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Wynton Marsalis wins first jazz Pulitzer

NEW YORK (AP) — Trumpeter Wynton Marsalis became the first jazz composer to win the Pulitzer Prize for music Monday, receiving the award for "Blood on the Fields," his epic oratorio on slavery.

"It means it'll be more easy for other musicians who write in jazz," a coolly collected Marsalis, an eight-time Grammy winner, said from his Manhattan apartment. "The value of the music is being recognized."

The piece, written for 14 musicians and three singers, centers on Jesse and Leona, who arrive in America on a slave ship.

Beat Generation poet Ginsberg mourned

NEW YORK (AP) — Beat Generation poet Allen Ginsberg was remembered Monday by several hundred shoeless mourners who sat on pillows surrounding his coffin in a ceremony that combined elements of Buddhism and Judaism.

"There is no birth and no cessation," they chanted as gongs were struck, bells chimed and incense burned during a four-hour service led by a high priest at a Buddhist meditation center.

Ginsberg had liver cancer and died of a heart attack Saturday at 70.

Punk poet Patti Smith sat crouched by Ginsberg's feet, the deceased author's closed coffin draped with a yellow, red, blue and white silk flag bearing the image of the sun, a symbol of the Shambhala Buddhist community.

Ginsberg shattered conventions as poet laureate of the Beat Generation in the 1950s and influenced the next four decades of art, music and politics.

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Volunteers search for missing girl

FRIENDSWOOD (AP) — About 200 volunteers searched through rural areas of Harris and Galveston counties Monday for a 12-year-old girl who disappeared Thursday.

"We're just finding leads, running them out and exhausting them," said Michael E. Barker, one of the search leaders.

Laura Kate Smither was last seen by family members Thursday morning when she left her home about 30 miles south of downtown Houston for a quarter-mile jog.

An aerial search was expanded over the weekend to include a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter with heat-sensing capability. More than 300 volunteers searched remote areas both north and south of Friendswood on Sunday.

A \$50,000 reward has been offered for information about the girl's whereabouts. Barker said the money came from donations.

Slain officer robbed while off-duty, police say

HOUSTON (AP) — Police said Monday that robbery appears to be the motive in the killing of an off-duty officer who was shot as he worked in his family's small food store.

Cuong "Tony" Trinh, 25, was shot in the head Sunday morning at Sunny's Food Store, police said.

Trinh, who joined the department in 1994, was not wearing his police uniform. However, his officer's badge was on a counter behind the cash register.

Some property was taken, although an unspecified amount of cash was left behind, police spokesman Joe Gamino said. He said investigators won't say what was taken.

Police have released a composite sketch of a suspect witnesses saw running from the store and getting into a nearby car.

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Player arrested, taken off team

By Kimberly Wilson and Kelly Melhart
SKIFF STAFF

When the Horned Frog football team takes the field next fall, it will be missing one of its starting linebackers, junior Jay Davern.

Davern, a psychology major, was dismissed from the team after being arrested and charged with public intoxication and assault by threat at about 3 a.m. Thursday.

However, police said the incident for which Davern was arrested also involved sophomore quarterback Derek Canine, a premajor.

An officer with the west division of the Fort Worth Police Department said the incident started when police received a 911 call about someone breaking into a house.

Alison Peterson, a junior speech communication major, was named as the caller in the police

report. Peterson refused to comment on the incident.

Fort Worth Police Officer Barry Kammer, the arresting officer, said the two players beat on the doors and windows of a house on Princeton Street. Kammer said some members of the football team formerly lived in

the house, but that two female students currently reside there.

Kammer said the players yelled, "We're TCU football players, let us in, let us in," and that Peterson called police because the women were afraid the men were going to break into the house.

"They were terrified," Kammer said. "They thought someone was going to hurt them. They were still shaking after I had interviewed them for 10 minutes."

He said no damage was done to the house.

Neither Davern nor Canine

could be reached for comment.

A source close to the team said Davern and Canine had wanted to visit a friend but accidentally went to the wrong house. The source said the two pounded on the door because they thought their friends were inside.

Kammer said TCU Campus Police arrived and took Davern from the scene to Moncrief Hall, where he was arrested by the FWPD and issued a Class C misdemeanor.

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Jay Davern
Junior
psychology major



Derek Canine
Sophomore
premajor

Children met Frogs at Saturday event

By Wendy Bogema
SKIFF STAFF

Fort Worth area children and their parents had the opportunity to Meet the Frogs Saturday afternoon at Amon Carter Stadium.

The event, sponsored by Alumni Relations, Frog Club, the Junior Frog Club and the athletic department, took place on the stadium field from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. A scrimmage took place at 4 p.m.

Children were able to get temporary TCU tattoos, sign up for membership in the Junior Frog Club and meet SuperFrog, cheerleaders, football players and head coach Pat Sullivan.

Terry MacKenzie, associate director of Alumni Relations, said he thought the event was a success.

"I think it was a fantastic opportunity for kids to come see their local heroes," MacKenzie said. "I'm sure the players loved it too."

Bill Harrell, National Alumni Board president, said he knew the day was worthwhile when he saw two of the players approach a child who had been sitting alone on the grass along the wall of the stadium.

He said the players began talking to the child, picked him up and carried him around on their shoulders. He said that was what the day was all about.

There was an almost equal number of boys and girls at the event. Some were excitedly running from player to player for autographs, others followed SuperFrog like a shadow and still others seemed to have just as much fun running up and down the field pretending to play football.

Some of the players seemed a little shy from all the attention, but all were more than willing to speak to the children and parents, pose for pictures and sign autographs. One player even let some of the children give him their autographs.

Torrie Simmons, a sophomore

wide receiver, said the event helps build community support for the team when the community feels close to the players.

"It's a friendship thing," he said.

He also said such events are a good chance to introduce young children to TCU athletics.

Ben Perryman, a Fort Worth resident, brought his son Austin to the event. He said Austin loves going to TCU's football games.

"At 18 months old, he sat still through almost three quarters of the game," Perryman said. "He was enthralled by the whole atmosphere."

Perryman said he likes TCU athletic events because there is a big emphasis on making them fun for everyone. He said they are fun activities for a relatively inexpensive amount of money.

Sullivan said events like this are good for all the parties involved.

"It's great for kids to have an opportunity to meet the players and for the players to meet the kids and develop relationships with these kids," he said.

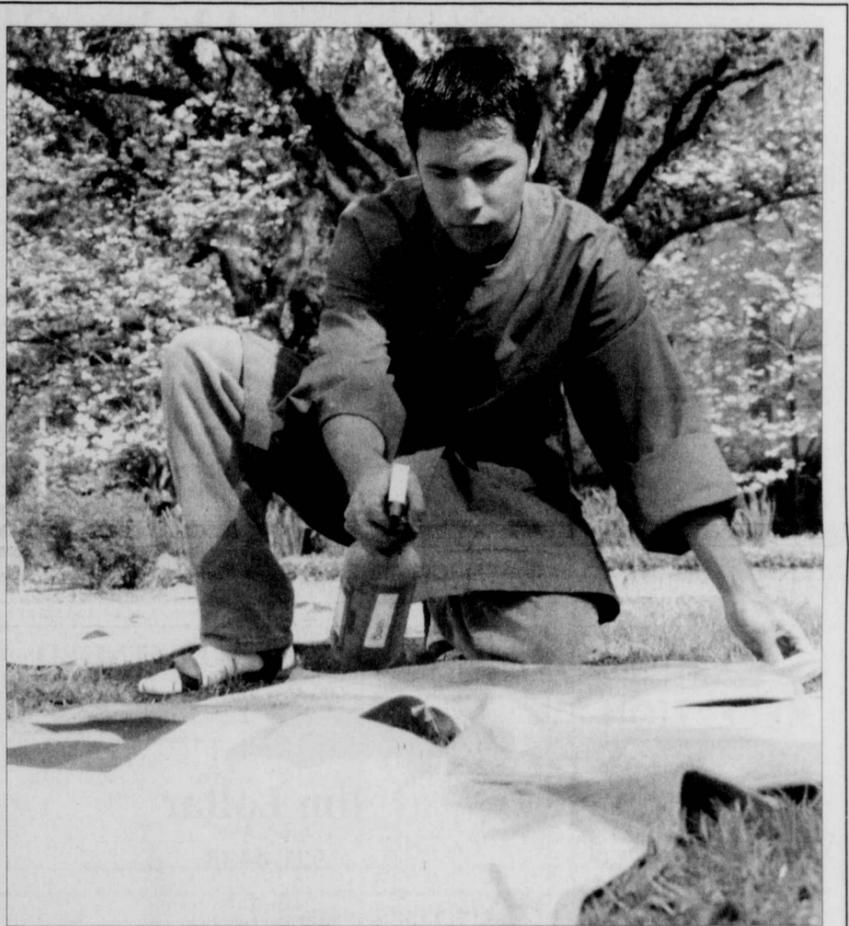
Sullivan said the event allows the community members to put faces with names and get to know the players on a more personal level. He said it allows the community to take a more personal interest in the team.

Harrell said events like this are important because they let community members see that the majority of athletes at TCU are "good guys."

The sun was shining, the field was dry and, except for strong winds, attendees said the day was perfect.

MacKenzie said he was relieved that the weather was so pleasant for the event. He said he had been worried during Friday's storms.

All who attended Meet the Frogs were invited to stay for a scrimmage afterward, and many did. Free sodas and popcorn were available for all.



Jason Huerta, a freshman premajor, works to make a few costumes look a little more authentic. The costumes are for the TCU Theatre production of "Cyrano de Bergerac." It begins April 9 and runs through April 20 at the University Theatre.

Religion students awarded Senior man and women named in religion department

By Andrew Rexrode
SKIFF STAFF

Three students were named the senior man and senior woman in religion at Chi Delta Mu's weekly meeting at noon Monday.

Christopher Rose received the senior man award, and Jill Beck and Joy Harris tied for the senior woman's award.

All the students are junior religion majors.

Chi Delta Mu is a religious organization that explores issues related to personal growth, social welfare, justice and religious faith in the contemporary world.

Ronald Flowers, a professor of religion and chairman of the department, said the students do not apply for the award but are chosen by faculty. Students are voted on by the entire religion department.

The award is generally a surprise to the students who receive it and has been given for at least 25 years, he said.

Flowers said faculty members base their votes on particular criteria. He said many things can be taken into con-

sideration when selecting a student for the award.

"Has this student been active in the kinds of things that would cause us to notice?" he said. "Have they been active in our community?"

Flowers said the awards are not related to the Honors program and students must be a religion major to be considered.

In addition to the honor, students will receive a \$2,000 grant to be used during their senior year.

Students with a religion major must take 27 hours distributed through the various groups of the religion curriculum. At least 15 hours of the major must be in junior-level courses or higher. The department also encourages interdisciplinary and foreign studies.

The students were notified by mail that they were the recipients of the award.

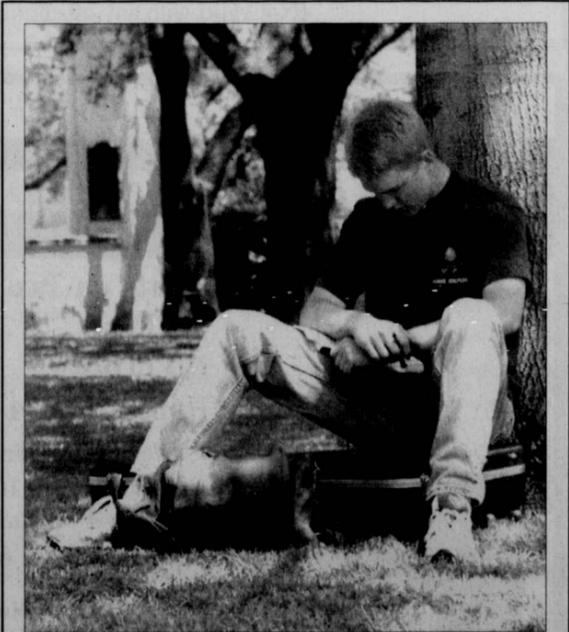
Beck said she worked hard to receive the award. "I was really surprised," she said. "It's a real honor because I didn't realize my hard work would pay off for me."



Jill Beck
Junior religion major



Joy Harris
Junior religion major



Brian Gronewoller, a sophomore speech communication major, takes advantage of the weather Monday afternoon on the lawn in front of Reed Hall. Gronewoller took a few moments out of his day to enjoy the weather as he studied his Bible.

Skiff wins best paper at Austin conference

By Wendy Bogema
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU Daily Skiff won the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association award for best overall newspaper in Division 2 as well as several other awards at a conference in Austin last weekend.

Copies of the Skiff from spring and fall of 1996 were submitted prior to the conference and were judged on the best three consecutive editions.

The qualities considered by the judges were writing, editing, layout, graphics, photos and quality of news coverage.

Along with copies of the entire paper, individual writers and photographers submitted articles, columns and photographs. Several of TCU's submissions placed in the individual categories and earned the most points to win the Newspaper Sweepstakes.

Jodi Phillips, editor-in-chief of

the Skiff for spring 1996, said she was happily surprised with the news.

"I was proud of our work, but I'm biased," Phillips said. "It's nice for an unbiased judge to acknowledge the work."

Natalie Gardner, Skiff editor-in-chief for fall 1996, said she was excited about the award.

"I think getting this award really

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Pulse

CAMPUS LINES

SCHOOL IS COOL JAM needs volunteers for its April 22 program in which elementary school children will visit the campus. A table will be in the Student Center to provide information from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. For more information call Kara Watson at 926-6554.

BEHROOZ SHIRAZI, an associate professor of computer science at the University of Texas at Arlington, will speak at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Lecture Hall 1 of the Sid Richardson Building. He is a parallel processing visual interface system scheduler.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA and Carter Blood Center are holding their semi-annual blood drive from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Wednesday in the Student Center. Donors will receive a free T-shirt. For questions call Laura Szymanski at Ext. 4396.

CRJU CAREER PANEL will be hosted by the CRJU internship class at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Student Center Room 222. Representatives from various local and federal agencies will attend. Everyone is invited, and refreshments will be served. For more information call 921-7469.

PARABOLA presents Pamela Marcum, a physics professor, who will speak about "Mathematical Techniques in Observational Astronomy" at 4 p.m. Thursday in Winton-Scott Hall Room 145.

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS will be prefaced by an informational meeting at 6 p.m. Friday in Rickel Building Gym 3. Candidates must attend the meeting to try out. Tryouts will be held at 6 p.m. April 18 in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For more information call John Finke at Ext. 5462.

PHI ALPHA THETA, the history honor society, will host a regional conference for graduate and undergraduate students Saturday in the Bass Building. Thirty-eight students from 12 schools will present papers on various subjects from all areas of history. Students are invited to attend the paper sessions beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday. For more information call Elizabeth Alexander at Ext. 7288.

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP will meet at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in front of the Student Center to visit First Presbyterian Church. The group will also meet at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in front of the Student Center, armed with sack lunches, for a picnic at the Botanic Gardens. For more information call Becca Barlett at Ext. 8336.

MINORITY AFFAIRS needs TCU acts for its "Showtime at TCU" annual talent show on April 26. For more information call Ext. 7855.

FREE STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP will be held at 7 p.m. April 28 in Rickel Building Room 106. Test-taking and time-management skills will be addressed. For more information call Ext. 7486.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE SERVICES needs an area representative for Tarrant County and surrounding areas. The representative selects and screens prospective host families for exchange students who will stay for five-month or 10-month periods. For more information call the national recruiter, Linda Daugherty, at 1-800-981-6801.

AWARDS

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shows the dedication and talent of the editorial staff last semester," Gardner said. "We all worked really hard and this was one of our goals." She said winning the award made last semester's hard work worth it.

The awards were given to schools in three divisions based on enrollment. TCU is considered a Division 2 school.

Ryan J. Rusak, a junior news-editorial major who was assistant editor last fall and is currently a reporter, agreed that last semester's goal was to create the best possible newspaper.

"Last semester we redesigned the paper and changed a lot of things with the idea that it would create an award-winning newspaper," Rusak said.

The students participated in on-site competitions Thursday in both newspaper and broadcasting events. Of the 12 students competing, five received awards for their efforts.

Jill Taylor, a sophomore news-editorial major, won first place in the feature writing competition; Anne Drabicky, a senior news-editorial and English major, won first place for copy editing; Dave Quinlan, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, won second place in radio announcing; Adria Johnson, a sophomore broadcast journalism

major, won third place for radio news writing; and Blake Sims, a senior news-editorial major, won honorable mention for the feature photography contest.

Image magazine also won an honorable mention for best collegiate magazine.

Johnson said the conference offered her a good opportunity to see where she stands among her peers and where she can improve her skills.

She said the workshops, which were designed by professional journalists, reminded her of the realities of a career in journalism.

"This isn't going to be handed to you after graduation," Johnson said. "It's good to know what you're facing. You have to combine academic knowledge of journalism with a realistic expectation of the profession itself."

The Southwestern Journalism Congress, a regional group including Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, took place at the same time, and the *Skiff* and *Image* both won several awards from it as well.

Rusak said the good thing about the awards was that they weren't stacked in any single area, but across all the aspects of the paper.

"That indicates an overall successful publication," Rusak said.

It's a fact

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2nd Place, Editorial — Skiff Staff
3rd Place, News Feature — Ellena Fortner

Honorable Mention, Column — Andy Summa

1st Place, Sports Column — Ernie Moran

1st Place, Ad Series — Brandy Butler

1st Place, News Photo — Blake Sims

1st Place, Sports Feature Photo — Blake Sims

3rd Place, Sports Action Photo — Patricia Crooker

1st Place, Picture Story — Blake Sims

Honorable Mention, Picture Story — Blake Sims

2nd Place, Cartoon — John Araujo

3rd Place, Critical Review — Sylvia Carrizales and Lety Laurel

3rd Place, News Page Design — Andrea Daum

1st Place, Feature Page Design — Blake Sims

2nd Place, Feature Page Design — Ginger Richardson

2nd Place, Picture Page Design — Blake Sims

1st Place, Sports Page Design — Ernie Moran

2nd Place, Opinion Page Design — Ryan Rusak

2nd Place, Individual Headline — Robyn Ross

On-Site Competitions, April 3

1st Place, Feature Writing — Jill Taylor

1st Place, Copy Editing — Anne Drabicky

2nd Place, Radio Announcing — David Quinlan

3rd Place, Radio News Writing — Adria Johnson

Honorable Mention, Feature Photography — Blake Sims

Image Magazine

1st Place, Picture Story — Cre Swats

Honorable Mention, Single Issue — K.E. Stenske and Ryan Rusak

Radio

2nd Place, Feature — Krista Tatschl

Alpha Chi Omega's annual fashion show raises record donation for Women's Haven

Members of Alpha Chi Omega sorority raised \$8,595 for the Tarrant County Women's Haven Sunday at their fifth annual fashion show at Will Rogers Memorial Center.

Domestic violence is Alpha Chi Omega's national philanthropy, and the TCU chapter has been working with the Women's Haven since the chapter was chartered in 1991.

The Women's Haven provides services for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence.

Paula Fultz, chapter adviser, said, "This is our fifth year holding the style show, and we're so proud of our chapter's support for our

philanthropy of domestic violence."

Each year Alpha Chi's proceeds from the fashion show have increased. This year's total donation was more than \$3,000 greater than last year.

Sunday's event consisted of a fashion show, a tea and a silent auction.

Alisha LaRoche, a junior broadcast journalism major and president of Alpha Chi Omega, said she was impressed with the result of chapter members' hard work.

"It was phenomenal," LaRoche said. "It looked so professional."

She said chapter members benefited by helping women in need. She said the entire chapter was involved

in the event in some capacity.

Ryan Shultz, a junior fashion merchandising major and head fashion show chairwoman, said members of Alpha Chi Omega had been planning the fashion since last November.

"Even that was too late," she said. "Next year we'll have to start in October."

Kelly Barreiro, a junior fashion merchandising major, was a chairwoman for the fashion show committee and helped emcee the event.

"We put in many long hours and a lot of hard work," she said. "We're very excited about how everything turned out. Even though we're really exhausted, it was neat to see an event like this come

together and make an impact in our community."

Local retailers including Ann Taylor and Abercrombie & Fitch Co. loaned clothes modeled by TCU students, most of whom are members of other fraternities and sororities and Alpha Chi Omega alumnae.

Elaine Frazier, a senior speech pathology major and member of Alpha Chi Omega, said the success of the fashion show reflects a positive aspect of TCU's Greek community.

"We have a good community," she said. "I think we're a supportive group and all of us taking part in each other's philanthropy events shows that we try to help each other out."

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Clinton and Palestinian delegations to tackle stalled peace discussions

By Barry Schwelb
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — With Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at his side, President Clinton agreed Monday that Israel should never "have to bargain to be free of terrorism." But their White House meeting failed to produce an immediate formula to resume stalled Mideast peace talks.

Clinton said he would explore "any reasonable opportunity" to end the impasse. A Palestinian delegation will come to Washington later in the week to broaden the discussions.

"We keep our commitments; they violate theirs," Netanyahu said at the end of the day, signaling that divisions remain.

However, he affirmed that new homes for Palestinians should be built in Jerusalem, a gesture designed to offset the harsh criticism surrounding Israel's project for 6,500 new Jewish housing units.

The statement was welcomed by the Clinton administration.

"That's obviously positive," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said.

The Israeli leader also pledged to carry out commitments for a three-stage pullback on the West Bank whether or not the Palestinians

accept his proposal to move quickly into negotiations over Jerusalem, refugees and other tough issues.

Still, Hasan Abdel-Rahman, the chief Palestine Liberation Organization representative in Washington, reiterated the Palestinian position that the talks would not be resumed until Israel stopped construction of the Har Homa project.

The Palestinian official also dismissed Netanyahu's attempt to focus attention on terrorism.

"Mr. Netanyahu knows very well that we oppose terrorism because we feel that terrorism is against our national interests for Palestinians," he told The Associated Press. "Mr. Netanyahu bringing up the issue of terrorism is an attempt, in our view, to cover up for his own policies that are very disruptive to the peace process."

Clinton described his two-hour meeting with Netanyahu as "very thorough," but gave few details.

And Netanyahu gave this spare summary at a news conference: "We discussed a number of ideas to move the peace process back on track, assuming that the battle for terrorism is engaged effectively."

"These are preliminary discussions. Nothing formal, nothing defin-

itive was said. And I'm sure we'll have the opportunity to continue these exchange of views over the coming days and weeks."

At the outset of their meeting, the president renewed his call for a statement from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat of "zero tolerance" for terrorism.

Clinton said he would consider "any reasonable opportunity" to get peace talks up and going again. But he indicated he was not prepared to set up a summit meeting between Netanyahu and Arafat under U.S. auspices or make any other dramatic move right away.

"It's important not to jump into this," Clinton said. His chief mediator, Dennis Ross, also suggested there would be no quick fix and said the United States could not impose a solution.

"We can't wave a magic wand and put things back on track," Ross said at the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a pro-Israel lobby. "But we can serve as a bridge to put this process back on track."

Netanyahu began the day with a speech to an enthusiastic gathering of thousands of Christians and Jews who held their fourth annual unity conference in support of Israel.

"If they want peace, they must fight terrorism," the prime minister said.

He ridiculed a Palestinian assertion that Israel's decision to build a new Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem amounted to a declaration of war against the peace process.

"It's the terrorism of walk-up rentals," Netanyahu said as many in the audience whooped their approval.

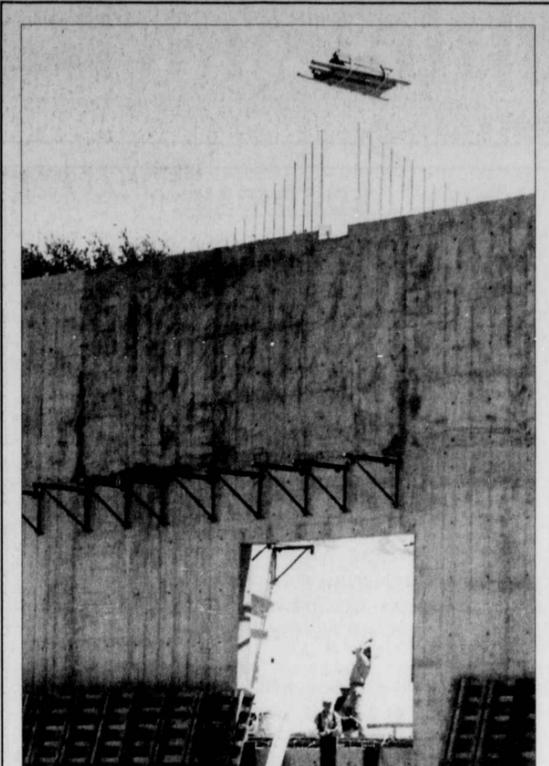
In a serious vein, Netanyahu said 75 percent of the land on which Har Homa was being built was owned by Jews and that Israel was building 10 neighborhoods for Arabs, as well.

"What is wrong with this?" he asked. "Nothing. People get married, have kids, build homes."

He denounced the Palestinian bombing of a Tel Aviv cafe that followed Israel's decision to construct Har Homa and called it a war crime. Three women were killed and scores of patrons injured.

Palestinian leaders, he said, were making "almost zero efforts, and at times zero, and at times worse than zero efforts" to stop terrorism.

Referring to Arafat's demand that construction be halted before peace talks are resumed, Netanyahu said: "We are being told to pay for the privilege of not being killed. We are not going to do this."



Construction continued on the F. Howard and Mary D. Walsh Performing Arts Center on Monday afternoon as a worker directed an overhead crane as to the placement of a load of lumber.

Pilots continue negotiations

Union members say proposed contract is the best they can do

By Madeline Baro
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — Several American Airlines pilots said Monday they think that a proposed contract with the carrier is as good as it's going to get this time around.

"I'm not real happy with it, but it's the best we can possibly do at this time," pilot Gary Bell said. "We'll go back and fight the battle another day."

Pilot Ron Bernie said, "I think that it's a logical compromise and at this point it's a good time to go on and get things back on track."

In the first of a series of "road shows," the Allied Pilots Association presented the proposed contract to about 200 of the 2,700 pilots based in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The same scene will be repeated at other pilot bases around the country as the union attempts to explain the tentative deal with the carrier.

This isn't the first contract that will be presented to the pilots. In February, the membership rejected a contract and the union went on a short-lived strike that was halted

when President Clinton ordered a 60-day cooling-off period and formed an emergency board to come up with a proposed settlement.

Instead, the pilot negotiating committee and management reached a different agreement. Last week, the APA's executive board voted 12-6 to present that plan to American's 9,300 pilots for a vote.

Voting to approve the agreement were representatives from Boston, Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, Seattle, Tulsa, Okla., and Washington, D.C. Voting against the proposal were representatives from Miami and New York. The two votes each from Los Angeles and San Francisco were split.

If pilots opt to reject this deal another cooling-off period could ensue leading up to another strike. Or Congress can step in and impose a contract.

Union president James Sovich said he was not surprised by Monday's weak turnout, noting that many pilots already are well-acquainted with the tentative agreement and just wanted to make an

appearance at the meeting.

In any case, Sovich told the pilots he doesn't believe any amount of negotiating will get them a better deal.

"I think universally the negotiating committee is going to tell the pilots that there is nothing more that they believe that they can negotiate out of it," he said. "We're down to a singular issue... the regional jets. Now if 50 percent plus one of the pilots want to go to... a long extended war over the regional jets, that's what the union will do."

The regional jet issue has been the biggest hurdle of the negotiations. American's parent company wants its 1,900 American Eagle pilots to fly the planes, while the Allied Pilots Association wanted American pilots in the cockpit.

American Eagle pilots make an average \$35,000 a year, while American pilots make an average \$120,000 a year.

The proposed contract gives the jet-flying duties to American Eagle, with some limits, and it continues to be a sticking point.

McVeigh jury selection continues

By Michael Fleeman
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DENVER — Two prospective jurors in the Oklahoma City bombing trial Monday said they had heard a news report of Timothy McVeigh's purported confession, but dismissed it as unworthy of belief.

"I kind of thought it was something made up," said a supermarket maintenance man. "I thought it was kind of hokey."

Another candidate, a World War II veteran who worked in the banking industry, said all he could remember was that it was "a story about a confession that wasn't true, or nobody knows whether it was made up."

The responses related to a report in *The Dallas Morning News* — first posted on its Internet site Feb. 28 — that McVeigh told his defense team he alone drove the truck in the bombing, and decided on a daytime attack to ensure a "body count." A similar report was posted on Playboy's Web site.

The reports prompted a vigorous media response by McVeigh attorney Stephen Jones, who lashed out at the reporters and por-

trayed the alleged confession as a scripted ploy by the defense to try to get a witness to talk.

The campaign obviously resonated with jurors — nearly all of those who have heard of the report have expressed doubts about it. And Jones even continued his spin in court Monday by taking another shot at the *News*.

"As far as you know, the reporter for *The Dallas Morning News* is yelling down a rain barrel so he could hear himself talk?" Jones asked a prospective juror, who agreed with that statement.

The second week of jury selection in McVeigh's trial began with the questioning of a giggly cosmetics clerk who reads *Cosmopolitan* and the dictionary.

"I'm not actually reading it front to back," said the woman, three years out of high school. "But I do spend a lot of time flipping through and learning new definitions."

On the critical issue of the death penalty, the woman at first emphatically said she couldn't recommend execution, then said she could if the judge ordered her to consider it.

Asked why she opposed the death penalty, she said: "I enjoy life so much."

The search for a jury resumed at the same slow pace that marked the first week, with just three prospective jurors interviewed in the morning session to bring the total questioned so far to 37.

McVeigh, 28, is charged with murder and conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more in the nation's worst domestic act of terrorism.

If convicted, he could be sentenced to death by injection. By law, only prospective jurors who say they would at least consider the death penalty may serve.

Another one of those questioned, an elementary school teacher from a small town about 100 miles from Denver, said she could support the ultimate punishment in cases of premeditated murder.

"Some actions are more serious, and I think that the consequences should be more serious," she said. "There's got to be consequences."

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EDITORIAL

ADVISING

It doesn't have to be a nightmare

It's advising time again, and for many advisers and students that means big headaches.

The biggest problem with the advising process is that it is sort of a hit-or-miss operation. If you get a good adviser, it's a piece of cake. However, if you get an apathetic or incompetent adviser, delving into the murky waters of the University Core Requirements can be a nightmare.

For the whole situation to run smoothly and serve its purpose, though, both parties must do their best to understand the other's position. The following is the *Skiff's* list of suggestions that might help the whole advising process.

For advisers:

•Try not to be impatient with your students. This is an important time for them, and your help can make all the difference. For you it may be just 15 minutes, but for students it can mean the difference between an extra semester (and several thousand dollars) or graduating on time.

•Know the requirements for the university and for your department inside and out. The fact that you are an adviser means you should know this better than your advisees.

•Make sure the students have a degree plan and an Intent to Graduate form.

•Make sure that these forms are clear. If they are not, push the department to make new ones with a more clear and user-friendly format. Or offer to do it yourself.

For Students:

•Read the curriculum guide and know all the requirements for your major.

•Make a list of classes you would like to take and have alternates for every class.

•Make a list of specific questions to ask your adviser, rather than walking in and saying, "I don't get it."

•Don't be too hard on your adviser. After all, you only have one adviser, but your adviser advises tons of students.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WANTED TO "SPEND A NIGHT IN THE LINCOLN BEDROOM", BUT I SEE THAT YOU'RE LAID UP WITH A KNEE INJURY. I'LL COME BY WITH MY "DONATION" LATER.



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New 'bully' takes limelight

Now that House Speaker Newt Gingrich has removed himself from the limelight, the Republican Party has a new bully for the Democrats and the media to chastise. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., by virtue of his unselfish effort to defeat campaign finance reform, seems to have supplanted Speaker Newt as the liberals' least favorite conservative.

Liberties Union have joined forces with The Christian Coalition, Right to Life and the National Rifle Association in an attempt to educate the American people of the threat McCain-Feingold poses to their First Amendment rights.

McConnell explained the reason for the group's existence at a Capitol Hill press conference last

political system. It is, as McConnell has said, a blatant attempt to erode voters' First Amendment liberties.

The hypocrisy displayed by the Democrats concerning the funding of political campaigns would be unbelievable if President Clinton was not the point man. During the elections last fall, Clinton attempted to convince voters of the need for campaign finance reform.

We learned later that not only did the president offer big donors the chance to sleep in the Lincoln Bedroom, he accepted money from foreign fat-cats as well.

This is a clear violation of the law. But Clinton will never run for office again, so what's the big deal? Sadly, this attitude has become dominant in the Clinton White House.

"Yeah, we broke the law, but we'll change it so it won't happen again." Nothing is stopping another President Clinton from doing the same thing in a few years.

Campaign finance reform certainly would be welcomed, but not in the form currently discussed.

Although it may seem difficult, Congress can protect the freedom of the voters while reforming the system. There is no need to outlaw the "soft money" contributions of corporations.

All McConnell and his colleagues must do is require full disclosure of funds.

Under full disclosure laws, voters would be able to make a more educated decision, as they would know just how much each candidate received from all interests, from tobacco to the labor unions.

If a particular voter doesn't like smoking, he or she doesn't have to vote for a candidate whose campaign is heavily subsidized by Phillip Morris. It's just that simple.

The battle over campaign finance reform is one of the most important debates in our history. If handled correctly, it could help solve the problem of voter apathy.

But we must be careful not to forfeit any of our precious constitutional rights in the process.

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Commentary



Brian Wilson

McConnell is leading the fight against McCain-Feingold, the bipartisan bill aiming to curb "abusive" behavior during campaigns by limiting the rights of average citizens to participate in elections.

An unlikely coalition of liberals and conservatives has united in an attempt to defeat this ill-conceived bill.

The National Education Association and the American Civil

month. "This First Amendment coalition consists of members from a broad ideological spectrum," he told the gathering. "While we don't agree on every issue, we are united in our defense of all Americans' right to participate in our democracy."

Beneath the surface, McCain-Feingold is not, as its supporters would have us believe, a heartfelt attempt to reform the American

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Stress blooms on campus in April Summer can't come quickly enough to college students

This is the season that has perplexed mankind for ages. "April is the cruellest month." Rain falls in great, steady gusts from the sky in a solid onslaught that shows little sign of weakening. The sun, when it does grace the world with its magnificence, seems to be covered in a perpetual, dreary haze, reducing the rays to a fragment of their glory from the preceding month.

April is a metaphor for the university schedule as well. As the last full month of the second semester, it can be a devastating period in students' lives.

Students are bombarded with exams, deadlines and other responsibilities, not unlike the fresh, fragile spring grass in a thunderstorm. For a solid month, there seems to be no hint of the sacred light, whether it be the beams of the sun's rejuvenation or the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel.

As students, we feel ourselves sinking deeper and deeper into the darkest of holes where everything seems to be standing still, though there is never enough time to get everything done. "A week is a month and an hour a day, when your reaching just pushes it further away."

But what is it that we're always reaching for, though it is forever out of grasp? The answer is the sweetest day in all of the academic year, Phat Friday, May 9. This is the denoted

date in TCU's academic calendar when summer vacation overtakes the spring semester. It is the sneak preview of the lazy days ahead.

Summer marks the return to home for some and new adventures and responsibilities for others. Of the infinite variety of possible meanings, each one different to every student, summer universally symbolizes change. And students count the days to this change with more anticipation than a 6-year-old during the Christmas season.

In the meantime, we must prepare. In April we plant our seeds of final scholarly thought for the semester, and we cultivate their growth through studying and near-perfect classroom attendance. It is the time for thinking toward next semester's housing, gathering this year's memories, and preparing for the near truth of judgment day and final exams.

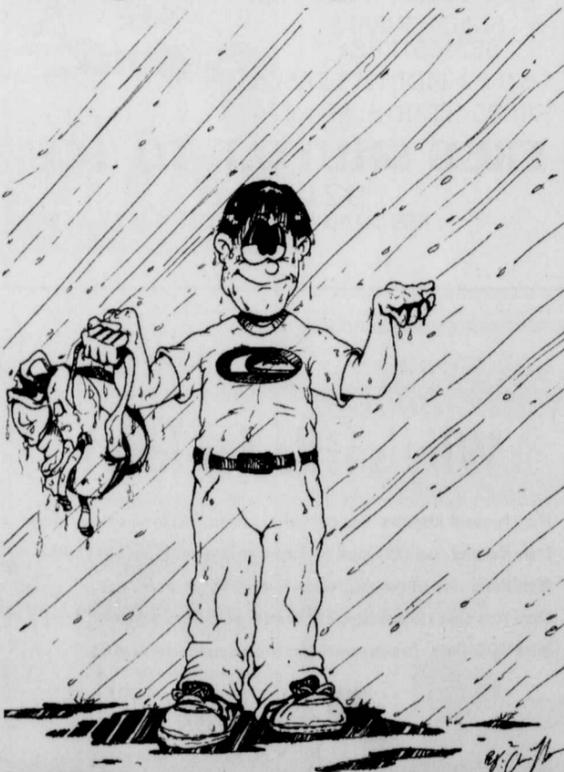
With no basketball or football season to distract us, we are forced to turn to dreaded commitment. Studies consume our lives, demanding all of our attention. This is why free time is so precious and why study breaks turn into full-throttle competitions of ultimate frisbee.

But in the end, we return to our field of dreams and worries in April's misty mornings to finish what we've begun. We've come to

Commentary



Michael Kruse



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realize that "without a little rain, life would be a desert." And so we hope to reap what we've achieved from the final exam harvest.

"April showers bring May flowers." And in order to frolic in the dreamy fields of summer, we must dedicate ourselves to drudging

through the dismal puddles of April.

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Letter to the Editor

Burdette oversimplified in column

I was extremely disappointed to read a statement in Will Burdette's column Tuesday that Catholics "relinquish to the pope their right to interpret the Bible." This brazen generalization is a widespread misconception and one that I was surprised to find in a *Skiff* column.

Under a section titled "The Holy Spirit, Interpreter of Scripture," the Catechism of the Catholic Church paraphrases a passage from the constitution Dei Verbum that observes that "to interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the human authors truly wanted to affirm and to what God wanted to reveal to us by their words." The Catechism then indicates for the faithful some criteria for interpreting Scripture "in accordance with the Spirit who inspired it."

In addition to two criteria which urge the reader "to be especially attentive to the content and unity of the whole Scripture" and to "be attentive to the analogy of faith," the Catechism exhorts Christians to "read Scripture within the living tradition of the whole Church." This last criterion is the one that is often misunderstood as a directive to "relinquish to the pope (the) right to interpret the Bible."

The Catholic Church considers its traditions as "the living memorial of God's word," and urges its followers to read Scripture within such tradition, but it strongly declares from the beginning that the Holy Spirit is the interpreter of Scripture. Furthermore, the very act of providing criteria to the faithful for the proper interpretation of Scripture suggests that the Holy Spirit can also endow the laity with some authority in this matter.

Catholics believe that the pope is "supreme pastor and teacher of all the faithful" but also recognize that such authority is bestowed by Christ.

Moreover, the church considers this teaching authority infallible only when either the pope alone or a council of all the world's bishops (the bishop of Rome included) make a formal declaration *ex cathedra* on matters of faith and morals. Such a declaration is extremely rare and is reserved only for the most important doctrines.

Therefore, it is really an oversimplification to say that Catholics "relinquish... the right to interpret the Bible." The role of the pope in the Catholic Church of the 20th century, especially in the United States, is not as easily defined as that.

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Rec life, tech life complex

Commentary



Theresa Hill

When I was a child we had some pretty radical inventions.

We had G.I. Joe action figures, Barbie Dream Houses, Speak and Spells and those cool little arcade games, like Donkey Kong, in a miniature arcade box.

As I grew older the games became more complicated to mirror the complications of my life.

Mattel and other toy company giants created little robots that were remote-controlled and had everything from carrying trays to little remote controls. I could have my friends give me stuff through my robot, and I never had to leave my seat (precursor to the remote-control television age).

In those days, my life was also highly tragic. No guy ever asked me to those dreaded dances. I never got a "will you be mine" valentine from the person I liked. The guy who was the nerd in the class always sent those to me. By the way, that nerd is a senior at Princeton and about to go to Harvard Medical school. Something to be said for the "nerds" of the class.

Now, as I approach graduation, many of my peers and I are wondering if we will have a job when we graduate.

The question of what I will do with my life looms over my head like a nebulous cloud and seeps into my every waking and subconscious thought. Fellow seniors know what I am talking about, and those of you who have time left, USE IT!

My problems cease to revolve around trivial things like boys, being elected to homecoming court and the next test. Instead, I have a whole new host of worries, like how to get a job that can pay back my loans to TCU and law school, where I will live for the next few years and if I am ever going to be the bride instead of the bridesmaid.

Technology, advancing with me like a parallel entity, has also encountered a whole new host of ideas, projects and advancements designed to make my life easier.

But with new technology comes a new responsibility from consumers.

I remember when computers first came out and were sold on a mass scale to civilians. They were pretty big, but not like the ones in the 1950s, and they were slow compared to today. But they were able to do jobs more effectively than the standard typewriters of the day.

Last night, I was talking to people everywhere in the United States by using my computer on this cool (and addictive) thing called a chat-line. It was so much fun to be able to meet people in the privacy of your own home and do cool things with scanners and graphics.

It made me wonder, though, how this will affect society and personal communication. One reason I came to TCU was that the classes were small and I would be able to interact with my teachers face-to-face, rather than through a computer screen.

But with such rapidly growing advancements in the telecommunications industry, this may change and I may become a closet student, forced to stay in my room and do everything through my computer because it's convenient.

I am a people person, and the fact is that this development, of which I had little time to contemplate until last night, was a bit startling. In the future I may go days without "seeing" a human being. People can do that now, but it is not very common.

Technology, like graduation, is a bittersweet thing. It is wonderful that we can do so many fun and educational things using the Internet. But it also means that, as a society, we become more distanced from each other, more impatient and less likely to care about the events in the world around us.

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Save small business

I am inviting all people who are sick and tired of big corporations taking over everything to come together and join my cult. Everyone who is anyone is joining a cult these days, and because L. Ron Hubbard's Scientology cult has been so popular, I have decided to start my own. It is called the Grassroots Revolutionary Guard.

You will not be forced to drink poisoned Kool-Aid or have sex with barnyard animals. It is simply a movement to counteract everything that would frighten your great-grandparents out of their minds — namely, anything big, hyper, conglomerated or having remotely to do with MTV, Ted Turner, Disney, Hollywood, Sprint, AT&T, MCI, Pepsi, Coke or any of the other big corporations.

All you have to do is support your local Mom-and-Pop business or start your own.

Technology has allowed big business to take over the world, and this is a trend that might not be very healthy. Everyone can work 8,000 times as fast and be 8,000 times as productive and make \$8,000 more a week. That's fine, but no one stops to think that for the sake of productivity and speed we are losing character, originality and personality.

For example, technology has allowed people to be more productive, and this has allowed corporations to grow by obscene proportions. The corporations, in hopes of diversifying their investments or getting a bigger share of the market, eat up smaller corporations. Before you know it you have McDonald's and Chevron in the same building. You can drive through for gas and a Big Mac without ever getting out of your car.

But can you imagine what would happen if all you ever did was sit in your car and eat Big Macs? You

would be fat and lazy and probably pretty sick of fast food.

Or take little bookstores such as Borders or Barnes and Noble, for example. No longer is there such thing as a Mom-and-Pop book shop.

Now, if you want a good book, you will probably have to go to a bookstore the size of a field house, dodge the hippies clinging desperately to their acoustic guitar with one hand and reading the latest edition of *PC Today* with the other, stop 12 times to ask the young lady with the spike through her chin if you are even in the same zip code as the book you would like to find, sidestep the pseudo-poets signing copies of their latest dreary, bleak verse and make your way past the mobs of people trying to beat each other to the first available cashier.

What is wrong with the old, musty-smelling, dusty bookstores with cats keeping watch from atop a shelf? Do we really need a hyperstore just to buy a book?

But the media has conglomerated to a dangerous degree as well. Does it scare anyone else that just 23 corporations control the entire nation's media outlets, according to Benjamin Barber's "Jihad vs. McWorld"? If it doesn't scare you, then it should. Look at it this way: These 23 corporations decide what goes in to every book you read, every movie you watch, every magazine you flip through and every newspaper that you line your bird cage with. Paramount, Buena Vista Films and Time Warner tell you what to think.

You cannot even go out to dinner in Fort Worth without noticing the effects of big business conglomeration. Look at how many restaurants are big cookie-cutter chain franchises. Chili's, Macaroni Grill, Olive Garden and Grady's are just a few of the

restaurants you can find in any city and from which you can expect the exact same food, decor, atmosphere and service.

If you have been to the big Pappasitos/Pappadeaux eating complex, then you know what I am talking about. This is a theme park for food. It is huge, loud and very contrived and impersonal. Oh yeah, and the wait is about eight years for a table.

Does anyone understand that this whole urge to conglomerate is just a load of bread and circuses? If there is food in our bellies and if we are entertained, then perhaps we won't worry about losing all our integrity, personality, style and creativity and freedom.

When we allow big businesses to take over the world like they are doing, they are able to form strong interest groups and lobbies. Then these interest groups put pressure on Washington to do what is best for their corporations' bottom lines. However, what makes money for Pepsi is not always the best thing for you and me.

But beyond that, it just gets monotonous and boring to live in a world where everything is shiny and big and over-hyped.

If Big Brother was going to take over, now would be the perfect time, and the Web would be the perfect tool for brainwashing.

But wait — everything doesn't have to be a theme park. There is a little bit of real life left in the world. If you want to find it, join my cult, and let's start to counteract all the big plastic and fiberglass, characterless, heartless businesses in the world.

We just have to find those little hole-in-the-wall restaurants and bookstores and support them. We need to watch independent films and read books by unknown authors. We need to make sure that we do not become a nation completely torn between Pepsi and Coke.

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Commentary

William Thomas Burdette

I am so cool and know everything. Just ask me

Arrogance is irritating but can be addressed with a snooty devil-may-care attitude of one's own

It's been a while since there has been any mention of the Prince of Darkness in the *Skiff*, so I thought I'd bring him up again. Imagine you are God's right-hand man, not to mention the most beautiful thing ever created. Not a bad deal if you ask me. But something is nagging you. You look at God. What does he have that you don't? You have it all, but somehow he has more. It boggles your mind.

While you're looking at God, it occurs to you that you can be just as good as he is; hell, you can be better! Why not be better than God? So you decide to stage a coup, and together with some other, lesser angels, you attempt to overthrow God.

Now pretend I'm God. I look at you. Certainly, you are pretty neat. You are in charge of all the other angels; that's a lot of power. There you are, challenging me with a third of MY angels behind you. With a flick of my finger, you are cast out of heaven to skulk about the netherworld, scheming of ways to get back at me, amusing yourself with puppets

such as Richard Simmons.

Lucifer was all about arrogance. Arrogance that he could get away with anything because of his status. I see this same quality in many people, Greek and non-Greek, athlete and non-athlete.

I see it in the girl who knows she is beautiful and won't give anyone the time of day. I see it in the Greek who snubs those who are not like him. I see it in the intellectual who revels in the fact that she is smarter than everyone else. I see it in the athlete who thinks he can be a drunken thug and get away with it because he is in the starting lineup.

For those of us who are average or only slightly above average, arrogant people are annoying. In that respect, I suppose that I am a little arrogant. For those of you who are better than everyone else, I want to inform you that I am in fact better than you.

As you walk around with your nose in the air, I want you to think about the fact that a lowly *Skiff* columnist is better than you, and here is the reason why: I don't need to tell myself and everyone else that I have worth. While you let everyone know how superior you are, I don't feel the need to.

For those of you who suffer from "my shirts don't stink" syndrome, I have news for you, and that is that you are really, really insecure. That's OK, because I can help. If you are burdened with the external trappings of arrogance, such as a wardrobe comprised entirely of Abercrombie & Fitch, give them to me, and they will be disposed of properly.

Is your money causing you to feel superior? Do you ever find yourself saying, "Well, she could never pay for that"? If this is your problem, then give your money to me. Problem solved. If you suffer from a general arrogant outlook on life, then please, seek me out, and you will be delivered from your trials.

If you ever catch me holding my nose high, then write me a letter or something. And if you know you are arrogant, then I'm sure this probably won't even faze you. If that's the case, then please reread that part about a lowly columnist being better than you. And then reread it again, until you see my point.



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Steve Steward

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Strong faith

Heaven's Gate is admirable

The Heaven's Gate 39 had the right idea, and rather than being ridiculed, the group should be praised.

Now this may seem like an absurd notion to some, but I assure you that it really isn't. Let me explain.

For those of you who don't know who the Heaven's Gate 39 were, here's a brief recap. The group believed

that the way to heaven was to be found behind the Comet Hale-Bopp that recently passed by Earth. To reach their goal, the 39 men and women packed some of their possessions in suitcases, poisoned themselves, put plastic bags over their heads and went quietly.

There was no tear gas, no fire, no standoff (and most importantly, no ATF). They hurt no one, and the only people who died were those who went freely. No children, no bystanders, no FBI agents or other official people.

Unfortunately, ever since the story of their deaths broke, they have been paid very few compliments. There are those who go on about religious freedom and how we need to recognize that not all religions manifest themselves in the same ways, etc. But even those people say that out of the side of their mouths in a sort of patronizing voice: "We-e-ll, we all have the right to worship in our own way. And I'm sure the nice Heaven's Gate people believed in God just as much as I do, so it's all OK."

But what no one seems to understand is that it really is OK. This most recent group of religious fanatics, as they have been popularly labeled, is just one example of how we should all live our lives.

Think about it as separate from the religious freedom issue. The beliefs of these people were so firmly held that they were willing to die for them. They truly believed that the way to heaven was behind that comet. These men and women were willing to leave this world, any position they had in it and all their possessions (except for what they felt was necessary to pack in their little suitcases, of course. Hey, no one's perfect).

Let me repeat: They died for what they believed.

In today's world, where cynicism and apathy abounds, it should give the rest of us hope to know there are still people out there who are willing to give up the most precious gift we all have because they believe it is the right thing to do. The 39 believed it with their hearts and souls, and they had no reservations about leaving when the time came.

How many of you can say there is something out there you believe in so strongly that you would die for it? Think very seriously about that question.

Don't everybody get up in arms about how you would die for your god at the drop of a hat and how you wouldn't even question it, blah, blah,

blah, I, too, was brought up, as many of you were, in a Christian household. I went to Catholic school for five and a half years of my life, and I've heard

all the mumbo-jumbo just like you have. But I'm not sure I'd be willing to just chuck it all and kill myself if some priest told me that was what God wanted me to do.

Would you? If a person of authority in

your place of worship came to you tomorrow and said, "It is God's will that you go take this drug, then lie down in bed and wait. Yes, the drug will kill you. But it is the way to heaven and to God's grace," would you do it, and willingly so?

"But," you say with a gasp of shock, "no one in my church would ever ask me to do such a thing. The idea is simply preposterous" (well, maybe you wouldn't say exactly that, but I bet it would be something along the same lines).

Whether someone would ever ask you to do such a thing is not the point. The point is, would you carry out the person's request or follow the order, even if it did seem like it came from left field?

Throughout history, there've been those charismatic leaders who have led a people to victory, or who have been so completely out there that they've caused the near-annihilation of an entire race without truly advancing their own group. People talk about how easy it is to get caught up in the aura those leaders project and how their superior oratory skills make it so easy to follow them. Some would say this Heaven's Gate episode is merely one example of a person brainwashing a group to believe as he or she does.

I've heard it said that David Koresh was one of those charismatic men. So was Adolph Hitler. And look what they did.

But so was Martin Luther King Jr. He never asked his followers to die for him or for what they believed. But they did, and so did he. Countless people died during the Civil Rights Movement.

Think of all the wars. Men and women by the tens of thousands have died fighting to protect their beliefs.

I admit that I laughed when I first heard of the Heaven's Gate 39. I personally don't believe heaven is behind the Hale-Bopp comet, nor do I believe the 39 actually made it. But that's simply because such an idea seems ridiculous to me.

Maybe they did make it. Maybe they're up there in heaven right now, laughing at me as I write this. At any rate, we should not discount them or declare them fanatics. Instead, we should all look to them as models of belief (albeit somewhat modified).

We should be so lucky to have a faith as strong as theirs.

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Commentary



Anne Drabicky



Steve Steward SKIFF STAFF



Denise Ward (right), a freshman neuroscience major, and Bambi Bonilla, a freshman premed major, catch some rays and catch up on their biology studies Monday afternoon in front of Sherley Hall.

Anne Drabicky SKIFF STAFF

PLAYER

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Kammer said Davern was "verbally combative" and threatened to beat up TCU Campus Police Officer Shawn Murphy when he got out of jail.

Kammer said that if police had been able to find Canine, he probably would have been arrested as well.

Head coach Pat Sullivan said, as of Monday, only Davern has been removed from the team. He said he does not know the extent of Canine's involvement.

He said Canine will continue to practice with the team.

"I don't know that he had any involvement at this point," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said that if a player is involved in an activity that violates a rule, that player will no longer be a part of the team.

"I have not and I will not tolerate things that are not right and are detrimental," he said. "Certain stipulations were put on our kids. He (Davern) broke our rules and he won't be playing."

Mike Russell, assistant dean of Campus Life, said Monday night he hadn't talked to Sullivan about Canine's involvement and said he didn't know if he would meet with Sullivan to discuss the issue.

"I'm sure the coach will address

it," Russell said.

Russell said he could not comment on the possible punishment Canine faces, but that whatever punishment is imposed will be determined within a week.

TCU has, however, taken action to punish Davern, but Russell would not comment on the stipulations of the punishment.

He did say Davern is currently allowed to be on campus and that he did not know whether Davern will continue to be a TCU student.

"That's his choice," Russell said. For both Davern and Canine, questionable behavior is not a new problem.

Canine was suspended from the team Oct. 10 for allegedly assaulting a student at Southern Methodist University. He was issued a Class C assault citation.

Davern, on the other hand, is one of four football players who was involved in an episode last May in which the four were charged with assaulting a former TCU student.

The four are still awaiting trial in the incident.

Stuart Ashley, a freshman defensive tackle, said Davern's removal from the team is a tough break but is not unbeatable.

"It is a big loss for the team, but

we have people who can step up and play," he said.

Torrie Simmons, a sophomore wide receiver, said: "Of course it's bad that he's gone, but we as a team can't let this bother us. We have to keep on playing, keep on trying."

Sophomore nose tackle Joe Briggs said Davern will be missed.

"Jay Davern was an exciting player and a good guy to be around," he said. "We're going to miss him a lot."

Sullivan said the fact that Davern won't be playing football this season won't affect the team as a whole.

"Overall, we have as fine a group of kids as there are in America," he said.

Sullivan said even though Davern is no longer a part of the Horned Frog team, he is concerned about his former player.

"I hate it for him and his family," Sullivan said. "I hope he can straighten his life out."

However, he said he will not allow players to break the rules he has set for the team.

"Jay Davern knew if he had any trouble of any kind, he couldn't be a part of the team anymore," Sullivan said. "The whole issue is he broke a rule and he's gone."

Groups oppose security scanner

Civil liberty groups, gun advocates cite invasion of privacy

By Darlene Superville ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Police groups are welcoming new technology that can help spot concealed weapons on people. But civil libertarians and gun advocates say the instruments are so perceptive, they can intrude on individual privacy.

Such devices would allow authorities to see all — from guns and plastic explosives to the extra rolls of fat hanging around a person's stomach.

"It becomes a question of how intrusive they are," said Mark Kappelhoff, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The National Rifle Association is concerned about what role the devices will play in the 31 states where it is legal to carry concealed firearms. But officials who represent beat police officers argued the machines will improve security.

"Anything that enhances public safety and officer safety, we're for," said Jim Pasco, executive director of the Fraternal Order of Police, the country's largest police group with 277,000 members.

Officials demonstrated one such

machine — the Secure 1000 security scanner — at a maximum security state prison in Raleigh, N.C., on Monday. Another will be placed in a federal building in Los Angeles.

The Secure 1000 scanners are manufactured by San Diego company Nicolet Imaging Systems. They're about the size of a voting booth and rely on low-level X-rays to highlight any solid objects on a person.

Other firms are now developing hand-held versions that will be able to detect a weapon hidden under someone's clothing up to 60 feet away.

"It's going to show everybody has something on them, keys and pens," said Capt. Marshall Hudson, the North Carolina prison official in charge of testing the \$100,000 machine. "Things you can't identify are things you want to do a more thorough search on."

Guards perform several hundred pat searches a day, and the 3-second scan with the new devices could save time and improve searches of the prison's 1,200 inmates, he said.

The scanner also is devilishly accurate at pinpointing small rolls of flab. It can even show a person's private

parts when operated on the "uncloak" mode, Hudson said.

That setting is valuable when looking for things like homemade knives made from metal stolen from the license plate shop, Hudson said. The machine also shows keys in pockets or a pistol held between the legs or in folds of skin.

NRA spokesman Chip Walker said the association also has problems with the hand-held scanners, especially if police officers sitting in their patrol cars will use them to ferret out who is hiding a weapon.

He suggested the police and public would be better served using the devices in airports, courthouses and during drug raids instead of "just broadly searching people as they walk up and down the streets."

But in disagreeing with the critics, Gerald Arenberg, spokesman for the National Association of Chiefs of Police, noted that a police officer is killed every 57 hours and 189 cops are assaulted daily.

"I don't think any police officer in his right mind would say that's an invasion of privacy," Arenberg said of the devices.

Search for jet focuses on Rockies

By Arthur H. Rotstein ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON, Ariz. — Five days after an Air Force jet disappeared in Arizona, searchers aided by a U-2 reconnaissance aircraft concentrated their efforts Monday on a mountain in the central Colorado Rockies.

The A-10 Thunderbolt II attack plane could be buried under snow on the side of New York Mountain, about 100 miles west of Denver, said Capt. Leslie Pratt of the Colorado Civil Air Patrol.

"There's nothing definitive. We think based on the latest FAA reading that that's where we're going to find it," Pratt said from Montrose, Colo.

The Federal Aviation Administration has used tips from the public and radar logs to try to recreate the possible path of the A-10 since it disappeared from southwestern Arizona on Wednesday.

The aircraft was with two other jets headed from Davis-Monthan

Air Force Base in Tucson to a bombing range. The jet piloted by Capt. Craig David Button vanished after in-flight refueling.

FAA records have intermittently tracked what investigators believe is the plane traveling in the opposite direction of the bombing range — northeast through Arizona, across far northwestern New Mexico and into Colorado — about 775 miles off course.

Pratt said new FAA information showed a possible radar track between Vail and Eagle, Colo. A motorist along Interstate 70 reported seeing smoke on the 12,467-foot New York Mountain one day last week.

Capt. Andrew White at the Tucson base said a reading from that account placed the aircraft about 15 miles southwest of Vail.

Another base spokesman, Lt. Keith Shepherd, said, "We continue to keep getting more sightings in that area, making that 15-mile-from-Vail sighting real good.

They're very credible," he said.

Joining in the search Monday was a U-2 reconnaissance aircraft from Beale Air Force Base in Marysville, Calif. It was making an eight-hour flight over central Colorado trying to pinpoint the location of the jet.

However, it will take some time to process and read the U-2's film, said Maj. Joseph LaMarca, a spokesman at Langley Air Force Base, Va., where the Air Force's National Rescue Center is based.

"We're not going to see anything till late, late tonight at the soonest. And then we'll go from there," he said.

Air Force officials had no explanation for the disappearance but have said the pilot could have been incapacitated by a blackout, seizure or heart attack and could have activated the plane's autopilot mechanism.

The missing pilot had been training to fly an A-10 for about six weeks.

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Defense strong in first scrimmage

By Paul Corliss and Wendy Bogema
SKIFF STAFF

The Horned Frog football squad held its first scrimmage of the spring Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium.

The defense was more dominant, though the offense did come up with some big plays despite having problems with the relatively young and inexperienced offensive line.

Rick Villarreal, director of football operations, said the coaching staff was happy with the team's overall play.

"We were really excited about what went on out there," he said. "Both sides of the ball had their moments, but the defense really looked good."

The defense, learning a new attack-oriented scheme under first-year defensive coordinator Phil Bennett, was more aggressive and appeared to be adapting to new position changes well, Villarreal said.

The scrimmage gave the team's quarterbacks a good opportunity to practice escaping the blitzing defense that implemented a number of position changes to put more speed on the field.

The changes seemed to pay off, as the defense got off the line quickly and put a lot of pressure on the quarterbacks.

"Overall the defense was more aggressive than in the past," Villarreal said. "(Matt) Harper looked good, even though he moved inside (from defensive end to defensive tackle). Joseph Phipps and Chance McCarty also did well."

Despite being on the run much of the day, Villarreal said the quarterbacks played well, though he added that TCU's quarterback situation is

far from settled.

Redshirt sophomore Jeff Dover started all but two games for the Frogs last season but is being pressed by transfers Derek Canine (SMU) and Kevin Colon (Texas A&M).

"In Canine and Colon we have two guys who are learning a new system and getting a lot of snaps for the first time," Villarreal said. "With Jeff having experience, he understands things a little better right now. This position is such a key one that we'll look at these guys throughout the spring and summer."

The offensive line has many holes to fill, particularly with the loss of All-Western Athletic Conference center Ryan Tucker; however, Villarreal said his heir-apparent, junior Doug Loeser, performed well.

"Doug's done a good job at center and (Mark) Cortez and (David) Bobo also played well on the offensive line," he said.

Cortez should anchor a line that is otherwise shaky. Three offensive linemen are redshirt freshmen, two have been moved from defense to offense and four saw limited play last season.

Despite the breakdowns on offense, starting tailback Basil Mitchell did break for one long run but fumbled the ball as he approached the end zone.

The receiving corps was rather quiet, but because of the defensive pressure, it often looked like the quarterbacks had to throw before the receiver completed their patterns.

The team returned to practice Monday and will hold another scrimmage at Amon Carter Stadium on Saturday.



The Horned Frog football team returned to the practice field Monday after what the coaching staff called a "successful" intrasquad scrimmage Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium.

TCU sprinters continue to pass competition

The women's 4x100 relay was the latest component of the TCU track and field squad to grab headlines after posting the nation's top time at the Texas Relays over the weekend in Austin.

The relay team, composed of Giesla Jackson, Shareen Sharrieff, Catoshia Lewis and Tinesha Jackson, posted a time of 43.80 seconds — winning the event at the meet and putting the team at the top of the NCAA standings for the outdoor season.

The time put the Lady Frogs ahead of the Louisiana State University women's 4x100 team, which had won three straight Texas Relay titles in the event. Additionally, the time automatically qualified the TCU sprinters for the NCAA Championships in June and broke the TCU record of 44.36 seconds.

On the men's side, junior sprinter Percival Spencer continued his domination of the 100-meter dash with a meet-winning time of 10.03 seconds. Spencer, who had already qualified for the NAAs, paces the nation in that event.

The men's 4x100 team of Spencer, Warren Johnson, Syan Williams and Chris Allison placed third with an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 39.44 seconds.

Frogs lose to San Jose, look to Ballpark game

There are two ways to look at San Jose State's three-game sweep of the Horned Frogs at San Jose Municipal Stadium.

Either the Frogs stayed within two games of the Western Athletic Conference South division lead thanks to Fresno State's home sweep of Rice, or the Frogs blew a golden opportunity to take the lead on the Owls, thanks to Fresno State's home sweep of Rice.

Take your pick. The Frogs lost 8-7 Friday, 5-3 Saturday and 14-9 Sunday to drop their season record (17-19, 9-9 in the WAC) two games below .500 for the first time since March 11, when they were 9-11. San Jose moved to 28-12 (14-4 in the WAC) and maintained a 1.5-game lead on Fresno State in the West division.

The Horned Frogs will host the Texas Longhorns for a single game tonight at The Ballpark in Arlington.

The Longhorns come in at 21-16 (5-10 in the Big 12). Texas is a powerful team with four regular players hitting over or near .400, including senior second baseman David Johnson, who played at TCU in 1996.

The teams met for a three-game series in Austin in February. Texas won all three games and currently owns a 208-50-2 all-time record against the Frogs.

Tickets for Tuesday's game are available at the TCU ticket office for \$5. Parking at the Ballpark will be \$6.

Safety Marion happy to be a Cowboy

IRVING (AP) — A few weeks ago, free agent safety Brock Marion thought he was a Baltimore Raven. On Monday, he rejoined the Dallas Cowboys and insisted he couldn't be happier.

Marion attended a March 20 news conference at the Ravens' training complex to announce he'd agreed to a reported four-year, \$6.5 million deal. Instead, team owner Art Modell said he wanted more doctors to examine Marion's left shoulder blade, which he broke in November.

After more tests, the Ravens told agent Jordan Woy they weren't interested. Woy continued talking to them until late last week, then called the Cowboys and quickly worked out a one-year deal with incentives.

"I signed with the Cowboys because I chose to," said Marion, a starter the last two years and a contributor on Dallas' last three Super Bowl championship teams.

Woy, however, said he's considering taking action against Baltimore, either with a lawsuit or by filing a grievance with the league.

Games lack school support

The TCU baseball team's two games last week to Texas Tech will be recorded as home losses, but that's not fair to the team. Judging from the size and make-up of the crowd, the Frogs may as well have been on the road.

The official attendance figures for the Tuesday and Wednesday affairs were 342 and 383, respectively. It's my unscientific estimate that two-thirds or more of these fans were wearing the red and black of the Red Raiders.

How embarrassing. Not just for the fans, but for the players. Imagine hosting a top 10 team in any sport, only to find that the crowd you hoped would provide a boost to your upset hopes was more hostile than friendly.

This season, there have been plenty of appeals for support of TCU athletics from sportswriters and coaches. Perhaps the message gets lost amid the masses of information out there, but the simple fact is that it reflects

poorly on TCU when we don't show well at our own athletic events.

And it's not like students would have been coming out to see a bad baseball team. It's a team that's just

two games out of first place in its division, behind the pre-season favorite, Rice. It's a team that has played a tough non-conference schedule, including Texas Tech, a perennial powerhouse in Texas and an NCAA regional team in Sam Houston State.

The Western Athletic Conference is overall strong in baseball. Rice is ranked 13th in the nation. San Jose State and Fresno State are successful programs. And now, with the strange mix of the West Coast style of play and the Texas brand played by TCU and Rice, the conference is that much more entertaining.

If that's not enough, there are some Frogs who are intriguing to watch by themselves. Senior left-hander Derek Lee is creeping up the ladder in TCU rankings in career

wins, starts and strikeouts. Junior outfielders Chris Connally and Ryan Dunn are battling each other for the team home run lead (they are currently tied at 13 apiece). Sophomore third baseman Royce Huffman is among the conference leaders in batting average.

If all that's not enough, the weather is turning beautiful, the field is within walking distance of both Worth Hills and main campus dorms, the games are free, most games are on weekends or during the afternoon, when they won't interfere with classes and the usual baseball fare — popcorn, peanuts, and the ever-popular Frog Chill — is available.

Two excellent chances to catch the TCU baseball team are right around the corner. The Frogs will take on the Longhorns at 7 p.m. today at The Ballpark in Arlington, widely regarded as one of the best baseball facilities on the planet. And they'll play Rice in a series that could decide the South division starting Friday.

And if they overcome the Owls, you'll really feel left out. Don't say you weren't warned.

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Commentary



Ryan J. Rusak



Royce Huffman, among the hitting leaders in the Western Athletic Conference, is one of many reasons to check out the Horned Frog Baseball team, which plays Texas tonight at the Ballpark in Arlington.

Speedway grows fast on fans

By Patricio Crooker
SKIFF STAFF

For any sports fan, the Dallas-Fort Worth area offers all kinds of professional sports, and last weekend a new and fast-growing sport was added to the metropolis — NASCAR.

The inaugural Winston Cup race, the Interstate Batteries 500, at the new Texas Motor Speedway, was witnessed by a sold-out crowd of 185,000. On a cool but sunny day, most people got to their seats in time to see the dropping of the green flag, but thousands of others were stuck in traffic for up to six hours.

Eddie Gossage, general manager of the Texas Motor Speedway, said Sunday's crowd was the biggest of any sporting event in the history of the state.

"You've got the largest crowd in the history of professional sports in Texas," Gossage said in the inaugural ceremony minutes before the race.

The Interstate Batteries 500 winner, Jeff Burton, took the lead the last 50 laps to become the first Winston Cup winner on the new track.

Driving his Ford car at an average speed of 125.105 mph, Burton won for the first time not only in Texas but also in his professional career. "I just wanted to make sure we didn't mess up because it would have looked awfully silly," Burton said.

Burton took the lead on lap 277 after what appeared to be contact with the car of Todd

Bodine. A CBS camera image, however, showed that Burton did not make contact with Bodine.

Second place went to pole position starter Dale Jarret, while the Texas-native Labonte brothers, Bobby and Terry, finished third and fourth, respectively.

Jarret said second place isn't bad at all because it helps in the accumulation of points for the season-long Winston Cup championship in which he currently leads.

Characterized by a number of crashes and yellow flags, one of which came on the race's opening lap, the race didn't go quite as smoothly as was hoped.

Many of the drivers criticized the condition of the track and said they hope that next year the track will show improvements.

One of the most serious critics was Rusty Wallace, who finished 37th in the race after a crash on lap 160.

"I don't think there's any way in the world we will come back here with the track in its current condition," Wallace said before returning to the track after his car had been repaired.

But not all drivers agreed that the whole track needed to be reconstructed.

Ted Musgrave, who finished in 35th position, said next year will be all right if the track is simply improved.

"It needs some adjustments," Musgrave said.

"I think side-by-side racing caused lots of frustration. We will come back and it will be changed."

The cost of the track was estimated at \$110 million, and its executives said they are willing to do anything to improve the track for the racers and the fans.

"If improvements need to be made to improve safety or competition, we will look at it," Gossage said.

One of the favorites to win the race was this year's Daytona 500 race winner, 24-year-old Jeff Gordon. Gordon began the race second to the pole position and led the race in two instances but later crashed. After a long absence, he returned to the race for a 30th place finish.

Saturday's Coca Cola 300, of the Busch Cup circuit, was the first official race on the track.

Mark Martin, who was leading Sunday's race when his engine blew out, won the Coca Cola 300.



Jeff Gordon, No. 24, started second on the pole position and led the race twice but finished in 30th place after a crash.

The race not only brought racing celebrities to the pits, with an inauguration ceremony full of Texas racing flavor, but other celebrities as well.

The Chicago Bulls' Dennis Rodman was part of a celebrity roster that included billionaire and former presidential candidate Ross Perot, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman, Texas Senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison, Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr and singer Mark Chesnut.

Texas officials welcomed racing fans and NASCAR racers to the state and invited them to stay.

The next race to be held at the speedway will be the Indy 400 on June 7. The race will be held at night and will be the first nighttime Indy race in history.

Ninja Verses

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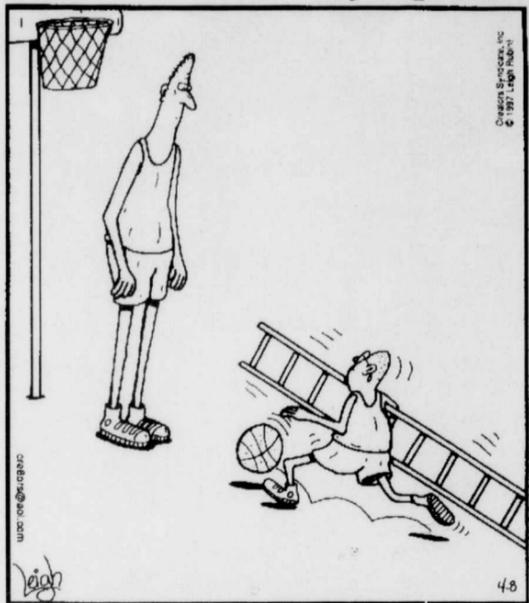
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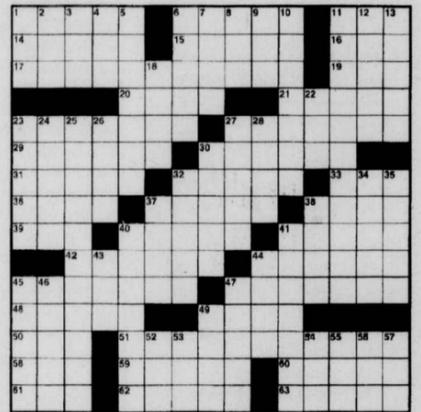


What Leon lacked in height he more than made up for in imagination.

Campus Crossword

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| 6 Fracas | 2 Miss. neighbor | 63 Long time | 22 Exist |
| 11 Barker and Bell | 3 Preserves | | 23 Tale |
| 14 Calgary iceman | 4 Grant of gospel | | 24 Eagle's nest |
| 15 Talk-show host | 5 Dinner portion | | 25 SpaceCamp actor |
| Hamilton | 6 Indian wraps | | 26 Toe the (obey) |
| 16 Benevolent brother | 7 up | | 27 Hollowed apples |
| 17 Toni Tennille's partner | 8 Joplin tune | | 28 One of Ben's boys |
| 19 Slugger's stat | 9 Pitch -hitter | | 30 Takes on Tyson |
| 20 Overly formal | 10 Flapjack | | 32 The of War |
| 21 in (collapsed) | 11 Game-show magnate | | 34 Critic Judith |
| 23 Brief raids | 12 Seascape playwright | | 35 Multitudes |
| 27 Alleges | 13 Slides on ice | | 37 Deep mud |
| 29 Preparing to drive | | | 38 Assistant |
| 30 T. Washington | | | 40 Approach to the green |
| 31 Asian ape | | | |
| 32 Not as good | | | |
| 33 Potsdam pronoun | | | |
| 36 Abounding (with) | | | |
| 37 Mingles | | | |
| 38 60s hairstyle | | | |
| 39 Slangy agreement | | | |
| 40 Penalized a speeder | | | |
| 41 Stereo systems, for short | | | |
| 42 Stockpiles | | | |
| 44 Clothes hater | | | |
| 45 Life's little jokes | | | |
| 47 Bemoans | | | |
| 48 Translucent | | | |
| 49 Verdi opera | | | |
| 50 Actor Chaney | | | |
| 51 Howling deejay | | | |
| 58 Amin of Uganda | | | |
| 59 Torch's crime | | | |
| 60 Numbers game | | | |
| 61 Peace, to Petrarch | | | |



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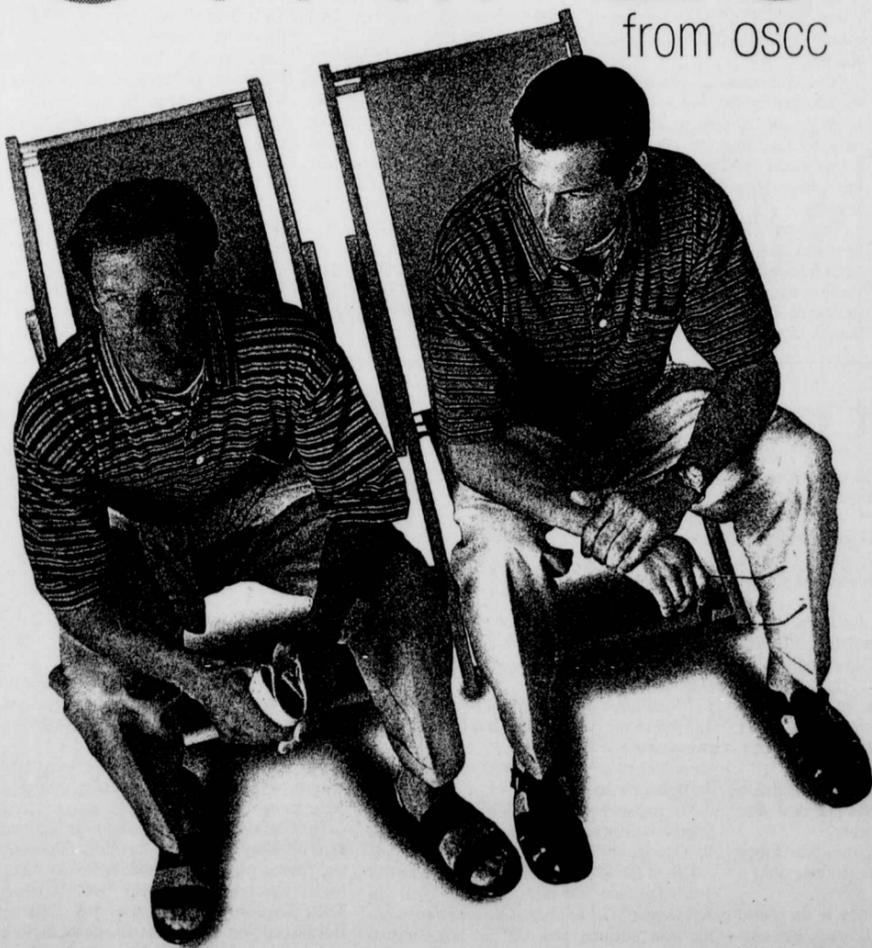
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