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The 104th Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show is back in town. The rodeo will be held at the Will Rogers Center and will run through Feb. 6. Photo Essay, page 10

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FrogNet eases advising, registration Glitches don't deter officials from being optimistic about program's success

By Courtney Roach
STAFF REPORTER

Officials are in the process of fixing glitches with FrogNet but said they are optimistic about its overall success.

Registrar Patrick Miller said since its inception in May, FrogNet has undergone improvements. Freshman registration in May was a disaster because officials had to register 160 students by hand, he said.

"We didn't know certain limits existed that had to do with how

many users were on at the same time," he said. "It was set at 100. Luckily, it was a controlled atmosphere with fewer students, and we realized the problem and were able to change the limit."

FrogNet has allowed students to register after 5 p.m. and has made obtaining transcripts and academic records more accessible to students.

"We started using PeopleSoft, what we now call FrogNet, two years after other schools did, and we are the only one who have it up

and running," Miller said. "We get a good bit of feedback from students who are thrilled with it."

Miller said he has been pleased with the progress, but there are still problems to be worked out. There are two major projects in line for next semester, he said.

"First, we would like for students to be able to view their whole academic transcript instead of doing it semester by semester," he said. "Second, we want to make a counseling report, which would show every class a student

has taken and lump them into the specific academic areas that each class falls under."

The House of Student Representatives is also working with the developers of FrogNet on an addition that will allow professors to write a brief description of their course for students to click on and check out, Miller said.

Spring registration was a learning period for the developers of FrogNet, Miller said. There was a

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Brian Fehler, an English graduate student, uses FrogNet in Sadler Hall.

PULSE

BRIEFS

CAMPUS

Check local media for weather closing, officials say

Ice and sleet are expected today in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. TCU area, students, staff and faculty are encouraged to listen to WBAP radio for the latest information on university closings, said Terri Gartner, administrative assistant in the Office of Communications.

In cases of bad weather, Vice Chancellor Edd Bivin, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler and police officers check the roads around the university for ice and snow. If they determine the roads are unsafe, the media are notified by 6 a.m. unless conditions change rapidly. Closings are then posted with all major news organizations, Gartner said.

COLLEGE

Beer drinking among freshmen hits 34-year low

TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) — Freshmen may be less drunk than ever before — at least according to new research.

Alcohol consumption has decreased among freshmen college students, according to a study by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles.

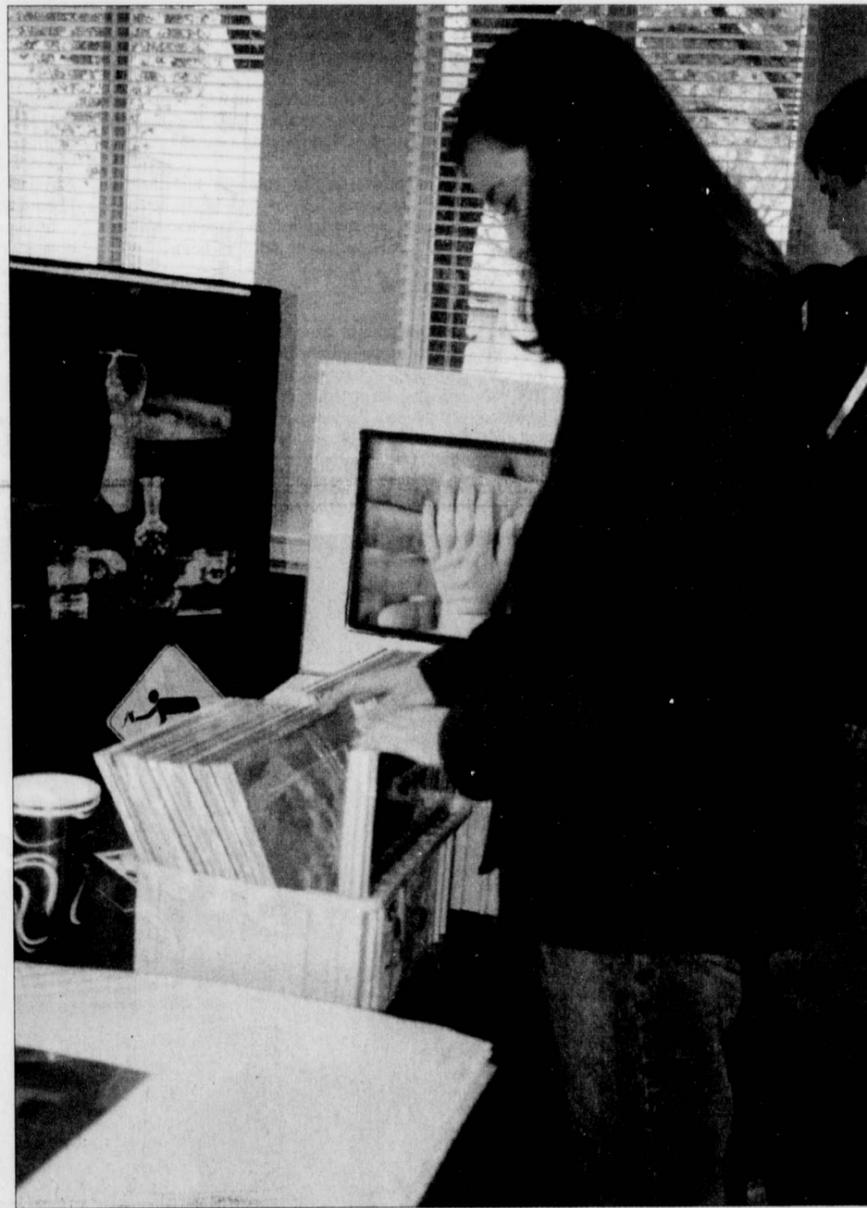
But some students said they do not see their peers partaking any less.

Rena Macke, a freshman psychology major, said it is common practice.

"Considering we live in Tucson, the cheapest thing is to go to a party nearby and drink," she said. "I find it normal."

The number of freshmen who drank beer frequently or occasionally was down to 50 percent in 1999, compared to

Thumbin' through



Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR

Angella Bray, a junior interior design major, shops for posters Wednesday at the poster fair in the Student Center Lounge. The sale will continue through Friday.

Some doubt security of Winton-Scott

Building meets code but may not be safe, fire captain says

Jaime Walker
STAFF REPORTER

Even though Winton-Scott Hall meets 1949 fire codes, some faculty and students have questioned whether it is actually safe. Sid W. Richardson Building, located directly behind Winton-Scott, is equipped with a fire alarm, state-of-the-art sprinkler system, lighted exit signs and posted escape plans. Winton-Scott has none.

Fort Worth Fire Capt. Tom Lewis, who handles all campus fire inspections, said both buildings meet fire safety codes, so they are considered safe. Each building is inspected annually and must meet regulations set forth when the building was constructed.

Lewis said Winton-Scott must meet the regulations set forth by its 1949 fire codes.

"Our code is designed as a minimum standard," Lewis said. "No one should automatically consider a building that met code to be completely safe."

Julie Anderson, assistant professor of biology, said she is very concerned about the lack of fire safety in Winton-Scott.

"I think TCU should put safety first," she said. "I worry that is not what is happening in this building."

Wil Stallworth, assistant vice chancellor for plant management, said TCU takes the fire safety of all buildings seriously.

"We have been working very diligently to make all of our build-

ings as safe as possible," he said. "Winton-Scott is now near the top of the list."

Lewis said he has recommended TCU make improvements to Winton-Scott since he began inspecting the campus eight years ago.

"It is about time TCU takes action on that building," he said.

Stallworth said a lack of funds has delayed the renovations.

"It isn't that we haven't wanted to make the changes, but affording the changes is a totally different matter," he said. "Renovations for Winton-Scott have been on TCU's five-year plan for at least the past 10 years."

Melissa Whorton, a freshman pre-med major, said cost should not be an issue.

"We pay a lot of money to go to school here," she said. "We deserve to be just as safe in class as we are in the (residence halls)."

But Pat Paulus, a professor of biology, said TCU administrators made the right decision in equipping residence halls first.

"We would just feel better if there were smoke detectors," she said.

Paulus said in the past, the biology department has purchased laboratory detectors and other safety equipment with the department budget.

"We understand the cost of a cen-

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Inside

SPORTS



Never in women's golfer Angela Stanford's wildest dreams did she think one day she would be using her golf talent to represent her country.

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BRICKS

We are not opposed to wanting to be remembered, but we believe legacies do not need names written all over them.

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Board meets at Alliance

Trustees to approve budget, discuss future of university

By Reagan Duplisea
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU Board of Trustees will approve the revenue budget and discuss various issues during its first January meeting today and Friday.

The board will meet at the TCU Global Center at Alliance airport today to tour the new facility. The meeting will continue Friday back on the TCU campus.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari added the January meeting last semester. Previously, the board held annual November and March meetings.

"The purpose of the meeting is the development of the budget for the fiscal year 2000-2001," Ferrari said.

Bronson C. Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, said one of the

main purposes of this meeting will be the approval of the revenue budget Friday. In the past, the board has approved both the revenue and the expense budgets at the March meeting.

On the agenda...

The TCU Board of Trustees will meet today and Friday to discuss the following issues:

- The revenue budget
- Background information on the most important issues facing the university in the future
- Dining services
- Room and board
- Tuition
- The endowment

can spend, Davis said.

"The budgeting process will be driven by the revenue budget," Davis said.

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Jimmy Nam/SKIFF STAFF

Misti Caudle, a freshman biology major, greets Jeff White, a sophomore biology major at the entrance to Colby Hall. Officials are reviewing a recommendation by the Student Concerns Committee to extend visitation hours.

Visitation hours to be examined Safety major issue in debate

By Jeff Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

The current visitation policy for residence halls could undergo changes for the fall if a proposal by the Student Concerns Committee of the House of Student Representatives is approved by the administration.

Marcus Kain, a senior finance and accounting major and chairman of the Student Concerns Committee, said the proposal recommends 24-hour visitation on Friday and Saturday and from 10 to 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. He said it also calls for 24-hour visitation on days before university-recognized holidays.

Currently, visitation is from noon until midnight Sunday through Thursday and from noon until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Kain said he began thinking about the issue after attending the National Association of Campus Activities conference over the summer. Kain and his committee researched the visitation policies of more than 25 universities similar in size to TCU.

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PULSE

CAMPUS LINES

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■ **Argentinean film.** "Sentimientos. Mirta, de Liniers a Estambul," will be shown at 6:30 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 164. The film discusses the effects of exile in the lives of two young Argentineans who leave their country and their adjustments in a new country. The film is in Spanish with English subtitles. For more information, contact Anabella Acevedo-Leal at 257-5402.

■ **TCU Triangle and Student Allies** will have their first meeting at 6:30 p.m. today in Sadler Hall, Room 210. The groups will watch a gay comedian. For more information, contact Danielle Daniel at 923-9517.

■ **Participate in the planning** for the 6th Annual Women's Symposium "Women and Community" from noon to 1 p.m. Monday in the Student Center, Room 220. Bring lunch, but drinks are provided. RSVP to Marcy Paul at 257-5815 today.

■ **Interviewing Skills Workshop** will be noon Feb. 2 in the Student Center, Room 204. This hour-long workshop will include topics such as researching the organization, anticipate questions, preparing your marketing strategy, dressing appropriately and following up effectively. Please register at least 24 hours in advance by calling 257-7860 or stopping by Career Services in the Student Center Annex.

■ **May 2000 degree candidates** should file their Intent to Graduate forms promptly in the office of their academic dean. Each academic dean's office has a deadline for filing and requires time to process the intent. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the Registrar by Feb. 15.

CORRECTION

In a page 9 story Wednesday, the win-loss record of the Lady Frogs basketball team was incorrectly reported. The season record is 9-4 at home and 1-5 on the road.

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NEWS

ROUNDUP

WORLD

Blix unanimously chosen by Security Council to lead UN weapons inspection for Iraq

UNITED NATIONS — Hans Blix, the retired chief of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, is slated to become the new lead U.N. weapons inspector for Iraq — a compromise appointment that raised questions Wednesday even before it was formalized.

The Security Council gave its unanimous approval to the Swede after a tortuous month of negotiation to find a candidate all 15 members could agree on. After consultations Wednesday morning, U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke announced that consensus had been reached and Secretary-General Kofi Annan formally nominated Blix.

"Let those who saw divisions in the international community know that I am speaking now on behalf of a united, unanimous Security Council," said Holbrooke, the current council president.

Russia, France and China last week rejected Annan's first nominee, Rolf Ekeus, who headed the first inspection agency in Iraq until he became Sweden's U.S. ambassador in 1997.

Blix, who was vacationing in Antarctica and unavailable for comment, will lead the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, which was created by the Security Council in December to replace the Special Commission. The commission pulled out of Iraq ahead of U.S. and British airstrikes in December 1998 and was barred from returning.

While U.N. officials and ambassadors alike praised the council's unanimous consensus, some diplomats and arms control experts raised doubts about whether Blix would be aggressive enough to uncover whatever remains of Iraq's weapons program.

Blix, a former Swedish foreign minister, was director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency from 1981 until he retired in 1997.

The IAEA had been conducting regular inspections in Iraq as called for by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty well before the agency was charged in 1991 with helping to uncover and destroy Iraq's banned weapons program.

First war crimes trial since post-WWII prosecutions ends with sentence of Tadic

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The first war crimes trial since the post-World War II prosecutions at Nuremberg and Tokyo came to an end Wednesday after nearly four years of hearings, appeals and cross-appeals.

U.N. judges concluded Dusan Tadic's case by shaving five years off a 25-year sentence given to the Bosnian Serb police reservist for torturing and murdering Muslim and Croat prisoners.

U.N. Chief Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte wel-

comed the ruling, despite the show of leniency to the 44-year-old nicknamed Dusko.

"We are hoping that this is the last the tribunal will hear of Dusko Tadic, that he will be able to start serving his sentence," said her spokesman, Paul Risley.

Tadic's case, which began May 7, 1996, was emblematic of the glacial pace of proceedings at the U.N. tribunal, set up in 1993 to try war crimes suspects from the Balkan conflicts. The tribunal has convicted 13 Serbs, Muslims and Croats, but Tadic's case is the only one to have finished the appeals process. More than 30 suspects remain at large, including Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

Summarizing the appeals ruling, Judge Mohammed Shahabuddeen of Guyana said Tadic's conduct "was incontestably heinous" but the original sentence was overly severe given his limited responsibility.

"His level in the command structure, when compared to that of his superiors, or the very architects of the strategy of ethnic cleansing, was low," Shahabuddeen said.

Tadic was given credit for nearly six years spent in pretrial custody. The defendant gazed ahead indifferently during the half-hour session.

NATION

Elian Gonzalez reunites with grandmothers, family members plead for his return to Cuba

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Elian Gonzalez was finally reunited with his grandmothers Wednesday at a "neutral site" that had to be arranged by the U.S. government because of the personal and political passions swirling around the 6-year-old Cuban boy.

Elian was driven to a nun's house in Miami Beach to see his grandmothers, who had flown in from Washington. The visit lasted about an hour and a half.

"They just came to him and they hugged him and they sat down at a table and they were seeing an album of pictures," said Elian's cousin Marisleyis Gonzalez, who was at the reunion.

As Elian returned to his relatives home in Miami, a crowd waiting outside roared with approval. Elian's great-uncle Delfin Gonzalez faced the crowd while holding a crucifix above his head.

"Tomorrow they're going to make me an American citizen," Elian said in an interview broadcast over the Spanish-language Radio Mambi while driving back to his relatives' home.

STATE

FBI continues to deny firing during Waco siege despite arguments by Davidson lawyers

WACO — Lawyers for Branch Davidians who are suing the government over the 1993 Waco raid complained Wednesday that the government's newest denial of gunfire by federal forces falls short of being complete.

Attorneys representing the Defense Department

and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms formally denied, in an answer dated Monday, that anyone in federal law enforcement or the active-duty military fired on the Davidians on April 19, 1993.

The plaintiffs, whose wrongful-death lawsuit goes to trial in mid-May, contend that aerial infrared surveillance footage shot by the FBI on the siege's final day offers definitive proof that government agents fired on the Davidians' compound as it burned.

The Justice Department, in a Sept. 8, 1999 answer to the plaintiffs' interrogatory, said FBI agents fired no shots. But the response didn't address the question of gunfire by military personnel or those affiliated with other federal agencies.

Government lawyers promised repeatedly to broaden their response, but failed to do so until this week — days after the plaintiffs' lawyers asked a federal judge to compel them to do so. Their amended answer includes sworn statements by ATF and Defense Department lawyers denying gunfire by personnel in their agencies.

A&M faculty engineers raise questions about safety, stability of university's annual bonfire

HOUSTON — Texas A&M faculty engineers concerned about the stability of the school's annual bonfire tower were ethically bound to raise those fears with supervisors, the head of A&M's engineering program said.

C. Roland Haden, dean of the university's Dwight Look College of Engineering, said registered engineers' professional code of ethics requires such action when public safety is at stake.

"If they thought there was a problem, then they had a duty to do it," Haden told the *Dallas Morning News* for a story published Wednesday.

The 7,000-log stack collapsed on Nov. 18, killing 12 Aggies and injuring 27. Students have constructed and burned the tower annually since 1909 as a precursor to the football game with the University of Texas.

Haden said about 65 percent of A&M's engineering faculty are registered engineers.

One former faculty member, T.J. "Teddy" Hirsch, did voice concerns, according to a colleague.

Hirsch, A&M's former head of structural engineering, unsuccessfully attempted to have administrators alter the design of the stack, according to a Nov. 19 memo by civil engineering professor Loren Lutes.

Lutes wrote to A&M president Ray Bowen that others agreed with Hirsch's belief that the bonfire design was only "marginally stable."

In an e-mail Haden sent to a colleague four days after the accident, he criticized two former A&M faculty members who told a newspaper they had concerns about the safety of the bonfire stack.

"My question to them would be simply: If you had professional doubts about the design, why didn't you go to a higher authority, indeed, the highest, to get your thoughts heard?" Haden wrote.

These stories are from The Associated Press.

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STAFF editorial

TOSS THE BRICK

Find other ways to leave your mark

"Time's running out..." The time to waste your money, that is. TCU's Advancement Office has launched its annual Senior Appreciation Program, complete with the brick-buying gimmick.

For \$50, TCU seniors can purchase a brick with their name and graduation year engraved on it. And, as a special bonus, they get to recognize three special mentors with a personalized certificate of recognition.

Half of the \$50 goes toward the painstaking process of purchasing and engraving a brick, which will be trampled on for decades to come. The other half of the money goes toward a scholarship fund for juniors. While the \$25 that goes toward the junior scholarship fund is well-spent, we believe the remaining \$25 could be put to more appropriate uses. Here are just some of our suggestions:

- Sponsor a needy child.
- Take your special mentors to lunch instead of providing them with more paper for their already-cluttered offices.
- Combine your \$25 with those of your 1,799 fellow senior classmates and raise an additional \$45,000 in scholarship money.

We are not opposed to wanting to be remembered, but we believe legacies do not need names written all over them. Memories are more valuable when they make a lasting contribution to the TCU community or society in general.

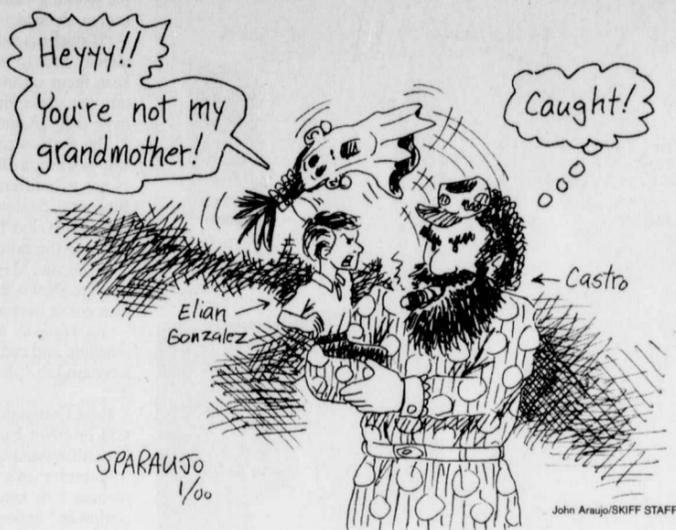
Don't leave something that can be stepped on. Instead, leave something for those who follow in your footsteps. Leave a legacy of care for a needy child. Leave a legacy of friendship for your mentors. Leave a legacy of scholarship for other students.

Because time really *is* running out.

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Babies are humans, get used to it

I have a cousin who is eight months pregnant (this is her first). When the family got together for the holidays, her baby happened to be kicking quite a bit. She asked if I wanted to feel the baby's kick. Never before having felt a baby's kick, I accepted her offer.

She had to position my hand two or three times on her belly before she could determine where the baby was kicking the most. Finally, she found the spot and pressed my hand onto her belly. Sure enough, I felt about three little taps. Apparently tired of putting on a show for us, the baby stopped kicking after that.

I recalled those pictures in biology class of a baby in the womb and how still and unmoving they were. Well, of course they were still and unmoving, because it was a drawing in a book! (Duh!) Even so, the idea of an active, kicking baby never really occurred to me until I felt my cousin's belly.

It's hard to describe the feelings I felt as the baby kicked. It made me think, "Wow! It's alive! It's active and moving!" My cousin told me of how sometimes the baby will kick so much that it is annoying.

Yet, by the glow she has had ever since telling us of her pregnancy, I can tell she is enjoying every minute of it, even the kicking.

I will never know the experiences she is going through. However, I can still be in awe of the miracle in progress because that is what the whole pregnancy experience is: a miracle in progress.

I'm about to dart in a different direction here, but trust me, I will tie it all together.

Probably the only free, uncensored and unedited platform of free speech left is an Internet chat room. My current favorite chat room concerns the abortion debate, where pro-lifers (such as yours truly) and pro-choicers butt heads with no holds barred.

It is here that I have heard many references to the unborn individual in a woman's womb that all but state what it is: an unborn human. Some descriptions are so awful as to be almost laughable — if the topic were not so serious.

Among the more common terms I have heard for the unborn human in the womb is fetal tissue, production of conception, parasite and uterine contents.

The most common, however, is fetus, which pro-choicers claim refers to an unfinished stage of development and, thus, *not yet human*. That is the craziest thing I have heard this side of the Dred Scott decision.

I respond by saying that if the fetus isn't human before birth, it won't be human after birth. I can also say this: When I felt my cousin's belly, I did not feel fetal tissue kicking.

It was not a product of conception moving around. It was not uterine contents that occasionally are so active that my cousin becomes annoyed. It is a *baby* doing that, and calling it anything less is to deny a truth that will show itself to all after nine months.

Jan. 22 (the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision) represents 27 years that we have been lying to ourselves about what is in a pregnant woman's womb, and until we can admit that, we will come no closer to resolving the problem pregnancies that the Roe vs. Wade decision was created to help.

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Commentary



JOHN ARAUJO

Small help will save world from deadly disease

Keep on reading even if it's difficult to stomach. That is what I kept telling myself as I skimmed an article in *Newsweek* featuring the gruesome specifics and scope of AIDS in Africa. Sandwiched between an advertisement for Viagra and an article detailing the "severe outbreak of the flu across America," the international report by Jeffrey Bartholet split open the haze of my ignorance to inform me about the "slim disease."

Worldwide, 2.6 million people died from AIDS last year. Of those, 85 percent were in Africa. Of the 5.6 million people infected last year alone, most lived in Africa. OK, now stop just skimming over those neatly packaged, technologically acquired figures and think: That would mean everyone in Dallas, Denver and Los Angeles is infected with AIDS. Everyone.

Most of them will die without seeing their children pass the potty-training age. So what happens to these children? What, historically, has happened to orphans during an outbreak of some sort? Nothing too pleasant. In many African nations, and, for a variety of reasons, women and children have borne the brunt of the pandemic. First, because of refugee migration and social unrest, women scavenging for jobs found little other means of support than prostitution.

However, not just older women have fallen into this livelihood. Countless young girls have as well. Secondly, the unfortunate myth exists in certain sections of African society that the cure for a man with AIDS is to have sex with a virgin. As one can imagine, this belief helps perpetuate the disease throughout many young, female populations.

How does one respond to these realities? I have heard of a phenomenon in modern culture called compassion fatigue, the overwhelmed feeling many individuals experience in our information-bombarded culture. That is OK, I think. It is a normal response to the enormity of human pain. But after finishing the article, I began to wonder where the line is drawn between compassion fatigue and apathy. Where along the line do we slip into that fuzzy, comfortably numb state, that almost arrogant and willful blindness to the state of things, where our interest to do something positive is subdued to a quiet lull in the back of our minds?

I don't know when or how it happens to me. Sometimes I am whipped into frantic urgency when confronted by the sickening realities of mass death and suffering.

The other day, I received an e-mail message with a link to a corporately sponsored Web site where one can donate free food to a starving individual in a foreign country.

My first click on the "donate free food" button resulted in a window that popped up and exclaimed, "Thank you for your donation!"

Suddenly, I was rooted to my cushioned seat, and my index finger was super-glued to the left mouse button. I kept clicking. "Donate free food ... Thank you for your donation! Donate free food ... Thank you for your donation!" Is this for real, I wondered. Could this actually be helping some frail, malnourished person get some food? How amazing, I thought.

I could just sit here for five hours straight, clicking on this button and donating food to needy countries around the world! Gradually, a weird feeling came over me: a feeling that this was probably another one of those ploys by Web advertisers to get traffic and reel in people like me to do it.

Whether the Web site was authentic or not, an uncomfortable insight into our culture remains: We want to reduce our efforts to help others into a simple click on the left mouse button. We want to hear as little as possible, think as little as possible and do as little as possible to help alleviate the sickening mass of global human pain. Of course, this is not just an American thing or Web surfer thing.

Last year at the 11th National Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Zambia, no African heads of state attended. Even worse, a woman who publicly revealed her HIV-positive status was beaten to death by neighbors for her announcement. On the other hand, many different groups have taken huge measures.

Bill Gates, for one, donated \$2.8 million toward AIDS prevention and vaccine research. In Uganda, the nation with the highest orphan rate due to AIDS, President Yoweri Museveni implemented such measures as public education, condom distribution, voluntary testing and counseling for AIDS victims.

While we as students may not be able to donate large sums of money or conduct research, there are ways we can contribute to the cause even now. We can volunteer in our community to educate others about STD prevention or slip on some jogging shorts and join the April 16 AIDS walk. While many students participated in AIDS Awareness Day in the Student Center last semester, many also turned their faces away in discomfort.

It is time to stomach the reality. It is time to turn our energies outward. It is time to see that it will take more than clicking on the good ol' mouse to affect a meaningful change.

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Commentary



ANITA BOENINGER

Proclaiming pride in pranks, pleasant puerility and Captain Morgan

Recently, I made a list of bothersome types of people. Given my saintly patience and tolerance, the list was only six pages long. My top five bothersome types of people were hovers, literally minded folk, children, mouth-breathers and those who revel in their own maturity.

You know this type of person. They're always rolling their eyes. They don't play video games. They have no appreciation for the absurd, nor do they see the aesthetic value of monster trucks, Mexican wrestling or anything else that appears on SUNDAY, SUNDAY, SUNDAY!

These people never really bothered me until I received an e-mail message condemning my juvenile topics, unin-

formed opinions and penchant for "concocting puerile drivel." I guess it's good that he gave me enough credit to know what "puerile" meant ("drivel" I had to look up). His point: to illustrate his infinite maturity relative to my juvenile take on life.

Guess what, Super Mature Guy? I can afford to be juvenile. I don't graduate until May. Not only that, my demographic is expected to live life to the tune of frivolity (which sounds like a Motley Crue song). Twenty-one year old males are expected to carouse, unless of course they have enlisted in the Navy, in which case they are expected to travel and carouse.

And another thing: If mature responsibility made the world go round, war might have never existed, nor television, nor America. Yeah, you heard me. America was founded on a disregard for established norms. Vikings, who are not historically known for mature behavior, discovered America. Some time after that, a bunch of guys put on Indian feathers and dumped tea into Boston Harbor. Oh sure,

they had a "point," but try to tell me they didn't enjoy a minute of it. Not you, though. You would have rolled your eyes and apologized for their childish behavior.

When I think of why juvenile behavior is good, I think of pranks. Pranks are good because they force people to step back and take themselves a little less seriously. For instance, one time, the United States gave Fidel Castro an exploding cigar. He had a good laugh and played a counterprank on us by aiming missiles at Florida.

Another time, the CIA put LSD on his scuba regulator. We thought we really got him, but then we noticed that some of the Cuban exiles trickling into Miami were actually convicts. Man, did he get even with us! Because of these little pranks, America and Castro have learned that the other is not so bad after all. And now, we're the best of friends.

But let me discuss briefly another Caribbean prankster whose juvenile nature allowed him to do great things. His name was Captain Henry Morgan, and in addition to serving as governor of

Jamaica, he also invented rum. In 1668, he thought it would be funny to attack a city called Porto Bello and steal all its treasure. What was really funny was when he captured some nuns and priests and used them as human shields as he and his "scurvy dogs" scaled the city's walls.

The residents of Porto Bello were so amused that they gave him 250,000 doubloons and 300 slaves. Now he takes the wind out of serious sails by painting red mustaches on fashion models in magazines.

So you see, Mr. Maturity, the world doesn't have to be so serious. Today, I hope that if I didn't make you laugh, at least I made you think. While you expected 17 column inches of infantile crap, I gave you a couple history lessons instead. Why not wipe that sour horizontal line from where your smile should be? And while you're at it, have a cigar.

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THANKS & SPANKS

Thanks: To the football team for defying the odds and defeating No. 19 East Carolina in the Mobile Alabama Bowl. Unfortunately, no one else appeared to be watching the game. The 41,000-seat Ladd-Peebles Stadium wasn't filled to capacity, nor did any AP voters seem to notice the Horned Frogs' accomplishments.

They still managed to finish 52 votes behind East Carolina in the final AP poll of the season. Just wanted to let Fran and the Gang know that you got our attention.

Spanks: To the TCU Bookstore for once again overcharging on textbooks. If that were our only beef, they might not have gotten spanked. But buying our books back for, oh ... one-tenth of the original cost is akin to highway robbery. Well, maybe we're being too harsh.

TCU isn't that close to a highway.

We have four words for the bookstore: Varsity—Books—Dot—Com.

Thanks: To Mother Nature for finally giving Texans a reason for investing in winter clothing.

Spanks: To Mother Nature for finally giving Texans a reason for investing in winter clothing.

Thanks: To Tom Sullivan, the new director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, who is currently completing work on his master's degree at Texas A&M. Sullivan will be driving back and forth from College Station during the week.

Maybe the administration can reach into TCU's vast endowment and toss you some gas money.

Spanks: To the jerk who vandalized seven vehicles parked between the Leo Potishman Tennis

Center and the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community Saturday night. It's people like that who remind us why America spends more money on prison construction than college construction.

Thanks: To the administration's ongoing efforts to improve campus facilities.

Next year, first tier in the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings?

Spanks: To the people who continue to ask pointless questions to the professor after he or she says: "If there are no more questions, I will dismiss the class."

Got something to say? If so, please send your Thanks & Spanks to The TCU Daily Skiff at TCU Box 298050 or via e-mail at (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Be sure to include your name and phone number.

FIRE

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tral system, so we did the next best thing," she said.

Fire Capt. Brian Hannah said he understands why TCU added safety precautions to residence halls first but questions how administrators can postpone some classroom renovations until now.

"Legally, the school is protected because the building meets the fire codes, but you have to wonder whether they have gotten lucky waiting this long," he said.

Lewis said he commends TCU for the work it has done so far regarding fire safety. Stallworth agreed, saying the university's partnership with fire officials has made an impact on safety.

"We have a very good working relationship with the fire department," he said. "They have really helped us understand the changes we have made and continue to make."

Students and professors who frequent Sid Richardson said they feel more safe now that the building has more extensive fire equipment.

Yingqun Mao, a graduate student in organic chemistry, said fires are always a concern, but he is comfortable with the things TCU has done to make the building safe.

"I really can't even say I think about the possibility of fire because it would take an emergency for it to cross my mind," he said. "It is the responsibility of our officials to ensure that students, faculty and staff are safe where they work."

Stallworth said TCU is in the process of accepting and reviewing bids for the Winton-Scott renovations, and he said he expects the project to be underway soon.

Lewis said students and professors need to take personal responsibility for their safety until an alarm and sprinkler system is installed.

"At this point, the only thing people in the building can do is be aware of their surroundings," he said.

He also said Fort Worth fire regulation requires alarms only be installed in buildings designed for use by young children and the elderly.

"For example, my office doesn't even need to have an alarm," he said. "Everything TCU does is in its best interest, but it is extra."

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Carl Christensen, a senior political science major, and Sarah Kownacki, a senior finance major, use FrogNet on computers in Sadler Hall.

FROGNET

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problem with the waiting list function that had people working manually until midnight during registration, he said.

"If students put themselves on the waiting list but already had 15 and a half hours or more, it would keep them on the waiting list and not admit them into the class since students require approval for more than 18 hours," he said.

The malfunction occurred mainly with students who were in a class but were on the waiting list to switch to a different time or day. He said Interactive Business Systems, the company in charge of PeopleSoft, has been notified and is in the process of fixing the problem.

Katherine Mayer, a sophomore biology major, said FrogNet is accessible to everyone and is easier than going over to Sadler Hall.

"As soon as it was my time, I was frantic to schedule and couldn't figure out how to register for a certain lab," she said. "I ended up missing out on it."

Brad Congdon, a sophomore e-commerce major, said FrogNet has made his life easier because he lives off campus.

"I prefer this system to registering in person because I'm lazy, and I get to do it all from my computer," he said.

Miller said he has had a lot of feedback from seniors asking why TCU did this now. He said it is a change in the way TCU is doing business and everyone is having to learn.

"We've had so many e-mail (messages) asking specific questions, especially during registration, that we've had to assign someone solely the task of answering e-mail (messages)," he said.

Mayer said she supports TCU's transition toward the use of the Internet but that it will never replace the staff.

"I like the new system, but I never think the computer will take precedence over a solid person," she said. "I would rather talk to someone than sit behind a computer screen. It will work as long as there is someone competent behind the computer."

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BOARD

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Ferrari said the January board meeting will be more "discussion-centered."

"It's almost like a workshop instead of a business meeting," he said.

Ferrari said the board will research the background on the most important issues facing the university in the future. The Chancellor's Cabinet, which is composed of all five vice chancellors, gives Ferrari recommendations as to what those issues should be. Those recommendations are then passed on to the board, Ferrari said.

Other issues the board will discuss include enrollment, giving and auxiliary services like the dining services, room and board, tuition and the endowment, Ferrari said.

Marvin Gearhart, board member and president of Rockbit International, said he anticipates discussing the financial future of TCU.

"The purpose of the meeting is to find the best way to go forward," he said.

Gearhart said the board will probably talk about Intel Corp.'s decision to build a computer chip plant in Arizona instead of Fort Worth near Alliance Airport.

"It's an important loss," Gearhart said. "That's kind of a setback but hopefully, nothing too significant."

Davis said he agrees that Intel's decision is not a catastrophe.

"Had they come here, they would have had the need of engineers," Davis said. "It would have been a source of hiring for us. But there are so many businesses like that in the (Dallas/Fort Worth area)."

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German politician investigated for financial scandal

By Burt Herman
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BERLIN — On the sidelines of the financial scandal involving Germany's Christian Democrats, allegations have been brewing for months that companies regularly cozy up to German politicians by giving them free plane trips.

On Wednesday, the two issues

intersected for the first time when former chancellor Helmut Kohl acknowledged accepting free flights from a media tycoon after leaving office in 1998.

Prosecutors already are investigating possible criminal charges against Kohl, who has said he solicited up to \$1 million in covert cash contributions during

the 1990s, while he was Germany's chancellor and the head of the Christian Democrat party.

Kohl insisted in a statement Wednesday that the flights "have no connection with my activities as chancellor."

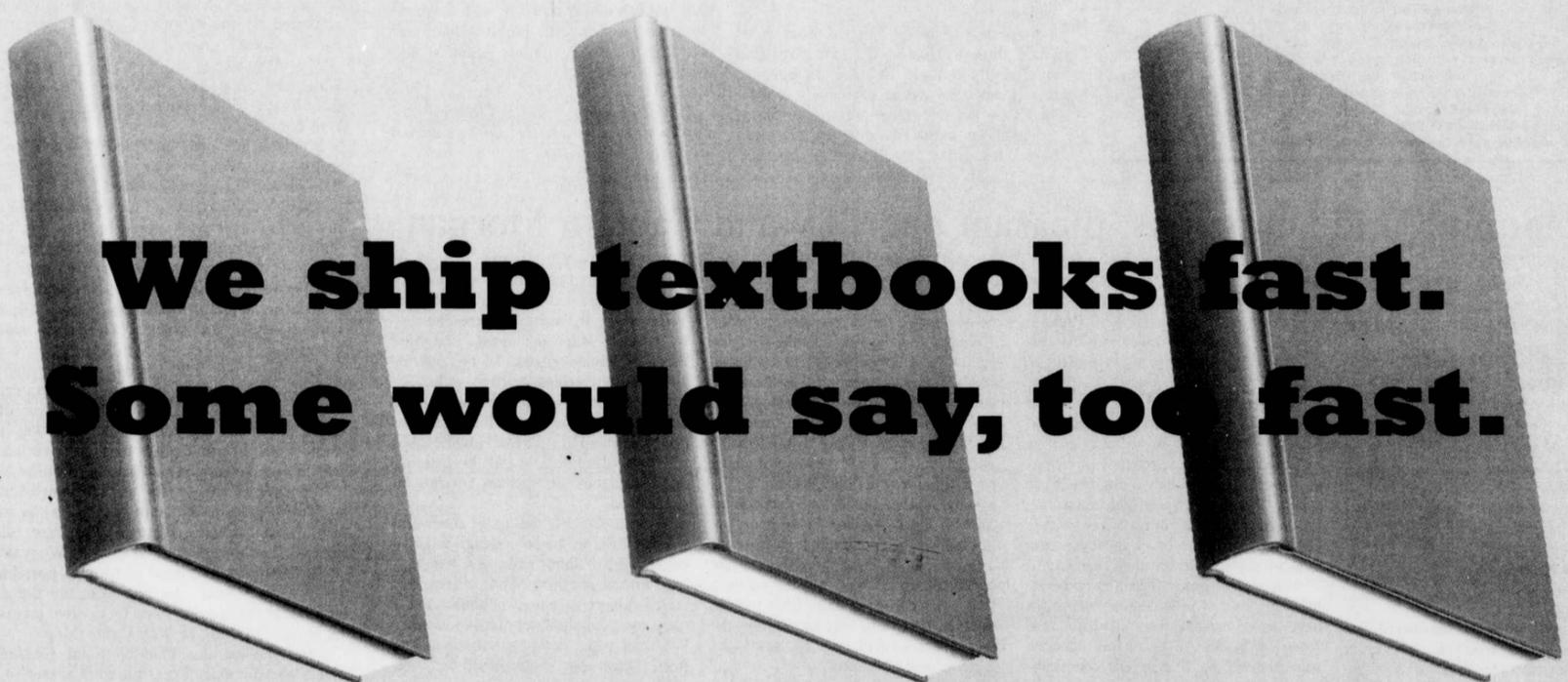
Kohl spokesman Michael Roik said the former chancellor accept-

ed six free flights last year on a plane owned by his friend Leo Kirch, a German media magnate. Destinations included gatherings of conservative parties in Austria and Italy, a speech in Switzerland and a flight inside Austria while Kohl was vacationing last year.

Stern magazine, which reported on the flights Wednesday, said

Kohl had supported Kirch's business dealings, including his effort to win European Union approval of a planned pay TV alliance between several companies. Kohl denied the trips were a payback for political favors.

Kohl is only the latest of several German politicians to admit to free corporate-sponsored trips.



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VISITATION

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including SMU, Rice, Baylor and Trinity University in San Antonio.

A petition created in favor of the proposal had almost a thousand signatures, Kain said.

However, Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said 24-hour visitation is not likely.

"The residence halls are not designed for 24-7 convenience," he said. "We would want to make sure things go as planned."

Student Government Association President Ben Jenkins said the program seems like a good idea.

"I think a change will happen," he said. "If the idea becomes reality, we want to make sure the students are safe."

Mills said there are major safety issues involved with 24-hour visitation, but he is not against examining or changing the current policy, he said.

"There are several people whose interests we have to consider," he said. "If you allow 24-hour visitation, what is the impact for those (residents) who don't have guests?"

Roger Fisher, director of residential services, said he is also concerned with safety.

"If we extend hours, we have an obligation to keep the building secure," he said. "Students make or break security."

Kain said a check-in system for visitors in the residence halls is one security possibility. Also, he suggested added security guards at doors of residence halls.

Fisher said he will meet with Russell Elleven, associate director of residence life, and with the Residence Hall Association in upcoming weeks to discuss the visitation policy and the proposed changes.

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Hatch drops Republican bid
Long-time senator endorses Bush for presidential candidacy

By Matt Kelley
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Orrin Hatch today ended his long-shot bid for the Republican nomination and endorsed George W. Bush as "the one who can unite the party and bring back the White House to us."

Hatch's decision to withdraw came after he finished sixth last Monday night in the GOP's Iowa caucuses, behind Sen. John McCain, who was not competing there.

"Now that I am out, I think Governor Bush is the only person who can get things done, cut marginal tax rates so that we can keep this economy going, improve our schools," Hatch said.

"I think he can reach across partisan lines," Hatch said. In the campaign battle, he said, "I've seen a really fine man over these subsequent weeks. I thought he was fine before, and I thought he'd make a good president."

Bush, in New Hampshire, said, "Senator Hatch took a long look at all of us running, and I am most appreciative."

As for ending his own campaign, Hatch said at a news conference, "It is now clear that there

will not be time to build sufficient support for my candidacy."

Hatch, 65, had hoped his nearly quarter-century in the Senate would vault him to the top of the crowded GOP field. But he got into the race far later than his rivals — last summer — and few voters seemed interested.

—Sen. Orrin Hatch.

He acknowledged today that the odds were "extremely long" from the start, and joked that his standing in the polls rose as other candidates dropped out.

"I kind of liked the trend," he said, but "unfortunately, the other candidates are not doing their part to keep this trend going."

He said all the other Republicans in the hunt were good men.

"I think each of them would be a dramatic improvement over the current occupant of the White House," said Hatch. He said he had entered the race to "repudiate the immediate history" of what he has described as a scandalous Clinton presidency.

Hatch began his upbeat news conference, held in the Senate chamber where he chairs the Judiciary Committee, by joking: "A funny thing happened on the way to the White House."

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Rebels maintain ground, frustrate Russians

Fighting continues despite rough weather, yet Russian troops fail to completely seize Grozny

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GROZNY, Russia — Rebels moving freely among the shells of bombed-out buildings in Chechnya's snow-shrouded capital attacked federal forces from all sides today, thwarting the Russians' advance on a strategic central square.

Russian warplanes renewed bombing of the city at midday despite the rough weather. Ground fighting was fierce, as rebels with grenade launchers battled the Russians street by street overnight and into the morning.

A key prize, Minutka Square, remained in rebel hands. Russian troops said Tuesday evening that federal forces were still at least 400 yards away.

The Russians have been trying for days to seize the square, near a Russian-held bridge across the Sunzha River that bisects the city, because it could give Russian forces substantial leverage for moving into downtown Grozny.

The Russians' month long drive to take Grozny, the war's biggest political trophy, has been resisted fiercely by about 2,500 rebels who fire from wrecked buildings and launch hit-and-run attacks. The lack of progress in Grozny has frustrated the Russian government, especially after the quick initial

Russian victories early in the war. Fighting raged today in bomb-shattered districts of eastern Grozny that the Russians previously claimed to control. In one battle, Russians surrounded by snipers fought for several hours for a five-story apartment building the rebels had been using as a hide-out.

While the offensive is generally popular among Russians, unlike the botched 1994-6 Chechnya war, more and more soldiers complain of dismal conditions and say the military is underreporting losses.

"On television they say there are no casualties. Well, we go in here ourselves, we see the helicopters ferrying back dead bodies every day."

—Vitaly Russian conscript

"The government doesn't value its soldiers' lives," said a conscript who gave only his first name, Vitaly. "On television they say there are no casualties. Well, we go in here ourselves, we see the helicopters ferrying back dead bodies every day."

The Russian military command said today that seven servicemen had been killed in the past 24 hours. Russian officials said Tuesday that 1,055 troops have died since the Chechnya ground operation began in September.

Grozny's rebel commander said the militants have switched from trying to hold on to fixed positions to striking Russian troops from the rear.

Russian soldiers described this strategy as the "roach tactic," saying rebels pretend

to retreat, hide somewhere, and circle back. Russian officials say the rebels are well-organized, operating in bands of no more than 15 fighters and moving about the city frequently.

Russian troops in Grozny often take city blocks by day, only to abandon them at night in fear of rebel ambushes. Despite claims of steady progress, the Russians still appear far from occupying the city.

Although the weather was inclement, Russian forces kept up heavy air and artillery strikes in the steep southern mountains, where an estimated 6,000 rebels are based in caves on the icy slopes. The military command said today that Russian aircraft flew 150 sorties over the past 24 hours.

Controversy swirls around Spanish artist's automobile

By Marilyn August ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Pots and pans in China, underwear in Southeast Asia, trucks in Chile, and now, a car from France. Hard to believe they're all Picassos.

In name only, of course. The Paris-based Picasso Estate, which represents the artist's heirs, spends millions yearly fighting the illicit use of what is arguably the most famous name in 20th century art.

Which is why many French were shocked when the Estate gave its blessing — for a price it refused to reveal — to the new Citroen Xsara Picasso, a snappy, high-sitting town car billed as practical and fun to drive.

Putting the name to the car "is a strategic decision designed to prevent other companies from stealing the name and using it," said Claudia Andrieu, the Picasso Estate's legal adviser.

"It's the family's approach to

battling fakes," she said in a telephone interview. "A do-nothing attitude leads to exploitation."

Some purists, however, are horrified by what they see as crass commercialism.

"Assimilating genius with a mass-produced consumer item is scandalous," wrote Picasso Museum director Jean Clair in the daily Liberation.

Clair said he was offended by Citroen's latest ad campaign, which depicts a tough-looking museum guard restraining a visitor from touching a nude bather in Picasso's "Figures au bord de la Mer" (Figures At the Shore).

The visitor then is presented a Picasso he CAN touch — the new Xsara.

Clair said the ad ridiculed the Picasso Museum, belittling the guards as they try to protect its priceless collection of Picasso masterpieces.

Comparing the museum employees' meager salaries to the

hefty royalties earned by Picasso's heirs, he went on to question the family's motives for "selling their father's name even though their fortune appears to have sheltered them from need."

The Picasso Estate represents the interests of Claude and Paloma Picasso, the children of Francoise Gilot; Maya Picasso, the daughter of Marie-Therese Walter; and his grandchildren Marina and Bernard Picasso, born to the artist's son, Paul.

Andrieu said the family was not offended by the ad, and stood by its partnership with Citroen.

About 15 companies manufacturing products ranging from lighters to candles have bought the rights to the name, but thousands more use it illegally, Andrieu said.

"There are underwear and inflatable dolls in Southeast Asia, trucks and spare parts in Chile, mobile homes in Britain, and thousands of products in China alone," she said.

McCain fights for ballot

Election laws 'not a matter of democracy, but a blood sport'

By Jesse J. Holland ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, N.Y. — In an ironic twist, a couple of Democrats on Wednesday kept Sen. John McCain from being thrown off the ballot for New York's Republican presidential primary in about one-quarter of the state's 31 congressional districts.

But lawyers working for New York supporters of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the GOP presidential front-runner, immediately filed a lawsuit in state court appealing the outcome. A decision could come as early as Thursday.

The move to the courts came after the two Republican members of the state Board of Elections voted to uphold the challenges to McCain's petitions for a spot on the March 7 ballot. But the board's two Democrats abstained, thus depriving the Bush camp of the third vote it needed to have the petitions invalidated for a lack of signatures.

With recent polls showing McCain running ahead of Bush in New Hampshire, which holds its first-in-the-nation primary next Tuesday, the battle over the New

York primary ballot has taken on extra significance.

Bush and millionaire publisher Steve Forbes, who finished second to Bush in Monday's Iowa caucuses, have filed petitions to qualify for New York's primary ballot.

McCain's camp lauded Wednesday's development.

Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari, head of McCain's New York campaign, said the move "defends the rights of New York

McCain turned to Berger after learning that state GOP Chairman William Powers, a Bush backer who is directing the petition challenges, had locked up the services of most Republican lawyers who are expert in the intricacies of the state's complex election laws.

In New York, GOP candidates must get a certain number of signatures from party members to qualify separate convention delegate slates in each of the state's

"The Bush challenges in New York have made our party a national disgrace."

—Guy Molinari, head of Sen. John McCain's New York campaign

voters to support the candidate of their choice ... The Bush challenges in New York have made our party a national disgrace."

McCain lawyer Henry Berger, a New Yorker who normally represents Democratic candidates, said the controversy shows why New York needs to change its election laws.

"It has become not a matter of democracy, but a blood sport," Berger said.

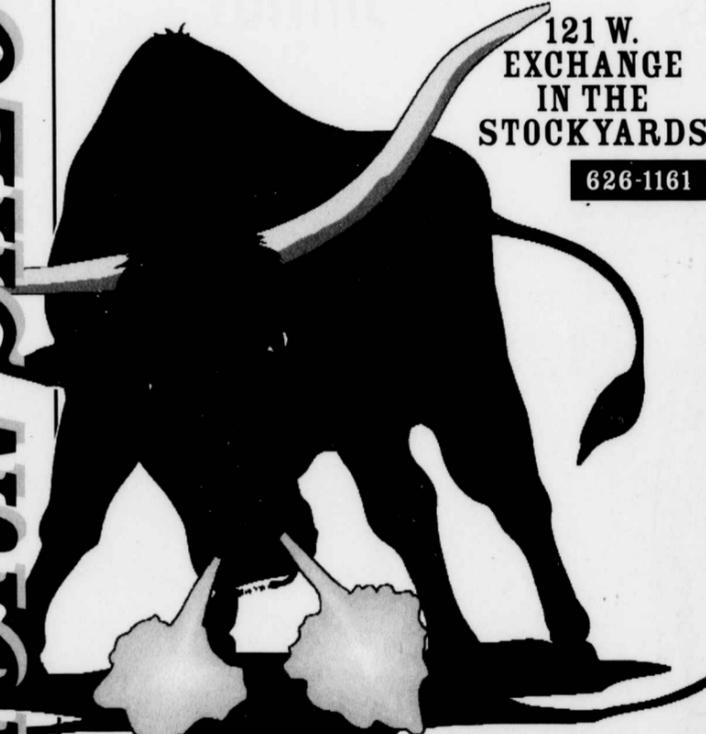
congressional districts where they want to compete.

Bush's New York backers, who include Gov. George Pataki, challenged McCain's petitions in 16 of New York's congressional districts. Local election officials in New York City and on Long Island earlier had ruled McCain off the ballot in four of those 16 districts. Berger said he would try to get McCain reinstated in at least two of the four.

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Record storm pounds North Carolina

'White Hurricane' leaves 140,000 homes and businesses without electricity

By Scott Mooneyham
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — Four months after Hurricane Floyd's devastating floodwaters, North Carolina struggled Wednesday with the aftermath of a "white hurricane" — a record 2-foot snowfall in a part of the country that doesn't have much experience with blizzards.

The snowstorm left thousands of people stuck in cold, dark homes and paralyzed Raleigh and other communities.

"I'm 45 years old and I've never seen it like this. Our fire trucks couldn't go anywhere," said Rick Harris, emergency management coordinator in rural Montgomery County, outside Charlotte.

Floyd drenched eastern North Carolina with 20 inches of rain Sept. 16 and caused at least 51 deaths in the worst flooding in state history. Monday night's snowstorm, accompanied by ice and winds, knocked down trees and plunged homes and businesses into darkness.

Raleigh Mayor Paul Coble, snow-bound Wednesday like many of his constituents, described the storm in terms people in North Carolina are certain to understand: "a white hurricane."

More than 140,000 homes and business remained without electricity Wednesday in North and South Carolina. The storm was blamed for one traffic death in North Carolina and two in South Carolina. Two people were found outside dead of exposure in South Carolina.

A Virginia man with Alzheimer's disease was found dead outside Wednesday from what a medical examiner said appeared to be hypothermia.

The Rev. Anne Beach, pastor of the Biscoe Presbyterian Church in Montgomery County, said her church shelter was running out of food to feed people whose homes lost electricity.

"We have plenty of cans of soup, but nothing much to go with it," she said. "I'm just praying for the loaves and the fishes to multiply."

The storm dumped 20.3 inches at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, breaking Raleigh's previous single-storm record of 17.8 inches

from March 2, 1927. It also set a record for snowfall in a month, giving Raleigh a total of 28.2 inches. The previous mark was 20 inches, in January 1893.

Travel was especially treacherous along Interstate 85 just south of the Virginia-North Carolina line. The road was virtually shut down for several hours Tuesday night and Wednesday morning by jackknifed and abandoned tractor-trailers.

The Raleigh-Durham airport was closed until Thursday morning. Spokesman Mike Blanton said. One hundred twenty people were stranded in the airport's two terminals Tuesday and Wednesday, but a hotel chain fed them at no charge.

Blanton said the airport was closed for several hours during Hurricane Floyd in September and Hurricane Fran in 1996, but never for two days.

The nor'easter swept up the East Coast from South Carolina, dropping heavy snow inland.

The Northeast got up to 2 feet of snow, which snarled roads and closed schools and government offices, but most places were almost back to normal on Wednesday.

Raleigh and Richmond, Va., which got 11 inches, were still largely paralyzed Wednesday.

"My guess is from what they're saying it's going to be Sunday before you start to see any real movement," the Raleigh mayor said.

Stewart McGough, a First Union Bank employee from Charlotte, described downtown Richmond as a ghost town when he arrived Tuesday night after several hours of treacherous travel.

"It was like a war zone — a demilitarized zone of sorts," he said.

National Guardsmen in Humvees in North Carolina and Virginia helped state troopers reach traffic accidents. The vehicles also served as ambulances and helped take people to shelters.

Some Raleigh residents emerged from their houses and apartments Wednesday for the first time since snow began falling Monday night.

About 80 people got in line outside a supermarket, where managers permitted only a few customers inside at a time because only a few employees had come to work.

NTSB hears jet crash testimony

American Airlines co-pilot testifies he warned captain to abort landing

By David A. Lieb
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK — Realizing that his plane was flying off-course in a thunderstorm, the co-pilot of an American Airlines jet claimed Wednesday that he urged the captain to abort a landing that ended with a crash that killed 11 people.

Instead, the captain attempted to straighten the plane as it was buffeted by high winds and the plane touched down off-center, First Officer Michael Origel testified Wednesday before the National Transportation Safety Board.

The McDonnell-Douglas MD-82 jet, bound from Dallas to Little Rock, barreled off the end of the runway, down an embankment toward the Arkansas River and into a metal approach lighting structure, breaking apart and catching fire.

Capt. Richard Buschmann was killed in the June 1 crash.

In a three-day hearing, the NTSB is seeking to determine the role of the weather and the pilots' decisions in the crash.

The board also is looking at how the plane performed and the failure

of ground crews to quickly locate the burning jet while its passengers were pelted by hail.

Speaking publicly for the first time, Origel said repeated warnings of high winds and a strong storm near the airport did not match what he was observing from the cockpit.

Until moments before touchdown, Origel said, he was confident the plane would have no problem.

When the plane was just hundreds of feet above the ground, one of the pilots exclaimed, "We're off

course," according to a transcript of the cockpit voice recorder, which was released Wednesday.

Four seconds later, the transcript quotes Origel saying, "We're way off."

In between the exclamations, Origel testified, he said to Buschmann "Go around," indicating his wish that the pilot abort the landing.

The transcript mentions only unintelligible remarks then.

"I clearly remember I did make a 'Go around' statement. I remember that very clearly."

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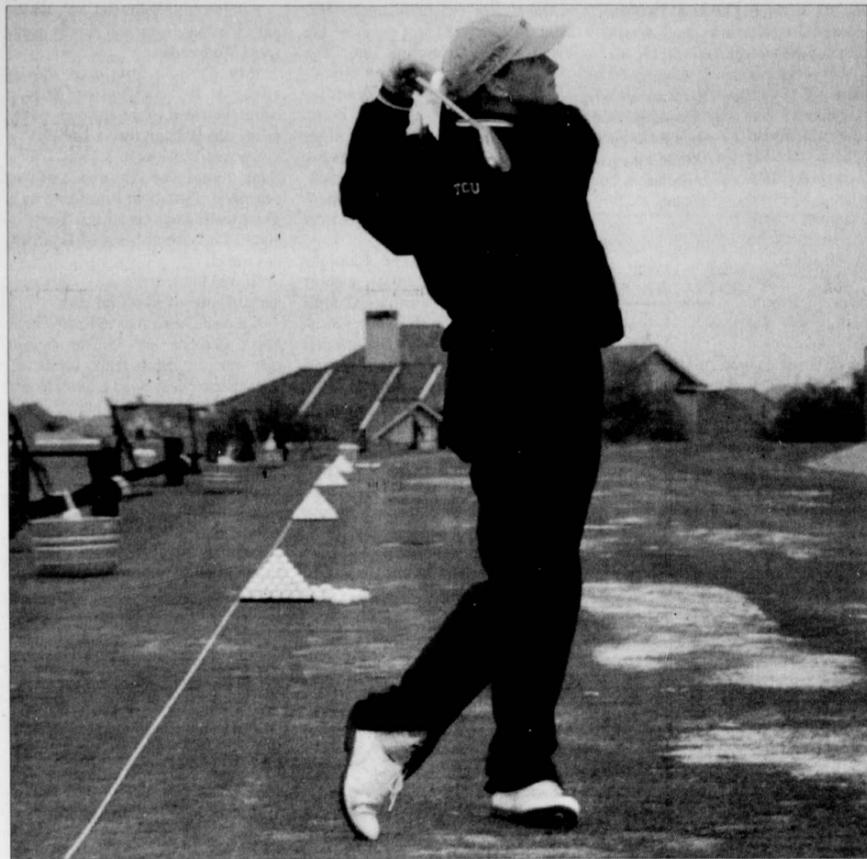
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Stanford to play for U.S. in Curtis Cup



Frog golfer honored for being chosen

By Chris Harrison
STAFF REPORTER

Never in women's golfer Angela Stanford's wildest dreams did she think one day she would be using her golf talent to represent her country.

Stanford, raised in Saginaw, Texas, was chosen last Thursday to represent the United States in the June 24-25 Curtis Cup Match at Ganton Golf Club in North Yorkshire, England.

Stanford is one of eight amateurs that has been chosen to compete in the Curtis Cup.

"I will never forget when they called me," Stanford said. "Thursday Jan. 20, 2000. I looked over at my clock, and it said 10:41 p.m. I couldn't believe they had chosen me to represent the United States in the Curtis Cup."

The Curtis Cup competition features two teams: one from the United States and one combined of players from Britain and Ireland. The match will feature three foursomes and six singles matches each day, with each match worth one point toward the team score. Each team gets a half point for a tied match after 18 holes.

"I already know some of the players that I will be playing with on our team," Stanford said. "I played with Beth Bauer in junior golf and played against Hilary Homeyer in the ama-

teur (tournament) one year. I am looking forward to playing with them as teammates."

The match is conducted every two years, switching courses alternately between the United States, Britain and Ireland. The first Curtis Cup tournament was held in 1932, and the United States currently leads the series 21-6-3, but Great Britain and Ireland have won the last three Curtis Cups played in Europe (1988, 1992 and 1996).

Stanford said she is still overwhelmed that she made the United States team.

"I had no idea that I was going to get the call to play," Stanford said. "I thought it was a joke at first because it was so late at night. I kept saying to them on the phone, 'you have to be kidding. Are you sure?' I was absolutely stunned and speechless."

"Even right now I really don't think the reality of the invitation to play in the tournament has set in yet. I haven't been able to comprehend what is about to happen. Somebody told me they heard my name on the Golf Channel the other night, and I was just, like, 'wow.' Right now I am still walking on air."

Coach Angie Ravioli-Larkin said she was just as overwhelmed as Stanford. The committee couldn't have made a better choice, she added.

"It's such a huge honor, not only for Angela, but for the whole school," she said. "It's hard to actually put in words how big of an honor this really is. It's like playing in the Super Bowl. It's that big of a deal."

"I think it is just about the same as

being on the Ryder Cup team or playing for the U.S. Olympic Hockey team. Those are the kind of things I would compare it to when you're playing a sport for your country. When you get to represent your country in anything, you realize how important it is going to be."

Not only will Stanford be representing her country in the Curtis Cup, but she will be taking TCU into an international spotlight.

"I keep thinking that no one from TCU has ever played in the Curtis Cup, and that is all I have really thought about," Stanford said. "I really want to wear something that represents TCU. I don't know if they'll let me use a TCU head cover, but I've got to get a frog in there somehow."

This will be the second time Stanford has represented the United States in a golf tournament, but the previous competition was not on the same scale of the Curtis Cup, she said.

"I played for the United States in Japan at the Goodwill Games, but it was nothing like the team that I am going to play on for the Curtis Cup," Stanford said. "The Goodwill Games were more of a college-style format, where as the Curtis Cup is match play."

"I guess what really keys me up about this match play is that the United States has lost three in a row over in Europe. Hopefully, we will turn things around this time in England."

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TCU golfer Angela Stanford perfects her swing at the Mira Vista golf course Wednesday. Stanford will represent the United States in the Curtis Cup on June 24 to 25 in North Yorkshire, England.

Columnist's judgments unfair to players

We all know the drill about people in glass houses and such, right?

What are we supposed to think about a certain local columnist who referred to the Dallas Mavericks' troubled teenage first-round draft pick Leon Smith as a "punk street kid who receives far too much sob sister sympathy"?

Smart Bombs



JOEL ANDERSON

Smith, who swallowed 250 aspirin on Nov. 14 in a failed suicide attempt, was a ward of the state of Illinois

from the age of 4 through 18. The 19-year-old forward has been devoid of adult guidance and has lived apart from his siblings for most of his young life. Smith pretty much bounced from foster home to foster home during his high school days.

Certainly you can see he's deserving of a great deal of sympathy. What, exactly, makes him a "punk street kid"?

This is the same columnist who also referred to the Cowboys' Alonzo Spellman, who suffers from manic depression, as a "certified loon."

This is the same columnist who has slung arrows at Cowboys' cornerback extraordinaire Deion Sanders for everything from his newfound passion for Christianity to being injured to wearing a do-rag to, well, you get the idea.

This is the same columnist who so boldly regales his radio listeners with boasts about his proficiency downing alcoholic beverages.

Sir, may your glass walls come crashing down.

I have mixed feelings about this Tennessee Titans in the Super Bowl thing. As a resident of Houston for 21 years, I watched enough Oiler-choke episodes to have mistaken them for P.J. Carlesimo. Just three seasons removed from their roots in Houston, this long-forgotten franchise has managed to stumble into the nation's biggest made-for-TV event.

Whereas the Oilers were cursed, the Titans are "Kearsed."

Whereas the Oilers once were eliminated from the playoffs three consecutive seasons by surrendering fourth-quarter leads, the Titans show

grit and gumption in overcoming fourth-quarter deficits in three straight playoff games.

Whereas the Astrodome wasn't worthy of a pig-roasting contest, Adelphia Coliseum is the shiniest spectacle in Hooter Hollow (or Nashville, whatever).

Said longtime Oilers fan Tara Davis: "It's bittersweet because this is supposed to be Houston's celebration."

Damn skippy.

Aside: May the Titans' quarterback Steve McNair never have to answer one of the stupidest questions ever posed in journalistic history: "How long have you been a black quarterback?" Such a question was posed to Doug Williams, quarterback of the 1987 Super Bowl-winning Washington Redskins and the only other black quarterback to make an

appearance in the Big Show.

Master P is certainly making them say Ughhhh.

After Ron Mercer of the Denver Nuggets and Charlotte Hornets' Ricky Davis left P's No Limit Sports Agency, expect a continued exodus by his remaining clients — including former Heisman Trophy winner and New Orleans Saints' rookie Ricky Williams.

Sources close to the situation said the dissatisfaction with No Limit stemmed from P's attempts at an NBA career and Williams' "disastrous, incentive-laden contract."

Williams, the No. 5 pick in the NFL draft, signed a contract that could have earned him more than \$9 million this year. In light of the Saints' recent "struggles," this could have occurred only if the big inmate

from "The Green Mile" was playing right tackle and Jamie Foxx was New Orleans' quarterback.

As it were, Williams reached only one incentive and earned \$225,000 in an injury-plagued, two-touchdown and three-win season. Indianapolis tailback Edgerrin James, the No. 4 pick in the draft and a Pro Bowl selection, earned \$14.75 million this season.

Thanks to No Limit, Williams is probably the only first-round draft pick on a budget. Apparently there is a limit — to Williams' bank account.

"Smart Bombs" is a weekly column written by Opinion editor Joel Anderson, a senior news-editorial journalism major from Missouri City, Texas. He can be reached at (janderson@delta.is.tcu.edu).

PULSE SIDELINES

Tyson prepares to fight British heavyweight champ

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — Mike Tyson hit town Wednesday night, three days before he'll hit Julius Francis.

A crowd of about 700 people greeted the former heavyweight champion when he arrived by bus at his Manchester hotel.

Tyson was hustled through a back door but later waved to the crowd from a hotel window.

"I think it's a good thing for him to come to the area because it bonds people, and it is bringing everyone together," said Aslan Vasi, 27, who lives in the city's tough Moss Side district.

Francis, the British heavyweight champion, is not expected to last very long. But he is expected to get hit very hard.

The last time Tyson fought outside the United States, he lost the undisputed heavyweight title.

He was knocked out in the 10th round by James "Buster" Douglas in 1990 in one of the biggest upsets in boxing history.

Tyson worked out in London on Wednesday before being driven three hours north to Manchester.

Tickets for the 10-round fight at the 20,000-seat arena went on sale in December and were gone within two days.

Campo to follow Gailey as fifth Cowboys coach

By Jaime Aron
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas — Dave Campo was hired Wednesday as head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, a low-profile guy taking on one of the highest-profile jobs in pro sports.

Campo, the Cowboys' defensive coordinator since 1995, has been with the team since Jerry Jones bought it in 1989. Campo is among the group of assistant coaches Jimmy Johnson brought with him from the University of Miami.

"I feel like I'm family in this organization," Campo said.

He's only the fifth coach the Cowboys have ever had — and the first three all won Super Bowls.

But Dallas hasn't been a contender for championships lately. The Cowboys have won only one

playoff game since the last title in 1995 and they're 24-24 in the past three seasons with two first-round playoff losses.

Campo has one thing in common with the previous four Cowboys coaches: No NFL head coaching experience.

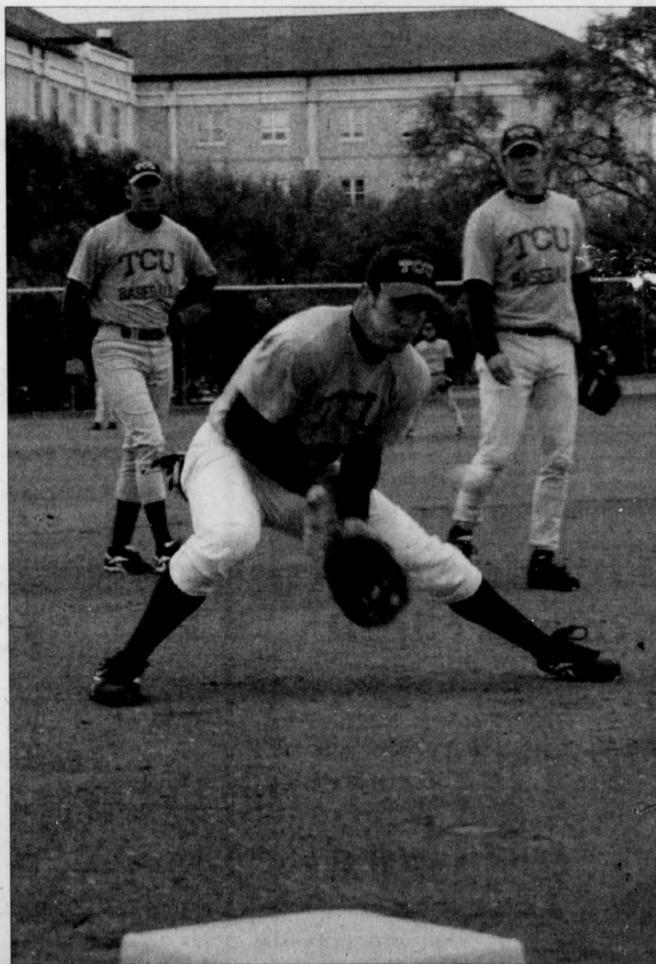
New Cowboys Coach

- Name: Dave Campo.
- Birthplace: New London, Conn.
- Age: 52. Born July 18, 1947.
- Coaching Career: Central Connecticut State, Albany State, Bridgeport, Pitt, Washington State, Boise State, Oregon State, Weber State, Iowa State, Syracuse, University of Miami, Dallas Cowboys.
- Education: Central Connecticut State.
- Family: Wife, Kay; children, Angie, Eric, Becky, Tommy, Shelby and Michael.

Wednesday as "a thorough, thorough decision on my part."

The only other known candidates he interviewed were special teams coach Joe Avezzano and offensive line coach Hudson Houck.

Havin' a field day



Sarah Kirschberg/
PHOTO EDITOR

Senior marketing major Josh Anderson works on fielding ground balls in practice Wednesday. The baseball team opens its season Tuesday against Dallas Baptist at 2:05 p.m. at the TCU Diamond. The Frogs ended last season with a 32-26 record. TCU finished in second place in the Western Athletic Conference tournament. The Frogs play 59 games this season with 28 of them at home. The team will also face 20 teams that played in the NCAA Postseason tournament. TCU will play its annual game against the University of Texas-Austin at the Ballpark in Arlington on April 11.

HELP me, Harlan!

BY HARLAN COHEN

Home life falling apart for lethargic student; Best friends in love

Dear Harlan:
I'm currently in my second year in college studying graphic design. During the first year, I worked hard and managed to scrape through. Now, however, I am struggling to concentrate on even beginning projects. My home life has degenerated into something beyond farcical with me growing apart from everyone. My social life is beginning to diminish and work becoming a chore.

What's happening to me? Am I just lazy?

Possibly lazy

Dear Possibly Lazy,
Things are messed up in your life, and it's now affecting your

work. That's a sign it's time to do something before things get much worse. This letter is a first step to a much happier and healthier direction.

Now, you need to take that next step on your own. When things get too heavy, you need to ask for help to pick things up. Help can be a trip to see a counselor, sharing with a close friend or even confiding with a family member. The best step is to talk to a counselor or therapist and find a place to unload these heavy feelings.

Dear Harlan,
I'm in love with my best friend, and he is in love with me, but we both don't want to wreck our friendship. I am scared to

lose him if we take our relationship to another level and it doesn't work out, but I want more than "friendship" from him.

We have talked about all the "what ifs," and we both want this, but I am terrified if it doesn't work out, I'll lose both a lover and a best friend.

Please advise

Dear Please Advise,
It's now — time for a "friends who want to be more" letter:

Basically, if things don't work out with your friendship, things will get weird for a while. If you're looking to get married and want to marry your best friend, grab on to him tight, and don't let him go until he gets loose. If you

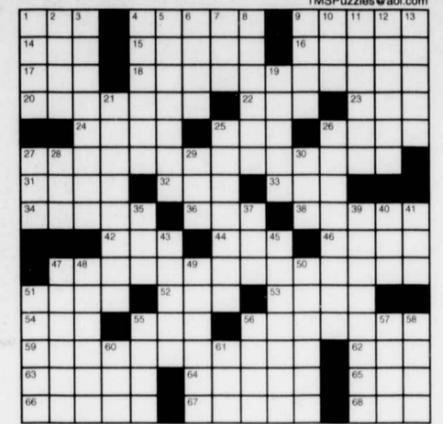
don't want to marry this guy and you're just looking for some thrills, grab onto someone else.

These windows of opportunity don't come around every day. Either you're dating a different guy, or he's dating a different girl. I say if you have the chance, and you can't fight the feelings any longer, to just go with it. Clearly, the greatest friends make for the greatest partners.

Harlan Cohen is not a licensed psychologist, therapist or physician, but he is a licensed driver. Write Help Me, Harlan! via e-mail at harlan@helpmeharlan.com. All letters submitted become the property of the column. This column is distributed by U-WIRE.

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By Robert H. Wolfe
North Woodmere, NY

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School pizza
DINNER
Pepper steak
Fried Chicken
Crepes bar
Nachos bar

WORTH HILLS

- LUNCH**
French dip sandwich
Broccoli/cheese quiche
DINNER
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Chicken teriyaki

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- LUNCH**
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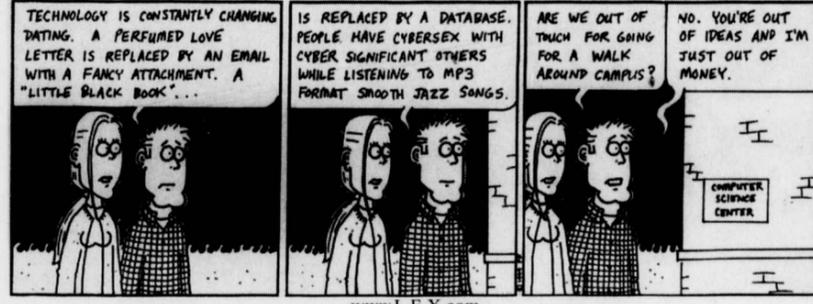
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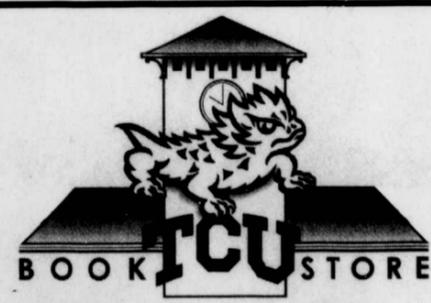
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THE COWBOY WAY

Fort Worth stock show and rodeo parties 'til the cows come home'



The smell of cotton candy, the yelling of passengers on carnival rides and the sound of the eight-second horn can presently be heard in Fort Worth's historic stockyards.

The 104th Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show is back in town. The rodeo will be held at the Will Rogers Center and will run through Feb. 6.

Fair officials said the grounds of the stock show will feature plenty of interactive and educational events for the whole family. Children will be able to enjoy a petting zoo with rabbits, goats and lambs. A brand new, interactive exhibit by the Texas Farm Bureau will feature an educational look at the daily agricultural life of farmers. A barn tour, with interesting facts about how farm animals, food and clothing affect our lives, will also be on the grounds this year. A milking parlor on site will help kids of all ages learn where milk really comes from.

The livestock show will have more than 20,000 animals competing for the coveted blue ribbon.

Animals that will be judged include Hereford and Angus cattle, llamas, Palomino and miniature horses, sheeps, mules and rabbits.

The Rodeo Spectacular will be held nightly. Visitors can watch events like precision drills, bull and mustang riding, roping events and the popular rodeo clowns.

For those visitors who just want to have fun, there is a carnival on the grounds. Guests can win prizes at various guest booths. The kiddies can jump on rides ranging from little cars, spaceships and pony rides to the classic carousel. The braver guests can test their stomachs on more aggressive rides like the Renegade, the Crazy Bus or the world's tallest traveling ferris wheel.

When folks get hungry, they need not leave the grounds. Eateries featuring cotton candy, hot dogs, shaved ice, gyros, funnel cakes, sausage-on-a-stick and other munchies to satisfy the appetite are available for consumption.

Passes to activities on the grounds are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children (6-16). Tickets to the rodeo in the coliseum range from \$16 to \$18. For additional information, call (817) 877-2400 or visit the Web site at (<http://www.fwssr.com>).

Story by Omar Villafranca
Photos by Sarah Kirschberg

