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House wants to vote on Skiff reporting

The House of Student Representatives will vote on two bills and two resolutions at its meeting 5 p.m. today in Student Center, Room 222.

According to Bill 98-8, the Delta Sigma Theta sorority requests \$2,030 from the House's Special Projects Fund to help pay for a spring fashion show to be held in late March.

The Students for Asian-Indian Cultural Awareness (SAICA) is asking the House to allocate \$4,000 to help fund a banquet and fashion/talent show to be held in April. According to the bill, the proceeds from this event will benefit orphanages and leprosy missions in India.

The House will also vote on a resolution to encourage TCU to purchase another gasoline-powered Froggie 5-0 cart.

According to Resolution 98-2, which was submitted by the Permanent Improvements Committee, the purchase of another cart would bolster the standard of safety at TCU.

Resolution 98-3 asks that the Skiff return to its former way of reporting House members' votes by showing in a graphic the names of members, their constituencies and how members voted on legislation at each meeting.

Currently, in each Wednesday edition of the Skiff, a smaller box displays only the number in favor of, the number against and the number of abstentions for each piece of legislation. According to the resolution, reinstating the list of individual votes would enhance accountability.

Soprano debuts at concert tonight

American soprano Barbara Bonney will make her Van Cliburn concert debut at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Pianist Caren Levine will perform in the concert that will feature works by Mozart, Wolf and Strauss. It will also include a piece based on the life of Billy the Kid, to whom Bonney is allegedly related.

Dr. Carol Reynolds, an associate professor of music at Southern Methodist University, will give a lecture titled, "Cliburn Conversations," before the concert at 7 p.m.

Tickets, which are \$36, \$24 and \$12, are available by calling 335-9000. Admission is free to TCU students with their I.D.

State

Rap fans storm ticket-takers

HOUSTON — Police were investigating a weekend disturbance during a rap concert where about 200 ticketless fans rushed the doors of Compaq Center.

At least two gunshots were fired Sunday night inside the arena after the concert by Master P & the No Limit Family. No serious injuries were reported.

The incident began at about 8:30 p.m. when the estimated 200 fans stormed past Compaq Center ticket-takers. The concert had been sold out after 10,000 seats were filled. Some of the workers at the turnstiles reported minor injuries.

About midnight, some 10 minutes after the concert ended, at least two shots were fired inside the arena, Fred King, a Houston Police Department spokesman, said.

"One or two inside, one or two outside, as best we can tell," King said.

About 100 officers were called to help with crowd control and one officer saw a man in his 20s with what appeared to be a chrome gun in his hand. He was not apprehended.

"Whoever fired the shots got away," King said.

Metal detectors are in use at some Compaq Center events. King said it was possible the alleged gunman may have been one of the 200 fans who stormed past ticket-takers.

By Jason Crane
STAFF REPORTER

All rise, the Honorable Judge Cheril Hardy presiding.



Cheril Hardy

Cheril Hardy, who graduated from TCU in 1971 and from SMU's law school in 1983, has heard

that statement for the last two years as judge of County Criminal Court Seven.

The county-wide Republican primary will be held today, and Hardy is up for re-election. She will face two political newcomers, Richard Alley and Bob McCraey.

No Democrats entered the race before the Jan. 2 deadline, so the winner of the Republican primary will automatically win the November general election.

Hardy received the Republican nomination for County Criminal Court Seven in 1996 after she defeated incumbent Judge Howard Fender in the Republican primary. Hardy then defeated Kim Campbell in the general election.

She said Fender was the first judge of County Criminal Court Seven and has been a Tarrant County politician since the 1950s.

"It was a big win for me, and Judge Fender has been very supportive of

me ever since," Hardy said.

Hardy said she enjoys going to work every day because she has the chance to make a difference in the community. She said she has a strong pro-education stance because many of the offenders in her court are 17- to 25-years-old.

Hardy has twin 20-year-olds who are both in college and a 24-year-old daughter who teaches Spanish at Paschal High School.

Hardy said as a condition of

offenders' probation, she requires them to get a high school diploma or GED. She also said she gives more leeway to offenders who enroll in college.

"It's a great feeling when people who have been through my court come back and say they never thought they could do it," Hardy said.

Tom Hill, a Fort Worth attorney and TCU alumnus, said it is a credit to

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FJJI concert helps MDA

Child appeals to crowd

By Kristina Jorgenson
STAFF REPORTER

Seven-year-old Matthew Swinton enjoys playing games and pulling tricks just like most other little boys — he likes petting live snakes, he jokes around with his mother regularly and he looks forward to summer camp each year.

But Swinton has confronted issues most 7-year-olds cannot imagine.

Swinton has a form of muscular dystrophy called spinal muscular atrophy. Like all forms of muscular dystrophy, the disease has no cure.

It is a progressive disease, which causes Swinton's muscles to weaken more and more as time passes. The disease weakens the muscles around the chest the most, meaning that he must use machines to help him take deep breaths. He cannot cough or breathe like other children, and he has always used a wheelchair.

At the Robert Earl Keen concert sponsored by the FJJI fraternity Sunday night in Will Rogers Auditorium, Swinton sat proudly on stage in his wheelchair and looked out on a crowd of about 2,000 people. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association and fund a TCU scholarship.

His mom, DeAnn Swinton, of Southlake, told the crowd about her son's disease and how the MDA has helped her family deal with it.

Then Swinton, speaking confidently, related his top three favorite things about summer camp:

- No. 3: "Swimming every day."
- No. 2: "No parents for a week."

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(Above) Jeff Tucker (far left), FJJI chapter adviser and a TCU alumnus, plays with members of a local band, Pickin' Posse, at a concert to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association Sunday night at Will Rogers Auditorium. (Left) Matthew Swinton, a 7-year-old boy who has spinal muscular atrophy, sits with his parents before briefly speaking to a crowd of about 2,000 concert-goers about his condition.

Jeff Meddaugh CAMPUS EDITOR

Kidding around

Annual event leads to adventures in baby-sitting

By Danielle Daniel
SKIFF STAFF

Students in Alpha Phi Omega spent last Saturday night playing with Legos, hula hoops and watching "George of the Jungle" at the Rickel building as part of the annual "Professor's Night Out," a program which pairs professor's children with TCU students to give parents a night off.

Christie Arisman, a junior finance major,

said the service fraternity holds the event annually to give something back to the faculty.

Members of the fraternity said this year's baby-sitting bash was a success because they had a good turnout and those involved had just as much fun as the approximately 40 kids who attended.

Professors also praised the event because they got an evening away from the kids and their kids got an evening of fun.

Greg Stephens, an assistant professor of management and a regular participant in the event, said his two children anxiously look forward to the evening and the student baby-sitters every year.

"I love (the TCU students)," he said. "They're terrific."

Students transformed rooms in the Rickel into a movie room and a playroom. The gyms were also open for scheduled soccer, basketball and football games.

Jessica Miller, a freshman premajor, held a hula hoop race in the playroom, where kids hopped through hoops laying flat on the ground.

"We just decided to no longer be college students and go back to our childhood," Miller said, beginning another race with the laughing children.

Kathy Benensee, a senior English and psychology major, walked through the hall holding a toddler's hand while two girls rushed through playing their own imaginative game.

"We are playing kitties," 5-year-old Frankie La Mendola said. "I am a white kitty."

Her friend, 7-year-old Sabrina Benford, said she enjoyed the night at the Rickel much more than she would have enjoyed spending a night at home.



Lyle Wilson SKIFF STAFF

A member of Alpha Phi Omega takes part in activities with the child of a TCU professor Saturday night in the Rickel Building as part of "Professor's Night Out."

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Clinic helps develop skills

Students, disabled children work to build trust

By Jeff Meddaugh
CAMPUS EDITOR

Christopher Ybarra doesn't know a stranger.

He greets people with a playful smile and in between kicking a red soccer ball and swatting at baseballs, he offers the heartiest handshake he can muster.

And while Ybarra develops his motor skills while playing some of his favorite sports, he builds trust with a TCU student who learns about how Down's syndrome affects his 7-year-old frame.

Relationships like these, which have been forged in early Saturday morning meetings in the Rickel Building for the past five weeks, have brought together a child's desire for fun and a

college student's need for experience.

Through an adapted/developmental physical education clinic offered this semester through the TCU department of kinesiology and physical education, 30 TCU students have teamed up with 40 children who have learning, mental or physical disabilities.

The program helps improve the motor skill development and physical fitness of preschool, elementary, middle and high school-aged children through aquatic and aerobic activities. Students, who observe and assess the children's development during that time, have helped in the clinic as part of their own degree require-

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On the road again

Spring Break excursions offer cheap fun

By Beth Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

Take a Spring Break road trip and discover the adventure of America through tiny car windows at 80 mph. Pack a few friends in a car and leave Fort Worth behind. Take the scenic route and stop at every historical marker.



With Spring Break hitting TCU within a matter of days, students may be drawn away from Fort Worth to other popular

locations and attractions in the state.

As students may have found, road trips require little planning and little money and can consist of small day trips instead of a full week of activities.

Austin, a popular college town 192 miles from Fort Worth, offers a plethora of bars on Sixth Street, and undiscovered bands play all over the city.

During the day, Guadalupe Street, also known as the Drag, has plenty of stores to buy retro, funky clothes and local jewelry, while craft makers sell their wares right beside the street.

To make the trip educational, visit the Texas State Capital. Tours are free and start every 15 minutes.

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Pulse

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UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH needs students to run the Republican primary election from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. today. Pay is \$5-\$6 per hour. For more information, call Ken Jones at 336-8787 or 921-9207.

DISCOUNT TICKETS TO SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS are available at the Information Desk in the Student Center. Tickets are valid March 28 through April 5. The cost is \$19.75 per ticket. All rides will be open, including Mr. Freeze.

MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM is now accepting applications from juniors and seniors to participate in its research program. Students must meet the program requirements to participate. For more information, come to the TRIO Programs office in the Rickel room 232.

THE WILLIAM L. ADAMS WRITING CENTER can help improve students' grades on midterm writing projects. The center is located in the Rickel Building room 100 and is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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"It's a hundred-fifty thousand times (more fun)," she said before taking off down the hall again as a "kitty."

Further down the hall, children were entertained in the movie room as popular movies including "George of the Jungle" and "The Little Mermaid" were shown.

Eight-year-old Mark Bond took a break from the movie to grab a quick snack. He said he didn't really care for "The Little Mermaid" but was still

having a good time.

"We're having lots of fun, fooling around and watching so much TV that your eyes bug out," he said. "It's just plain ol' regular fun."

Many of the kids said they liked their new TCU baby-sitters.

"They're fun and they're kind of weird," 7-year-old Margot Glaser said. "They're kind of goofy."

Angel Ilarraza, 11, said he enjoyed playing sports games with

the students.

"They are fun to be with and a lot of help," he said. "They are terrific and they make you laugh."

Eight-year-old Lucy Croft admired the older kids' enthusiasm.

"I like that they are fun to play with and have lots of energy," she said.

The students, though, said they had some trouble keeping up with the energetic youngsters.

Joe Doran, a sophomore premajor,

said the night was literally non-stop fun.

"They have so much energy," he said. "I take a break and sit down and then the kids come and find me."

But Doran said he loves kids and that spending an evening with them every year is fun.

"It brings me back to my childhood," he said. "And they get to mill (around) with other kids and have fun, too."

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ments since 1986.

Carol Pope, the clinic's director and an associate professor of kinesiology and physical education, said the program benefits both parties involved.

"I think consistently I hear after the clinic, students have reflected back on how this has been meaningful to them," Pope said. "In terms of the parents and the kids, they're very enthusiastic and supportive."

Ybarra's father, Gary, said his son, who was also in the program last semester, loves the chance to play around.

"It's good for him to get out and be involved," he said. "He's very athletic and very active."

Ybarra said in school his son participates in both a first grade class and a special education class. He also fits in well with his 11-year-old brother and energetic 3-year-old sister.

"Having a younger sister, it's better for him," Ybarra said. "I know he sees the progress with her."

Progress could be seen Saturday as children arrived at 9 a.m. and paired up with their clinicians, whom they greeted with friendly voices and hugs. The day concluded with an awards ceremony, in which each child received a

certificate and a trophy for meeting a special goal established by the clinician and the child.

Clinicians kept aquatic, locomotor and object control assessments for their child. They tailored objectives for each child to meet, Pope said.

"The emphasis is on the child, not the disability," she said.

Buffy Ferguson, a senior special education major, said she worked with a girl who had Down syndrome and was afraid to jump into the pool.

"Towards the end of the five weeks, though, she was coming around," Ferguson said. "She was in the process and was more willing to try."

Ferguson said reaching the goals with some of the children was a growing experience.

"These kids absolutely love this program," she said. "It gives them a chance to do so many different things."

Charla Lineman, a graduate student in kinesiology and physical education, said she hopes the clinic is something the children will remember when they're older.

"From semester to semester, it's wonderful to see the kids develop skills and grow," Lineman said.



Jeff Meddaugh CAMPUS EDITOR

Buffy Ferguson, a senior special education major, works with Erica Ramirez in the pool at the Rickel Building on Saturday as part of the adapted/developtmental physical education clinic.

"Watching them blossom is gratifying."

During the awards ceremony, proud parents watched their children accept awards with their clinicians, most of whom have worked with the same child during the five-week period.

The awards reinforced specific motor skills with each child, Pope said.

Stephanie Feltman, a senior special education major, said the clinic benefits all involved.

Feltman said she was touched when she saw the child she worked with,

who was mostly nonverbal, laughing and jumping into the pool.

"Some areas were challenging," she said. "But he benefited from having one-on-one contact."

"He felt like he did something great, and he did," she said.

Pope said the program, which begins in the middle of each semester, is one of the campus' "best kept secrets."

"It's great to see a child one-on-one with an athlete," Pope said. "They are the hero or heroine for that child."

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editorial

RESOLUTION RUBBISH

Ignorance about *Skiff* wastes House's time

Today, members of the House of Student Representatives will vote on a resolution — a resolution to ask the *Skiff* to run a graphic we ran in previous semesters that showed how each representative voted on each bill; a resolution to reinstitute a graphic that the editor of the *Skiff* already told House President Shana Lawlor we wouldn't be using this semester.

What a waste of time. It makes us wonder why someone didn't just call and ask us why we don't run the graphic anymore.

For those who are interested, the *Skiff* editors chose not to run the House graphic because of the limit it placed on our design staff and because of its unpredictability — we never knew when we were going to need it since it was useless when the vote was unanimous (as it often was).

We would have been happy to explain this to anyone and that would have saved everyone's time this afternoon. That way, maybe the House reps who attend the meeting wouldn't be voting to ask for something that has already been decided.

No wonder attendance is down.

Not too many college students have time to sit down in a huge meeting and vote on things we would like to ask other people for.

Maybe House members could have used the time they will waste voting on a resolution based on little or no knowledge to work on an area where they might make a difference.

Clearly, that's not the plan for this afternoon's House meeting.



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Harassment knows no gender

Supreme Court needs to realize sexual misconduct is universal

Last week the Supreme Court ruled that men can sue men for same-sex sexual harassment.

At that very moment, as Justice Antonin Scalia made his "landmark decision," though it was barely audible, gays and lesbians and all other humans who weren't completely devoid of common sense sounded a resounding "Duh!"

If this isn't the most ridiculous no-brainer disguised as an actual case to be argued before those mighty justices, I don't know what is. (Maybe abortion rights cases could qualify.)

At any rate, Joseph Oncale, a Houston oil rig worker, is attempting to sue his employer, Sundowner Offshore Services, for sexual harassment that allegedly took place on the rig in 1991.

Previously, his case had been thrown out by an appeals court. But now, thanks to Scalia, he can proceed with his lawsuit full steam ahead.

Except there are several problems. Scalia, while announcing that the

Civil Rights Act of 1964 — the act which makes sexual harassment illegal — is gender-blind, went on to add that based on the act, Oncale will have to show that he was singled out because of his gender.

On the surface this sounds like a grave contradiction in terms, but it actually means that as long as the perpetrators would have done the same thing to women, their actions are perfectly legal, or at least do not qualify as harassment.

This in itself is idiotic. How often since Paula Jones surfaced have we asked if Clinton would have exposed himself to a man? Did we ever question if Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas would have questioned the presence of pubic hair on his Coke to a man?

The answer is that we never questioned it, because even then we realized we didn't care. It's completely irrelevant.

What does matter is that the person who brings forth the allegations

feels violated and is forced to work in a hostile environment the way Oncale was.

Oncale claims that in 1991, shortly after he was hired, three men on the rig held him down in a shower and shoved a bar of soap between his buttocks. One of them, he told *Time* magazine, threatened rape.

Obviously, his rights were violated and the work environment was made hostile. It was so bad, that he quit the rig and later suffered from post-traumatic stress.

In this case, does it really matter whether women would have been subjected to the same treatment? Besides, how could Oncale prove that they would have been when the rig has an all-male crew?

What should Sundowner do? Hire female crew members to be guinea pigs to see if the three men will do the same thing to them? Would doing that change anything about Oncale's experience?

It would not, and the Supreme Courts is well aware of that.

Another problem that arises is the concern over sexual orientation. All the men in the case are firmly declaring their heterosexuality, which is

another attempt to negate the harassment charges, because, according to Scalia, same-sex harassment is only discriminatory when the harasser is gay. Again, this should not matter.

Obviously, the accused are not going to choose this moment to come out of the closet, if in fact they are gay. So the charges should still stand.

Consider if later on down the line of life, Clinton decided for some reason he was gay. Would we care any less (if that's possible) for Paula Jones? Of course not.

What should really result from this case is a stern reminder that sex, sexual actions, sexually charged language or anything else sexual, has absolutely no place in the workplace. Instead, what we're getting is a bunch of legal loopholes and legal jargon designed to deny the obvious: sexual harassment is still sexual harassment, whether those involved are homosexuals or heterosexuals.

The only thing now is for the Supreme Court to finally realize and accept that.

SheriAnn R. Spicer is a sophomore English major from Fort Worth.

Commentary



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Commentary



AMANDA WALKER

Disneyfication

Films' accuracy lost in Disney's quest for wide market appeal

On a lazy afternoon, I plopped down to bask in the glow of the last bastion of on-campus entertainment: free dorm cable. I zipped through the 24-hour news channels showing some sort of Congressional subcommittee hearings that will in no way affect my tuition payments next semester.

I flew past a couple of channels displaying only Shana Lawlor's name in monumental scale, like some sort of Big Brother propaganda attempt.

Then I slowed down, like a motorist passing a grisly wreck, as I came upon the Technicolor Dreamcoat of the TCU Movie Channel. Upon seeing "Hercules," my morbid curiosity kicked in and I wondered if there was perhaps another mix-up and the real title was "Hercules and the Sorority Slumber Party VIII."

Sadly, I mean, fortunately, it was Disney's animated "Hercules." Being familiar with Greek mythology and having never seen the film before, I figured it was worth viewing.

Overall it was OK, but what was really bugging me throughout was how Disney had just made up so much of the story or just changed basic Herculean facts, some for no apparent reason.

It's just nuts how much Disney, especially in recent years, has sanitized story lines. The result of this in a visual media-heavy culture such as ours, is that those who don't know the facts take the Disney version as the one true story.

In an effort to stem the stream of misinformation, I have begun a crusade to enlighten the population of the "Disneyfication" of humanity's great fairy tales and myths.

First, take Hercules. The true origin of Hercules is that Zeus, a prolific womanizer,

finds a mortal peasant woman desirable. As king of the gods, Zeus gets what Zeus wants.

So Hercules is born half god, half mortal. Hera, Zeus' wife, is understandably irritated by this and spends much of her time trying to kill Hercules and make his life miserable.

In the Disney version, Hercules is the son of a suddenly committed Zeus and Hera. Only in an elaborate kidnapping scheme does he become partly mortal and find his peasant parents.

Several forlorn songs later, the Disney Hercules seeks a trainer to teach him how to be a hero, resulting in some satyr prepping him for damsel-rescuing.

The real Herc? No goatboy taught him how to wallop monsters and be a gentlemanly hero. Hercules was violent, arrogant and mostly unlikable. It took the Twelve Labors, which Disney neglects to even hint at, to teach him some humility.

One of those labors involved slaying the Hydra. Two heads grow back for every one cut off, so Hercules uses a torch to burn the stumps before the heads grow back. The Hydra shows up in Disney's version, but for some reason

Hercules ends up killing it not with fire, but with a landslide that squashes the many heads.

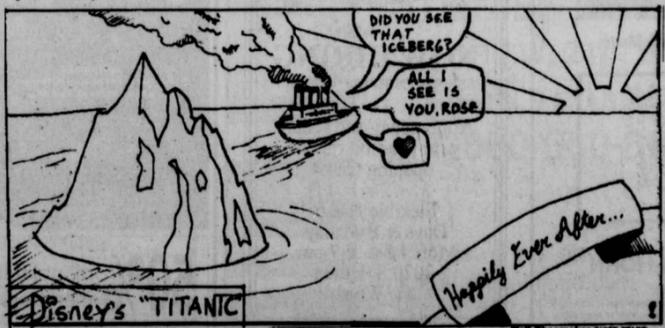
At the end of the real myth, Hercules goes insane and slays his entire family. Predictably, Disney ends on a slightly happier note.

"Hercules" isn't the only example of Disney's artistic license. Do you remember Cinderella's stepsisters cutting off parts of their feet in an attempt to fit into the glass slipper? Or how about Prince Charming from Sleeping Beauty raping the sleeping girl when he can't wake her up? Really, it's in the stories.

Disney is, in the end, concerned more with wide market appeal than accuracy. Hence the cute, talking animal sidekicks, evil wizards and amazingly happy endings.

If Disney had done "Titanic," the ship would miss the iceberg and a bevy of adorable singing mice would escort passengers to the dock. Who cares about accuracy? If it doesn't have a happy ending no one will see it, right? Tell that to "Titanic" and its \$400 million payday.

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'Get real' fitting response

Do you remember that saying "get real"? Do you think that it has fallen out of vogue and is overlooked as a legitimate response to some of the problems of the '90s? I contend that the saying has a myriad of applications.

For instance, a friend comes to you and confesses that he has fallen in love online, or when you see the at-home online surgical course advertised, these are the times for the remark.

It is not that I am encouraging sarcasm or hostility, I just think there is something to be said for actually experiencing a few things in life. It is important to have firsthand knowledge about some situations, not to always be told how things are.

There is no way that dating online can be a real experience. It is just you typing all of your thoughts and feelings and hoping that the other person can relate to your words. There is no one there to hold your hand or give you that reassuring hug.

It is artificial and could never replace a conversation that includes interpersonal communication. You never see the person you are "typing" to and a picture or gift can never replace the intimacy that two people can convey with eye contact alone.

There is a sense of anonymity that sounds reassuring because you can use nicknames or sign names instead of your own. But that is a false sense of security.

There are services that provide reverse look-ups, location of addresses and phone numbers free of charge. Some of the most common are Peoplefind and Four11 and they

are readily accessible from any modem. This means that people you come in contact with electronically can find your place of residence and you have no recourse.

It says something about our detached society that we would rather "talk" to someone on the Web than in person. People prefer to be connected electronically, pay their debts without the threat of carbons dirtying up their hands and search for what's missing in their life in self-help pages for under-the-guided-lifestyles.

All this is really a substitute for fitting in and feeling like you have a place to belong.

If you were dating in person, at the very least you would have body language, eye contact and mannerisms to judge a person. Instincts would be able to play a role in your decision-making process.

Online, you blindly choose to communicate with someone who could merely be a serial killer with quick wit and good typing skills. Wouldn't it be better to get real and learn about someone else in person?

Another problem online is education. Is it really what it says it is? Everyone should try to achieve as much as they think they can and strive to reach their personal dreams.

Can the Internet really be the avenue for higher education? Yes, GEDs should be accessible, but can there be mastery in technically specific areas? There is no way I would want to go to a doctor who had only studied online.

This guy has no real-life experience and no basis for judgment.

If your only learning and loving experiences are on a computer, then you are missing out on an array of encounters. Knowledge is gained by participation, not by logging on.

Yes, the Internet is a great tool, but nothing can really substitute for real life.

Amanda Walker is a senior advertising and public relations major from Athens, Texas.

Program promotes safety over break

By Jason Crane
STAFF REPORTER

Sand castle building can be an art form.

Students Reaching Out and Recreational Sports will make it a contest at 4 p.m. today on the sand volleyball courts behind the Rickel Building as part of Safe Break.

Safe Break, which is in its 10th year, is a week-long program put on by Students Reaching Out and the Alcohol and Drug Education Center to encourage students to act responsibly during Spring Break. The sand castle building contest is a new event this year.

Participants in the sand castle building contest will have one hour to build a castle and then TCU administrators and staff will determine a winner.

R.O.A.D. Workers, a substance-free campus organization, will serve mocktails and there will be a deejay.

Stoney White, president of Students Reaching Out, said today's event is an attempt to educate students about engaging in safe sex. He said condoms will be distributed for free.

"We want to give students all the information we possibly can about safe sex before they travel during Spring Break," White said.

White said participants can earn intramural points by entering the contest and the winners will earn bonus points.

Students are encouraged to attend the event, even if they do not participate in intramural sports, he said.

"We are targeting all of our peers," White said. "We would especially like to see the people who are engaging in irresponsible activities."

Angie Taylor, director of

Alcohol and Drug Education, said the contest offers students a fun atmosphere to learn more about responsible decision making.

"Some students are too naive and too trusting," Taylor said. "They are under the impression that nothing and no one will harm them."

Taylor said Safe Break, which started last Wednesday, has been a success this year because student participation is so high. About 75 students participated in Monday's "Let's Chalk About Sex" in front of the Student Center.

Students Reaching Out also distributed information last week concerning skin cancer as part of Safe Break.

Taylor said students often come back from Spring Break with bad sunburns.

"Safe Break is not only about sex and drugs," Taylor said. "There are a lot of other issues out there that need to be addressed."

White said he thinks the Safe Break activities have been well-received by TCU students in part because of increased awareness.

"All of the events have been fun ways to get some really good information that students need to know," White said. "We aren't saying students shouldn't have fun over Spring Break, but they should do so responsibly."

White said the event will be moved inside and will be replaced by a marshmallow and toothpick construction contest in case of inclement weather.

"Since this is the last event of the week, we want to do everything we can to encourage students to come out, have fun and hopefully learn something," White said. "Hopefully it will be nice weather so we can play in the sand, too."

CONCERT

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No. 1: "No bath for a week."

The audience responded with laughter and unrestrained applause as FIJI President Bill Vassar gave Swinton a new computer donated for the occasion.

The Fort Worth-area MDA provides services for people affected by 40 of the different neuro-muscular diseases that can be generally referred to as muscular dystrophy.

Most of the diseases are genetic, and some of them are fatal.

Christy Asher, program service coordinator for the West Central Texas MDA chapter, said the support the FIJIs and other groups provide to MDA is vital to its existence.

"It's the only way MDA survives, with individual support as well as organizations' support," Asher said. "We receive no federal funding."

MDA offers four main benefits to the 685 Fort Worth-area families that use its services.

MDA provides parent support groups, funding for research grants, summer camps designed for special-needs children and pediatric and adult clinics.

The research funding has provided for recent discoveries of the genes that cause the different diseases.

In Swinton's case, researchers have now identified the gene and the protein associated with spinal muscular atrophy, and they are working with drug trials to find ways to slow the weakening of muscles, according to his mother.

Through the local clinics, MDA provides free checkups and offers free durable goods, such as wheelchairs and leg braces.

Often the financial burden of muscular dystrophy on families is enormous, despite insurance. MDA provided the Swintons with the \$22,000 motorized wheelchair that Matthew uses.

Another family attending the concert, the Briertons of Fort Worth, have two children. Their son, 12-year-old Greg, suffers from a rare form of muscular dystrophy called myasthenia syndrome.

Greg's father, Jack Brierton, said doctors have told them that only three other people have that form of

the disease.

Because it is so rare, Brierton said they do not know what will happen to their son.

"There's no medication, nothing to fix him," Brierton said. "No amount of money can cure him. We don't really know if he'll get better or worse."

Carmen Anderson, district director for the West Central Texas MDA chapter, said students should realize that they likely will be affected some time in their life by someone with MDA.

Anderson said she wants people to know the disease does not affect the brain.

"These people are fully intact in the brain," Anderson said. "We need to focus on their abilities rather than their disabilities."

Anderson said the more money raised now, the more research, and eventually medication will be available to people who suffer from the disease.

Matthew continues to be a joy in everyone's life, his mother said.

"He can lighten up any mood, and

he just makes my day," she said.

She said she doesn't take health for granted anymore.

"I see other parents with their children, and I think, I would have been that way," Swinton said. "But now I just cherish everything."

According to the MDA, Matthew's version of the disease could be deadly. Only some children who have Type 2 spinal muscular atrophy survive beyond childhood.

Over one million Americans suffer from muscular dystrophy, according to the MDA.

Jeff Tucker, FIJI chapter adviser and a TCU alum, said the FIJI fraternity raised about \$10,000 at the concert, including donated gifts for both TCU students and Swinton and ticket sales income.

He said the concert was very successful, mainly because of the support of the students.

Local paid internships in the MDA are available. The organization is also looking for volunteers for the June summer camp. Interested students can call Anderson or Asher at 338-1024.

TRAVEL

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Gladys Ruiz, an assistant at the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau, said Sixth Street is a big college attraction. The seven-block area has several different types of live music, bars and comedy clubs.

Ruiz said Zilker Park, which contains part of the Green Belt along Barton Creek, is also a popular destination. The park has Barton Springs Pool, a 1,000-foot swimming pool, that is fed by springs and maintains a warm 68 degrees all year round.

Some students may feel Spring Break wouldn't be complete without a trip to the beach.

Justin Turner, a tourism salesman for the Galveston Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, said East Beach is a favorite among college students, as it is one of the few remaining beaches where alco-

hol is permitted.

After fishing and sunbathing, visitors can head inland to visit the historic shops on the Strand, a popular nighttime hangout.

Turner said if visitors stay on the Strand into the night they can catch live bands at the nightclubs.

Also in Galveston is Moody Gardens, a combination of a museum and garden center, which features an IMAX theater and several nature-inspired attractions.

Turner said the freshwater lagoon is a change from the Gulf of Mexico, but Moody Gardens doesn't seem to attract the college students. Tickets to four attractions are \$20.

If students want to plan a day trip to Waco, it has a variety of attractions that are not just for Baylor University fans. Waco is the birth place of Dr

Pepper and a museum in the city commemorates the beverage. Tickets to the Dr Pepper Museum are \$4.

Also in Waco is the Texas Rangers Museum, where visitors can view Billy the Kid's gun and Jim Bowie's knife. Tickets for this attraction cost \$3.75.

Interested in the wild? Visit Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, where a scenic driving tour through savannas will provide a glimpse of endangered species. Tickets cost \$12.95.

Student Spring Break adventures also exhibit a range of activities outside the state.

Sarah Williams, a sophomore special education major, said she has planned a pilgrimage to Graceland and is bringing along a few friends.

"I adore Elvis and I am dragging everyone with me," she said. Miles Hayes, a sophomore studio

art major, said he is going rafting at Big Bend National Park.

"This will be my 34th trip to a national park," he said.

Spring Break, for many students, is a time to visit the familiar sites of home.

Jessie Korth, a freshman political science major, said she will spend her break working in Nebraska. She said she would "go someplace warm" if she could.

Some travel agencies are still offering last-minute plans but they warn that many of the typical destinations are sold out.

If travel plans are complicated by a lack of transportation, hitch a ride with Greyhound. Bus tickets to Austin from Fort Worth cost \$28, and if the beach is an intended escape, travellers can ride to Galveston for \$49.

HARDY

From Page 1

TCU to have a graduate in Hardy's position.

"It's great for TCU because when you look at her record and the job she's done, you realize she's the person for the job," Hill said.

Alley, one of Hardy's opponents, said the focus of the campaign is about experience and qualifications.

He said he has been a criminal lawyer for 16 years, and that Hardy has never tried a criminal case.

"We should have someone in that position who has previous experience, and I have more than both of the other candidates," Alley said.

McCrarey, the third candidate could not be reached for comment.

Hardy said that during her two years as judge, she has made drastic improvements in how the court is run.

Hardy said about 97 percent of defendants in misdemeanor cases plead guilty, but with 50,000 new cases a year in Tarrant County, the

three percent who go to trial still amount to a large number of cases. She said despite the number of new cases, she has reduced her court's backlog by 43 percent in two years.

Hardy said her style of swift justice makes her court one of the most victim-friendly in Tarrant County.

Hardy also said her court collected \$900,000 in fines and court costs over the last year because she set strict time limits on payments.

"The people of Tarrant County pay our salaries, so I think it is only fair that we try to get the money we are owed as quickly as possible," Hardy said.

Frances Ivey, a court reporter for County Criminal Court Seven, said she thinks Hardy will be re-elected.

"Judge Hardy has done a good job swiftly dealing with cases in her court, and she knows what is needed to effectively run a court," Hill said. "She has won the respect of the criminal bar and the respect of the voters."

Nation

Texan charged in conspiracy to kill arrives in Florida

SARASOTA, Fla. — A Texan who authorities say paid to have a mother of quadruplets murdered arrived in Florida Sunday and was booked on conspiracy to commit murder charges.

Daniel Alez Rocha voluntarily came to Sarasota. His lawyers said he is trying to negotiate a deal with prosecutors.

Rocha is one of three men charged in the Nov. 7 slaying of Sheila Bellush, 35, a former San Antonio resident and mother of six, including 2-year-old quadruplets, who was killed in her new home.

Rocha is scheduled to be arraigned April 17. Rocha, a golfing partner of Bellush's ex-husband, Allen Blackthorne, had been held in a San Antonio jail since Nov. 17 on Texas charges of solicitation of capital murder.

Blackthorne has not been charged in the case and denies any knowledge of the plot to kill his wife.

Sarasota County Sheriff's Lt. Bill Stookey said more arrests are possible.

"We're hopeful Mr. Rocha will cooperate with us," Stookey said. Samuel Gonzales, a co-defendant with Rocha, previously waived extradition and is also being held in the Sarasota County jail.

Gonzales agreed to plead guilty to the Texas and Florida charges in

exchange for a 30-year prison sentence.

In the plea bargain, Gonzales admitted he paid Jose Luis Del Toro, his cousin, \$14,000 to kill Bellush. He said he made the offer at Rocha's request.

Del Toro is being held in Mexico pending extradition.

State

Man arrested who allegedly commandeered bus

LUBBOCK, Texas — A man wielding a pair of surgical scissors commandeered a city bus Monday and forced the driver to drive a short distance through town before officers arrested him, police said.

No one was injured in the incident, which police say began after the man's supervised visit with a woman and their 3-month-old son. Police did not release the 39-year-old suspect's name Monday afternoon.

With the woman and baby in tow, the man climbed aboard the bus claiming he had a gun, police spokesman Bill Morgan said. Passengers disembarked and the bus driver began driving, even picking up a female passenger at one point.

Minutes later, police boarded the bus while it was stopped at an intersection and arrested the man without injury. He faces three counts of aggravated kidnapping, authorities said.

His son's mother was not charged.

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Cashman demoted to assistant coach

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Wayne Cashman was ousted Monday as coach of the Philadelphia Flyers, ending a stint that lasted just 61 games — the shortest in club history.

He was replaced by St. Louis Blues assistant Roger Neilson, who becomes head coach of his seventh NHL team. Cashman will remain behind the bench as an assistant coach.

Philadelphia general manager Bob Clarke said he and Cashman had been discussing the move since the Olympics.

"We both felt that this was the right decision for the club," said Clarke, who has criticized Cashman for the team's lack of aggressiveness this season. "Even though I don't think 60 games is a fair judgment, I think he did a pretty good job."

"Both Cash and I felt in the last couple of months that the team has been on an up and down roller coaster that wasn't getting better," Clarke said.

Cashman earns \$400,000 this season and has two years left on his \$2.45 million contract.

Under Cashman, the Flyers are 32-20-9, third in the Eastern Conference.

Neilson, 63, has coached the New York Rangers, Toronto, Buffalo, Vancouver, Los Angeles and Florida. He said he was called by Clarke on Friday.

"We know this team has the size, speed and depth to be a contender. I don't think there's a lot of changing needed," Neilson said. "There'll be some new things with a new coach."

Labonte wins again in Atlanta

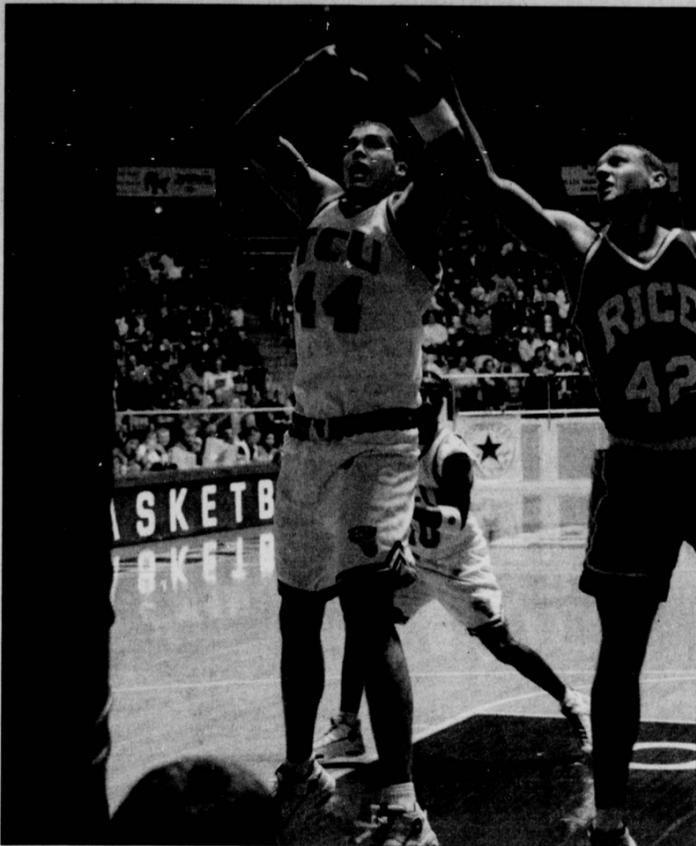
HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Bobby Labonte worked his Atlanta magic again in the rain-postponed Primstar 500 on Monday, winning on this track for the second straight time and third in the last four outings.

Labonte gave Pontiac its first victory of the 1998 season, coming on strong late in the 325-mile race on the 1.54-mile oval. He passed the Ford of defending race-winner Dale Jarrett on lap 279 and led the rest of the way.

The younger of the two racing Labontes won the last two season-ending races at Atlanta Motor Speedway. This latest victory made him the first driver to win consecutive events at this track since Dale Earnhardt won in the fall of 1995 and the following spring.

The winner averaged 139.501 mph and earned \$106,800 for his sixth career victory.

Lobos beat Frogs 80-73 in semifinals



Senior forward Dennis Davis goes for a rebound in a Jan. 29 game against Rice at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Season continues in NCAA Tournament

By Wendy Bogema
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team lost to the New Mexico Lobos in the semifinal round of the Western Athletic Tournament last Friday, but its season isn't over as the Horned Frogs begin NCAA Tournament play this Friday in Oklahoma City.

The Frogs' 16-game winning streak was snapped with a 80-73 loss to the Lobos. The two teams played each other evenly in the first half with the Frogs entering halftime with a 29-27 lead.

The first score in the game didn't come until two minutes had been played with a layup by senior guard Mike Jones. New Mexico tied the game 2-2 two minutes later, and the score stayed there for three minutes until New Mexico scored again.

The Lobos would score again to lead 6-2 until a three pointer by Jones and another by senior guard Malcolm Johnson gave the Frogs an 8-6 lead. They would hold that lead for the remainder of the first half and were up by as many as 12 with four minutes to go before the Lobos went on a 13-3 run to bring them within two to end the half.

Johnson hit a three in the first few seconds to extend the Frogs lead, but both teams would struggle to make their shots although the Frogs continued to hold onto the lead.

Their second half lead peaked at 11 with 13:38 left to play before New Mexico began to close the gap. The Lobos came to within two points twice and a three pointer by senior forward Clayton Shields put them down by one with six and a half minutes to go. A minute later they would take over the lead with a shot by freshman guard Kevin Henry and didn't give it up.

The biggest lead by the Lobos was 11 points

as the Frogs missed five three pointers in the final five minutes.

The Frogs had four players in double figures and the Lobos had three, but the Frogs were out-rebounded, had a poorer shooting percentage and had fewer steals than the Lobos.

Rebounding was a big factor in the game as the Lobos had 42 to the Frogs 33, which gave the Lobos more second chance shots.

Johnson led all scorers with 25, led the Frogs in steals with four and tied with senior forward Dennis Davis for most rebounds with seven.

Another factor for the Frogs was the three-point shooting — not only were they 1-5 in the last five minutes, but they were also 8-25 from beyond the arc for the game.

The WAC title was won by Nevada-Las Vegas, who defeated not only New Mexico in the finals, but also then-No. 5 ranked Utah in the quarterfinal round. The WAC Championship gave the Runnin' Rebels an automatic bid to the NCAAs and the selection committee placed them as the 12th seed in the East region.

New Mexico is the No. 4 seed in the South, Utah is the No. 3 seed in the West and TCU is the No. 5 seed in the Midwest.

The Frogs will face the No. 12 seed Florida State Seminoles Friday in Oklahoma City with the game time expected to be around 2 p.m. If they win this game, they will face the winner of Mississippi-Valaparaíso in the second round which will be played on Sunday at 1:20 p.m. in Oklahoma.

The Frogs were ranked No. 13 entering the tournament, but their loss dropped them to No. 15 in the final edition of the Associated Press Top 25 Poll. The Lobos, who were No. 20 moved up to No. 18 and Utah dropped to No. 7.

Frogs win some, lose some

By Kevin Dunleavy
SKIFF STAFF

During a weekend filled with fickle weather, the TCU baseball team challenged the New Mexico Lobos to a three-game series at the TCU Diamond. In their first meeting since 1988, the teams split the first two games before the last one was cancelled due to inclement weather. This puts the Frogs' season record at 12-7 and their WAC record at 1-1.

In Friday's game the first two innings ended quickly, with both teams exchanging three consecutive outs. In the third inning, junior center fielder Mike Scarborough worked his way around the bases and managed to score on a wild pitch to give TCU a one-run lead.

New Mexico answered with two runs in the fourth inning but the Frogs quickly countered with two of their own to maintain a lead.

With the Lobos' drive slowing down, TCU began to pick up steam. In the fifth inning, senior second baseman Sam Lunsford stole second

base and scored when senior short-stop Jef Yarbrough singled to center field. A few batters later, junior third baseman Royce Huffman brought in Yarbrough and senior right fielder Chris Connolly with a double to right field.

Junior left fielder Matt Howe, who drove in two runs in the fourth inning with a double, also knocked home Huffman and junior first baseman David Wallace in the seventh to give TCU a 9-3 lead. The Lobos scored one more run before giving the game to the Frogs, 9-4.

Senior pitcher Heath Collins got his fourth win of the season and pitched for almost all nine innings. TCU managed to get their nine runs with only 10 hits, clearly showing that situational hitting was a factor in the game.

Saturday's game got off to a late start due to some rain in the early morning. By all appearances it looked like the Frogs were unstoppable after the first inning when they scored two runs off a Connolly home run. The

Lobos slowly whittled their way back into the game and managed to tie the score 2-2 going into the ninth inning.

In the ninth, the Lobos scored seven runs, some due to TCU errors. TCU could not rally and lost the game 9-2.

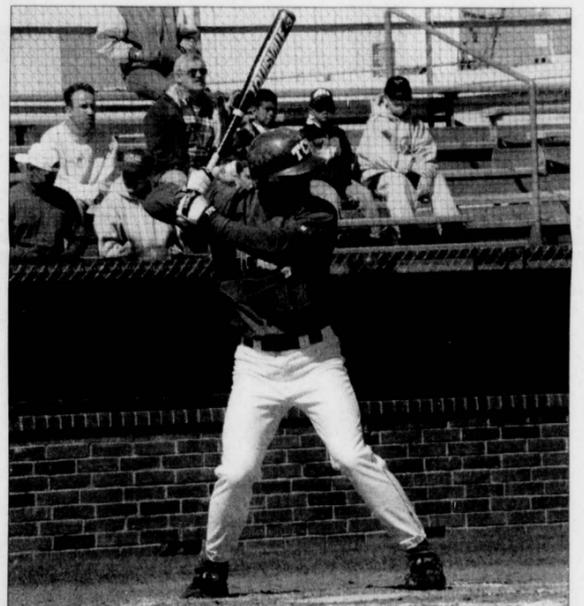
Lunsford said the team members lost their aggressiveness on Saturday.

"We had two errors in that inning and just fell apart," he said. "(Head coach Lance) Brown was not too happy about it. I didn't think they were good enough to beat us. We beat ourselves."

On Tuesday the team travels to Lubbock where they will face-off against the Texas Tech Red Raiders in two games. With no rest for the weary, the Frogs return home to begin a three-game series against the Utah Utes at the TCU Diamond Friday.

Yarbrough said that the games against Tech will be good preparation for their WAC games.

"We coasted Saturday, but...we'll bounce back this week and play some good baseball," he said.



Junior left-fielder Matt Howe prepares for the pitch in a March 1 game with Oral Roberts University at the TCU Diamond.

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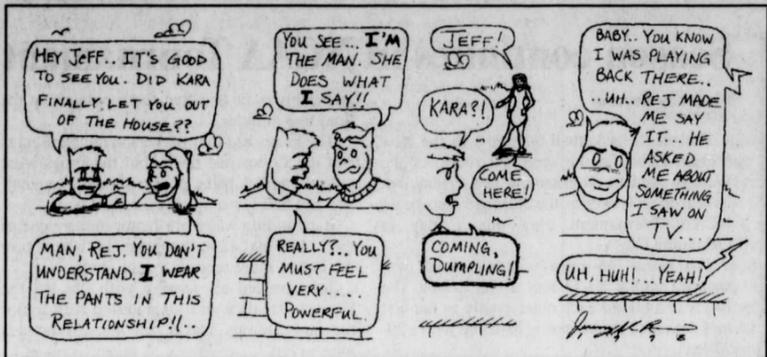
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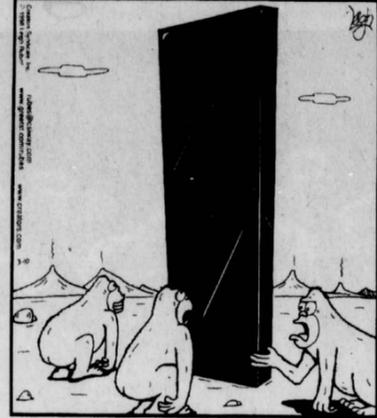
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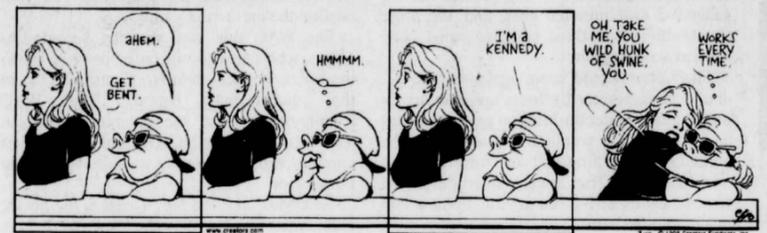
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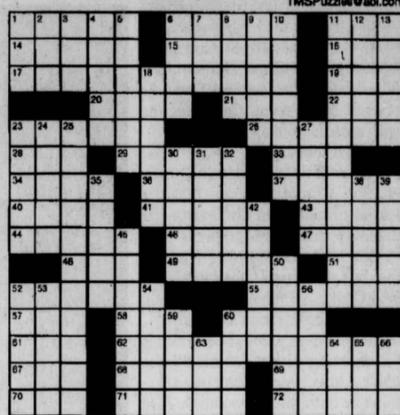
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THE Daily Crossword

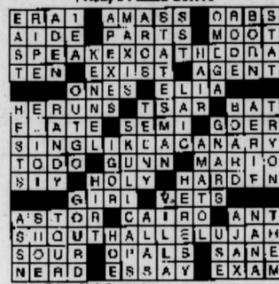
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- ACROSS**
- Corrosive substances
 - Whimpers
 - Wet dirt
 - Orchid tuber
 - Seaside
 - Had lunch
 - Gilbert & Sullivan opus
 - Slangy affirmative
 - Waste allowance
 - Ring wins, briefly
 - Sis's sib
 - Sis's son
 - Grieve audibly
 - Diligent insect
 - Legendary Greek author
 - Armed conflict
 - Persian Gulf nation
 - Gandhi's garb
 - Temporary money
 - Togo's capital
 - Woods on the golf course
 - Jekyll's alter ego
 - Icy rain
 - Overdue
 - Nabisco cookie
 - McBain and McMahon
 - Ginger cookies
 - Supporter
 - Eases
 - Overbearing
 - Infamous Amin
 - Real profit
 - Train station
 - Sheet of glass
 - Anal, the diast
 - Simple
 - Beer barrel
 - Patterns
 - Exhausted
 - Draft letters
 - Small land mass
 - Chips in chips
- DOWN**
- Gray shade
 - River of Cambridge
 - They: Fr.
 - Profundity
 - Meadowsweet
 - H.S. jr.'s exam
 - TV reception letters
 - See here!
 - Flynn of films
 - Vacillates
 - Address of a long-running sitcom?
 - Veicular 180
 - Train station
 - Most recent
 - Manicurist's targets
 - Sign on: var.
 - School gatherings
 - Tough in Tijuana
 - Windmill blades
 - Church instrument
 - Pitiful artwork?
 - Requires
 - Just right
 - Showy flower
 - Slow motion shot
 - Tidal wave
 - Musical composition
 - Seaside golf course
 - McClurg and Brickell
 - Payment for burritos
 - Pine product
 - Spill the beans
 - Attention-getting sound
 - Summer quaff
 - Well-honed skill
 - Hive resident
 - Recordings, in brief



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Friday's Puzzle Solved



purple poll

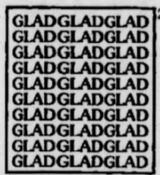


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Friday's Answers:
1. Partially remodeled
2. No way

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