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Speech, Drama Tiki to liven up Earth Day celebration

BY NEELIMA ATLURU
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With the onset of finals and Earth Day, TERRA and Programming Council have come up with a way to celebrate both events with their End of the Year/Earth Day Celebration tonight.

Students who gather at Frog Fountain will bear witness to the music of Speech, a singer of the now-defunct band Arrested Development. Local band DramaTiki will be the opening act.

"We wanted a multicultural and multi-ethnic band to incorporate into Earth Day," said Greg Barron, a sophomore

environmental science major and Concerts Committee chairman. "This is perfect and what we were looking for."

He said the group is centered on peace and the natural aspects of life.

Barron said Speech will perform some of the hit songs of Arrested Development as well as his new solo music.

When the band Arrested Development toured, Speech and Dionne Farris, the other singer of the band, sang over prerecorded music.

Now Speech and his new band perform live music for the songs.

"The music is just as lively and groovin' as it was before," Barron said.

Students who want to preview Speech's new music can pick up a free cassette single in the Student Center. The cassettes will be there from 11 a.m. until they run out.

Heather Jones, a freshman premajor and Special Events chairwoman, said Speech's promotion managers sent the singles and posters to PC to help promote the event.

"They want to promote themselves as much as we want to promote them," she said.

In addition to the single, Arrested Development music will be played to remind the students of the older songs

and also to get them into the spirit of the event.

"Tennessee," "Mr. Wendal" and "People Everyday" are some of Arrested Development's older songs. A solo song by Speech is "Like Marvin Gaye (What's Going On)."

DramaTiki will kick off the event at 6:30 p.m. Around 7:45, Speech and his band will take the stage.

"They can at least play up to two hours," Barron said. However, he said the city noise ordinance and the dorms might be a limiting factor on the duration of the concert.

Earlier this week, Speech performed at

the University of Texas at Austin and will perform at SMU on Friday.

"They prefer touring at colleges than with big promoters," Barron said. "They like working with students at the college scene."

The Earth Day aspect of the event will combine environmental awareness with environmental activities. Various booths will be set up and speakers have been invited to discuss some of the issues that deal with the environment.

Environmentally friendly products, such as soaps and detergents, from the Sunflower Shop will be given away throughout the evening.

TCU makes arch official

New logo to unify university identity

BY CHIP CALLEGARI
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Beginning last fall, efforts have been underway to make the arched TCU design the official design of the university. This design will appear on all official university stationery and business cards.

Associate Vice Chancellor of Communications and Public Affairs Larry Lauer said, "This design will bring a single communication identity."

There have been three designs regarded as official logos, the arched TCU, flying TCU and the block-letter designs. Lauer said it became desirable to have a single logo with the objective of name recognition and consistency.

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The arched TCU design was introduced a year and a half ago, and was tested originally on athletic and academic

applications to see how people would respond to it, Lauer said. It was used more and more extensively, and then applied on the TCU street signs in the community.

"The vice chancellors and the chancellor reviewed the design and found it was working, and authorized the changing of the official logo," Lauer said.

The block-letter design has been used for a number of years, but it lacks flexibility and a collegiate look that the arched TCU design gives, he said. The flying TCU design was inflexible and did not work with several applications, he said.

The logo is used to establish name identity by repeating the appearance of a single icon, he said. This multiplies the chance of people recognizing the university.

"The change was gradual and underwent a number of phases to find a design that would work," Lauer said. "The designers realized it worked and established it as a single, official identity."

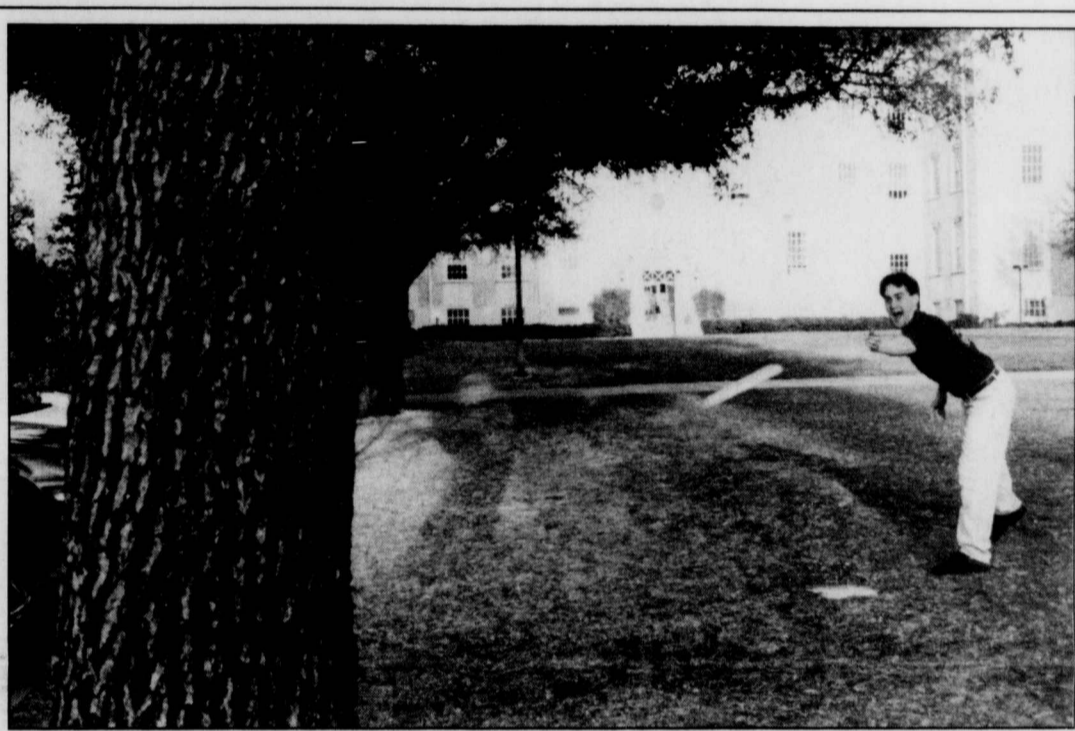
The change was decided upon and announced last November, and was expected to take place over a period of time. The different departments would use their current letterheads and publications until their supply ran out. They would then order more with the new design, Lauer said. He said the change is expected to take from six months to a year to occur. By next fall, Lauer said he expects for only one or two publications to have the old block-letter design.

"We want the change to happen as soon as possible, but we don't have a schedule to minimize additional costs," he said.

The in-house publications designers were looking for a more flexible design in the shape and the look, he said.

"This design is more flexible and collegiate in all applications," he said. "It is more flexible in shape and

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Grant Horne, a freshman radio-TV-film major, attempts to make par at the Tom Brown frisbee golf course.

TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims

Greeks promote wreckless drinking

BY TONY COVER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

College life and irresponsible drinking habits have long been perceived to go hand in hand.

But one TCU organization is giving students a chance to change this negative image.

The Fraternity and Sorority Judicial Board is sponsoring a "Drinking and Driving Extravaganza," at 5 p.m. today in front of Frog Fountain.

"The whole idea of this event is to increase awareness of drinking and driving among students on the TCU campus," said Misty Morris, chief justice of the board. "There haven't been many programs in the past that have focused on this area."

"We wanted to do something proactive and show that drinking does affect your motor skills a lot more than you think," she said.

Morris, a junior business major, said students attending the event will be able to see, first hand, the devastation caused by driving under the influence.

"In front of the Student Center, we're going to have a car that has actually been in a drunk driving accident where two Arlington police officers were killed as a result," she said.

The automobile was obtained with the help from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Morris said students will also be able to witness the effects alcohol can have on a person's ability to drive.

"We're having a controlled demonstration where we'll have a couple of people drive an obstacle course sober," she said. "Then they'll try it after they've had a couple of drinks and then a couple more."

Morris said that because of liability reasons, the tests won't take place in automobiles, but either tricycles or golf carts.

"In addition to the demonstration, we're also going to have a couple of police officers giving students sobriety tests and showing the effects of taking a breathalyzer," Morris said. "We'll have a MADD video going on all day and (be) passing out pam-

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Artist finds inspiration in God

BY BRIAN WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The room is dim and cluttered with pieces of soon-to-be-completed art works.

In the corner, Max Buja, a senior studio art major, is scrambling to finish depictions of the coastal landscape of North Carolina he will soon enter in a senior art exhibition.

By the time he is finished, he will have spent nearly a month on each of the canvassed creations.

"I feel like I'm painting too slow at times," Buja says. "I wish I could paint faster, so I could have more pieces in the end."

As often happens in the field of art, Buja is dissatisfied at times with the way his paintings progress.

"When a painting's not going the way I want it to, I just step back and look at it for a while and see what's going on," he said.

The four years of hands-on instruction and practice Buja has received in the studio have enabled him to refine his talents enough to be able to branch off into other genres of painting.

Buja says the most important factor driving him in art is his faith in God.

Whatever he is creating, whether it be a landscape painting or a small children's book for his Artist Books class, he seems to be communicating something about his faith, he said.

His assignments in Artist Books have allowed him to more overtly communicate his religious beliefs.

Buja was recently asked to create a small children's book depicting images of a myth, legend or hero.

While other students chose to reproduce modern-day marvels and less traditional books, Buja focused his book on a biblical teaching, something he has been trying to do throughout the class, he said.

"Some people chose cartoon characters or various other things our society holds up as being the various myths," he said. "I brought it back to something that is very important to me, which is the Bible."

For this particular book, Buja illustrated passages from the story of Jonah and the whale from the Bible so the passage could be more easily understood by children.

"I think Max took a very traditional approach," said David Conn,

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Max Buja, a senior studio art major, works on one of his paintings Wednesday in the Moody Building.

TCU Daily Skiff/Rebecca Newitt

News Digest

Heartburn drug may cause harm

BOSTON (AP) — Long-term use of a widely prescribed heartburn drug may be hazardous if people are also infected with a common germ linked to both stomach ulcers and cancer.

The drug, Prilosec, is often given to suppress stomach acid. It relieves severe heartburn, but lower acid levels also allow some stomach bacteria to cause more inflammation.

These bacteria, *Helicobacter pylori*, are the leading cause of stomach ulcers and also may cause stomach cancer. About half of all Americans are infected but most suffer no harm.

Dole to investigate arms sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole announced plans Wednesday for two committees to investigate secret arms shipments Iran made to Bosnian Muslims with the tacit approval of the White House.

Dole, the certain GOP presidential nominee, said the election-year probe would likely include hearings. He said the Foreign Relations and Intelligence committees would look into the sales, which took place despite an international arms embargo designed to keep weapons from reaching the warring factions in the former Yugoslavia.

Tongan journalist convicted

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga (AP) — A court imposed an 18-month suspended prison sentence Wednesday on a journalist who angered the South Pacific kingdom's police minister by publishing a critical letter.

The writer of the letter, which was printed in the weekly *Taimi 'o Tonga*, received a 12-month suspended sentence.

Journalist Filo 'Akau'ola and letter-writer Filini Sikuea were charged with inciting Police Minister Clive Edwards to anger. They are the first Tongans convicted for angering government officials.

Man threatens Stern, is arrested

NEW YORK (AP) — A man with a stolen shotgun stashed in his car was arrested today after yelling a death threat at Howard Stern as the shock jock arrived at his studio, police said.

Police identified the man as Samuel S. Callea, 33, of Buffalo and said he was waiting for Stern as he got out of his car outside the building on Madison Avenue where he does his daily show.

"I'm going to kick your ass. I'm going to kill you," police quoted Callea as saying.

Some Fords may catch fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 23 million Ford Motor Co. vehicles made from 1984 to 1993 are equipped with a type of ignition switch that has caught fire in some vehicles.

There are about 900 reports of fires from the switches, and in some cases a fire occurred even when the vehicles are shut off, according to officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The switches are in all 1984-93 Ford, Mercury and Lincoln models except Ford Taurus, Mercury Sable and the Probe, according to NHTSA and Ford documents.

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THE FIRST ANNUAL TCU "SCHOOL IS COOL" JAM, a field day for 4th and 5th graders from Como and Dezavala Elementaries, will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the track field. Volunteers are needed to make this day memorable for these kids. Call Leticia Cavazos at 920-3591 or look for sign-up sheets with campus organizations.

AN ROTC REUNION will be held for all former members of TCU Army

Rotc Horned Frog Battalion at 7 p.m. Friday in Austin. Contact Nick Padilla at 512-418-9857 or Stephanie Anderson at 817-634-0540.

ALL STUDENTS PLANNING TO STUDY ABROAD during the summer and fall should stop by the Study Abroad office, Reed Hall 113, to obtain pre-departure information and academic approval forms.

THE RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVOR GROUP is now forming at the Counseling Center. Contact Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863.

UNITING CAMPUS MINISTRIES meets Mondays at 4 p.m. in Student Center 211. All interested students are welcome.

TCU UNIVERSITY CHAPEL is at noon Wednesdays at Robert Carr Chapel. All students are welcome.

TCU COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in University Ministries. All students are welcome.

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PurplePoll

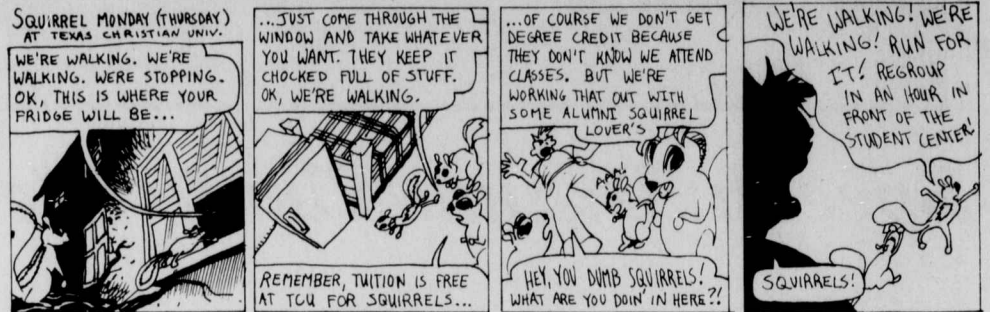
Do you think Madonna would be a good mother?

YES	NO
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Today's Purple Poll question was asked of 100 people in the Main Cafeteria last evening by a Skiff pollster.

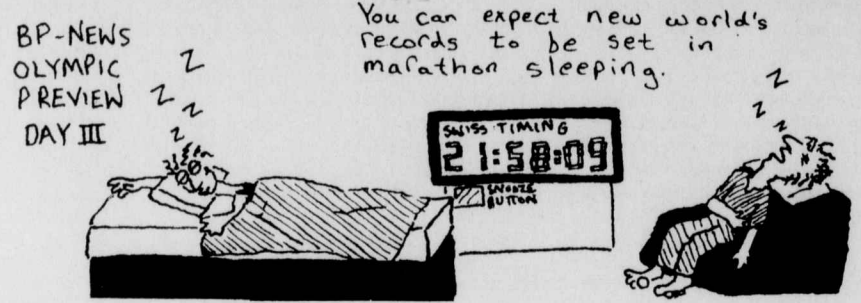
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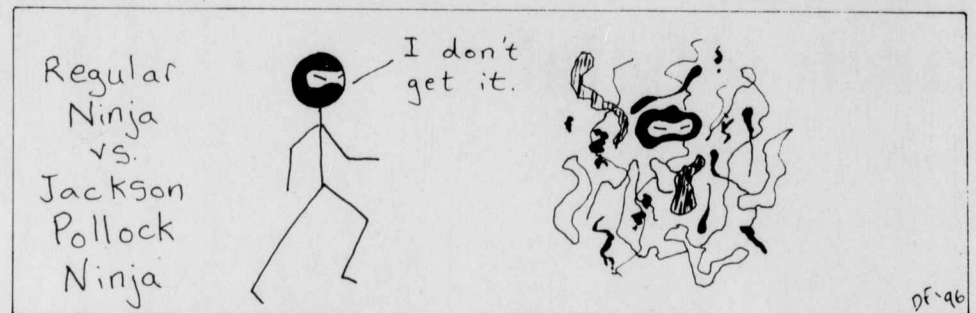
The Beaten Path

by P. D. Magnus



Ninja Verses

by Don Frederic



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phlets in the Student Center as well." The event is free of charge and open to all students, she said.

Angela Taylor, director of the TCU Alcohol and Drug Education Center, said that drinking and driving has especially been a problem among high school and college-age people.

"Many students think about acting responsibly before they go out and have a few drinks," Taylor said. "But once they start drinking, the effects of alcohol begin kicking in and that,

in turn, affects their decision making and good judgement."

Morris said she expects a good turnout for the event and hopes freshmen students will especially take interest.

"This topic is one of those things that you should be aware of and learn about early in your college years," Morris said. "Hopefully, they'll see that some of the older students are serious about this and not taking it lightly."

Morris said she hopes the event not only discourages students from drinking and driving, but also increase awareness that this problem exists everywhere.

"Unfortunately, you don't even have to be drinking to be involved in an alcohol-related accident," she said. "There are other people out there when you're driving that may have been drinking."

"You can not only be the cause of someone's death, but also the victim," she said.

Morris said that if this event can prevent just one accident from happening, then they've met their goal.

"There's no reason why this kind of tragedy can't be prevented by having a designated driver," she said. "That's not that difficult of a precaution to take when it means saving a life."

Weather Watch

Today will be partly cloudy and windy with a high of 84 and a low of 56.

Friday will be partly cloudy and warm with a high of 86 and a low of 55.

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look." The changing of college or university logos isn't new. Many colleges and universities have been changing their logo designs to become more distinctive and set the institution apart from other

institutions. Reasons for logo changes have ranged from quieting criticisms from animal lovers, special interest groups and cultural groups, to increasing sales of university merchandise and attendance. Other institutions to change logos have been Auburn University, Lehigh University, Villanova University and Adelphi University.

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Chris Smith

TCU community nonexistent

Has anyone out there in Readerland ever cognitantly looked around campus after 10 p.m. on any given day? If so, the same vision was probably had by all. Evenings at TCU are dead.

Cars that once inhabited every nook and cranny of the campus vanish, annoying lobotomized next door-neighbors who blare the stereo at ungodly volumes forsake the TCU campus in favor of a club that rivals their own taste for decibel amounts approaching infinity, and the dust settles over the campus as tumbleweeds begin their melodic roll.

A community at TCU? Ha! Once classroom obligations have been met, 99 percent make the mad dash for their automobiles in search of a nightlife in Dallas or Fort Worth. As much as Programming Council may try, it still cannot pull in more than a percent of a percent to attend its events.

This law of nonattendance becomes null and void once a shining star of society pays a visit to our humble campus. Take the Greg Brady corollary. Drove upon drives turned up for Barry Williams, the master of the Johnny shuffle. Probing questions such as, "Did you do it with the mom?," "How big was your 'fro?," and "Will you do the Johnny Bravo song?" were proffered to Mr. Brady, who in response adorned some beaded material and taught the crowd the steps to "Keep on Dancin'."

Indeed, many were thankful of this brainless respite because a break was needed as it was close to finals. However, since then, the standing rule for attendance to school events has been "No mind-numbing show, no go."

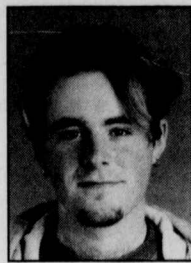
Example. Dr. Sheldon Hackney, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (a presidential appointment) graced our campus not once, but for two days. This being a college campus, and college acting as a primary source for higher learning, one may think that students would beat down the doors to glean a bit of knowledge from Dr. Hackney.

Our apologies, Sheldon. Next time wear a 'fro and say "Groovy" a lot, and a large student turnout will occur. The Honors Convocation was a mess. Ed Landreth, which holds umpteen thousand, was occupied by a smattering of students. If ROTC had decided not to go, it would have been exponentially worse.

Due to the convocation, classes were cancelled, so one might erroneously think students would show up to see what created all the hullabaloo. Not TCU students! They were busy studying sleep patterns, existential properties of talk shows and the social ramifications of BS-ing with their friends.

Dr. Hackney didn't dance, tell us about incestuous TV relationships or remind us to "keep on groovin'." He only offered

Modern Angst



an insightful look on the past, present and future of American society accompanied by an open ear and a humble demeanor. It is a detriment to those who decided not to

attend and a blessing to those of us who did.

The TCU campus needs to be more than a starting point for weekend binge drinking which ends with a guy puking on the stairs to his room. A coherent community must be developed. This is where spirit, comradeship and lasting bonds begin. Without community, we can only see each other at Brady-like events. Without an intellectual community, we just won't see each other.

Chris Smith is a history/sociology double major from Burelson, Texas, who talked to both Hackney and Williams and found Dr. Hackney to be far groovier, although the 'fro was cool.



Matt Pearce

IRS woes can't be fixed with socialist sales taxes

Tax season is finally over. Or is it? While we are all set at figuring out our income tax situations, whether we owe or will get a refund, we still have taxes to pay. We pay taxes on the clothes we buy. Some of us have property taxes. We even pay taxes on the food we eat in the Main. Come to think of it, tax season lasts year-round.

When it comes to paying our federal and state income taxes, most of us scream for reform of some kind. Because my 1995 income consisted of merely a summer job, and I am my only dependent, I was able to file with two quick phone calls. But for people with long lists of deductions, the current tax code is one even Sherlock Holmes would have trouble with.

The most popular type of reform is the flat tax. I know you've already heard a lot about it, so I won't bore you with too many facts and figures. The 17 percent flat tax, which Dick Armev has been pushing for years and which Steve Forbes took credit for, would be a welcome change. When you consider that Americans spend roughly five billion hours and \$230 billion a year just figuring out their taxes, a simple reform can go a long way.

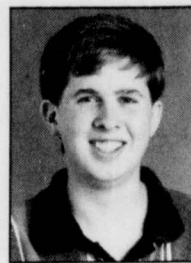
However, there is another tax reform idea that is starting to gain momentum in Congress: a national sales tax. In March, Representatives Dan Schaefer, R-Colo., and Billy Tauzin, R-La., introduced in March the National Retail Sales Tax Act of 1996, which would create a national sales tax of 15 percent.

The national sales tax concept is not very new. Early in 1993, President Clinton said the tax is something we should look into, and could possibly be a good idea, but he didn't really take a stand. A few months ago, presidential candidate Richard Lugar supported the national sales tax. The idea has been praised by both Republicans and Democrats.

The national sales tax may seem like a good idea because, under the Schaefer-Tauzin plan, the federal income tax would be repealed and the Internal Revenue Service would be abolished. As much as I'd like to see the IRS vanish from the face of the earth, I'm just a bit skeptical of a national sales tax.

Under the National Retail Sales Act, the 15 percent rate would be added to current state sales taxes, rather than replacing them. In Fort Worth, this would mean an overall sales tax of about 23.5 percent. This idea seems a little absurd. With this kind of sales tax, it would be difficult for people to pay for simple necessities in life.

Mass Conceptions



This move would also hurt states who take pride in their low sales tax rates. The state of New Hampshire, for example, has no state sales tax, and many residents from around their state borders take pride in being able to purchase expensive items from

New Hampshire. People in that state and others with low sales taxes could lose business under a national sales tax.

The national sales tax has been compared to the flat income tax, because it would tax everyone at the same rate regardless of income level, and would give tax breaks to poor families. But it's uncertain how these breaks would be handed to poor people under a sales tax. A flat tax would simply exempt those who are poor. This could not be managed as well in retail sales.

Although it has been proposed and advocated mainly by Republicans, the national sales tax seems like a socialist idea to me. Rather than creating such a tax, the federal government should give more power to state governments to form their tax structures. Washington is currently giving billions of dollars in aid to the states, while continuing its current ridiculous tax structure. It wouldn't be unrealistic to lower the federal income tax while also limiting aid to state governments. This move would save government spending and lower taxes overall, which is what we've been trying to do all along.

The creation of another nationalized tax to solve our problems is an idea that shouldn't have come. The reason we're in the mess we are in today is because we have given too much power to Uncle Sam. The national sales tax wouldn't alleviate our income tax problems. It would only replace them.

Matt Pearce is a really nice guy who needs to take Reporting next semester, and would appreciate it if anyone already enrolled in the class but isn't sure they want it would drop it to make an opening.

Phi Delta Theta

Four-year suspension too harsh for fraternity

Phi Delta Theta is waiting to hear its fate. If Don Mills accepts the Judicial Board's recommendation, the fraternity will be suspended for four years. That means it can't meet, have parties, Rush for new members or have a residence on campus. The chapter will, in effect, die.

Does this punishment seem particularly harsh to anyone else? Granted, the Phi Deltas have broken some rules and have failed to adhere to TCU policies. But they are definitely not the first Greek organization to do so, and they probably won't be the last.

In the past three years, numerous fraternities and sororities have been accused of underage drinking, property crimes and hazing — including the physical abuse of pledges.

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However, they are still operating with the full recognition of the university, and their crimes are as severe, if not more so, than those committed by the Phi Deltas.

Obviously something needs to be done. This kind of rampant disregard for regulations cannot go unchecked. But every other Greek organization has gotten off with a slap on the wrist. Using the Phi Delt fraternity as an example to scare other Greeks into submission is not the answer. A four-year suspension is just way too extreme. Perhaps a two-year suspension would be more justified — the Phi Deltas would be punished for their wrongs and the other fraternities and sororities would know the administration means business.

Rusak unfair

In response to Ryan J. Rusak's article concerning the suspension of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, I believe that life is a live-and-learn experience and that everyone is obligated to learn from their mistakes. We as students are on our own to make decisions for a reason. Making decisions as a leader and motivating group members is a unique chal-

Letters

lenge only an extracurricular organization can provide. Fraternities are not perfect, but I can guarantee that Rob McClane and the members of Phi Delta Theta will have experience that Mr. Rusak cannot grasp until he enters the working world. I really do not believe that Mr. Rusak has the knowledge or experience to recom-

mend the expulsion of an organization that has been a positive experience for many of its members for over 40 years.

The article printed in Tuesday's Skiff was meant to inform students of instances that some of us can relate to and situations others of us have not experienced. This is positive in that it informs us of mistakes

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Kylie Johnston

"Education is the only thing that keeps me here."

Good profs stimulate the minds of students

I'm armed with good negative adjectives.

The target is usually the Republican Ridiculous or the religiously and socially intolerant (usually the same thing). So if I dare pass up the chance to throw spikes at the conservative cartoon, there must be a pretty good reason.

Easy campus targets include the student body's sore representation and the persistent parking problem. Pick your own widely debated and repeatedly unsolved campus mystery. But when dared by many a fellow student to crank out a positive article I wasn't stumped for too long.

I want to celebrate TCU.

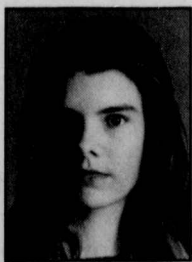
Painting campus in a positive light does require a little magic, though. I have to use broad strokes, a lot of shellack, and, of course, I have to shrug off my initial embarrassment of crowding a campus of Jennifer Aniston and Tommy Hilfiger clones.

Don't misinterpret: I love that stylish,

Thus Spake Zarathustra

ubiquitous shag haircut, and those Harold's horse-print sarong skirts are so mod and worth every parentally donated hundred dollar bill. The pretty boys in Polos and Broncos deserve mention, too. You don't have to squint too hard to match 98 percent of the TCU campus to an immediate marriage certificate. But that does give those of us on campus who actually want an education — in substance as well as in title — a minority status.

When I have been asked by outsiders how the inside of TCU looks and feels, I've



had to sludge through the overwhelming negatives. Only reluctantly do I admit that I belong to a school whose first and middle names are two strikes against it. Implicit in the name *Texas Christian* is an ignorance I will combat for the rest of my life.

But I will combat it intelligently, point by point, utilizing the skills of a sound argument. I will repeat to that fortunate outsider what I've been repeating for four years: Education is the only thing that keeps me here. Huh-uh, I didn't say *reputation*; I said *education*.

By education, I mean the TCU professors: those who know our names and not just our seat in class. Not the coddlers, but those who push and pull, squeezing for an original thought, not an uncracked mold. The professors who breathe life into dusty textbooks and open up a world that is new, allowing us to bravely venture in. Not those who want us to vomit out their opinions, but those who encourage us to formulate our own.

That's liberal arts education, folks: it's why I can still be found on TCU campus, pushing past hugging, high-pitched sorority girls and obnoxious Greek t-shirts.

So, professors, thank you.

Sure TCU has skyrocketing tuition and poor standing in national polls, but professors can't be blamed for that. No bigwigs in Sadler Hall could keep me in this social circus. Only high-quality professors have that ability. And in spite of the slew of sorry statistics, our campus clones can rest assured that, even after I am long gone, sagacity remains.

Look at me, TCU. Look at me, prospective students. Despite the seemingly impenetrable bubble that envelops 76129, this school can foster intelligence and it can promote thought.

I just hope my positive energy didn't injure anyone.

Kylie Johnston basks in the light of knowledge.

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Opera comedies to open tonight

Three departments collaborate on shows

By BRIAN WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU students and residents of the Fort Worth community can get a little taste of the opera starting tonight.

A joint collaboration of students from TCU's New Music Festival, opera theatre and symphony departments will present works from two famous opera composers at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium each of the next three nights.

The productions will start with students' rendition of Mark Bucci's "The Dress" and conclude with Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amelia Goes to the Ball."

Raymond Bazemore, director of "Amelia," said the production he will oversee is a comical portrayal of the Italian tradition.

"It's romantic and the music drips with verismo, with blood, guts and love and death and passion," he said.

Richard Estes, TCU's director of opera theatre, said, "The Dress" is a contemporary comedy that tells

misgivings of a housewife and a dress she buys without her husband's permission.

In preparation for the performances, the student cast has been rehearsing for several hours a week throughout the semester, said Chris Gleason, a sophomore theatre major.

For the past week, practice has averaged about four hours a night, said Gleason, who is a member of the chorus for "Amelia."

"I've really got to see a lot of talented people work," he said. "Usually, I'm just involved in the theatre. Now, I get to be involved in the musical theatre aspect.

"It's been a lot of fun," he said. Estes said he is hopeful that this semester's performance will bring needed attention to TCU opera.

"Opera has been part of the program for a long time," he said. "It is important to establish a consistent venue (for opera)."

All performances are free and open to the public.

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who teaches Buja's Artist Books class. "He recreated the biblical story, and he used a very traditional book form."

On the surface, the landscape images in which Buja specializes appear conventional, but there is a deeper purpose for him in reproducing such scenes, which again, is influenced by his theological beliefs.

"(I like) to respond to God's creation, and bring a sense of order to things around me," Buja said. "That's probably the driving force for me."

Jim Woodson, an associate professor of art and Buja's painting instructor, also sees something dif-

ferent in the senior's work.

"I think he has a unique sense of making marks, and a unique sense of space," Woodson said.

"His choice of subject matter is very much a personal one that doesn't necessarily come from art school interests," Woodson said. "The content of his paintings comes right out of his own interests in particular places and his own experiences."

Depictions of those experiences will be on display beginning at 6 p.m. on Monday in the Moudy Exhibition Hall. The show will run through April 26. In the immediate future, Buja said he hopes to attend graduate school and eventually use art to influence young people.

"I hope to possibly get into teaching," he said. "I really enjoy working with children."

U.S. Senate approves terrorism legislation

By CAROLYN SKORNECK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate overwhelmingly approved an anti-terrorism bill Wednesday — two days before the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing — after turning aside Democratic attempts to expand federal law enforcement powers.

The vote was 91-8 on the House-Senate compromise bill that now moves to the House for final congressional action.

The legislation would limit federal appeals by death-row inmates and other prisoners and provide for the death penalty in certain international terrorism cases and for killing a federal employee because of the employee's work.

"We have a measure that will give us a strong upper hand in the battle to prevent and punish domestic and international terrorism," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee.

President Clinton, pressing Congress for action on strong anti-terrorism legislation, reminded lawmakers in his radio address Saturday that after the April 19, 1995, Oklahoma bombing that killed 168 people, they promised to finish the measure in six weeks.

The bill restores some administration-backed law enforcement powers eliminated by House members, such as barring fund raising by foreign terrorist groups, but it omits others. And the Senate rejected every attempt by Democrats to restore more of them Wednesday.

The House was expected to take up the bill Thursday.

The American Civil Liberties Union — which joined with the

National Rifle Association in successfully persuading the House to strip its original bill of many law enforcement provisions — urged House members Wednesday to vote against the compromise bill. It warned of "dangerous and largely hidden changes" that would expand government wiretap powers, among other things.

However, the NRA was not joining in the criticism this time.

"We believe this bill now strikes a critical balance between protecting constitutional liberties and protecting Americans from terroristic activities," said Tanya Metaksa, the NRA's chief lobbyist.

And Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., who led the effort to delete many provisions from the House measure, strongly supported the compromise bill's passage in an appearance before the House Rules Committee on Wednesday.

Among the key provisions backed by the administration and dropped in the compromise measure was one making it easier to wiretap phones of suspected terrorists, something already allowed in organized crime probes.

The Senate voted 58-40 against sending the measure back to a conference committee to restore the provision after its author, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, warned that such a move would kill the bill.

Hatch, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he would try to "get this done one way or the other" in separate legislation.

"Some have raised... serious questions as to whether this expanded authority to wiretap American citizens and others is necessary," he said. "It comes down to whether we want a bill or we don't."

Explosion rocks London

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LONDON — An explosion rocked a district of western London Wednesday night, following a warning call attributed to the Irish Republican Army, police and fire officials said.

The explosion occurred at an empty house in The Boltons, an expensive residential area of west London, and there appeared to be no injuries, neighbors said.

An anonymous telephone call received by a news agency in London, and using a recognized code word, warned a bomb was planted about a half hour before the first report of a blast.

Windows were blown out in the house and neighboring buildings. Police cordoned off surrounding streets.

Winnie Gordon Strauss, who was walking her dog at the time of the blast, said "I've still got glass in my hair."

The area is along Earl's Court

Road, near a district filled with small hotels.

The IRA has resumed attacks in Britain, but not in Northern Ireland, in its quarter-century campaign to end British rule in the province.

On Feb. 9, the IRA ended a 17-month cease-fire, setting off a truck bomb in east London's Docklands, killing two newspaper vendors, wounding scores and wrecking several office buildings.

Six days later, police experts defused a small bomb contained in gym bag left in a phone booth in the West End theater district.

Phoned warnings were given for both of those bombs.

On Feb. 18, IRA man Edward O'Brien, 21, blew himself up and wounded nine civilians when the briefcase bomb he was carrying detonated accidentally on a double-decker bus in the West End.

A small IRA bomb left behind rubbish bins in west London on March 9 shattered windows but caused no serious injuries.

Born-again Christian trying to start chapter

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. — As a child, William J. Murray was a plaintiff in the lawsuit his atheist activist mother, Madalyn Murray O'Hair, filed 36 years ago to banish organized prayer from public schools.

As a self-professed born-again Christian, Murray is now trying to establish a Christian Coalition chapter in Stafford County. He and his wife moved to Virginia from Dallas in December.

Murray's mother sued in the name of her son in federal court in Baltimore in 1960 to end organized prayer in public school classrooms. The Supreme Court heard arguments in their case in 1963 and later ordered an end to school prayer on grounds that it amounted to government establishment of religion.

In 1980, Murray became a Christian and began working for conservative political change. He heads a political action committee, God is Not Government, that is pushing a constitutional amendment to lift government restrictions on religious expression in public schools. It is also working for candidates in U.S. Senate races in Delaware and Louisiana.

O'Hair disappeared from her

home in Austin, Texas, last August.

Murray has scheduled a meeting Thursday night at a Fredericksburg theater to organize a chapter of the conservative, grassroots organization founded by religious broadcaster Pat Robertson. The Christian Coalition, based in Chesapeake, Va., supports conservative issues and rates elected officials and office-seekers according to its agenda.

"I'm working to give it a rebirth, really," Murray said of the coalition chapter in the Fredericksburg area. "I would like to see it more as a permanent presence than just kind of spooling up during an election cycle and then vanishing for two years."


Murray described his mother's economic theories as Marxist and scorns her denial of God. But despite his criticism, he invokes her renown in promoting his business. On his newsletters and fliers, Murray identifies himself as "the Christian son of America's self-proclaimed 'most-hated woman.'"

He said he has not seen his mother in years and is not sure why she disappeared along with his daughter and his brother.

"To be honest, knowing how bizarre the family is, I wouldn't even guess," he said. "They may be in the Riviera, the Swiss Alps, they may have jumped off a bridge together."

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Official says minority enrollment could drop

By PEGGY FIKAC
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Minority enrollment in some colleges or universities could drop 30 percent this fall unless a federal court halts the effect of an anti-affirmative action decision, Texas Higher Education Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth said Wednesday.

"That's why we're hoping there will be a pretty quick decision, because the admissions process is going to go on. The schools are going to fill their fall enrollment. And there are projections that (there) may be as much as a 30 percent reduction in minority enrollments in some institutions just as a result of this," Ashworth said.

According to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, there were 406,466 students enrolled in Texas four-year public universities in fall 1994. Of them, 261,119 were white, 71,401 were Hispanic and 36,012 were black.

Of 400,323 students enrolled in community colleges that year, the last for which an ethnic breakdown is available, 244,750 were white, 41,767 were black and 80,130 Hispanic.

Texas has asked the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans for a stay of the court's decision against race-based student admissions, while the state takes the legal battle over the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court.

If a stay is granted and the Supreme Court agrees to hear the case, the effect of the 5th Circuit's ruling

would be suspended while the case is pending before the high court. If the 5th Circuit refuses to grant a stay, the state could ask the Supreme Court for one.

A three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit last month struck down the University of Texas Law School's admissions policy. The court, ruling in a lawsuit filed by four white law school applicants, said UT had failed to justify favoring some racial groups.

In the wake of the ruling, higher education officials have stopped using race as a factor in admissions and in awarding financial aid.

That includes \$1.5 million in state minority scholarship funding that would have gone to about 1,300 students for the 1996-97 school year.

Ashworth said that despite concerns from lawmakers and others that the agency is being "overly conservative" in interpreting the ruling, he must take lawyers' advice and stick by a decision to suspend that race-based scholarship program unless a stay is granted.

"We share very much the concern of these legislators. These programs we promoted, we testified in favor of them, we think they're good," Ashworth said. "But the fact is that my attorney, based on discussions with attorneys from the universities, had come to the conclusion that we should not be involved in racial preferences on awarding of financial aid."

If a stay is granted, the state is prepared to disburse the money quickly, he said.

Various universities have minority scholarship programs larger than the state's \$1.5 million, Ashworth added.

McQuay reveals record

Molester hid prior crimes until sentenced, paper says

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — The parolee who claims to have molested scores of children had a criminal record in Louisiana he hid from Texas courts until after he was sentenced here for indecency with a child, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported Wednesday.

Larry Don McQuay hid his conviction and probation on theft charges from Texas court officials, the school district where he drove a bus and even his lawyer until after he was sentenced in 1990 for molesting a young boy, the newspaper said in a copy-right story.

The Bexar County Adult Probation Department oversaw McQuay's probation on the theft charge. Deputy chief probation officer Ed Castart described him as a model probationer.

McQuay successfully completed his probation in November 1989, then was arrested four days later on charges he sexually assaulted his girlfriend's young son. The charge was reduced to indecency for McQuay, whom the court presumed to have had a clean record, and he was sentenced to eight years in prison.

Bexar County District Attorney Steven Hilbig did not return a phone message left by The Associated Press.

State law at the time mandated parole after six years because of good behavior in prison. He was released last week from a state hospital in Rusk to a privately run parole violator facility here, where he is under constant surveillance.

McQuay, who has said he will strike again if he isn't surgically castrated, never mentioned his 1985 probation sentence for felony theft in Louisiana. He was convicted of steal-

ing about \$1,800 from a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant.

He was on probation for the entire 16 months he drove a bus for the North East School District. District officials say they wouldn't have hired him they had known of the theft conviction.

McQuay recently told the *Express-News* the district had no reason not to hire him. "I had a clean record," he said.

He left his job in December 1988 after writing sexually suggestive letters to a high school student. He was arrested almost a year later on the molestation charge.

A month after McQuay was sentenced by State District Judge Sharon MacRae, he was pardoned by the state of Louisiana. A pardon is automatic for first-time offenders there who complete probation without breaking the law.

Chechen attack kills 26 Russians

Terrorist assault on convoy also wounds 51, destroys 23 trucks

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GROZNY, Russia — About 500 Chechen separatists attacked a Russian convoy, killing 26 servicemen and wounding 51 others, a news agency reported today.

The attack took place late Tuesday near the village of Shatoi, 30 miles south of the Chechen capital, Grozny, the Interfax news agency said.

Interfax quoted a military command spokesman as saying that a column of 27 trucks came under heavy fire from grenade launchers and firearms. The spokesman said 23 trucks were destroyed.

The report could not be independently confirmed. Meanwhile, Russian forces pounded rebel positions in the village of Goiskoye in southern Chechnya in a night-long bombardment, Interfax said.

The attack on the convoy was one of the most serious clashes since President Boris Yeltsin announced March 31 that Russia was halting major military operations in Chechnya and would begin withdrawing its forces.

Yeltsin, on a campaign visit to the southern city of Budyonovsk today, said that although military operations had been suspended, the fight against terrorism

would go on.

"There is no war as such, with the use of aircraft and artillery," Yeltsin said at a wreath-laying ceremony at a monument to the 130 people killed when Chechen rebels seized a hospital and took more than 1,500 people hostage.

He said the "fight against terrorism and banditry" will continue.

Russian forces went ahead today with plans to withdraw thousands of troops from the separatist republic. The phased pullout began Monday.

Gen. Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, the commander of Russian troops in Chechnya, told the ITAR-Tass news agency Tuesday that Russia would withdraw about 6,000 soldiers from the peaceful areas of northern Chechnya this week and station them just outside Chechnya's borders.

The pullout is designed to show that Yeltsin, who is running for re-election in June, is serious about ending the unpopular war in the breakaway southern republic. An estimated 30,000 people have been killed since Russian troops poured into Chechnya in December 1994 to put down the southern republic's drive for independence.



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The billboard invited people to dial 1-800-BITE-ME "if you have complaints about Kick." The number doesn't exist — it lacks an 11th digit.

"It's a little tasteless and tacky," said Richard Schunk, city law director in Tallmadge.

That was the point, said Don Lenehan, senior vice president of marketing for Kick's producer, RC Cola in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"If we make it middle of the road so every parent says, 'Isn't that nice,' we lose our market," Lenehan told the

Akron Beacon Journal. Kick's target audience: high school and college men.

Philip Zinsmeister, local distributor of Kick, said the company received about four complaints about the billboard.

The distributor put up 18 "BITE-ME" billboards in Summit, Stark and Portage counties in northeast Ohio at the beginning of April.

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that have been made on-campus. I have a hard time believing that Mr. Rusak is a person that has never made mistakes. Turning TCU students over to authorities and causing permanent damage to a person's life is not discipline that teaches. We are college students, and we are here to learn about responsibility — before we are

turned over to a world that is unforgiving. Mr. Rusak, please leave Phi Delta Theta alone until more is known about what the organization is doing internally to solve the problem. The school needs to think of this situation as a challenge on how to teach a lesson. Expulsion, criminal charges and prolonged suspensions are the easy way out.

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Officials describe slaying of toddler

23-month-old was choked, hit in head; suspect held for psychological testing

ASSOCIATED PRESS

POTTSBORO, Texas — The 23-month-old girl found dead earlier this week had been choked and struck in the head with a heavy object, then possibly suffocated and sexually assaulted, officials said.

Grayson County Attorney Bob Jarvis announced the preliminary findings Wednesday of an autopsy on Tabitha Baker.

Meanwhile, the 15-year-old boy suspected in the death was ordered held in juvenile detention until he undergoes sociological and psychological testing, Jarvis said.

Officials will not know for certain if the girl was sexually assaulted until lab reports are completed, said Jarvis, adding that he did not know when that would be.

State District Judge Ray Grisham also ruled that future hearings in the case will be closed to the public. He will conduct a hearing after the suspect's tests are completed to determine whether he should be prosecuted as an adult, Jarvis said.

The teen-ager, whose name has been withheld because of his age, has been arraigned on a murder charge.

Authorities said they will reopen an investigation into the death of a 17-month-old boy in the wake of the killing of the girl, Police Chief Larry Luster said Tuesday.

The unidentified child had a history of seizures, and preliminary reports blamed his death on such a

seizure, Luster said.

However, the tot died less than three weeks ago while staying in the home of the 15-year-old suspect in the Tabitha Baker slaying, he said. The chief said the little boy's death, in retrospect, was "a little too weird."

Jarvis said that his office and probation officials have no record of "final adjudications" concerning the teen-ager. He declined to say if either office had contact with the boy before the girl was found dead.

Tabitha apparently was taken from her bedroom before dawn Monday, two weeks before her second birthday. Her body was found in a cellar in the back yard of a nearby home in the town of about 1,100 residents, about 70 miles north of Dallas near the Red River.

Jarvis declined to give specifics about how law enforcement officers and the parents learned about Tabitha's disappearance.

However, family members told The Associated Press that the teen-age suspect banged on the door of the modest frame house and informed Tabitha's parents, Royce and Jauquita Baker, that he saw two men break into the home and snatch the girl.

The Bakers, who have two sons older than Tabitha, notified police and began searching for the girl themselves. Officials later decided the teen was not a witness, but the sole suspect.

The girl's body was found in a storm cellar about a block away.

Gramm's spending tops \$500,000

BY MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — After quitting the presidential race in February, Texas Republican Phil Gramm quickly turned his sights back to his other race, spending \$570,000 in little more than a month on his Senate re-election.

A report filed this week with the Federal Election Commission tracking campaign financial activity from Feb. 22 through March 31 shows Gramm raised \$142,480 and spent \$570,673.

The bulk of the money was spent on a statewide television ad Gramm did before the March 12 primary, reintroducing himself to the voters and outlining his record. No further TV buys are expected before the fall.

The report showed political action committees flocked to Gramm's side after his Feb. 14 withdrawal from the presidential race. Of his \$142,480 in contributions, \$117,000 — or 82

percent — came from PACs.

A prodigious fund raiser, Gramm had a daunting \$3,078,587 in his campaign coffers as of the beginning of April, according to a summary of his FEC report provided to The Associated Press.

That stands in stark contrast to Gramm's general election opponent, Democrat Victor Morales, whose one-man, shoestring campaign in a white pickup truck piqued the public's interest.

As of mid-March, Morales had less than \$8,000. The Democratic establishment since has kicked in \$17,000 to help Morales open a campaign headquarters in the wake of his April 9 runoff victory.

The 46-year-old school teacher, who bested two congressmen and a former state senator to win the Democratic nomination, mailed his report to the FEC by the midnight Monday deadline, he said in an interview.

Morales' Democratic opponents had faulted

his earlier failures to meet FEC filing deadlines. One of them, John Odam, wrote the FEC last month urging the agency to crack down on the late filings.

Morales declined to provide his FEC report in advance of its public release, saying his low-budget campaign lacked a fax machine with which to send it. "There's no way I can get it to you," he said. "I'm by myself. I don't have a staff. I don't have a fax machine."

His runoff opponent, Rep. John Bryant of Dallas, reported raising \$140,660 and spending \$82,745 between March 21 and March 30, with \$108,123 to spend in the final 10 days of the campaign.

From the start of the year through the end of March, Bryant raised a total of \$566,401 and spent \$598,640 — an amount analysts have called unusually small for a contested Senate primary and runoff, particularly in a state with as many media markets as Texas.

Teacher says he'll be cleared

Second-grade instructor charged with molesting five students

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS (AP) — A teacher charged with molesting five second-grade girls in his classroom, sometimes in front of other students, is confident he'll be vindicated, his lawyer said.

Bayardo Arellano, 35, was put on paid leave pending a grand jury hearing and could be fired if indicted, school officials said. He was jailed Wednesday with bail set at \$100,000.

The second-year teacher declined comment. His attorney, Tom Lochry, denied any wrongdoing by his client, who was arrested Tuesday.

"He's confident that the truth will come out and he'll be vindicated," Lochry said. "We don't have any idea

where these complaints are coming from. This highly recruited professional is about to have his career trashed."

The allegations date back to August. They surfaced last week after one of Arellano's students seemed reluctant to go to school, telling her parents that her teacher had been touching her buttocks and genital area on top of her clothing, police said.

According to police reports, four of the girls were fondled outside their clothing. Another girl told police that Arellano unzipped his pants, grabbed her hand and made her squeeze his penis.

Three of the incidents happened last week, police reports state. Two of the children told police they had been fon-

dled back in January, and another said the abuse began in August.

Police said that all the incidents happened on the campus of Harrell Budd Elementary School during school hours. Some occurred in front of other students, officers said.

"Something like this really scares you," said parent Jose Luis Gonzalez. "You can warn your kids not to talk to strangers, but when it's the teacher who is doing wrong, what do you tell them?"

Maria Marquez, whose son is in Arellano's class, said Arellano has been a nice teacher.

"I've never seen him do anything bad," she said.

Beatrice Villigran, president of the Budd Elementary PTA, said several

parents had already told her they didn't like Arellano.

"They said that their daughters had complained to them that he would ask for massages from them, and that he would get mad if they wouldn't give him a massage," she said.

Arellano joined the Dallas school district in 1994, after a 12-year stint in the U.S. Army, according to his district personnel file.

"He had sterling recommendations from the military," said Robby Collins, special assistant to the superintendent.

Police charged Arellano with one count of indecency with a child Friday. He was arrested that day and posted a \$25,000 bond. The additional charges were filed Tuesday.

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Former Hughes employee wounds three

BY MICHAEL WHITE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — A former employee opened fire at a Hughes Aircraft plant Wednesday, wounding three people and taking at least one hostage before he was arrested, authorities said.

The 62-year-old gunman, whose name wasn't immediately disclosed, critically wounded a security guard and slightly wounded two employees after arriving at the plant at 9:10 a.m., police Capt. Ron Green said.

The motive for the shooting wasn't immediately known and it wasn't disclosed if the gunman had been

fired or was in some way disgruntled. He had been employed by Hughes for 16 years.

At 10:25 a.m., the gunman came out the main gate in the complex holding a handgun to the head of a male hostage, Green said. A police officer ordered him to surrender and the gunman complied, the captain said.

Hundreds of employees evacuated the two-story S-24 building at the Hughes Space and Communications manufacturing facility during the height of the drama, Hughes spokesman Kearney Bothwell said.

"A guy with a gun! A guy with a gun! Everybody out!" a Hughes worker shouted to Mel Andrich, 53,

of Lake Elsinore, a contractor working at the building.

The plant is just south of Los Angeles International Airport.

After shooting the unarmed Pinkerton guard, the gunman went upstairs to a computer room and wounded two Hughes employees, one in the shoulder and the other in the hip, said Hughes spokesman Emery Wilson Jr.

The security guard was in critical condition and in surgery two hours after the shooting, said Warren Robak, spokesman for the University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center.

Wounded employee Tony Rojas,

41, was in good condition with a shoulder wound at Martin Luther King Jr.-Drew Medical Center, said hospital spokeswoman Tessie Cleveland.

A second wounded employee whose name wasn't disclosed was described as stable at Robert F. Kennedy Medical Center, said hospital spokeswoman Susan Konell.

Hughes employees were evacuated during the height of the shooting after they were alerted by an alarm.

"We simply turned on the alarm and people started leaving. They did very well. Everybody walked right out. They streamed out of the building. No panic or hysteria," said Wilson.

The Hughes facility, once a Nash Rambler auto assembly plant, builds communications satellites. Hughes Space and Communications Co. is the world's leading manufacturer of commercial communications satellites, having built more than 40 percent of those in operation.

Employee Joe Berlino, 41, of Corona saw a bullet hole in a metal door near the guard station.

"It's definitely traumatic to a lot of people knowing somebody can slip through security and start shooting," said Berlino. "Hughes security used to carry guns, but now these Pinkerton guards don't. All they can do is make a telephone call."

Militia member to enter Freeman location

BY TOM LACEKY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JORDAN, Mont. — A Michigan militia figure said Wednesday he will be carrying a child's teddy bear and a letter from a concerned son when he attempts to get into the compound where Freeman are in a 24-day-old standoff with the FBI.

Norman Olson was turned away by armed agents when he tried to enter the FBI's command center late Tuesday afternoon. He said he wanted to meet with the FBI field commander.

Olson said the teddy bear is a gift from 6-year-old Rancel Chamberlain, son of Jordan area rancher Lyle Chamberlain.

Olson, interviewed while eating breakfast in a Jordan cafe, said the child gave him the teddy bear because he thinks the children in the compound are lonely. Olson said he will also carry a letter from a son to his mother who is in the compound. He wouldn't identify the son, but said the boy is concerned about his mother's health.

Olson said he would try later in the day to gain access to the compound, first through the FBI commander in Jordan, and then at the main checkpoint to the compound.

"We are trying to come with an extended hand, trying to find some resolution, so that his people and the militia do not have to converge on a field of battle where there is going to be bloodshed and there's going to be violence," Olson said in an interview aired on WCBS radio.

Olson announced plans two weeks ago for a relief convoy to bring food, medicine and other supplies to the anti-government extremists, although they reportedly have stockpiled such supplies for months.

A man identified by the FBI as a Freeman was jailed today in Topeka, Kan., after deputies stopped him for an improper license plate and found what they called a bomb-triggering device in his car.

Scott P. Roeder, 38, of Silver Lake, Kan., was stopped Tuesday because his car carried a tag indicating the driver was a "sovereign" citizen and immune from Kansas law, authorities said.

That type of license plate is sometimes used by Freeman, officials said. Sheriff's deputies said they found ammunition and a blasting cap in his car. In the trunk, they said they found a fuse cord, a one-pound can of gunpowder, and two nine-volt batteries, with one connected to a switch, creating something that could function as a bomb-triggering device.

Roeder's name is included on a list of Freeman compiled by the FBI, said Shawnee County Sheriff Dave Meneley.

At the Freeman complex in Montana, a resident on a tractor finished plowing an alfalfa field Tuesday. It appeared to signal that the Freeman, most of whom are farmers by trade, have no intention of surrendering soon.

Moderate Republicans seek minimum-wage hike

BY DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Breaking ranks, moderate House Republicans called Wednesday for an election-year increase in the minimum wage despite efforts by Sen. Bob Dole and other GOP leaders to prevent a vote.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey said through an aide that he had no plans to schedule the bill for the floor. But with Democrats also clamoring for a vote on a daily basis, other lawmakers and aides in the GOP leadership said the issue was virtually certain to reach the floor of the House, and conceded it may have enough support to pass.

"All of us believe that people who work a 40-hour work week ought to earn a wage they can live on," said Rep. Jack Quinn, R-N.Y., as he and 13 fellow Republicans unveiled their bill.

The proposal would provide for two separate increases of 50 cents an

hour, one to take effect 90 days after the bill is signed by President Clinton, and the second boost a year after that.

Clinton and congressional Democrats support a 90-cent-an-hour increase over two years in the current federal minimum of \$4.25 an hour.

Public opinion polls, including some taken for Republicans, show widespread support for raising the minimum wage. Organized labor favors the proposal, and Democrats have made it a central tenet of their attempt to appeal to workers whose standard of living hasn't kept up in recent years.

In the current, politically-charged atmosphere in Congress, Republicans have thwarted all attempts by Democrats to force a vote in the House. Dole, the GOP presidential nominee-in-waiting, has maneuvered mightily in the Senate to avoid a vote. On Tuesday, he pulled a major immigration bill off the Senate

floor when Democrats sought to use it for votes on the minimum wage and Social Security.

"The Republican leadership is stiffing the majority of the American people by refusing to raise the minimum wage... (they) won't even allow a vote," Vice President Al Gore charged.

But even as Quinn and other Republicans were holding their news conference, Speaker Newt Gingrich and the GOP leadership were backpedaling on the subject. House sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the leadership had begun discussions on trying to salvage some political advantage.

One idea, still in the discussion stage, would attach a provision to stiffen enforcement of a 1988 Supreme Court ruling that bars labor unions from using compulsory fees assessed to non-union workers for political purposes.

Gingrich also noted during the day that he had supported a 1989 measure

that raised the minimum wage and included a sub-minimum training wage for younger workers. That bill passed with only 37 votes in opposition. Dole also supported the last minimum wage bill to pass Congress.

Asked whether the issue would come to a vote this year, Gingrich said, "I don't know."

Dole also sidestepped a question, saying, "I don't know of any" when asked if a possible compromise was in the works.

The moderate Republicans potentially hold the balance of power in the House on this issue. The GOP has a majority of 236-196, with one independent and two vacancies. And while Quinn said he expected the leadership ultimately to relent and schedule a vote, he pointedly referred to a little-used procedure in which a majority of the House can force a measure onto the House floor in defiance of the leadership's wishes.

Quinn was flanked at his news

conference by 13 other Republicans, six of them from New York, and nearly all the rest from northeastern states.

One of them, Rep. Christopher Shays of Connecticut, cited studies that he said showed the last increase in the minimum wage, in 1989, did not result in lost jobs, as opponents have charged.

Shays also said more than 60 percent of minimum wage workers are women supporting families. Recent public opinion polls have indicated far greater support among women this year for Clinton than for Dole.

The minimum wage last was increased April 1, 1991, from \$3.80 an hour. Supporters of a hike say that when inflation is taken into account, the minimum wage will soon be at a 40-year low unless it is raised.

The Senate twice last year took test votes on the subject, both of them close. Last fall, on a 51-48 vote, lawmakers signalled support for the subject.

INS cracks down with workplace raids

BY MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
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WASHINGTON — The Immigration and Naturalization Service is stressing workplace raids in an attempt to deter employers from hiring illegal immigrants.

Sweeps in 19 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands over a four-

week period since late March resulted in the arrest of 1,176 undocumented workers, most of whom have been deported, Justice Department officials announced Wednesday.

Three illegal aliens wanted in connection with criminal charges, including one sought in New York on attempted murder charges, were

among those apprehended, the officials said.

At least 15 of the 100 employers targeted during the raids could face fines of up to \$2,000 per worker for violating immigration laws, INS officials said. Three businesses holding federal contracts may be barred from future federal work under a new presidential executive order if found to have knowingly violated the law.

"We're showing that enforcing our workplace laws is a top priority," Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick said at a news conference.

INS Deputy Commissioner Chris Sale said industries known for using illegal labor were targeted, including the New York garment industry, food processors in Maryland and the South and furniture makers in Georgia.

The New York operation removed the most undocumented workers, 305; followed by Georgia, 189; and Connecticut, 99.

The sweeps freed up \$15.5 million in wages for legal workers, Gorelick said. The agency is working with state employment agencies to help them find legal workers to fill the jobs.

Similar operations have been held in recent months in the Southwest and Midwest.

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Cheese ban leaves bad taste in Canadian mouths

By DAVID CRARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — The Camembert crisis? The Parmesan purge? From Toronto's Little Italy to the cheese-loving bastions of French speaking Quebec, Canadians are heaping scorn on a Health Department proposal to ban some pungent, unpasteurized cheeses.

"They have to get their heads X-rayed," Marco Abdi, owner of an Italian restaurant in Calgary, said of the Health Ministry regulators.

At Parliament, critics of the proposed

ban organized a "taste-in" Wednesday and invited Health Minister David Dingwall. The minister, though at the center of the controversy, planned to attend, saying: "I love cheese."

Government scientists have been working discreetly for six years on tougher cheese regulations, but their proposals came to public attention only this week after the Health Department formally gave notice of a proposed new safety measure.

To reduce the possibility of disease, it would require that cheese either be made from pasteurized milk or be subjected to

intense heat-processing, then stored at low temperatures for two months.

Raw-milk cheeses such as camembert and brie, not to mention the much-imported Parmesan, might not meet the new standards.

When the topic came up in Parliament, some legislators were, well, a bit cheesed-off. "Does the health minister have nothing else to do...?" Pauline Picard of the separatist Bloc Quebecois demanded Monday.

In Quebec, radio call-in lines hummed with complaints over a perceived federal slap at the province's love for distinctive, raw-milk cheeses.

It wasn't surprising that Quebec — led by a separatist government — assailed the federal bureaucracy. But the health minister also incurred the wrath of Italian-descended colleagues in his own Liberal Party.

"We have been eating Parmesan for hundreds of years," said Labor Minister Alfonso Gagliano. "I've eaten a lot of Parmesan, and I've never been sick."

In response to his critics in Parliament, Dingwall tried a light touch, saying some of their arguments were "full of holes."

He promised a 75-day consultation period before a final decision is made,

allowing the dairy industry, grocers, restaurant owners and others to comment on Health Department evidence that unpasteurized cheese poses a health risk.

Media coverage of the affair has been derisive: An editorial cartoon Wednesday in the *Toronto Star* showed a rodent-like Dingwall caught in a mousetrap.

One reader of the Toronto-based *Globe and Mail* wrote in a letter: "I'm so glad (Dingwall) has decided to let trivial issues like tobacco, drugs and alcohol fall by the wayside and concentrate on what is really threatening the health of the citizens of this country — cheese."

Lebanon demands plan changes

By SAM F. GHATTAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Even as Israel raked Lebanon with new air attacks, the Lebanese government demanded changes Wednesday in a U.S. plan to stop the fighting. Beirut said the proposal would perpetuate Israel's control of its southern region and violate the basic tenets of a Mideast peace settlement.

Israel bombarded Hezbollah targets across southern Lebanon for the seventh straight day, and the guerrillas sent rockets crashing down on northern Israel. Two people were killed and 17 were wounded in Lebanon, police reported.

Some 400,000 Lebanese have streamed out of southern communities to escape the fighting, and they are squeezed into relatives' houses, cars, and crowded school classrooms. At least 17,000 people have been evacuated from northern Israel.

The United States, Israel's main ally, and France, Lebanon's former colonial ruler, have been trying separately to broker an armistice. Neither proposal has been officially disclosed.

Lebanon's prime minister, Rafik Hariri, and foreign minister, Faris Bweiz, criticized the U.S. plan because it doesn't demand an immediate Israeli withdrawal from the enclave it controls in southern Lebanon.

Bweiz, in Cairo, Egypt, for an emergency meeting of Arab League foreign ministers, said he had demanded basic changes in the proposals and was waiting to hear from Washington.

The U.S. plan, he said, would undermine a 1978 U.N. Security Council resolution that demands an unconditional Israeli withdrawal from the 440-square-mile buffer zone Israel carved out of southern Lebanon in 1985 to block cross-border attacks. Hezbollah has been fighting for more than a decade to drive Israeli troops from the border zone.

Bweiz also said it contradicts the land-for-peace principle of the peace process launched in 1991.

Fighting raged Wednesday, with fighter-bombers, helicopter gunships and artillery based in the Israeli-held enclave attacking guerrilla rocket launchers and hideouts

near the port city of Tyre and the market town of Nabatiyeh.

Two people were killed and 17 were wounded, including two U.N. peacekeepers caught in the cross fire in southern Lebanon, police reported. Also, two Nepalese soldiers were wounded in a guerrilla grenade attack.

The Iranian-backed Hezbollah fired three salvos of Katyusha rockets into northern Israel, wounding one person and damaging houses and cars.

In all, 48 people have been killed and 187 wounded in the fighting.

Civilians have been hit hardest: Thirty-nine of the dead were Lebanese civilians.

The Israelis launched their recent campaign to stop a series of recent Hezbollah attacks on northern Israel. But the offensive has only intensified the attacks, with the Israelis reporting more than 200 Katyushas fired in the past week.

Hezbollah says there are more to come.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Wednesday that he wants a written agreement to end hostilities with Hezbollah.

Liberian cease-fire possible

By NYENATI ALLISON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONROVIA, Liberia — New fighting broke out today at a military camp packed with refugees, but hopes for a truce grew with the report that a rebel leader was thinking of leaving Liberia.

U.S. troops took advantage of a lull in the fighting earlier in the day to evacuate 49 more people from the West African capital, devastated by more than a week of fighting and looting.

Fighters loyal to militia leader Charles Taylor launched a new attack today on the Barclay Training Center, firing small arms and wounding at least one of the rebels at the camp. But the rebels, loyal to warlord Roosevelt Johnson, quickly repelled the attack.

The shootout came a day after Johnson's men fought off an artillery assault that killed five Liberian refugees inside the camp. Some 10,000 people have fled to the compound since fighting in Monrovia reignited 11 days ago.

Taylor, the most powerful member of Liberia's six-man governing council, has said he would not agree to a cease-fire without the surrender of Johnson, whose forces were dug in at the barracks.

Madison Wion, a spokesman for Johnson, said today that the rebel leader "would consider" Nigeria's offer of asylum.

He would not elaborate, and it was not clear whether Taylor would be satisfied if Johnson leaves the country instead of giving himself up.

A government warrant for Johnson's arrest touched off the standoff at the military camp.

Inside the camp a rebel commander sounded intent on

continuing the fight.

"Nobody will surrender to Taylor," Gen. Teh Quiah said.

Quiah said Johnson was not in the camp, but he and other aides refused to say where the rebel leader was.

Cholera was said to be more deadly than the fighting. A medic who fled the camp Tuesday said the disease was killing 10 people a day.

Aid officials have warned that a humanitarian crisis could break out in this nation of 2.8 million people, shattered by six years of civil war and lawlessness that have virtually halted aid shipments and forced most aid workers to flee.

There was also concern that militia factions could try to raid 23,000 tons of food stored in Monrovia's port by the U.N. World Food Program, a U.N. source said.

All shops and office buildings in the seaside capital have been looted and most of them destroyed since the fighting began. More than 60,000 Monrovians have been left homeless.

A U.S. Sea King and a Chinook helicopter flew 49 refugees to neighboring Sierra Leone this morning, and more flights were expected later in the day, U.S. Army Lt. Matthew Thompson said by telephone from the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia.

U.S. military helicopters have rescued more than 2,000 foreigners, including more than 420 Americans. Thompson said he didn't know the nationalities of the latest evacuees.

Officials have said about 50 Americans remained unaccounted for and 38 others chose not to leave.

A boatload of about 700 other evacuees arrived in Free-town today, including 75 U.N. personnel, Liberians, Lebanese, Sierra Leonians and other nationalities.

Conspirators reveal assassination plots

By DIANNA CAHN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEL AVIV, Israel — Yitzhak Rabin's assassin and two alleged conspirators considered posing as reporters so they could kill the prime minister with a booby-trapped tape recorder, according to court testimony Wednesday.

In the days prior to Yigal Amir's murder of Rabin at a Nov. 4 peace rally, Amir, his brother Hagai and their friend Dror Adani discussed various ways of assassinating the prime minister, the court was told.

Amir, 25, was convicted last month of Rabin's murder and is serving a life sentence.

The three went on trial Wednesday on charges of conspiracy to kill Palestinians and illegal weapons possession. Like Amir, Hagai Amir and Adani also are accused of conspiracy to kill the prime minister.

Amir, often smiling or whispering to Adani in the dock, looked thin and sported a short, neatly trimmed beard.

The former law student said he has been on hunger strike since Sunday to protest conditions at the Ohalei Kedar Prison in the southern Negev Desert where he is being held in an isolation wing.

Amir was transferred to the desert lockup from the Sharon Prison near Tel Aviv.

"They don't let me make any phone calls. They

don't even let me call my lawyer," Amir complained.

According to an indictment that was the focus of Wednesday's court session, the three defendants also considered drilling a hole in the water pipe at Rabin's residence and pumping nitroglycerin into the apartment to cause an explosion. And they discussed firing a missile into his apartment.

In addition, the three planned to attack Palestinian police officers and set fire to the homes of Palestinians they suspected of involvement in attacks on Jews, the indictment said.

Wednesday's hearing addressed the admissibility of Hagai Amir's statements to police.

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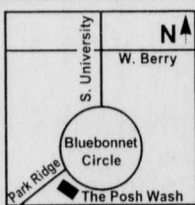
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Basketball stars need to curb court attacks, be more professional

At the beginning of the 1995 basketball season, it looked like the NBA was in good shape. The league managed to start the season on time despite a labor squabble during the summer. The ultimate good guys of the NBA, the Houston Rockets, were defending yet another championship. Hope sprang eternal.

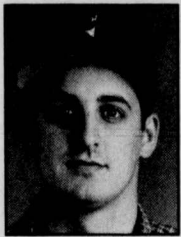
Coming into the season, the NBA joined the NFL as one of the two most popular sports in America. Over the past ten years, the NBA's popularity has been skyrocketing.

It can't afford to have a few spoiled players get in the way of this popularity.

Money hungry athletes have hurt the popularity of baseball. Comical violence has kept hockey from being considered a major sport. The NBA can't afford to have the same things happen to it.

Unfortunately, the dog days of winter slipped into the folly of spring. The NBA has a huge problem on its hands that it needs to get under control before it's too late.

Of course, I am talking about the recent trend of high-profile players abusing NBA officials and fans. In the past few weeks, several players have head-butted and pushed officials after getting fed up with "bad" calls.



SCOTT BARZILLA
Sports Columnist

This trend of outward violence began last season when former Rockets player "Sugar Ray" Vernon Maxwell punched out a fan in a game against the Portland Trailblazers. Fans everywhere were surprised to see a professional athlete lose his temper so easily. The league gave Maxwell a mere 10-game suspension.

As in every facet of life, kids began to imitate what their heroes do on and off the court. Several occurrences of violence occurred at high school games throughout the country.

ESPN showed highlights of one particular hockey game where youngsters continually beat an official for a call they didn't like. Incidentally, the call was the correct one, but it was no solace to that particular official because of the major injuries he took out of the incident.

Instead of trying to do something

to stop this behavior, the NBA has allowed it to continue. Thus far, three high-profile players have served short suspensions for abusing officials.

In just the past few weeks, the Chicago Bulls' Dennis Rodman and the Los Angeles Lakers' Nick Van Exel and Magic Johnson have noticeably abused officials. Johnson apologized and showed remorse for his actions, but the reactions of the other two players were downright appalling.

Rodman reacted by complaining about the length of his suspension, claiming that he is held to different standards than the rest of the other NBA players. This is particularly interesting since the league considered suspending him for the season, but opted to give him just a six game suspension.

The league suspended Van Exel for seven games because he pushed an official into the scorer's table. Van Exel did a little better than Rodman; he apologized to almost everyone involved — everyone except for the official he pushed, that is.

The NBA is taking a rather cavalier attitude toward this very serious matter. In years past, the thought of abusing an official or a fan was unthinkable, but now it is beginning to become commonplace. The league has responded to these acts of terrorism with short, weak suspensions.

If NBA players physically abuse an official or a fan, they should be suspended for the year, automatically.

NBA officials need to feel like they are in control of the game. If the league allows players to openly abuse officials, with only weak meaningless suspensions as a result, then the officials' authority will be undermined.

The league needs to send out a stern message to stop this behavior now. It is happening with much more regularity, and it will happen even more if the NBA continues to assess short suspensions.

However, the most important reason to curb court violence is because it affects the public: the fans will eventually be turned off to basketball if this abuse continues.

The violence has an even worse effect on children; every kid who plays sports imitates those who play at the top level. Some simply imitate the styles of certain players, but others are beginning to hot dog like some of the prominent young players of today. We don't want children to copy patterns of violence as well.

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TCU athletes work out in the Walsh Complex. The final practice day for football players is Thursday, when they will play at the purple and white scrimmage.

Coaching golf 'one shot at a time'

TCU women's golf coach Angie Ravaoli-Larkin stresses mental preparation

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TCU DAILY SKIFF

After returning from a coaches conference in Florida during Christmas break, second-year golf coach Angie Ravaoli-Larkin set her players down in a room and asked them to write down their dreams and goals in life in a letter to their best friend.

"Each letter I received was six to 10 pages long. After they all read their personal letters in front of the other girls, I told them 'this will be the best psychology paper you'll ever write because the best friend is yourself,'" Ravaoli-Larkin said. "If you have struggles in your life, go back and reread this paper and get yourself focused again."

It isn't the typical brand of skills-oriented coaching some athletes might expect, but golf members said it really helps their game.

"I taped my letter on cassette so I could listen to it before every match," said sophomore Ashley Hoffman. "It really motivates me and lets me concentrate on my game."

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The Baseball Insider: hitting is more than meets the eye

As a former TCU baseball player whose eligibility has run out, I still find myself at the TCU diamond. This time, however, I find that I am an outsider looking in. Yes, I am now among the throngs of supportive, well-meaning but often times oblivious fans of the Horned Frogs.

When I watch TCU baseball games, I enjoy sitting in the more crowded areas of the stands. In doing so, I can't help but hear all of the Monday morning quarterbacks who shout out batting advice to TCU hitters if they miss a pitch:



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"How could he miss that?" or "I could have hit that pitch."

The bottom line is that if these crit-

ics could, they would be playing instead of sitting in the stands. I confess, I second guess batters myself, but then I wake up and realize that there is more to hitting than meets the eye.

If you can get three hits out of every 10-plate appearance, you are

considered successful. Why? Because every time a hitter steps in that rectangular launching pad, he is put at a disadvantage. Once in the batters box, the hitter is that the opposing pitcher's mercy.

The pitcher controls what pitch he will throw, where he will throw the ball, and how fast it will travel. He can, and most often time does, take his own sweet time doing it. On top of this, the omniscient inventor of the game gave the pitcher a bill to throw down from, furthering his advantage.

The hitter, in turn, gets to stand stationary in a box with nothing but a technologically advanced aluminum pipe in his hands, trying to hit the ball

through or over nine defenders.

Adding on to the complexities of hitting, there is an unseen mental chess match: pitcher and catcher versus hitter. The hitter is constantly trying to outguess the pitcher and vice versa.

Trying to predict what pitch is coming and where it will be thrown is not always a good idea, especially when you guess wrong.

A good hitter can react to any pitch thrown and drive it. Let me assure you, however, that when you turn on ESPN and you watch Frank Thomas hit one into the lights, he was most likely uncorking on a pitch he already thought was coming. Even if

you guess right, there is still no guarantee for success.

Alas, there is hope. As a lifetime hitter, I still maintain that pitchers aren't the most intelligent lot. Many times their egos get in the way of their abilities. Pitchers often times have this notion that they can throw harder than they actually do. Hitters love this pitching dilemma because it gives pitchers the false sense of security that they can get the ball by a hitter, no matter the location.

Another classic pitcher faux pas is the "damn, that was a good pitch, I think I'll throw it again" mentality. This is when a pitcher, for example, throws a curve ball and a hitter

swings through it. The pitcher usually begins licking his chops and patting himself on the back, thinking, "let's try that one again." An alert hitter should be able to detect this self-inflicted pitching disease and rip the next curve ball off someone's cup.

These few windows of opportunity are often times a hitter's only way to get a hit. As anyone who has been around baseball will tell you, a good pitcher who is on can be unhit-able, even facing the most offensively potent team.

Hitters also have a self-inflicted downfall that brings the old batting

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Graf's dad charged with evasion

MANNHEIM, Germany (AP) — Steffi Graf's father was charged Wednesday with evading \$13 million in taxes by failing to report as much as \$28 million in his daughter's income.

The Mannheim prosecutor's office filed the charges against Peter Graf and the Graf family tax adviser, Joachim Eckardt. The Mannheim state court charging the tax evasion said it took place between 1989 and 1993.

Graf, 57, has been in investigative custody in a Mannheim prison since his arrest Aug. 2. Eckardt, who is also jailed, was arrested Sept. 25.

Coach resigns amid charges

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Suspended Southwest Texas track coach Doug Erickson has resigned following an investigation of alleged illegal cash payments to All-American distance runner Sammy Unberhagen, it was reported Wednesday.

The *Daily (Southwest Texas) University Star* said Erickson resigned late last week. He was suspended with pay last Thursday.

Erickson couldn't be reached for comment. James Studer, vice president of student affairs, didn't return calls from The Associated Press.

Puerto Rico wants Olympics

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Using the World Gymnastics Championships as a backdrop, San Juan hopes to show it is serious about its bid for the 2004 Olympics.

"We are here to prove to the world that we can host its biggest event. We may be small in size, but big in capability, and this event will prove it," said Marimer Olazagasti, president of the 2004 commission.

For these championships, the commission has invested almost all its resources and, as one official put it, "it will make or break our aspirations."

Carew's daughter dies

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) — The daughter of baseball Hall of Famer Rod Carew died today after a seven-month struggle against leukemia; her appeals for a bone-marrow donor, which drew 70,000 responses, could not find one match.

Michelle Carew, 18, died at Children's Hospital of Orange County, with her father, mother Marilyn, and other family members at her bedside, said Orman Day, a hospital spokesman.

The Carews issued a statement expressing gratitude to the thousands of people who became interested in the marrow donation.

Tubbs signs top recruit

The TCU men's basketball team received a letter of intent Wednesday from Malcolm Johnson, a 6 foot 4 inch swing guard from Seminole, Okla. Junior College.

Johnson chose the Horned Frogs over Arizona State and Georgia, a 1996 NCAA Tournament participant.

"We are delighted to have Malcolm join our program," said head basketball coach in press release. "He's a national-quality player who has great ability and can play either the shooting guard or small forward positions for us. He was definitely our top choice."

Bulls say only championship will decide 'best team' status

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
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MILWAUKEE (AP) — The greatest team ever? Not yet.

The Chicago Bulls didn't earn that distinction just by setting the best regular-season record in NBA history with their 70th victory of the season Tuesday night.

The debate, however, has already begun.

"What they've done is quite a feat," coach Mike Dunleavy of the Milwaukee Bucks said after his team nearly played spoiler before losing 86-80.

"Are they the best team ever? They've got three of the best defenders (Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman) that compare to any team ever, the best non-center rebounder ever in Rodman, the best go-to guy ever in Michael.

"But they'd have to win a championship before comparing them to all-time teams."

Reaching 70 victories was a goal the Bulls set early in the season and met despite the suspension of Rodman, the injuries to Pippen and Luc Longley, the complaints of Toni Kukoc and the distraction of upcoming free agency for Jordan and coach Phil Jackson.

But the big "seven-oh" doesn't make the Bulls better than the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers, a team that went 69-13 in the regular season and went on to win a championship behind Jerry West, Gail Goodrich and Wilt Chamberlain.

Or the 1967-68 Philadelphia 76ers, who were 68-13 and also won a title with Chamberlain.

Or even the 1991-92 Bulls, a team that started 36-5 and won its second of three straight champi-

onships.

Basketball is still a team game, and the last team standing is the best. Chicago can finish 73-9 by winning its last three games, but the playoffs haven't started and the Bulls haven't won anything yet.

"This puts our names in the history books, but it doesn't have the same effect as winning a championship," Jordan said.

Jordan, who retired in 1993 after the Bulls won their third straight title, came back late last season only to play a part in the team's playoff loss to the Orlando Magic.

His first full season back has been an absolute triumph.

Jordan will win his eighth scoring title and almost surely will be awarded his fourth league MVP.

Right now, though, 70 wins barely makes Jordan's top 10 list.

"It depends on what accomplishments you're talking about. I've had quite a few," Jordan said.

"My first (NBA) championship was number one. Then my national championship (at North Carolina). Then my Olympic gold medal in '84. Then the second NBA championship. Third NBA. Then the second gold medal (in '92). Draft day.

"And then, 70 wins.

"So as you see right now, I really won't see the importance until I can look back and say, 'Hey, man, that was a major accomplishment.' If we win a championship this year, I'm pretty sure it's going to rank right up in the top three."

Jordan was asked if he thought winning 70 games vaulted him past the likes of Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Chamberlain and Bill Russell to make him unquestionably the best player in basketball history.

"Each of us played in different eras," Jordan said. "To compare them and say one is better than the next is unfair to the art and to the artists.

"Magic Johnson, Wilt Chamberlain and all the guys before me were the artists of this game of basketball. We've all learned from them and improved the picture to a certain extent, and to say that one improvement is better than all of them is an unfair assessment."

Indeed, the NBA has changed since the Lakers had their record-setting season. There was no 3-point shot then, nor were there so many expansion teams diluting the league's talent base.

Teams sometimes played three games in three nights, traveling commercial rather than charter. Jim McMillian, the starting rookie forward who replaced aging Elgin Baylor on the '71-72 Lakers, was asked the difference between then and now and recalled his astonishment at seeing veteran players smoking cigarettes in the locker room at halftime.

The Bulls passed out victory cigars Tuesday night after beating Milwaukee, but none of the players actually smoked one in the dressing room.

It was an analogy, of sorts, for the way they spoke of the achievement. They talked mostly about being relieved. And they insisted they still having to justify the greatness of the season with a championship.

In other words, they aren't ready to light up just yet.

"We have to win it, we have to win. If we don't win it, we might as well be done playing and go to Beirut or somewhere," Rodman said. "It would be a big letdown."

Men's golf swings low at tourney

Soph. Brent Wolf and Jr. Andy Aduddell tie for 22nd place

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TCU DAILY SKIFF

It was an off week for the No. 3-ranked TCU men's golf team.

The best that could be done were two 22nd place finishes at the Karsten Creek Collegiate tournament, which ended Tuesday, in Stillwater, Okla.

Junior Brent Wolf and sophomore Andy Aduddell each swung for 227 points. On the 54 hole, par-72 course, Wolf shot 77, 71, 79 and Aduddell shot 77, 77, 73.

Winning the tournament was the University of Florida's Josh McCumber with 211 points.

McCumber is ranked No. 27 in the nation by the Rolex Collegiate Golf Foundation.

Other team members did not place as well.

Junior J.J. Henry, ranked No. 62 in the nation, tied for 25th place; senior Doug Roeker, ranked No. 46, tied for 45th place; and freshman Alberto Ochoa, ranked No. 50, tied for 69th at the tournament.

"Obviously we did not have a good tournament," said head coach Bill Montigel. "What I told the guys was, 'In golf, the nature of the business is that you're not going to play good every week.' And (this) happened to be the week we played poorly."

Montigel said that he hopes the tournament will serve as a "wake-up call" to his players before the Southwest Conference Tournament, which will begin April 26 in Houston.

"We had a nice stretch there where we played really good for a lot of tournaments in a row. This one we didn't," he said. "And right before a conference tournament, you'd naturally like to go out and win and be on a high note. But if we're the team we are, we should be able to bounce back from this."

In the week before the SWC championships, Montigel said his team will work on "doing the little things that all add up to us being a real good team."

New Mexico center offers to settle suit against NCAA

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico center Kenny Thomas has offered to settle his lawsuit against the NCAA by sitting out the Lobos' first four games next season.

"I will say that the ball is in the NCAA's court right now," said Pete Domenici Jr. of Albuquerque, one of the lawyers representing Thomas.

Thomas, a 6-foot-9, 255-pound center who was among the nation's top prep recruits when he graduated in 1995 from Albuquerque High, has been embroiled in a dispute over his eligibility.

Jack Kitchin, the NCAA's outside legal counsel, said the NCAA was studying the proposal and planned to respond to Thomas' lawyers as early

as next week.

Thomas just completed his freshman season at New Mexico, leading the Lobos to a 28-5 record and the second round of the NCAA tournament. Thomas was named freshman of the year in the Western Athletic Conference.

Last August, the NCAA ruled Thomas couldn't play for New Mexico in 1995-96 because a class he took as a freshman at Austin High School in El Paso, Texas, was deemed inadequate for the core curriculum required to play in college.

Thomas filed a lawsuit challenging the NCAA. A state district judge granted a preliminary injunction in November that allowed Thomas to play while the lawsuit was pending.

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average down: thinking too much. Hitters are constantly adjusting their swings, repositioning their feet and generally out-thinking themselves. When all is said and done, the best way to approach hitting is probably not thinking at all. Going to the plate confident and swinging at good pitches is a good philosophy that can't get you in trouble.

Ted Williams wrote a book called "The Science of Hitting." I truly believe hitting is an exact science. So for all of you who got C's and D's in your science courses (and I know that's a lot of you), please be more understanding to the hitters' unenviable job of hitting.

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