



As Fernando Bujones, TCU's choreographer-in-residence, supervises the rehearsal of his piece, his eyes burn with intensity as he scrutinizes the dancers' movements.

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"We have no back fence at all; it literally wiped paint off the back of the house. There are sirens everywhere, and we have no power."

Twister rips downtown, misses campus

Students forced to take shelter during storms

By Kathryn Garcia
STAFF REPORTER

A tornado that caused extensive damage in downtown Fort Worth Tuesday evening forced students on campus into basements and lower-level floors of residence halls and buildings.

Amateur radio spotters detected the tornado at 6:22 p.m. on West Seventh Street and again at 6:45 p.m. east of downtown Fort Worth, according to the National Weather Service. TCU Police reported that the powerful winds caused no damage on campus.

During the storm, police officers evacuated students and staff to the lowest level of each building, said Jon Carter, a TCU police officer.

"We sent all of the kids down to the basement of the (residence halls) and in all the buildings," Carter said. "We just got word of the possibility of severe weather and went into action."

The majority of the damage sustained occurred in central and northern parts of downtown, according to an Associated Press report. A tornado emergency was in effect for Tarrant County as severe thunderstorms brought rain, softball-sized hail and strong winds, according to the report.

Bevin Kurtz, Waits hall director, said she heard about the tornado after it hit the downtown area.



Employees work to clear debris at the Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau, 415 Throckmorton St. A tornado ripped through downtown Fort Worth Tuesday night, damaging several office buildings.

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Tornado damages buildings, kills 4, injures at least 36

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH — A tornado carved a path of destruction through downtown Fort Worth, killing four and injuring at least 36 people as it shattered office building windows, overturned cars and uprooted trees as rush hour ended Tuesday night.

"We have a number of high-rise buildings that have sustained heavy damage," Lt. Kent Worley, a spokesman for the Fort Worth Fire Department said. "They looked like they did not have a single pane of glass left in them."

Worley said two people died in the tornado and two others died in flooding.

He said emergency workers were still assessing injuries from the twister, which was focused on central and northern parts of the downtown area.

Sean Finley, manager of Reata, a popular restaurant on the top floor of the 35-story Bank One building in Fort Worth, said his business was destroyed.

"Imagine a large bomb going off," said Reata owner Mike Evans. "It got pretty hectic in here. We were doing some major yelling to get people out of there."

Patrons and employees had to evacuate down 35 flights of stairs to safety, he said.

Bob Jameson, manager of the

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Kindle wins battle against Medicaid, Social Security

Checks made to Nebraska Medical Center will now be returned to donors

By Jaime Walker
STAFF REPORTER

When TCU community members heard that then-senior Robbyn Kindle needed \$150,000 to fund her liver and small bowel transplant, they emptied cash out of their pockets, signed checks on her behalf and spread the word.

Once the money for Kindle's transplant was in the bank, and her name was on the transplant list, the focus of her family members' battle shifted. Instead of raising money from private individuals, they fought to get it from the government. On March 21, that hope became a reality, said Chris Kindle, Robbyn's brother.

Chris Kindle said his sister has now

obtained the two medical waivers she needed in order to receive Medicaid and Social Security benefits. For that reason, any donation checks made out to the Nebraska Medical Center on Robbyn Kindle's behalf will be returned.

As soon as all the checks can be processed, they will be mailed back to the donors, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler said.

"The university worked with the Kindles to help them get the legislative help they needed to make this change possible," he said.

As Kindle's story gained attention, the bureaucrats who once brushed her off took a second look. Armed with

public support, Kindle's brother had the ammunition he needed to take on a monster — Medicaid's red tape.

Despite Robbyn Kindle's repeated efforts to qualify for Social Security and Medicaid, the government refused to help fund her transplants because, according to Texas law, they were experimental. Kindle, 32, also had trouble receiving funds because Medicaid funds are only accessible to transplant recipients under 21. Denied by the agencies designed to help her, Kindle turned to the public, which responded with force.

"People have done all kinds of things to help Robbyn," Chris Kindle said. "Giving money was only the

first step. Without it, we would not be where we are now."

Representatives Joe Barton and Kay Granger, as well as the governor and lieutenant governor, all worked together on Kindle's case, Koehler said.

Susan Dimaline, special projects director for Congressman Joe Barton, said Kindle's case was an exception to most transplants, so it was harder for her to get the assistance she needed.

Dimaline said Kindle struggled for coverage because she had so many unique circumstances, but once the right people reviewed her case, they saw she deserved financial aid.

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TCU housekeepers, along with several of their family members, raised about \$700 during a car wash held from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the parking lot between Colby Hall and the Health Center to benefit Robbyn Kindle.

Program targets rep outreach

Members encouraged to involve students through e-mail, phone

By Kaitie Smith and Jaime Walker
STAFF REPORTERS

In a relaxed atmosphere, the House of Student Representatives discussed at its regular meeting Tuesday the Student Reachout Program and came to a consensus. Students do not care.

"No matter how hard I try, (students) have no desire to know what's going on in House," said Brad Biggs Milton Daniel Hall representative. "The only concern (students) had was with the Napster issue."

The Student Reachout Program is designed to bring the House representatives closer to the students they represent. Representatives are encouraged to involve their constituents in a variety of ways such as sending e-mails, making calls or bringing food to a meeting.

Commuter Concerns Chairwoman Morgan Landry said the biggest obstacle is reaching off-campus students.

"I was able to obtain the e-mail addresses of 4,000 commuters," said Landry. "I have received some concerns from students but definitely not all of the commuters."

Landry plans a commuter picnic to reach out to more off-campus students.

Jenny Specht, Shirley Hall representative, has placed a box outside of the hall director's office to encourage feedback.

"The only feedback we have received is mainly residential," said Specht. "Our biggest complaint is workmen being on the floors very early in the morning."

Jill Fox, Colby Hall representative, uses many means to get House information to her hall.

"I tape House news on the back of the stalls in the bathroom," said Fox. "I also post House stories on the bulletin board on the first floor. There are

even pictures of Colby Hall representatives and how to get in touch with us."

In other House business, Steven Parker, University Relations chairman, announced that Channel 47 will be airing a television show.

"Mark Bunting, the owner of (SkyTV), is providing Channel 47 with episodes of 'Bunting's Window,'" said Parker. "It is a 15-minute show dealing with technology, and it should appeal to the students."

The show is produced four times a month and will be shown frequently, Parker said.

During the meeting Brian Casebolt, chairman of Academic Affairs, announced that a survey was sent via e-mail to all students concerning the rearranging of study days during finals. The survey asks students how they

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Women's Symposium

Who: TCU Women's Resource Center

What: Sixth Annual Women's Symposium

When: Today and Thursday

Where: Second floor of the Student Center

Cost: Free

Symposium dinner

Who: TCU Women's Resource Center

What: Women and Community Dinner Party

When: 6:30 to 10 p.m. today

Where: Student Center Ballroom

Cost: \$12 for students (can be purchased with ID cards); \$15 for all others

Women's Center to host annual symposium

By Kathryn Garcia
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU Women's Resource Center is sponsoring the Sixth Annual Women's Symposium today and Thursday on the second floor of the Student Center, as well as a Dinner Party from 6:30 through 10 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

The theme, "Women and Community" will focus on what women have done within their communities and how they make up their communities, said Marcy Paul, program coordinator of the center.

Today and Thursday, there will be several panel discussions that are free and open to anyone who is interested, Paul said.

Some of the sessions include "The Grandmother-Granddaughter Community," "Community as a Source of Support for African American Women" and "The Ladies Room: Doc-

umentary and discussion with the documentary maker."

The Ladies Room workshop will present a documentary by filmmaker Cynthia Salzman Mondell about the conversations women have when they gather in the restroom, Paul said.

"Just think about how significant some of those conversations really are," she said.

Susan Hutchison, a sophomore political science major, said the speakers at the panel discussions should be considered role models by the students attending.

Hutchison serves on the Student Advisory Committee, which plans the symposium for the Women's Resource Center, and will also facilitate two seminars, one of which is "Creating Conscious Community: Women as Pioneers."

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PULSE CAMPUS LINES

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to skiffletters@tcu.edu. Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and available space.

■ **Golden Key National Honor Society** will meet at 4:30 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 8.

■ **Susan Carroll, the political science department's Green Honors professor**, will give two lectures on campus. The first talk, "Women Public Leaders: Agents of Social Change," will be from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center, Room 222. The second talk, "The Gender Gap and U.S. Elections: Past, Present, and Future," will be from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Friday in Sadler Hall, Room 203.

■ **The TCU Honors Program** will host the inaugural Charles L. Rowan Humanities Lecture at 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building North, Room 141. The guest speaker is author/poet Kurth Sprague, professor emeritus of the English department at the University of Texas. He will lecture on "The Allure of Poetry." For more information, call the Honors Program at 257-7125.

■ **Attention freshmen business students** - Got questions about what to take during the summer and fall? Attend one of the M.J. Neeley School of Business freshmen advising workshops at 5 p.m. April 4, April 5 and April 12 in Dan Rogers Hall, and 5 p.m. April 13 in the Student Center, Room 222. For more information, call 257-NSRC.

■ **Class of 2000 members** — The deadline to purchase Senior Bricks is April 10. If you would like to participate, call Karen at 257-7800.

■ **Tom Blenkinsop, professor of geology at the University of Zimbabwe**, will speak at 3 p.m. April 5 in Sid Richardson, Lecture Hall 2. He is the geology department Green Honors professor.

■ **April 6 is National Alcohol Screening Day**. The Alcohol and Drug Education Center is offering free, anonymous screenings. Stop by the Student Center lobby from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 6.

■ **TCU Army ROTC is accepting scholarship applications** for freshmen and sophomores. Army ROTC scholarships pay 100 percent tuition and fees and provides a stipend for book expenses along with monthly spending money. Contact Capt. Lynch at 257-7455 or (i.lynch@tcu.edu) for more information.

NEWS ROUNDUP

WORLD

Terrorists charged in Jordan for plotting to attack Americans, Israelis on New Year's Eve

AMMAN, Jordan — Jordan indicted 28 Arabs linked to suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden on terrorism charges Tuesday stemming from what officials say was a conspiracy to attack Americans and Israelis during New Year's celebrations.

Fifteen suspects — 13 Jordanians, one Iraqi and an Algerian — have been in custody since December, Attorney General Maamoun Khas-sawneh said.

Thirteen others, including Jordanians, Palestinians and a Yemeni, are at large and possibly hiding in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Britain, Lebanon and Syria, Khasawneh said.

Jordanian officials have said those governments were contacted regarding the possible extradition of some of those at large.

Bin Laden, a Saudi dissident, is suspected of a leading role in the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombings in Africa that killed 224 people. He is on the U.S. State Department's list of most-wanted criminals.

NATION

Freight train slams into school bus; two children killed, five critically injured in Georgia

TENNGA, Ga. — A train hit a school bus this morning at an ungated crossing near the Georgia-Tennessee line, splitting it in two and killing two children. The five other elementary school pupils on board were critically injured.

No one on the CSX freight train was injured. The Murray County school bus was picking up children to go to Northwest Elementary School north of Chatsworth. The bus had crossed into Polk County, Tenn., to turn around when it was struck by the train at about 6:30 a.m.

The 72-passenger bus was on the early part of its regular route and had more pickups to go, officials said.

The collision "sounded like damn thunder or a bomb blown up," said Joe Brown, who lives about 300 feet away and helped rescue the victims.

The bus split, with the cab portion driven about 100 yards along the track and the frame pushed 30 yards. Some of the wreckage ended up across the state line in Georgia, said Dana Keeton of the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Some of the children were ejected from the bus, Brown said. One of the two children killed was his niece, he said.

There is a sign but no signal lights or bars at the crossing. The track curves through pine trees in hilly terrain, making it difficult for a train's

crew to see the crossing, Brown said. He said the weather was mostly clear.

The train's engineer told investigators he blew his whistle as he approached the intersection and applied his emergency brake as soon as he saw the bus, said Tennessee state Trooper Ken Uselton.

Five children, ages 5 to 9, were admitted in critical condition at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, spokeswoman Sharon Kayhill said. Two were later upgraded to serious condition, she said.

The bus driver was in stable condition at Murray County Medical Center in Chatsworth. She has worked two years as a substitute and one year as a full-time driver, said Kate Pannell, personnel director for Murray County schools. She knew of no accidents on the driver's record.

Despite protests of right, left wings, Americans favorable to increased globalization, study says

WASHINGTON — A study says a large majority of Americans have surprisingly positive attitudes toward a growing globalization trend attacked from both the right and left.

While conservatives complain of a shift from American to global values, and labor and environmental groups protest the growing power of global economic institutions, the Program for International Policy Attitudes concludes that Americans are warming to the idea of an interconnected world. They generally support global institutions, the survey showed.

Only a small minority support resistance to globalization, the study said.

The conclusions are based on a sweeping review of polling data, special group discussions held in three far-flung U.S. communities and a nationwide poll conducted by the nonpartisan program, which is associated with the University of Maryland.

"Overall, Americans see globalization as somewhat more positive than negative and appear to be growing more familiar with the concept and more positive about it," the study said.

Despite support for free global trade, a strong majority feels trade "has not grown in a way that adequately incorporates concerns for American workers, international labor standards and the environment," it said.

The study's own poll found that 61 percent supported globalization, 35 percent said it should be slowed down or stopped, and 76 percent supported free trade.

The poll found 67 percent support for strengthening the United Nations, 59 percent support for a stronger World Trade Organization and 56 percent support for a stronger World Court. Support for a stronger International Monetary Fund was at 44 percent, still higher than the 36 percent who said it does not need to be strengthened; 20 percent expressed no opinion.

The October poll of more than 1,800 people had an error margin of 4 percentage points, less on some questions.

The overall conclusions were based on other

polls, as well, and on "focus group" discussions held in Battle Creek, Mich., Dallas and Baltimore.

Other findings included:

—Americans overwhelmingly support inclusion of environmental and labor issues in trade negotiations and favor limiting trade with countries that violate human rights.

—Americans are surprisingly accepting of other countries' putting up barriers to American products based on such things as health effects of genetically modified foods.

—A strong majority favors continued trade with China and opposes behavior to punish China, although it is unlikely that a majority of Americans would favor granting China permanent normal trading status or WTO membership.

—Americans show nearly the same level of concern for suffering inside and outside the United States. Most say they would play higher prices for goods certified as not being made in sweatshops.

In a separate analysis that compares European attitudes, the study says European views are similar on globalization. It says majorities of Europeans view foreign investment in their countries as positive, while a modest majority of Americans view foreign investment here as negative.

And in a classic case of mirror image, overwhelming majorities of Americans and Europeans view their own markets as being more open to imports from the other side, the study says.

STATE

Petrochemical plant rocks Los Angeles suburb for second time; 71 hospitalized, one killed

PASADENA — Quiet neighborhoods and small shops were darkened as immense columns of smoke poured into the sky overhead.

It was Phillips Petroleum Co. — again.

The thunderous boom, the scream of sirens, the blinding smoke. Nobody knew it yet when windows across town rattled Monday afternoon, but the explosion had erupted in the same place as the last fatal blast at the petrochemical plant.

After working at the plant almost 20 years, Rodney Gott, 45, lost his life in Monday's explosion. Seventy-one more workers were hospitalized. As of Tuesday afternoon, 26 remained in hospitals, three in critical condition.

Federal investigators, meanwhile, began to pore over charred rubble, looking for an answer to the question hanging heavy over the city just southeast of Houston: Why have two fatal explosions struck the same portion of the plant in less than a year?

"It's shameful," union secretary-treasurer and former Phillips worker Joe Campbell said. "I'd of thought they'd have learned their lesson by now. Something's terribly wrong."

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STAFF editorial

ASSAULT AWARENESS

All students need to protect themselves

Those of us who have been at TCU remember it well: the sexual assaults that occurred around campus between January and April 1998.

During that time, the TCU Police commenced a three-part plan to counteract the danger: Officers increased patrol on streets adjacent to the campus, where many of the assaults took place, campus escort services were expanded and the Rape Aggression Defense program began.

But it has been almost one year since the last sexual assault on campus and two years since the rash of assaults, and TCU Police Sgt. John Pachecko said he is worried people have let their guard down.

Such carelessness is evidenced by the fact that only eight women signed up to take the latest RAD class, which is scheduled for April 17 through 19. This enrollment number is down from the last class, which 25 female students took.

Such a course is necessary for all females to take, whether there had been zero or 600 sexual assaults in this area. Women must *always* know how to protect themselves.

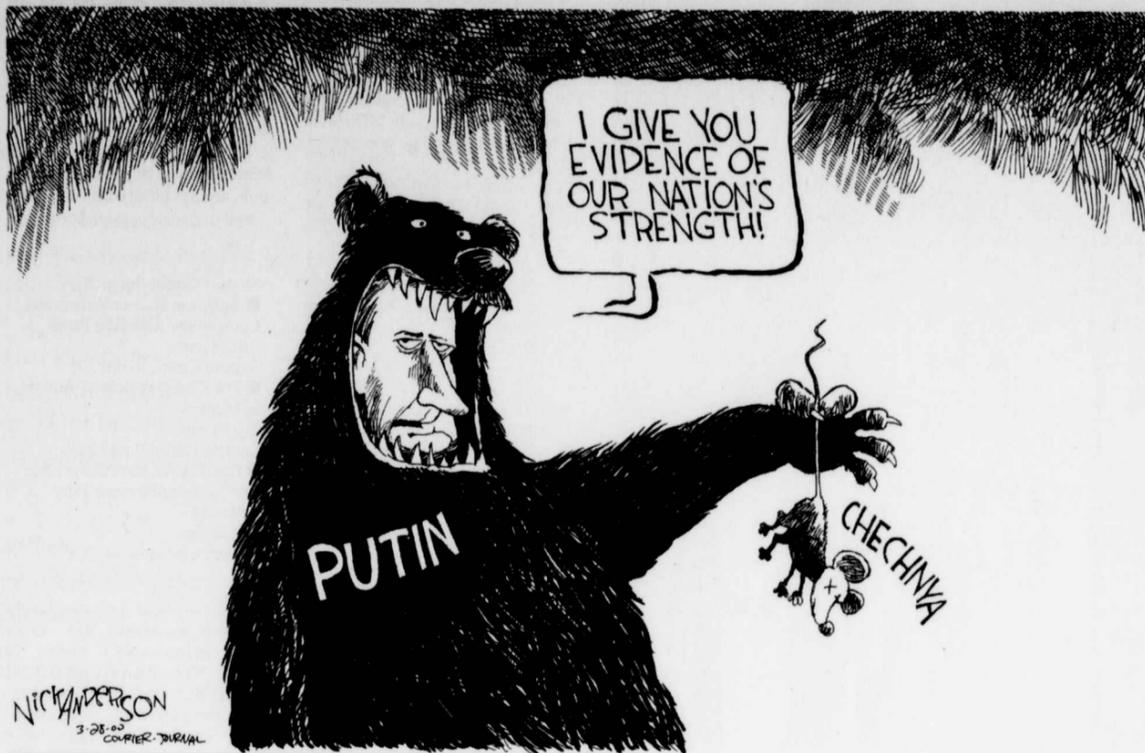
But what TCU Police fail to address is the issue of male sexual assault. The U.S. Department of Justice documents more than 13,000 cases of male rape every year. That's one in six males raped at least once in his lifetime.

Rape no longer differentiates itself between males and females, and TCU Police officers must take this fact into account if they are truly interested in helping *all* students protect themselves from becoming victims of sexual assault.

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Chapel services miss the mark

The idea really is logical. Being Texas Christian University and all, someone somewhere in our past deemed it necessary to have a weekly chapel service in Robert Carr Chapel. This would be a time when students and staff from throughout the university could come together in the middle of the week to worship and take a break from work. People would learn, be built up and return to their days refreshed and refocused.

Commentary



JOHN-MARK DAY

It hasn't exactly worked out that way. Rather than a time of learning, it has become a time of confusion. Rather than being edified, people are being discouraged. Rather than being a time to focus on God, Chapel has become a time to advance political agendas.

And the people whom Chapel is meant to serve speak their disapproval of the service every week in

one loud and clear act: No one shows up. Last week, two people attended who were not directly involved with Chapel. Two. And one of them had a daughter in the choir.

So Chapel clearly is not a roaring success. But the reason why is not so clear. It is easy to say that the style is the problem, that the service is too formal or too contemporary, but that is not the issue. Or we could sit back and criticize the people who speak and organize the service. But that would be completely missing the problem. There are people who work hard every week to bring the chapel service to that audience of two, from students who lead worship to the ministers who speak to the staff who work behind the scenes. These people deserve recognition for their hard work, not criticism for the outcome.

The problem really reaches much deeper than who runs it or how they do. The problem is: Why is chapel service held every week? What is the point?

One would think that the reason is what was stated before, that Chapel is a time to worship and learn about God. But it's not. Rather, Chapel is a time to promote the cause of the

week and advance the university's agenda. During Hunger Week there was Hunger Chapel. International Week saw International Chapel. This is the week of the Women's Symposium, so today is Women's Chapel.

Now, there is nothing wrong with learning about various causes within the service. It is when they become the focus of the service that issues arise.

But that is still just a symptom of the main problem: Chapel really does not mean anything. It is hard to find a consistent message in a service that one week promotes Christianity and the next offers a Buddhist service. The only thing this promotes is confusion. Chapel should not be a time to learn about other religions. It should be a time when you are allowed to practice your religion. If that means having a separate chapel service for whatever religion wants it, go ahead. At least then it will mean something.

On Ash Wednesday, the service was full. There were people in every pew, and for one week, Chapel accomplished its purpose: People were able to come together in worship and leave with a little clearer vision of God.

Every week needs to be like that. People came that day because they knew that they would get something out of the service — that it would actually mean something and not be filled with political correctness. That week, people could come with confidence that they would not have to wade through abstractions and generalizations to get to the truth behind the service.

That, really, is what people want: meaning and truth. A service that refuses to take a stand and sets up an alter to an Unknown God does no one any good. College life is confusing enough that any religious service failing to promote consistency will quickly be dismissed by the students.

Find a belief, and stick to it. Give the people what they need: a refuge of refreshment and encouragement in the middle of a stressful schedule. Dare to mean something.

Maybe then the congregation will actually outnumber the choir.

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Vermont's 'civil union' is a step in the right direction

Although the passage of the California Defense of Marriage Act may have appeared as a triumph for homophobic America, it has become a fleeting victory for others. Eight days after the passage of Proposition 22, the state of Vermont created an alternative to gay marriage by approving legislature that would legalize gay "civil unions."

Commentary
TEJAL BHIRUD

The Vermont House of Representatives voted 78 to 69 on March 16 to forward the bill to the state Senate, where it is expected to win approval by the end of April. If the bill allowing gays to form "civil unions" passes, Vermont will have gone further than any other state in recognizing same-sex couples.

Gay couples who form these civil unions would be entitled to about 300 state rights available to married couples, in such areas as inheritance, property transfers, medical decisions, insurance

and taxes. Although the federal government will not recognize such unions with regard to immigration rights, Social Security or federal taxes, gay rights advocates still praise the Vermont bill as a first step in gaining equality.

By granting gay couples rights that they have been systematically denied by the government, Vermont has taken significant strides in creating equitable legislation. By denying gays rights afforded to every other citizen, California has made clear that it is a state that publicly promotes sexuality-based discrimination. However, rather than publicize Proposition 22 as a bill that denies legal rights, it is depicted as the "California Defense of Marriage Act," a law that protects the "sanctity" of marriage.

With its passage, Proposition 22 has become another history lesson for future

youth. It is an example of how the American government denies legal rights to minorities under the guise of "sanctity." It was only 50 years ago when California banned interethnic marriages through anti-miscegenation laws that strove to uphold the "sanctity" and "purity" of white America. The denial of legal rights to gay Americans is a consequence of the same types of prejudice.

While Vermont has risen above the denial of legal rights based on bigotry, it has not yet risen above prejudice in its terminology. By using the term "civil union," Vermont implies that gay relationships do not deserve the "sanctity" of marriage. Although the bill pushes Vermont to the edge of recognizing gay marriage, lawmakers still sought to preserve the term "marriage" for heterosexual relationships by adding an amendment clarifying that position. It is

a subtle but significant step. Opponents of gay marriage contend that homosexual marriages threaten the sanctity of marriage. Supposedly, marriage is a pious union, one that should be upheld as a marker of our society's moral fiber. It would seem that we, as a country, would strive for reforms that would confer marriage with the morality that it presently lacks. Instead, Americans choose to blame gay marriages as the source of the deterioration of family values.

Amidst the debate regarding gay marriage, the battle for regaining America's family values continues. Politicians call for a return to marriage in order to discourage the fad of "living in sin." Yet, there are gay couples who desire to bless their relationships with the moral union of marriage and are denied this right. As a threat to the sanctity of marriage, gay couples are forced to "live in sin." In essence, America promotes immorality under the guise of protecting sanctity. Although the Vermont law does not al-

low gay couples the right to form unions under the moral covenant of marriage, its passage is still a victorious step toward attaining greater legal equity. It is still an open question whether couples from another state might be able to enter into civil unions in Vermont and have them recognized in their home state. Thus, Proposition 22 has protected Californians from the "threat" of gay marriages, but it serves no protection against "civil unions." As a result, the controversy will continue to rage in California until we decide that we do not have the right to deny legal benefits based on discriminatory tendencies.

Same-sex marriage is an issue that has the country running around in circles. Maybe Vermont will provide the first step toward concerted action.

Tejal Bhirud is a columnist for the Daily Trojan at the University of Southern California. This column was distributed by U-WIRE.

STUDENTS speak out

"The criminal justice department because that's my major, and the office is in a trailer."



—Curran Skinner, junior criminal justice major

"Update the Rickel Building and also bring better guest speakers and bands to improve campus involvement."



—Hilary Hayes, senior English major

"I would like to see a great sum of money for better and more intramural facilities to accommodate the growing number of student-athletes."



—John Preskitt, junior advertising/public relations major

"Donate it to the (radio-TV-film) department. The technology in the department is always changing."



—Krista Adamson, freshman radio-TV-film major

"Parking. It would also be really cool if we had an outdoor pool. I think Winton-Scott Hall needs a little help."



—Kylie Riesselman, junior marketing major

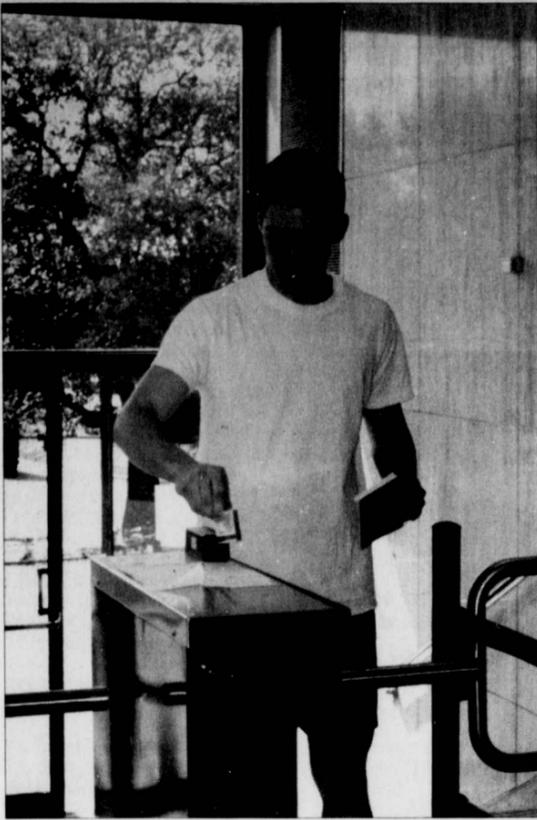
"Allow all earth science students to be able to go to field camps."



—Emily Davis, junior geology major

If you could donate \$6 million to TCU, where would it go and why?

Ready for renovations



Jimmy Nam/SKIFF STAFF
Brian Barker, a freshman marketing major, swipes his ID card to gain access to the Rickel Building. WTW Architects, out of Pittsburgh, and Cannon Design Group, out of Los Angeles — the architects handling the Student Center and Rickel Building renovations — will be on campus Thursday to meet with the Building and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees, Student Center Director Larry Markley said.

SYMPOSIUM

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Carol Brice, recipient of the Private Citizen Award for Distinguished Service to State Government and a certified family life educator from Alaska, will be speaking during the "Women as Pioneers" workshop.
 "She has several awards for volunteering," Hutchison said. "(The workshop) is one of the best ones we have planned."
 A combined effort from TCU Police and the theater department will bring the "Assault Prevention The-

ater" workshop for the first time to the symposium, said Sgt. Connie Villela, crime prevention sergeant.
 "Although it's (a) violent (topic), it's still an issue," she said. "We have to discuss other issues, not just the pleasant things."
 Paul said more than 200 people are currently signed up for the "Women and Community" Dinner Party, which is the largest amount of people ever to attend the dinner.
 The Dinner Party costs \$12 for students, which can be put on their mealcards, and \$15 for all others interested.
 Paul said many departments and or-

ganizations at TCU are hosting tables, including the English and political science departments, the Mary Couts Burnett Library and the TCU Press.
 Judy Alter, director of TCU Press, said she will be hosting two tables at the dinner party and will bring seven women authors and one woman designer to dinner.
 The seven authors include Phyllis Allen, who writes short stories, Alter, whose latest book is "Extraordinary Women of the American West," Gerilyn Dawson, a romance novelist, Carole Nelson Douglas, author of the Louie the Cat mysteries, Joyce Roach,

a folklorist, Eugenia Trinkle, a retired journalist, and Hollace Weiner, who authored "Jewish Stars of Texas." The book-cover designer attending will be Margie Adkins West.
 Paul said during dinner, Elledanceworks Dance Company of Dallas will perform for the guests.
 Hutchison said she hopes when students leave, they will feel more motivated to do something in their own communities and volunteer more.

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Panel Discussions for the 6th Annual Women's Symposium Today
 ■ When Two Teams Collide: Women Are WINR-S 9-9:50 a.m.
 Student Center, Room 207
 ■ The Grandmother-Granddaughter Community 10-10:50 a.m.
 Student Center, Room 209
 ■ Community as a Support for African American Women 11-11:50 a.m.

Student Center, Room 207
 ■ American Women Writers and Community: A Student Panel 1-1:50 p.m.
 Student Center, Room 209
 ■ The Changing Role of Women as Mentors 2-2:50 p.m.
 Student Center, Room 207
 ■ One For All, and All For One: The Vision of Florence Terry Griswold 3-3:50 p.m.
 Student Center, Room 209

■ Creating Conscious Community: Women as Pioneers 4-5:30 p.m.
 Student Center, Room 207
Thursday
 ■ The Way Home: A video discussion about women and discrimination 9:30-10:45 a.m.
 Student Center, Room 222
 ■ Women Public Leaders: Agents of Social Change 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

■ The Ladies Room: Documentary and discussion with the documentary maker 12:30-1:45 p.m.
 Student Center, Room 222
 ■ The Combat Film — With Women: So Proudly We Hail 2-3:15 p.m.
 Student Center, Room 222
 ■ Assault Prevention Theater 3:30-4:45 p.m.
 Student Center Ballroom

LAWS

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"Robbyn and her family have set a precedent in Texas with this decision," she said. "It remains to be seen how much impact this will have on the state, but it does show that when people pool resources, great things can happen."
 Chris Kindle said his family can still use the money that is being returned.

"Right now, my dad is maintaining two households — one in Texas and one in Nebraska," he said. "We still have a lot of medical bills, too."
 Because of these expenses, Koehler said cash donations will not be returned. Instead, they will be turned over to Kindle's family to help pay accumulated and future expenses. Money will still be accepted on Kindle's behalf. Those checks should be mailed to "The Robbyn Kin-

dle Family," TCU Office of the Provost, TCU Box 297040. These donations are not tax-deductible.
 Although Robbyn Kindle is still awaiting compatible organs, her brother said she is doing well.
 "She is as good as it gets right now," he said. "She was even strong enough to take a few steps today."

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HOUSE

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spend the break prior to finals and whether or not they want to change the standing policy.
 Students can register their opinions online until 5 p.m. Friday.
 House meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday in the Student Center, Room 222.

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—NANCY CARTER,
administrative assistant to the
dance department.

ON HIS TOES

Bujones brings same intensity of worldwide stage to a stage he now calls home

By Carey Hix
SKIFF STAFF

As Fernando Bujones, TCU's choreographer-in-residence, supervises the rehearsal of his piece, "Greek Breeze and Teas," his eyes burn with intensity as he scrutinizes the dancers' movements.

A self-admitted perfectionist, he commands perfection from his dancers. At times, he chastises one for a mistake, at others he praises them for a job well done. At several points, he leaps to the floor to demonstrate how he wants a step to look. His lithe body moves gracefully across the floor as the dancers pay close attention to his instruction.

Bujones came to TCU as choreographer-in-residence in 1995, after a lengthy career as both a dancer and guest-choreographer for many

well-known worldwide companies.

His wife of 10 years, Maria, who he met in Stuttgart when she was a dancer with the Stuttgart Ballet in Germany, is now his assistant.

Appetite for dance

Bujones' career as a dancer began in an interesting way.

When he was a small child, Bujones' parents were concerned with how little he was eating. They took him to a doctor, where he was evaluated for about 10 minutes. Then the doctor announced to his relieved parents that nothing was wrong. Bujones was fine.

"Just let him be the way he is," the doctor said. "And if he doesn't want to eat, let him not eat. When he gets hungry, he is going to open the refrigerator door himself."

However, the doctor suggested that it might be helpful to engage the boy in some sort of exercise to stimulate his appetite.

Since his mother was a dancer at the time, his parents decided that Bujones would take up ballet as a form of exercise.

"That's how, by coincidence, I started doing ballet — due to a lack of appetite," Bujones said. "And it worked out perfectly. My appetite improved immensely, and I started a professional career."

Olympian of dance

And he never looked back. He began to study classical ballet at age 7 in Havana because, although he was born in Miami, his parents were from Cuba.

At the age many teenagers are settling into their residence halls to begin college, Bujones was making history.

In July, 1974, at age 19, while working as a soloist for the American Ballet Theatre, he won a gold

medal for dance at the VII International Ballet Competition in Varna, Bulgaria, becoming the first male American dancer to hold the honor.

Though Bujones was considered a junior competitor, he won at the senior level, which made the triumph an even more significant accomplishment.

Known as the "Olympics of dance," the prestigious Varna competition was one of only two of these types of events. The other one was in Moscow.

Turning point

Although highly regarded in his field, Bujones is very down-to-earth.

He is soft-spoken as he tells of his achievements on stage without an ounce of pretense. He shows humility even though it is apparent he is proud of his accomplishments.

He commands a style and grace all his own, which is evident in his intelligent, insightful answers to questions and his eloquent way of speaking with a hint of Spanish accent.

Speaking of his win at Varna, he said, "It is an event that will always be inside of me, and that will always (give me) tremendous, profound satisfaction. It stands in my mind and in my soul as one of the most courageous events and one of the most important triumphs of my life."

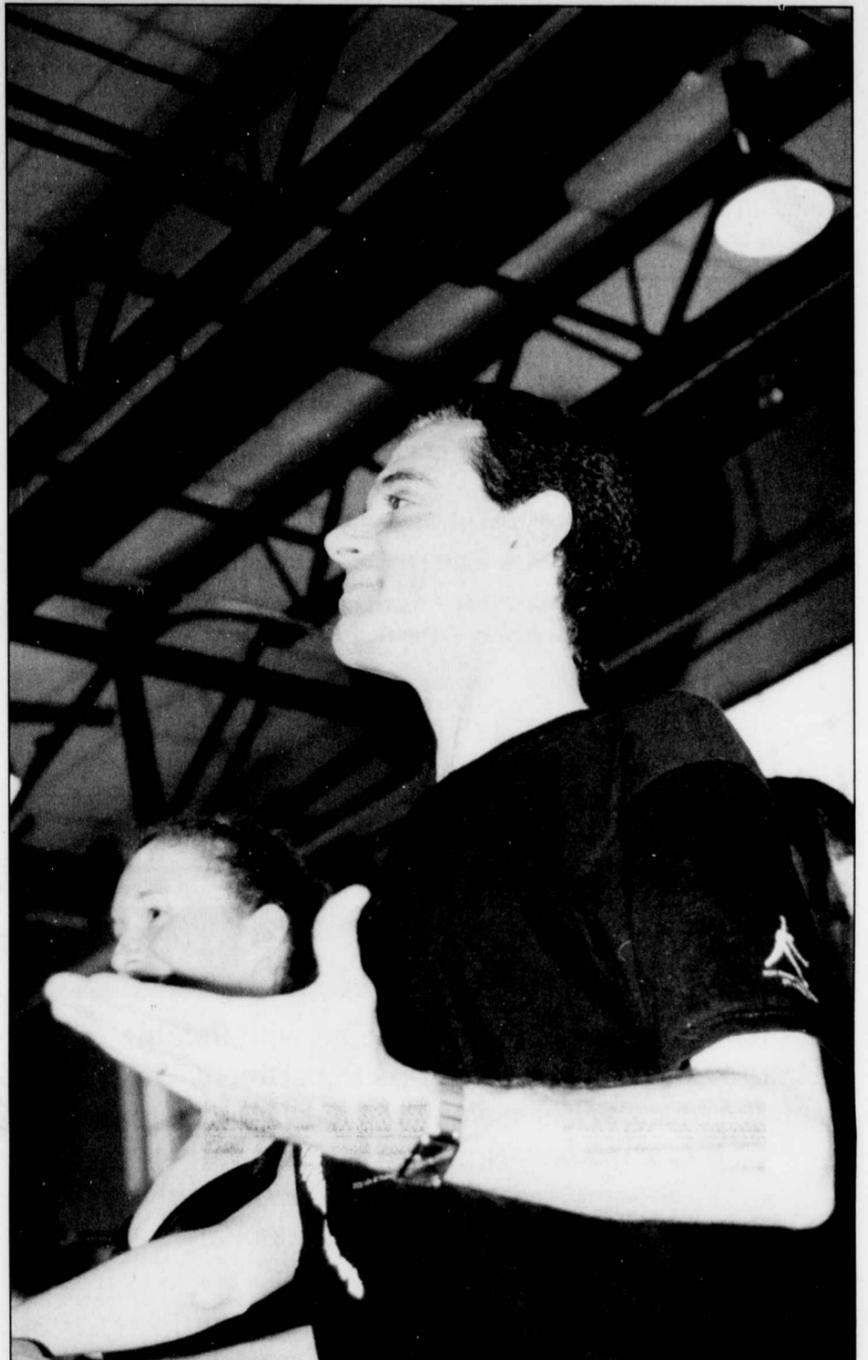
At the time of the competition, there were very few American dancers participating in these competitions because they took place behind the iron curtain, either in Russia or Bulgaria.

He considers himself a pioneer because after his achievement in Bulgaria, more and more Americans began to participate in the competitions.

"I opened what I consider a new door, a new era for future male dancers," he said. "It was a major turning point for American dance."

The win was also a major turning point in his career. When he returned from Bulgaria, he received his first principal dancer contract, which elevated him from the position of soloist to a premier dancer.

"I sent a telegram to the artistic director of American Ballet Theatre with just one word — Gold! When I came back she said, 'You've got yourself a principal contract.'"



A self-admitted perfectionist, Fernando Bujones is a tough critic when it comes to his students' performances. He often offers suggestions for improvement.

Jennifer Klein/SKIFF STAFF

Want to go?

■ **Who:** Department of ballet & modern dance

■ **What:** Spring Dance Concert with six original works, including one from TCU Choreographer-in-Residence and International Dance Star Fernando Bujones

■ **When:** 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday

■ **Where:** Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium

■ **Cost:** \$10 for adults, \$6 for seniors at the door.



Bujones supervises dance students during the rehearsal of his piece, "Greek Breeze and Teas."

Jennifer Klein/SKIFF STAFF

At center stage

Bujones said his main triumph in life is the fact that he has achieved 98 percent of the goals that he set for himself, including guest performing with some of the major ballet companies around the world: He has performed several times with England's Royal Ballet, The Paris Opera Ballet, the Stuttgart Ballet in Germany and many others. He has performed with many legendary ballerinas of this time, including Natalia Makarova, Cynthia Gregory and Marcia Haydee. He has also performed every full-length classical ballet a dancer can with the exception of "Cinderella."

The ovations he received were another source of his pride. He calls them historical.

When he performed Rudolph Nureyev's production of "Don Quixote" in Vienna, he was told that he had received the same ovation that only Nureyev himself, the original choreographer, had received 20 years earlier.

He also performed at the White House for President Ronald Reagan in 1985.

Taking a bow

Bujones' farewell performance in New York June 2, 1995, was his last major performance with the American Ballet Theatre.

Before the performance, he received a letter, which was published in the *New York Times* the next day, from President Bill Clinton, congratulating him on a lifetime of artistic excellence.

Bujones wanted to go out on a high note. He was so busy guest teaching and choreographing around the world that it had become difficult to keep his body in the top shape that he desired so as

not to risk injury. His being involved with choreography at that time made the transition from performer to choreographer easier.

He began choreographing in 1984 with the American Ballet Theatre.

Though classical ballet is what Bujones is most familiar with, his choreography expands into other genres of dance.

"(My choreography) is primarily based on a classical vocabulary because that's where my main strength and knowledge is, but I do explore folkloric styles," he said.

Second position

This year, as Bujones celebrates his silver anniversary of winning the gold medal in Varna, another honor has been bestowed upon him. He was unanimously appointed the new artistic director of the Southern Ballet Theatre in Orlando, Fla.

Bujones said he is excited to be able to direct a company in his home state. The opportunity will allow him to combine his experience as a choreographer, coach, director and administrator to lead the Southern Ballet Theatre to greater artistic and financial heights.

Bujones stresses that although he will be very committed to the Southern Ballet Theatre, he is thrilled to be able to continue his work at TCU.

Preserving his affiliation with TCU is one of the things Bujones made a point of doing when he signed his contract with the Southern Ballet Theatre because he enjoys the interchange of information that he gets from working with students here.

"I receive a lot from the students, and I learn a lot every day from them in terms of the intelli-

gence they have, the quickness that they respond with when they learn a ballet and the enthusiasm and the attention that they (show)," he said. "(I am) able to be inspired and create, and they in return are able to get the continuing experience and knowledge from my own work."

Frog applause

The faculty and students in the dance department realize what an honor it is to be able to have Bujones as choreographer-in-residence.

"Mr. Bujones is probably the most technically strong, sound dancer the United States has ever produced — I would even say the world," said Nancy Carter, administrative assistant to the dance department. "He has such a wonderful gift to give the students here. That's why he's here, and he chose TCU because we have such a strong program."

Ballet faculty member Elizabeth Gillaspay agreed: "His knowledge of the great classical ballets is so extensive that he has this amazing repertoire to pull from. It has just been a wonderful and amazing experience to have him here with us on the faculty."

Bujones' primary advice to aspiring dancers and choreographers is to maintain a passion for dance.

"Never try to be more than what you are," he said. "Be who you are, and try to be the best you can be. The more honest you can be, the better you can be as a human being. Be who you are, maintain an integrity, keep a passion for what you do and always have a little bit of space for good taste."

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TORNADO

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Renaissance Worthington Hotel and downtown Fort Worth, said, "We have a few windows broken out, about 12 guest rooms, and a couple of public area windows, but not significant damage."

Numerous power outages were reported by TXU Electric and Gas in western, northern and central parts of the city. Crews were dispatched throughout the area to fix downed power lines. It was not clear how many people were without power or how long the cleanup would take.

"We're still going through the assessment process," said TXU spokesman Ray Granado. "We'll be working all night and tomorrow for sure."

The storm also affected flights at nearby Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

"As a precaution, we evacuated the passengers in the Delta terminal to the tunnels," said Harmony Sockman, a spokeswoman for Delta Air Lines in Atlanta. "When everything was safe, we brought everyone back up to the terminal."

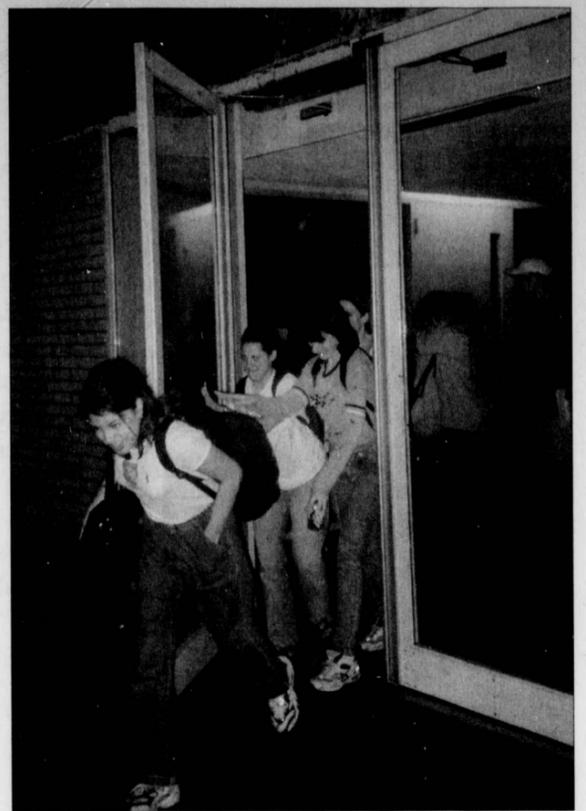
American Airlines reported no problems. Television stations reported that more than a dozen buildings received major damage on West Seventh Street, including a 7-Eleven convenience store that was destroyed.

Katrina Weston of Arlington told WFAA that when she opened the door of her house, she saw the storm blow shingles from her roof.

"We closed the door, went in the bathroom, went in the bathtub," Weston said. "We have no back fence at all; it literally wiped paint off the back of the house. There are sirens everywhere, and we have no power."

The Fort Worth-Tarrant County Emergency Management Office was opened to deal with the situation from below-ground offices in City Hall.

"We're assessing the damage," Worley said. "We know this is go-



Kathryn Garcia/STAFF REPORTER

Although evening classes were not canceled, several students left Moudy Building South after power went out in the building Tuesday night.

ing to be a long night."

The National Weather Service reported that Doppler radar and tornado spotters saw a tornado about 6:30 p.m.

"This looks like this will be a major storm for the Metroplex," said Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, an Austin-based trade group. "We're asking that people, if they sustained damage, call their insurance agent immediately because the number of claims are going to be in the thou-

sands."

Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth reported treating five people for storm injuries. Their conditions ranged from serious to critical, hospital spokeswoman Laura Van Hoosier told WFAA-TV.

Another 10 to 15 people were sent to John Peter Smith Hospital with a variety of injuries, spokeswoman Darinda Witt said. Two people with injuries walked into All Saints Health System, spokeswoman Amy Henderson said.

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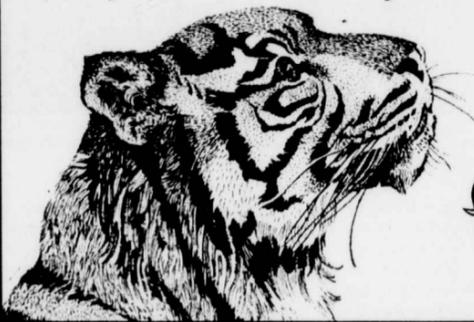
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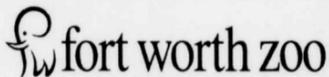


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"A resident assistant made the announcement, and we all went downstairs sounding airhorns on each floor and knocking on doors," she said. "The basement was packed."

Kurtz said she was thankful some of her residents had not yet left for their 7 p.m. classes.

Although night classes were not officially canceled, TCU Police advised students calling in not to attend class, said Michael Fazli, a TCU security guard.

"We asked all students to stay

away from windows in case they were shattered by wind or debris and not to use the elevators," Fazli said.

Grayson Lybrand, a freshman fashion promotion major, said about five policemen were at the Student Center to direct students to the basement. They waited about 25 minutes in the basement until they received word it was safe to return upstairs, she said.

All the buildings on campus sustained power surges at one point during the storm, said Abraham Walker, control center operator for the Physical Plant. A surge is a brief loss of power, usually not lasting more than a few seconds.

"We've been lucky," Walker said. "Nothing real major happened tonight."

Pat Henry, TCU Police dispatcher, said the storm also prevented students from making off-campus phone calls at one point during the storm.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said he was attending an event on the first floor of Moudy Building South when he was informed of the tornado.

"These are the kind of things that are hard to prepare for," he said.

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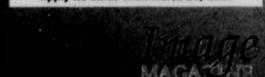
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OPEC increases oil production

1.45-million-barrel increase insufficient to decrease gas prices drastically

By Bruce Stanley
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In a rare departure from its normal quest for unanimity, ministers of the 11-nation cartel were expected to announce Wednesday morning that nine members would raise production by 6.3 percent, or a total of 1.45 million barrels a day. That appears to be well short of what analysts have said would be needed to curb crude oil prices that have tripled over the past 12 months.

The Clinton administration had been lobbying for a rise of 2 million to 2.5 million barrels a day to bring down gasoline prices that in the United States have risen from below \$1 a gallon just over a year ago to an average of almost \$1.60.

Falah Aljibury, an industry con-

sultant based in Alamo, Calif., said the agreement would knock, at most, "a few cents" off the average price of unleaded gas. "I'm disappointed ... the market expected more," he said.

An official statement was awaited to explain the action after a six-hour meeting at OPEC's headquarters in Vienna broke up Tuesday night without a unanimous decision. But the outgoing president of OPEC, Qatar oil minister Abdullah bin Hamad Al Attiyah, confirmed Wednesday morning that nine members would revert to higher levels of production that prevailed before April 1, 1999.

Iran, the No. 2 OPEC oil producer, refused to endorse the action, saying the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries should not be a "rubber stamp."

The agreement also excludes Iraq, which never was part of the original production cuts last year that sent prices surging.

Bijan Namdar Zangeneh, Iran's oil minister, told reporters he believed production should be increased by

less than 1 million barrels a day and objected to attempts by others to push through an agreement to boost output by 1.7 million barrels. While Zangeneh did not mention other OPEC countries by name, Saudi Arabia — OPEC's leading producer — had led the drive to raise output as much as 7 percent from official quotas, or by 1.7 million barrels.

"Our difference is on principle and not on merely a few barrels," Zangeneh told reporters after the meeting broke up. "In my view, OPEC is not an organization to rubber stamp a decision already made."

Zangeneh insisted that only a limited increase in output was justified and that there is no shortage of crude oil.

OPEC pumps more than 26 million barrels of crude oil each day, or about 35 percent of the world's supply. Key non-OPEC producers, such as Mexico and Norway, have said they were watching to see what OPEC will do before adjusting their own output.

This was not the first time Iran refused to join in a decision by its

OPEC colleagues. In 1992, Iran refused to endorse an agreement that the rest of OPEC made to cut production by 668,000 barrels a day, arguing that the cuts didn't go far enough.

Alarmed at the surge in oil prices, which sent heating oil costs soaring in the winter and gasoline prices skyrocketing, the United States had lobbied hard in recent weeks for OPEC to relax its constraints on production.

That pressure will continue when U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen travels next week to the Middle East. A Pentagon spokesman said Tuesday that Cohen would reinforce the Clinton administration's call for increased oil production when he meets counterparts from such OPEC members as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

In trading before the meeting broke up, contracts for May delivery of West Texas Intermediate crude oil fell 70 cents a barrel to close Tuesday at \$27.09 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Bush reaches out to former rival McCain

Dole helps heal relationship with present and past presidential candidates

By Glen Johnson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARSIPPANY, N.J. — George W. Bush reached out to vanquished presidential rival John McCain Tuesday, declaring "the past is the past" and it's time for them to meet. Another former rival, Steve Forbes, was endorsing Bush as the Republicans moved toward reconciliation after a bruising primary season.

Bush telephoned McCain from his car in Virginia, where he traveled to lay out a \$5 billion plan to address illiteracy among young school students, declaring the problem a "national emergency."

"Too many of our children can't

read," Bush told a group of Asian-American business people in suburban Washington. "Our economy is the envy of the world; unfortunately, our schools are not."

Later, with Gov. Christie Whitman by his side, he told a crowd of 450 at a New Jersey fund-raiser: "I want to make it clear to the good folks of New Jersey and all across America that I'm not running to become the federal superintendent of schools. ... What I believe is I believe in local control of the schools."

Bush reached out to McCain after Bob Dole, the defeated 1996 GOP nominee who has been acting as peacemaker, had lunch with the Ari-

zona senator and then called Bush. The Texas governor is hoping for an endorsement from his former foe, but McCain aides said it is too soon to talk about that.

Still, McCain adviser John Weaver said, "The ice has been broken." Bush said, "I think John and I both understand that the past is the past and it's time to move forward."

McCain suspended his campaign March 9 after Bush won a string of primaries two days earlier on Super Tuesday. The Arizona senator won seven GOP primaries, including the leadoff contest in New Hampshire.

Bush annoyed the McCain camp by saying that McCain "didn't

change my views on reform." But the Texan quickly tried to soften the blow and has spoken more glowingly of his former rival since.

The Texas governor was lining up the endorsement of Forbes at an evening rally in the millionaire publisher's home state of New Jersey. His backing could bring Bush more conservative support even as he targets women and other traditional Democratic constituencies with his reading initiative.

Recent polls give both Bush and his Democratic rival, Vice President Al Gore, roughly equal marks on who would do the best job of improving education.

Sacagawea coin launch successful, official says

By Jeannine Aversa
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON— The launch of the Sacagawea dollar coin is a rousing success despite criticism of a \$40 million advertising campaign to promote it, a U.S. Mint official told Congress on Tuesday.

"So popular are these coins that in 14 weeks we will have produced and shipped more than 500 million Golden Dollars," said John Mitchell, the Mint's deputy director, using another name for the coin. "It took 14 years for customer demand to call

for that many Susan B. Anthony dollars."

Mitchell spoke at a House hearing that examined the production of the nation's money and how to protect it from high-tech counterfeiters.

He said there's been "projection-busting enthusiasm" for the Sacagawea coin since its introduction at the end of January. The coin depicts the young Shoshone Indian woman who accompanied explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to the Pacific Ocean in 1805.

Rep. Spencer Bachus, R-Ala.,

chairman of the House Banking Committee's panel on monetary policy, praised the Mint for its introduction of the coin but said, "Many others in Congress wished the release had been handled better."

Some have complained about the Mint's decision to team with Wal-Mart, which uses the dollar coins to make change, and about the expensive ad campaign, which uses a likeness of George Washington to promote the coins.

Mint officials say the ad campaign is financed from the agency's profits,

not taxpayer revenues.

The Susan B. Anthony was a flop. Mitchell said the ad campaign and the partnership with Wal-Mart should drive up interest for people and companies to use the new coin.

Small banks have had particular trouble getting the new coins. Last month the Mint and the Federal Reserve took steps to speed up delivery by shipping the new coins directly by registered mail to community banks and other small financial institutions, the same way it sent the coins to Wal-Mart.

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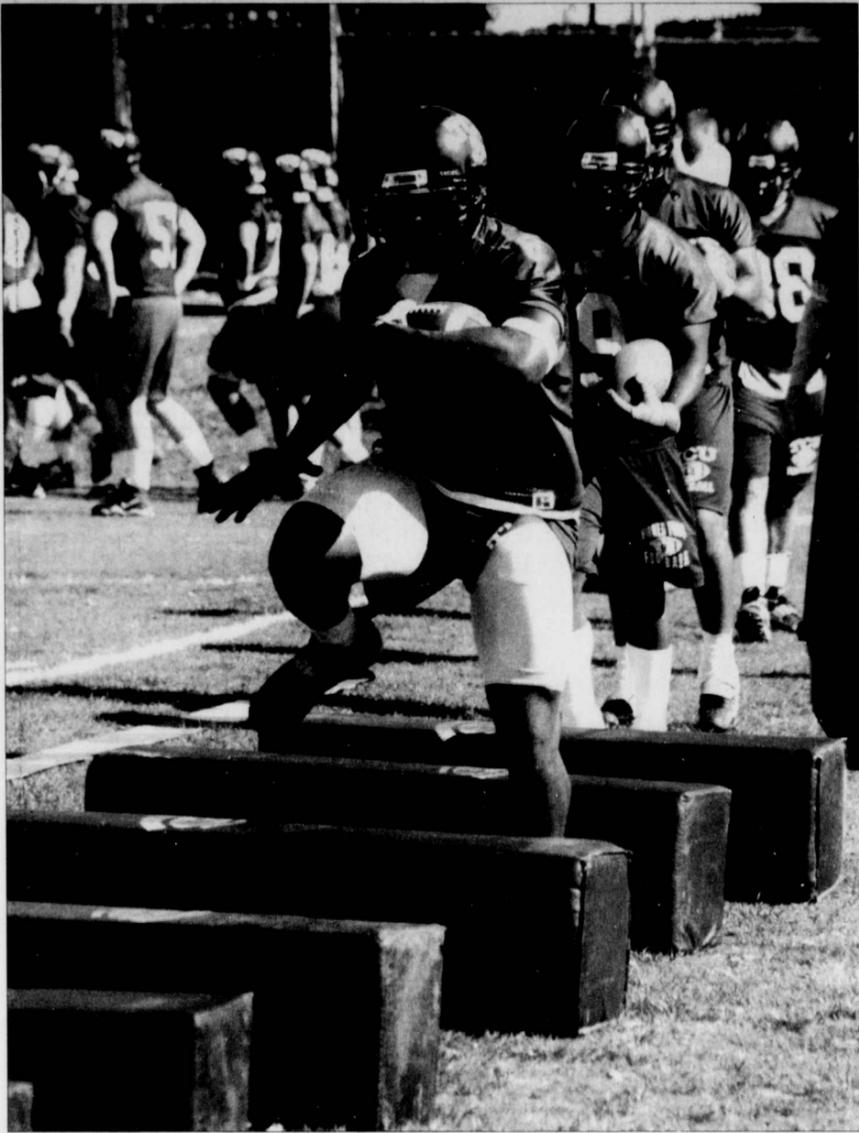
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Junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson goes through drills with other running backs during spring practice Monday. Tomlinson is projected to be a Heisman Trophy candidate for next season.

Tomlinson, once unheard of, now garners attention as Heisman candidate

Critics say competition in WAC hurts his chances

By Adam Vilfordi
SKIFF STAFF

Three years ago, no one had ever heard of tailback LaDainian Tomlinson. Now he is mentioned in the same breath with Purdue quarterback Drew Brees, Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick and Texas Tech tailback Ricky Williams. The 5-11, 217-pound tailback from Waco has become a Heisman Trophy candidate after his record-breaking season last year.

Since his days at Waco University High School, Tomlinson said he has worked hard to live up to his potential. When he began school at TCU, Tomlinson said he had to learn and adjust to many different things on the football field.

"Playing as a true freshman, I had to get used to the speed of the game, reading defenses, picking the right holes to run through and learning to be patient as a running back," Tomlinson said. "College football taught me to be more patient as a runner and to react to the defenses faster."

Tomlinson said he feels he could be just as deserving of the Heisman Trophy at the end of this season as those who will have gained national attention at larger universities.

"I have worked hard all my life, and I'm sure that people like Drew Brees and Michael Vick worked hard also," Tomlinson said. "But I feel that I am deserving of the things that I am being mentioned for, and I feel fortunate to be mentioned in

the same sentence with some of college football's best players."

Tomlinson said although he is excited about being a candidate for college football's most prestigious award, he realizes that none of his accomplishments would have been made possible if his teammates didn't work hard.

"My teammates have handled the whole (Heisman) situation with class," Tomlinson said. "They have encouraged me and been supportive as the spotlight has shined on me, and I know that without them, there would be no mention of the Heisman."

As for Tomlinson's offensive line, he said it does not receive any credit for the accolades that he receives.

"I don't think people understand how much the (offensive line) means to me," he said. "They don't get any of the credit for the things that we do as a unit. They work hard every day. I think that they work harder than anybody on the whole team. I respect them, and I am close to them, and I think that is why we work together to get better."

Another important part of Tomlinson's "Heisman run" is his relationship with head coach Dennis Franchione. Tomlinson said Franchione has been the main reason for the team's success. Tomlinson said Franchione has redirected the team's focus, changed the team's outlook and adjusted the team's attitude.

"Winning breeds success, and

that is what Fran has done," Tomlinson said. "Going from 1-(10) in 1997, to 7-5 with a bowl win in 1998 and then going to 8-4 with a victory in Mobile, Coach has taught us to not accept losing. He showed us how to win and taught us to live with winning."

Tomlinson said he has been trying to get faster and doing drills to increase his agility and quickness during this off-season.

"I know that I cannot be the same football player from last year," he said. "I have to get bigger, stronger and faster because people are going to be aiming for me."

As for the naysayers who discredit Tomlinson's run toward the Heisman Trophy because he plays in the Western Athletic Conference, he said that all the teams in the WAC are always competitive, and they can play with teams in any conference.

"There are a lot of good players who come out of high school, and every team has good players," Tomlinson said. "What separates the teams is coaching."

Tomlinson said he believes in his team, his coaches and his chances for the Heisman.

"I am not going to let my team down," he said. "I know that they won't let me down, and I like my chances."

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Men's golf team finishes eighth in tournament

By Chris Harrison
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU men's golf team placed eighth in the 15-team field tournament at the Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational last weekend in Statesboro, Ga.

The defending national champion Georgia Bulldogs had three players finish in the top five, sweeping the overall tournament at Forest Heights Country Club by 17 strokes over Clemson University.

Georgia junior Bubba Watson claimed medalist honors, scrambling his way to a final round of a two-under 70 and a three-day total of 13-un-

der 203.

"I knew I still had to attack," said Watson, who at one point was 16-under par on the front nine and appeared dangerously close to threatening the Schenkel individual scoring title of 21-under. "I changed my attitude on the back nine. I missed some greens and fairways and started to coast, but I knew I had to bang on."

TCU's highest finisher was junior Aaron Hickman who finished 23rd.

Hickman posted a final round score of 73 to give him a total of 216, even

par. "I felt like I hit the ball pretty good, but it just seemed like some of my putts wouldn't fall," Hickman said. "The course was great, and the playing conditions were perfect. I just need some more putts to drop, and I'll be in pretty good shape for the next upcoming tournament in Mexico."

Head coach Bill Montigel said he thought Hickman played a pretty good tournament last weekend.

"Aaron has been doing a real good job, and I am really pleased with his

play this year," Montigel said. "He has been our most improved player."

"He is going to keep getting better, and he has a lot of confidence in his game right now. Hickman has improved every tournament so far, and I am looking for him to keep this pace up throughout the rest of the season."

Sophomores Bret Guetz and Andy Doeden shot an identical 72-71-76 score of 219, placing them in a tie for 32nd.

Freshman Jamie Kellam recorded his best individual score of the

season, placing 48th with a total of 222.

"He did a really good job in this last tournament," Montigel said. "He came back and shot a 72 the second round and a 73 in the final round. Overall, pretty good play from a freshman."

Junior Sal Spallone placed 50th, with a total of 223.

Montigel said there are two things his golf team needs to do to get better.

"I think we have to improve our short game," Montigel said. "We

really need to work on our putting and all of our shots from 100-yards and in.

"We are also going to have to work on getting mentally tough. I am thinking if we work hard on those two things, we are going to be fine."

The Horned Frogs' next tournament will be an international one. The men's team leaves for Los Cabos, Mexico, to take part in the U.S. Collegiate on April 7 through April 9.

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PULSE SIDELINES

NFL reportedly told Broncos to send money

DENVER (AP) — Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen was reportedly ordered to write the NFL a \$22 million check to cover deferred salaries for two players, with the league then paying the players over time.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue ordered Bowlen to cover \$22 million out of \$29 million in deferred salaries the team owed running back Terrell Davis and former quarterback John Elway.

The *Denver Post*, quoting unidentified sources, reported Tuesday that the NFL will make periodic payments to the players from the money Bowlen paid last week.

A Broncos spokesman declined to comment Tuesday, and an NFL spokesman did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Tagliabue's decision resolved a nearly yearlong dispute over whether the Broncos could pay the deferred salaries whenever they wanted.

Tagliabue ruled last week that 75 percent of nearly \$30 million in deferred money in the contracts of Davis and Elway had to be funded immediately rather than at the players' demand, as the Broncos had maintained. Davis was to receive \$9 million; Elway was to get the rest.

UNC football player drops pads for Final Four

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — With a deep front court coming into the season, Bill Guthridge wasn't counting on help from a 270-pound freshman defensive end with a catchy name.

Now, it's hard to say where the Tar Heels would be without Julius Peppers. Certainly not in the NCAA tournament's Final Four.

The 6-foot-8 Peppers is 22-for-29 from the field over his last seven games as the top substitute for North Carolina, including a 30-minute stint in a 59-55 victory over Tulsa in the

South Regional title game after Kris Lang went down with a sprained right ankle.

The hulking Peppers, who wears a size 17 shoe and has 6.1 percent body fat, usually would be halfway through spring football. He could only smile Tuesday at the thought of not knocking heads with offensive linemen though.

"I miss it a little bit, but I'm having fun right now," said Peppers, who should play a key role against a deep Florida team Saturday night in the national semifinals. "If we keep winning, I'll get back when I get back."

Guthridge helped the football team

recruit Peppers with the promise that he could walk on in basketball. The veteran coach didn't expect Peppers to take him up on his offer after getting six sacks and 50 tackles as a freshman.

He's glad Peppers did, though, as 6-11 Brian Bersticker broke his foot early in the season, and Lang has been hampered by illness, shin splints and now a bum ankle.

"Julius has been a godsend for us," Guthridge said. "When basketball season is over, we're going to loan him to the football team."

Senior point guard Ed Cota actually pressured Guthridge about put-

ting Peppers on the team.

"Ed Cota came to me several times this summer and said, 'Julius can really play, and we need him to come out for the team,'" Guthridge said. "I really didn't know what to expect but was pleasantly surprised early on. He has learned and gotten better and better."

Practice sure changed when Peppers came on board Dec. 1.

"When Julius came out to practice, people had to be aware," said Jason Capel, who played against Peppers many times while growing up in the state. "He came out there blocking shots, dunking and the backboard

would be shaking for the next couple of possessions down the floor.

"Everybody took notice of that. We all knew how good he was. We knew once he got his uniform he was going to be a big part of this team."

Capel said Peppers gives the Tar Heels a dimension few clubs have.

"Nobody is going to push him around, but he's one of the best athletes I've ever met or seen," Capel said. "Julius has been big since we were younger, but since he came to college he is huge. He is a football player playing basketball, but he doesn't play like that. He can be powerful and graceful at times."

Sanders returns to major league after surgery

Cowboys player suits up for Reds baseball season

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Deion Sanders was playing in a Cincinnati Reds exhibition long before anyone expected. Could a regular-season game be far behind?

With both Reds and Dallas Cowboys fans cheering him on Monday, Sanders was back among major leaguers. He got two at-bats as a replacement left fielder and even got a hit in a 9-8 loss to the Texas Rangers.

No one expected Sanders to be back with the major leaguers so fast.

He had spent the last week working out with minor leaguers, trying to get past his leg problems.

His appearance Monday was a sign that he's getting closer.

"Any time you get to play with the big guys, that's definitely a step forward," Sanders said.

Sanders, in camp on a minor league contract, has missed most of spring training because of a balky knee and a swollen ankle.

A day after Dr. Timothy Kremchek predicted it would take Sanders four more weeks to get into top playing shape, the outfielder diplomatically disagreed.

"How can I put this gently: That's Dr. Kremchek's opinion," Sanders said. "I feel good running."

The Cowboys cornerback had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee

Jan. 24 and could only hobble last month when he resumed the baseball career he put on hold nearly three years ago. He didn't move well in an exhibition game March 14, going 0-for-3 and giving no indication he was ready to challenge for a roster spot.

To make matters worse, his right ankle later swelled up, requiring a cortisone shot 12 days ago. He had been limited to working out and playing in minor league games until Monday.

With two black batting gloves flapping from each of his back pockets and a thick gold chain and jeweled cross dangling from his neck, Sanders got into his second spring game and did much better this time around.

A buzz went through the crowd of 4,519 when Sanders, wearing No. 12, moved into the on-deck circle in the sixth inning to pinch hit for Ken Grif-

fey Jr. He didn't get to bat that inning because Chris Stynes made the last out, but he stayed in the game as the left fielder.

He grounded out to second on the first pitch in the seventh, then worked R.A. Dickey — a non-roster pitcher wearing No. 74 — to a 3-1 count before lining a single to left in the ninth. He also slid hard into second as the Rangers unsuccessfully tried to turn a double play.

The Reds don't need another outfielder — they already have five — but general manager Jim Bowden would love to have Sanders available as a pinch-runner as soon as he's healthy.

Sanders seems headed for Triple-A Louisville to show what he can do. How long he'll be there is the question.

"We have a nice plan," Sanders said. "If they feel that's where I need to go to do rehab, I'll do so."

Bowden was back in Cincinnati on Monday, missing the return of one of his favorite players.

"I've been feeling well for — I'm not going to say quite some time, but especially this past week," Sanders said. "I don't judge my speed. I know a couple of weeks ago they told me I wasn't really running good, then yesterday Mr. Bowden told me I must have turned it up 10 notches."

Shortly after Sanders made it to the small visitors' clubhouse after the game, former Cowboys coach Chan Gailey walked in and the two of them talked. Gailey, who coached Dallas for two years, was fired after the 1999 season and became the Miami Dolphins' offensive coordinator.

TELL ME about it!

Let him talk about the past; counseling could be the right answer

by Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn:
I ran into a past acquaintance in whom I had always had an interest, and he suggested we go out. We share many common interests and goals. After spending a "good" weekend together, he started telling me about how his ex-girlfriend thinks he should go to counseling. Why is he worried about what his ex thinks? Should I even pursue this relationship any further?
— Laura

even interpret this as a good sign. The people who scare me are the she-dumped-me-so-what-the-expensive-does-she-know types.

That said, there might still be room for alarm here. If a lot more of his sentences start with "My ex-girlfriend thinks ..." if counseling is the conversation topic after every "good" weekend, if you start to agree that this guy needs help, then maybe you should reconsider. For now, though, I'd wait long enough to find out why she suggested counseling and why he's considering it — or to find out something real before you decide to bail.

Dear Carolyn:
I recently got out of a two-year

relationship. My boyfriend was very abusive, both emotionally and sexually. Since the breakup I've been suffering from flashbacks. My friends have all noticed a self-destructive streak in me during the past few months. I took their advice and I'm going to counseling, but it doesn't seem to be helping. I'm going downhill fast, but I can't figure out a way to stop it. Do you have any suggestions?
— L.

Dear L.
The "self-destructive streak" isn't from the past few months. It's been there for the past two years at least and probably since you were young, lurking in the back of your mind,

whispering to you to hook up with and then stay with an abusive guy. That's self-destruction.

On the other hand, you've stopped the abuse and started counseling. I'd call that self-preservation. Stick with it, please. Call your therapist, report the downhill slide and see if she's able to help. If she can't, get a new therapist. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-SAFE, and ask for the names of counselors in your area who have experience handling abuse. You so obviously want to get better that I believe you will, but you've got to give it time.

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TODAY'S menu

THE MAIN Lunch

- Turkey melt
 - Corn dogs
 - Sizzlin' salads
 - Nacho bar
- ### Dinner
- Meatloaf
 - Santa Fe chicken
 - Carved turkey and trimmings
 - Waffle bar

WORTH HILLS Lunch

- Chicken Caesar salad wrap
 - Gyro
 - Enchiladas
- ### Dinner
- "Steak Night"
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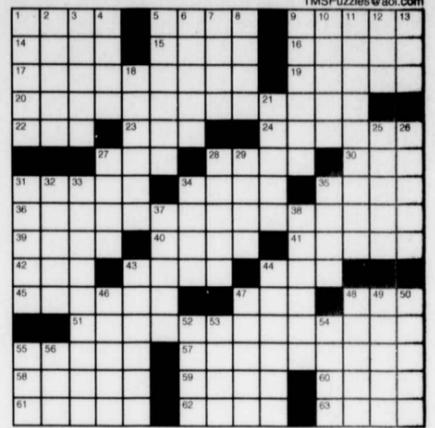


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 - 5 Amorphous mass
 - 9 Of punishment
 - 14 Sioux tribe
 - 15 Mobile starter?
 - 16 Tierney classic
 - 17 Ethiopia, once
 - 19 Went astray
 - 20 Bands
 - 22 Sault Marie
 - 23 Mediocre grade
 - 24 Ancient ascetic
 - 27 Positive hand signals
 - 28 Magnet end
 - 30 Armed forces abbr.
 - 31 Softly, in music
 - 34 Bubble maker
 - 35 Creche figures
 - 36 Bands
 - 39 Meat paste
 - 40 Southern constellation
 - 41 Make confused
 - 42 Tree-rings indication
 - 43 Proposer's support
 - 44 Wire service letters
 - 45 Morally degraded
 - 47 Alore
 - 48 Tibetan gazelle
 - 51 Bands
 - 55 Islamic scholars
 - 57 Stray toms
 - 58 Leave alone
 - 59 Old Maid lay down
 - 60 Clan chart
 - 61 Cultural values
 - 62 Quiches
 - 63 Likelihood



By Patrick McConville
Manassas Park, VA

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



- DOWN**
- 1 Dove and Ivory, e.g.
 - 2 Standing by the plate
 - 3 Rolls-Doherty
 - 4 Carrel table
 - 5 Part of LBJ forward movement
 - 28 Ruffled pride
 - 29 Numbered musical piece
 - 31 John Phillips and Denny
 - 32 Mature insect
 - 33 Consequence
 - 34 LePew of cartoons
 - 35 1401

- 7 "Miss Regrets"
- 8 Love or gravy follower
- 9 Make happy
- 10 Wyatt and Virgil
- 11 Amah
- 12 Ready when you —
- 13 Young Scot
- 18 Fed up with
- 21 U.S. Grant's counterpart
- 25 Bruce or Mansell
- 26 Beethoven dedicatee
- 27 Where the drinks are?
- 37 Magician, The Amazing
- 38 Table linen
- 43 Hershey's candies
- 44 Inciters
- 46 Flying elephant
- 47 Songwriter
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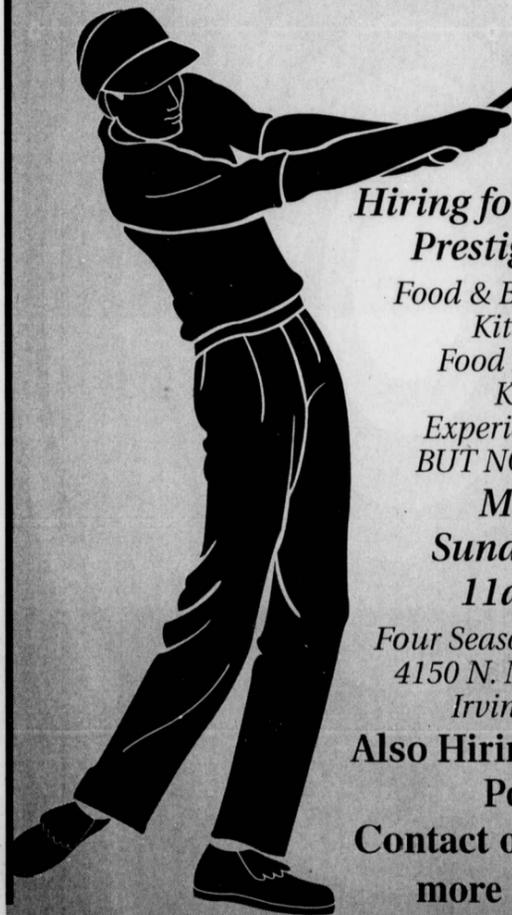
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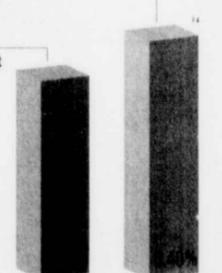
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