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Peruvian plane crashes

ANCON, Peru (AP) — A Peruvian plane slammed into the frigid Pacific Ocean on Wednesday after its navigation system failed, leaving the pilot lost amid the dense early-morning mist. All 70 passengers and crew were believed killed.

Rescue workers searched for possible survivors of Aeroperu Flight 603, which crashed shortly after its take-off from Lima. But fog covered the rough seas throughout the day, hampering rescue operations.

The plane was carrying 61 passengers, including four Americans, and nine crew members, the airline said.

Nation

Man arrested in Shakur case

COMPTON, Calif. (AP) — A man wanted for questioning in the drive-by slaying of rapper Tupac Shakur was arrested in a roundup of 22 gang members before dawn Wednesday, police said.

Orlando Anderson was to be questioned by police in Las Vegas, where the shooting took place Sept. 7.

The sweep was aimed at gang members implicated in as many as a dozen shootings in the Compton area in which three people were killed. No immediate charges were filed in connection with Shakur's slaying.

Judge orders suspect held in spy case

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Citing "overwhelming" evidence indicating that Robert Kim gave classified documents to South Korea, a federal judge ordered the former government computer analyst held without bond Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Leonie M. Brinkema reversed a magistrate's decision that would have allowed Kim to go free while awaiting trial.

Kim is charged with providing South Korean officials with documents obtained while he worked for Navy intelligence.

U.S. sailor in custody after newborn dies

SASSARI, Italy (AP) — A U.S. Navy sailor whose baby died hours after she secretly gave birth was in custody Wednesday while Italian authorities considered whether to charge her with murder.

The petty officer third class could face homicide charges if an autopsy determines the baby's death was caused by negligence or other factors, said a captain with the Italian Carabinieri paramilitary, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The sailor told Italian authorities that she gave birth early Sunday aboard the submarine support vessel Simon Lake, based in La Maddalena in northeastern Sardinia.

Local

Foundation: students eligible for grants

AUSTIN (AP) — Children at low-performing schools in Texas are now eligible for grants that enable parents to choose a better school for their kids, according to the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

The foundation announced Wednesday that more than 650 public school campuses statewide are eligible for students to request a transfer.

Parents can take their grant to any public school, even outside the district of their residence, and use it to pay out-of-district tuition.

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Materials policy raises concerns

By Angela Seutter
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A proposed teaching materials policy has caused considerable concern in the Faculty Senate, said Kathleen Martin, chairwoman of the Faculty Senate and a professor of education.

The policy, which was approved by TCU deans on Aug. 19, ruled that TCU faculty and staff may not benefit financially by using teaching materials they write and in which they have a financial interest.

The proposal also states that if such instructional materials are used, the staff or faculty must either forego any profit or assign that money to the TCU unrestricted fund.

Joseph Helmick, dean of graduate studies, said the policy arises from a conflict of interest between using the best materials for a class and a professor promoting his or her own interests by using materials he or she has written.

"I think the policy attempts to put in front of the university community a statement that suggests there may be a problem of an ethical nature," Helmick said.

Martin said one of the main concerns brought to her by members of the faculty was the conflict of the proposed policy with existing policy in the staff and faculty handbook.

"The proposed policy, which was adopted by the deans, conflicts with

the statement of intellectual property rights in the handbook," Martin said.

Martin said the proposed policy is too broadly stated and doesn't distinguish between photocopied teaching material and published textbooks.

The handbook says, "Texas Christian University's philosophy and hence this statement regarding intellectual property rights is applicable to intellectual property including but not limited to any invention, discovery, trade secret, technology, scientific or technological development, or computer software, regardless of whether subject to protection under the patent, trademark or copy-

right laws. No intellectual property is specifically excluded."

Martin said, "Several institutions have clauses in their policies that prevent faculty from charging for photocopied material more than the cost of production."

She said some Faculty Senate members thought it might be better to resolve the issue with the few professors who violated the policy rather than punish the whole group.

Sally Fortenberry, a past chairwoman of the Faculty Senate and an associate professor of design and fashion, said the proposed policy indicates that the benefits cannot be reaped by professors who have published legitimate textbooks.

"The umbrella policy takes care of a small problem but one that impacts everybody," Fortenberry said.

Helmick said he could not recall the particular incident that brought the problem to the attention of the deans, but that it probably stems from a professor requiring his or her own materials be used for the class.

He said the policy proposed by the deans is similar to policies at other universities.

"It's relatively common for colleges and universities across the country to have such a policy," Helmick said.

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Group hits spotlight

Hyperfrogs' drug-free spirit featured in magazine



The Hyperfrogs cheer on the football team at a 1995 home game at Amon Carter Stadium. Hyperfrogs try to boost Horned Frog spirit at all home games and some away games.

By Amy Thompson
SKIFF STAFF

To many people, the mission of the TCU Hyperfrogs seems clear — to promote Horned Frog spirit in any crazy way possible.

With over 150 inducted members, the spirit organization invades the campus promoting purple pride.

All of the members have two things in common: a deep love for the Horned Frogs and the determination to stay alcohol- and drug-free, said Ben Roman, president of the Hyperfrogs.

The Hyperfrogs were featured as a model program in the September issue of "The Bacchus Beat," a university-based peer education network magazine focusing on alcohol-

based prevention. The article praised the group for setting an example across campus and encouraged other universities to get the message out that having fun doesn't have to include alcohol and drugs.

They attend all TCU athletic events, some wearing purple paint on their faces and others waving flags through the air.

The Hyperfrogs will go to any length to show their spirit, except by using alcohol or drugs, Roman said.

Ben Roman, a junior radio-TV-film major and Hyperfrog president, said he is proud to be a member of a group that is truly setting an example for others to follow.

"Hyperfrogs is a spirit organization dedicated to educate others on the responsible use of

alcohol and drugs," Roman said. "Our role is to implement what the drug and alcohol education center tries to teach students. We are living what they teach."

Hyperfrogs was born in the summer of 1994 when a group of students met at Frog Camp and decided they wanted to revitalize Horned Frog spirit across campus.

Jerel Parenton, a sophomore international marketing and management major, said the Hyperfrog program has been a good stress reliever after long weeks of class.

"Most organizations don't allow you to paint your body and let you dance in front of thousands of people at the games," Parenton said.

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Chorale group hits NY

By Mike Roberts
SKIFF STAFF

In a city known for taxi cabs, big city lights and the Statue of Liberty, the TCU Concert Chorale saw the sights and performed songs for alumni.

The chorale sang as part of the Next Frontier campaign. They performed "Witness," "I Hear America Singing" and a jazz-version of TCU's Alma Mater at the Lotus Club.

Chorale Director Ronald Shirey said, "This is the best they've ever done."

Kristi Hoban, alumni relations director, went on the trip and agreed with Shirey.

"This is their ninth campaign kickoff and this was the best one," she said.

The chorale also went to the New York Philharmonic Symphony and sang on the floor at Carnegie Hall.

"We didn't sing in front of anyone there, but it was still cool," said chorale member Brian Foster, a senior radio-TV-film major.

Shirey said aside from the scheduled performance, the chorale had plenty of free time.

Foster said the trip and performance was a good experience for

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Players perform in show

By Kelly Melhart
SKIFF STAFF

The intercom was blaring. Some students were scurrying about seeing to last minute details; others were applying their makeup. Everyone was talking about the play.

The TCU theatre department was gearing up for the dress rehearsal of Luigi Pirandello's "Six Characters in Search of an Author" Tuesday night. The play opened Wednesday night and runs through Sunday.

Brian Stanton, a senior theatre major, said the play is about six characters from an unfinished play who live in limbo while they search for an author to finish their play and their lives.

In the play, the characters appear during the rehearsal of "Rules of the Game," another of Pirandello's plays, and appeal to the director to finish their play.

Stanton plays the character "father" in the play. He said his character seems to say, "Listen to us, be our author, write our story down."

Caleb Moody, a sophomore

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Prof supports Study Abroad program

By Matt Pearce
SKIFF STAFF

Studying abroad is the best way for students to learn about other countries because they learn from the differences between their own cultures and those in which they temporarily live, said Luis La Plaza, a professor at the University of Sevilla in Spain.

La Plaza was in the Student Center Wednesday to provide catalogs and other information to students interested in studying abroad through one of International Studies Abroad's programs.

ISA is a consortium of study abroad programs based in Austin. It is not directly affiliated with TCU

ISA runs four programs in Spain, two in France and one each in

Mexico, Ecuador, Chile and Scotland. Students can study in these programs for a summer, semester or year.

"You learn from contrast," La Plaza said. "If you don't have contrast, you lose perspective."

He said students can only benefit from studying in a foreign country.

"It's something that always makes you richer," La Plaza said. "It's always something that will be positive, not negative."

La Plaza said students who travel abroad learn more than just the language of the country they visit. He said the experience helps many students decide what careers they want to pursue and helps them mature quickly.

"They find out what they really want to do and want to be," La

Plaza said. "It's a time to open your eyes and think."

La Plaza said he has worked with ISA for seven years, four of them as a full-time employee. Before he worked for ISA he was a professor in Sevilla and in the United States at universities in Michigan and New Mexico.

La Plaza said ISA has doubled in size in the past two years. He said his program in Sevilla has grown so much since it began five semesters ago that the city has started a second one and is considering adding a third next fall.

La Plaza said nearly all of the students live with a host family, because it's the best way for students to learn about the countries' cultures and customs.

"If they live in an apartment,

Pulse

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Rickel Building Room 318.

TEXAS COLLEGE DEMOCRATS will meet at 7:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Room 203. For more information contact Sondra Holtom at 921-7927.

TCU TRIANGLE, the official student organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals, will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday. For location, contact Priscilla Tate at 921-7160.

FAMILY WEEKEND VARIETY SHOW auditions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Student Center ballroom. Applications are now available at the Student Center information desk. For more information stop by the information desk or call 921-7928.

DECEMBER DEGREE CANDIDATES should file their intent to graduate immediately in the office of their academic dean.

A NATIONAL COLLEGE POETRY CONTEST is open to all college students who want their poetry anthologized with cash prizes awarded to the top five poems. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 31. For contest rules send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: International Publications, PO Box 44044-1, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

Corrections

In Wednesday's story on the International Studies Abroad program, the *Skiff* misidentified Lee Daniel as an associate professor. Daniel is a full professor of Spanish.

In Tuesday's story on the assault indictments against four TCU football players, Ryan Tucker was identified as a junior. He is a senior education major.

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everyone involved. He said his favorite was a festival by Broadway artists to benefit AIDS research.

"You could go and hang out with the people you saw performing," he said. "It was really cool."

Foster said everyone the chorale came into contact with was extraordinarily nice, from the people at the airport to the staff at the YMCA, where the chorale stayed.

Chorale member Steven Latham, a junior speech communication major, said he took full advantage of his free time and saw several Broadway shows.

"Master Class" was a great show," Latham said. "Patti LuPone is an awesome actress."

Latham is in his third year with the chorale and said last year's trip through San Antonio, Houston and Austin was nice but paled in comparison to the Big Apple.

"This trip was absolutely incredible," said Latham. "We performed really well."

Chorale member Kate Benoit, a sophomore music vocal performance major, said she was glad the chorale could perform for the alumni and give them the chance to see faces of current students.

"It was a more intimate setting than we usually perform in," Benoit said. "We could focus on them and they were able to focus on us."

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Helmick said the policy was only reviewed by the deans and would need the approval of the University Council to become actual policy.

Martin also said the policy had only been proposed thus far that Provost William Koehler had made it clear to her that the Faculty Senate's opinion on the matter was valued.

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theatre-TV major and the character "son," said the play lets the audience experience what theater is really like for actors and directors because the audience witnesses a rehearsal.

"It gives a lot of truth, a lot of reality," he said.

Amber Nosbisch, a sophomore theatre major, plays the leading lady in the play the characters are rehearsing. She said she can relate to the part she plays.

"My role is who I am," she said. P.J. Knopke, a sophomore theatre major and the ingenue in the play, said although the play sounds confusing, it's not hard to understand.

"Audiences won't have a hard time following it," she said. "It's different, but it's in a language that the audience can understand."

Moody said, "You can go and get a lot out of it. It's not over any-

Taking a political spotlight

Congressional races gain publicity through commercials

WASHINGTON — Despite being poked by the pollsters and bombarded by television advertising for months, many voters are just now beginning to tune in to the congressional races, giving Republicans and Democrats alike cause for optimism as the campaign begins its final month.

With the congressional session all but over, an estimated 60 to 70 percent of House Republican incumbents are starting to air their own television commercials as they return home to campaign full time. The advertisements will stay on the air until Election Day, touting welfare legislation, congressional reform and other fruits of the 104th Congress.

At the same time, House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt is spending hours at his party's headquarters building this week. He's systematically calling potential donors from coast to coast in search of cash for Democratic candidates likely to be outspent in the campaign's crucial final weeks.

Republicans are defending relatively narrow majorities this fall. A switch of 18 seats in the House and three in the Senate would deliver control of Congress to the Democrats.

It's an article of faith that voters come to their decisions late in congressional races.

"About 40 percent of Americans make up their minds the last three weeks," says Linda DiVall, a Republican pollster. That time frame, she says, generally coincides with the end of a congressional session, meaning that incumbents are free to return home and "wrest control of the agenda" from their rivals by stressing their achievements in Washington.

For years this worked to the

advantage of House Democrats. Now Republicans hope it will turn close races their way and complement what is expected to be a considerable advantage in campaign funds.

Like DiVall, Geoff Garin, a Democratic pollster, says his surveys also indicate voters are slow in deciding how to cast ballots in races for the House and Senate. On a scale of 1 to 100, he said, voters say they are "in the 70s and 80s and 90s" when asked how firmly they have made up their minds on which presidential candidate to back. When it comes to Congress, though, "the median responses are in the 40s and below depending on the state."

Republicans have money, geography and the powers of incumbency working for them, while Democrats have offsetting advantages.

President Clinton is cruising well ahead of Bob Dole in the presidential race, and he is making a late-season effort to help raise funds for congressional candidates.

Speaker Newt Gingrich remains unpopular, according to the polls. And as their recent concessions on the budget indicate, Republicans are on the defensive about last year's government shutdowns, as well as their attempts to curb spending on Medicare and cut it on other social programs. Not only has Dole's campaign not caught hold, but his call for a sweeping tax cut also has yet to generate enthusiasm.

Then, too, the AFL-CIO has spent millions on campaign ads thus far trying to defeat freshmen Republican House members, although the GOP is on the verge of launching a counter-attack.

Little more than a month before the election, an extraordinary number of races seems competitive, many of them open seats in which neither party has the advantage of incumbency. Many of these open

seats are currently held by Democrats in the South — four in the Senate alone — where the party is weakest. By contrast, Republicans tend to be defending open seats on more hospitable terrain.

Still, in the Senate, Democratic leader Tom Daschle said recently there are 17 races "that are remarkably close," with candidates separated by less than 10 percentage points in the polls. That's an unusually large number, and it means a late national tide could either deliver Democratic control of the Senate or leave Republicans with a stronger majority than they now hold.

In the House, Democrats last week released a list of 14 Republicans said to trail their challengers. They said 32 more GOP incumbents were under 50 percent support in the polls, traditionally a danger signal for any incumbent.

Republicans counter by saying they'll re-elect all their incumbents in both houses en route to padding their majorities.

Late in the campaign, though, there are surprising opportunities for both parties.

In Arkansas, for example, Tim Hutchinson is running strongly in hopes of becoming the first Republican senator since Reconstruction. The GOP has hopes of gaining a House seat, as well, despite the fact that Clinton will carry his home state hand-some.

In Kansas — home to the GOP presidential candidate — Democrats believe Jill Docketing has a chance to capture Dole's old Senate seat. They are optimistic as well about their bid to pick up the House seat being vacated by a retiring Republican.

David Esposito is chief congressional correspondent for The Associated Press.

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"It feels good to let loose and go insane and support TCU."

Roman said he thinks it is important for students to know there is a group they can be in that has good clean fun.

"A lot of students are relieved to find they don't have to drink to have fun," Roman said. "We have taken a stand. Hyperfrogs don't care what people think of them at games while cheering, therefore, we don't care what people think of us for being drug and alcohol-free," he said.

Rachael Parker, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, was named "Hyperfrog of the Year" last year. She said the Hyperfrogs are always hyped, whether TCU is winning or losing.

"On road trips, we cheer all the way down on the bus and all the way back," Parker said. "At the games, even if we are losing, we keep the faith and hold onto the chance that they could win in the end."

The Hyperfrogs have organized

their own intramural team and recently started their own banner corps that helps with the TCU marching band.

Their next goal is to implement a Junior Hyperfrog organization in collaboration with the Fort Worth Independent School District.

"We want to start educating kids at an early age," Roman said. "We want them to come to the games with us and see that it is fun to lead a healthy lifestyle."

The group attended the National Conference for Peer Educators at Baylor University in the spring. Parker said the other universities were impressed by the Hyperfrog spirit and message.

"Other schools seem to preach about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, but we display our stand through our actions," Parker said. "It's a great program. I love TCU. I feel at home and accepted. I've made so many wonderful friends as a Hyperfrog."

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A right to choose? Tuition vouchers would hurt public schools

School choice. It's the political buzz word this year. Bob Dole and friends say it will reform education for the better, make the skies blue and let the sun shine.

Fat chance. It will do none of those things.

At the heart of the school choice debate is the government's plan to give parents a voucher that can be used to subsidize either public or private education for their children. So if parents choose to send their children to a private school that costs more than a public school, they would have to make up the difference.

People who endorse the school voucher plan rattle off statistics that prove private schools are better than public schools, and they insist that if parents could afford to send their children to a private school, education in America would improve. Moreover, supporters contend that private schools would provide competition for public schools and would cause them (in the Adam Smith world-under-a-vacuum) to improve.

However, they are missing a few glaringly important facts. People like Dole love to compare SAT and other standardized test scores of public and private school students. Usually private schools come out on top. It's simple: private schools are better than public schools. They must have better programs, better teachers, better everything. Right?

Wrong. Private schools have two little advantages public schools don't have. They can deny access to their schools and they can charge money for an education at their schools.

Well, isn't that nifty. If a prospective student doesn't have an education career history made



of gold, the school can say, "Sorry, you can't go here." But by law, children between the ages of 5 and 18 (in most states) have a right to an education. Public schools must accept everyone. So private schools can, in effect, create their own results. If public schools could admit only the best and the brightest (or even just the average and the bright), they would compare to private schools in terms of standardized test scores.

Private schools also charge money for their services. And just as it is with public and private colleges, private schools cost more. Much more.

So what would happen if school "choice" were ever implemented? Public schools' quality would plummet. Private schools would siphon most of the bright, middle-class students whose parents earn just enough to make up the cost difference between the voucher and private school tuition. Public schools would have less money to work with, and their student bodies would be mostly poor and academically challenged. So much for the tide of competition raising all boats.

That's right, not everyone will be able to play in the reindeer games. A lot of very bright poor

children will be stuck going to public schools that will get fewer funds than they do now. This lack of funds will make most public schools cut back on programs, teachers and resources. Furthermore, the rich (who probably already send their kids to a private school) will get a nice government subsidy they don't need.

Great plan — inferior schools for the poor and more perks for the rich.

Also, many private schools are affiliated with a religion. The First Amendment explicitly forbids government from establishing a religion, and the Supreme Court has ruled that public funding of religious education fosters an "excessive entanglement" with religion. Thus, school vouchers violate separation of church and state and freedom of religion, neither of which is good for a pluralistic society.

There are no easy answers to reforming education. As with most social problems, it's going to cost money.

Public schools need more funds, not more "competition."

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

EDITORIAL

SMOKIN' IN THE DORM ROOMS TCU should consider changes in policy

As the Fort Worth City Council considers changes in its policy on smoking in public places, TCU should do the same with its policy on smoking in residence halls.

Inconsistencies in the smoking policy should be corrected before TCU makes any final decisions about smoking on campus.

The student calendar/handbook says, "it is prohibited to have any device that has an open flame in a student room." Candles, incense and oil lamps are some of the prohibited items.

Candles can cause a severe fire hazard if they are not carefully watched, and should thus be banned.

But cigarettes are not prohibited, even though they require a flame to be lit. Following this logic, incense should also be allowed because once it's lit, the flame is extinguished, just as with cigarettes.

The reason given for banning incense is that it is often used to cover the smell of marijuana. Perhaps, but the actions of a few students shouldn't keep others from enjoy-

ing incense. And cigarette smoke is OK even though many students complain of allergies and asthma?

For the benefit of those who live on campus, the housing application allows students to request non-smoking roommates and/or non-smoking wings.

But the smoke-free wing concept doesn't work well because of roommate assignments, limited availability of housing and antiquated ventilation systems in the dorms.

The Office of Residential Services should also remember that students may lie on housing forms to keep their smoking habits secret from their parents and that dorm ventilation at TCU is not reliable.

For these reasons, TCU should have at least one smoke-free dorm each for females and males. Then students will at least have an option and those with allergy problems will be able to find some relief. Compromises can be reached on smoking, but there's a lot of work to do.

Admit your shopping fetish

It's okay. There's absolutely no need to be ashamed.

Just because you've watched those ridiculous home shopping channels, you have no need to hang your head.

We've all watched those shopping channels, though we'd rather eat diseased monkey dandruff than admit it. Sadly, we've all bought something or at least seriously considered doing it. Admit it!

You too have thought about owning an MBI or Elppa computer which is sold by the ISN (Impulse Shoppers Network) for only \$1,995. The sellers also rant that the best part of the deal is that the computers need no maintenance because they are, in fact, made of cardboard and soup cans.

Or you've thought about purchasing your very own Buttmeister (a cheap imitation of the Thighmaster Suzanne Sommers hawks). Or a Swedish back scratcher that was

handcrafted by a rabid mountain goat. Or a plate celebrating Elvis Presley's appearance last Thanksgiving at a 7-11 in Neckisred, Ala.

The list goes on and on. However, some of you still refuse to admit that you watch home shopping programs. Let's see if a sample dialogue taken directly from ISN can entice you to admit your guilt.

TV Host No. 1: What a deal! \$19.95! Are we crazy? We're absolutely crazy! Of course, I mean that literally because we are escaped mental patients. Call now for this great deal!

TV Host No. 2: A vintage gym sock dispenser for only \$19.95? We're nuts! This thing is worth at least \$1. At least.

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No. 2: You'd better hurry though. We've only got 456 billion in stock, and they're going fast. Hurry, hurry!

No. 1: Okay. Are you ready for this? If you call now, we'll throw in a can of anti-fungal foot spray absolutely free! No charge!

No. 2: Call now, and I'll shave

my head and send you my hair!

No. 1: I'll give you my pinkie finger! \$19.95!

No. 2: I'll give you my wife! Call now!

No. 1: If you pick up the phone and call now, we'll throw in my soul — free of charge! Call now!

Sound familiar? Just because the shopping channel hosts have no dignity and will do anything to get you to buy something, that's no excuse to lie about your viewing.

If you're going to lie about something, you should lie about something important, like your weight, age, waist size, number of friends, jail time, education, job qualifications, rap and/or classical music tastes, love of the TV show Murphy Brown (for guys), love of the movie "Death Keg VII" (for girls), IQ, income, number of felonies committed, etc.

There's just no need to lie about watching home shopping channels. You're not alone. We all watch those television travesties.

So watch freely. Feel no guilt. And stop eating that disgusting monkey dandruff.

Andy Summa is a junior news-editorial major from Alvin.

COMMENTARY



ANDY SUMMA

Letter to the Editor

Letter was inaccurate, inconsiderate

How funny and wonderfully human it is to be part of a campus community that places such emphasis on the thoughtful development of an individual's foundationally broad education and then be lambasted by the narrow and thoughtless remarks of a fellow student. In the Skiff of September 27, a letter by Blanca E. Rojo ("Christian values needed to save America") is evidence of such narrow and thoughtless commentary.

Please know that I am wholeheartedly in favor of supplementing one's education with the open discussion of a variety of opinions. It is by listening to others' thoughtful and well-presented opinions that we are exposed to new ideas and can create sensible views of our own. However, the opinions expressed by Rojo were neither thoughtful nor well presented. Instead, they appeared to be sweeping generalizations of Christians, of founding Americans and of columnist Scott Barzilla.

Whether or not one believes the "fact that this country was established on Christian principles," evidence can be presented that early America (and its founders) had a similar problem with Rojo's so-

called "moral decay." Slavery, civil exclusion based on religious beliefs, abuse of Native Americans, hate-influenced sectarianism, very low church membership, nationalistic exceptionalism ("God blesses America only"), all seem to be quite challenging realities that our founders had to deal with. The "stench of moral decay" has well outlasted the life span of any nation, blessed (or not) by God.

It should also be brought to light that not only were Rojo's arguments narrow and generalized, the statement was also quite offensive and inconsiderate. Encouraging all Christians to "get out of the closet and defend their Judeo-Christian values and defend their Jesus Christ" is in poor taste. I'm sure that some who share Rojo's aptitude for humor may have found it funny, but unfortunately it was at the expense of an already discriminated part of our community.

And so, if defending Jesus Christ is a part of the agenda for some of our TCU community members, I ask that they do so with common respect and justice for all people... as, perhaps, Jesus would have done.

Matthew A. Rosine
junior radio-TV-film and religion studies major

Administration talks down to students about tuition

Tuition increases have been a thorn in the side of the college student for years. Now thanks to the administration's infiltration efforts into the Skiff, salt has been rubbed into the wound.

Dennis Alexander did an excellent job of explaining the tuition increase to the unwashed student masses. His refreshing approach filled with insults, manipulation of statistics and avoiding the issue inspired everyone to empty their wallets in favor of a higher tuition.

Alexander tackles the problem by first reducing students' valid concerns over

tuition hikes to students being "frustrated and angry." Obviously mere college students do not have the emotional maturity to correctly analyze an issue of such complexity. It takes an administrator to break it down to its most infantile components to make it easier for the student to digest.

Alexander's statistics look impressive on face value, but he fails to prove a significant correlation between skyrocketing tuition increases and a decline in enrollment during the 1980s. He goes on to explain that many universities are in financial trouble but fails to address the financial stability of TCU.

Although a constant tuition increase does help ease the pain financially, ultimately it is a short-term cure that hurts both the students and the university because the roots of the instability are not addressed (for example, athletic programs

that create a net loss for the university but keep alumni happy).

In fact, a more valid explanation for much of the tuition increase would be a monopoly TCU has with Southern Methodist University. TCU and SMU are sister schools. If SMU were to increase its tuition, TCU could safely do the same without affecting enrollment, thereby getting a thicker lining to its already fat wallet.

Alexander's final justification of the TCU tuition increase is that other schools are worse. His hopes of exonerating TCU are dashed on the rocks of irresponsibility. His basic logic is "other schools are more expensive so shut up and be happy with

what you have." Tuition rape is tuition rape whether it occurs here, or at Dennis Alexander's College for Administrative Propaganda. The degree to which it occurs is only a matter of comfort, not one of right and wrong.

His constant references to student "gripping" only insults students who are genuinely concerned with tuition costs. Students do have a right to "gripe" and they also have the right to be told the truth, not some nonsensical administrative loop-loop.

Alexander has no yearning to demystify the tuition "myth." His only goal is to further entrench the student body into blindly

accepting any decision the elusive Board of Trustees makes. His attempts to bring his "explanation" down to the level of students further proves that he cannot or will not accept the students as his equals. He must simplify, dumb down and quote rock bands so that he may reach the unreachable. In all of his pandering he forgets the universal language of truth.

All students should be on their knees thanking Alexander for clearing up this pervasive student myth (all in fewer than 1,000 words) and kissing the feet of the shadowy administration for showing financial mercy.

But don't forget to bring your tuition check to the three-card monte table outside of Chancellor William E. Tucker's office.

Christopher Smith is a senior history and sociology major from Burseson.

COMMENTARY



CHRIS SMITH

State Fair adds new events, performances for 1996

By Amanda Bronstad
SKIFF STAFF

Students can ride the largest Ferris wheel in the Western Hemisphere, say "howdy" to a 52-foot-tall cowboy or attend a Wynona Judd concert for free — all at the State Fair of Texas.

The 277-acre fair, the largest state fair in America, continues through Oct. 20 and includes everything from car shows to concerts to corn dogs.

"I love the fair," said Todd Shipley, a senior religion and philosophy major. "I've gone eight out of the last ten years."

Shipley, who went to high school in Dallas, said the fair is so large that Dallas County allocates a day in October for every student to go to the fair.

This year's State Fair, called "Stars and Stripes," offers new features and events, such as shows at the new IMAX Theater, performances of "Miss Saigon," a tiger exhibit and nightly parade at 7:15 p.m.

Greg Riegel, a junior chemistry major who attended the fair over the weekend, said the program that featured the tigers was well done.

"They had them stand up on their hind legs," he said. "One was white, the endangered kind, and there were a couple Bengal tigers and cubs."

"Save the Tiger" is sponsored by

Exxon, and the tigers were brought from Marine World Africa USA in Vallejo, Calif., said Nancy Wiley, vice president of public relations for the State Fair.

"Big Tex," the cultural icon of the fair, is a mechanical cowboy who stands more than two stories high and greets people at the entrance.

LaTisha Hairgrove, a freshman pre-major, gave an example of Big Tex's size by stretching her arms as wide as she could.

"His foot is bigger than this table," she said.

Zein Kharrat, a senior French major, said the tall fellow says, "Howdy Folks!" every few minutes to newcomers at the fair.

Shipley, who's going to the fair this weekend, said "Big Tex" is wearing designer jeans this year, his first change of clothes in three years.

"Big Tex" is also bilingual now. "He's been practicing," Wiley said. "We have lots of Spanish guests."

Wiley said the fair has two Sundays of concerts designed especially for Spanish fair-goers. Tejano singers Vicky Carr and Emilio will perform Sunday and Oct. 20, respectively.

Performances of the musical "Miss Saigon" will be held through Oct. 19 at Fair Park Music Hall. Tickets range from \$10 to \$65, Wiley said.

Riegel said he spent most of his



Anne Drabicky SKIFF STAFF

Fairgoers ride the swinging vine Saturday at the State Fair of Texas. The fair runs through Oct. 20.

time at the car show, which features 1997 models and cars of the future.

"The '97 Viper was really, really neat," Riegel said. "It's just pure speed, pure power. It's been a convertible and now they're making a coupe out of it."

Kevin Herron, a TCU speech communication graduate, said prices at the Fair are outrageous.

Adult admission is \$9 with discounts for kids and senior citizens,

and the sixty rides range from two coupons to eight (\$2 to \$4) each.

Shipley said the Ferris wheel reaches about twelve stories, makes eight revolutions and costs \$4 per ride.

But discounts are available for the financially challenged.

The information desk at the Student Center offers tickets for \$7. Fairgoers can enter free on Wednesdays with three canned goods for the North Texas Food Bank.

Admission on Tuesdays is \$1 with one Dr Pepper can, said Tommie Duff, a spokeswoman for the fair.

Ride prices are also lower with a Dr Pepper can, Duff said.

Anyone with questions about general fair events and times can call 214-565-9931. Tickets for "Miss Saigon" can be purchased by calling 214-691-7200, and IMAX theater show information is available by calling 214-428-5555.



Anne Drabicky SKIFF STAFF

Big Tex welcomes fairgoers at the entrance to the State Fair of Texas. Big Tex has added some Spanish phrases to his lexicon.

Campus police 'A.R.M.ed'

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

TCU campus police are "A.R.M.ed" with a new computer system that will help define high-crime hours and keep reports organized.

Officer James Swiger said the Automated Report Management system is a user-friendly computer system that is being used to record and store campus police reports.

The capabilities are almost too numerous to demonstrate, Swiger said. It is possible to determine how many crimes occur at a particular location, what time they usually occur and who usually reports them, he said.

Campus Police Chief Steve McGee said the system is helping him decide at what times crime is heavy he can schedule staff accordingly.

Swiger said the September report data showed that more crime occurs

on the campus during the week than on the weekends.

"We used to think that we always needed more people on patrol on the weekends," he said. "This program really gives the chief a better picture of what is going on."

He said in the past every report was written by hand, but the new computer system makes it easy for him to look at several aspects of campus policing with the touch of a button.

"Since I've been here, we've wanted an automated system," McGee said. "Now we can type in the name of a suspect and see if they've been a victim or a suspect in the past."

Swiger said officers are also warned by the system if a person has been violent or carried a weapon on campus before.

Swiger has helped train officers on the system. He said none have complained about the system and most are happy reports are more legible and professional-looking.

The system is not connected to the TCU network for security reasons, Swiger said.

He said the program keeps track of how many calls officers initiate and how many are called in by others.

McGee said he "loves it" because he can immediately go into the system on Mondays to find out what happened over the weekend.

"I can keep track of what my officers are doing productivity-wise," he said.

Swiger said 35 schools attended a national conference in June at the University of Missouri in Kansas City that dealt with the program and its capabilities. He said Indiana University designed the program specifically for campus police departments.

Swiger said Campus Police is in the process of entering data from last year's paper reports into the system. Reports from January 1996 to September 1996 have all been entered so far, he said.

Cadets to plead innocent of murder

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — A few hours before her violent death, the high school girl believed to have been killed by two future military academy students, told her boyfriend she was going to meet a track teammate at midnight.

Adrienne Jones said her cross-country squad friend had sounded "real upset and almost made her cry" when he called to ask her to meet him, her boyfriend, Tracy

Smith, was quoted as saying in Wednesday's editions of *The Dallas Morning News*.

Former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham, who was on the Mansfield High School team with Jones last year when he was a senior and she was a sophomore, was charged last month with murdering the 16-year-old on Dec. 4.

Also charged with capital murder is Diane Zamora, Graham's fiancée and a former Naval Academy midshipman.

The two 18-year-olds are being held in the Tarrant County Jail on \$250,000 bond awaiting a grand jury's review of their cases this fall. Attorneys for both defendants said their clients will plead innocent.

According to a signed statement from Graham, Zamora had demanded that he kill Jones to redeem himself for an alleged one-time sexual encounter with the girl after a November cross-country meet. His attorney contends the statement was coerced.

How They Voted			
House of Student Representatives			
Town Reps	Bill 96-21	Sherley Hall	Bill 96-21
Shannon Scott	yea	Sara Billingsley	yea
Jennifer Cundiff	yea	Renee Godella	yea
Sara Carpeaux	yea	Julia Hackett	yea
Jason Bashara	yea	Gita Madani	yea
Kristin Byrd	yea	Marian Red	yea
Sara Carpeaux	yea		
Matt Bohon	yea	Tom Brown Hall	Johnny Holvea
Carolyn Witt	yea	Zuberi Williams	yea
Aalia Cumber	yea		
Jody Attema	yea	Waits Hall	Kristen Evans
Meredith Harrison	yea	Lee Melhorn	yea
Richard Ellis	yea	Kristen Nygren	yea
Jennifer Burkett	yea	Kimberly Pae	yea
Kristina Luper	yea	Rachel Spencer	yea
Libby Baird	yea		
Renee Foster	yea	Wiggins Hall	Ashley Braly
Andie Piehl	yea	Nicole Carter	yea
Yoshee Sodiq	yea	Laura Newton	yea
Bo Brobst	yea		
		Alpha Chi Omega	Ryan Shultz
Brachman Hall	Daniel Cordes	yea	
Ghia Simmons	yea	Alpha Delta Pi	Lauren DeDecker
Ben Fisher	yea	Chi Omega	Dallas Walker
		Delta Delta Delta	Mandy Majors
Brite Divinity School	Monica Myers	yea	
Jennifer Schooley	yea	Delta Gamma	Kim Jones
		Delta Tau Delta	Chris Holbert
Clark Hall	Mark Irish	yea	
Dominick Marsalla	yea	Fiji	David Symonds
Joel Penrod	yea	Kappa Alpha Theta	Elizabeth Veazy
Thomas Kunkel	yea	Kappa Kappa Gamma	Kimberly Poole
		Kappa Sigma	Stewart Hamel
Colby Hall	Lisa Cassiani	yea	
Dina Mavridis	yea	Lambda Chi Alpha	Greg Leet
Claire Mitchell	yea	Phi Kappa Sigma	Chris Brooks
Renee Rabler	yea	Pi Beta Phi	Elizabeth Bewley
Jenny Schmidt	yea	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	Bob Peterson
Jessica Trevino	yea	Sigma Chi	Brett Luz
		Zeta Tau Alpha	Elise LaMontagne
Foster Hall	Nightingale Ngo	yea	
Angela Sifuentes	yea	Voting Officers	Becca Gardner
Janet Spugnardi	yea	Theresa Hill	yea
		Chad McBride	yea
Jarvis Hall	Christie Hobbs	yea	
Tonja Koons	yea	Kevin Nicoletti	yea
Michelle Redwine	yea	Ashley Russell	yea
		Brian Spindor	yea
MBA Association	John Bollman	yea	
Christian Dumke	yea	Stoney White	yea
Noel Pretilla	yea	Amy Smetzer	yea
		Christine Spencer	yea
Milton Daniel Hall	Carlo Capua	yea	
Cody Dick	yea		
Andy McMillan	yea		
Zack Newsome	yea		
Greg Smith	yea		
Tyler Smith	yea		
Moncrief Hall	Joshua Martinek	yea	
Rachel Niwa	yea		
Willy Pinell	yea		
Jeca Salas	yea		

Bill 96-21

"A bill to fund Amnesty International's trip to the 15th Annual Southern Regional Conference"



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Law students block arena referendum

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The Texas Tech Student Bar Association, claiming procedural violations in a referendum over a proposed basketball arena, has delayed until Thursday the release of the election's results.

The association had several objections, including the distances some law students had to walk to cast their votes Tuesday. The organization forced a Wednesday night hearing by the student Election Commission.

In addition to choosing a homecoming queen, 4,132 students voted Tuesday whether to designate \$3 of the approximately \$90 they pay per semester hour toward a proposed \$40 million to \$45 million arena.

Law student Bill Exley, vice president of the Student Bar Association, said he'd reserve comment on his organization's gripes until after the hearing.

Student Association president Geoff Wayne, a staunch backer of the arena, said the bar association's move frustrated him.

"We followed procedures to a 'T,'" he said.

The arena will be built with or without student support, school officials have said, though lack of student fee support could push completion beyond the November 1998 target time.

To sweeten the pot, the school promised 3,600 guaranteed seats for students, many at courtside, if the referendum passed.

The planned United Spirit Arena, which already has attracted millions of dollars in corporate donations, is proposed to replace the outdated Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Hearst to start against Oilers

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ki-Jana Carter has lost his job. The Cincinnati Bengals will start Garrison Hearst as running back next Sunday against the Houston Oilers. Carter, the No. 1 pick in last year's draft, started the first four games but gained only 103 yards on 45 carries.

Hearst will get the majority of the carries initially Sunday, with Carter coming off the bench. It's a reversal of their roles last week in a 14-10 loss to Denver, when Hearst impressed the coaches by rushing for 71 yards in 10 carries.

"He's earned the right," coach Dave Shula said Wednesday. "He's played effectively when he's been in there. He knows enough of our system now."

Hearst, who was claimed off waivers from Arizona as a backup to Carter, was surprised by the promotion.

"I didn't think I would start," Hearst said. "It wasn't a starting thing for me. It was just getting into the game and contributing like I did last week. That was satisfying."

Carter tore his anterior cruciate ligament in a pre-season game last year and missed the season after having reconstructive knee surgery. The Bengals pronounced him their starting back over the summer but began to lose confidence when Carter struggled in pre-season.

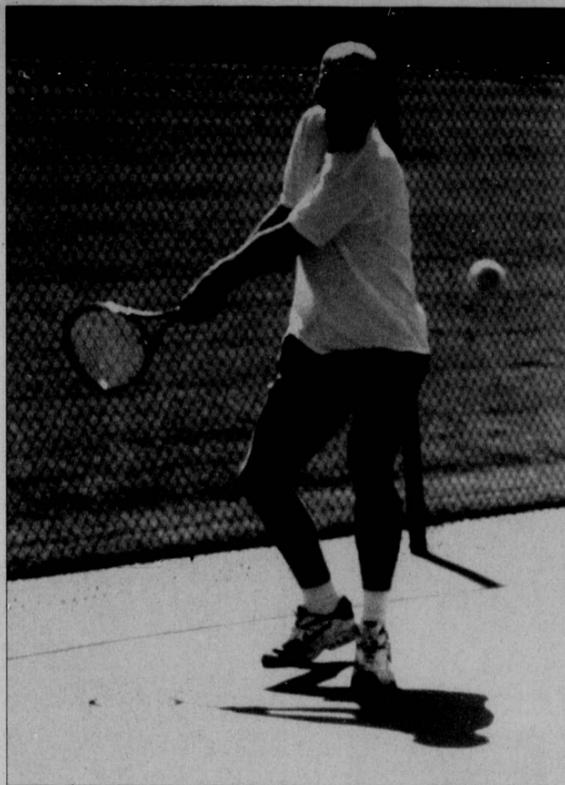
Stars send Fedyk to Michigan

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars on Wednesday assigned forward Brent Fedyk to Michigan of the International Hockey League.

Fedyk, 29, was acquired last December from Philadelphia. He played in three pre-season games for the Stars and recorded no points. Last season, he scored 20 goals and had 14 assists in 65 games.

The move left Dallas with 26 players in training camp.

No. 1 duo falls short at nationals



Patricio Crocker SKIFF STAFF

TCU senior Jason Weir-Smith hits a backhand from the baseline during the men's tennis team practice Wednesday. Weir-Smith and senior Ashley Fisher, the No. 1-ranked doubles pair in the nation, lost in the semifinals of the T. Rowe Price Clay Court Championships last week.

Buckeyes to face Lions in autumn

By Richard Rosenblatt
ASSOCIATED PRESS

How important can one game be in the first week of October?

Consider the contest between Penn State University and Ohio State University.

Not only does the loser fall out of the national title chase, but the Rose Bowl most likely slips away as well. "With all due respect to the University of Notre Dame, this is more meaningful," Ohio State head coach John Cooper said this week, "because it's the Big Ten conference."

Apparently, his players were told the same thing after last week's 29-16 win over the Fighting Irish.

"That's a bigger game," tight end John Lumpkin said of Saturday's matchup against the No. 4 Nittany Lions, "because it's in the Big Ten."

Speaking of big, the Lions' defense has to contend with Orlando Pace, the 6-foot-6-inch, 330-pound tackle who had seven pancake blocks against Notre Dame, giving him 22 in three games.

"You really can't do much about Orlando," Penn State coach Joe Paterno said. "He's an outstanding college offensive lineman, but it isn't as if he's the only offensive lineman they have who can block."

While the Lions (5-0) are fifth in scoring defense at 6.8 points per game, the third-ranked Buckeyes (3-0) are first in scoring at 57 points per game. And Pace has played his part, opening holes for Pepe Pearson, who has 395 yards, eight touchdowns and averages 5.6 yards per carry. The quarterback tandem of Stanley Jackson and Joe Germaine is 39-of-56 for 733 yards, 10 TDs and one interception.

West Texas town torn between playoff teams

By Mark Babineck
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PERRYTON — Mike Hargrove helped bring baseball to the fore in his hometown of Perryton, where land is considered best used for wheat fields, oil wells and football gridirons.

In particular, he brought Texas Rangers baseball, where he played his first five seasons and earned 1974 American League Rookie of the Year honors.

Now that Hargrove is managing the Cleveland Indians, his biggest fan has had little trouble changing her allegiances.

"He's been there longer (than in Texas)," Rita Hargrove said of her son, who has been part of the Indians organization since 1979, when he was in the prime of a 12-year playing career.

In the process, he almost single-handedly turned baseball into a popular sport in this Panhandle city of 6,000.

Hargrove was a fifth-grader when his family moved to these broad plains from Houston. He quickly became a multi-sport star for the Perryton High School Rangers.

Hargrove honed his baseball skills in Little League and American Legion ball and eventually won a scholarship to Northwestern Oklahoma State

University where he also played football and basketball.

They, too, were the Rangers. Hargrove hit .290 over 12 seasons with Texas, San Diego and Cleveland, earning the nickname "The Human Rain Delay" along the way for his notoriously long plate appearances.

Despite the success, friends say he always remembered his roots.

"The thing that's different about Mike is that he's never forgotten his friends," said Amarillo lawyer John Brown, who hails from nearby Follett and was Hargrove's guest during a recent homestand.

Meanwhile, baseball has become a big deal in Perryton. Kids play at Mike Hargrove Field, and the city's largest bank has a stockpile of Indians hats in honor of its spokesman, who maintained his home here until the Indians finally granted him a multi-year contract in 1994.

The team's Chief Wahoo symbol is as recognizable here as it is in Cleveland, and a troop of locals who joined baseball-crazy Ohioans in the Jacobs Field stands last October plan to do so again. Civic leaders are waiting until the post season dust clears before they replace the worn "Home of Mike Hargrove" sign, hoping to add a World Championship to the faded "Rookie of the Year" mention.

'Dark horse' duo falls in semifinals, loses to Razorbacks 4-6, 6-3 and 6-4

By Ernie Moran
SKIFF STAFF

Last year as juniors, TCU's Jason Weir-Smith and Ashley Fisher were among the nation's top doubles pairs for the second straight season. They spent much of the spring as the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's No. 2-ranked duo.

Teammates Paul Robinson and David Roditi, the nation's No. 1-ranked doubles tandem for most of the last two and a half years, drew most of the attention from opponents.

"We were kind of like the dark horse, the unseeded team," Weir-Smith said. "It was sort of a good feeling to be the underdog."

With Roditi and Robinson lost to graduation in May, Weir-Smith and Fisher have been thrust into the spotlight as the No. 1 pair, both on the TCU squad and in the national rankings.

"There's always a little bit more pressure (being No. 1)," Weir-Smith said. "People are expecting different things."

"Whenever you're in the limelight, there's that little bit of pressure to perform."

Fisher and Weir-Smith were in the limelight at the T. Rowe Price National Clay Court Championships in Baltimore last week. The tourna-

ment marked the first leg of the 1996-97 ITA Collegiate Grand Slam. Roditi and Robinson won the doubles title each of the last two seasons.

As the nation's highest-rated returning doubles tandem, Fisher and Weir-Smith were the tournament's No. 1 seed. The duo reached the semifinals before falling to eventual tournament champions Tim Critchon and Tom Hamilton of the University of Arkansas, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Weir-Smith and Fisher had a 6-4, 2-0 lead after breaking the Razorback duo's serve in the second set.

"We were kind of disappointed that we lost," Weir-Smith said. "It was an early break, which is not that big a deal on clay."

TCU head coach Tut Bartz said that as long as they are No. 1, Weir-Smith and Fisher can expect every opponent to be playing their best.

"They're in a position right now where everybody's looking for them, wants to play them and get ready for them," Bartz said. "They're going to have to be ready for that kind of pressure."

Bartz said his players may have been a bit rusty.

"I don't want to offer excuses, but we didn't even start organized practice until the 10th of September," Bartz said. "It's unfortunate for us that (the tournament) comes so early

(in the season).

"We didn't play bad, or we wouldn't have won the matches that we won. But we weren't at our best."

TCU junior Talito Corrales received one of 28 automatic berths in the singles draw. Corrales won two matches — including a first-round win over No. 6-seeded Gus Fernandez of Louisiana State — and reached the quarterfinals before pulling out of his match against No. 2 seed Thomas Dupree of Mississippi State. Corrales suffered a hamstring injury early in the match, tried to continue, but retired just a few games later trailing 4-2, 30-15.

Corrales, who will be sidelined for two weeks, was ranked No. 62 at the end of last season. Fernandez was No. 28, and Dupree was No. 11.

TCU senior Andres Urencio and Weir-Smith received bids into the qualifying draw of 64. From there, four wins were needed to earn one of four berths into the main draw. Weir-Smith won two matches before losing; Urencio earned one victory before being eliminated.

Weir-Smith, Fisher, sophomore David Treadwell and freshmen Matt Bere and Zachary Friedman will leave today for Lafayette, La., where they will compete in the Lee J. Michaels Tournament at the University of Southwestern Louisiana this weekend.



Rebecca Newitt SKIFF STAFF

TCU freshman Erin Findley (right) goes up for a kill against the University of Wyoming as freshmen Annie Gant (15) and Jessica Rangel (4) look on during the VolleyFrogs' loss Saturday. TCU plays a pair of road Western Athletic Conference matches this weekend against the University of Texas-EI Paso and the University of New Mexico.

Angels offer Leyland record sum

By Alan Robinson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Jim Leyland is proving that free agency for managers can be as rewarding as it is for players.

The California Angels upped the ante in the bidding for one of baseball's best managers, offering a four-year contract that could approach \$2 million a year, including stock options and other incentives.

The Angels' contract includes a base salary of at least \$1.2 million a season and is laden with enticements, including a free home during the season, off-season vacation deals, performance bonuses and an option to buy Walt Disney Co. stock.

If he accepts the offer, Leyland would become the highest-paid manager in major league history. Even if he doesn't, the offer complicates what was expected to be his smooth, swift transition to a Florida Marlins' uniform.

The two-time NL manager of the year with the Pittsburgh Pirates was expected to sign with Florida as early as Wednesday. The Angels and Chicago White Sox substantially topped the Marlins' offer, and Boston Red Sox president John Harrington and general manager Dan Duquette will meet with Leyland on Thursday.

With the Marlins in danger of being outmaneuvered for the manager they covet, president Don Smiley and general manager Dave Dombrowski were to meet with Leyland in Pittsburgh this afternoon.

Earlier this week, Leyland told the Marlins that a face-to-face visit wasn't necessary. They changed their minds after learning of his talks with the White Sox and Red Sox.

Leyland said he won't play one offer off another or get involved in a bidding war.

"The financial packages are flattering, but I'm not interested in negotiating," Leyland said. "I'm not going to go to one team and say, 'This team is offering X amount of money.' This isn't going to be a cattle auction. But there have been some very, very impressive offers."

After listening to the Red Sox, Leyland and his wife, Katie, will quickly weigh the offers before making a decision that won't be based entirely on money.

Leyland, 51, said he is more concerned with taking over a team committed to winning in what likely will be his "last hurrah" as a manager. He has said he wants to manage only until 2000.

"If this were about money, I'd stay in Pittsburgh," Leyland said. "No matter where I go, we'll have enough money to eat."

Wherever he winds up, Leyland likely will pass his close friend, the Cardinals' Tony La Russa, as baseball's highest-paid manager. La Russa makes \$1.5 million a season, and both the White Sox and Angels seem willing to surpass that figure to lure Leyland away from Florida.

Leyland was initially leaning

toward staying in the National League, but is convinced the Red Sox job is among the best in baseball. And the Angels' offer must be considered simply because it is so large.

"The offer is unbelievable. Jimmy's head is reeling," said a Leyland friend who did not want to be identified. "He had no idea the offers would be so good. He really is confused right now."

White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, a longtime Leyland friend, and general manager Ron Schuler made their pitch in person Monday night in Pittsburgh. Chicago's offer is also believed to be higher than Florida's proposal of \$1.1 million to \$1.3 million a year over three seasons.

Reinsdorf met with Leyland even though the White Sox have yet to fire manager Terry Bevington. Reinsdorf and Leyland also talked last weekend in Chicago during the Pirates' season-ending series against the Cubs.

The Marlins and White Sox both offered either 3- or 5-year contracts, whichever Leyland prefers.

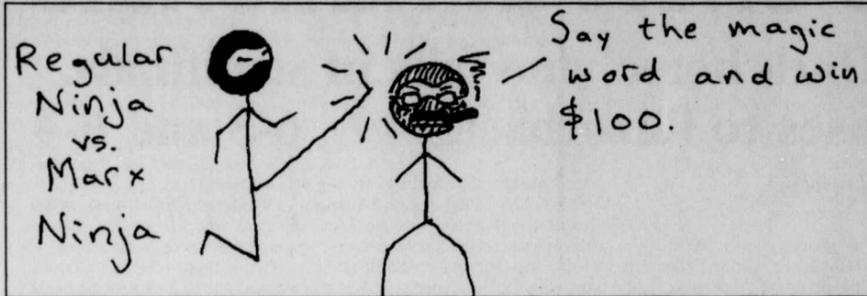
The White Sox, Angels and Marlins have promised to aggressively pursue free agents, with Florida reportedly guaranteeing it would sign at least two big-ticket free agents this winter.

"It's very difficult to speculate on what our chances or anyone else's chances are," Smiley said. "I have no idea how we measure up. We haven't asked, nor would we."

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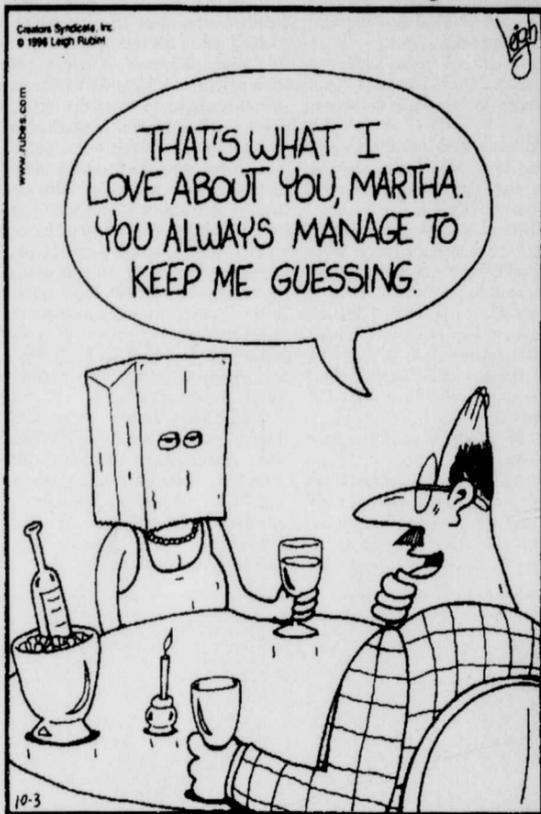
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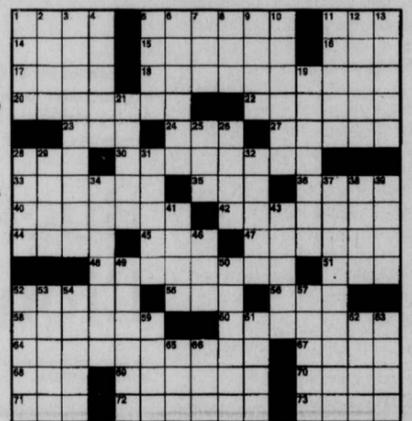
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