

**Meteorologists unsure if Edouard will hit land**

MIAMI (AP) — Hurricane Edouard continued its trek across the Atlantic on Tuesday, but forecasters said it will be at least Thursday before they can predict whether it will hit land.

Edouard, holding its strength as a category 3 hurricane with winds of 130 mph, was about 1,420 miles from Miami in the late afternoon. Edouard was about 265 miles northeast of the Leeward Islands in the eastern Caribbean.

Edouard was moving west-northwest at approximately 15 mph and was expected to continue that track throughout Tuesday.

**School rocked by crash starts over**

MONTOURSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — The black bunting came down, the flags flew at full staff and students looked to the future, not the past, on the first day of school Tuesday in Montoursville, the town that lost 16 teen-agers and five adults in the crash of TWA Flight 800.

"We're just trying to get back to normal," said Nathan Brown, 17. "We're trying to start over."

There were no special assemblies, no mournful messages of remembrance posted on the sign outside the one-story high school in this central Pennsylvania town of 5,000. There were no yellow ribbons and no more tears.

**Officer charged with indecency with a child**

FORT WORTH (AP) — A police officer accused of having inappropriate physical contact with a 16-year-old girl at a pool party was arrested Tuesday on a warrant charging indecency with a child.

Officer James R. Jones, 27, a four-year veteran, surrendered to the Fort Worth Police Department's internal affairs office. He posted \$5,000 bond and was released from Tarrant County Jail.

Jones attended a May 21 party given by the Fort Worth Police Department Explorer post.

**Air Force fighter crashes in Idaho**

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Air Force F-15 Eagle fighter crashed in Idaho on Tuesday afternoon, the Air Force said.

The pilot ejected safely and there was no immediate indication of damage or injuries at the crash site near the town of Grasmere, Idaho, said Air Force spokeswoman Maj. Laura Feldman.

The single-seater plane was flying in the Owyhee Military Operating Area, a training area in Idaho, she said.

The crash occurred around 12:30 p.m. local time, Feldman said. She said there was no immediate indication of what caused the accident.

**German treasures turn up in Texas**

SHERMAN (AP) — They were lost treasures of Quedlinburg, Germany — gold and bejeweled illustrated manuscripts, one artifact said to contain a splinter from Christ's cross, another, a lock of hair from the Virgin Mary. They turned up in Whitewright, Texas, where a soldier had smuggled them after World War II. Now, the story will unravel in a documentary for The Learning Channel and the Discovery Channel. The Quedlinburg relics will be among 26 stories in a 13-part series on lost treasures. A film crew visited Whitewright over the weekend.

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**TCU reps meet with homeowners**

By Rob Sherwin

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Representatives of the TCU administration met with local homeowners Monday to hear concerns about the transferring of rights to build streets and alleys on the west side of the TCU campus.

The survey firm of Brooks Baker, which was hired by TCU to "plat," or assign addresses to the entire campus, discovered there were certain areas of west campus that were designated as potential streets or alley ways, said Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services.

The "right-of-ways" must be vacated by the City of Fort Worth and dedicated to TCU in order for the platting to occur.

Bivin said there are several reasons platting is important.

"Emergency response is more

sophisticated today than it was 30 years ago," Bivin said. "If you have a 911 call, it is better if the city has on file a street address to which they can specifically send people."

"Second, when we go to apply for a permit to build a building, if there is not a plat and a street address, then we have to plat a small parcel of land, which is a very expensive process. So, we're taking care of it at the city's request in one big package."

Ben Ann Tomayko, a director of the University West Neighborhood Association, said she was concerned about the future of the northwest parking lot behind the Ranch Management building, where many of the right-of-ways exist.

TCU had plans to build residential housing for Brite Divinity School students on that site three years ago, but abandoned those

plans after the City Board of Adjustments denied a request by TCU to change various building standards.

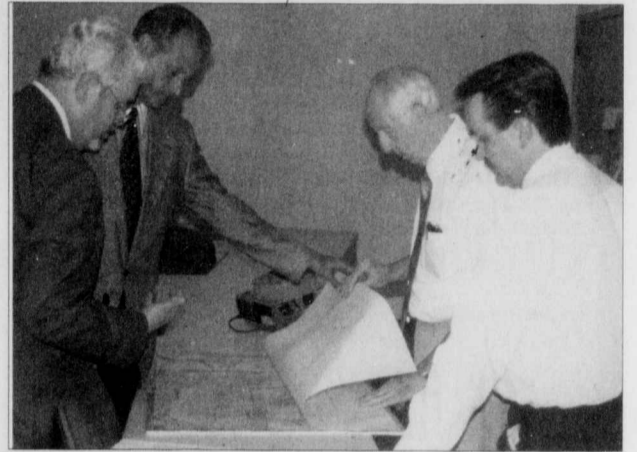
"We still have concerns about the far northwest parking lot, since that area was an issue for us a couple of years ago," Tomayko said.

"The density of the project was higher than what the neighbors thought was appropriate for the adjacent community. TCU was asking for exceptions to not have the required (minimum distance from property lines) the city normally requires," she said.

Although the university could have accepted the given standards and carried out its plan to build, TCU decided to drop the project due to neighborhood protest, Bivin said.

"With that kind of community

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Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services; Gary Gilley, representative for the survey team hired by TCU; Bob Bolin, former Fort Worth mayor and senior advisor to Chancellor William E. Tucker and Kevin Lasher, development planner for the city of Fort Worth, study plans for TCU's new platting system.

**New hires allow full-time faculty to lead seminars**

By Natalie Gardner  
SKIFF STAFF

Nine new faculty members have been hired for the next school year to allow full-time professors more time to teach almost 40 freshman seminar courses, Provost William H. Koehler said.

Freshman seminars are academic courses designed for freshmen to enhance their university experience. Freshmen are encouraged to enroll in the seminars, but are not required to do so.

The new hires will also help reduce the number of part-time faculty in each department, Koehler said.

Sally Fortenberry, past chairwoman of the Faculty Senate and an associate professor of design and fashion, said she felt the new instructor positions were not being used to reduce part-time faculty.

She said the only departments that received new instructors were

those departments offering freshman seminars. She said the math department, which typically uses a large amount of adjunct faculty, received no new instructors.

The new instructor positions were meant to also help those departments with large numbers of adjunct professors, not just those offering freshman seminars, Fortenberry said.

"We really wanted to build up a little more permanency in the instructor ranks for those departments (with adjunct faculty) and that's not the way it played out," she said.

"I'm glad that they're making a move to increase the number of permanent faculty here," she said. "I would prefer to see them tenure track. I would have also preferred them not to have been a function of a department offering a freshman

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Christine Spencer, a junior political science major, receives information about Amnesty International Monday evening at the Activities Fair by Frog Fountain.

**Honors Program invades Moncrief**

By Andrea Daum  
SKIFF STAFF

Moncrief Hall, traditionally a residence hall for athletes only, is now housing other students this semester due to a 1992 NCAA ruling.

The ruling states that starting August 1996 no building can be used for the sole purpose of housing athletes and no more than 50 percent of the hall may be athletes, said Roger Fisher, director of residential services.

The ruling was issued partly because some schools were giving their athletes special treatment and providing them with better living conditions than other students, Fisher said. The NCAA wanted to make sure schools were not trying to recruit students with special living conditions, he said.

"The money to build Moncrief was given specifically for building a dorm to house athletes," he said. "At that time it was fine, it created a new residence hall and it took the pressure off of other dorms to house all

the students."

Fisher said most students who were not athletes moving into Moncrief were from the Honors Program.

"The Honors Program was given priority because they have been requesting a dorm for the program for years," he said. "This will help bring the students together and make the program more competitive with other honors programs."

Rick Villarreal, director of football operations, said athletes are not the only ones who get their own housing.

"At some schools there are ROTC dorms or band dorms," he said. "This ruling is in a way saying to a person that they can't live there because they are an athlete but that other students can."

Fisher said he thought having mixed residence halls was a good idea.

"I think athletes should live with other students," he said. "It will help other students to get to know the

athletes better and get to know them as human beings as well. Hopefully this will also help break down the stereotypes that some people have about the athletes."

Damion Walker, a sophomore pre-major and a member of the basketball team, said he didn't mind Moncrief being integrated by nonathletes.

"It really doesn't matter," he said. "All of us are OK with it. Sure, it is going to be different but it will still be a good experience for all of us."

Jack Hesselbrock, associate director of athletics, said he thought having mixed halls would help athletes become interested in other activities sooner in their college career than they had been in previous years.

The addition of nonathletes to the dormitory, however, brought a move by the athletic department's academic services office in Moncrief.

"The only negative thing from an

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**Police ranks grow**

**Cops experience 'arresting' changes**

By Dena Rains  
SKIFF STAFF

New regulations, additional officers and assigned patrol areas are among some of the changes made by Campus Police during the summer.

This year will be the first time students, faculty or staff will be given a \$75 ticket for not having a TCU-issued parking permit, said Campus Police Chief Steve McGee.

If the person purchases a parking permit within three business days, the fine will be reduced to \$20.

"We want to deter the people who don't want to get a parking sticker," McGee said. "The fine is reduced if they do get a permit because we don't want to deter people from getting one."

The new regulation comes as a response to several students last year parking in visitor parking lots without parking permits, he said. The students thought it was cheaper to get several parking tickets at \$10 each than to buy a \$30 parking permit, he said.

Campus Police also added two new officers to its ranks.

Laurie Cook previously worked at the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. Brian Goode was a reserve officer for the Parker County Sheriff's

Office and a Marine before coming to TCU.

McGee said the additional officers will allow the department to have more officers on campus on a daily basis and add more security for students.

The department also changed the way the officers patrol campus, he said. This year, Campus Police officers will be assigned to certain areas on campus to patrol daily. For example, one officer will be assigned to patrol the Worth Hills campus for each day of his or her five-day work week.

The assigned patrols will allow the officers to get to know the students, Greek residential advisers, hall directors and Greek leaders, McGee said.

"That way, if someone has a problem, they can go to that officer and (the officer) can help solve the problem," he said. "It will build a comfort level, because the students will be dealing with someone they know. They won't have to re-explain past incidents as much because the assigned officer should know about them."

The Fort Worth Police Department has also added man-

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# Pulse

CAMPUS LINES

**NURSING STUDENTS** There will be a raffle at 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 12 in the living room of the Annie Richardson Bass Building. Tickets are \$1 each. A CD boombox and other items will be raffled.

**NURSING AND PRE-NURSING MAJORS** There will be a fashion show and stethoscope display on Sept. 26 in the Bass Building. Watch for more details. For more information, call Trina Lindsay at ext. 6089.

**INSTRUCTOR TRYOUTS** for the Frog Fit Aerobics Program will be held Sept. 4 at the Rickel building. The pay rate is \$10 per hour. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Milam at 921-7945.

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**TCU CHAPEL SERVICE** will be held at noon today in the Robert Carr Chapel.

**FIRST MEETINGS** will be held for the following organizations on Sept. 29: International Students Association, Canterbury, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship and Disciple Student Ministry.

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power to Campus Police's security and crime-prevention efforts.

Officer Matt Welch with the Fort Worth Police Department will be assigned to the TCU area as a community patrol officer, McGee said. FWPd assigns officers to various communities within the city to provide "community policing," a popular technique in law enforcement.

"Actually, it's an old technique made new," Welch said. "It used to be the old beat cop patrolled the neighborhood and knew everyone. They relied on the people they knew to solve problems. Then we got all high-tech and got in air-conditioned cars."

The new trend in community policing has decentralized the Fort Worth Police Department, Welch said. Instead of having detectives in one main building or patrol officers reporting to one place, they are spread out throughout the city, he said.

Welch worked for the past three years as neighborhood police officer for the area around TCU. When the police department decided to take both TCU and Texas Wesleyan University out of their respective neighborhood patrols and give them their own neighborhood police officers, Welch jumped at the chance to work with TCU.

Welch said he chose to work with TCU because both he and his wife are TCU alumni and he has worked closely with Campus Police personnel in the past.

Making TCU its own neighborhood patrol district is new territory for Welch, he said.

"They just said go out and work with the school," Welch said. "That was refreshing. It was like taking the reins off. Nothing is written in stone, so I feel like I can really use my brain and find my own style."

TCU has donated space to FWPd

for a community storefront on the corner of Berry and Waits streets where Welch and other Fort Worth officers can base their operations.

"TCU wants a Fort Worth (Police Department) presence on Berry Street," Welch said. "Everyone wants to see that area revitalized."

Welch said the building has not yet been remodeled and he expects to move in around Christmas.

At the storefront, Welch hopes to have a TCU phone extension and voice mail as well as office hours to better facilitate students.

"My mission is not to write up traffic tickets or bust up keg parties," he said. Instead, Welch said he would rather act as a liaison between students and the police department regarding off-campus incidents.

Campus Police, too, is looking to make a move to Berry Street.

McGee said the department is slated to move its offices to the building

at 2850 W. Berry St. that used to house Forest Park Antiques. How soon Campus Police can move into the building is unknown and depends on the remodeling timetable, he said.

McGee said he was excited about the upcoming relocation.

"We're really cramped for space here," he said. "We don't have room to work efficiently."

In their present location on Princeton, six officers are sharing one office with a copy machine, he said, which almost makes it impossible for officers to conduct uninterrupted interviews.

The move to Berry Street would make the Campus Police location and presence known to both TCU regulars and those unassociated with the university, McGee said.

"The location is very positive," he said. "It will create a deterrent effect for those (potential criminals) coming down Berry Street."

## FACULTY

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seminar class. I think we have a lot of departments that have a lot of adjunct faculty and they needed instructor lines and did not get them because they don't offer a freshman seminar."

Two of the nine instructor positions are tenure-track positions. The other positions are non-tenure track positions and based on year-to-year contracts.

The two tenure-track positions added were part of the Faculty Enrichment Program, Koehler said.

This program is committed to hiring faculty members who bring

unique qualities, experiences or training to their department, he said. The university plans to hire two of these faculty members each year over a five-year period, he said.

Fortenberry said the Faculty Enrichment Program was an initiative to increase the minority faculty at TCU.

The two positions added this year through this program were minority faculty members, Koehler said.

Koehler said the 10 faculty positions were not exclusively reserved for minorities.

"Not all the faculty enrichment

positions are filled by minorities," he said. "Most are, but not all. It would be against the law for us to reserve those for minorities only. And we, of course, will always obey the law. It's certainly not a minority program per se at the present time."

"When this thing started out four years ago, affirmative action was in a completely different setting than it is today. We began with the intention of trying to hire more minorities through this program. Subsequent to that there had been a number of court cases that won't prevent us to do that."

The seven new instructor hires were added to the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences. Several replacement instructor positions, a mix of assistant, associate and full professors, were also filled in AddRan.

Replacement positions are exchanged from one college to another and sometimes within colleges if faculty vacancies occur in a particular college or department.

The two minority tenure-track positions were added to AddRan and to the College of Fine Arts and Communications.

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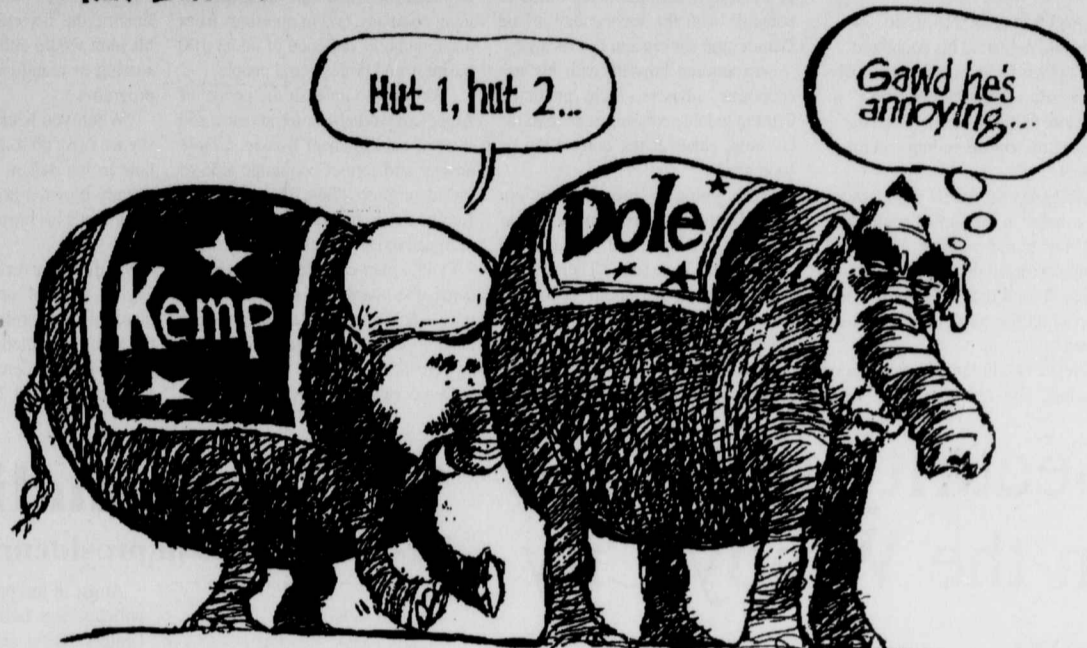
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**EDITORIALS**

## Vanguards

**Program needs changes but is a good start**

Incoming students are now minus one program that was designed to help them adjust to life at TCU. The Big-Little program is no more. After seven years, the program was losing effectiveness and was replaced by the TCU Vanguards.

Of course, the success or failure of the Vanguards is yet to be measured. As with any first-year program, there were the usual of trials and tribulations mixed in with the triumphs.

Many were unable to attend the event because of conflicts resulting from Rush or band, and many others simply didn't know about it. As a result, some Vanguards could not meet their students and vice versa.

"It was not necessarily a negative (situation), but it was not exactly the perfect situation for those individuals," said Theresa Singleton, the student who coordinated the Vanguard program.

But these are minor details. The fact that the House and others saw fit to change something that obviously did little good for students beats all the program's shortcomings.

Rather than drag the Big-Little program along because "it's the way it's always been done," House members grabbed control, made a decision to change and took definite action.

The Vanguards came, for the most part, from a very select group — which can be seen as a drawback. But there are already plans for next year's members to undergo an application process which will diversify the program.

Other fine-tuning will take its time. For now, it is important to focus on the fact that the program has been adjusted, and will be improved each year. In the ongoing battle to boost freshman retention, the Vanguard program could become a formidable weapon.

## Uncertainty about life outside TCU stressful

Only three days into the semester, and the end of the world as I know it is a reality.

I leave this TCU bubble in December, and it scares me out of my wits.

Sure, I have probably 200 papers and 50 tests to convince me otherwise, but the "real world" hovers as I scurry to keep my schoolgirl attitude and a sense of sanity for a few more months.

Once I leave, I will get a job and the walls of academia will be a thing of the past.

The fact is, I love the university I chose while reading a purple brochure mailed to me my sophomore year in high school. I told my father I was going to TCU because it was the first university to offer a degree in ballet. Not because I wanted to major in dance; I thought that was cool.

Later, I learned the journalism and music programs had excellent reputations, and my fate was sealed. My hometown friends had never heard of TCU, except that it had a strange mascot and wasn't so hot in football.

Things have changed a lot since then.

First, the Horned Frog football team has gotten much better. I am very proud to have an unusual mascot and bleed purple.

TCU has grown and professors have come and gone since I've been here. New buildings are being constructed, and the school has raised a lot of money in the Next Frontier campaign.

I noticed that my choice of university wasn't

everything I expected. The liberal college life and belief systems I just knew would be at every place of higher learning weren't quite as prevalent as I thought.

However, I had the most incredible teachers who challenged my foundations, even though it took me a long time to realize it was for my own good. They broke down what I knew and believed during my very first semester, and now I think I understand better how much I don't and can't comprehend.

It's weird that college is about learning how much we don't know.

Experiences in Frogland have given me knowledge for the real world, but it doesn't make it easier to be thrust into a harsh new place.

I need to face it. I'm almost through with school and I need to get on with life. Going away to college was difficult, but I survived. Working is no picnic all the time, either, but I think I can make it.

TCU has done what it could for me, and it's time to move on.

True, I'm happy that I can be a "real person," living on my own and taking care of myself. But my uncertainty about moving on to more responsibility outweighs the inevitable privileges that will come my way.

So, I guess I have one more semester to figure out who I am, learn and perfect those oh-so-important interviewing techniques, decide what I want to do and where I want to live, say goodbye to some of the most important people and influences in my life and find a job — that insignificant, secondary matter.

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**COLUMN**

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## Mad packs of unicameral splatter caucus in the road

We Americans know absolutely nothing about how our great government is run.

Admit it. You know as much about the government as you do about the content of a hot dog.

It's OK, though. No American really knows anything about our government. If you think you do, try to define "gerrymandering."

What the heck is gerrymandering, you ask? Although it sounds like the act of applying — Cheese Whiz to crackers, it's actually "the drawing of electoral district lines to the advantage of a party or a group."

Do not fret, my fellow ignorant Americans! There is no need to be ashamed because we don't know what "gerrymandering" means. The government obviously doesn't have a clue either, and it drives this great country (12 mph in the city, 19 mph on the highway).

Though some argue that ignorance is bliss, we should know something about how America is run. What if a pack of crazed high school government teachers broke into our dorms and held us hostage until we described the scope of powers of Congress in a governmental system that is both limited and federal in character? We'd

be hostages forever.

Always looking for ways to free hostages, I'm going to help you learn a little about our great country's government.

Have your TV remote batteries ever fallen out when the channel was accidentally on C-Span? And since you were too lazy to bend over and pick up the batteries, you reluctantly watched it, even though it sounded like they were speaking a foreign language?

Those foreign words you heard (like filibuster, cloture and bicameral) are classified as "government words."

To help you understand, I've compiled a list of common "government words" and their definitions.

First, I'll give the actual definition (taken verbatim from a college government textbook); then it'll be followed by the common misconception surrounding the word.

Pardon: The release from the punishment or legal consequences of a crime. Common Misconception: What you say after you burp at the dinner table.

Caucus: A meeting of a group of like-minded persons to select the candidates they will support in an election. Common Misconception: Roadkill.

Unicameral: An adjective describing a legislative body with one chamber. Common Misconception: The last member of a pack of biker camels.

Filibuster: Various tactics aimed at defeating a bill in a legislative body by

preventing a final vote on it. Common Misconception: A giant hamburger.

Extradition: Legal process by which a fugitive from justice in one state is returned to it by another state. Common Misconception: The process by which priests remove demons and devils from your body.

Libel: Publication of statements that wrongfully damage another's reputation. Common Misconception: The last name of the famous singer, Patti Label.

Double Jeopardy: Trial a second time for a crime of which the accused was acquitted in a first trial. Common Misconception: The stage in a TV game show in which you can select "19th Century English Playwrights' Pets" for \$1,000.

Expatriation: Act by which one renounces citizenship. Common Misconception: A former NFL player with the New England Patriots.

Suffrage: Right to vote. Common Misconception: The torment of a reader who has had to read puns made about silly government words.

Congratulations. You are now a certifiable government expert. Rejoice in your own glory!

However, before you get too excited about knowing a few government facts, mull over this distinct possibility:

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## Dining at the Main? Get some Pepto and get over it

It's not that bad.

You're not going to die. At the very most you might get a bad case of indigestion, but take some Pepto and get over it. Your stomach will get used to the Main's food eventually.

Granted, I haven't been here that long, and I can see where the food might get a bit redundant after a couple of semesters (or a couple of meals for that matter). But I haven't been able to sit down to a meal without someone complaining about how

bad the food in the Main is.

At my former school, Kansas State University, I lived in a fraternity house. If you think the Main is bad, you have obviously never experienced full-fledged fraternity food.

Our cook — I'll just call her Jane to protect her identity — could fry gelatin. I don't think I had one meal that wasn't fried. On one hot spring day, lunch consisted of fried fish sticks, hush puppies, french fries and tater tots. Talk about indigestion. I think there was a run on Pepto and Maalox in Manhattan, Kan., that day.

But that meal didn't touch Tater-Tot Casserole when it came to stomach problems. I would describe its contents, but then you wouldn't eat for the rest of the semester, and I don't want a bunch of worried mothers calling and accusing me of dri-

ving their children to anorexia.

I wish the disaster that T.T.C. (as it was affectionately known) brought about was confined to the stomach. But no, that was just the start. It gets worse. There was no toilet paper in our house for days after a T.T.C. incident. When the guys would get wind that T.T.C. was being served, the house was evacuated almost as fast as when the local liquor store had a sale on Natural Light.

It's rumored that the United Nations is investigating Jane for violating international peace-keeping efforts. Apparently, they suspect her of selling the recipe for T.T.C. to the Iraqis, who were going to scrap all nuclear weapons in favor of T.T.C. weapons. I guess the way the new weapons work is this: There is a covert operation to sneak T.T.C. into

the enemy's mess halls. Then when the entire opposing army is in the john, the Iraqis attack, catching the poor souls with their pants down.

It would probably look like something out of "Slaughterhouse-Five."

"Billy looked inside the latrine. The wailing was coming from in there. The place was crammed with Americans who had taken their pants down. The welcome feast had made them sick as volcanoes. The buckets were full or had been kicked over."

That is just a rumor though. Back to the subject at hand: The Main food just isn't that bad.

If you don't want fried food, there is always the sandwich bar or the potato bar (OK, so it's not Idaho, but it's better than Jane's hush puppies).

How about a hot breakfast or a nice cup of coffee? The Main pro-

vides the opportunity for a hot breakfast every day.

In the frat house, if we wanted a hot breakfast, our only option was to set our Corn Flakes on fire.

But even in spite of T.T.C. and flaming breakfast cereal, we still got, more or less, three square meals a day (If you count cereal as a square meal). We almost always went away with enough food in our stomachs (or at least as much as we could keep down), and of course we still complained about it.

Some of that is due to the fact that we are all selfish humans and we always want more of this or better quality than. Some complaining is natural, but the grumbling that goes on at the Main is out of control. It's contagious. It spreads a negative image about TCU. It's self-absorbed,

immature and just plain rude.

Think about the nice cooks and cashiers who wait on us every day, almost always with a smile. They do their best to make sure we eat, and eat well. In fact, one of the cooks even went so far as to encourage me to eat my vegetables.

Granted, it ain't Mom's home cooking, but your Mom doesn't cook for 5,000 students either.

Next time you go to the Main for a meal and you start to complain, be thankful that you have food, and be thankful that, as far as I know, there have been no Tater-Tot Casserole scares in the area for years.

*William Thomas Burdette is a sophomore political science and news-editorial major from Overland Park, Kan.*

**COLUMN**

**WILLIAM THOMAS BURDETTE**

# Dole touts tax-cut plan to boost economy

By Tom Raum  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Bob Dole defended his economic plan against Democratic attacks, saying Tuesday it has "blown a hole" in President Clinton's lead — not the momentum toward ending federal deficits.

Shrugging off a new report showing a surge in consumer confidence, both Dole and running mate Jack Kemp portrayed the U.S. economy as listless — and their \$548-billion tax-cut plan as the tonic needed to reinvigorate it.

"President Clinton inherited a good economy, and it's gone sour," Dole

told a group of local business owners in a carefully scripted event timed to coincide with the second day of the Democratic convention in Chicago.

Surrounding himself with his top economic advisers, Dole predicted Clinton would soon mimic his call for tax cuts, either at the convention or soon after.

"He's going to promise you tax relief. I don't know how many people are going to believe that, based on his past record," Dole said. "There's only one ticket talking about economic growth. They (Democrats) have already demonstrated they don't mean it."

Dole and Kemp spent Tuesday pro-

moting their economic plan in a visit to a local beer and soft drink distributing company, taking questions from a sympathetic audience of about 100 business and professional people.

"We need to unleash the power of American workers, entrepreneurs and savers," said Michael Boskin, a Dole adviser and former economic aide to President Bush. "Sen. Dole and Jack Kemp have a comprehensive program designed to do precisely that."

Dole's plan calls for a 15 percent across-the-board cut in income tax rates, a \$500-per-child tax credit and a halving of the capital gains tax rate to 14 percent.

Democrats have ridiculed it as eco-

nomicly unsound, saying Dole has not proposed adequate ways to finance the tax cuts and contending his plan would either send the deficit soaring or require deep cuts in social programs.

"When you hear President Clinton say we can't do it, it's going to blow a hole in his deficit, in his budget, it's already blown a hole in his lead — I think that's his problem," Dole asserted.

Stanford University professor John Taylor, a chief architect of Dole's plan, said economic data reviewed by the group projected a growth rate next year of just 1.9 percent — down from the current rate of 2.4 percent.

But a business group that monitors economic trends reported Tuesday that consumer confidence hit a new six-year high in August. The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index rose 2.4 points to 109.4 this month after rising 7 points in July. Most economists had expected a decline.

"I'd have to see what questions they asked people, but it's just not there," Dole said when asked for a reaction. Added Kemp: "The only consumer confidence index that matters is the election in November."

One questioner from the audience told Dole he had lost his job as an aerospace engineer for a large defense

contractor the day before in a company downsizing.

"I stand here with two masters degrees and part of a Ph.D.," Ted Eckert, 61, of Santa Maria, Calif., said. "What can your programs do for me?"

Dole asserted that Clinton "has devastated the defense industry in California" and pressed his call for a missile defense system, saying the lack of it makes the West Coast vulnerable to a missile attack from China.

To the man who had just lost his job, Dole said: "I don't have any specific advice for you. Obviously, you're overqualified for politics."

## Security tightened in the Windy City

Angela Sutter  
SKIFF STAFF

Editor's Note: The following is the second of four reports from Angela Sutter, a senior broadcast journalism major, who is interning for NBC News at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

After the bombing at the Olympics and the TWA flight 800 explosion, security is a definite concern here at the Democratic National Convention.

All the main roads around the convention center have been blocked off. Concrete barricades have been placed around all the sidewalks. Guards are at every entrance waiting to let media representatives enter the news compounds.

Representatives have to show a convention press badge and the network's credentials to step foot near the news trailers.

Getting into the convention center is another matter in itself. The lines are long and, at some times, have been known to take a half hour to get through.

The security guards put all bags through the X-ray machine. Any electrical equipment like pagers and cameras must be shown to the security

guards so they can make sure they can actually turn on and off. After that, you must empty your pockets and walk through the metal detector.

Different passes are required to access the different levels of the United Center. I have a media pass to give me access to the NBC anchor booth and one to get me onto the convention floor. Another pass gives me access to the podium. Guards are at every entrance and usually check credentials more than once.

The Sunday night before the convention, the United Center was closed so that the Secret Service could "sweep" the building.

The agents and dogs came into the center and checked every possible area for anything suspicious. The center is constantly full of Secret Service agents.

For NBC prime-time coverage on Monday night, Vice President Al Gore was the first guest and the agents cleared the halls and mapped out the best route to move Vice President Gore easily and quickly.

Often, when moving Vice President Gore, whole sections of stairs and elevators are shut down, causing major delays for everyone.

## Split personalities and Hillary Clinton

### First lady, partisan presidential critics speak during convention's second day

John King  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO (AP) — Purposefully displaying their party's split personality, Democrats embraced a moderate platform Tuesday as Hillary Rodham Clinton shared the convention hall spotlight with two liberal icons unhappy with President Clinton's rightward tilt on welfare.

President Clinton once again set the major convention theme as his campaign train closed in on Chicago, stopping in Michigan to unveil a \$2.75 billion literacy initiative and cast education as a defining issue in his race against Republican Bob Dole.

"The most important thing we can do is to make sure our children are ready for the 21st century," Clinton said.

That was certain to be Hillary Clinton's theme, too, in a speech that put the controversial first lady before an adoring hall of Democratic activists — and a more skeptical national television audience of millions.

Angst at the president's welfare policies was being voiced in the United Center convention hall by two of liberalism's most familiar voices, two-time presidential candidate Jesse Jackson and former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo.

Hillary Clinton was to speak last on the evening program, but her remarks were moved up after television network officials told convention planners they would break away from the program at 11 p.m. EDT sharp. The convention keynote speaker, Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh, was moved into the night's vulnerable final speaking slot to guarantee Mrs. Clinton's TV coverage.

Hillary Clinton, architect of the administration's failed 1994 health care initiative, is immensely popular among traditional Democratic constituencies and as such serves as an important lieutenant in her husband's re-election campaign.

But her standing with the public at large is more shaky, one result of Republican criticism of her influ-

ence in administration policy and her role in the first family business deals that are the subject of an independent counsel investigation. A recent NBC-Wall Street Journal poll, for example, found 39 percent of Americans viewed her favorably while 44 percent had a negative view.

Warming up for her speech, the first lady visited a Chicago gallery and put in a plug for federal fundings of the arts. Later, she visited a center for elderly residents and said Republican plans for balancing the budget pared too much from Medicare and Medicaid.

"We cannot go back to the days when Americans had to choose between their heating bills and their doctor bills," she said. As she shook hands, the first lady was greeted in Spanish with shouts of "Celinda que linda esta" — "How pretty she is" in English.

On day two of the four-day convclave, more than two dozen Democratic congressional incumbents and candidates were given time to make the party's case for

ending Republican control of Congress at two years. Most of them portrayed the GOP as bent on slashing Medicare and school spending — claims Republicans cast as flat-out lies.

The day's official business was ratifying the 1996 Democratic Platform, a blueprint of a Clinton re-election strategy striking for its departure from liberal Democratic orthodoxy.

Its middle of the road themes include backing for a balanced budget and the death penalty, and it is far less specific in its promises to labor unions and gay rights activists that Democratic platforms past. Not all the traditional differences with Republicans were blurred: the Democratic platform supports abortion rights; the GOP documents calls for a constitutional amendment banning abortion.

And not that Clinton could declare total victory in his re-election year effort to set the Democratic Party on a more centrist course.

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# Starpoint receives grant

## Committee awards \$4,100 for revisions, scholarships

By Joaquin Herrera  
SKIFF STAFF

TCU's Committee of 100 awarded Starpoint School a \$4,100 donation on June 8 that will go toward renovating the school and awarding more scholarships to its students, said principal Kathy Williams.

The school, which will celebrate its 30th anniversary this semester, is part of TCU's School of Education and was established by M.J. Neeley to train teachers in helping children with learning disabilities.

"The Committee of 100 is aware of the fact that one of the goals of this school is to increase student diversity, and to do so, we needed to increase our scholarships," Williams said.

A new audio system will be built in the observation area so the student teachers will be able to both see

and hear the students at work.

The school is one of three such schools in the nation for students with disabilities and uses the observation technique to train future teachers, Williams said.

"Students have the opportunity to come to what is almost the perfect environment, to see material, to see classroom settings and to see instruction," she said. "They have a very unique opportunity to see children who have once failed to be very successful."

The 42 children enrolled in the school range from ages 6 through 11 and are diagnosed with different disabilities, including attention deficit disorder and dyslexia.

"They help us with our reading, spelling and math," said 11-year-old James McKibben. "It's a good school."

The children at Starpoint School are not classified in certain grades. Instead, they are classified by four different colors.

"They go to rooms with different colored walls," Williams said.

The younger students are in the blue room and the older students are in the red room. Students in between go to the yellow and green rooms. The students move through each of the rooms as they grow older.

Starpoint School students are also aware of their surrounding community.

"The children consider themselves college students," Williams said. "They think of themselves as Horned Frogs."

Williams said the students are aware they are part of the learning experience for TCU students as well.

"They see themselves very much as having a mission out here," she said. "They know that's why they're here — to be little teachers as well."

Over 300 students applied for positions in the school, but only 42 were accepted.

"We have students from all over the community," Williams said. "Students come from Weatherford, Keller and Louisville."

Starpoint School employs three full-time teachers and some graduate students from TCU.

Williams said the donation will benefit TCU students the most.

"They will have better technology in the observation area and that will help them to get sound easily from the class," she said. "It's sometimes real hard to pick up the sounds of tiny voices through a piece of glass."

# Judge backs FEC inquiry

Terri Langford  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — A federal judge on Tuesday sided with the Federal Election Commission and the way it is handling a 1994 investigation into Congressman Steve Stockman.

U.S. District Judge Howell Cobb of Beaumont granted the FEC's request for a summary judgment in the matter. According to his opinion, Stockman failed to show that the agency is dragging its feet on a 1994 complaint made to the regulatory agency by a political opponent.

"The plaintiffs failed to raise a genuine issue . . . on the issue of whether the FEC has unreasonably delayed its investigation of Stockman," the judge wrote.

The FEC had no comment on the judge's decision. Stockman spokesman Cory Birenbaum told The Associated Press he planned to issue a response to the ruling, but he had not done so by late Tuesday.

The case stems from events that occurred before the 1994 Republican primary election. John Lecour, Stockman's

**"The plaintiffs failed to raise a genuine issue..."**

Steve Stockman, Congressman

opponent in the election, complained to the FEC that advertising and circulation revenue for the Southeast Texas Times, which was published in Stockman's home and supported his candidacy, should have been reported on federal campaign finance forms.

The phone number for the newspaper's advertising department was the same as Stockman's Friendswood home, where he also maintained his campaign headquarters.

According to the judge, Lecour accused Stockman of violating election laws and argued that the publication should have been identified as campaign literature.

Last year, Stockman sued the FEC, saying the commission was taking too long to resolve the matter.

# Hearings shed little light on tax relief

## Citizens say property tax is too high but offer no solutions for problem

By Peggy Fikac  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — State hearings on school property tax relief, due to conclude next month, so far have been long on complaints and short on solutions, says new Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff.

"The hearings are generating comments of dissatisfaction with the current system, but frankly, they're lending very little light to a solution," said Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

Discussing hearings by the Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief, of which he is a member, Ratliff said: "We've had some people come forward and want to dramatically expand the sales tax base, which is more difficult than most of these testifiers would probably imagine. But other than that . . . we're getting a little more heat than light."

Added Rep. Tom Craddick, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, "I think the input has been kind of what we expected.

"Most people think their property taxes are too high, they're out of control and they need to be

cut," said Craddick, R-Midland. "I don't think at this point we've gotten any kind of clear-cut solution as to what you replace it with."

The tax-relief panel, which holds its next hearing Thursday in Lubbock, was named by Gov. George W. Bush to see what the public thinks about replacing school property taxes with another levy.

Their hearings came on the heels of three suggestions from an experts' panel for raising the approximately \$10 billion a year required to replace the school property tax — keeping in mind that Bush said a personal income tax is out of the question:

- A business activity tax, which would apply to a company's sales revenue minus the amount spent on capital investment. The tax would apply to about 40 percent of a company's gross receipts.
- A gross receipts tax, which would apply to the gross revenue on all business and investment income.
- Expansion of the current state sales tax.

"Each one of them has some promise," said Ratliff, who was chairman of the Senate Education Committee before being named to suc-

ceed former Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, as head of the budget-writing Finance Committee.

But, Ratliff noted, each tax proposal also poses problems.

Texas' sales tax, which is 6.25 percent at the state level before local add-ons, already ranks high compared with other states, he said.

As for the other two, he said, "The problem is, each one of them is fairly onerous on a particular segment of business."

The gross receipts tax "is very hard on businesses that have high-volume, low-margin," he said, such as grocery stores and auto dealers. The business activity tax, conversely, likely would hit harder service industries that don't have a large product cost.

While the tax-relief committee has heard testimony from business groups, he said, "Each one is telling us generally which plans are damaging to them."

The favorite so far?

"I think it's none of the above," he said.

The Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief meets Sept. 6 in Wichita Falls, Sept. 9 in San Antonio and Sept. 19 in Austin.

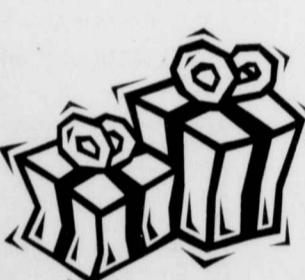
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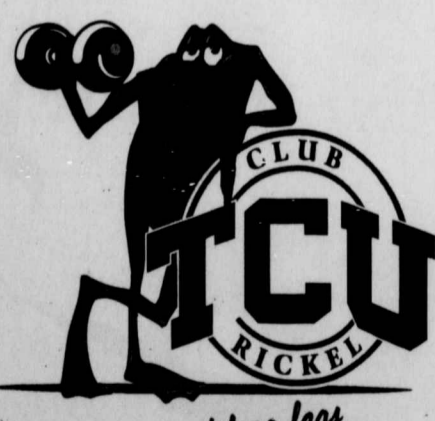
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# U.S. couple denied re-entry after having baby in Mexico

By Eduardo Montes  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Sometimes, amid the laughter prompted by the admitted absurdity of her situation, Meshella Nottoli pauses and signs of strain creep into her face.

As of Tuesday, she had already spent nearly a month in Mexico, unable to return to the United States, she said, because her newborn son is not being allowed to enter his own country.

"At the border they say he's a U.S. citizen," said Nottoli, gesturing toward her two-week-old baby, Christopher. "But they're not letting that U.S. citizen go home."

Christopher was born early on Aug. 16 while Nottoli and her husband, George, a retired policeman, were vacationing in Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso. The baby wasn't due until early September.

The vacation has long since ended, but the couple have not returned to their home near Sallisaw, Okla., because they say bureaucratic hassles have kept them from taking their baby across the border.

"At the border they say he's a U.S. citizen. But they're not letting that U.S. citizen go home."

Meshella Nottoli, the baby's mother

In order to return, babies born to U.S. citizens in a foreign country must have a document called a "report of birth abroad" issued by an American consulate.

But the parents must first present proof of their own citizenship and the child's birth certificate.

The couple said they have spent much of the last two weeks trying to obtain a birth certificate from Mexican officials.

They have been frustrated, however, because they haven't been able to provide all the documents Mexican authorities require to issue the certificate.

Attempts to get them have been complicated by the distances involved and the fact the couple can't leave Juarez.

The family was rebuffed in one attempt to cross the border Saturday,

during which the Nottolis admittedly lied the child was born in El Paso.

"They asked me several times, 'Is this your child?'" said Meshella Nottoli, who believes officials are suggesting the child was stolen.

The Nottolis say the U.S. Consulate in Juarez hasn't offered any help either and drowns them in paperwork whenever they request assistance.

"It's one of those clashes between common sense and fastidious bureaucracy," said George Nottoli.

But Larry Colbert, U.S. Consul General in Juarez, said the family has not applied for documentation.

"Should this family apply formally for this child, we'll give them every consideration under the law, render every possible assistance we can, consistent with regulations," Colbert said.

# Crews battle elements, fires in western states

By Mark Warbis  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOISE, Idaho — Lightning and strong winds kept the heat on crews fighting wildfires that damaged one house and forced hundreds to flee homes near burning foothills to the north of town and high desert to the south.

Meanwhile, some 18,000 people were fighting fires on more than 320,000 acres in Oregon, California, Washington, Nevada, Montana and Wyoming.

In Idaho, roughly 40,000 acres were blackened by flames north of Boise that were suspected to have been caused by people, and from several lightning fires sparked Monday night on the high desert to the south.

Hundreds of firefighters were called in, but with so much range and forest land burning elsewhere in the West it was unclear how many could respond.

Flames raced through tinder-dry grass and sagebrush, chasing people from rural homes.

Don Moe and two of his sons remained to water down the log barn at his home about 20 miles southwest of Boise.

"When I saw the flames coming at 30 feet high, I felt then that we were going to lose it," Moe said. "But the kids just didn't want to give up, and thankfully they didn't."

Firefighters, battling smoke and record 104-degree heat, doused flames approaching homes in upscale Boise Foothills.

One fire heading toward Boise grew to 12,000 acres before turning northeast to Boise National Forest.

In central Oregon, Army mountain troops were deployed to help fight wildfires as thunderstorms moved northward across the state, starting scores of new fires that burned 19 homes over the weekend.

Authorities counted 9,000 lightning strikes Monday in southern and central Oregon that caused about 60 new fires.

Cooler, moister air gave firefighters in Washington a brief chance to gain on a 12,000-acre blaze on the Colville Indian Reservation in the northern part of the state before the expected arrival of thunderstorms and erratic winds.

The bad weather already arrived in northern Nevada, where 30,000 acres burned through the Paradise Hills, threatening remote homes and ranches. At least 70 fires were started by lightning.

In Southern California, firefighters gained a foothold against an 11,000-acre arson fire in mountainous north Los Angeles County.

In Northern California, fires at the Stanislaus National Forest and Yosemite National Park reached 40,000 acres, but there was hope for full containment sometime next weekend.

# Probe reveals extensive laundering scam

By Eduardo Montes  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL PASO — A less vigorous scrutiny would probably never have revealed the depths of the dishonesty.

A Houston-area wire-transfer business had been moving millions of dollars to South America while dutifully recording transactions purportedly handled for thousands of customers sending money to relatives.

But an intense probe using unprecedented access to federal records disclosed the so-called "giro" houses were actually laundering drug dollars bound for Colombia. Subsequent seizures and indictments put an end to that.

Now authorities have turned to a new target.

The border's ubiquitous casas de cambio, money-exchange houses where pesos buy dollars and dollars buy pesos, are coming under scrutiny under the same program that helped shut down 74 giro houses in recent months.

These businesses offer "a prime opportu-

nity for money-laundering, just like the wire-transfer houses," said Ron Dusek, spokesman for the Texas Attorney General's Office, a principal player in the money-laundering crackdown. "The casas de cambio can be easily used in that fashion."

An estimated \$35 billion in illegal drug money is laundered in Texas each year, said Attorney General Dan Morales. At least \$150 billion in drug cash is laundered nationwide, according to some estimates.

"Money laundering is a problem that has to be addressed as aggressively as possible," U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno said during a recent visit to the border.

Laundering hides the origins of proceeds from illegal activities by making them seem as though they come from legitimate sources, at times including businesses created solely for that purpose.

The actual methods vary widely. "You're literally limited only by your imagination," said Don Bludworth, a supervisor in the U.S. Customs Service's office of investigation in El Paso.

Law enforcement officers agree, however, that money-exchange houses have long been

a favored conduit for laundering because the businesses handle large sums of money and are widespread.

Most border towns have at least one street lined with casas de cambio in proximity to international bridges. Mexicans use them to exchange their pesos for dollars when they shop in the United States. Americans do the reverse.

"The accessibility to these establishments is probably one of the reasons (laundering there) has become a common venture," said Al Cruz, FBI spokesman in El Paso. "That and the fact that there is immediate contact with the individual and the transfers of money."

Many of the businesses are legitimate, authorities note.

The operation involving the Attorney General's Office and federal and local agencies is aimed at weeding out those that aren't.

As they did in Houston, authorities are reviewing transactions at as-yet unidentified exchange houses in El Paso and elsewhere using Project Gateway, a federal program which gives them access to the U.S.

Treasury Department's database for Bank Secrecy Act information.

The federal act requires financial institutions to keep records preserving a financial trail for investigators and to report currency transactions in excess of \$10,000. Texas was the first state ever given access to these records.

This allowed investigators to identify suspicious activities at the giros — a Spanish term for wire — and begin in-depth probes.

"We conducted surveillance on these various operations in the Houston area and they had very little foot traffic," said Dusek. "So we thought, 'How in the world could they be transferring millions of dollars to Colombia with one or two customers per day?' And their receipts and their records show that they were having hundreds of thousands of customers transferring \$100 or \$1,000 supposedly to family members in Colombia."

The reality was the giro houses merely had employees manufacturing receipts to explain the money they were transferring, \$30 million during the year authorities were investigating them, more than \$89 million overall.

The ongoing review of casa de cambio records can't provide proof the same thing is happening in those businesses, but it will pinpoint companies that merit further investigation, officials said.

"It can be an indicator of a problem area or a particular individual or company," said Bludworth.

Authorities complain of frustration in trying to stop laundering because it is such a complex crime. The international scope and sophistication of money launderers further complicates investigative efforts.

"It is a high-tech business. It goes across borders," Reno said. "It is a very difficult thing to trace."

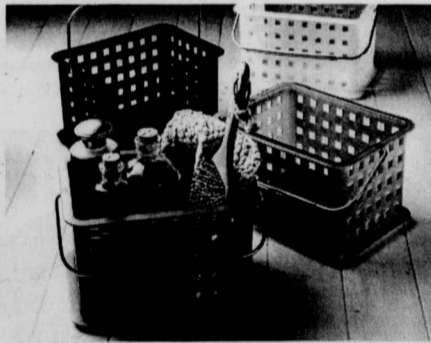
Yet, success can mean big payoffs because it can hurt traffickers in a way that stopping a shipment of narcotics cannot, U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin told a national drug summit in El Paso last month. "When you hit drug traffickers in their pocketbook, you hit them in a way which they cannot avoid," Rubin said. "When you deny drug traffickers the use of their profits, you are creating a tremendously enormous problem for their organizations."

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**What's a nine-letter word for 'puzzle'?**

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# An enclave of Mayan culture in Dallas

By John Yearwood  
DALLAS MORNING NEWS

DALLAS — Arturo Sarabia's tours along Cedarplaza Lane reveal much that is familiar to his visiting friends and relatives.

In the past seven years, Sarabia's street in Love Field has quietly become a refuge to Mayans hundreds of miles from their homeland of Yucatan.

Mayan culture is evident everywhere: Yucatan tamales wrapped in banana leaves, white embroidered dresses, cold glasses of watermelon juice.

More than 300 Mayan families live along Cedarplaza, Sarabia said.

"People in all these complexes right here are Maya," Sarabia said, pointing to a row of apartment buildings. "This door is Maya. That door is Maya."

The Mayan immigrants have been able to retain much of their cultural identity as descendants of the ancient civilization that lived in Mexico and parts of Central America more than a thousand years ago.

Each evening, small groups of Mayans gather in apartment parking lots along Cedarplaza. The language is often Mayan — the same language used by their ancestors. On Mondays, more than 60 men head to a nearby park to play soccer.

Women in the neighborhood often wear white flowing dresses with beautiful bright embroidery, much like those worn by the women in the Yucatan.

"It's exciting to have discovered this place," said Clara Hinojosa, executive director of the Mexican Cultural Center, who began visiting the Mayans on Cedarplaza three years ago.

Part of the neighborhood's mystique is the weekend gatherings at Sarabia's two-bedroom apartment on Cedarplaza, between Cedar Springs Road and Lemmon Avenue.

Each Saturday and Sunday, Sarabia spends hours cooking authentic Yucatan dishes, including "papatzul, cochinita pibil" and "panuchos." The meals are served with watermelon juice, soda or

beer. A line begins forming outside the apartment at noon. A steady stream of visitors continues throughout the afternoon. Some weekends, officials drop in from the Mexican counsel in Dallas.

"The dishes are completely different from what you'll find in any other state in Mexico," said Sarabia, whose dream is to open a restaurant.

Yucatan tamales and sopa de lima bring neighbors to his front door, but it's the conversation that keeps them coming back, he said.

For most neighbors, the weekly lunches give them a chance to catch up with events at home. New immigrants or neighbors who have recently visited Yucatan use the time to update everyone on the latest news, Sarabia said.

Freddy Concha has visited Sarabia's dining room weekly for almost six years. Concha, who is often joined by his wife, said the gatherings make him feel at home.

"This is like being in Yucatan," Concha said during lunch at Sarabia's apartment one day last

week. "It's what we have in Mexico."

Concha said he recently visited Yucatan and many people in Merida and other cities were talking about Cedarplaza Lane.

"Everybody knows this place," he said.

Cedarplaza is the place that many Mayans chose to begin new lives and earn money for their families — a difficult task in their homeland, Sarabia said.

Sarabia, who has lived in the United States for almost 30 years, takes some of the credit for establishing the Mayan neighborhood. He moved there from North Dallas seven years ago.

He recommended the complexes on his street to friends in Dallas and to people moving to the area from Yucatan. There was at least one self-ish motive, he said.

"If I need two tomatoes, I don't have to take a taxi to go to a friend's house to get two tomatoes," he said.

Sarabia said Mayans are very protective of each other. And living in the same area is one way to watch

## MEETING

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opposition, it did not behoove the University to pursue it further," he said.

Bob Bolin, former Fort Worth mayor and adviser to Chancellor William E. Tucker, said TCU has no current plans to build on the parking lot.

"We're not here to build anything," Bolin said. "This is to clean up the platting process but it is not the first step in building there. There are no plans to build at all."

Bivin said that even if TCU were to build, ownership of the right-of-ways would not make TCU exempt from current building restrictions.

The City of Fort Worth Plan Commission will hold a public hearing at 1:30 p.m. today at the downtown Municipal Building to decide whether to vacate the right-of-ways.

Tomayko said she did not yet know what the position of the neighborhood would be, but that she would wait for further information from university officials.

# Experts say chemicals probably didn't cause brain tumors

By Herbert G. McCann  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAPERVILLE, Ill. — Amoco Corp. shut down one floor of its chemical research center after 10 employees in the building have been stricken with brain tumors since 1982.

Over a decade, the rate of brain tumors at the suburban Chicago center, which employed 2,000 people in 1990 and is now down to about 1,000 people, was almost one per year for every 2,000 people.

That is more than double the rate in the general population, which has risen from 15 per 100,000 to 20 per 100,000 in the past 10 to 15 years. But brain-tumor experts cautioned Tuesday against drawing any conclu-

sions from the numbers.

"There are certainly a larger number of brain tumors than one would expect but they're all different types of tumors that just happen to have occurred in the brain," said Dr. Leonard Cerullo, medical director of the Chicago Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroresearch.

"They really have nothing to do with each other, as far as we know," said Cerullo, who was on a panel of experts in 1989 that tried to help Amoco determine the cause of tumors that had occurred by then.

The "natural scare factor" understandably makes Amoco employees at the center think, "Boy, I'm going to go to work and get a brain tumor," Cerullo said. "The data does not

support that. At least at this stage of the game there is no evidence whatsoever that these people are getting brain tumors because they happen to work in that location."

Dr. Paul Levy, professor and director of epidemiology and biometry at the University of Illinois' School of Public Health, agreed.

"Scientifically, one can't say really whether this is more than expected because there aren't really good baseline data," he said.

Levy said Amoco made a responsible decision, because brain tumors "are dramatic, often life-threatening diseases, and the workers are undoubtedly very upset and concerned."

From 1982 to this year, four employees, including one who has died, have been diag-

nosed with malignant tumors called glioma. Six others have been diagnosed with three different types of benign tumors.

"We are puzzled and distressed by it," Amoco spokesman Jim Fair said. "Anytime we have something like this that affects our employees, we turn over every rock and stone to find the cause."

Amoco closed all 39 laboratories and offices on the building's third floor in April after two employees were diagnosed with brain tumors earlier this year.

The third floor is the focus of the investigation because two employees stricken with glioma in 1989 worked there. Another on that floor underwent surgery for the same thing in 1986.

The employees with glioma worked with different chemicals, doing research with polymers, plastics and solvents. Two of them had spent a year or less in the labs, far less than the 10 years of exposure believed to be necessary to lead to glioma.

A 1989 company study, which was reviewed by the Mayo Clinic and the University of Illinois-Chicago, failed to find any link between the labs and the tumors. The study concluded the cases were a cluster, a statistical accident.

However, over the years, the number of tumors climbed to 10, including one from 1982 that was uncovered in a search of medical records.

"We didn't have an answer, so we took

the proactive step of relocating them," said George T. Kwiatkowski, manager of research and development for the chemicals division.

The company also called in researchers from the University of Alabama-Birmingham for a study into any link between the tumors and the research conducted in the building.

"They are going to tear the place apart to find out if there is something we've missed," said Dr. Michael S. Wells, manager of epidemiology at Amoco's corporate offices in Chicago.

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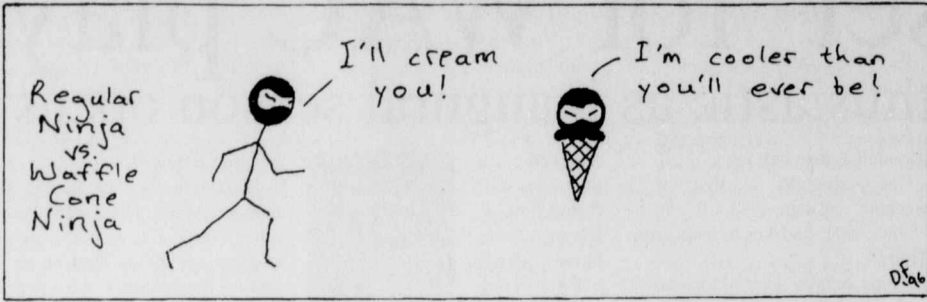




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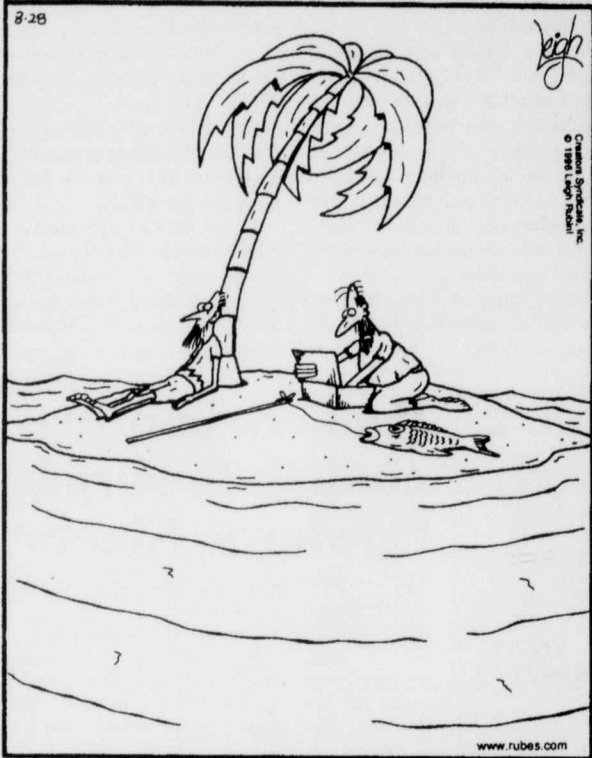
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- 5 — Brith
- 9 Notices
- 13 Atmosphere
- 14 Start again
- 15 Pressed (on)
- 17 Facial ridge
- 18 Director Reitman
- 19 Homeric enchantress
- 20 Candy-shop selections
- 23 Interject
- 25 Antediluvian
- 26 Put together snugly
- 27 Candy-shop selections
- 31 Relig. title
- 32 Take — (accept risk)
- 33 Humid
- 35 Comic Martha
- 36 Mischievous one
- 38 Pancake place, initially
- 42 Former German coin
- 44 First-century pope
- 45 Male swan
- 48 Candy-shop selection
- 51 Burdens
- 53 Cable channel
- 54 Wind dir.
- 55 Candy-shop selection
- 59 Clayey

**DOWN**

- 1 Urban vehicle
- 2 Sharers' word
- 3 Cohan's favorite address
- 4 Cry loudly
- 5 Pull in
- 6 The Silver State
- 7 — at the Races
- 8 Charged atoms
- 9 Achievement
- 10 Satie and Estrada
- 11 Marsh birds
- 12 Hush-hush
- 16 Since: Sp. recess
- 21 Folk tales
- 22 Tear open
- 23 Open a bit
- 24 Baby's word
- 28 Pitcher
- 29 Saberhagen
- 30 Around the 30th: Abbr.
- 34 Wedding-cake feature
- 36 Move through mud
- 37 Bus. mogul
- 39 Slammer
- 40 Fixes a squeak
- 41 Carpet asset
- 43 Was shown up
- 44 "I... Song Go..."
- 45 Jazz group
- 46 Burger toppers
- 47 Roy Rogers' dog
- 49 Like some bases
- 50 Away from the sea
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