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By finishing the season at 10-8-1 overall, the women's soccer team heads into the postseason as the No. 3 seed, the highest finish in their history.

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Fort Worth, Texas

## Change in hourly parking awaiting approval

### Proposed policy to extend parking on Lubbock Street from one to two hours

By Matt Jones  
STAFF REPORTER

The city of Fort Worth Traffic division is awaiting approval from residents and property owners in the 2900 block of Lubbock Street to extend one-hour parking to two-hour parking on the residential street behind Dan Rogers Hall.

In response to student complaints about limited parking, the TCU Police and university administration filed a request with the Transportation and Public Works division to change the zone in late August, said J.C. Williams, assistant chief of police.

Morgan Landry, a sophomore computer science major, said she addressed the Traffic and Parking Reg-

ulations committee last spring when she realized it was a commuter concern.

At the time, Landry was the sub-chairwoman of commuter concerns for Student Government Association. She said she received about 180 responses to the commuter survey.

"After surveying the students, we realized that there was a disparity in the parking policies in the neighborhood surrounding the business building," Landry said. "Several students were raising complaints about unfair tickets and parking in the one-hour zone."

However, John Craver, a senior engineering technician for the city, said the university needs the support

of residents who own property and reside on the street in order to change the current policy.

"Whoever owns the property essentially controls the parking and regulations surrounding the area," Craver said. "TCU does not make decisions regarding the city streets."

However, Craver said a work order will be issued pending two-thirds approval for the change.

"We will change the policy if it is the consensus of the residents living on the block," he said.

Craver said two of the eight residential properties on the block belong to TCU.

Landry said she will work with Campus Police over the next week to

obtain the signatures of at least six of the eight residents along the street.

Once the signatures are obtained, Diana Vazquez, a traffic safety coordinator, said the city generally allows 10 working days to change the signs and complete the work order.

Vazquez said the current zone was established in 1978 at the request of the residents on the street. Vazquez said, at the time, the strip on Lubbock was primarily a residential zone.

"Many of the residents raised concerns about parking in the neighborhood and the need to establish hourly zones," Vazquez said.

Since that time, Craver said TCU has continued to grow and expand

their property holdings in the neighborhood.

"We are not trying to punish students," Craver said. "We were simply upholding the guidelines established by the residents of the community."

Don Mills, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said the traffic committee, which comprises students, faculty and staff, recommends annual changes and re-evaluates parking rules each year.

"Parking issues are very sensitive," Mills said. "Essentially, it is very difficult to please everyone."

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Sarah Kirschberg/CO-PHOTO EDITOR  
Morgan Landry, a sophomore computer science major, goes door-to-door Tuesday afternoon to collect signatures in support of a piece of Fort Worth parking legislation.

## pulse

### briefs

#### Students receive warning of possible disenrollment

PULLMAN, Wash. (U-WIRE) — About 600 Washington State University students will open their mailboxes during the next few days to find an envelope from the registrar's office.

And inside, they will find a warning of possible disenrollment.

These students are being disenrolled because they haven't paid tuition and fees. The amount of money the students have to pay the university ranges from \$200 to more than \$1,000.

"(The amount they owe) had to be more than \$200," said Jim Rimpau, vice provost of enrollment management.

Julie Naccarato, the associate director of financial aid at WSU, said there still are options for students needing money to pay for school.

"There are alternative loans available to students," Naccarato said.

— Daily Evergreen  
Washington State University

#### Over \$7 million allocated for minority program

COLUMBUS, Ohio (U-WIRE) — Of the \$750 million budget allocated for Ohio State University improvements, \$7.8 million will be used to "recruit, support and retain to graduation larger numbers of academically-able minority students," according to the Academic Plan.

This amount will be broken down as follows: \$3 million over the next five years for recruitment and merit scholarships for freshmen and \$2.5 million for transfer students; \$1.5 million in academic support programs for minorities; and \$800,000 for overall improvement of the climate for diversity.

Provost Ed Ray said each initiative outlined in the plan "has to ultimately come back to the educational process" and the quality of the student experience.

There will be an increase in the number of scholarships available to minority students, going from 300 to 450, he said.

Ray said one of the goals of the Academic and Diversity Action Plans is to help all students feel more connected to the university community.

"The less isolated they are, the more they'll be able to persist," Ray said.

He said the real challenge is long term.

"Once they're here, how do we retain?" he asked. "The answer is more resources."

— The Lantern  
Ohio State University

## TREATS FOR TOTS



### Colby Halloween provides safety, treats for children

By Melissa DeLoach  
STAFF REPORTER

Monkeys screaming behind cages in the basement is how Megan Jolley, then 4 years old, remembers Colby Halloween.

"There were monkeys everywhere, hooting and hollering and jumping around," she said. "I really thought there were monkeys living down there."

Jolley is now a freshman speech communication major and a resident of Colby Hall. Tuesday's 28-year event was a special night for Jolley, 360 residents and more than 400 children of TCU faculty and staff that attended the event.

This year the age limit for children attending was lowered to 9 to limit the number of people coming in and out of the building, said Naunie Mead, Colby Hall director. Additionally, black tarps and trash bags were not allowed to cover the walls because of fire hazards, she said.

"It is really twofold," Mead said. "We needed to control the crowd, but because the older kids expect it to be scary, we lowered the age level because we did not want to disappoint any children."

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Jennifer Klein/SKIFF STAFF

(Far above) Sasha Caliga, a freshman business and marketing major, gives Blake Leonard, dressed as Thomas the Tank Engine, some candy Tuesday night in Colby Hall. (Above) Dressed as Rainbow Brite, Jessica Ridings, a sophomore advertising/public relations major, leads Claudette Rae Fraire, dressed as Dorothy from the "Wizard of Oz," through Colby Hall Tuesday night.

## E-business course offers skills for corporate world

### Students say courses allow them to see all aspects of e-business career

By Melissa DeLoach  
STAFF REPORTER

Armed with the challenge to create an online processing system for a family sportswear company, Shawna Golden, a junior marketing and e-business major, is learning all the back-end technology required to complete online transactions.

As a second semester student in the electronic business program, Golden is looking for ways to improve the retail Web operations of Hot Tamale, a semester project that she and other e-business students analyze on an ongoing basis.

"It is very time intensive," she said. "We just had a 15-page paper due last week. I was up until 4 a.m. putting on the finishing touches. And this is only one class."

In November 1999, TCU became the first university accredited by the International Association for Management Education to offer an undergraduate degree in e-business.

Jane Mackay, director of the e-business program, said the degree equips students with the technical and business skills to develop, implement and manage an infrastructure of information on the Internet. Students also learn to manage and develop ways to apply electronic business, she said.

"It is an information services degree with all the applications based on the Web," Mackay said. "Students gain all the skills to compete in the dynamic business world of today."

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— Jane Mackay,  
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e-business  
program

## Six students named Millennium scholars

### Program aimed at expanding access to higher education for minority students

By Matt Jones  
STAFF REPORTER

Six TCU students were named Gates Millennium Scholars Monday in an inaugural program aimed at expanding access and opportunity to higher education for minority students.

TCU students Jonathan Banda, Rachael Fisher, Crystal Chantelle Jones, LaTorsha Oakley, Dora Suarez and Crista Williams were among 4,000 of 62,000 applicants chosen nationwide to receive merit-based scholarships that cover remaining college costs.

Oakley, a freshman psychology major, said she was relieved when she was notified.

"I realized that I qualified based on their formula, but I wasn't sure how it would turn out," Oakley said. "It will allow me to stay at TCU and get an excellent education."

Oakley, who received about \$3,500 to pay for her remaining

costs at TCU, said she is grateful to have been chosen.

"I feel like someone generously contributed to my future education," Oakley said. "I owe it to them to give my all and do my best."

Banda, a freshman Latin American studies major who received \$2,000 from the foundation, said the scholars program benefits minority students who may not otherwise get a quality education.

"It has made attending a private university possible," Banda said. "Tuition and fees are very expensive and often have the biggest impact when choosing a college."

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program was created last fall with a grant of private money from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports improved global health care and education.

The program is administered by the United Negro College Fund, in partnership with the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the American Indian College Fund. Together, the groups seek to increase the number of African-Americans,

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campus lines

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► The Kino Monda International Film Series will present "Children of Heaven" (Iran/1997) at 8 p.m. today in Sid Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. All films in the series are free and open to the public.

► The radio-TV-film department will present "To Each His Own" (1946) at 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164, as part of its film series. Admission to the screening is free. For more information call (817) 257-6690.

► Programming Council will hold an open forum at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom to discuss changes to the University Curriculum Requirements.

► Student Government Association sign ups for positions and elections are today through Nov. 6. Applications can be picked up in the House of Student Representatives office. Call (817) 294-8512 for more information.

► Neeley Student Resource Center will have academic advising workshops from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 7 and 13 outside the Student Center Ballroom, and from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 9 and 15 in Dan Rogers Hall. The workshops are for all business students and those planning to be business majors. For more information call (817) 257-6772.

► TCU MBA program will have an open house from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 11 in Tandy Hall. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the MBA program. Bring questions, talk to current students and meet faculty. For more information call (817) 257-7531 or go to (www.mba.tcu.edu/visi/openhouse.htm).

► Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers and a coordinator to deliver meals from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays to homebound elderly and disabled in a community near campus. Training will be provided. For more information call Bea Nealy at (817) 257-7830.

► The Health Center wants to inform students about the meningococcal vaccine (Menomune) available from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays at the Health Center. The vaccine costs about \$75.

news digest

WORLD

Storms continue deadly trek across Europe; may have caused helicopter and tanker crashes

LONDON — Storms pushing across Europe claimed at least one more life Tuesday when a Danish rescue worker drowned, and Italian authorities were investigating the cause of a helicopter crash that killed at least six people off the Tuscan coast.

Off the west coast of Denmark, one man fell overboard and drowned and another was seriously injured during the rescue of the crew of a German cargo ship. All eight crew members on the German ship survived.

A stricken tanker loaded with 6,000 tons of toxic chemicals foundered off the northwest coast of France and sank into the swirling waters of the English Channel on Tuesday, a day after its crew abandoned ship. The death toll had been put at 15, but Italian authorities said it was unclear whether the storm caused a helicopter crash that killed at least six military police officers who were escorting a prisoner to the mainland for a court hearing about a fist fight.

The helicopter crashed in a violent storm just after takeoff from the island of Capraia late Monday. Six bodies were recovered and a seventh officer and the prisoner were missing. Strong winds and high waves hindered recovery efforts Tuesday.

Meanwhile, environmental groups said the chemicals from the tanker that sank in the English Channel — particularly styrene — could cause serious ecological problems if they leak from the ship and get blown toward the French coast.

Shell Chemicals, which chartered the Italian ship, disputed the allegations, saying styrene spilled into the sea would float to the surface and evaporate in hours.

Styrene, used in the manufacture of plastics, is highly toxic and causes cancer in laboratory animals. The ship was also carrying isopropyl and methyl ethyl ketone.

NATION

Boeing Co. to analyze manufacturing of planes in response to FAA audit findings

WASHINGTON — Boeing Co. will thoroughly analyze the way it makes airplanes — from design to manufacturing — to root out the cause of 107 problems uncovered by a federal audit, company officials say.

None of the problems threatened passenger safety, according to the Federal Aviation Administration's audit of seven Boeing facilities in the Pacific Northwest.

"We have stood by our processes and we believe our excellent safety record speaks for itself," said Liz Otis, vice president for quality for Boeing's commercial airplanes group. "But wherever

there is room for improvement, we will be looking at it. The safety and quality of our airplanes is an absolute core value for us."

The FAA conducted the audit from December to February after what it called a "series of high-visibility production breakdowns" at Boeing last fall. The audit found 87 problems in production and 20 in engineering.

"The findings show that these were not isolated events, that in fact they were systemic issues," John Hickey of the FAA said at a news conference Monday. "They illustrate that design and production systems are not functioning as intended at the Boeing Company."

However, Hickey said the FAA found no immediate safety shortcomings related to the problems. The agency has not decided whether to fine Boeing but is satisfied by the company's response and cooperation, he said.

The FAA studied everything from aircraft engineering to parts receiving and the manufacturing process at Boeing plants in Seattle, Everett, Renton, Auburn, Frederickson and Spokane, Wash., and in Portland, Ore.

Among the incidents last fall that prompted the FAA review:

— An airline told Boeing that two of 16 bolts holding the vertical stabilizer onto the tail of a 767 were not sufficiently tightened.

— Assembly line mechanics at Boeing's Everett plant, where 747s, 767s and 777s are built, reported that fuel tank repairs were being made after the tanks had been inspected and that debris such as sealant tubes and rivet guns were occasionally left behind.

— An adhesive was improperly applied to a condensation barrier that keeps moisture from dripping onto cockpit electronics. The drip shields also did not meet flammability standards, prompting Boeing to briefly halt delivery of 50 airplanes while the part was replaced.

The FAA audit found that some Boeing manufacturing processes were not complete or were too complex; that these processes were not always followed; that workers sometimes were given inadequate instructions; and that Boeing conducted inadequate inspections to ensure that product results matched their design.

STATE

Improvements to Austin air quality necessary despite lower ozone levels, officials say

AUSTIN — Although ozone levels in the Texas capital exceeded federal health standards fewer times than last year, environmentalists say aggressive action is needed to improve air quality.

Ozone levels exceeded the health standard for the air pollutant 11 days this year compared to 20 days in 1999. This resulted from more favorable

wind conditions, officials said Monday.

Earlier this month, White House officials and congressional negotiators agreed to postpone a formal finding of violation, or "nonattainment" status, for Austin and two other urban areas in Texas from January until June.

Such a move may have triggered emissions testing and other measures.

"We had been arguing for a number of months that EPA should proceed quickly on these designations as a matter of public health and public policy," Ramon Alvarez, a chemist with the non-profit Austin office of Environmental Defense, told the Austin American-Statesman. "We should go ahead and be upfront with the public about the quality of their air."

The American Trucking Association and other groups have challenged the EPA's standard for ozone — 85 parts of ozone per billion parts of air — in court. The U.S. Supreme Court has scheduled oral arguments for Nov. 7 and is expected to issue a decision in the spring.

Although a lower court ruling bars the EPA from enforcing the standard, the agency had been free to designate nonattainment status until the postponement was included in a recent appropriations rider in Congress.

Moses to lead Dallas public school system; will become the nation's highest-paid superintendent

DALLAS — Former Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses, selected to lead the troubled Dallas public school system, has signed a five-year contract that will reportedly make him the nation's highest-paid superintendent.

Moses' contract — providing a \$280,000 base salary — was unanimously approved Monday night by Dallas Independent School District trustees, making him the system's fifth superintendent in four years.

"Without a doubt, we picked the person whose primary focus will be increasing academic performance of children," trustee Hollis Brashear told The Dallas Morning News.

Moses' pay, who also provides annual wage increases and other benefits, surpasses that of predecessor Bill Rojas, who had earned a base salary of \$260,000 — once the highest in the country for a superintendent — before Rojas' firing in July.

Since then, Houston Superintendent Rod Paige was believed to be the highest paid, at \$275,000 per year.

Roxan Staff, DISD board president, said of Moses' contract and salary, "We've got some high expectations."

The new contract also contains health and retirement benefits, a car allowance, moving expenses and reimbursement for temporary housing. Moses may also earn an annuity based on annual performance evaluations.

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## AFFECTING VOTES

### Polls can cause people not to vote

After the Republican National Convention in 1976, polls showed Gerald Ford trailing Jimmy Carter by as much as 25 points. Yet 11 weeks later, he ultimately lost only 51-49 in popular-vote percentages.

The fluctuations in polls for the current presidential race have occurred over an even shorter time span. In the six national polls released Tuesday night, the degree of the fluctuations was evident.

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The *Newsweek* poll showed Gov. George W. Bush leading Vice President Al Gore 49-41. The ABC News tracking poll, on the other hand, showed Bush leading only 47-46.

A study done by Gerald Wasserman, of the Purdue University psychology department, said poll fluctuations are mostly artifacts which have been produced by poor telephone polling techniques. He said most of the Gallup polls are compiled within a two- or three-day period.

Unfortunately, polls can show a particular candidate as being "out of the running," and that can cause people not to vote, believing their ballot to be wasted.

Jesse Ventura, Minnesota's governor, recently noted this belief as an American tendency. To help counteract that notion, he wrote "Vote Your Heart and Your Conscience and You May Be Surprised What Happens," an online essay about how he won the 1998 election as an independent candidate.

"And remember, there are no wasted votes," Ventura said in his essay. "Also remember what they said in Minnesota during my election: 'A vote for Jesse Ventura is a wasted vote.' Well, I wasted the Democrats and Republicans with wasted votes."

Ford made up 23 percentage points in 11 weeks. Bush and Gore are separated by less than 1 percent in some polls with less than one week until Election Day.

In a presidential race as close as the current one, the polls shouldn't affect how people vote. The people's minds should affect how they vote.

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## GETTING INSIDE THE CANDIDATES' HEADS



## E-mail warns of date-rape drug

### Women need to be aware of surroundings, even on 'safe campus'

E-mail forwards are a modern phenomenon we all endure daily. Usually they form a clutter in your Inbox — a mess you'd rather delete than sort through. Other times you laugh at them and, every once in awhile, one will come to warn you of dangers in the world. These educational forwards take you by surprise because you know they hold relevance in your life and the lives of your friends.

I received such an e-mail this week, and it addressed the dangers of a new date-rape drug that is supposedly appearing on college campuses around the United States.

The drug is called Progestex and is being used for the same purpose as Rohypnol. Specifically, both drugs act to knock out a victim and erase memory of the rape's occurrence. However, Progestex, which is used to sterilize animals, acts to prevent pregnancy in the victim

by permanently sterilizing her as well. The e-mail warned that the pill, which dissolves in liquid, leaves no detectable taste that would warn one of its presence; by the time you realize what's happened, the act has already occurred and your life has entirely changed.

My first reaction whenever I hear about date-rape drugs is horrified disgust. What kind of human being could inflict that upon another person? I can't fathom what urges someone to violate another, much less add the pain of never being able to conceive later in life when children are desirable. It nauseates me to think that some men derive sadistic pleasure by causing or even witnessing such pain. Yet I know that in this world it does happen, even on "safe" campuses.

Considering I gained this information from an e-mail forward, I don't know how accurate it is. I do not know if Progestex is readily available for common use. Yet the forward did remind me of how dangerous it is to be lulled into a false sense of security on campus.

Every week we all go to parties and other gatherings that have the potential to make us susceptible to certain dangers, yet we hardly

think about what could happen. How often do we actually suspect that someone we know is capable of committing such an evil act as rape against us or someone else we know? Because we rarely hear about it happening here, and because we feel so safe at our school, we forget that deviants exist.

For this reason, I want to remind all the women at TCU to be aware of their surroundings. Be careful of who has had contact with your drink. And if you have left your glass sitting somewhere, don't take up that drink again.

At parties where I wander with my drink, I always hold cups with my hand over the top, or hold bottles with my finger blocking the opening in order to prohibit anything from getting into the liquid; it is a habit I picked up over time, and one that I highly recommend as an extra measure of security.

TCU is a relatively safe campus, but there will always be untrustworthy people regardless of where you go.

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### Commentary



MIRANDA NESLER

## Britney, virginity won't sell

### Pop star's announcement is nothing more than teasing

Good news, guys ... In case anyone was worried, Britney Spears is still a virgin. That's right. She confirmed it in a recent interview with the British tabloid, the *London Daily Star*.

"The virginity issue is a personal decision and it reflects how I feel right now about myself," she told the limey rag. "There are so many emotions involved that I would like to be able to wait until I know I'm with the right person and I'm married."

Most of my friends have been celebrating ever since the news came out. I mean, I haven't seen a happier bunch of guys since Britney officially turned 18.

So coy, Ms. Spears, so coy. Notice the subtlety with which she perpetuated the hopes, and sometimes dreams, of a generation of men.

Though she did mention that she's planning to take a trip down the aisle before she takes a roll in the sack, she prefaced that condition with a primary focus on being with "the right person" and stressed that this was how she felt "right now." Basically she's let everyone of the male persuasion know that we've all still got a chance and that we might even be able to corrupt her precious little innocence!

We all know that human Q-Tip Justin Timberlake is not the one for

her. Now we've received sure confirmation that any one of us might get to be the one to replace the runty little dancing machine.

OK, so, she also recently told *Elle* magazine that "When you're really comfortable with someone you love, the silence is the best. And that's how me and J. are."

She's clearly playing hard to get. Doesn't it just make you love her more?

Girls, this is good news for all of you, too. Think of it, every guy on this planet is going to be trying his best to become the one that Britney will want, and that's got to have some sort of positive effect on the way you all get treated. Imagine being able to one day be the girl that gets to say, "I was dumped for Britney Spears!"

Younger girls, also, are going to benefit from Britney's shining example of the virtuous life. Does it matter that her claims of virginity are often in conflict with her tiny outfits, her sexual choreography and her breasts' incredible commodity-like status? Certainly not!

Who needs "actions speak louder than words" when we've got the *London Daily Star* to get to the real heart of the issue?

Britney, please, it's time to leave the kiddie-pop stuff behind. Sure your crossover appeal defies logic ... it's the most successful hypocrisy since trickle-down economics. But the fact of the matter is, it's time to grow up and realize that we delusional men can offer more long-term potential for your career.

I know young girls like you, hell, they love you. The sad fact is that little girls grow up and, as Old

Maid-hood approaches, are more likely to see you as a rival or, at least, a stumbling block to their finding a man.

We men, on the other hand, are stupidly horny, but we won't tolerate the teasing forever. We love your generosity with the cleavage, but if you could dump the singing, dancing eunuch and start a satisfyingly aerobic expedition through some of the best-known beds of Hollywood, we'll hang on your every fling forever, and that means album sales, album sales, album sales, no matter how much we loathe the tunes.

When you finally do get older and find that the ol' body doesn't look quite as good in the tube-top and Daisy Dukes anymore, you can pull a Madonna, settle down, have a kid and win back all the girls, who you're certain to find "loved you all along" and will buy up all your old albums en masse, meaning, you guessed it: Bling, Bling. By the time your business model begins to trend towards Barbra Streisand's, you'll be so rich that it won't matter if you can sell out Carnegie Hall or not.

Face the facts, Brit, the market is growing ever more segmented, and you can't please everybody all the time for long. It's time to develop a long term strategy for how you're going to keep this gravy train rolling.

Do it, Britney. You can't be a virgin queen forever ... it just doesn't sell.

Daniel Bramlette is a senior radio-TV-film major from Ogden, Utah. Hit him, baby, one more time at (dcbamlette@yahoo.com).

## Vote for the right to choose

Walking into my dorm, I overheard the guard say he doesn't plan to stay awake on the night of the election. "Either way," he said, "I'll have to get up and go to work the next morning."

He makes me think. I'm a pretty happy young woman with a stable family and crazy roommates. No matter who wins the election, one of my roommates will still obsess about food, the other will still blast her music while I study, while another will still leave the bathroom floor wet. Some things never change.

No matter who wins the election, my day will still be affected more by the weather than by Washington. I will have trouble adding numbers larger than 20 and my room will still be hot in the afternoon and cold in the morning.

This election has done little to energize college students, and I think I can now understand why. The guard is right. The things that matter will be the same the next day.

So, as the election fails to affect the things that matter — my roommate's loud music, my bad eyesight — I see just one issue that could really shake my life. As a woman, and as a college student, I care about the right to choose.

The reality of college is that the risk of pregnancy is all around. Not only are women susceptible to unwanted pregnancy during monogamous or serious college relationships, they are also likely to become pregnant by chance encounters, or even rape.

College women are perhaps in the best possible situation, if one exists, for dealing with unplanned pregnancy. We are, at least, past our teen years. Predominantly, we

have strong support systems, and access to decent health care. We probably have the means and the knowledge to deal reasonably with pregnancy.

But for so many girls, the safety and support of college doesn't exist. We seldom think about the young women who don't have proper birth control education in the first place — girls without the self-esteem to resist pressure. We rarely consider the pregnancies that result from incest.

In every case, abortion is a tragedy. It is a tragedy for the mother, a tragedy for the father and a tragedy for the child. But unwanted pregnancy is a reality. Though tragic, the right to choose is a sacred one.

If nothing affects you in this election, abortion does. Only one party will grant us reproductive freedom. The Republican Party platform not only pledges to overturn Roe vs. Wade, it also supports abstinence-only education. The Republican Party will prevent students from learning the breadth of birth control options, and then strip away the freedom to choose what to do with an unwanted pregnancy. The Republican Party claims to trust individuals more than Washington, but it doesn't trust individual women to make decisions about their own bodies.

The right to choose extends far beyond abortion. Having the right to choose means that you are allowed to make your own decisions about birth control, medical information, love and life. Even if this election doesn't compromise the constitutional right to abortion, it may certainly limit the availability of family planning resources.

Obviously, an increased availability of information about birth control results in a decrease in unwanted pregnancy.

Even the slightest limit placed on the availability of abortions could mean that poor or rural women will be forced into having dangerous back-alley abortions. With the "abortion pill" RU-486 being introduced in the United States, this election could also determine the availability of that new option.

This decision doesn't rest just with the presidency. While Al Gore supports a woman's right to choose and George Bush doesn't, the president needs congressional approval to appoint judges to the Supreme Court who won't limit the right to choose. So every vote you cast is important, from local and state elections, to congressional races and, especially, the presidency.


I can understand that you think this election is irrelevant to your life. I, too, wish the candidates spent a little less time talking about Social Security, Medicare and taxes, and spent more time talking about education, abortion and gun control. But as sexual adults, we could experience the trauma of an unwanted pregnancy at any moment. We could feel the effects of limited birth control options at any time. It matters that our government continue to protect a wide variety of reproductive choices, so that you, and the women you love, can deal with the unexpected.

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**E-BUSINESS**

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This week, the second e-business class will be selected from a pool of 110 applicants. New facilities are being planned to house e-business classes, including a computer lab donated by Compaq and RadioShack. The lab is expected to be completed by the beginning of the spring semester.

According to a recent *US News and World Report* study, the M.J. Neeley School of Business ranks eighth among business schools that offer programs in e-business. The program also includes an MBA concentration in e-business.

Mackay said the report is misleading because TCU is the only school in the study that has an e-

business degree at the undergraduate level. The other schools focus on or emphasize e-commerce, she said.

E-business involves all the activities a business organization conducts over a computer-mediated network, Mackay said. The 70 students in the 2 1/2-year program are learning every aspect of a Web organization from human resources and sales, to the manufacturing of a product. E-commerce deals with only one aspect of a business, like the sales of goods and services, Mackay said.

Bob Lusch, dean of the business school, said the e-business program has helped in the recruiting of undergraduate students to the business school.

Erin McBrayer, a sophomore business major, said e-business was

the biggest selling point for her when she decided to transfer to TCU from Tarrant County College. She will find out later this week if she is accepted to the program for spring 2001.

"In just one semester I have learned so much," said McBrayer, who is currently enrolled in e-business I, a required course for all incoming business students. "I have learned everything from operating systems to transmitting information on the Internet."

Golden said the difficulty of the program is that every class is built upon another and leaves no room for her to specialize in a certain aspect of e-business.

"I enjoy database principles but do not enjoy programming," she said.

Julie Covert, a senior e-business

and management major, said even though she may not aspire to be a database analyst, the well-rounded degree enables her to see all aspects of e-business and how it fits the competitive needs of an individual business. The program requires her to be at TCU another year, but she said it will be worth it in the end.

The marketability of the degree for job opportunities after college is what motivated junior e-business major Reed Artim to apply for the program.

"There is such a high demand in the field because technology is changing rapidly," he said. "I have no doubt that I will be able to get a good paying job right out of college."

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**HALLOWEEN**

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And disappointment was not visible at all. What was visible were the smiling faces of Superman, the Avon lady, beauty queens, Harry Potter and "Braveheart's" William Wallace, said Ernestia Harts, a freshman political science major and Colby Hall council president.

"This was such an exciting event," she said. "It was a whole-hearted effort of every Colby resident working hard together. Everyone was working around the clock putting spider webs up, putting music together and making costumes."

Convenience for small children to trick-or-treat was a reason why Topaz Thornton brought her two children Taylor, 2 1/2 and Andryia, 11 months. The family lives in Milton Daniel Hall with Artist Thornton, hall director.

"This is a great opportunity to give back to the community, both to TCU and the surrounding neighborhood," she said. "Plus it gives small children like mine the opportunity to walk around safely being as small as they are."

Tuesday was the first Colby Halloween for 5-year-old twins Sarah and Blake Harmet. They traveled from Chicago with their parents, Lisa and David Harmet, last week for their parents' 20-year TCU reunion and stayed for Hal-

loween. Sarah dressed as an angel and Blake was Jar Jar Binks of "Star Wars."

"This is a lot easier than going home and trick-or-treating," Lisa Harmet said. "The girls are so nice and friendly. Plus it makes things easier on Blake, who has spina bifida and is in a wheelchair. Our trip to TCU was absolutely wonderful."

Colby Halloween was sponsored by Residential Services, International Education and Services and the Colby Hall council. Fort Worth Fire Station 21 made a special visit for children to see their fire truck and meet firefighters.

Children attending the event were led throughout the residence

hall by volunteers and resident assistants. Each wing in the residence hall was decorated with a different theme, from Charlie Brown's "The Great Pumpkin" to "The Blair Witch Project." Resident Assistant Chelsea Hudson's Enchanted Forest won top honors for the best decorated wing in Colby.

"It was such a special event for everyone involved," said Hudson, a sophomore political science major. "My girls spent so much time making things perfect for the children so that they could have a fun, safe, magical Halloween experience."

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**SCHOLARS**

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American Indians/Alaska Natives, Asian Pacific Americans and Hispanic Americans who enroll and complete undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

The foundation is committed to a 20-year, \$1 billion initiative aimed at reducing the financial barriers to

a college education for 20,000 students.

To qualify, applicants had to be nominated by individuals from educational organizations and community agencies. Applicants should be citizens/permanent residents of the United States, have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.3, have applied to, been accepted into or enrolled full time in an accredited college, have significant financial need as

defined by the Federal needs analysis formula and have demonstrated leadership ability through participation in community service, extracurricular activities or other activities.

Australia Tarver, director of undergraduate studies in English, said she nominated several of her students for the program.

"They were looking for intelligent, strong leaders from the domi-

nant minority groups," Tarver said. One of Tarver's students, Williams, was chosen for the program.

"Crista was an excellent candidate," Tarver said. "She is a great student and had a variety of leadership positions within the community."

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**Richards campaigns against Bush**

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**NEW ORLEANS** — Former Texas Gov. Ann Richards campaigned Tuesday in Louisiana for the Democratic presidential ticket, criticizing the record and policy plans of the current Texas governor, George W. Bush.

Richards said the man who defeated her in 1994 will be bad for women's rights, bad for the future of Social Security and bad for Medicare. Also, she said, he isn't ready for the presidency after less than two terms as Texas governor, his only elective office.

"Of course he isn't ready," Richards said in an interview before speaking at a fund-raiser. "You can look at the debates and tell that. But the people want to vote for him because he's a nice guy."

Richards criticized Bush's proposal to partially privatize Social Security, saying it could subject old people's benefits to the ups and downs of the stock market.

She also said Bush's claims he has improved Texas education are overblown.

"What he's done is he gives (children) a test every year," Richards said. "The administrators and teachers aren't stupid. They have to teach the

**Both parties hit Louisiana to gain votes for candidates**

(children) the tests ... If you compare how our (children) do on a national level, they don't do so well."

Richards was also critical of Bush's anti-abortion stance and said he has done little to benefit women in Texas.

Presidential campaigning was to continue later in the New Orleans area with a visit by Bush's running mate, Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney. Monday, former president George Bush made a brief stop in Louisiana to campaign for his son.

Democrats countered with the Rev. Jesse Jackson Monday.

With only a week left before Election Day, party activists on both sides said the tours were timed to encourage voter turnout.

Although a recent poll gave Texas Gov. George W. Bush a 52 to 39 percent lead over vice president Al Gore, former Louisiana Gov. Dave Treen said he's worried some supporters of George W. Bush may get overconfident and not vote.

"This is a state he should win, if his voters come out," Treen said in an

interview after the former president spoke in Mandeville. "There is a problem: overconfidence is disastrous."

About 1,000 enthusiastic supporters from conservative St. Tammany Parish greeted the former president in a community recreation hall after he was delayed 45 minutes by thick fog shrouding the causeway that connects New Orleans to its north shore suburbs.

Then Bush told the virtually all white Mandeville audience that his son would do a better job than Gore shoring up Social Security and Medicare, increasing morale and pay for the military and returning respect to the presidency.

Bush also attacked Gore for his stand on energy and the environment, which includes a ban on some offshore drilling and new oil exploration in Alaska. The former president said his son will boost petroleum exploration to bring down high gas prices.

Meanwhile, in New Orleans Jackson told reporters he is encouraging black ministers around the country to tell church members to vote early.

He suggested a 5 a.m. sunrise serv-

ice, followed by voting at 6 a.m. "Then spend all day knocking on doors. Or spend all day driving seniors. Or standing on street corners. We have the numbers if we have the will to work."

Bush, who lost in Louisiana to President Bill Clinton in 1992, said he's upset with criticism that his son isn't qualified or smart enough to be an effective president.

"It is far worse when they go after your son than when they criticize you," he said.

The elder Bush was expected to visit the Florida panhandle Tuesday to seek more support for his son.

Cheney's Kenner visit was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon. Richards was scheduled to host a fund-raiser for Gore and his running mate, Sen. Joe Lieberman, where she will discuss her view on George W. Bush's gubernatorial record.

Cheney's daughter Liz Cheney Perry also is coming to Louisiana on behalf of her father.

Perry plans to tour parts of the state today starting in Cheneyville in Rapides Parish. She'll travel to Winn- boro, Monroe, Ruston and Shreveport, La., today, then leave the state. The bus tour will continue to other cities Thursday and Friday with various Republican officials aboard.

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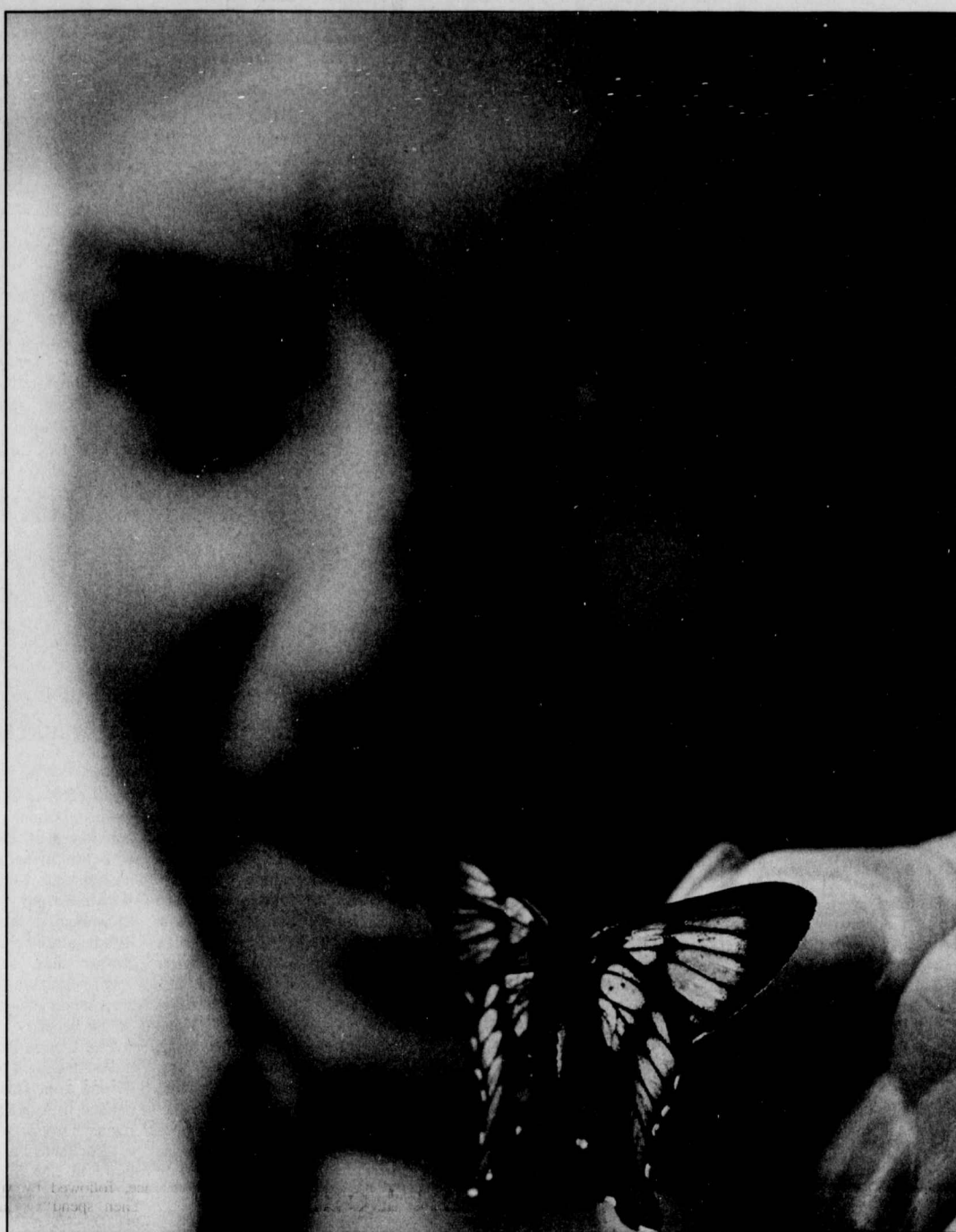
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## Finding life and satisfaction within butterflies

Courtesy of Newsday  
Steve Fratello shows the under side of an *Ancyluris Aulestes* (Peru).

### *Butterfly hunter searches the world for new species; finds happiness in simplicity*

By Fred Bruning  
NEWSDAY

West Islip, N.Y. — Butterfly hunter Steve Fratello lives a simple life — a one-bedroom apartment on Long Island, nondescript furniture, a bookshelf that sags under the weight of the Time-Life "Library of Art" series, 20-year-old stereo, no telephone answering machine and has a '93 Mazda Protege parked out front.

In terms of creature comforts, all he has is all he needs, said Fratello, 44, who works for a trucking company that delivers supplies to Burger King.

"The things of this world have no meaning for me," said Fratello.

To be honest, Fratello craves less comfort. Much less.

Fratello longs to be where the humidity is oppressive, the temperature extreme, the terrain wild and malaria a possibility. Ah, said Fratello, to be where snakes writhe on the rain forest floor and ants skedaddle on his sweaty skin, and where the evening meal may be a mouthful of minnows, fried nice and crisp, like julienne potatoes.

"I was always interested in nature," said Fratello, walking barefoot across his shaggy gold carpet to fetch a photograph of himself in Guyana. "The more pristine, the better I liked it."

The places to which he travel are pristine — remote sections of New Guinea, Indonesia, Peru, Venezuela, Guyana, Australia and Costa Rica. His snapshots show scenes of nature you don't get cruising a U.S. highway: mountain ranges, waterfalls, river beds and jungles as dark as night.

"I just knew about places from reading," said Fratello, a tan, wiry fellow with metal frame glasses and a shaved head who looks in good enough shape to enroll again at the U.S. Air Force Academy, his alma mater. "I saw pictures in books and said, 'I'm going.'"

Fratello, who grew up on Long Island, figures he has spent as many as 1,000 days in the rain forest over the past 15 years, of which much of his time was spent searching for rare moths and butterflies, whose loveliness convinced him of the greatness

of the universe and its creator.

He retrieved three display boxes of butterflies from Peru and Guyana and placed them on the kitchen table. Carefully, he lifted specimen after specimen, each impaled on a pin.

"In here, there is more variety than we can fathom," said Fratello. "Color, shape, pattern — it's staggering, the beauty in this box." Before him, he said, were perhaps 50 of an estimated 20,000 butterfly species. The thought seemed to dazzle Fratello anew.

"Who could make beauty like this besides God?"

Fratello is not religious in the orthodox sense — don't look for him in the next pew on Sunday — though he attended Catholic and Presbyterian churches as a child. But he is convinced his affinity for nature is not random fortune.

"God gave me a strong aesthetic sense," said Fratello. "Very strong."

Somewhere along the line, Fratello developed a hefty sense of purpose, too.

After graduating from the academy in 1978 as a basic sciences major, he served six years in the Air Force. Fratello, a B-52 navigator with the rank of captain, was stationed in Guam for most of his hitch. He liked the service, but wanted more than life aloft in a bomber. Using money he saved while in the Air Force, Fratello began traveling to out-of-the-way places. He would spend two to four months in the jungle and then return to Long Island when it was time to replen-

ish his bank account. He worked in a warehouse, as a messenger in Manhattan and on the production line of a bakery.

"I even dropped candy corn on Halloween cookies," Fratello recalled.

For the past seven years, he has been hauling boxes into Burger King.

"Physical job," he said. "Decent pay. Good benefits."

His is not the typical career trajectory of an Air Force Academy graduate.

"Most go into the flying careers as a pilot or navigator," said Terry Barretta, pub-

in the brush than cooped up on campus.

Fratello's lack of academic pedigree — and his spiritual interpretation of the universe (he accepts the theory of evolution but sees God as central to the grand design) — may leave the natural sciences establishment unimpressed.

"He doesn't necessarily get taken seriously by academia, but often knows more than they do because of his own fierce passion," said Robert Hanner, who holds a doctorate in biology and is manager of genetic resources at the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan, where Fratello serves each month as a volunteer in the entomology department.

The two traveled to Guyana last year on a butterfly expedition that allowed Fratello to pursue his passion in a way Hanner considers rare.

"He is forged out of material that few modern people are," said Hanner. "He is willing to work a menial job, and save every penny, and take a two months' leave and live out of knapsack." Fratello follows the footsteps of 18th- and 19th-century naturalists who trekked into the wilds for the love of discovery, said Hanner. "He is a self-taught expert."

Self-taught and self-wrought. "I'm more and more of a maverick-type person who doesn't work usually within the system," said Fratello. "There are benefits and some deficiencies."

It surely was not through the system that he got his start in the butterfly business.

While on a trip to Australia in 1987,

Fratello visited a library in Cairns, Queensland, and was studying a book on indigenous butterflies when another person said he was looking for the same volume. The man turned out to be Jan Pasternak, a naturalist and author. The two became friends and Pasternak asked Fratello to collect butterflies for him in New Guinea. Fratello took the job and found a vocation.

"Serendipitously," said Fratello. Since his chance meeting with the Czech, Fratello has chased butterflies in the distant reaches of Central and South America and the Malay Archipelago, and has placed material at museums in Florida, New York and Peru.

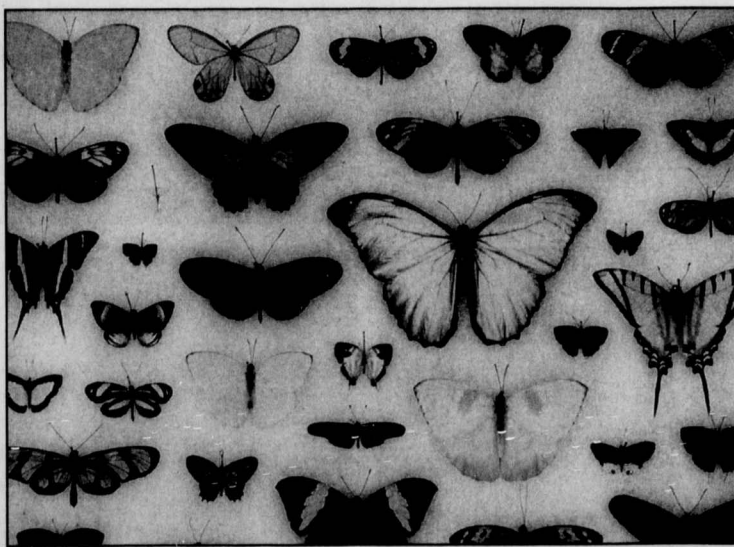
His trip with Hanner in spring 1999 was to the highlands of Guyana. Fratello collected more than 1,000 butterflies representing 500 species — capturing the creatures in nets, killing them with a pinch to the thorax, and storing them carefully in envelopes for the trip home.

Most of his material went to the Smithsonian Institution, which helped finance the expedition — an exciting addition to the museum's collection, said Don Harvey, an entomology specialist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

"He visited areas that have not been collected before — some very remote areas with high elevations — and brought back a number of butterflies that appear to be new to science."

Hanner said the experience was unforgettable. The butterflies, the countryside. The malaria. Hanner battled illness for several days and at one point, he said, fell into a "hallucinogenic" state. Luckily, the sojourners — Hanner, Fratello and their Guyanese guides — were carrying medication that quelled the malaria. After a few days' rest, Hanner rallied.

Fratello is ready to go again. He plans to return to Guyana again if arrangements can be worked out with the Smithsonian. Travel is expensive and Fratello can only go so far as his money — or help from outside sources — allows. "I want to bring back the beauty of the physical universe to others," he said.



Courtesy of Newsday

lic affairs officer at the academy. If they leave the service, she said, graduates are apt to become commercial fliers or corporate CEOs. Fratello's choice? "Most unusual," said Barretta.

Not in his world, said Fratello. In his world, nature counts more than NASDAQ. Advanced degrees? No thanks. The fellow that schoolchildren call "the butterfly man" — Fratello often speaks to classes on Long Island — could study lepidopterology for a formal education in moths and butterflies. But he'd rather be

# Jetliner crashes en route to Los Angeles during storm

By William Foreman  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAIPEI, Taiwan — A Singapore Airlines 747 jetliner taking off for Los Angeles hit an object on the runway during a storm Tuesday night, scattering flaming wreckage across the tarmac. At least 47 people were killed, the airline said.

Singapore Airline spokesman Cheng Jeng-hsien in Taipei said that in addition to those killed, 84 people were injured and 48 were unaccounted for. But in Los Angeles, airline spokesman James Boyd gave different figures, saying 49 people were killed and 70 injured.

A full breakdown of those aboard Flight SQ006 was not immediately available, but Taiwanese civil aviation officials said 25 U.S. citizens, 44 Taiwanese and one Japanese were among them.

Three survivors said they felt the plane slam into something on the runway while trying to take off at

## At least 47 people killed in 747's collision with object on runway

Taipei's Chiang Kai-shek International Airport. Airline officials said the pilot also reported hitting an object on the runway, but no one offered an explanation of what it might have been. A China Airways official denied initial reports that the jumbo jet had hit one of its planes on the ground.

Despite the rain, video footage showed parts of the Boeing 747-400 series plane spewing flames and thick black smoke. Afterward, parts of the plane's blue fuselage appeared badly charred, with a gaping hole in the roof of the forward section.

"It felt like we bumped into something huge," said Doug Villermin, 33, of New Iberia, La., who was standing outside a hospital afterward, wrapped in a tunic and smoking a cigarette. "It looked like the front end just fell off. From there, it just started to fall apart. I ran to the

escape hatch with the stewardess but we couldn't get it open. Two feet away from me, I saw flames.

"Everyone was just panicking. I tried to open the escape hatch on the top just a slit and saw a lot of smoke. The fumes were just incredible. But eventually we got it open. ... We were just all so scared it was going to blow up."

Steven Courtney of Britain was sitting on a hospital bed, oxygen tubes in his nose as he was whisked away to an operating room.

"The left wing seemed to hit something and then it was just a big roller coast ride," he said. "Flames were everywhere."

The aborted takeoff occurred at 11:18 p.m. Minutes later, ambulances and rescue vehicles crowded the wet tarmac, lights flashing.

Local TV reports showed a frantic scene at Chang Gung Memorial

Hospital near the airport, where emergency room workers gently lifted injured people from ambulances. Some appeared to be burned. They laid on stretchers with their arms stretched stiffly in front of their torsos.

Tonya Joy, 37, of New Zealand, was being pushed toward the operating room.

"I felt two hits and we twisted around twice," she said. "I jumped out of the top and landed on the ground, so the doctors think there is something wrong with my spine. The weather was just awful. Flames came so fast on both sides of the plane."

About a half-dozen relatives arrived Tuesday at the Los Angeles airport. They were escorted to a private room with counselors from the Red Cross to await news of the passengers, said B.V. Castillo, a

Red Cross spokeswoman.

In Singapore, officials set up a crisis management center at Chang airport. A handful of relatives, some in tears, were led to the cordoned-off area by crisis workers.

Singapore Airlines, the South Asian city-state's flagship carrier, is one of the world's most profitable airlines. It has been flying for 28 years and had never crashed.

The plane that burst into flames Tuesday was bought new in January 1997, Boyd said. He said there had been no problems with the aircraft, which underwent its last maintenance check on Sept. 16.

On Dec. 19, 1997, a SilkAir Boeing 737 was cruising over Indonesia at 35,000 feet when the jet suddenly nosed down, diving at supersonic speeds until it smashed into a river, killing all 104 people aboard. Singapore Airlines is the

parent company of SilkAir.

The storm pounding Taiwan, Typhoon Xangsane, had whirled closer to the island's southern coast on Tuesday and heavy rains have already begun soaking the capital, Taipei. The typhoon was packing 90 mph winds and was expected to make landfall by today if it maintained its current course, the Central Weather Bureau said.

Earlier in the evening, the storm had prompted officials to set up disaster relief centers, cancel some flights, call off classes and raise land and sea warnings. Typhoon relief and coordinating centers were set up all over southern Taiwan, and officials warned residents against landslides and flash floods.

The incident comes a year to the day after EgyptAir Flight 990 plunged into the Atlantic Ocean while en route from New York to Cairo. That disaster killed 217 people.

# Cole suspects linked to hotel bombing

## 2 Yemenis may have taken part in 1993 bombing

By Donna Abu-Nasr  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAHEJ, Yemen — Two Yemenis detained in the bombing of the USS Cole are believed to have taken part in attacks on Yemeni hotels in 1993 blamed on Islamic militants, sources close to the investigation said Tuesday.

The Yemenis were among nine men detained last week for questioning in connection with the Oct. 12 attack on the U.S. destroyer in Aden harbor that killed 17 U.S. sailors and injured 39 others.

The sources said the two were believed to have taken part in bombing attacks in December 1993 on Aden's two main hotels that killed an Austrian and a local janitor.

At that time, officials and diplomats said Muslim fundamentalists angered by Yemen's support for the U.S.-led relief operation in Somalia

were behind the attacks. About 100 U.S. servicemen were in Aden then as part of the relief operation.

The investigation, the sources said, was increasingly centering on Lahej, an area 20 miles north of Aden and a stronghold of veterans of the war in Afghanistan against the Soviets. It said all the nine detained men were from Lahej.

The sources — who spoke on condition they not be named — also said the investigation is focusing on four men believed to be the main plotters in the attack on the Cole. None of the four has been seen since the blast. Paperwork relating to four identification cards issued between 1996 and 1997 has disappeared from government files, the sources said.

At least one of the cards is fake and was issued in Lahej. The card was used to register at least three houses and locations the bombers are believed to have used as well as a small boat used in the attack.

The suspects received money transfers from Gulf nations, including the United Arab Emirates. The sources did not have details on how

much money the men had received.

The sources said investigators believe preparations for the blast began in March. They said a man went to the naval police base around that time to register a white boat using the fake identification card.

When the man was asked to produce the boat for inspection, he said it was undergoing repairs and led police to a shack the suspects had used to weld linings into the boat to slip the explosives into, according to the sources.

The disclosures came as the United States pressed Yemeni authorities to allow U.S. agents a greater role in the investigation into the attack on the destroyer as it was refueling in Aden's harbor.

Yemeni officials have insisted they didn't want the United States to have the kind of high-profile role it had in the investigation in Kenya and Tanzania following the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies there that killed 224 people. The United States has blamed those bombings on Saudi terrorist Osama Bin Laden. President Clinton appealed Mon-

day to Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh for direct access to witnesses, suspects and evidence, saying the two countries should have "a genuine, joint investigation" as the United States had with Kenya and Tanzania.

Yemeni officials said the questioning of sources and detainees was being conducted by Yemenis with no FBI agents present. The officials said transcripts of the interrogations are sent to U.S. investigators who pose questions to Yemenis, then follow up.

Meanwhile, the Cole has been loaded onto a heavy-lift ship, the Blue Marlin, which will carry the warship back to the United States, Frederik Steenbuch, manager of Off-shore Heavy Transport in Oslo, Norway, said Tuesday.

Steenbuch said crews working off Yemen's coast were finishing securing the vessel and would leave soon, though no definite date was available.

Once it is ready to go, the Blue Marlin will travel around the southern tip of Africa to avoid the Suez Canal, U.S. defense officials said.

# 3.7 million women over age 55 in poverty, Census Bureau says

## Percentage of impoverished women steadily escalates as age bracket increases

By Genaro C. Armas  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Women comprise more than two-thirds of impoverished Americans ages 55 and over and their percentage only increases among older age brackets, the Census Bureau says.

Those numbers are in large part because women have longer life expectancies than men, analysts caution. Still, the Census report on Americans age 55 and over, being released Wednesday, again spotlights the greater economic vulnerability of older women, said John Rother, legislative director of the American Association of Retired Persons, the country's largest organization for older people.

Nationally there were about 24.7 million men and 30.6 million women over age 55 in 1999, but the male-to-female ratio dropped steadily with age, the Census Bureau says. In the 55-to-64 bracket, there were 92 men for every 100 women; the ratio fell to 49 men for every 100 women in the 85 and over bracket.

"Women have life expectancies six years longer than men," said John Haaga, analyst with the nonpartisan research group, the Population Reference Bureau. "In any group of older Americans, the older you go, the more women you will have."

About 5.6 million, or 10 percent of all Americans age 55 and over, lived in poverty in 1998, ac-

ording to the Census Bureau. Nearly 3.7 million of them were women. Among the 1.7 million Americans of ages 75 and over who are living in poverty, 1.3 million were women.

"Almost any way you look at it, women as they get older are disadvantaged compared to men," Rother said. "That goes a long way to explain why many women are concerned about the future of Social Security."

Past Census Bureau reports on older Americans looked at people 65 and over. This report was expanded in response to increasing requests to take a broader look.

"But there's a particular problem for the older women in poverty now in that a lot of them have social security benefits as survivors, but a lot of them didn't accumulate their own savings and pensions," Haaga said.

Other findings: — Of the 9.4 million employed men over 55, nearly 19 percent worked in executive, managerial or administrative jobs, more than any other category. Of the 7.7 million women over 55 who are still working, 25 percent were in administrative support or clerical positions, more than any other category.

— Nine percent of men over 55 were widowed, compared with 32 percent of women.

— 37 percent of the 55 and over population lives in the South, more than any other region.

# Nader launches new TV campaign commercials

By Eun-Kyung Kim  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Ralph Nader launched his second TV commercial for his Green Party presidential campaign Tuesday, as he came under mounting pressure from Democratic leaders to drop out of the race and back Al Gore.

The new 30-second spot, a parody like his first, will "run in up to 30 markets across the country," said its creator Bill Hillsman. He wouldn't say which ones.

The ad is based on a spot by the employment Web site Monster.com featuring a series of children talking

about "when I grow up." It asks voters to support Nader if they "want something better for yourself and the next generation."

Nader averages about 5 percent in national polls, but comes in considerably higher in at least a half-dozen traditionally Democratic states that are tossups between Gore and Republican George W. Bush.

Nader's potential for taking votes away from Gore has prompted a vigorous campaign by Democrats who argue that voting for him will only help Bush win the election.

Nader's campaign manager, Theresa Amato, dismissed the

chance that Nader would endorse Gore in swing states: "Absolutely not. We're going for every single vote across the country."

Like his first television spot, a parody of a MasterCard commercial that got Nader slapped with a lawsuit, the new ad plays off a popular commercial.

It features children speaking directly into the camera, one at a time:

"When I grow up I want the government to have the same problems it has today.

"I want to vote for the lesser of two evils.

"I want to be lied to.

"I want to be apathetic.


"I want tax breaks for the very rich ...

"When I grow up I want politicians to ignore me."

It ends with an announcer asking, "Is this what you want from your government? Or do you want something better for yourself and the next generation?"

Hillsman, the Minneapolis-based adman who made both TV commercials and Nader's radio spots, said he didn't want to tip off the competition to where the new ads were running.

"They're trying to attack us in any way possible," he said.




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## TAKING A LOOK BACK



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Former TCU defensive tackle Bob Lilly speaks at the Legends of the Game luncheon held last Friday in the Student Center Ballroom. Lilly, who played at TCU from 1958-1960, reflected on his days as a Horned Frog.

### 1938 Frog football team had undefeated season and Heisman winner, comparable to 2000 team

SKIFF STAFF

The TCU Horned Frogs came, saw and conquered here Saturday afternoon. The Purple's smooth, devastating offense in that first half did the trick. With almost one accord, the "big shot" sport scribes, coaches and other experts in the press box let out the same cheer: "That's the greatest football team we've seen all season."

Not since 1938 Heisman Trophy winner Davey O'Brien was roaming the sidelines have these words, an excerpt from the Nov. 20, 1938 edition of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, been as appropriate when describing TCU football as they are today.

The 1938 Horned Frog team, with O'Brien at the helm, finished the 11-0 campaign as Sugar Bowl champions and national champions. With an undefeated season, a No. 1 ranking and a Heisman Trophy winner all occurring during that season, it's hard not to make comparisons with the 2000 edition of the Frogs.

Team members from that squad, who were on campus this past weekend for Homecoming events, said on the surface, comparisons are minimal but there are qualities that the teams have in common.

"It is really hard to compare the two teams because players these days are much stronger and faster than we were," Connie Sparks, former running back and punter, said. "Back in my day if you were over 200 pounds you were an exception. I can tell that (head coach Den-

nis Franchione) has a good philosophy, and his players work together really well and encourage each other which is a lot like our team."

Former fullback and linebacker Ward Wilkinson said playing both offense and defense was one of the biggest differences.

"The game has changed a lot," Wilkinson said. "We had to learn to play on both sides of the ball, not to mention, we didn't even have face masks."

Franchione was hesitant to compare this year's team with the national championship team of 1938.

"It is hard to make direct comparisons because I don't know too much about that team except that they were undefeated and were national champs," he said. "I do feel the sense of history. I'm just the keeper of the key, and I want help extend the TCU tradition."

Further comparisons can be made when talking about the Heisman Trophy. The 1938 team had TCU's only Heisman winner, O'Brien, and this year's team has its own hopeful in senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson.

Sparks said times were different back then, and the Heisman wasn't as big a deal as it is today.

"It was so new," he said. "(O'Brien) was only about the third winner, and nobody here even knew what it was until he won it. We had so many guys who were All-Americans and won awards that it was just another award. Winning the Southwest Conference was our prize."

Both former players said they are proud to have played for the Frogs and are pleased with the recent success.

"Over the years TCU has had some great players and teams with Jim Swink and Lindy Berry and now this year," Sparks said. "There is no question TCU has had some good ones, but it sure feels great to win."

Wilkinson said the support the team is receiving this year reminds him of the years he played.

"We certainly had people who were willing to support the club back then, and it seems to be like that again," Wilkinson said. "I still notice all of the purple around, that's part of it."

"There is nothing like the attention you get from having a good ball club, and we had some guys on the team that I considered real gentlemen. I just hope today's players can win with class."

Franchione said he understands the importance of the former players to the program, and he tries to keep them involved. He said the athletic department sends out a newsletter every week updating the teams progress and invites the former players to attend many school events.

Sparks said all the hype surrounding the Frogs this year and the team's success makes him swell with pride.

"When my friends see me now they say 'Hey Connie, how 'bout them Frogs,'" he said. "I just hope we can keep it up."

## UTEP football clinches first winning season since 1988

By Chris Roberts  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL PASO — The long football drought in the far West Texas desert is finally over for the Texas-El Paso Miners.

UTEP is 5-0 in Western Athletic Conference play for the first time in school history.

At 6-2, with losses only to No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 24 Texas A&M, the Miners are guaranteed their first winning season since 1988 and could be headed to their first bowl since that same year.

"This is a different team than any other team I've ever played on," said fifth-year senior Brian Natkin, whose 47 receptions at tight end are tops in the country. "We're actually a team this year. We're a really tight-knit group. When we all go out there, we play our hearts out."

The turn around stems partly from first-year coach Gary Nord, their offensive coordinator last season. Prior to the season, he said he thought the Miners could be this good.

For him, the biggest surprise is the enthusiasm within the community. The last home game, against Fresno State, was the school's first sellout that didn't involve an injection of fans rooting for the opposition.

The atmosphere was most felt in the parking lots around the Sun Bowl as tailgaters grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for breakfast, lunch and dinner and celebrated the team's successes.

"We've got a big-time atmosphere here," Nord said. "Enthusiasm is contagious."

Nord credits senior quarterback Rocky Perez with providing leadership. He's been aided by reliable targets Natkin and Lee Mays, whose 22 career touchdowns are a school record.

"It feels really good," said senior defensive lineman Menson Holloway. "We're trying not to get caught up in it, how well we're doing. It's a weird feeling. I'm scared every week when I go out there."

Coming off a bye week, the Miners must get ready for a road game

against Nevada (1-7, 0-4). UTEP must guard against overconfidence.

"If you don't get yourself ready each and every Saturday, then you get yourself beat," Nord said.

As a caution, Holloway points to the Tulsa game last year. The Golden Hurricane went to El Paso 1-7, having lost seven in a row, only to win 43-19, spoiling UTEP's shot at its first undefeated home season since 1988.

"That kind of puts things in perspective for me," Holloway said.

After Tulsa, the Miners plays their home finale against Rice (2-5, 1-4) then close the regular season at No. 9 TCU (7-0, 4-0).

Playing for the Horned Frogs is Heisman Trophy contender LaDainian Tomlinson, who got his NCAA single-game record 406 rushing yards and also scored six touchdowns against UTEP last November.

But Nord stands by his statement that the Miners can beat any team in the WAC, including TCU.

"I knew what I was saying," Nord said.

### Soccer weekly

## Women's soccer places 3rd

### Team to play Fresno St. in first round of postseason

It's been two years since the women's soccer team made it to the Western Athletic Conference Championships, and it's been six years since the squad has finished with a winning season.

But by finishing the season at 10-8-1 overall and 5-2 in WAC play, the Frogs are heading into the postseason as the No. 3-seed, the highest finish in their history.

Head women's soccer coach David Rubinson said even though this team is

the most well-rounded the school has ever had, they must expect the unexpected in the playoffs.

"It has been a very interesting year for us because we've had many ups and downs," Rubinson said. "Although the players are very excited and confident about the playoffs, they know they can be beaten and must do everything they are capable of doing and work hard for each other."

The Frogs will play sixth-seeded Fresno State (10-8, 3-4 WAC) in the first round Thursday at Bulldog Stadium in Fresno, Calif. Also on Thursday, fourth-seeded San Jose State will play against fifth-seeded Texas-El Paso. Both top-seeded Southern Methodist and second-seeded Tulsa have first-round byes.

Although the Frogs beat Fresno State 3-0 on Oct. 15, senior defender Christy Filice said she expects the game to be very different from the one played earlier this season.

"When we won against Fresno State, they were coming off a loss against SMU on the road, and we had home field advantage," Filice said. "Now, with this next game, it's going to be a little different because we have to go to their house where soccer is very big



File Photo

TCU senior midfielder Jennifer Mauder dribbles through two Alabama defenders in the Frogs' 1-0 win Sept. 15 at Garvey Rosenthal Soccer Stadium. TCU begins play in the Western Athletic Conference Championships Thursday against Fresno State in Fresno, Calif.

and pull out a victory.

"We are definitely more skilled, and we have the best talent and the best chance in the playoffs since I've been here. If we play to the best of our ability and have energy, spirit and heart, it will raise everyone else's play."

To get past Fresno State, Rubinson said his team must first get past Fresno State's leading goal scorer senior forward Jill Pearson.

"Jill is the top player we've faced this season," Rubinson said. "We've asked our players to run at defenders, and we must shut down Jill offensively. Traditionally, our team doesn't give up many goals, and we're organized defensively."

Pearson's 15 goals and 37 points lead the WAC. She is second behind TCU sophomore forward Sherry Dick in shots with 76.

If the Frogs are victorious against Fresno State, they will play Tulsa in the semifinals on Friday. SMU will play the winner of the San Jose State and UTEP match.

Leading the WAC in goals with 47, Tulsa (12-5-1, 5-2 WAC) has made the postseason four of the last five years. Like the Frogs,

Tulsa had its best WAC finish in school history as it tied with TCU for second. By virtue of a win against the Frogs, the Golden Hurricane got the second seed.

The Frogs suffered a 2-0 loss against Tulsa in their first conference game on Sept. 29, but Rubinson said it was because of their young mistakes rather than their ability.

"Tulsa is very athletic up front, but we can't continue to give them gifts like we did in our last game against them," Rubinson said.

Dick said she sees SMU as the major force in the playoffs.

"Because SMU has been good all year long and has been very consistent, they are probably going to be in the finals," Dick said. "We're playing one game at a time, but we keep the idea of playing SMU in the playoffs in the back of our minds."

SMU (13-4-1, 6-0-1 WAC) has allowed a conference-low 0.89 goals a game. Aside from the two goals they allowed against Tulsa on Oct. 1, the Mustangs have held all other WAC opponents scoreless.

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## WAC roundup

### Football

	WAC games				All games					
	W	L	Pct.	Hm.	Rd.	Neutral	Strk.			
UTEP	5	0	1.000	6	2	.750	4-0	2-2	0-0	W5
TCU	4	0	1.000	7	0	1.000	4-0	3-0	0-0	W12
San Jose State	4	1	.800	6	3	.667	2-1	4-2	0-0	W2
Fresno State	3	1	.750	4	3	.571	3-0	1-3	0-0	W1
Tulsa	2	3	.400	3	6	.333	1-3	2-3	0-0	L4
SMU	1	3	.250	2	6	.250	2-2	0-4	0-0	W1
Rice	1	4	.200	2	6	.250	2-2	0-4	0-0	L1
Hawaii	1	5	.167	1	6	.143	1-3	0-3	0-0	L2
Nevada	0	4	.000	1	7	.125	0-3	1-4	0-0	L5

### Saturday's results

Rice ..... 0  
TCU ..... 37

Nevada ..... 7  
SMU ..... 21

Tulsa ..... 12  
Fresno State ..... 34

San Jose State ..... 57  
Hawaii ..... 48

### Saturday's games

TCU at San Jose State, 9 p.m.  
SMU at Rice, 2 p.m.  
UTEP at Nevada, 2:05 p.m.  
Hawaii at Fresno State, 6 p.m.

### Players of the week

**Offensive** — San Jose State senior running back Deonce Whitaker had 278 yards on 34 carries and scored three touchdowns in the Spartans' 57-48 win over Hawaii. Whitaker trails only TCU's LaDainian Tomlinson for the nation's lead in average rushing yards a game.

**Defensive** — Southern Methodist cornerback Ruben Moodley's two interceptions and eight tackles, including four unassisted stops, helped the Mustangs end their six-game losing streak against Nevada in a 21-7 win.

**Special teams** — TCU senior place kicker Chris Kaylakie hit all three of his field goal attempts from 24, 22 and 34 yards in the Frogs' 37-0 win over Rice. He also filled in for injured sophomore punter Joey Biasatti to average 38.3 yards on three punts.

## Coming Next

TCU can bask in the glory of its win over Rice for only so long. TCU faces the tougher portion of its conference schedule in the next three weeks starting Saturday at San Jose State. The Spartans (6-3, 4-1 Western Athletic Conference) have been quite a surprise this season.

At first glance, No. 9 TCU and San Jose State match up well offensively, both teams average about 36 points a game. The Frogs' and

Spartans' starting tailbacks, seniors LaDainian Tomlinson and Deonce Whitaker, rank one and two respectively in the nation in rushing yards a game.

The difference? Defense. TCU is No. 1 in yards and points allowed a game. San Jose State is last in yards allowed a game (493.8) behind even winless Duke, which allows 465 yards. Specifically, TCU allows 7.3 points a game while the Spartans allow almost 30 points a game.

## AP TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 28, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and ranking in the previous poll:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Oklahoma (69)	7-0	1,749	3
2. Virginia Tech	8-0	1,633	2
3. Miami	6-1	1,602	4
4. Florida State (1)	8-1	1,539	6
5. Nebraska	7-1	1,425	1
6. Florida	7-1	1,395	8
7. Oregon	7-1	1,378	7
8. Washington	7-1	1,262	9
9. TCU	7-0	1,150	11
10. Clemson	8-1	1,071	5
11. Purdue	7-2	1,017	16
12. Michigan	6-2	925	15
13. Southern Miss.	6-1	897	14
14. Oregon State	7-1	893	18
15. Notre Dame	6-2	674	19
16. Ohio State	6-2	563	12
17. Georgia	6-2	544	13
18. Mississippi St.	5-2	515	20
19. Kansas State	7-2	443	10
20. Texas	6-2	399	22
21. Northwestern	6-2	391	23
22. South Carolina	7-2	283	17
23. Auburn	7-2	274	25
24. Texas A&M	6-2	240	—
25. Georgia Tech	6-2	178	—

**Others receiving votes:** Colorado St. 145, W. Michigan 50, Pittsburgh 25, LSU 21, N.C. State 21, UCLA 15, Tennessee 13, Mississippi 6, Toledo 5, Arizona St. 4, Arizona 2, Iowa St. 2, UTEP 1.

## Weekend Outlook

TCU is ranked No. 9 in the most recent edition of the Bowl Championship Series rankings. Below are the games scheduled this week for teams ahead of TCU.

Oklahoma (7-0) at Baylor (2-6)  
Virginia Tech (8-0) at Miami (6-1)  
Clemson (8-1) at Florida State (8-1)  
Nebraska (7-1) vs. Kansas (4-4)  
Florida (7-1) at Vanderbilt (2-6)  
Oregon (7-1) at Washington State (3-5)  
Washington (7-1) vs. Arizona (5-3)  
TCU (7-0) at San Jose State (6-3)

## today's menu Nov. 1, 2000

### The Main Lunch

Meatball sub station  
Fettucini carbonara  
Jerk rotisserie chicken  
**Dinner**  
Ravioli  
Baked pork chops  
Beef pot pie  
Rotisserie chicken

### Worth Hills Lunch

Stir fry  
**Dinner**  
Deli  
Pizza

### Eden's Greens Lunch

Baked potatoes  
Potato skins  
Chicken alfredo  
Barbecue beef  
Broccoli with cheese  
Baked potato soup

### Frogbytes Late Night

Same as The Main

### Tomorrow at The Main:

**Lunch:** Pita station, basil and chive chicken breast, fiesta steak, roast pork shoulder

**Dinner:** Mongolian wok, baked rosemary chicken, veal parmesan, honey baked ham

## Lex



by Phil Flickinger

## Academia Nuts



by John P. Araujo

## Off the Mark

by Mark Parisi



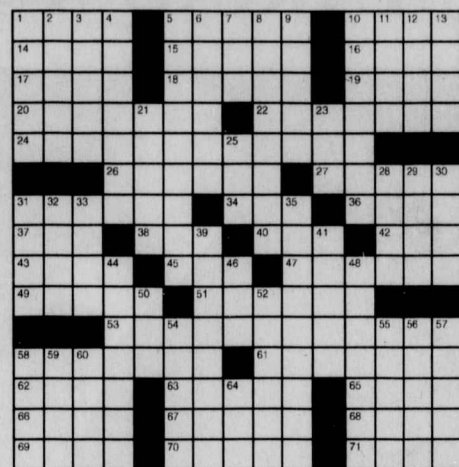
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## Purple Poll

Q: Do you pay attention to presidential election poles?



A: Yes 60 No 40

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