

The TCU-UT matchup at The Ballpark in Arlington was rained out Tuesday night and will not be rescheduled.

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# House recommends finals schedule review

By Jaime Walker  
STAFF REPORTER

The House of Student Representatives voted 23-20, with three abstentions, to encourage the administration to review policies surrounding the finals schedule.

In an individual role-call vote, each member expressed his or her support or disapproval for the House resolution about finals week at its regular meeting Tuesday.

"We designed the resolution such that it said 'We, the student body, want and support the spirit of change, but we want the administration to re-

## SGA budgets for next year pass despite opposition, lack of debate

view the policy and come up with the plan that is best for the students," said Brian Casebolt, chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee.

As he presented the resolution to the House floor, Casebolt told the representatives to take debate seriously, consider both sides and vote for what they felt was right.

Bryan Perkins, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon representative, spoke in opposition of the resolution.

"When I talked to my guys, they

made it very clear that they like the schedule the way it is," he said. "They saw our proposal as just prolonging the inevitable. The way they look at it, finals are stressful anyway. People who support this say that it will break up the stress, but I will just stress out more."

Jenny Gravley heard a different story from her constituents in Shelley Hall.

"Of all the people I talked to, I didn't find anybody who didn't like the

idea of a change," she said. "Personally, I take a lot of upper-level classes, and I am already thinking of ways to use that day. It would make my life so much easier."

Student Government Association President Ben Jenkins said he was not surprised debate lasted for over half an hour.

"This issue has a direct impact on people," he said. "When it comes to major changes like this, there will be a contest. Around finals, everyone's

grades are on the line. When we start considering changing the schedule during that time, it penetrates people, and there are a lot of opinions."

Scott Geer, Sigma Nu representative, said the results of the vote not only represented the opinions of House members but also reflected the constituents.

Geer, who voted against the resolution, said he did so because his fraternity brothers were opposed to the change.

"When I talked to them, 80 percent voted against it," he said. "I felt that's what I had to do (Tuesday) because they elected me to represent them."

Shelley Hall representative Jenny Specht also opposed the bill. For her, the vote was not just a chance to express her disapproval for the finals schedule but also for the work of the Academic Affairs Committee.

"We have been discussing this same issue since I have been in House," she said. "I am convinced that nothing will really change.

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## PULSE

### BRIEFS

#### U.S. Senate votes to increase Pell Grants by \$400

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (U-WIRE) — The U.S. Senate narrowly approved legislation Friday that would increase the amount of Pell Grant financial aid available to eligible college students.

Pell Grants, money given by the federal government to college students who demonstrate financial need, will now be available in sums up to \$3,700 — a \$400 increase from the current \$3,300 maximum amount. Pell Grants are also available in sums as small as \$400.

The legislation now will be considered by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee to be included in the formal budget.

The increase in the maximum sum would be the largest since 1980. Funding for the project would come from a reduction in a proposed \$150 billion in tax cuts.

Pell Grants go to the neediest undergraduates, Financial Aid Director Yvonne Hubbard said.

"To be eligible for a Pell Grant, the family contribution has to be less than \$3,200," she said. "You can see how close a full Pell Grant is coming to full tuition."

In February, President Clinton called for Congress to increase the maximum amount available by \$200, to \$3,500.

—Cavalier Daily  
University of Virginia

## Small memorial



Anya Garcia, a sophomore neuroscience major, places a yellow flag in front of Sadler Hall Monday night. Six hundred flags were placed into the ground, each one representing 10,000 victims of the Holocaust.

## Poet laureate to speak at Honors Convocation

Robert Pinsky will discuss 'Learning and Art' at Honors Program's annual event

By Courtney Roach  
STAFF REPORTER

Pulitzer Prize nominee and the 39th U.S. poet laureate of the United States Robert Pinsky will discuss "Learning and Art" at the Honors Convocation Thursday.

Pinsky, a professor at Boston University, editor of the online journal *Slate* and regular contributor to

The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, will speak at 11 a.m. in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Karen Steele, a professor of English, said a

poet laureate is someone who has achieved high accomplishments in the world of poetry and does not apply for the honor but is chosen.

"They are the public face of poetry," Steele said. "They travel around the United States and promote poetry and liberal arts."

Kathryne McDorman, director of the TCU Honors Program, said the tradition of a poet laureate goes back to England, where a poet was chosen to memorialize or put issues of that day into a timeless form of poetic art.

"His addresses are passionate appeals for liberal arts and humanities," McDorman said. "Everyone in the university would benefit from hearing him speak."

### Honors Convocation

- **Who:** Robert Pinsky, 39th poet laureate of the United States
- **What:** Honors Convocation
- **When:** 11 a.m. Thursday
- **Where:** Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium
- **Cost:** Admission is free and open to everyone

McDorman said Pinsky has traveled to many events and written poetry about them, including the millennial celebration in Washington, D.C.

He has transformed the job of a poet laureate into being an advocate of liberal arts, she said.

"He has become a spokesperson for a view of life and values that too often get lost in moneymaking and politics," McDorman said.

Jesse Elsey, a freshman psychology major and member of the Honors Program, said she will be attending Convocation and is looking forward to hearing Pinsky.

"We're proud as the TCU Honors Program to be able to host such a prestigious speaker," Elsey said. "Pinsky has been awarded several honors and awards including a nomination for the Pulitzer Prize in

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The increased use of the Internet has reintroduced the topic of the First Amendment rights of porn in our country.

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### GOLF GLORY

The TCU men's golf team traveled to Mexico this past weekend and placed 11th at the 2000 COMPAQ U.S. Collegiate. The tournament was televised nationally on ESPN.

Head coach Bill Montigel said the atmosphere of being televised probably added to the team's performance.

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## Ware announces departure

Nationwide search for new admissions dean underway

By Danny Home  
STAFF REPORTER

When Sandra Ware gathers her things and turns out the lights in her office on July 31, she will be doing so for the last time as the dean of admissions.

"The deciding factor was that my husband is retiring from Delta Airlines," said Ware, who has worked for the university for 14 years. "We are building a house in Colorado, and we knew it would be difficult to handle both the house and the job.

"This is a job that demands 150 percent of your time, but, at this point, I don't think I can do that."

Ware joined TCU as an assistant director of admissions in 1986. She served as an associate director of admissions from 1990 to 1996 and as the interim dean of admissions from Aug. 1, 1996, until April 18, 1997, when she was named dean of admissions.

Jim Atwood, professor of religion and assistant to the dean of admissions, said Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler has already begun the nationwide search for a replacement. Koehler could not be reached for comment.

"We will not need an interim director be-

cause Koehler is conducting the search right now, and we hope to have a new dean by Aug. 1," Atwood said. "It will be a challenge to find a replacement, but the end of the school year is really a good time to look for one because many of the changes in universities take place then."

Atwood said his name has not been mentioned in the search for the new dean.

Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity, said he would like to see someone with qualities similar to Ware's.

"Admissions has done a good job with honing and perfecting what they do," Thomas said. "When a new dean is hired, it should be assured that (he or she) continues in the same direction."

Ware said there are some issues the next dean should examine.

"We need to address name recognition and visibility through improved marketing, and I think (Chancellor Michael) Ferrari has the initiatives to propel us," Ware said. "We need to make our recruitment and retention efforts more campus-wide."

Ware said she will miss the relationships she has formed with other members of the TCU community.

"That's probably what I will miss the most about my years at TCU — my interactions with the students, faculty and staff," she said. "This really is a community, and we don't tell ourselves enough what a great place this really is."

Danny Home

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Ware



Dallas Kirbie, owner of Fox Barbers, 3028 Sandage Ave., looks at a copy of the TCU Daily Skiff from 1941. Kirbie began collecting TCU memorabilia when she purchased her barber shop in 1998.

## Little shop of memories

Local barber shop owner shows off Frog memorabilia

By Jeff Anderson  
STAFF REPORTER

Loaded with friendly smiles, good conversation and TCU purple, Fox Barbers is no ordinary barber shop.

Owner Dallas Kirbie said she is a proud TCU supporter, and the shop is so close to TCU that it is only right to support the school. To show her spirit, Kirbie began collecting TCU memorabilia when she purchased the shop in June 1998.

The barber shop is located at 3028 Sandage Ave. near Leibrock Village, the Brite Divinity School student housing complex currently under construction.

"When I bought the shop, the first thing I did was paint (the outside) TCU purple," Kirbie said.

Inside the barber shop are two autographed TCU football posters and a couple of faded stickers on a mirror. The once-purple stickers from the 1960s are now faded to a blue-gray color. The autographed posters are from each of the past two TCU bowl game victories. Kirbie said she had the chairs' cloths and smocks specially made in TCU purple, too.

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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.

■ **All faculty and staff are invited to bring their children** from 5 to 11 p.m. Saturday to the Rickel Building for free baby-sitting. Baby-sitting will be provided by the members of Alpha Phi Omega for the bi-annual Professors' Night Out.

■ **Everyone is invited to a brown-bag, crime watch meeting** noon Thursday in the Student Center, Room 205. The speaker will be Dick Rinewalt.

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

■ **The department of physics and astronomy** presents the fifth annual Joseph Morgan Lecture featuring Dr. Robert Von Dreele. Von Dreele, from the Los Alamos National Laboratory, will give a public lecture on "Polycrystallography" 7:30 p.m. Monday in Sid W. Richardson, Lecture Hall 3. Refreshments and a reception will follow the talk.

■ **The Women in Film/Dallas 2000 project grant and tuition scholarship program** is offering scholarships to female students from Texas whose major is film. For more information, e-mail (wifdal@nkn.net).

■ **"Grease" tickets** for the April 18 performance at Bass Performance Hall are available in the PC office for \$20 each. For more information, call 257-5233.

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

■ **Apply now for the 2000 Environmental Journalism Academy** which will be June 27 to July 2 in the Washington, D.C. area. Deadline is April 22. For more information, call 1-202-234-5993 or e-mail (eja@envirocityzen.org).

# NEWS

ROUNDUP

## WORLD

### 3 children die in Bosnian land mine explosion, residents too frightened to attempt rescue

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — An explosion killed three children who strayed into a minefield, police said Tuesday, including an 11-year old girl who screamed for help for hours as would-be rescuers watched, too fearful to go after her.

Police identified the victims as Ema Alic, 11, Goran Biscevic, 12, and Haris Balicevac, 12. They died Monday after venturing into a minefield outside the capital.

Millions of land mines are strewn across Bosnia as a result of the 1992-1995 Bosnian war. Mine explosions kill and injure dozens of people every month, and minefields make stretches of land unusable.

Residents said the fact that the area was mined was common knowledge and signs warned of danger. The field was not roped off, apparently because of lack of money.

Eyewitnesses said Ema was still alive after the explosion and that she screamed for help for hours before falling still.

Nenad Krestalica, who witnessed the explosion, said the force of the blast sent "the body of one child through the air."

"I also heard the crying voice," said Krestalica, 67, still visibly upset a day after the deaths. "For two hours, the girl was showing signs of life, waved with her little hand and called for help. Then she went quiet."

His wife, Stana, 60, said she was doing garden work when she heard the explosion.

"We all started running. We heard a child's voice screaming for help," she told a reporter. "We called the police and they came, but nobody could approach the children."

Residents gathered around the minefield but could only watch the tragedy a few hundred yards away.

## NATION

### Senate votes against gas tax cuts in lieu of increasing funds for highway improvement

WASHINGTON — A temporary federal gas tax cut was resoundingly defeated by the Senate, where opponents said its meager benefits for motorists fuming over high fuel prices wasn't worth jeopardizing money for critical transportation projects.

"Yes, there's anger at the pump. That's understandable," Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said Tuesday. "But there's also anger behind the wheel. We cannot have instability in our highway modernization program."

By 17 votes, the Senate failed to reach the 60-

vote threshold necessary to cut off debate and proceed to the bill, effectively killing it. Twelve Republicans and 44 Democrats voted against the measure, sponsored by Majority Leader Trent Lott, who was backed by 43 Republicans.

The vote was the first of many on tax issues that Republican congressional leaders scheduled for this week to highlight their tax-cutting priorities in these final days of the income-tax filing season.

The House unanimously approved legislation Tuesday that created new taxpayer rights and gave people breaks from IRS penalties and interest. The Senate also began debate on a 10-year, \$248 billion income tax cut for married couples, including 25 million two-earner couples who pay more taxes than if they were single.

The gas tax bill would have rolled back 4.3 cents of the federal gas tax for the rest of the year and suspended the entire 18.4-cent tax if average prices exceed \$2 a gallon. The issue has lost some of its steam as the gas tax price rise has slowed and oil-producing nations agreed to increase their output.

Despite the bill's defeat, Lott said the gas tax debate demonstrated the U.S. failure to address its dependence on foreign oil and the impact that it has on consumers and the economy. Many Republicans also repeatedly referred to the 4.3-cent tax as the "Gore tax," because the vice president broke a tie vote in 1993 to approve it.

### President Clinton encourages Congress to follow Maryland's lead on gun-control rules

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — President Clinton said Tuesday Congress does not have to look far for a model for gun-control legislation.

Clinton traveled the short distance to Maryland's state Capitol to preside as Gov. Parris Glendening signed a bill making Maryland the first state to require built-in locks on handguns while imposing other stringent gun-control rules.

"Congress should follow Maryland's lead," Clinton said to applause.

Annapolis, the closest state capital to Washington, has often been in the forefront on gun control, Clinton said. And the state, with large rural areas that are traditionally leery of new gun laws, has demonstrated the power of public will to reduce gun violence, Clinton said.

"I hope that the U.S. Congress is paying attention to this event today, because every child in America deserves the same protection you have given Maryland children, and only Congress can do that," Clinton said.

Both Clinton and Glendening encouraged the National Rifle Association to join in what Clinton calls "common sense gun legislation," including trigger locks and other safety devices the White House says will reduce crimes and accidental shootings.

The Maryland law was hard-fought, Glendening said.

"It represents only a beginning — a beginning of an era when the voice of the people and their desire to end gun violence is no longer undercut

by the voice of the gun lobby," the governor said. "Maryland has shown it can be done."

Clinton's appearance in Annapolis also kicks off his outside-Washington bid to push Congress to pass his stalled gun-safety proposals.

"This shouldn't be the only signing ceremony going on this year. We should have one," said White House legislative adviser Joel Johnson.

Clinton is taking a similar message Wednesday to Colorado, to help push a ballot initiative asking voters to approve a requirement that all gun-show gun sales, including those by unlicensed dealers, be subject to background checks.

Initially, the White House had hoped Congress would pass gun legislation before April 20, the one-year anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre. Now, aides have resigned themselves to missing that deadline and are aiming for passage before year's end.

The Maryland bill, passed April 3, requires built-in locks on new handguns sold as of Jan. 1, 2003, and external locks on all handguns sold in the state as of Oct. 1 of this year. It sets a mandatory minimum sentence of five years for illegal firearms possession by felons convicted of a violent or drug crime, and bars those convicted of a violent crime as a juvenile from possessing a handgun until age 30.

Police agencies would not be able to sell confiscated guns, and gun makers would have to provide a ballistic fingerprint of shell casings of every new gun. Also, gun buyers would have to pass a two-hour safety course.

## STATE

### Airport employee shot to death in apparent robbery at Bush Intercontinental Airport

HOUSTON — A airport cargo worker was shot to death Tuesday morning in an apparent robbery at a Bush Intercontinental Airport freight building.

The attacker ambushed Robert Kenneth Green shortly after 7 a.m. as Green, 56, entered the KLM airlines cargo area, Houston police said.

A witness with the victim told police he ran to a phone to get help and heard a shot. When the witness returned, Green was dead with a gunshot to the head, police said.

Police believe the attacker's motive was robbery.

"His pockets were turned out, and he was known to carry a large amount of cash with him," said Houston police spokesman Fred King.

Green's money clip was found outside the building, as was a sweater, gloves and a bandanna believed to have been worn by the attacker.

The witness told investigators the attacker was roughly 5 feet 8 inches tall and wore blue pants and a blue shirt. During the assault, the attacker wore the bandanna over his face, police said.

Green, a longtime employee of Cargo Airport Services, is the second homicide victim killed on airport grounds, King said.

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## STAFF editorial

### NEVER FORGET

Participation in event key to remembering

A story lasts only as long as the last person who remembers it. Six million innocent people were senselessly butchered at the whims of intolerance and hatred during World War II. We must ensure that this story rings in the minds of people until the end of time.

We encourage all members of the TCU community to participate in remembering the victims of the Holocaust. By participating, you will help the world to never forget the crimes of ignorance and intolerance.

This week, Uniting Campus Ministries, Hillel Jewish Student Organization and TCU Peace Action are sponsoring Holocaust Memorial Week. Events that will be taking place include a display in the Student Center Lounge, a candlelight service and a 12-hour prayer vigil.

In order to remind people of the suffering and tragic deaths that resulted from the Holocaust, students around campus are wearing yellow stars.

Maria Yabrudy, a sophomore economics major, said the stars serve as a reminder of the Holocaust.

"With every star, a card is given out with information about that specific person," she said. "That way, it's not just that this tragedy happened to X amount of people but that each person had a life, a family and a story."

The most important thing is to remember and to never forget. Remember the reasons why lives were lost and learn from the death and destruction. It was not so much human beings who destroyed 6 million lives as it was intolerance and hatred. Unfortunately, hatred still exists in this world. By learning from the mistakes of the past and through tolerance of all races and religions, we can prevent such a horror from ever occurring again.

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## Free speech should not cover porn

Prostitution is said to be the world's oldest profession, but pornography is surely among the top three. We can try our best to rid society of porn, but it will continue to exist in some form or fashion as it always has — usually in "red-light districts" and in the shadows and corners of society.

### Commentary



JOHN ARAUJO

Now, however, pornography has become more "mainstream" by spreading into a new area that has been rapidly gaining popularity in recent years: the Internet. Rare are the key words that you can type in Internet searches that will not produce a link to some kind of porn.

This increased access to porn has reintroduced the topic of the First Amendment rights of porn in our country. A classmate gave a report

stating her opposition to porn as a First Amendment right.

She brought in pictures of porn that she obtained off the Internet (thus demonstrating how easy it is to get), but — instead of bringing pictures of women, she brought in pictures of men. This was to illustrate to the men (the usual "customers") how ugly porn is and how it felt to have your sex portrayed pornographically. I couldn't have thought of a better way of illustrating both of those points.

There are many people I know who thoroughly hate pornography, but — much to their reluctance — they acknowledge it as a First Amendment right.

The right to free speech should rightly be difficult to obstruct, but it is not absolute (as demonstrated in the classic "yelling 'fire' in a crowded theater when there is no fire" scenario). I have always had difficulty calling porn a free speech issue, and my classmate's presentation helped to clarify that for me even more.

Pornography serves no useful pur-

pose, and worse, it does incalculable damage to society in how it portrays women. Men, too, are portrayed in porn, but women are still, by far, portrayed much more. The rise of Internet use and pornography comes when the contributions that women have made to society have been increasingly (and rightfully) acknowledged.

The proliferation of pornography becomes "two steps back" for every step forward that women take. How can we as a society continue to accept pornography as an unhindered free speech issue when it helps retard the progress women have made in society?

Art and science can portray a nude female without robbing her of her dignity and humanity, but pornographers must reduce women into tools of sexual satisfaction in order for women to suit their purposes. It is because of porn's need to dehumanize women that it should not be an unhindered free speech issue.

While making porn illegal will be no more successful in eliminating it than Prohibition was in eliminating alcohol consumption. I still believe that we should not make it so easy for pornographers to peddle their

wares. We should not give porn the extent of free speech protection that we give to someone who is trying to expose political corruption or civil rights abuses.

Women deserve better than the efforts we have been putting out for them. Women do not deserve the in-your-face double standard of saying that we value their contributions to our society while we defend the portrayal of them as sex objects in pornography as a First Amendment right.

We can, and we must, do better than that.

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## God is just a theory, sometimes a premise, in our classrooms

In our classrooms, God is just a theory, sometimes a premise, often a concept. In our classrooms, we realize that we are too educated to believe. We have no data, and we can't test him. He doesn't fit into our Petri dishes or under our microscopes. And although day becomes night and night day, it is simply due to the turning of the earth. And though the sun and rain nourish the ground causing grass, weeds and beautiful flowers to grow, that's only photosynthesis and precipitation — all very logical, easily explained.

### Commentary



SHAVAHN DORRIS

In our classrooms, the Bible is just a poem, sometimes a story, often a myth. We'll study it but only as an allegory. We'll quote it but only to reveal its circular logic, because what we must understand is that it is only just another piece of literature.

As the inerrant word of God, source of moral guidance or ethical voice of reason, the Bible fails be-

cause we really cannot prove who wrote it. What we do know is that the Bible is valuable as a source of subjects for paintings and that the plot makes for a good movie. But without a bibliography page, there is no way we should take it for fact, consult it daily or make it the basis of our personal or spiritual beliefs.

In our classrooms, religion is just a taboo, sometimes a threat, often a joke. We know those radical "Bible beaters" are out to convert us — you know, the ones with the "What Would Jesus Do?" bracelets dangling so conspicuously from their wrists. It's obvious they're just waiting for the right moment to ask us to join their sect.

We only tolerate them because we are all very accepting in our classrooms — no homosexual jokes, no racist jokes, no sexist jokes — but, of course, religious jokes are fine as long as they're truly funny. By the way, have you heard the one about the Methodist and the Baptist? It's a real knee-slapper.

In our classrooms across the country, God is just a theory, the Bible a story, religion a joke. From grade school playgrounds to college coffeehouses, students are being educated.

Students are learning that faith is useless. Students are understanding that God is not "cool." Students are being made aware of the fact that the Bible is not an authority. Students comprehend that churches are places filled with crazy fanatics and cult-like practices. Students are being enlightened by enlightened teachers who we've forbidden to speak about God or anything that resembles God. Students are being protected from the evils of God, and it must be a good thing.

It must be a good thing that we are finally realizing that Jesus was not a scholar so his words are worthless.

It must be a good thing that we know that the words in the Bible have been manipulated so many times that it is null and void. It must be a good thing that it has become clear to us that religion is an elitist club about money, brainwashing and exclusion.

Meanwhile, students are carrying guns to class and shooting their enemies. Students are selling drugs in the hallways and doing drugs in the stairwells. Students as young as 13 are nursing their babies while doing their homework. Students are robbing stores and stealing cars to pay tuition and

pay the rent. Students are sexually harassing their classmates in homeroom.

Students are threatening their teachers and then carrying out those threats. Students are beating up other students because of their skin color or ethnicity. Students are making elaborate plans for death and destruction.

And although we are dying, we know that there is no correlation between our denial of God in the classroom and our morality. We are learned people — people of science.

We can make life from life in test tubes, and we can save lives. We are people of logic. We can design buildings that touch the heavens and vehicles that can traverse the seas. We are people of economics. Our faith is in the national budget and the stock market — things we can predict and control.

Besides, blind faith breeds ignorance, ignorance breeds violence and you know the rest. And on this subject there is nothing more to say.

Perhaps except, let us pray.

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## STUDENTS speak out

"I think the most important factor is the student's high school record rather than the standardized tests."



—Erin Beaton, freshman theater major

"They should focus on extracurricular activities because I think it puts the focus on the students' ambitions."



—Ardis Campbell, freshman theater major

"Extracurricular activities are most important because students must have that well-roundedness that makes them better prepared for their future."



—Tricia Ajello, freshman premajor

"They definitely should avoid SAT scores because that is really just one test on one day. The most



—Kenny Thompson, freshman political science major

decisive factor should be involvement."



—Brad Smith, junior economics major

"A student's leadership ability should always be considered because, like we always hear, colleges are trying to educate the future leaders of America."

"The only way to judge a person's intelligence is through actual personal interaction, so the interview is one of the most important factors."



—Roy Weindorf, sophomore geology major

## What requirements do you think are important for admission to TCU?

# Civil rights group criticizes percentage policies

By Michelle Mittelstadt  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on Tuesday criticized policies in California, Texas and Florida that replace affirmative action in public universities with plans that guarantee admission to a certain percentage of each high school's top graduates.

The plans are "no substitute for strong race-conscious affirmative action in higher education," the commission said in a 10-page statement.

Based on the Texas and California examples, other states should move "warily" to adopt similar plans, and then preferably only as a

## Affirmative action replacement plans deemed inadequate substitutes by commission

complement to existing affirmative action programs, the commission's chairwoman, Mary Frances Berry, said at a news conference.

"If a state has affirmative action, the commission believes that if it can ... keep it, it ought to," Berry said. "Otherwise, students of color and white students, all of whom benefit from learning together, will have a reduced opportunity to do so."

Texas and California crafted new admissions policies after affirmative action in public university admissions was outlawed in 1996 — in Texas by a federal court and in California by the voters.

The Florida plan, pushed by Gov. Jeb Bush, has yet to be implemented.

Texas became the first state to embrace a percentage plan, enacting a law that guarantees admission at state colleges and universities to students in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class.

While minority enrollment has rebounded from the lows that resulted when affirmative action was ended, the commission found that the overall admittance rate for black and Hispanic students at the University of Texas at Austin is down.

And while the top 4 percent of

California's high school graduates are promised admission to the University of California system, the commission complained that minority enrollment at its flagships — UCLA and UC Berkeley — has plummeted.

Minority enrollment in graduate and professional programs, in particular, has suffered. "The major problem with the percentage plans is their inattention to law schools, medical schools and other graduate and professional schools, where ending affirmative action is devastating," the commission said.

In Florida, Bush moved earlier this year to end affirmative action

in admissions and state contracting, offering a plan that promises admission to students graduating in the top 20 percent of their class. The plan drew protests and a high-profile sit-in in the lieutenant governor's office.

Berry and the commission reserved their sharpest criticism for the One Florida plan.

"It gives students no right to attend any particular institution and, unlike the Texas plan, makes inadequate preparation for the remediation the state concedes will be required," Berry said.

Bush, a Republican, shrugged off the Democrat-dominated commis-

sion's finding, dismissing it as a "purely political statement."

Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., accused the commission of engaging in a "partisan attack" and said its members are "fixated" on affirmative action.

"They prefer a system that uses race-conscious measures even to a system that will provide more benefits to members of minorities," Canady said, defending the One Florida plan. "That is an ideological position that's indefensible."

Berry denied any political calculus in criticizing the plans in states led by Bush and his brother, George W., the governor of Texas and Republican presidential nominee-in-waiting.

## KIRBIE

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"TCU is the jewel of Fort Worth," Kirbie said. "I am two blocks from TCU — why not show support for them? We (exclusively) use purple (in the shop)."

Kirbie said she has several TCU faculty and staff members come to her barber shop. Some of these customers become her good friends.

Kirbie said Kenny Vaughn brought the TCU FrogHorn to the barber shop during the first week she owned it. Vaughn, who markets for TCU athletics and operates the FrogHorn, said he takes Kirbie every piece of TCU memorabilia he has or can find.

"Dallas is a real nice person," Vaughn said. "She is very supportive of TCU. Everyone at Fox's loves TCU."

Kirbie said she has good conversations with her customers and knows most of them by their first name only. She remembers people by their haircut and what they like to talk about, she said.

Kirbie said she enjoys science fiction books and discusses them with one of her TCU faculty customers, Fred Erisman. Erisman brings her books when he comes in, she said.

Erisman, a Sherley professor of literature, said Kirbie enjoys several of the same authors as he does.

"I like her — she's a nice person and a great barber," Erisman said. "What more could you ask for?"

A lot of TCU football players and even an entire fraternity come to Fox Barbers for haircuts, Kirbie said.

"I mother them," she said. "If (students) ask

for advice, then I will give it to them."

Kirbie said all of the TCU memorabilia in her shop was given to her by employees or customers. She said she is grateful that her customers and barbers care enough to bring memorabilia to her.

"It shows I am accepted in the barber shop," Kirbie said.

Kirbie said her autographed poster means the most to her because it is dedicated to her and the barber shop by the football team. A couple of players brought it to her after the December bowl win, she said.

Kirbie was recently given a January 1941 issue of the *TCU Daily Skiff*. The copy is yellowed and brittle, but she said she intends to frame the newspaper and hang it up in the shop.

Kirbie said she does not collect for value but because she wants to support TCU.

"I want to see TCU freshmen 20 years from now come in and see the stuff and be amazed," she said.

Kirbie said she decided to buy the barber shop after she was fired from another shop. Kirbie was told she made too much money for a female barber and had too many clients, she said.

"It was the first time I had ever been fired," she said. "I decided I would never be fired again, so I bought my own business."

Kirbie said word-of-mouth has been her best advertising. Over the last 15 years, Kirbie worked in three different shops, she said. Several customers have followed her from shop to shop, she said.

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## HOUSE

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regardless of this resolution. We need to move on."

By putting the finals week resolution to a vote, the House took the next step toward administrative action, Jenkins said.

"(Tuesday) the representatives spoke their minds and their constituents' minds," he said. "With their votes, they send a message that this issue is a concern. After four years of discussion, we finally put it to a vote, and that says a lot."

Even though many words were exchanged about the Academic Affairs resolution, only two people spoke about the SGA budget — SGA Treasurer and House Finance Committee Chairwoman Stine Lunden and Programming Council Finance Director Nhu Do.

After explaining the SGA, House and PC budgets, the two women took questions. No hands went up.

"For some members, reading a budget can be like trying to read a foreign language so I think the fact that there were no questions reflects the confidence they have in us to produce a budget that will help SGA, House and PC run effectively," Lunden said.

According to House parliamentary procedure, discussion of the budget should move from the question-answer period to debate, but before debate began, Matt Louis, chairman of the Technology Advancement Committee made a motion to expedite the process and vote.

Although town representative James Applebury asked the House to reconsider, al-

lowing debate, his motion was denied. A vote was taken, and the budget passed.

Town representative Nicholas Parks said he was disappointed that debate was closed before it even opened.

"The House is supposed to be the place where students can voice their concerns and be heard on all of the issues, but that can't happen when we cut the process short," he said. "By not allowing our debate, House doesn't function the way it should."

Lunden said students are encouraged to voice their concerns about the budget and have a variety of opportunities to question it before the House meeting.

"We want students to understand the budget, and for that reason, they are always welcome to talk to me," she said. "My door is always open. Before the budget even comes up for a vote, it passes the (Administrative Cabinet) and Finance Committee."

Lunden said she was not surprised the budget passed rather easily.

"I think the members of House showed they are confident in our abilities," she said.

Jenkins said the House meeting was successful and productive.

"Overall, I was very impressed with all that went on (Tuesday)," he said. "Representatives really showed that they can take their job seriously. They focused on things that were important to them and weren't afraid to share opinions and then make decisions."

Staff Reporter Kaitie Smith contributed to this report.

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## PINSKY

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poetry for his book "The Figured Wheel: New and Collected Poems." He has written several books of poetry, and his works have appeared in numerous magazines. Pinsky is best known for his book, "The Inferno of Dante," his own translation of Dante Alighieri's "Inferno."

Alison Trinkle, assistant to the director of the Honors Program, said Pinsky was chosen as the Honors Convocation guest speaker because poetry is something to which we can all relate.

"I found an article on him a couple years ago, and I liked what he said about creativity in the classroom," Trinkle said. "He talked about stepping outside of the norm and doing what it takes to keep students interested, whether it's English or biology."

Even if we don't consider ourselves poetry lovers, it is still an integral part of our lives, Trinkle said.

McDorman said Pinsky has been reappointed as poet laureate for a third term, which is fairly unprecedented. She encourages everyone to not miss out on the opportunity.

"The Honors Convocation is open to everyone, and it is our gift to the university," she said.

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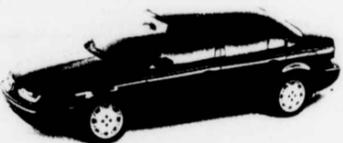
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# House Republicans push through 'Project Exile Act'

By Jim Abrams  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — House Republicans, taking their cue from a Richmond, Va., initiative, on Tuesday pushed through legislation providing financial incentives to states that impose tough mandatory sentences on criminals who carry guns.

The "Project Exile Act" passed 358-60, although some Democrats discounted the act as a small-scale measure put up to deflect attention from the failure of Congress to pass more substantial gun control legislation.

President Clinton traveled to An-

napolis, Md., Tuesday to congratulate that state for being the first in the nation to require built-in locks on guns and enact other tough gun safety regulations. The message he carried was that, "Congress should follow Maryland's lead."

The Project Exile bill, sponsored by Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., sets aside \$100 million over five years in grants for states that ensure a mandatory minimum sentence of five years without parole for any person who uses or carries a firearm during a violent crime or serious drug trafficking offense.

A state can also qualify if it demands a minimum of five years for a

person convicted of possessing a firearm and who has a prior conviction for a violent crime.

McCollum said it was "designed to get at the heart of a national tragedy." He said the aim was to "send gun-wielding criminals an unmistakable message — we will not tolerate gun crimes." It has yet to be taken up by the Senate.

The bill takes its name from a program started by Richmond in 1997. The Virginia capital, which had one of the highest crime rates in the country, has seen gun-related crimes drop 65 percent and violent crimes fall 35 percent since the program began.

It has been endorsed by the Na-

tional Rifle Association and Republicans who say gun violence is best addressed by enforcing laws already on the books, not by passing new gun control laws. They have criticized the administration for not doing enough to prosecute gun crimes.

Virginia has since passed a statewide Project Exile and is among six states, including Texas, Florida, Louisiana, South Carolina and Colorado, that would now qualify for federal funds. The money can be used to defray costs associated with tougher enforcement.

Democrats said the bill provides political cover for the failure of Congress to pass gun control meas-

ures introduced after the shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado a year ago.

The bill provides a "paltry sum" for enforcement, said Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee.

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said the administration supports Project Exile programs but said the McCollum bill was a "cruel political trick on the American public. Using parliamentary rules, they have stopped any consideration of the gun safety legislation; they've stopped any consideration of the president's enforcement package."

The House and Senate have been negotiating since last summer on a bill that would promote child safety locks, ban the importation of high-capacity ammunition clips, bar juvenile possession of assault weapons and prohibit youths with criminal records from possessing handguns. It has stalled over the issue of background checks at gun shows.

The administration claims that federal prosecution of gun crimes is up since 1992 and it supports the idea of strengthening gun law enforcement. But it says the McCollum bill falls far short of the \$280 million it wants for next year alone to boost firearms enforcement.

## Bush outlines proposal aimed at increasing aid for working poor

By Glen Johnson  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Continuing his outreach to independent and moderate Democratic voters, Republican George W. Bush on Tuesday rolled out a five-year, \$42 billion plan to help the working poor move up into the middle class.

The biggest share of money, \$35 billion, would be used for tax credits to help people who don't get health insurance from their employers but earn too much to qualify for government programs like Medicaid. They could use the credits to gain access to basic private health care plans.

An additional \$5 billion would be used to provide health care through medical savings accounts.

The plan also would include \$1 billion to help low-income renters buy homes and another \$1 billion to give tax credits to banks that match

the savings deposits of poor people.

The so-called New Prosperity Initiative continues the presumed Republican presidential nominee's outreach to independents and moderate Democrats by talking about subjects often ignored by GOP candidates.

In recent weeks, Bush unveiled environmental and educational proposals. On Wednesday, he was speaking to a St. Louis audience about additional health care plans. Aides said Bush also will unveil proposed spending cuts as part of a broader government reform plan.

Arriving in Missouri later in the day, Bush noted for the 1,000 people gathered in an airport hangar in Columbia that the state is a bellwether that could help choose the next president.

"If that's the case, I think you're looking at the next president," he said. While announcing his newest

proposals for the poor, Bush was criticized for the lack of progress on health care at home in Texas, where he is in his second term as governor and where up to one-fourth of the population lacks health insurance.

"Our newspapers and television programs praise and profile all the winners in our high-tech economy, but we must never become a winner-take-all society," Bush told about 250 community and church leaders at the West Side Ecumenical Ministry on Cleveland's heavily Democratic West Side.

"Our economy must also honor and reward the hard work of factory and field, of waiting tables and driving cabs — not just enterprise, but sheer effort, not just technology, but toil," he said.

His Democratic opponent, Vice President Al Gore, immediately pounced on the proposal.

## Massacre survivor testifies against Serb general to a U.N. tribunal

By Anthony Deutsch  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — A survivor of the Srebrenica massacre told a U.N. tribunal on Tuesday how he lay under a bleeding corpse for hours as Bosnian Serb soldiers machine-gunned truckloads of Muslim prisoners.

"It went on late into the night," the Muslim, 48, identified as witness L, told the three judges. "A man covered part of my face and his blood was dripping onto me. ... Then another truck came and there were shots again."

He testified in the trial of Serb Gen. Radislav Krstic, accused of leading the week-long rampage in July 1995 in the U.N.-declared "safe haven," which left 7,500 Muslim men and boys dead or missing.

The witness told the U.N. war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia that he was among a group of up to 2,000 refugees who

were rounded up as the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica in Bosnia was overrun by Serb forces.

The man said he was blindfolded with a rag and given a sip of water by Serb troops before being sent off to be slaughtered with truckloads of other prisoners.

Krstic has been charged with genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions on war. He will face life in prison if convicted of any of the charges to which he has pleaded innocent.

Some 40,000 Muslims fled to the U.N. base in Srebrenica at the end of the 1992-95 war as Serb forces closed in on the northeastern region of Bosnia.

Witness L was among the 15,000 men and boys who had escaped into the mountains around Srebrenica and were tricked into surrender by Serb soldiers pretending to be Dutch peacekeepers

in U.N. uniforms.

The prisoners, aged 12 to over 70, were held in a school gymnasium near Grbavica where they were starved, dehydrated and forced to use buckets as toilets, the witness said.

"One of us asked the Serb soldier not to kill this group (of boys and old men)," he said. "The man was taken out and killed."

The group was then loaded onto dozens of buses and driven to an execution lot strewn with bodies.

"Bursts of fire started," he said, adding that after the execution, "one of them came and fired single shots at those who were probably still moving."

While lying with his arm around a dead man, the witness remembers hearing one soldier suggest stealing the watches from those he just killed and selling them so they could buy some beers.

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# Marines plan to fly Osprey aircraft

## Corps resuming use even before investigation of Arizona crash is complete

By Robert Burns  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps intends to resume flying its Osprey aircraft "in the very near future," before completing the investigation of last weekend's fatal crash in Arizona, the Marines' top aviation official said Tuesday.

Lt. Gen. Fred McCorkle told a Pentagon news conference that flying would resume unless the initial investigation reveals a major mechanical or design flaw, in which case the Osprey fleet would be grounded.

"I've talked to a lot of people on this particular accident ... and I've had nothing so far to lead me to believe that we would have to (ground) them," McCorkle said. Flights of the four re-

maining production-model Ospreys were temporarily halted immediately after last Saturday's accident at Marana, Ariz., as a gesture of sympathy for the families of the 19 Marines killed in the unexplained accident.

Thus far, McCorkle said, "We have no indication what caused the accident."

McCorkle said that on Tuesday the remaining Ospreys resumed taxiing and other ground operations. "I think that we will return to the air in the very near future," he said without mentioning a specific date.

Asked about the Marines' plan to resume flying Ospreys before the crash investigation is completed, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said, "We are confident that

the Marine Corps will do the right thing and make the right decision as to when and under what conditions flights will resume."

Gen. James Jones, the Marine Corps commandant, said Tuesday he is concerned that some families of the victims have formed the mistaken view that the Osprey aircraft was an experimental aircraft. He said he had seen family members quoted in news reports as believing the victims had been "guinea pigs."

"These are certified airworthy aircraft," Jones said, noting that all testing of the planes has been completed. The Osprey that crashed was one of four such aircraft participating in an exercise meant to evaluate how they would coordinate with other Marine

aircraft during a real-life mission such as a hostage rescue.

"We didn't put people at risk," Jones said. "There is no such thing as human guinea pigs in this."

In an impromptu interview with The Associated Press, Jones also said that blast from the explosion of the Osprey that crashed Saturday rocked another Osprey that had arrived at the airfield first and was hovering nearby about 30 feet off the runway. The joint caused the Osprey to make a hard landing, but it was not damaged, Jones said.

Jones said the crash was witnessed by the crew chief of the first Osprey. He said this eyewitness's description of what he saw was likely to play an important role in the investigation.

# DNA clears Sheppard, son's attorney says

By John Affleck  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Forensic evidence like DNA shows Dr. Sam Sheppard did not beat his wife to death in 1954 and also validates his son's long fight to clear his father's name, an attorney said in closing arguments Tuesday.

"If you follow your common sense and follow your instincts and use your intellect, I think that you will come up with the only conclusion that is possible," Terry Gilbert said. "Sam did not commit this crime."

Gilbert's client, Sam Reese Sheppard, has sued the state of Ohio claiming his father was wrongfully imprisoned for his mother's slaying in the case that inspired "The Fugitive" television series and film.

Jurors were expected to begin deliberating Wednesday.

Cuyahoga County prosecutors, who have been defending the state,

told jurors Tuesday that authorities had the right man all along.

"It may just be that you are being asked to reward the killer's son for the killer bludgeoning his wife," Prosecutor William Mason told jurors. Sheppard was convicted of murder and spent almost a decade in prison before the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the verdict in a landmark ruling on

the effects of pretrial publicity. Sheppard was acquitted at a retrial in 1966 and died four years later.

Prosecutors described Sheppard as a cheating husband who killed his wife because he felt trapped in his marriage.

Marilyn Sheppard was found lying in a pool of blood on her bed early on July 4, 1954, at the couple's home on Lake Erie.

Sam Reese Sheppard, who was 7 at the time of the killing, has worked since the late 1980s to try to clear his father's name.

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**Week-long protest ends**

Violence in Bolivia is stopped after agreement is reached

By Peter McFarren  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Students clashed with police and anti-government protests continued in some regions Tuesday, but a protest leader called for a stop to week-long violent protests after an agreement with the government.

Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at rock-throwing students in clashes that lasted for several hours in the center of in La Paz, the country's seat of government.

After fighting skirmishes with police, the students retreated to their campuses. A university professor, Jaime Vilela, said 15 students were injured and around 50 detained.

Elsewhere, a strike shut down Potosi, a mining city of 160,000 located high in the Andes, where local leaders said the government is indifferent to their economic problems.

Hours after the clashes in La Paz, the leader of protests in Cochabamba

called for residents of that city, Bolivia's third largest, to cease all demonstrations. The city returned to normal as thousands of demonstrators began returning home after the agreement reached Monday night.

It was in Cochabamba, 350 miles east of La Paz, that demonstrations broke out April 3 to protest a planned water hike. The protests spread throughout the country, leaving six dead and prompting a "state of siege" decree giving police and the military a freer rein to crack down.

Protest leader Oscar Olivera called for a stop to protests hours after Congress passed legislation Tuesday revising the water law as required under the agreement.

Congress removed a clause that would have pegged water rates to the U.S. dollar, and another that would have forced peasants to pay for using water from wells.

Under the agreement, the government canceled the contract granted

to Aguas del Tunari, an international water company pushing for the water price hike.

Peasant leaders and government officials also opened negotiations aimed at lifting roadblocks and ending demonstrations at Aymara Indian communities, where soldiers and local residents fought over the weekend, leaving six dead and more than 50 injured.

The talks are mediated by representatives of the Catholic Church.

While the water conflict sparked the protests, the government admitted difficult economic conditions played a major role. Information Minister Ronald MacLean attributed the crisis at least in part to the raise of international oil prices.

On Monday, MacLean said drug traffickers were backing the demonstrations in an attempt to stop a government program to eradicate production of coca leaf, used to make cocaine.

**Philadelphia sues gun makers**

By Michael Rubinkam  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Joining more than two dozen U.S. cities, Philadelphia sued the gun industry Tuesday, blaming manufacturers for gun-related crimes.

The lawsuit filed in Philadelphia Common Pleas Court accuses gun makers of engaging in a "pattern of conduct ... that is harmful to all who reside, work or travel in the city ..."

The lawsuit seeks to recover costs including medical care, police protection and prisons. It also demands that manufacturers add

safety features to guns and change how the weapons are marketed and distributed.

Fourteen gun makers are named as defendants, including Smith & Wesson, Glock, Browning and Beretta.

Some of the defendants said it is misguided to blame gun manufacturers for crimes.

"We have always monitored how our products are distributed," said Smith & Wesson spokesman Ken Jorgensen.

At least 30 other cities, including Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, and Boston, have sued gun manufactur-

ers. Three of those suits were dismissed and are under appeal.

The Philadelphia lawsuit was filed despite a law signed last year by Gov. Tom Ridge that bans Pennsylvania cities from suing gun manufacturers to recover the costs of gun-related violence. The ban was to take effect immediately.

Philadelphia City Solicitor Kenneth Trujillo said Tuesday the state law was narrowly tailored to ban suits against the legal marketing of guns. The city contends that gun makers marketed their products illegally, he said.

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# VolleyFrogs get bounced out of tournament

TCU loses three matches; plays under new rules

By Paul Frelend  
SKIFF STAFF

The VolleyFrogs lost to Stephen F. Austin, Texas A&M and University of Texas at Arlington as host of a spring volleyball tournament Saturday morning.

Despite just winning five out of 12 games, volleyball head coach Sandy Troutd still found many positives in her team's play and pointed to the development of the team in the spring.

"I was a little worried about fitness coming into Saturday, but everybody had their good moments," Troutd

said. "I was pleased with (sophomore setter) Lindsay Hayes' day. She made better choices, and her sets were more on target as the day went on. Our middle blockers showed the most improvement in terms of positions, especially (freshman) Katie Kieffer and (junior) Jennifer Sebastian.

"(Junior outside hitter) Amy Atamanczuk had one of the best days I've seen her have at TCU, but the player who has improved the most overall was (junior middle blocker) Chrissy Grimm, our little defensive specialist. Her consistency has improved, and her passing was outstanding Saturday. The team's attitude overall was awesome, and we are really looking forward to the coming season."

The VolleyFrogs were without two

players from their fall roster at the start of the tournament. Freshman defensive specialist Shannon Eurich left the team because of personal reasons, and freshman outside hitter Stephanie Watson was on the bench but in street clothes because of mononucleosis.

TCU opened the tournament against the Stephen F. Austin Ladyjacks. The Ladyjacks took two of the three matches, winning the first rally-scoring game 35-25, dropping the second 38-40 and winning the shootout game 6-1. The VolleyFrogs' next match was against UTA, in which they won the initial game 35-31 but lost the next two, 29-35 and 1-6.

TCU's third match of the day was against Texas A&M, a team that reached the Elite Eight in the NCAA

volleyball tournament. The match was the first meeting between the two schools this spring, and the Aggies got the better of a close matchup, winning 35-24, 36-34 and 6-8. The loss in the shootout game was the only game the Aggies dropped in the tournament. The VolleyFrogs closed out the tournament against Southwest Texas State taking two of the three games, 35-33, 35-29 and 3-6.

The tournament was played under a new set of rules suggested by the NCAA and the Federation Internationale de Volleyball, volleyball's international governing body. The tournament used two 35-point rally-scoring games and one six-point "shootout" game, rather than the standard regulation rules of five 15-point games with rally scoring in the fifth

game. In addition, the teams experimented with the "let serve" rule. It says that any serve hitting the net and landing within the field of play is fair.

"The rule changes are currently being voted on by the NCAA and FIVB," Troutd said. "After the Sydney Olympics, there will be a number of changes in the rules of volleyball. Basically, the NCAA told us to experiment with the rules and see whether we liked them or not."

The changes were generally well received by both Troutd and her players.

"I can't wait until the rules are in all the time," Troutd said. "The rally scoring is going to happen, it's just a matter of how many points per game. The 'let serve' will be instituted as well. We'll all just be watching what

the NCAA and FIVB do. We'll play another year with traditional rules and then see what happens. In Arizona, we played with the 35-point games but no shootouts. We felt that it was important to get the mental practice with the new rules."

"The new rules make serving a lot easier and there's a lot less stress," Sebastian said. "I hope they eventually put all the new rules in. I don't care for the shootout games, but I liked the two 35-point games. In games like those, any team can win no matter how good or bad you're playing."

The VolleyFrogs will close out spring play Saturday in Dallas at the SMU spring tournament.

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## Golfers place in televised tournament

By Chris Harrison  
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU men's golf team traveled to Mexico this past weekend and placed 11th at the 2000 COMPAQ U.S. Collegiate. The tournament was televised nationally on ESPN.

Head coach Bill Montigel said the atmosphere of being televised probably added to the team's performance.

"The TV cameras probably added to the anxiety a little bit," Montigel said. "The combination of TV cameras and the competition made the team feel somewhat uncomfortable. If we went down there and played again, I think we would do a whole lot better."

Montigel said his team fared well against the nation's top teams.

"It was by far the strongest competition we have played this entire year," Montigel said. "All the best teams in the country were there, and I think the guys might have got a little caught up in the moment."

The Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets won the tournament with a total score of 838 and had all five players finish in the top 14.

Oklahoma State's Edward Loar took the individual title by shooting a 13-under 203, beating Northwestern's Luke Donald by one stroke. Donald finished at 12-under with a total of 204.

TCU's highest finisher in the tournament was Aaron Hickman. Hickman shot a three day total of 222, placing 33rd.

"I played pretty good but had one bad nine which cost me a lot of shots," Hickman said. "I played 45 good holes. Too bad it was a 54-hole tournament. I think we just need to get a little more confidence in ourselves."

"I don't think we are really down on ourselves, but we really haven't played that well in the past couple of tournaments," he said. "We just need to turn things

around and play the way we know we can."

Montigel said he was pleased with Hickman's performance this weekend.

"I thought Aaron played pretty well this weekend," Montigel said. "He shot two-under the first round, which was pretty encouraging, and the last round he shot even par. He just didn't play like he should have in that middle round."

Sophomore Steve Shuert, playing in his first collegiate tournament, was the Horned Frogs second-highest finisher with a total of 224. Sheurt finished 38th.

"Shuert played great this tournament, especially with this being his college debut," Montigel said. "In the first round on the first hole, he had a triple bogey. He played the rest of the day two over par, which was pretty good for 17 holes."

Junior Andy Doeden shot a total of 225 and finished at 41st place. Sophomore Bret Guetz finished the tournament with a total 232, placing 53rd. Junior Sal Spalzone rounded out the tournament with a 239, finishing in 57th place.

Montigel said the team needs play more consistently in order to finish toward the front of the pack in tournaments such as the Collegiate.

"I figure if we just have one guy post a good performance on one of those days we could have saved 20 or 25 strokes," Montigel said. "I was disappointed, but I still feel there were some bright spots out of this tournament. This team has a lot of talent and they know that they are good golfers. It's just up to them to bring it all together."

The Horned Frogs leave Thursday for their next tournament at the Arizona State Thunderbird Invitational in Tempe, Ariz., on April 15-16.

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## Stars unsure when Zubov will return

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Stars defenseman Sergei Zubov continues to nurse a sprained right knee that is feeling somewhat better, but neither he nor his coach know when he'll be back in action.

Zubov said Monday his slightly torn right medial collateral ligament feels "not bad."

He was expected to be out two to four weeks after a collision late last month with Florida Panthers defenseman Bret Hedican.

"As soon as I can play, I'll be back," Zubov said.

But Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said Monday he didn't expect Zubov back for either game one or two of their first-round playoff series against Edmonton.

Zubov, 29, will be evaluated today to see if progress has been made.

Hitchcock hoped that Zubov could be ready in time for Game 3 on Sunday.

"I had been feeling really strong and was really excited to get (the playoffs) going," said Zubov, a three-time All-Star. "It's been very frustrating."

On March 21, the Stars announced they had signed Zubov to a five-year contract extension through the 2004-2005 season.

Zubov, prior to his eight-year NHL career, played for Team Russia in the 1996 World Cup of Hockey and was a member of the Unified Team squad that won the gold medal at the 1992 Olympics in Albertville, France.

## Battle at the Ballpark rained out



Junior pitcher David Tombrella delivers a pitch in the Frogs' 10-1 victory over Fresno State Sunday. The TCU-UT matchup at The Ballpark in Arlington was rained out Tuesday night and will not be rescheduled. Ticket holders have three redemption options: half off any upper reserved seat at a 2000 Texas Rangers home game, free admission to any remaining 2000 TCU home game or redemption for the 2001 Battle at The Ballpark.

## Cyclone warning lowered in Iowa

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMES, Iowa — When Marcus Fizer expressed relief at finally deciding to enter the NBA draft, he wasn't alone.

Anysha Ticer felt it, too.

Ticer, Fizer's fiancée, had watched first hand as he agonized over his future. So when Fizer stood before more than a dozen reporters on Monday to announce he would not return for his senior season at Iowa State, Ticer felt the pressure evaporate right along with him.

"There were nights that he was really, really tired," Ticer said. "There were times I didn't know what to say to him. I can't imagine and I still probably don't know how much stress he had to be under."

Now it's over. Fizer can concentrate on finishing the spring semester and getting himself in the best shape possible for the pre-draft camp and

workouts with individual teams.

"Everybody wants to be one of the high picks," Fizer said. "That's what playing college basketball is all about — to hear your name called up there by (NBA commissioner) David Stern to the team that is so interested in you."

Fizer's announcement came as no surprise.

His NBA stock rose throughout the season as he followed one big game with another in leading Iowa State to the Big 12 regular season and tournament championships. The 6-foot-8, 265-pound forward is projected to be one of the top picks in the June 28 draft.

"The timing's right," Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy said. "He's certainly a lottery pick."

Fizer has not hired an agent and said he was leaving open the possi-

bility of returning to Iowa State next season if he felt that would improve his position in the draft.

"He's not coming back," Eustachy said. "It's just hard for him to tell everybody this is it."

Fizer averaged 22.8 points and 7.7 rebounds and shot 58 percent from the field as Iowa State set a school record for victories in finishing 32-5. The Cyclones' season ended with a 75-64 loss to eventual national champion Michigan State in the Midwest Regional final.

"I have a heart where everyone in my family is within it. It's going to be a comfortable feeling to know that I will have a chance to help all of them."

Eustachy said it became clear as the season progressed that Fizer was ready for the NBA. When the two met to discuss Fizer's options for next

season, Eustachy said he encouraged his star to turn pro.

"Really at the beginning of the year I thought Marcus would be back," Eustachy said. "I didn't think he'd make so much progress."

"I thought the turning point in his season was when he struggled against Drake and we really, really challenged him. Then he found out he could play right with Kenyon Martin in the Cincinnati game. I think he just kept making progress, from then on out."

Fizer scored 26 points on 12-of-19 shooting in a 75-60 loss to Cincinnati on Nov. 28 in the championship game of the Big Island Invitational. Martin, the national player of the year, scored 22 points in that game.

Fizer said he was grateful for Eustachy's support. The two shook hands and embraced as they traded places on the podium at Monday's news conference.

## Cuban's ownership of Mavericks finalized

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The NBA Board of Governors approved new owners for the Dallas Mavericks, Vancouver Grizzlies and Denver Nuggets on Tuesday and were updated on plans for a new developmental league slated to begin in November 2001.

Also, three rules changes were approved for the 2001-02 season, the most notable of which will eliminate the delay of game warning on inbounds plays in the final two minutes.

Commissioner David Stern said the NBA plans to start its own, centrally run developmental league with eight to 10 teams in small-market cities.

"We'd like to create another domestic option that keeps players here rather than traveling the world," Stern said. "Our goal is not to use this to under-

mine the college game at all, but rather to deal with players who have used up their college eligibility and find themselves in a basketball no-man's land."

Stern said talks continue with Continental Basketball Association owner Isiah Thomas about merging that league with the NBA's new league.

"We're still seeing if we can work things out," Stern said. "Right now I can't say that we will."

The Board of Governors, comprised of one representative from each of the 29 ownership groups, approved Mark Cuban as the new owner of the Mavericks and Michael Heisley as the new owner of the Grizzlies.

Cuban, the founder of broadcast.com, bought the Mavericks from Ross Perot Jr. Heisley, a Chicago businessman, bought the Grizzlies from John McCaw.

Also approved was the transfer of the Nuggets from Ascent Entertainment to Liberty Media, which bought out all of Ascent's assets and plans to re-sell the Nuggets, the NHL's Colorado Avalanche and the Pepsi Center arena.

The rules changes were recommended by the league's competition committee during All-Star weekend in February.

The elimination of the delay of game warning in the final two minutes will end the practice of having the player guarding the inbounds passer deliberately step across the out-of-bounds line. Teams currently do so in order to stop play and get a sneak peek at what type of inbounds play the opposing team is trying to run. Beginning next season, that violation will be penalized with a technical foul.

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Wife irritated by brother-in-law; girlfriend wants to attend ex's wedding

Dear Carolyn:

I have been married for three years to a wonderful man. The problem is his brother. "Fred" is a born-again Christian who is extremely self-righteous and chauvinistic. He treats his lovely wife as if she's a servant and is always challenging me because I happen to have a high-powered career. While I used to co-exist peacefully with Fred, we've hit a roadblock. I had a political debate (not at all personal!) with another family member about abortion. Fred overheard parts of it and sent me a picture of a fetus, saying that I needed to repent. Now he sends my husband e-mails telling us to spend more time with God. My husband, however, desperately wants us to

get along and has proposed that we all spend a week together at our summer house. We have so little vacation, and I already feel that I'm subjected enough to Fred. Any suggestions?

— Tired of Fred

The problem is a wonderful man who made a summer vacation offer to a male-chauvinist bucket mouth without clearing it first with his wife. Delete the e-mails and, next time, check behind the sofa before you talk about abortion.

Your husband, on the other hand, needs to grasp that Fred is also rude. It wouldn't matter if you changed Fred's passion to pro football or Belgian glassblowing: To impose it on those who have an aggressive dis-

taste for the topic is unacceptable.

Family is family, so your husband can't avail himself of the old blowhard-standby — asking the offender to stop, and dropping him if he doesn't. The way to get antagonists to live in harmony includes limiting the amount of time they spend in the same room.

Time for a deal. Your husband retracts the offer, and in return, you continue to hold your tongue during the regular visits with Fred.

Quick question:

My girlfriend of five years wants to go to her ex-boyfriend's wedding, but I don't think it's a good idea. He cheated on her, and while we were dating tried several times to get her back. Every year, he

would e-mail her how much he loves her, and to me that is disrespectful. Am I wrong for thinking this is a bad idea?

— Maryland

I think you're wrong to classify it as an idea, because that would suggest actual thought.

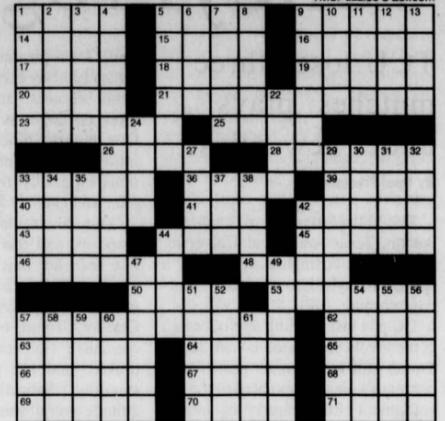
You're overreacting to the annual I-love-you e-mail — he can type whatever he wants. But you're underreacting to the slack-jawed horror of her wanting to show support for a guy who cheated on her. I'm not sure she's a great idea.

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by Carolyn Hax

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- Cudgel
  - Sneak a look
  - Cry to be heard
  - Russian saint
  - Uniform
  - Arizona city
  - Bamako's land
  - Withered
  - Lariat
  - Give off
  - &
  - (empirical method)
  - Decorative dangle
  - Ms. McClurg
  - Garden gate-crasher
  - Lacking pitch
  - Ruin
  - Strongly assert
  - "Damn Yankees" vamp
  - Grownup efts
  - Polite address
  - Relevant: Lat.
  - Fuel cartel's letters
  - Siamese, today
  - Tranquility
  - Academy Award winner of 1959
  - "Silkwood" star
  - Christmas carol
  - "1984" author
  - &
  - (accounting method)
  - Something to think about
  - Financial exam
  - Despoil
  - Chop
  - Boulder
  - Pines or Skye
  - Beige
  - Faint trace
  - Potential plant
  - Breathing: abbr.



By Eugene R. Puffenberger Reston, VA 4/12/00

## TODAY'S menu

### THE MAIN Lunch

- Spinach turnovers
  - Honey-baked ham
  - Cyberwraps
  - Baked potato bar
- Dinner
- Beef lasagna
  - Egg roll bar
  - Carved pork loin
  - Pasta bar

### WORTH HILLS Lunch

- Big Matt sandwich
- Chicken Caesar salad

### Dinner

- "Steak night"
- Barbecue chicken

### EDEN'S GREENS Lunch

- Chicken breast Florentine
- Beef teriyaki

### FROGBYTES Pasta bar (late night)

## Rudy



by Aaron Brown

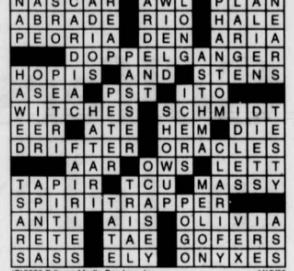
## Lex



by Phil Flickinger

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## Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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- Mortar's partner
- Anon's partner
- Bizarre
- Massage
- Thoroughfare
- Presumptive precursor
- Actor Epps
- Until
- Glum drop?
- Perjurer
- Morays
- Sprint
- &
- (experienced)
- Asta's mistress
- Actor Baldwin
- Poor, excusewise
- Social climber
- LePew of cartoons
- "A Prayer for Meany"
- By way of
- the Red
- Mimic
- Quick pace
- As one

## PURPLE poll

Q. ARE YOU GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL WEEK ACTIVITIES? A. YES 17 NO 54 DON'T KNOW 19

Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria. This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

The following ladies are cordially invited to the  
**Phi-Kap-Sigma-Chi Crush Mixer**  
 at Joe T Garcia's Wednesday, April 12, 2000,  
 beginning at 10 p.m.

- Rachael Patterson
- Meghann Hewitt
- Elizabeth Gaberino
- Elizabeth Simpson
- Katie Biggs
- Jill Mondy
- Sasha Anderson
- Courtney Gooden
- Katelin McRae
- Olivia Mitchell
- Brooke Witte
- Catherine Bear
- Michelle Mims
- Jennifer Standish
- Bethany Mize
- Liz Entwistle
- Kirsten Craig
- Colleen Bond
- Abby Tippit
- Jaquelyn Dienna
- Courtney Cook
- Jackie Copp
- Michelle Hillman
- Val Moses
- Stacey Caldwell
- Christine Ward
- Katie Sweet
- MJ Ippolito
- Nicole Doelzel
- Nicole Humphreys
- Lauren Langdon

- Julie Nicholas
- Lauren Hensley
- Emily Etzler
- Sarah Beverage
- Megan Snider
- Allison Pollard
- Megan Wall
- Rachel Woodward
- Julie Pearson
- Mary Marshall Harper
- Erin Thomas
- Blythe Bader
- Carolyn Barton
- Jeanine Rogers
- Leigh Hogan
- Brooke Peterson
- Lori Taylor
- Leighton Cromwell
- Caroline Dixon
- Nikki Wood
- Elise Massoth
- Jenny Hughes
- Ashley Flowers
- Emily Williams
- Mary Kyle Slaughter
- Jenn Coulson
- Amanda Buffington
- Lauren Murphree
- Rae Lorimer
- Liz Jones
- Nicole Lucas

- Amanda Smith
- Lori Reese
- LeAnn Mutchler
- Alecia Grieshaber
- Lauren Murphy
- Kirsten Dale
- Beth Mahoney
- Ashley Anderson
- Elizabeth Weiss
- Katie Kirkpatrick
- Erin McNeil
- Lauren Stewart
- Sarah Schwaller
- Michelle Kruessel
- Rachel Woodward
- Liz James
- Kelly Imig
- Betsy Loomer
- Keri McCoy
- Tanya Raedisch
- Meredith Scafer
- Jesse Elsey
- Ali Schloeger
- Tara Steinhilper
- Katie Flora
- Kyley Grantges
- Sara Bessire
- Susan Weber
- Beth Ann Bryant
- Megan Goodell
- Jill Macphail

- Kelli Martin
- Grayson Lybrand
- Stephanie Long
- Amie Marionneaux
- Laura Karnas
- Candice Bates
- Ashley Birdwell
- Shannon McCullough
- Taylor Crews
- Jenny Barrett
- Jennifer Linder
- Leigh Ann Haag
- Laura Hudson
- Stephanie Hess
- Erica Hoelscher
- Marty Maide
- Meredith Schaeffer
- Ann McGee
- Natalia Bayer
- Michelle Popovich
- Laura Riley
- Megan Petersen
- Kelly Parker
- Jenny Harris
- Lisa Evans
- Amanda Harrison
- Courtney Wheelless
- Piper Huddleston
- Natalie Adams
- Kaysie Hermes
- Brooke Loftis

- Katie Dobski
- Amanda Dobski
- Amanda Braatan
- Tiffany Crisp
- Nikki McCauley
- Abby Kaler
- Stephanie Pugh
- Summer Criswell
- Julie Trapp
- Meg McArthur
- Jenny Dissen
- Katie Kendall
- Katie Hansen
- Chrissy Smith
- Whitney Smith
- Amanda Murdock
- Kerrie Queal
- Gena Oley
- Meghan Foster
- Anne Todaro
- Ashley Macintosh
- Katherine Mayer
- Melissa Pope
- Shannon Skripsky
- Jennifer Conant
- Brandi Majors
- Heidi Coble
- Ashley Walker
- Erin Gardner
- Crystal Carson
- Michele Pope
- Ava Kovacs
- Andrea Luthringer
- Kevyn Pascoe
- Lindsey Dinges
- Vanessa Parker
- Brooke Sawyers
- Miranda Moore
- Alex Schlegel
- Nicole Carman
- Jennifer Kennedy
- Brandi Shaeffer
- Mariam Nizer

- Meredith Shields
- Lauren Taylor
- Liz Jones
- Katie Bromberg
- Kristin Campbell
- Kaylan Minor
- Andrea Keaton
- Nicole Maclean
- Vanessa Palavicini
- Nichole Jensen
- Jaymi Cotter
- Katy Reichenstein
- Vaune Wilson
- Ashley Green
- Megan Kunz
- Jennifer Robinson
- Sarah Sucher
- Curran Skinner
- Molly Clope
- Karen Warren
- Katie Crumrine
- Christina Rasco
- Christi Hufford
- Nikki McCauley
- Laura Costilla
- Lauren McDonald
- Laura Sellnor
- Kathryn Grant
- Mandy Walk
- Jaime McGee
- Holly Crawford
- Alyssa Symonds
- Wendy Meyer
- Tracy Holcomb
- Caroline Kapler
- Jessica Rangel
- Christa Watson
- Karen Buche
- Katie Schindler
- Andrea Potemski
- Lindsay Owens