva, Rice pitcher Paul Doyle became engaged in a discussion of his own with the umpire.

Doyle (1-1), who received the loss for the Owls, became angry and had to be held back by several teammates. His argument led to an ejection after the ballgame was over.

In Saturday's first game, Derek Lee started on the mound for the Frogs and gave up three runs in the top of the third. But the Frogs chipped away until the game was a 4-2 story in the bottom of the fifth.

With one swing of the bat, Ryan Dunn gave TCU the lead. The grand slam to left was the first of Dunn's career at TCU and the third on the

season for the Frogs.

Lee (4-1) buckled down after that and got the complete game 9-4 victory. Lee's last two wins have come against the Owls as he was the pitcher of record for the Frogs' victory over Rice in Houston.

In the second game of Saturday's twin-bill, the Frogs fell behind yet again. But TCU fought back until the Rice lead was 4-3 in the eighth. That's when TCU decided to explode.

The inning was highlighted by two RBI doubles from the bats of Brad Wallace and Dunn. TCU scored six in the eighth inning and wound up winning 9-8 after Rice scored four in the ninth to make it close.

TCU now rides a six-game winning streak and has won five straight in the last three innings of ballgames. Prior to the winning streak, TCU did

not have a victory when trailing after seven innings.

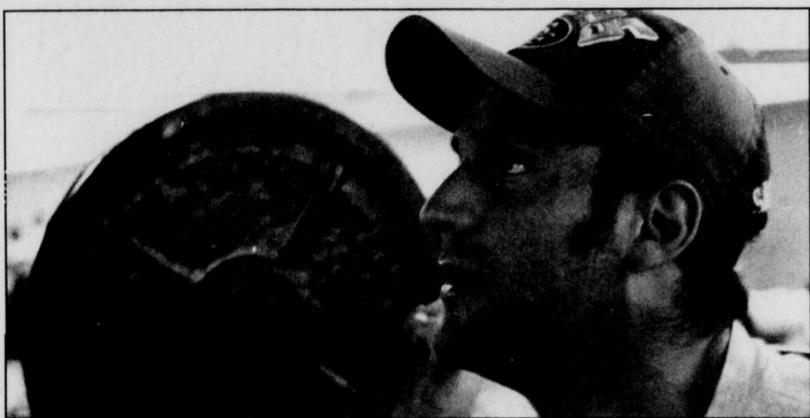
The 5-2 SWC record puts TCU just a half-game from tying Texas Tech, who paces the SWC with a 6-2 record.

"We were in first last year around this time," Brown said when asked about being tied with Tech on Saturday. Tech beat Baylor Sunday to give the Raiders the half-game edge.

"Being first isn't all that great at this time of year," Brown said. "In this conference, you can get three wins or losses in a hurry that will mess with the standings a lot."

TCU will ride the six-game winning streak and second place into the conference.

The Frogs will play a double-header against the University of Texas at Arlington at 1 p.m. today at the TCU diamond.



Carlos Rosado, an exchange student from Mexico works out Monday afternoon in the Rickel building.

TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims

## Women's tennis wins three, loses one during Spring Break

By ERNESTO MORAN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU women's tennis team made a strong showing during Spring Break, winning three matches while losing just one to raise its record to 11-5.

On March 16, the Lady Frogs hosted No. 31 Indiana at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center. After being swept in the doubles and falling behind 1-0, it seemed TCU might suffer a blowout similar to last year's 8-1 loss at Bloomington, Ind.

But the Lady Frogs came within three games of upsetting the Lady Hoosiers. Needing four singles wins to knock off Indiana, TCU got two quick victories. No. 88-ranked junior Deirdre Walsh and freshman Natalie

Balafoutis won in straight sets at the Nos. 1 and 3 positions, respectively.

Indiana earned two decisive victories. In the two remaining matches, sophomores Annika Kjellgren (No. 2 singles) and Patty Vital (No. 5) both suffered narrow losses in three sets. Kjellgren fell, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6, and Vital lost, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

While the defeat dropped the Lady Frogs to 8-5, Balafoutis said the close loss served to motivate the team as it headed to Honolulu for matches against No. 47-ranked Washington State, Hawaii and Chaminade. The loss dropped the Lady Frogs record against ranked opponents to 0-5. All the team's losses have been against ranked teams.

"We were positive and looking forward to Washington State," Bal-

afoutis said. "Everyone was fired up for that match. We knew we had a good chance after the performance against Indiana."

Freshman Rachel Niwa, who went 3-1 during the break, said the team carried the momentum throughout the trip.

"After Indiana, we were fired up," Niwa said. "We knew we could go out and win from then on."

And win they did. The Lady Frogs upset the Lady Bulldogs, 6-3, then blanked Hawaii and Chaminade by identical 6-0 scores.

TCU rides its three-match winning streak back home to face Southern Methodist in Southwest Conference action at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

## Lakers can't forgive and forget

Ceballos' unexplained absence causes rift during team's playoff run

By BETH HARRIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — If Cedric Ceballos expected his Los Angeles Lakers teammates to forgive his unexcused four-day Arizona vacation, forget it.

Ceballos finally turned up Sunday, but the Lakers didn't toss out a welcome mat for him. His sudden disappearance last Wednesday has splintered a team fighting Houston for fourth place in the Western Conference and home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

"He abandoned us, you know. At a time like this, at a time we have to stick together," guard Nick Van Exel said. "It's going to be hard. We've got a team captain who just walks out."

Ceballos, 26, claimed unspecified family problems needed his attention, but he didn't otherwise explain his trip to Lake Havasu, Ariz., where he water-skied.

"I had some personal and family problems to deal with. I apologize for myself and the actions of not letting my employers at the Lakers organization know this," he said. "It just got to a point where it was just a little too much for me. I just needed time."

Ceballos was taken off the suspended list Monday, and left with the team on a six-game road trip beginning Tuesday night at Orlando. He will play in a reserve role, coach Del Harris said.

Ceballos insisted his absence had nothing to do with basketball, and he

dismissed rumors that he is unhappy about playing fewer minutes since Magic Johnson rejoined the team Jan. 29.

"I've always been happy with my role," Ceballos said. "You bring a Hall of Fame player back, everybody's going to adjust. Those adjustments were made and they're fine with me."

Angriest of all the Lakers is Johnson, a self-described "ultimate team player" who put retirement on hold to return to the team this season.

"This is the worst time for all this to happen," he said. "I'm really sick and tired of it."

Johnson said Ceballos going AWOL has taken away from his comeback. He said he plans to wait until the offseason before deciding whether to return next year.

"Maybe I won't throw myself back into next season. I don't know," Johnson said. "It's hard for me to deal with all this. I'm too old."

Johnson expects to have a long talk with Ceballos. As of Sunday night, Ceballos had not explained his hiatus to his teammates.

"What is he going to do? Is he going to commit himself or not? That's the big question," Johnson said after scoring 28 points against Charlotte in his second start in place of Ceballos. "I want to welcome him back, but let him understand we need a commitment from him."

Johnson fondly recalled a time when players didn't abandon their teammates and willingly sacrificed personal glory to win.

"What happened to the good old '80s? I never would have seen a guy walk out," Johnson said. "If a guy had personal problems with us years ago, we would've helped him through."

In a further sign that all is not well in the Lakers' dressing room, someone placed a decorated milk carton in Ceballos' locker, with words clipped out of the newspaper to form the phrases, "Where in the world is Ceballos?" and "MIA."

Ceballos is respected, if not well-liked by his teammates. He is the Lakers' leading scorer with a 22.4-point average, but his erratic behavior could jeopardize his status as co-captain.

"A lot has to come off everybody's chests," Johnson said. "He's going to have to sit down and listen. We have to set our priorities straight or we're going to be an early exit (from the playoffs)."

Ceballos met with Lakers' executive vice president Jerry West and general manager Mitch Kupchak on Sunday.

"He didn't look like the same lively, active guy that I know," West said. "I could see something there that I hadn't seen before."

Ceballos wasn't the only starter who didn't play in the Lakers' 103-94 loss to Charlotte. Center Vlade Divac stayed home due to tonsillitis, and wasn't on the flight for Orlando on Monday.

A team spokesman said Divac's status was uncertain, that he was scheduled to see a doctor.

## Flyin' Frogs get seven firsts at SMU meet

By TASHA ZEMKE  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU Flyin' Frogs brought home seven first-place finishes — five from the women's team and two from the men — at the Southern Methodist University Track and Field Invitational in Dallas over the weekend.

First place finishes for the Lady Frogs were made in the 4x100-meter relay, 100-meter hurdles, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 4x400-meter relay. Three of those events were provisional qualifying times for the NCAA.

The men finished first in the 4x100-meter relay and the 800-meter dash. The relay had a NCAA provisional qualifying mark with a time of 40.01 seconds.

The women's 4x100-meter relay time was a season best of 45.37 seconds. The Lady Frogs won the mile relay with a time of 3:48.54, but the time was not a provisional qualification.

Sophomore Tinesha Jackson swept the 100- and 200-meter dashes with 11.61 and 23.89 seconds, respectively. Her time in the 100 was a provisional qualifying mark.

Jackson's teammates were not far behind the sophomore in both con-

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### TCU NATIONAL RANKINGS

*TCU men's and women's golf and tennis team members have earned high national rankings for the spring season.*

<p><b>Men's Tennis:</b> Team ranked No. 5</p> <p>Singles: Sr. Paul Robinson - No. 2 Sr. David Roditi - No. 40 Fr. Gonzalo Corrales - No. 89</p> <p>Doubles: Mrs. Ashley Fisher and Jason Weir-Smith - No. 6 Srs. Paul Robinson and David Roditi - No. 8</p> <p><b>Women's Tennis:</b></p> <p>Singles: Jr. Deirdre Walsh - No. 88 (tied)</p>	<p><b>Men's Golf:</b> Team ranked No. 4</p> <p>Jr. Alberto Ochoa - No. 35 Sr. Doug Roecker - No. 37 Jr. Brent Wolf - No. 50 So. Grady Girard - No. 55</p> <p><b>Womens Golf:</b> Team ranked No. 37</p>
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## Sports Digest

### Ranger shortstop to have surgery

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Rangers shortstop Benji Gil will undergo surgery Tuesday to repair a herniated disc in his lower back and could be sidelined six to eight weeks, the club said.

An MRI exam on Gil's spine Monday detected the problem, said Dr. Drew Dossett. Gil had not played since March 13 and played in only eight exhibition games, hitting .200.

The Rangers are talking to other teams about shortstops, but it appears Kevin Elster will be the starter for Texas.

### Clinton to throw out first pitch

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will throw out the first pitch at the Baltimore Orioles' opening game against Kansas City, and the White House is encouraging guesses as to what kind of pitch it will be.

"What shall we call it?" said press secretary Mike McCurry in announcing the president will make the traditional baseball toss next Monday.

"Screw ball?" he said.  
Curry persisted: "He'll hum one in there and throw out the first pitch as the nation begins its national pastime."

### Olympic track schedule changed

ATLANTA (AP) — The shuffling of the Olympic track and field schedule sent Atlanta organizers scurrying to notify ticket buyers of the changes and to determine how to sell tickets to the men's marathon.

Organizers don't know exactly how much impact the changes made by the International Amateur Athletic Federation will have on the individual sessions for which tickets have been sold.

Some track fans will end up seeing events other than the events they thought they were buying.

### Four players to skip Davis Cup

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — The United States will be without its top four players in next month's Davis Cup tie against the Czech Republic.

Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, Michael Chang and Jim Courier, all ranked in the Top 10, chose not to play because of their tournament schedules, team captain Tom Gullickson said Monday.

"With all four of them having won Grand Slam tournaments and at this point pretty much being in the chase for No. 1, I think that's where their priorities lie," Martin said.

### Dibble retires from Cubs

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Rob Dibble, a two-time National League All-Star known for his brushback pitches and fiery demeanor, on Monday announced his retirement from the Chicago Cubs.

The Cubs were carrying the 32-year-old right-hander as a non-roster player.

He had missed most of the past two years after arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder in April 1994. He played briefly last season with the Chicago White Sox, precipitating a bench-clearing, five-minute brawl with the Milwaukee Brewers June 29.



TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims  
Etty Horowitz completes work on her sculpture, "A Bright Red Dream," Monday in the Moudy Building courtyard. Horowitz will be showing an exhibit of her artwork April 1-5 in the Moudy Exhibition Hall.

## State may recover misspent funds

### Alcohol, drug abuse agency contracts under investigation

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO JR.  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — State coffers could recover some of the tens of millions of dollars misspent by agencies under contract to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the head of a task force investigating TCADA's spending said Monday.

More than \$50 million paid to alcohol and drug programs with TCADA contracts across the state has been identified as questionable or unallowable expenditures, said Col. James Wilson, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety and head of the investigatory task force.

Two people have been convicted of wrongdoing related to their handling of TCADA funds and five others face indictments, Wilson said. A total of 19 service providers are under criminal investigation.

Auditors and investigators have determined about \$15 million of the \$50 million is recoverable, Wilson said. They still are looking at another \$34 million, which also could be deemed recoverable.

The misspending came from a total of \$322 million allocated in fiscal years 1994 and 1995 for state alcohol and drug abuse programs. TCADA funnels those funds

to local service providers.

Questions about misspending arose in 1995 after the Austin Rehabilitation Center agreed to repay more than \$1 million to the agency.

The governor put three conservators in charge of TCADA after the agency was accused of financial mismanagement. That conservatorship ended last month.

Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, said he would be happy if the state could get back the money. But he said the most important issue is to make sure such misspending never happens again.

"The biggest tragedy is that monies were diverted from people who really needed services," he said.

Recommendations from State Auditor Larry Alwin and from the task force would put tighter controls over contracts let by TCADA.

Montford and Alwin said many of the questionable expenses may not be recovered because contracts were written too "loosely." Both said steps would have to be taken to tighten the way state contracts are written.

Wilson said a new board governing TCADA understands the problems that led to the misspending. He said he believes new personnel at the agency and new policies regarding spending will keep such losses from occurring again.

## NCAA matchups reminiscent of 1983's Final Four contests

By JIM O'CONNELL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A conference having more than one team in the Final Four is nothing new in the 1990s.

With Kentucky and Mississippi State of the Southeastern Conference both heading to the Meadowlands this weekend, five of the seven Final Fours of the decade have had a pair of schools from the same league.

The conference that was expected to keep the tradition of multi-berths alive this year was the Big East, which had three teams in the Top Ten all season. It did get one team to the national semifinals, but it wasn't one of the big boys, it was Syracuse, the fourth-best team in the league.

The other team in the mix for the national championship will be top-ranked Massachusetts, like Mississippi State making its first appearance in the Final Four.

So 60 NCAA tournament games

have given us a matchup of No. 1 vs. No. 2, the first in the NCAA tournament since top-ranked Houston and Louisville met in the Final Four in 1983.

This Final Four has already been compared to that one, with many calling the Kentucky-Massachusetts meeting of top seeds the title game and Monday night a mere formality for net-cutting purposes.

That's what people thought 13 years ago when Houston prevailed in an epic tournament game and then waited 48 hours to be ambushed by North Carolina State, coached by the late Jim Valvano, in the shocking championship game.

Syracuse was the No. 4 seed in the West and Mississippi State was a rung lower in the Southeast. Both took different roads to reach the Meadowlands.

Syracuse, making its third Final Four appearance and first since 1987, went on a regional thrill ride, beating Georgia in overtime on a couple of

last-second shots and then hanging on to knock off second-seeded Kansas.

Mississippi State comes in off a two-week run that saw the Bulldogs beat Kentucky in the SEC tournament championship game before beating the top seeds in their region, Connecticut and Cincinnati.

What makes the Kentucky-UMass matchup even more delicious is that it's a rematch of the November game that saw Massachusetts handle the Wildcats in an impressive 92-82 victory. The Minutemen lost only once this season and Kentucky just twice.

Syracuse comes in with eight losses and Mississippi State has one less, further lessening the importance of the opener of Saturday's double-header.

Kentucky, whose five national championships are second only to UCLA's 11, was last in the Final Four in 1993, when the Wildcats lost in overtime to Michigan.

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In the 100, sophomore Giesla Jackson placed second, freshman Catoshia Lewis placed third and freshman Cyntrece Spencer placed fifth.

In the 200, it was much of the same. Giesla Jackson finished second, sophomore Alayah Cooper finished third and sophomore Lakissha Brown finished fifth.

Freshman Chessna Davis won the 100-meter hurdles and gained a provisional qualifying mark with a time of 13.80 seconds. Junior teammate Tandra Hendricks finished third in the hurdles with a time of 15.43.

Although the men captured the 4x100-meter relay and sophomore Khadevis Robinson won the 800 with a time of 1:51.35, the Horned Frogs failed to take more than one top three spot.

Senior Christopher Allison finished second in the 100-meter dash

with a time of 10.49 seconds.

Junior Brashant Carter, who is notorious for finishing first in the 200-meter dash, only ran to take home fifth place over the weekend with a time of 21.67 seconds. His teammate, senior Dallas Cowan, finished fourth in the event with a time of 21.54.

Among the teams who competed in the meet were SMU, Texas Tech, the University of Texas-Arlington, Central Missouri, Missouri Southern, Drake, Northwest Missouri State and North Texas.

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when Lee became the first Taiwanese leader to visit the United States.

Viewing the visit as the upstart action of a renegade province, China froze talks with Taiwan and staged periodic war games and missile tests starting July 25.

On March 8, it fired missiles closer to Taiwan in what was seen as an attempt to scare voters away from Lee during the island's election campaign.

But Lee won a 54 percent majority, which Taiwan took to mean China's tactics had failed.

"With such a strong mandate, President Lee is unlikely to make concessions on things concerning Taiwan's international profile

because that will violate what he has done and promised to his voters," said Hu Fu, professor of political science at National Taiwan University.

But on trade, "Lee can make a significant step forward because trade between the two sides has become so robust, Beijing has always wanted direct links with Taiwan, and Taiwanese businessmen are also anxiously waiting for them," Hu said in an interview.

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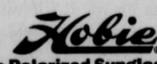
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