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**Sheriffs challenge gun-control law**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two county sheriffs from Montana and Arizona are challenging the Brady gun-control law before the Supreme Court, arguing the federal government cannot require local police to help enforce the measure.

Jay Printz, sheriff of Ravalli County, Mont., and Richard Mack, sheriff of Graham County, Ariz., are the two seeking to have the law overturned.

After hearing arguments in the case Tuesday, the justices are expected to issue a ruling by July.

**State**

**Ruling may allow interest on child support**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A judge entered a class-action order Monday providing for parents to collect interest on past-due child support, a sum plaintiffs attorneys say could total billions of dollars.

State District Judge John D. Gabriel Jr. ruled custodial parents who have been owed back child support would be certified as a class in the case.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales intervened last week on behalf of the plaintiffs and pledge to pursue unpaid interest in the child support cases his office handles.

**Bullock warns of financial collapse**

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's school funding system could collapse if Gov. George W. Bush's proposal to replace school property taxes isn't carefully handled, says Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who compared school finance to a house of cards.

Bullock, who met with Bush early Monday, said he's waiting on the Republican governor to present a clear plan for replacing local school property taxes, which make up the majority of public school funding.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said the governor does not have a deadline for presenting his specific plan.

**Bodies believed to be missing students**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The bodies of two boys believed to be those of high school students missing since Nov. 12 have been found in a creek bed near their neighborhood.

Eric J. Anderson, 15, and Christian Maldonado, 16, were last seen about three weeks ago leaving their school bus.

"I think that what we have here is two murders," police Sgt. Jose Banales said Sunday.

Police have no suspects and were awaiting identification of the bodies and a ruling on the cause of death.

**Campus**

**Students display art for senior project**

Five bachelor of fine arts seniors are currently displaying their works in the exhibition hall of Moudy Building North as part of their Bachelor of Fine Arts Studio Art Senior Exhibition.

John Dyer, painter; Keri Hammers, printmaker; Kristen Kendrick, sculptor; James McAllen, painter; and Todd McCollister, sculptor, feature a total of 32 art pieces inside the gallery. Additional pieces are displayed outside of the gallery.

The exhibit opened Monday night and will continue through Friday.

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## Kay Granger chosen to address graduates

By Kelly Melhart  
SKIFF STAFF

Congresswoman-elect Kay Granger will be the keynote speaker for the winter commencement ceremony, university officials announced Monday.

Granger will address approximately 650 graduates at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 21 in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Chancellor William E. Tucker, who chose Granger to be the speaker, said she is a model for young people.

"I think Kay Granger is a role model for college and university students," he said. "She presents herself well. She'll talk straight to TCU students."

Granger, the newly elected 12th

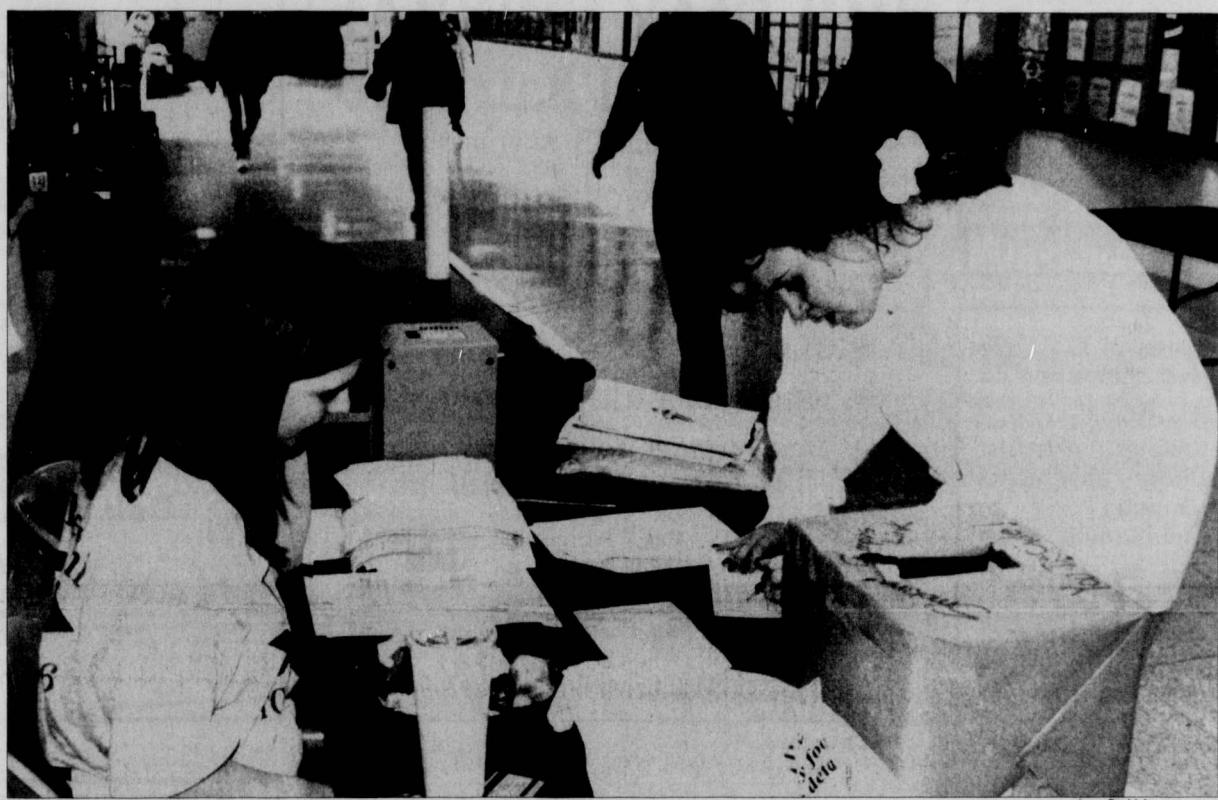
District representative, will be the first female to represent the district. She is also the first Republican woman ever elected to the House of Representatives from Texas.

Granger filled the chair vacated by Democrat Pete Geren, who had represented the district for the past

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Kay Granger, shown here delivering a victory speech after her election to Congress from the 12th district in November, will be the commencement speaker at graduation Dec. 21. Granger, a former mayor of Fort Worth, is the first Republican woman elected to the U.S. House from Texas.



Anya Schreitmuller, a freshman movement science major, fills out the House of Student Representatives' survey about smoking on campus Monday afternoon in the Student Center. House

members said the poll was conducted to obtain an accurate representation of students' feelings about smoking, rather than just hearsay.

## Outbreak to hit chapel tonight

'Reasons '96' at UCC to highlight roots of Christmas holiday

By Erik McKenzie  
SKIFF STAFF

Christmas is on its way to TCU. A Christmas performance tonight in the chapel at University Christian Church will include music, drama and videos.

The event, called Reasons '96, will include performances by the band Outbreak, which has performed shows earlier in the semester at TCU.

Brady Spears, an organizer of the event, said the reason behind the concert is to celebrate Christmas and its original meaning as the birthday of Jesus Christ.

Spears said a highlight of the night will be the songs performed by Outbreak, which he described as a

unique band that could be classified as alternative and acoustic.

"Nothing really compares to them," Spears said.

The band takes their name from a weekly meeting on campus. It has played at every meeting since September, when they met in front of Frog Fountain and performed a free concert for students, he said.

Spears, an administrator at Shiloh House Community Church, said there has always been a lot of student involvement with Outbreak. Students participate in the meetings and share fellowship with others.

"We've had a real good response," he said. "The people who attend have really enjoyed the meetings."

Dallas Perry, a senior speech

communications major, plays bass for the band and said he's excited about the upcoming performance.

Perry, one of the original members of the band, said the band's music reflects the worship of God while trying to make the music something that students would enjoy.

"Traditional music is not relevant to college students," Perry said. "We try to make our music as contemporary as possible."

He said the band has had a good time performing for students every week throughout the semester. He said he hopes more people will hear about the band through word of mouth and friends.

The performance tonight will be

the band's largest production for the band. Perry said the concert has grown from what organizers originally envisioned.

There will be more to tonight's performance than just the band coming out and playing Christmas music.

Spears said there will be contemporary music, praise and worship as well as videos and a drama performance to depict a modern day manger scene by students of the TCU drama clubs.

In addition, Spears said, he will share a brief message to students about Christmas and will issue a challenge to students to make the most out of the holiday season before returning home for the break.

## MBA students receive awards

By Amanda Bronstad  
SKIFF STAFF

A TCU MBA student and a TCU business graduate are two of the 23 Texas MBA students who received a \$5,000 scholarship from the Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation this year.

Uma Benzick, a second-year MBA student from Euless, and John Nethery, a 1993 TCU business graduate from Dallas and a second-year MBA student at Southern Methodist University, were the recipients.

The Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation is a non-profit organization consisting of successful business executives that awards annual scholarships to Texas MBA students who show entrepreneurial potential. The scholarships were announced recently at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel in Dallas.

Benzick said she was surprised to receive the award.

"I thought the scholarship required you to have participated in something entrepreneurial already," she said. "I didn't realize they were looking for potential. I was very surprised and very honored to be one of those people."

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## House to debate four bills

By Rob Sherwin  
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU House of Student Representatives could allocate almost \$10,000 at its meeting tonight if it passes all four bills on its docket.

Because the House did not meet its quorum at last week's meeting and was thus unable to vote on any legislation, the bill to buy table lamps for the Mary Coats Burnett Library was tabled to tonight's meeting.

The bill requests \$712.32 from the House Permanent Improvements Fund to buy 42 lamps and light bulbs to be placed on various library tables.

The House will also debate and vote on three bills that were introduced at last week's meeting and passed by the House Finance Committee Wednesday.

The first bill, if passed, would allocate \$4,250 from the Permanent Improvements Fund to buy five benches to be placed around the Worth Hills campus.

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## Friendship pact survives after 70 years

By Kimberly Wilson  
and Kelly Melhart  
SKIFF STAFF

In 1929, TCU had no fraternities or sororities. But 11 male students felt enough brotherhood to create a group they termed the "Big Ten."

It was midnight of May 25, 1929, when the 11 collegians met at a Lake Worth camp and made a pact to meet in Fort Worth every 10 years for as long as the members were able.

The group's remaining members will be honored at a luncheon today at noon in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center.

Ralph Sanders, a 1929 TCU graduate and a member of the Big Ten, said the group was formed to keep the bonds of friendship strong throughout each member's life.

By the light of a kerosene lamp,

each man pledged to live "in such a way that it will be the connecting link that binds the 10 into an unbroken circle of friendship which death alone can part."

The 11 men signed the covenant in an order they determined by drawing poker chips, promising to conduct themselves "at all times in a manner worthy of" their friends.

"We meant what we were doing when we started it," Sanders said.

E. Claude Manning, a 1929 TCU graduate and a Big Ten member, said the 11 members of the group exclude themselves but refer to the other members as the Big Ten.

Another original Big Ten member was Fred Erisman, father of current English department chairman Fred Erisman.

The men have taken formal pic-

tures, with each man seated or standing in the same spot every time they have met. By doing this, any member who is missing from the photo can be remembered.

Recently, the missing members' spaces have been filled by their children.

Bush E. Jones, former national advertising manager for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, was the first to be missing from the picture. He died on Sept. 8, 1963.

Today, only three members remain: Manning, 88; Sanders, 88; and E. Weir McDiarmid, 87.

At the 50th anniversary in 1979, the remaining members agreed to meet every five years.

Nancy Willson, director of gift planning at TCU, said members of the group have supported TCU by



House News



# Pulse

CAMPUS LINES

**BLACK STUDENT CAUCUS** will hold a domino/spades tournament beginning at 8 p.m. today in the Pit in the Student Center. For more information, contact Monica Burrell-White at 651-2392.

**ORDER OF OMEGA** holiday tree lighting will take place at 10 p.m. Wednesday in front of Sadler Hall.

**THE STUDENT CENTER** will expand its hours from midnight to 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. These extended hours will be established on a trial basis through the fall semester of 1996.

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## HOUSE

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Furthermore, the bill states that the project would be "the first in a series of projects that will develop the Worth Hills campus for all TCU students."

The second bill asks that the House give \$4,084 from the Permanent Improvements Fund to eight residence halls for various recreational equipment.

The bill provides about \$3,000 to buy air hockey tables for Moncrief Hall, Brachman Hall, Tom Brown Hall and Milton Daniel Hall.

It also allocates money to buy a stereo for Clark Hall, a television for Jarvis Hall and a videocassette recorder for Foster Hall. An additional \$50 would also be used to buy a dart board for Wiggins Hall.

The last bill, if passed, would help fund the annual Brachman Hall Christmas party for the Fort Worth Children's Home.

The bill would allocate \$751 from the House Special Projects Fund for publicity and to buy decorations, food and beverages for the event. Brachman residents would fund an additional \$961 to buy gifts for underprivileged children, according to the bill.

## AWARDS

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Rob Rhodes, academic program director of the MBA program, said an MBA student from TCU has received one of the foundation's scholarships every year for the last six years.

"It's very impressive for any student to be nominated and elected," he said. "It's apparent from the size of the scholarship. They're basically giving a \$5,000 scholarship to each of the MBA programs in Texas. That's an organization that's extremely well-supported to give scholarships in that amount."

Benick said she hopes to use the \$5,000 for her and her husband to move into a house.

Benick, who graduated from Texas A&M University in 1991 with a degree in biochemistry, said she hopes to market technology to pharmaceutical companies in the biotechnical industry.

Nethery, the other scholarship recipient, said he does not yet know how he will use the \$5,000.

Halliday started her career selling soap to cowboys in Kansas. When she

moved to Dallas, she started a hat store. She entered the real estate business when a customer dared her to sell his less-than-perfect properties, since she was so good at selling ugly hats.

Halliday took the dare seriously and became a real estate success, Nethery said.

"A lot of things you can't predict," Nethery said. "I don't see myself climbing up the corporate ladder. I'm more entrepreneurial. But I don't think anybody knows what he or she really wants to do."

## GRANGER

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represented the district until 1989.

Granger also spent two years on the City Council and served on the Fort Worth Zoning Commission for eight years.

Tucker said Granger was a "splendid" mayor.

"She both represented (the city) and affected it," he said.

Tucker said Granger had an impact on TCU as well.

"She made decisions as mayor of Fort Worth that have effected TCU," he said. "As Fort Worth strengthens

and grows, TCU prospers."

Granger holds a bachelor's degree in English and home economics from Texas Wesleyan University. Before serving as mayor, she founded her own insurance agency. She is a member of First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

The commencement will be preceded by a reception for graduating students, faculty and administrators in the Student Center from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

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## EDITORIAL

### IT'S THE PITS

New Snack Bar hours are ridiculous

First they took away Taco Bell. Now this.

If you haven't noticed, the Snack Bar, more commonly known as The Pit, has drastically changed its hours of operation. It used to be open from lunchtime until 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and for dinner on Sundays. It is now open only from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

The reason, according to senior food service director Jim Fjelstul, is that historically, business drops dramatically at all of the eateries on campus after Thanksgiving. In order to effectively absorb that lost business, hours at The Pit were cut back, since that's where activity falls off the most.

To compensate, Eden's Greens — which, like the Main, had closed at 2 p.m. — will stay open until 2:30 p.m. In addition Pizza Hut, which fills the 2 to 6 p.m. void, will have a new menu line, the Garden Express, featuring ready-made foods and salad items.

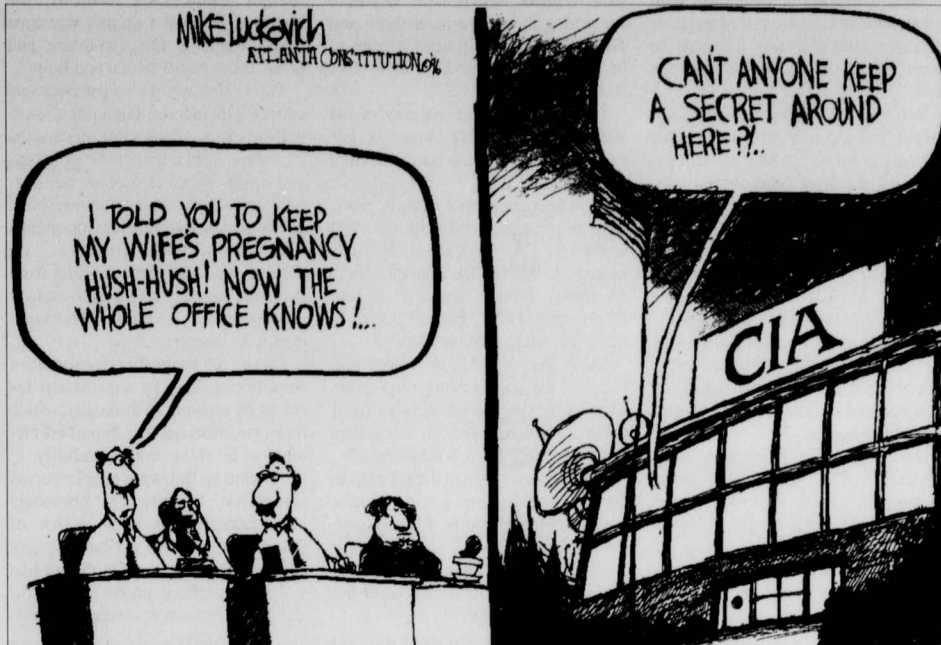
But these hardly seem like feasible alternatives for students who crave a grilled cheese sandwich, quesadilla, do-it-yourself pizza or the world-famous Pit tater tots at lunchtime.

Replacing these with healthy alternatives is no justification. If the students wanted such a change made, they would have called for longer hours for Eden's, not shorter hours for the Pit.

And this is especially unfair for students who have classes at 1 p.m. and cannot make it to the Main.

Marriott has long held that prices, which many people feel are too high, are due to costs. But for the second time this semester, Marriott has drastically cut students' access to a particular dining location.

If costs were kept to a minimum, perhaps one could pardon scaling back the Pit's hours. But how can we believe that high prices are still a necessity when dining options are taken away from students?



## Woes of Welfare

Poverty solution lies with the people

With the end of "welfare as we know it," in a bill President Clinton signed near the close of the 104th Congress, reports continue to flow about the "dim" futures of welfare recipients all over the nation.

Recent headlines have screamed about the millions of children who will allegedly go hungry because welfare was turned over to the states by the new legislation.

"Welfare is primarily a children's program," said Sherri Dunn Berry of Children Now. "Seventy percent of all the recipients of welfare are children and children are the ones who are going to be the most hurt if their parents are denied assistance."

This continued a favorite rhetorical trend of Congressional Democrats. Since Republicans gained control of Congress, children have been shamelessly used as battering rams to advance the failed agenda of the

Democratic Party.

This past Thanksgiving holiday provides an apt background against which to examine the problem posed by the welfare state.

In his weekly radio address Saturday, Clinton urged Americans to continue the charitable work shown during the holiday season.

"We must not wait until Thanksgiving to reach out to those in need," he said. "And we must not pack our compassion back in the cupboard like fine china that only gets used once a year."

As many ethical and moral problems Clinton has, in my view, he must be given credit for answering the critics of welfare reform — many of whom hold jobs in his own administration — with common sense.

After 30 years, welfare has become nothing more than a vicious cycle from which its victims rarely escape, despite the billions of dollars that have been pumped into the system. Why liberals are unable to realize this is beyond comprehension. If we are ever to solve the poverty problem in America, it must be made clear that the solution starts and ends with the people.

The events over the past three decades have proved that Washington

is ill-equipped to move people from welfare to work.

With the federal government out of the picture, it is up to private charities and the people who make them a success to assume the burden of helping alleviate the problems faced by the lower class.

But throwing money at the poor, regardless of who does it, will never solve anything. Those in a position to help must remember what made them successful and teach the less fortunate how to access opportunities that will allow them to become productive members of society.

Unfortunately, supporters of the welfare system continue to believe that by throwing money at the poor, they are doing the Lord's work. Instead, they are committing a heinously immoral act by suggesting that welfare recipients can have something for nothing.

Until we realize that poverty never takes a vacation, and we must battle it with a proper balance of compassion and tough love, America's lower class will grow, becoming less able to support themselves and their families with every passing day.

Brian Wilson is a senior news-editorial major from Vienna, W.Va.

### COMMENTARY



BRIAN WILSON

TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION, WE BUMPED INTO EACH OTHER ONCE DURING A WHITE HOUSE SOCIAL VISIT...

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### Letter to the Editor

#### Delayed-classes report was station's mistake

To clarify the "massive confusion" over how TCU reports official weather-related closings or delays to the news media (Alan Meison's letter, "Massive confusion about class delays"), I'd like to explain the process.

When hazardous weather is expected overnight, TCU administrators monitor weather and road conditions as well as forecasts throughout the night to determine the appropriate action. If a decision is made to delay classes or close the university, administrators contact me no later than 5 a.m. to alert the media.

Major broadcast news organizations across the Dallas/Fort Worth area provide TCU with special passwords and codes in advance of severe weather to prevent false reports. Only staff members in the Office of Communications receive these passwords.

Here is a list of the broadcast stations we contact with official closing information: KDFW (channel 4), KXAS (channel 5), WFAA (channel 8), KTVT (channel 11), KLIF-AM (570), WBAP-AM (820), KRLD-AM (1080), KTCU-FM (88.7), KSCS-FM (96.3),

KVIL-FM (103.7), KKDA-FM (104.5), KYNG-FM (105.3) and KHKS-FM (106.1).

On Nov. 25, the decision was made at 4:30 a.m. to keep the campus open. When that is the case, we do not call the media. However, shortly after 7 a.m., KXAS erroneously reported that classes would be delayed until 10 a.m. Through an administrative mix-up, the station entered TCU in its computers and other media organizations rebroadcast the false information.

I heard the erroneous report at 7:30 a.m. on a radio station and immediately contacted all media, including KTCU, to run an announcement that the classes were not delayed, despite other media reports. Throughout the morning, Campus Police officers were correctly reporting that there was no reported delay or closure.

While we can't control media mistakes (KXAS has apologized for the error and assures me it won't happen again), our office will in the future contact the appropriate offices on campus to assure that accurate information is being communicated internally.

Rick L'Amie  
Director of Communications

## 'Real World' more than dinosaurs and big birds

I was channel surfing the other day during a prolonged study break when my nimble fingers caught the most perfect wave of irony which I have ever seen. It was a TV show about a handful of unrealistically diverse people, all living under one roof, in an apartment that looked like it belonged to "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous." The name of the show was not "The Fantasy World" or "Days of our Lives," (those might have been appropriate). No, the misnomer of this program was, ironically enough, "The Real World."

The trials and tribulations of various groups of people in their 20s has been set up

and aired by MTV for years. After several seasons and a legion of dedicated viewers, the show is considered a success. Which forces the question, "Do people actually think this is what life is all about?" Please tell me that viewers do not actually think this is an accurate documentary of how people interact with one another.

The characters (I stress the word characters — after all, no one is the same on camera as they are in the flesh) do not do anything. They are paid to be on TV — which despite the marketing ploys of MTV — still makes them actors.

The problem with this show and others like it is that it is portraying our society in an unrealistic light. Which, in turn, is turning us into thoughtless stooges who have no clue what real life is.

But MTV is not the lone culprit. All the talk shows and "news programs" that have little, if any, actual news on them add to this inaccurate picture of life. I guess MTV and

the other networks could be considered the evil stepchildren of "Sesame Street." PBS and "Sesame Street" are just as responsible for a nation full of cathode ray tube addicts as MTV, HBO or any of the major networks.

Before I am accused of being un-American for attacking one of the beloved educational institutions which we all watched each day as kids, let me explain. Parents let kids watch "Sesame Street" because it is supposedly educational; kids watch it every day; it becomes a habit; like any habit, it grows and the kids watch more and more; then "Sesame Street" and "Barney" aren't enough. Next thing you know, kids are watching "Rikki Lake" and "The Real World," and these are the shows that are shaping our generation. Does that frighten anyone else?

Consider the following from an article by Ann Green in the *Boston Herald* in 1995:

"What PBS has accomplished is to lead

parents to believe that it's OK to turn kids into steady TV viewers at an early age. It's not uncommon now to plop children down in front of 'Sesame' and 'Barney' for hours and hours before their first birthday because we've convinced ourselves that these shows are good for them. While the content of public television is certainly better than most commercial TV, its benefits are questionable."

To say the benefits of prolonged TV watching are questionable is a gross understatement. Studies have shown that after watching "Sesame Street" for an entire season, the average kid only learns two letters of the alphabet. For two letters of the alphabet, kids are becoming brainless zombies because they are so accustomed to overstimulation that they cannot sit still — let alone learn — without it.

Thus kids keep watching, and reality becomes harder and harder to discern from TV.

Unfortunately, even though many viewers consciously realize that TV shows are not real, TV still has the ability to shape our ideas and the way we see the world. More and more, the line between fact and fiction is becoming blurred by shows like "Hard Copy" and "A Current Affair." These shows know that their viewers have grown up with "Sesame Street" and MTV and need overstimulation. So they try to make the news as stimulating as possible, often compromising what the actual news is for what will sell. In essence, they are compromising reality for what will get viewers to stay tuned in.

Even if "The Real World" is considered by many to be just another soap opera, it still subconsciously shapes our vision of the real world.

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### COMMENTARY



WILLIAM THOMAS BURDETTE



# Radio talk show host rides local issues to top spot

By Ryan J. Rusak  
SKIFF STAFF

Three computer screens flash with constant activity. A sea of newspaper clippings and notepads threatens to swamp buttons and switches on the desk.

Between the plain gray walls, in a burgundy desk chair, sits Mark Davis, staring out into a control room lined with tape machines and control panels, but really staring beyond the room, as if trying to see the thousands of people his voice instantaneously reaches.

Davis pounds the desk as he speaks, emphatically making his points. He rifles recklessly through the clips, looking for just the information he needs. He scribbles furiously on a notepad as others speak, formulating his response.

Davis, with his back to a large "News/Talk 820 WBAP" logo, is the station's 9 a.m.-to-noon talk show host and the hottest thing going in local political talk radio.

Davis, who first came to WBAP in March 1994, has hosted the most popular local talk show in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since his first day on the air.

The latest Arbitron ratings, released in October, put Davis in the No. 1 spot for his mid-morning time slot, a spot he has held since he began at WBAP.

## Elements of success

Davis attributes his success to several major factors: the popularity of talk radio in general, the strength of WBAP, his ability to address topics of local interest and a few characteristics that distinguish him from the rest of a crowded talk radio field.

"Talk radio is hot as a firecracker right now, and it has been for more than 10 years," Davis says. "If you're me, trying to build a local show and do political talk right now, it helps to be on a monster radio station like 'BAP'."

Davis, 39, says the viability of his station has had a big impact on his success as a talk show host in several radio markets.

"I've been on a lot of stations; some have been strong and well run, and some have not," says Davis, who has hosted shows in Jacksonville, Fla., Memphis, Tenn., Tampa, Fla., and Washington, D.C. "The car you're in has to be fast to win the race."

Davis says WBAP, the oldest and one of the consistently top-rated Metroplex AM stations, covers local topics, which is both an advantage and a necessity for a WBAP show.

"The most important thing I can do that no national host can do is take three hours of calls from North Texas," he says.

Davis says the best advantage he has over his local competition is the variety he builds into his show.

"A lot of talk shows really only do one thing," he says. "I love the (Rush) Limbaugh show, but it's national politics every day. You never know what I'm doing. I never know what I'm doing. On a given day, I don't know what I will be talking about at 11:05 a.m. if you ask me at 9 a.m. Variety is huge."

## Variety

The variety is evident in Davis's broadcasts. In one Monday broadcast, Davis took calls about the tapes of Texaco executives using racial slurs,

David Brinkley's election-night comments about President Clinton, affirmative action, race relations, the National Football League's overtime rules, Veteran's Day, sculpture and Jesse Jackson. All within one hour.

Davis also credits his listeners and callers with helping him craft a compelling show. Topics for discussion can come from experiences, concerns and opinions callers express, he says.

Davis says he feels a unique bond to his audience and tries to maintain a relationship with listeners. He receives several off-the-air calls from listeners each day and tries to answer most queries, in an effort to build rapport with listeners.

Davis, an unabashed conservative Republican, says he can disarm his critics by replying to their calls, which helps maintain another important element of his show: unpredictability.

"I wind up throwing people curves sometimes, because I'm obviously very conservative about a lot of things, and yet, I'm not bashing gay people," Davis says. "On things like gay rights, school prayer, flag burning, I will sometimes disappoint hard-line conservatives."

Disagreements among individuals who mostly think alike create golden talk radio moments, Davis says.

"You know how a great call starts? 'Mark, I usually agree with 95 percent of what you say,' Davis says. 'It's like, 'Hello, Texas, here we come.' Because I know that somebody's going to think that I have somehow abandoned conservatism because I don't say that gays are going to rot in hell every day.'"

Balancing his views with doing a successful talk show only becomes a



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Mark Davis, a political talk show host on WBAP-AM (820), has had the top-rated show in his 9 a.m.-to-noon time slot since coming to WBAP in March 1994.

problem when issues touch him personally, Davis says. Davis recalls a recent caller who called herself a faithful Christian and said she would "disown" her children if they told her they were gay. Davis, a professed Christian himself, was livid.

"She insisted that she was just some golden Christian, and I suggested that's quite impossible holding the view that she held," he says. "This is not about whether being gay is scriptural or not, it's about disowning your children when they err."

## The Future

Davis, having used these elements to dominate the local talk radio market, also writes opinion columns twice weekly for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and hosts an occasional

roundtable television show called "On the Agenda with Mark Davis." Davis has cast an eye toward future endeavors, but says he will always remain true to his first love, radio.

"I will always want radio to be the prime part of my career," Davis says. "Radio is honest and direct and theater of the mind."

Davis says the next logical step in radio is for his show to become syndicated or broadcast nationally, like Limbaugh. Disney, WBAP's parent company, is always looking for new entertainment ventures, Davis says. But going national may require him to sacrifice talking about local issues.

But perhaps the sacrifice wouldn't be necessary, he says.

"There are ways to do both (local and national issues)," Davis says.

"When the Limbaugh show started in the late 1980s, he did two hours local on WABC in New York. Then, without getting up from the chair, the next two hours were on the satellite. I would love to do that. If that means I'm on the air for four or five hours, fine. Do some local radio and then some national radio in the same sitting."

Either way, Davis says he's happy with the 9 a.m.-to-noon slot on WBAP.

"It's more than enough," he says. "I'm just doing this — taking all these calls and welcoming all these guests and handling all these topics. And I'm lucky enough to have this great job, and I hope listeners feel lucky or fortunate to be able to hit a button on the radio and feel what I'm like. I'm just very, very grateful."

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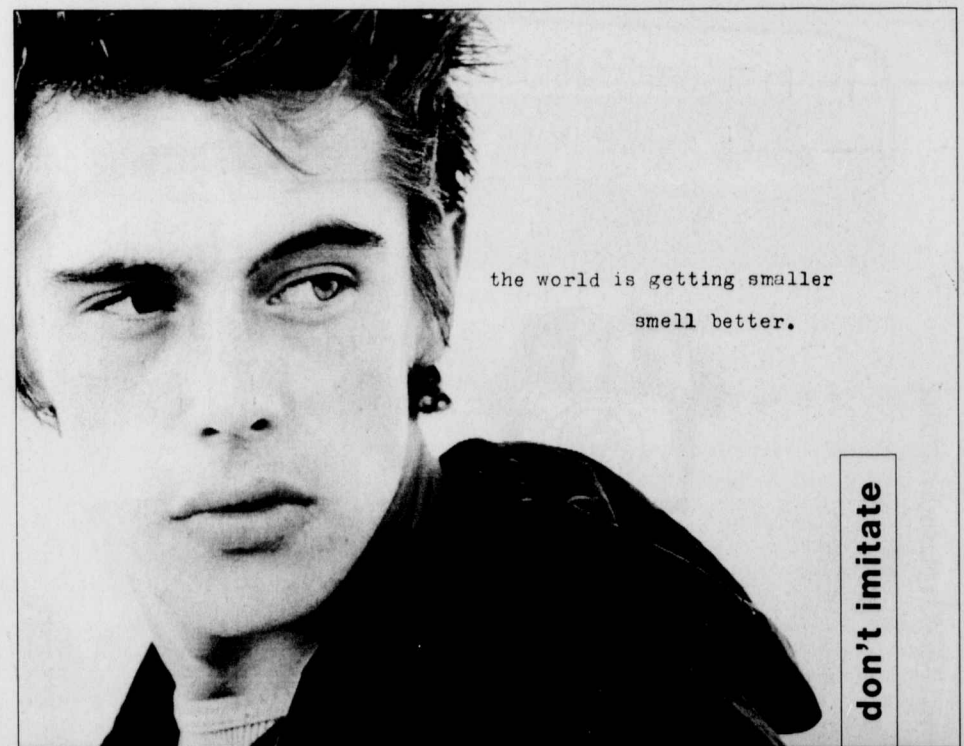
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**Fisher forced into QB controversy**

HOUSTON (AP) — Steve McNair has played the Houston Oilers into a quarterback controversy after his outstanding performance against the New York Jets, leaving coach Jeff Fisher to decide: McNair or Chris Chandler?

Chandler, the starter the past two seasons, sat out Sunday's 35-10 victory over the New York Jets with an ankle injury and McNair, in his second start of the season, showed some of the athleticism that made him the Oilers' No. 1 pick in 1995.

Fisher will keep everyone waiting until Wednesday. He wants to see if Chandler is fully healed before deciding.

"It's obvious this is an emotional decision," Fisher said, "but it's not a democracy. The decision will be made on what I think is best at that time."

There has been an underlying current of controversy over McNair's extended backup status. Some fans, even owner Bud Adams, expected McNair to take charge sooner and start earning his 7-year, \$28.5 million salary.

**Olajuwon to work out after hospital stay**

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon walked out of Houston's Methodist Hospital Monday after doctors for the second time in less than two weeks corrected the Houston Rockets center's irregular heartbeat.

While the problem was not considered life- or career-threatening, his return to play was not immediately decided. His Rockets teammates were in Toronto for a Monday night game but Olajuwon remained in Houston and will begin workouts Tuesday, team officials said.

"It wasn't painful," Olajuwon said as he emerged from his overnight hospital stay and drove himself home. "I'm in good health. I have a very good heart. There's no really major concern. It's just something I need to learn to live with."

## QB predicts Big win in title game

By Chip Brown  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Unranked and unfazed, the University of Texas says it has nothing to lose in the Big 12 Championship against the defending national champion and third-ranked University of Nebraska.

Texas quarterback James Brown on Monday boldly stated that the Longhorns (7-4, 6-2) — almost three-touchdown underdogs against the Cornhuskers (10-1, 8-0) — would win by that margin Saturday in St. Louis.

"I think we're going to win by three touchdowns," said Brown, who threw for four TDs and 336 yards without an interception in a 51-15 victory over Texas A&M University on Friday. "If they blitz us, and we make plays against the blitz, we'll be all right."

"We really don't have anything to lose," he said. "But we have a lot to gain. It's going to be, a good game. I'm as confident about this game as I was going into the A&M game."

On paper, Brown figures to have a long day against the nation's fourth-ranked defense, which is giving up just 77.8 yards on the ground and 232 yards total per game.

Grant Wistrom, a 6-foot-5, 250-pound end for the Huskers, leads a defense that has taken up residence in opposing backfields. Wistrom sacked University of Colorado quarterback Koy Detmer twice and had 15 tackles in Nebraska's Big 12 North-clinching 17-12 victory over the Buffaloes on Friday.

"I watched the Colorado game, and they sacked Detmer every other time he dropped back to pass," Brown said. "To sack me, they're going to have to catch me."

"If they bring everyone, it means they are going to be man-to-man, and I don't think they can cover our receivers the whole game man-to-man."

Brown's teammates weren't as outspoken. But they were equally confident.

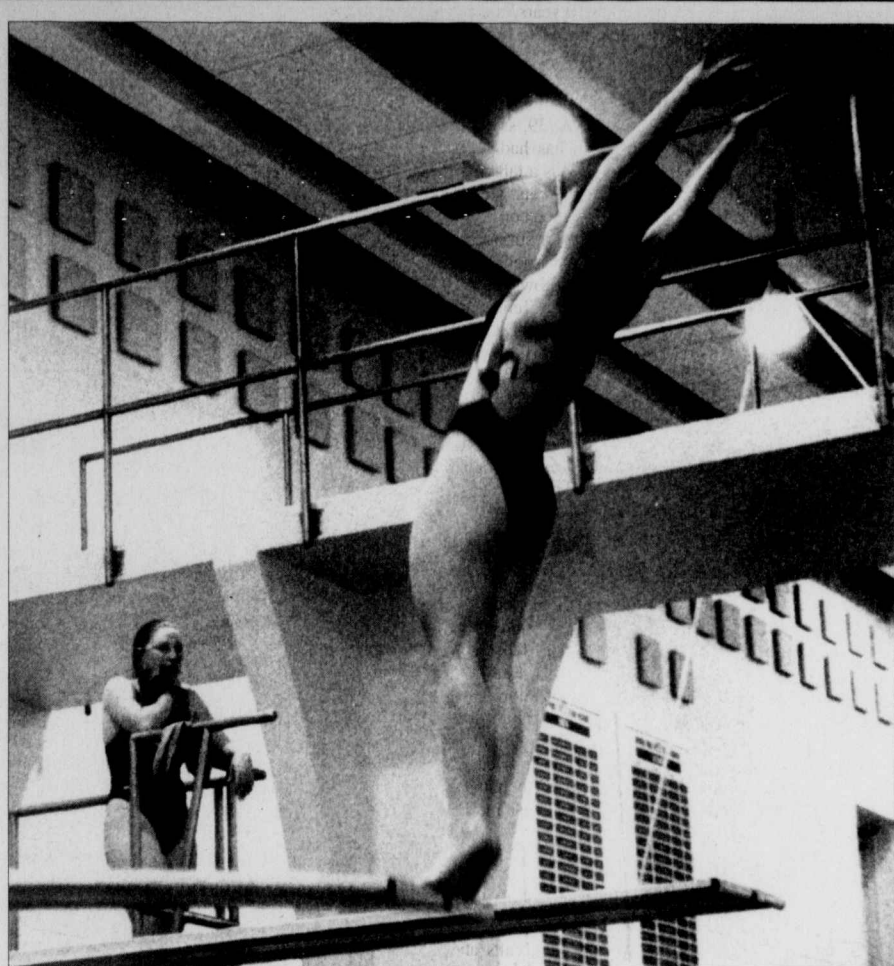
"We know that people have been talking about the Big 12 South not being as tough as the North, but I think right now Texas is playing as good as it's played all year," said Longhorns linebacker Tyson King. "We are going to show up and play well."

King said the key to winning would be stopping Nebraska's high-powered option attack, averaging 296.4 yards per game.

"Nebraska is the one who started the option," King said. "They are the standard, and that's why they've only lost one game in three years. We haven't faced anyone who's going to be as good a running team as they are."

King said it doesn't bother him that no one is giving Texas a chance.

"No one gave Arizona State (University) a chance against Nebraska," he said, referring to the Huskers' only blemish this season, a 19-0 loss to the Sun Devils.



Anne Drabicky SKIFF STAFF

Junior Sarah Crawford watches as sophomore teammate Angela Clark dives during women's swimming and diving team practice Monday afternoon in the Rickel Building.

## Texas Tech's Hanspard wins Doak Walker Award

By Jaime Aron  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Statistically, Byron Hanspard wasn't even the best running back in his conference this season.

But Doak Walker Award voters looked past the members, and on Monday the Texas Tech University junior was honored as the best run-

ning back in college football.

Hanspard — only the sixth running back in NCAA history to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a season — edged fellow juniors Troy Davis of Iowa State University and Northwestern University's Darnell Autry for the award.

Hanspard ran for 2,084 yards, but Davis topped him for the Big 12 rushing title with a national-best

2,185 yards. Autry was the Big Ten rushing champion with 1,386 yards and 15 touchdowns on 263 carries.

Autry and Davis were expected to have big years coming off sophomore seasons that made them Heisman Trophy finalists. Hanspard was merely seen as an up-and-comer after rushing for 1,374 yards last year.

The 6-foot, 190-pound Hanspard

quickly made his presence felt, running for 115 yards in the season opener against Kansas State, then a school-record 272 against Oklahoma State University.

He would rush for more than 200 yards four more times and at least 100 each week. Hanspard also became Tech's single-season and career rushing leader (4,219).

Davis, though, became the first

NCAA player to ever rush for 2,000 yards in consecutive seasons. He also had 21 touchdowns to Hanspard's 13.

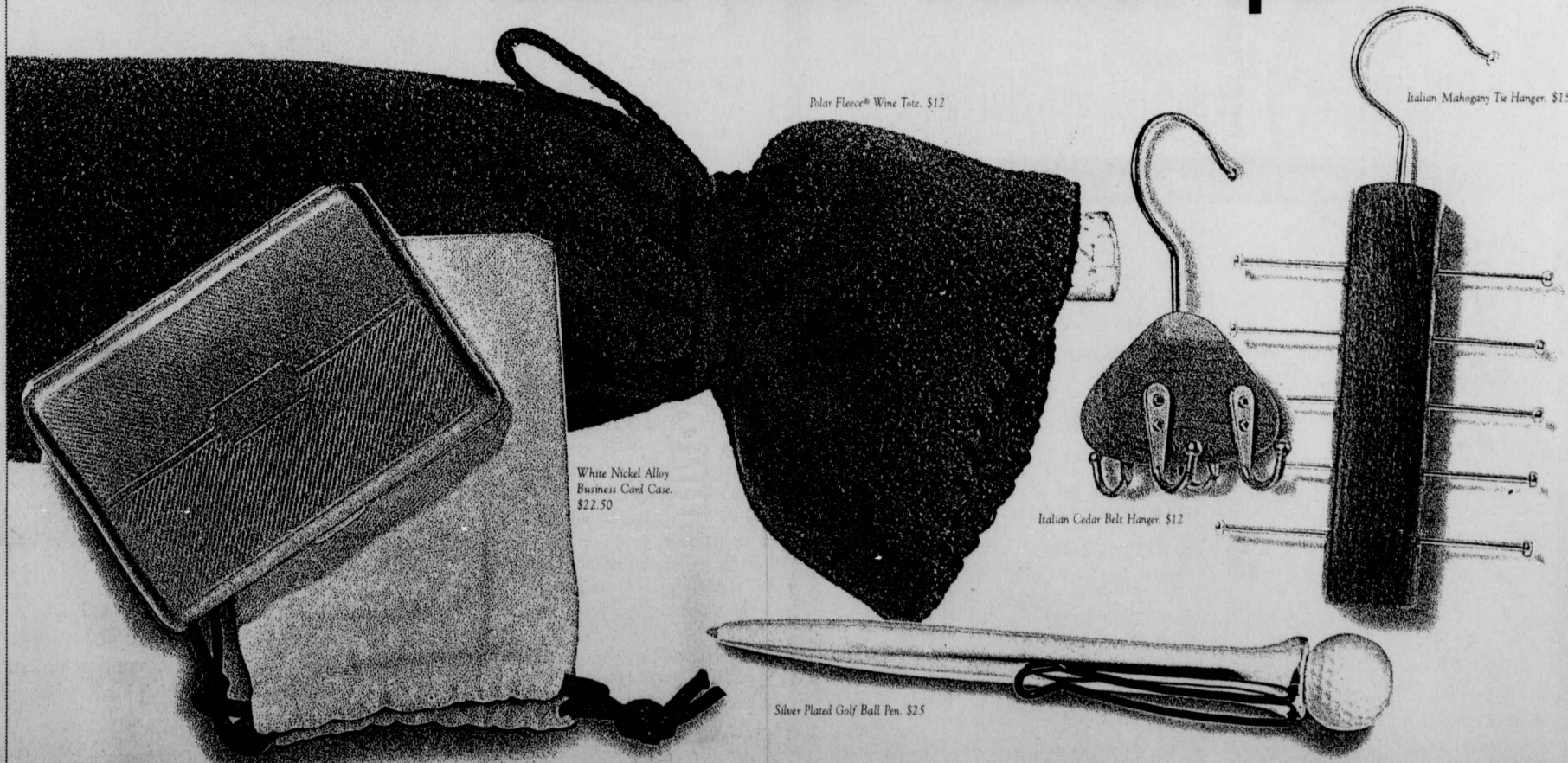
Hanspard's only statistical edge was in yards per carry, 6.1 to 5.4.

But Hanspard led Texas Tech to a 7-4 season, compared with 2-9 for Davis' Cyclones. The Red Raiders finished second in the Big 12 South and are bound for either the Alamo or Aloha Bowl.

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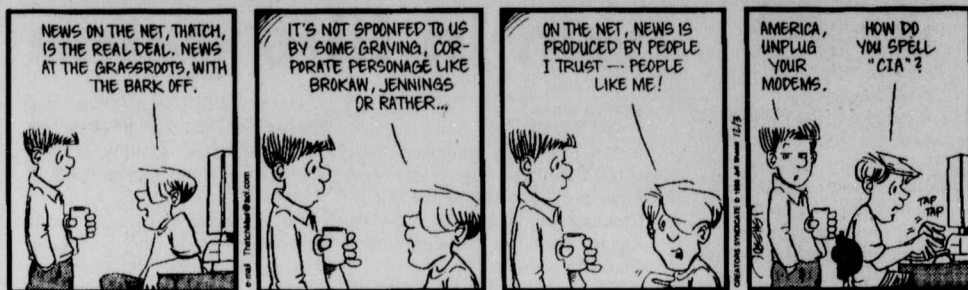
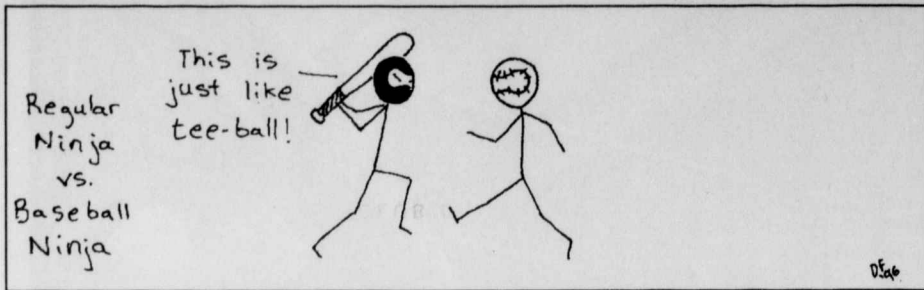




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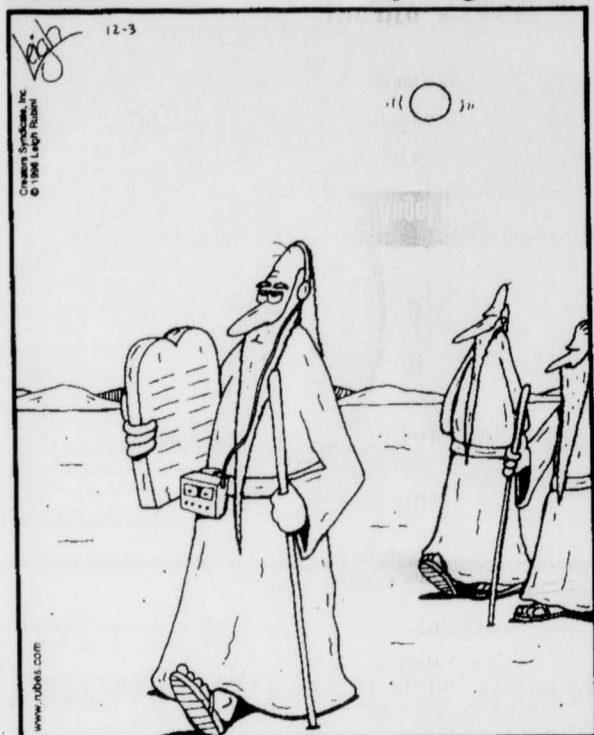
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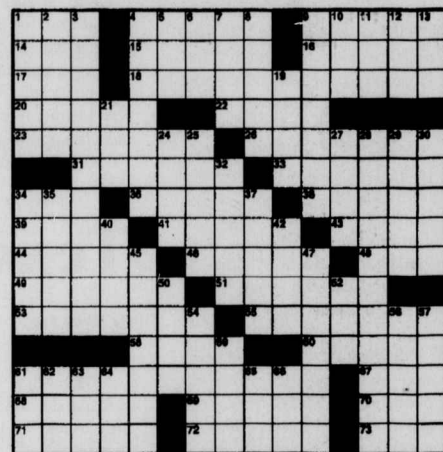
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Card# \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

To expedite processing of your application, please mail 2 weeks before you visit. You will receive a confirmation to present at the Guest Services Office at Angel Fire Ski Area, at which time your photo will be taken for your personalized card.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO OBTAIN MORE APPLICATIONS CALL 1-800-633-7463.**

Mail completed application to:  
Angel Fire Resort, ATTN: Angel Fire Resort Club Card Processing, P.O. Drawer B, Angel Fire, NM 87710