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Fort Worth, Texas

John Justin Jr., 84, dies Monday

'Western icon' leaves behind Fort Worth, university legacy

By Melissa Christensen
STAFF REPORTER

Trustee John Justin Jr., 84, the former chairman and CEO of Justin Industries, died Monday at home.

Justin, a 1941 graduate of TCU, had served on the Board of Trustees since 1979. His \$3.5 million contribution in 1999 led to the construction of the John

Justin Athletic Center.

Athletics Director Eric Hyman said TCU was fortunate in its relationship with Justin.

"He had a deep seed of affection for TCU athletics and TCU football," Hyman said. "He was always at our home games. That was his love."

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said the

Justin Center is only one tangible item of Justin's commitment to TCU.

"His contributions have been phenomenal," Ferrari said. "He (thought he) could not do enough for TCU."

Justin served as chairman and CEO of Justin Industries, which comprises Justin Boot and Acme Brick companies, until his 82nd birthday. John Roach, Board of

Trustees chairman, temporarily served in that capacity until the company was sold to Omaha businessman Warren Buffet last year.

"He took pride in those companies and his successes," Roach said. "He was pleased when Warren Buffet decided to

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John Justin Jr. was a lifelong supporter of TCU.



Justin

1941: graduated from TCU
1979: named as trustee
1999: donated \$3.5 million for the construction of the John Justin Athletic Center

Students discuss issues at forum

Event programers not discouraged by low attendance

By Jillanne Johnson
STAFF REPORTER

Lack of passion is the reason Erma Hadley-Johnson, vice president for administration at Tarrant County College, said few students came to the inaugural "Critical Issues Forum."

The event, meant to celebrate Black History Month, was sponsored by Programming Council and the Office for Diversity and Community.

Although Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community, expected over 200 students to attend the debate Monday night, one faculty member and fewer than 50 students attended the forum.

"Based on publicity, we (were) hoping to have a full house," Thomas said.

Sarah Komenda, vice-president of PC, said the event was meant to offer different points of view on current issues.

"(The forum) gives a different perspective rather than the traditional

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No one injured in Hunters Ridge fire

Some say disasters remind renters to get proper insurance

By Jillanne Johnson
STAFF REPORTER

A fire at Hunter's Ridge Apartment at 4850 River Ranch Road Thursday, appeared to only affect one apartment, but it serves as a reminder of the importance of renters insurance.

No one was available for comment from apartment management about apartment damages.

Anita Foster of the American Red Cross said the Fort Worth Fire Department reported no one required aid due to the fire. The Red Cross responds to every fire in Tarrant County to provide food, shelter and other aid as needed.

Renters insurance is important when belongings must be replaced, especially when a fire, like the one at Hunter's Ridge Apartments, occurs said Nathan Taylor, an agent with Farmer's Insurance Group.

"Most people assume that the apartment complex covers their contents, but it doesn't," Taylor said.

Taylor said it is wise to videotape or log all of the items in an apartment, including knickknacks and clothing in order to have everything replaced.

"The apartment complex only covers the walls and the carpet," Taylor said. "When you add up all your clothing, stereo system and TV you could easily be talking about over \$25,000."

Renters insurance also includes money to provide shelter and meals until new housing is available.

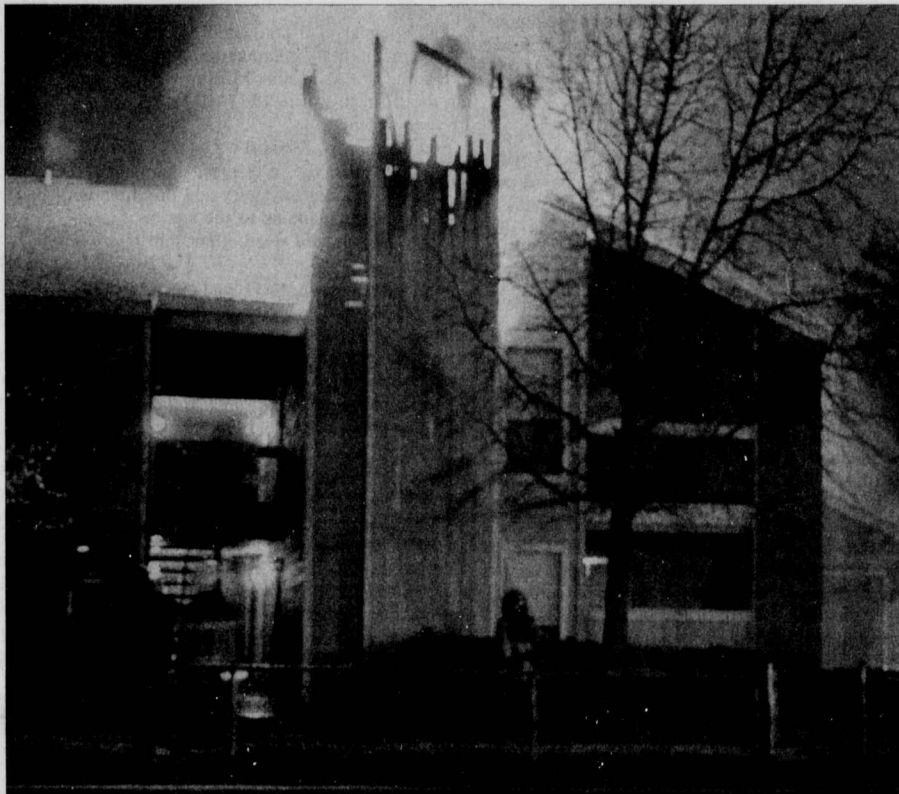
Damage to personal belongings due to a variety of disasters including fire, windstorm, hail and theft are covered by renters insurance, according to a brochure about Farmer's Renters Package Policy.

Basic coverage costs \$144 a year or \$15 a month. Renters can receive discounts for being non-smokers and for insuring their cars with the same insurance company.

The policies cover as many as two roommates. Taylor recommends at least two policies be bought for students with multiple roommates.

Taylor said renters insurance protects in the case of unexpected accidents. It also covers liability for accidents for which you are responsible.

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Fort Worth firefighters work to put out the fire Thursday night at the Hunters Ridge Apartment complex. Officials from the American Red Cross said no residents were displaced because of the fire.

Significance of SAT importance under fire

Some say scores should play lesser role admissions

By Julie Ann Matonis
STAFF REPORTER

A recent proposal to eliminate the use of the Standardized Aptitude Test in the University of California school system has sparked a nationwide debate that some education leaders said renews the age-old question of what role the SAT should play in admissions decisions.

In a Feb. 18 speech to the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C., University of California President Richard Atkinson proposed the University of California system stop using SAT scores in admissions decisions because he said it is an un-

fair measure of student abilities.

"Many universities, faced with the problem of having to choose from among thousands of highly qualified applicants, have adopted practices that give too much weight to the SAT," Atkinson said.

William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs at TCU, said there has been a little discussion about making standardized scores optional at TCU, but he said he is reluctant to not use all information available when making admissions decisions. Koehler

said if a committee was to explore the issue, they would look into what is currently being done around the country at universities similar to TCU.

"What we try to do with the admissions process is make a determination about which students have the best chance of being successful at TCU," Koehler said. "If you make the scores voluntary, you're only going to get the high scores, and I'm not sure how meaningful that is in decision making."

Ray Brown, dean of admis-

sions, said schools that make the SAT optional will receive scores primarily from students who score high, which causes a distortion in the average SAT ranking for that institution.

"Making scores optional is a tactic several schools have employed in the last decade," Brown said. "Most notably, Bowdoin College in Maine dropped its requirement in the hope that students would offer several achievement tests instead."

Brown said the average SAT score has remained flat at TCU

for the past few years but may change this year in response to a record number of applicants. He said more rigid cut-offs exist for standardized test scores when determining academic scholarships, but the weight placed on a person's scores for admission varies with each applicant. At larger state schools, the same amount of personal attention is not always possible.

"Students are much more than grades and test scores, yet the sheer volume of applications many state schools receive simply precludes their being able to

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Media ballot recount proves Gore's loss

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — A media-sponsored recount of 10,644 uncounted ballots in Miami-Dade County found a gain of only 49 votes for Al Gore, suggesting he would not have picked up enough votes to win the presidential race.

The results in Miami-Dade are the first in a statewide ballot review carried out by BDO Seidman, an accounting firm hired by *The Miami Herald*, *USA Today* and *Herald* owner Knight Ridder.

The review was of "under-votes" that were not counted by machines in the initial statewide count. Gore's 49-vote gain was based on the most lenient method of interpreting the challenged punch card ballots.

Even combined with Gore's gains in recounts in Broward, Palm Beach and Volusia counties, the former vice president would not have overcome a Bush lead

that was certified on Nov. 17, the newspapers reported Monday.

"There were many people who expected there was a bonanza of votes here for Al Gore, and it turns out there was not," *Herald* Executive Editor Martin Baron said.

"We've never thought it's been in doubt," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "The overwhelming majority of the American people have moved on. This election has been resolved a long time ago."

The four counties used punch card ballots, which state lawmakers are considering eliminating in favor of optical scanners for the 2002 election in all 67 Florida counties.

Based on the Miami-Dade results, if state election officials had allowed South Florida counties to complete manual recounts

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Alumnus speaks of prejudice

Homosexuals discriminated within church, he says

Bethany McCormack
STAFF REPORTER

Tommy Rogers wants to be ordained in the United Methodist Church, but he said he will never achieve that goal because of one thing — his sexual preference.

Rogers, a recent TCU graduate and seminary student at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology, said homosexuality is the Protestant church's last prejudice while speaking to students and professors from the religion department.

He returned to the TCU campus Monday to speak at a Chi Delta Mu luncheon sponsored by the religion department.

"As a gay man, I am in a position to be able to talk about homosexuality and my response to the church," Rogers said. "Basically, today I just wanted you to look at your own prejudices, see them through the eyes of others, and I want you to be more aware."

Chi Delta Mu president Joe Blosser, a senior religion and economics major, said the organization wanted to discuss this topic because of its importance and controversial nature.

"This is an issue that will divide churches in years to come," Blosser said.

Rogers said the church has a history of discrimination by excluding certain groups from the church. He said the early church excluded gentiles, women and now excludes homosexuals.

"I'm a United Methodist, and like other denominations, it's a double standard," Rogers said.

He said the United Methodist Church is welcoming to homosexual members, but it is not accepting when gay or lesbian individuals want to be ordained.

Daryl Schmidt, chairman of the religion department said that in recent history, most mainstream Protestant churches have had move-

ments against ordaining homosexuals.

"The irony is that there are many gays and homosexuals ordained in the church," he said. "But if they are open and honest, they won't be ordained."

Within the church some gays and lesbians choose to live a life of celibacy, while others get married to partners of the opposite sex and deny their true sexuality, Rogers said.

"For myself, I believe that my sexuality in no way affects how God sees me," he said. "God still views me as one of God's children."

Rogers said people should explore their own prejudices and prejudices in their churches — from issues ranging from gender inclusive language and handicap accessibility to homosexuality.

"I encourage you to think about this (prejudice), and your churches

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TODAY IN HISTORY
In 1922, the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, providing for female suffrage, was unanimously declared constitutional by the eight members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

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■ **Internships Credit Information Sessions** for business students will be at 5 p.m. Thursday in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 166

■ **University Ministries Ecumenical Exchange** will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Faculty Lounge in Reed Hall. A free meal will be provided. All are welcome to come and learn how people live out their faith in their careers.

■ **The Society of Professional Journalists** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Moody Building South, Room 279. They will be addressing the topic "Sensationalism in the Broadcast Media." Free food will be provided and membership opportunities will be discussed. For more information call (817) 257-8563.

■ **"Experience India,"** a charity luncheon benefiting the victims of the recent earthquakes in India, will be noon to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$10 for students and children and \$12 for adults. TCU Student Meal Cards are accepted. Visit (stuwwww.tcu.edu/~mssingh/saica.htm) for more information or call Tahira Hussain at (817) 257-4949.

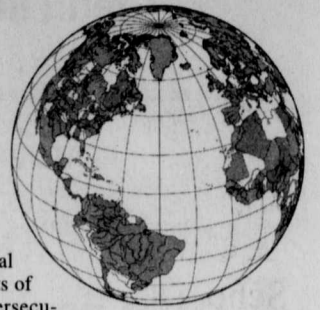
■ **Alpha Chi Omega** will present its Ninth Annual Fashion Show from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Will Rogers' Memorial Center Round Up Inn. Tickets for adults are \$30 and \$20 for students. The fashion show will benefit the Tarrant County Women's Center. For tickets and more information call (817) 257-4101.

■ **International Week**, sponsored by International Student Association and Programming Council, will be Monday through March 10. The purpose of the week is to promote multicultural awareness on campus and to have international students share their culture and customs with students, faculty and staff. An opening ceremony for the week will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Lounge. Eulalia Bernard-Little will be the keynote speaker and the Word of Truth Gospel Choir will perform.

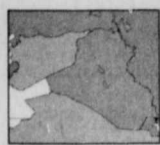


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Breakthrough not expected in reopened talks



UNITED NATIONS — Iraq and the United Nations opened a new chapter in their tumultuous recent history Monday with talks aimed at breaking an impasse that has kept U.N. weapons inspectors out of Baghdad for more than two years.

Expectations were low that two days of talks between Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf would produce any breakthrough on restarting inspections — or on lifting sanctions, as Baghdad has demanded.

Indeed, Annan tempered expectations as he arrived at U.N. headquarters, saying he didn't expect miracles. But he said he was encouraged by what he called an "important and healthy shift" in the attitude about Iraq sanctions from certain governments.

He cited the review that the Bush administration is conducting into its Iraq policy, and similar assessments being undertaken by other key governments about sanctions.

"For a long time the attitude had been 'This is our policy. This is the way we do things,'" Annan said. "But I think recently we have put on the table that critical question of 'What should we be doing?' And I hope out of this review and search will emerge a constructive way forward."

Al-Sahhaf, for his part, said he would explain in detail during the talks that Iraq had fully complied with U.N. resolutions requiring that it destroyed its biological, chemical and nuclear weapons and the long-range missiles used to deliver them.

"Now it is the role of the Security Council to implement its mutual obligations towards Iraq: That means an immediate lift of sanctions imposed on Iraq," al-Sahhaf said.

U.N. weapons inspectors left Iraq on Dec. 16, 1998 — hours before the United States and Britain launched four days of airstrikes to punish Baghdad for what they said was its failure to cooperate with U.N. arms searches.

Inspectors haven't been back since — and al-Sahhaf said upon his departure from Baghdad on Wednesday that Iraq wouldn't accept them as a condition to lifting sanctions.

But the Security Council has said U.N. weapons inspectors must return to Iraq to start verifying that its weapons are gone before it would even consider suspending the trade embargo imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"We would hope — since we're always optimistic — that the Iraqis would come and say that they have finally decided to begin implementing the resolutions," said acting U.S. Ambassador James Cunningham. "But that's

certainly not the expectation."

Hopes for progress from the U.N. end are also tempered by uncertainties surrounding the Bush administration's Iraq policy. Secretary of State Colin Powell is in the region, marking the 10th anniversary of Kuwait's liberation from Iraq and meeting with Iraq's neighbors. He is trying to impress on them the U.S. view that Saddam Hussein poses a threat to them and deserves to have sanctions made more effective.

But support for sanctions in the Middle East and elsewhere is waning after 10 years. China, as well as France and Russia, have pressed for sanctions against Iraq to be suspended.

Two Bosnian Croats convicted of war crimes



THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The U.N. war crimes tribunal on Monday convicted a senior Bosnian Croat military officer and a high-ranking civilian Bosnian Croat of war crimes against Bosnian Muslims.

The court said Dario Kordic, a leader of the nationalist Croatian Democratic Union and of the Croatian Defense Council, helped plan and organize a campaign to drive Muslims from an area the Croats wanted to join to the newly created state of Croatia. Kordic, 40, was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment.

The tribunal also convicted Mario Cerkez, 41, a Croat military commander, of war crimes in leading attacks against Muslim villages during the Bosnian war in 1993-94. He received a 15-year sentence.

Presiding Judge Richard May of Britain said Kordic was involved in crimes "characterized by ruthlessness and savagery and in which no distinction was made as to the age of its victims: Young and old were either murdered or expelled."

Kordic, a politician, was found innocent of being among those who set the policy of ethnic cleansing, but was "enthusiastic" in carrying out the campaign "and played an instrumental part," according to the judgment said.

"You played your part as surely as the man who pulled the trigger," May told Kordic.

The worst of the massacres was in Ahmici on April 16, 1993, when Croatian militiamen stormed into Muslim homes. Entire families were gunned down and houses set ablaze. Survivors of the bullets were burned alive.

Before the attack, 356 Muslims and 87 Croats lived in the village. Immediately afterward, no Muslims remained. Croat homes were left untouched.

The court found that Kordic was involved in planning that raid.

Kordic and Cerkez were charged with a total of 44 counts of murder, persecution, plunder and other war crimes or crimes against humanity, and could have been sentenced to life imprisonment. But the court found that their responsibilities were less than described by the prosecution during the 20-month trial.

Kordic was convicted on 12 counts, and Cerkez on 15. The more than three years they have been in custody will be counted toward their terms, the court said.

Both suspects turned themselves in to the tribunal in 1997, two years after being indicted.

Baby safe after found in sub-zero temperatures

EDMONTON, Alberta —

A 13-month-old whose body temperature plunged to about 60 degrees after wandering outside on a bitter winter night appears to have survived without suffering brain damage, her doctor said.

The baby girl, clad only in a diaper, wandered from the home where she had been sleeping Friday night with her mother and 2-year-old sister, and was found outside at 3 a.m. Saturday. No one knows how long the girl was exposed to the subzero weather.

The child's toes were frozen together and paramedics who responded to her mother's frantic call had trouble getting a breathing tube into the child's throat because her mouth was frozen shut. Her heart stopped beating for some time, doctors said, and her body temperature was 60.8 degrees when she was found.

"I think to be fair I'm using the (word) miracle now," Dr. Allan De Caen, a pediatric intensive care specialist at Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton, said Sunday.

Police said the child's mother, a 26-year-old whose name was not released, told them she awoke at about 3 a.m. and realized the girl was not in bed. She found her baby lying face-down in the snow with her hands curled underneath her body.

The girl is behaving as normally as can be expected under the circumstances, the doctor said.

Police, who initially dispatched child abuse investigators to the scene, said criminal charges are not likely.

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Editorial

Test problems

Schools to blame for poor scores

Early last week, Richard Atkinson, president of the University of California, proposed dropping the requirement that college applicants take the SAT.

This move by the 170,000-student system would be the first of its kind by a large university system with competitive admissions, and it could easily become the standard in America's schools.

Atkinson said the test, which gained prominence with the help of the California system more than 30 years ago, distorts "educational priorities" by forcing students to prepare for it.

What educational priorities?

American schools fall far behind other industrialized nations when it comes to the quality of education standards. Therefore, it is unfair to blame standardized test preparation for the failure of American schools.

Even with the resources available in American schools, the United States is consistently outscored on these tests by other industrialized nations and often rank below even poor nations such as Bulgaria and Slovenia.

Why? It's simple. Students aren't getting the attention they deserve.

The best way to improve academic performance is to raise schools' requirements and make students work harder. Extend the school year, require more homework — spend time with students.

American schools are failing the educated youth, not by teaching to the SAT and other standardized tests, but by not teaching beyond the test.

It's the duty of not only America's educators, but every citizen of the nation to educate its youth to ensure a fruitful future for the nation.

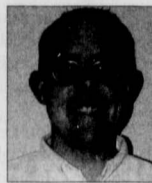
Instead of worrying about whether or not students can score a certain number of points correctly in verbal and math sections of a test, universities need to begin putting pressure on primary and secondary schools, so that someday, students won't need to take a test to determine their intelligence.

There is an old saying that teams are only as strong as their weakest link. Until America concentrates on equalizing education standards, universities will need standardized tests to weed out those weak links.

Volunteer 101 a necessary elective

Endorsed bill would make students complete 28 hours of service

The Texas House's Higher Education Committee has endorsed a bill by Democratic Rep. Pete Gallego that would require all students who enroll in Texas public colleges and universities after Sept. 1 to perform 28 hours of community service within one semester to graduate from their respective school.



Zwilling

Under the bill, each university would set up an office to keep a list of approved service projects and monitor the program.

This bill continues the trend in American society to endorse volunteerism. From the Boy Scouts of America to high school service clubs, volunteerism is at an all-time high. The bill would simply be an extension of the philanthropic philosophy that has always been a part of American culture, but it has gained extraordinary momentum since the 1960s.

Opponents of the bill argue that although community service should be nurtured, it is not the responsibility of state governments to enforce it in its universities.

Lawmakers accepting this line of reasoning fail to see the benefits of being well-rounded individuals.

Too often, students entering college feel the pressures to choose a career and take the fast track to their first professional job.

Instead of exploring options and figuring out what to do with their lives, students are steamrolled into classes that will lead to careers that seem to fit what they want to

do with their lives.

All of the other experiences of college become overlooked: independence, relationships, self-sacrifice and discipline. These are the things that people will look back on as they age and reminisce about their experiences at college, not what score they receive on their accounting midterm.

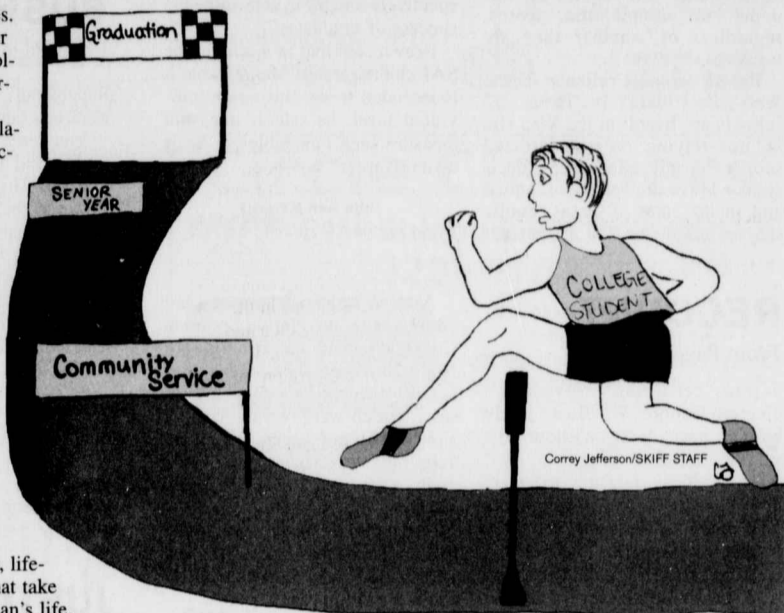
Community service has the advantage of becoming one of those memorable, life-shaping events that take place in a collegian's life.

Horizons will be expanded, perspectives enhanced and perhaps, opinions formed.

All too often, college students find themselves detached from the real world while furthering their education. They forget about the people out there who aren't able to attend college or choose different roads.

Requiring community service, 28 hours of unpaid labor, is perhaps that brightest idea any lawmaker has ever had and can help bridge the gap between education levels.

Those students who are fortunate to become college-educated Americans have a responsibility to the rest of the nation to better society. Students who involve them



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selves in community service will soon find that community service is not about requirements, but instead about opening eyes and lending a helping hand to those in need.

When John F. Kennedy became president in 1961, he issued a call to service to Americans with the words, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Kennedy manifested his vision for Americans serving others by creating the Peace Corps.

Kennedy's famous words prove to be a little misleading however, because when people begin doing for others through

volunteering, it is often their lives that change too.

Through community service, individuals grow to new heights and become more well-rounded than any college classroom can make them.

Texas and the rest of the nation need to look at what kind of students they want graduating from their schools before they dismiss this bill.

It will be a far greater accomplishment to graduate smart, compassionate students, rather than simply the smartest.

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Legacy found in good work, not libraries

Presidential libraries, a legacy to the term of a president.

Give me a break. Presidential libraries have been around since Franklin D. Roosevelt donated papers from his time in office to the government. He also donated part of his estate for the library which would later be built in his name.



Ahluwalia

Before Roosevelt, a president never had a library in his name to honor his work as president. And why should they have a library in their honor? If they had done a good job in office, then they would have gone down in the history books as a good president.

In 1955, Congress passed the Presidential Libraries Act, which stated the former president would be in charge of raising the money to build the library, but the cost of

maintaining the libraries would be picked up by the government or, in other words, taxpayers. Last year, the government spent \$38 million on the 10 libraries currently used.

The Nixon library is still up in the air since his papers are being disputed and are currently being kept in a Washington warehouse.

That's a lot of money. Just think what the government could have done with that: provide more money for public education, increase the war on drugs and crime or even better, use the money to fight hunger and disease.

But no, the government felt it was necessary to use the money to ensure the popularity of former

presidents, the majority of whom were only in office four years.

Do Americans really need to spend millions of dollars on a library that houses public information on a president's term? Why can't the government just put them in the Library of Congress and move on?

Fast forward to 2001. Former President Bill Clinton is now starting to plan his own presidential library.

Each time a former president plans a library, it is bigger and more expensive than the previous. So where does the money come from that former presidents are supposed to raise?

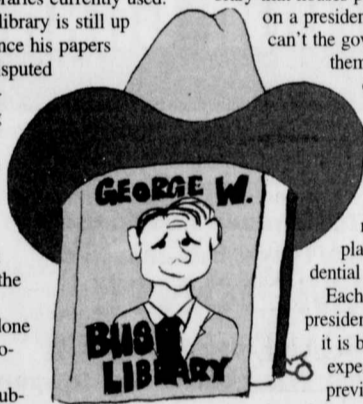
Well, former President George Bush received \$1 million each from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Lyndon B. Johnson had the Texas legislature pay for his library.

But not to be biased, Clinton is trying to raise \$150 million for the library. That's more money than he will ever see in book signings or speeches. It's a good thing he has friends in high places.

The government's statement behind the funding to keep up the libraries is that they are a tourist attraction. About two million people visit the libraries annually. Then why do they not charge the visitors, let's say, \$10 every time they visit? That will cover the majority of the costs, and the taxpayers, who do not visit them and never plan on it, will not have to waste money on something they deem useless.

Just in time for the costs of the Clinton library to be taken over by the government, our current president, George W. Bush, will be planning his own library. Maybe it will be in the shape of a cowboy boot or hat.

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Racial jokes aren't 'Whassup'

Trudging homeward, I was just past the house with the knight's armor on the lawn, not yet to the gully of soiled mattresses. The spherical, middle-aged white woman emerged from her car and bellowed, to her equally rotund husband on the porch, the question of the new millennium: "Whassssuuuuup?"

Perhaps it has become the motto of our age — seemingly friendly, yet somewhat remote; humorous, but mildly annoying; black, though increasingly mainstream; corporate and everywhere.

I say "whassup?" to my grandmother. I say "whassup?" to strangers. I respond "whassup?" to questions from professors.

The King of Beers has lodged itself into our collective mind and permeated our co-existence with a charismatic dose of Ebonics.

"Whassup" is a truncated form of "What is up?" — loosely translated as "What are you doing?"

Funny? Yes. Why? I'm working on it. Although our protagonists are black, race doesn't really figure too prominently.

The most recent addition to the "whassup?" family is all about race, though. Cacophony has its day, thanks to an infusion of pesty whiteness. Same telephones, same questions. A paler, more sweated cast with a tendency for consonants.

"What are you doo-ing?" "Watching the market recap. Drinking an import." "That is correct! That is cor-rect!"

And that is funny stuff. But now race matters. Ethnically, I'm white.

Real white — though not quite wooden-tennis-racket, John-Stockton-short-shorts white. These guys are. Making fun of white guys is a dead ringer.

What makes white guys so hilarious? Maybe it's because they (and by "they" I mean the mythically anal retentive Cotton Mather/Dan Rather type) don't dance so well. Or because they wear shirts with buttons. Or because they are more concerned with stocks than jocks.

So what? Why is stiffness laughable? Why is the slurring of syllables preferable to enunciation? If the Puritans were break-dancers,

would the shoe be on the other foot? Hipness is necessarily defined against a historically dominant type.

Even if whiteness remains the largest ethnicity in America today, the mainstream has repeatedly looked to black culture for its new material. Where does the white male Budweiser audience fall in this dichotomy? They're supposed to identify with the black guys.

The humor is racially based, but nobody's offended — the targets are watching the market update, not the game.

Beer has done a lot for white guys. Piscipio and Uecker. Keg-stands, psoriasis and Swedish bikini teams. Now, it's gotten them to laugh at themselves. Black culture is the norm and whitey isn't all that.

Touché. Beer. Is there anything it can't do?

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Tax cut doesn't help middle class

The wealthy operate according to a very simple principle: everything belongs to them. Anything that increases their wealth is good; anything that decreases their wealth is bad.

Thus, the tax plan George W. Bush has sent to Congress is being packaged as a jump-start to our ailing economy.

The tax plan is nothing more than a political agenda, trumpeted as a campaign promise to reel in wealthy conservative voters and pay back the wealthy interests currently propping Bush up.

To begin with, there are numerous portions of the plan that exclusively cut taxes for the wealthy. The most obvious are the plain numbers: Bush wants to cut the top tax bracket from 39.6 to 33 percent — more than a 6-percent reduction. The middle-class bracket, however, is only reduced from 28 to 25 percent — a 3-percent difference.

Another wealthy-only benefit is Bush's proposed elimination of the estate tax. The reason this probably hasn't affected you is that no tax is paid unless the estate is more than

\$675,000. But hey, if we get rid of the estate tax, Bush's daughters stand to gain \$12 million when Bush kicks the bucket, and Cheney's kids will get an extra \$45 million.

Another example of more benefits to the rich is the increased child credit from \$500 to \$1,000. Bush even wants to extend the credit so the full amount would go to people making up to \$200,000, as opposed to \$110,000 today.

But perhaps the clearest indication that Bush's tax cut is intended to line the bulging pockets of the wealthy is in the taxes that will not be cut.

Bush's tax plan is not just pork thrown to his rich buddies — it will almost certainly lead us into a new era of Reaganesque budget deficits.

This is because Bush is not only counting all his chickens before they're hatched, he's betting on how many eggs he'll have 10 years from now.

Bush's entire tax plan is based on projections of the economy and budget surpluses 10 years into the future. Four months ago, not even Alan Greenspan saw an economic slowdown coming, and we should

count on predictions 30 times as far into the future?

Quite obviously, this tax plan has nothing to do with the economy. There are several features that ensure that it doesn't. Despite Bush's insistence that "we need this tax plan yesterday," the full rate cuts and child credit expansion won't happen until 2006. In 2002, this great plan will cut \$21 billion in a \$10 trillion economy.

That's not a whole lot. Plus, Bush released his plan long before a federal budget — an unusual move — meaning it will be months before some of the holes in his plan can be filled in.

The plain truth about Bush's proposed tax cuts is simple. It's not about the economy. It's not about the middle class. It's about giving more money to the rich. It's about maxing out credit that we don't have. And it is not the right thing to do.

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SAT

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process the massive amounts of paper to provide a thoughtful, reflective response to an application for admissions," Brown said.

The National Center for Fair and Open Testing Web site lists 280 colleges and universities that do not use some or all of freshman applicants' ACT or SAT scores when making admissions decisions. Some still require all students to submit the scores, regardless of whether they are used.

Brown cautions reliance on the Web site's data. In Texas, 32 schools are listed on the Web site as not relying on standardized scores for all admissions decisions. Most are public schools, and in the state of Texas, public schools admit the top 10 percent

of high school graduates, regardless of their scores.

Koehler said it is easy to use numbers to make comparisons between universities and say one average is better than another, but there is much more behind the numbers.

"I do think that in the clamor to rank and rate institutions, test results are one of the easiest things to use, but perhaps not the most sophisticated," Koehler said. "It's more difficult to look back retrospectively and try to determine the success of graduates."

Brown said that as a whole, the SAT can accurately predict what it is intended to do. But on an individual level, he said it does not measure such intangibles as heart or motivation.

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before certifying November's election, George W. Bush likely would have won without the weeks of turmoil.

The critical decision to reject any late-arriving vote recounts was made by Secretary of State Katherine Harris, co-chair of the Bush campaign in Florida. She said she would not accept any results after the Nov. 14 deadline set by state law for counties to report vote totals, even though a Leon County judge had ruled earlier that she had the discretion to do so.

Only Volusia County had completed its recount by Harris' deadline, resulting in 98 net votes for Gore. When she announced those totals, Bush led by 300 votes, and on Nov. 17, after overseas ballots were counted, she certified Bush's victory margin of 930 votes.

Bush would have stayed in the lead, the review of Miami-Dade ballots suggests, had Harris simply revised her initial certification when recounts came in from the three other counties.

Those results would have given Gore 790 net votes — 567 from Broward, 174 from Palm Beach and 49 from Miami-Dade. Bush still would have been the victor by 140 votes, the *Herald* reported.

After a series of lawsuits and countersuits, the Florida Supreme Court extended the deadline to Nov. 26. Even then, Harris refused to accept Palm Beach's results, which were two hours late, and would not accept a partial vote tally by Miami-Dade officials, who had halted their recount.

Harris did factor in new results from other counties, and certified a Bush victory by 537 votes out of about 6 million cast.

The rejection became central to Gore's contest of the election, which led to the Florida Supreme Court ordering a statewide recount of the undervote. That ruling was blocked by the U.S. Supreme Court, ending the election but not the mistrust caused by the incomplete hand recounts of the undervotes.

BDO Seidman found that 1,555 Miami-Dade ballots were marked in a manner that might be interpreted as a vote for Gore. An additional 1,506 bore some kind of marking that might be interpreted as a vote for Bush. There were 106 markings for other candidates.

No markings for president were found on 4,892 ballots, and 2,058 ballots bore markings in spaces that had been assigned to no candidate. An additional 527 ballots were deemed to have markings for more than one presidential candidate.

PREJUDICE

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and synagogues," Rogers said. "Think about ways to change them. Even if they are small, just do what you can."

Andrew Fort, a professor of religion, said he was glad Rogers spoke at the luncheon because Rogers shared with the students a perspec-

tive that was open and not extreme. Fort said it was good for students to have the opportunity to hear a recent TCU graduate's ideas about homosexuality and prejudice.

Fort said TCU has made some progress regarding prejudice in recent years. He said that in the mid-1980s, it was much more difficult for students to reveal their sexual preference than it is today.

"It is a complex issue, but to the

degree I know, I think TCU is making the right moves," Fort said.

Kathleen Jeffery, a senior religion major, said she appreciated Rogers' presentation of the issues rather than opinions regarding his topic. She said he did a good job of talking about the prejudice involved and not just the theological aspect.

"I think this issue is extremely complex and difficult to understand," she said. "I do not think that there

will be a solution easily found."

Rogers said he doesn't know if churches will split over the issue of homosexuality or if change will occur within churches. He said he hopes for a reformation, but he isn't planning on waiting for the United Methodist Church to change its policies.

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Republican point of view," Komenda said.

Jenn Perry, the director of finance for PC, said the event started out as a Black History Month debate. However, the final topic was "The Bush Administration: What to Expect During the Next Four Years" and focused on school vouchers and affirmative action. Students had the opportunity to ask panel members questions based on the panel's discussion about each issue.

Perry said the issue was to educate those who did attend and did not feel panel members would not be discouraged by low attendance.

"Educating just a few is better

than not educating anyone," Perry said. "If there is a low attendance they are educating the few who are going to be active, because the leaders are the ones who come to everything."

Johnson said students don't understand the debates, which are centered around issues concerning poor people who tend to have less choices.

"You don't even know what I'm talking about when I talk about poor people," Johnson said. "Everything is really good and (students) haven't developed a passion yet."

Tucker said there are too many issues and students prefer to focus on the most controversial.

"There are full agendas and often diversity is an old adage," Tucker said. "Been there, done that and it's not sexy."

JUSTIN

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buy Justin Industries because the jobs and the headquarters would remain in Fort Worth."

Along with his business interests in Fort Worth, Justin served as a city council member and as Cowtown's mayor from 1961 to 1963.

Fort Worth mayor Kenneth Barr said Justin was a strong supporter of Fort Worth institutions.

"He provided strong leadership during a challenging time for the city," he said. "He probably deserved the title of Mr. Fort Worth more than anybody else."

TCU administration said both the university and the city lost a well-respected community member.

"This is a very deep loss for Fort Worth," Ferrari said. "He served in the ranks of Amon Carter as an extraordinary civic leader and an extraordinary human being."

Justin was also the chairman of the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo

for over 20 years.

"He was a western heritage icon," Roach said.

In 1999, he was inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Okla. "I never saw him without his boots on in 35 or 40 years," Barr said.

Roach said Justin's legacy will endure past his namesakes in the athletic center and the Justin Board Room in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center.

"He always demonstrated a great love for TCU," he said. "He was an alum who was committed to pointing the direction of the university."

Justin died with his wife and daughter at his side.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Greenwood Funeral Home.

The TCU flag will be lowered to half-staff today in his memory. No plans have been made for a campus memorial service.

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New Orleans arranges a party minus violence

By Doug Simpson

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NEW ORLEANS — Lance Smith sipped his beer, surveyed Bourbon Street and offered an unusual Mardi Gras toast: He praised the police.

"The police officers are letting everybody have a good time," said Smith, 33, a Las Vegas lighting technician. "They're not giving us any problems."

An estimated 1 million or more tourists poured into New Orleans to celebrate the Big Easy's biggest party. But New Orleans — now and in the past — has avoided the problems faced this year by Seattle and Austin where a Mardi Gras parade was canceled and a curfew imposed after weekend rioters tossed bottles and smashed store windows.

In New Orleans, Mardi Gras 2001 again proceeded smoothly, with equal parts pageantry and partying.

Actress Glenn Close served as celebrity monarch for the Krewe of Orpheus, a social club founded by homegrown musician Harry Connick Jr. Whoopi Goldberg and network newswoman Hoda Kotbe also were among the riders on Orpheus' 27 parade floats.

The king of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club — a mostly black krewe — arrived on the bank of the Mississippi River on a U.S. Coast Guard cutter Monday, beginning a jazz procession to his ceremonial meeting with the king of Rex, a predominantly white krewe. Krewes are traditional social groups that organize members for the festivities.

Mardi Gras traditionally begins early on Fat Tuesday when clarinetist Pete Fountain leads his Half-Fast Marching Club from Commander's Palace restaurant down chic St. Charles Avenue with four other marching clubs.

By 2 p.m. Monday, beer trucks lumbering down Bourbon Street in the French Quarter were slowed to a crawl by throngs of hard-drinking revelers moving from bar to bar. Crowds gathered under balconies, begging the occupants to toss down the season's traditional prize — strands of cheap plastic beads.

By Monday night, Bourbon Street was jammed with revelers and beads were flying as zydeco and blues bands played for revelers who were chased inside the bars by drizzling rain.

FIRE

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"Say you have a party and someone is smoking and starts a fire in the complex," Taylor said. "Everybody in that apartment complex is going to come to you and say anti up money wise. The liability coverage

protects you from any lawsuits."

Prevention is the best way to avoid having to replace personal belongings, but disasters can happen to anyone and it is important to be prepared, he said.

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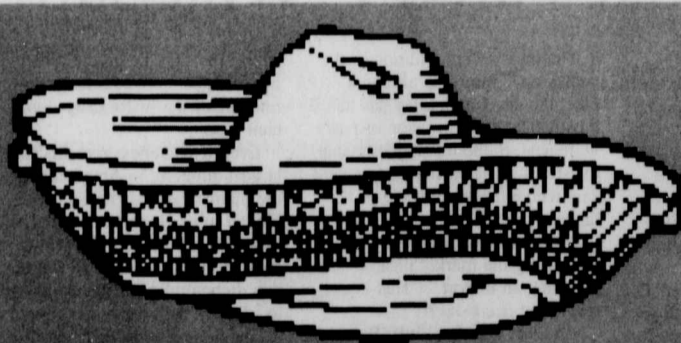
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Texas legislators look at reform

Campaign finance bill wins approval from House Elections Committee

By Kelley Shannon
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AUSTIN — Legislation to strengthen the state's campaign finance reporting rules won approval from the House Elections Committee on Monday, getting support from Democrats and Republicans.

With a vote of 7-0, the bill by Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, was sent to the full House.

Gallego said he was excited and happy about the committee's decision. With more disclosure, he said, "I think our system gets better and better."

His so-called "follow the money" bill is one of several campaign finance proposals before the Texas Legislature this session.

Another bill by Gallego that was heard by the House Judicial Affairs Committee on Monday would provide partial public funding to run nonpartisan campaigns for Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals candidates.

The campaign reporting bill, House Bill 2, would:

- Require disclosure of the occupation and employer of a contributor giving a candidate more than \$200.

- Expand late reporting rules, requiring candidates who receive contributions for more than \$1,000 in the final 10 days of a campaign to report them to the Texas Ethics Commission within 24 hours. Some lawmakers have criticized a "loop-hole" in current law that allows contributors to give money late in a campaign, although it isn't reported until after the election.

- Require out-of-state political action committees to file state campaign finance reports, unless the PAC is filing a Federal Elections Commission report.

- Limit the amount candidates can pay back to themselves from their campaign accounts.

- Impose a criminal penalty — a Class B misdemeanor — for those

who knowingly submit false information or report late.

- Ban candidates from raising or spending money if they have not filed their report in a timely manner.

- Prevent a campaign treasurer from continuing in that capacity if he or she hasn't followed campaign reporting rules.

Campaigns for People, Common Cause and the League of Women Voters testified in favor of the bill.

"There never is a perfect bill," said Fred Lewis, representing Campaigns for People, but he said he agrees with most parts of the legislation.

The measure won support from Republican committee members after some changes were made to the original bill.

Gone is a provision banning campaign contributions in the final 10 days of a campaign. A representative of the Republican Party of Texas had testified previously he believed that provision could be unconstitutional.

Also removed was a provision calling for candidates to establish a principal political committee.

House Bill 4, which would run publicly funded, nonpartisan campaigns for statewide judicial campaigns, has the backing of Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips.

Phillips appeared before the judicial affairs committee and called the funding idea "a bold experiment" that "would get rid of this justice for sale" appearance.

However, he does not support banning all lawyers from donating to judicial campaigns. He said attorneys know judges better than most voters.

Under the bill, candidates for the state's two high courts would be required to raise \$30,000 and collect 5,000 signatures, half of them from lawyers in different Texas counties, in order to appear on the ballot. After raising \$30,000, candidates could opt into the public funding.

Dozoretz refuses to testify at hearing

Former finance director had lobbied White House for Rich's pardon

By Jesse J. Holland
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Democratic Party's former finance director, invoking Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination, refused Monday to testify before a House committee investigating President Clinton's pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich.

Beth Dozoretz, who stepped down in 1999 as finance director of the Democratic National Committee and is a friend of Rich's ex-wife Denise, told the House Government Reform Committee through her attorney she would not comply with the panel's request to appear before it Thursday.

"Because of the pendency of other investigations, Dozoretz, upon advice of counsel, has elected to invoke her constitutional privilege not to testify," said her lawyer, Thomas Green.

Denise Rich also declined to testify before the committee earlier this

month, but that was before U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White confirmed her office was conducting a criminal investigation into Clinton's pardons of Rich and his partner, Pincus Green.

The committee sent a subpoena for Dozoretz on Monday and was immediately contacted by her lawyer with her refusal.

"It is beginning to seem that the reason people aren't answering questions is because they are hiding something," contended committee chairman Dan Burton, R-Ind. "This is unacceptable."

Dozoretz pledged to raise \$1 million for the Clinton Library and helped lobby the White House to get Rich's pardon. She also was among many people who made personal gifts to Clinton and his wife during the president's last year in office. She gave them a dining table, server and golf clubs, all valued at \$7,000.

Burton had said earlier Monday

he might seek a contempt citation against the head of Clinton's library foundation if it doesn't provide a full list of donors.

In response to a subpoena from the House Government Reform Committee, the foundation and its president, Skip Rutherford, agreed to release only records that directly deal with Rich, his family or his ex-wife Denise.

"I am prepared to consider requesting a vote to hold the Clinton Library and Rutherford in contempt for failing to provide these records to the committee," Burton said.

The committee is investigating whether Clinton's pardons of Rich and others on his final day in office might be connected to donations to the library, the Democratic Party or Democratic candidates. Clinton has denied any connection.

Burton also offered Rutherford and the Clinton Library a compro-

mise Monday. He suggested that the committee would be satisfied for now if its lawyers could just look at the list of library foundation donors. He said his staff could then eliminate any name they didn't need and restrict the panel's request to more specific information.

"It seems that this step would be a reasonable way of fulfilling the committee's legitimate investigative needs while protecting the privacy interests of Clinton Library donors," Burton said.

Rutherford said Monday that he would discuss Burton's offer with the foundation's board.

Rich has lived in Switzerland since just before he was indicted in New York on federal charges in 1983. When pardoned by Clinton, he was wanted by the Justice Department on charges of tax evasion, fraud and participation in illegal oil deals with Iran.

Colombian civil rights under scrutiny

State department findings come one day before President Pastrana's visit

By Ken Guggenheim
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — One day before Colombian President Andres Pastrana meets with President Bush, the State Department issued a report Monday denouncing his government's human rights record.

Police and soldiers commit murders, high-ranking officers are rarely held accountable for offenses, and security forces do little to stop right-wing paramilitaries, the department said in its annual report examining human rights worldwide.

"Members of the security forces collaborated with paramilitary groups that committed abuses, in some instances allowing such groups to pass through roadblocks, sharing information or providing them with supplies or ammunition," it said.

The report's release coincided with Pastrana's four-day visit to the

United States, which is providing the Colombian armed forces with combat helicopters and troop training under a \$1.3 billion anti-drug aid package, making Colombia the third-largest recipient of U.S. military aid.

Asked about the report after he met with Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., Pastrana stressed areas of progress noted in the report, such as efforts to improve the judicial system and professionalize the military.

"In global terms, I think it is a fair report of the realities we are living in Colombia," he said.

Earlier, in a meeting with U.S. reporters before the report was released, Pastrana said his government has made progress in human rights but recognizes more needs to be done.

"We are working very hard basically and we are very committed right now in trying to achieve a way

of really controlling what is happening inside our country regarding violations of human rights," he said.

The report echoes many of the criticisms made before by human rights groups, who say the number of massacres is rising. But the source of the report — the U.S. government — and its timing are awkward for Pastrana. It diverts attention from issues he hoped to stress in his visit, such as renewing and expanding 10-year-old Andean trade preferences and securing U.S. involvement in the Colombian peace process.

Pastrana said he would like the United States to resume contacts with Colombia's largest leftist guerrilla group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, with whom the Colombian government is in slow-moving peace talks. The United States broke contact with the group after three Americans were kidnapped and killed by rebels in 1999.

Pastrana wants the United States to participate in a multinational meeting on the peace process March 8 in the guerrilla-held demilitarized zone.

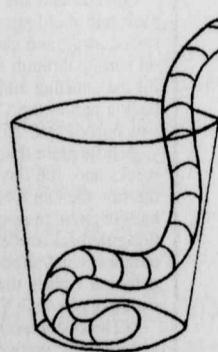
Colombia's human rights record was a major concern last year when lawmakers approved the \$1.3 billion aid package. Before the money could be spent, Congress required the Clinton administration to certify that Colombia had met a series of human rights conditions. The administration found that most conditions had not been met, but allowed the aid to go through, citing national security concerns.

In his meeting with reporters, Pastrana stressed his government's efforts to fight paramilitaries, who are blamed for the country's worst atrocities. He said a special brigade had been created to capture them, that the government is confiscating their assets and dismissing soldiers linked to them.

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A Closet Full of Clothes

By Daniela Petroff
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MILAN, Italy — "I've got a closet full of clothes and nothing to wear," is an age-old lament. It also sums up the latest round of "moda Milanese" for spring-summer 2001.

Next year's warm weather wardrobe is packed with dresses, skirts, pants, shorts, sweaters, shoes and bags that seem suspended in time — usually retro — and give the impression that creativity rather than wearability was on the designers' minds.

The week-long preview showings ended Friday night with the Donatella Versace collection, which actor Bruce Willis, sitting in the front row, pronounced "very elegant."

The ice white, leather daytime suits with tapered jacket and skin tight, below-the-knee skirt were indeed a class act, but how grime resistant could they be?

As to the black stiletto heels with silk tassels dangling from the ankle straps which were paired with the suits they were certainly fetching ... unless you're running for a bus.

Donatella was honest enough to describe her collection as "an intellectual progression of the Versace style." And her evening wear with its vividly printed silk gowns and sexy rump-hugging, back-baring rear view were truly in the best Versace tradition.

Other designers however, offered little explanation of instructions for their more eccentric offerings.

For example, what do you do with the gold leash attached to an ankle collar, which the models clutched in their hand as they marched down the runway Thursday, at Fendi.

Is one supposed to "walk" one's foot? Or find someone to attach it to? The latter becomes a dubious dream when the Fendi woman wears a belt with menacing spikes and carries a purse riddled with large studs.

There is always a method to Fendi designer Karl Lagerfeld's madness: The exquisite workmanship of the outfits, which this round features novel combinations of leather and silk.

Gianfranco Ferré seemed more concerned with the where than the what of fashion this season. For his latest collection, the designer ventured deep into the jungle for ethnic inspiration. The result was topless models in grass mini skirts for his Thursday night show. Top model Naomi Campbell, who flew into Milan for the Ferré show, made her first runway appearance in several seasons as she opted for a more chaste look: a mini dress made up of strands of beads wrapped in descending progression around the neck.

Earlier in the week there were other examples of designers out on a fashion limb: the cone-like breasts by Tom Ford for Gucci, Missoni's buttock-bearing shorts, or the oversized Ferragamo blouse which made the model look like she was poking her head out of a tent.

Even the myriad of suspenders which held up the otherwise perfect Armani collection could get on your nerves after a while.

But beyond forcing their fashion fantasies on clients who might be stumped about how to wear them in real daily life, the designers seemed to confuse fall for spring.

The bright colors and cheery prints which usually mark the coming of spring and accompany vacationers to the beach, are replaced by urban gray, brown and black.

Although chiffon and other transparent fabrics abound by night, daytime is wrapped in leather, flannel, and woolly knit, not the most comfortable fabrics for warm weather.

Styles, too, had more to do with the look than the season. There were many shorts, but they came in silk nighttime fabrics. An army of cocktail dresses came in silk jersey or flimsy chiffon.

The favorite skirt was a mini puff, or a demure below-the-knee dirndl. Trousers were looser than in past seasons, but the high heels shown with them definitely take them out of the sports realm.

There is a Greco-Roman influence in the many toga styles offered, from the one-shouldered blouses to draped, single-shouldered evening gowns.

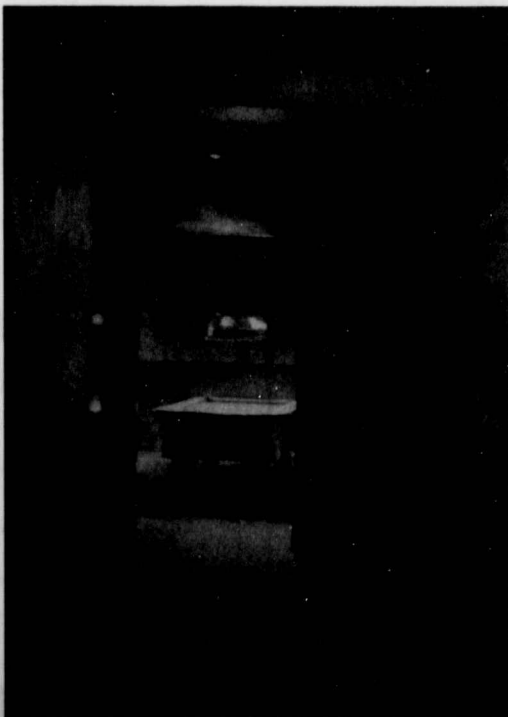
The 1980s are brought back in the heavy-duty sequins and beads which pervaded the Milan runway. These years were at their most glorious at Dolce and Gabbana, especially when combined with jeans.

Also in the retro department is the return of the marked waistline, typical of the 1950s.

Wide belts, thin belts, leather belts, stretch belts — worn around, above or below the waist — underline this theme.

The preferred summer shoe is a teetering stiletto heel on a simple pump or ankle-strapped sandal. Shoe trendsetter Prada only showed pumps, with a slightly lower heel, to match her schoolgirl style.

By the looks of it, designers are more involved with clothes than customer. They devoted little time to hairdos and makeup. In general, hair was long, held back by a headband or pinned up in a French twist. Makeup was pale, with ruby red lips offering a rare flash of color in this generally drab fashion season.



The lit pool table stands alone during happy hour, but customers wait in line on weekends for a chance to play pool with their friends.

Still holding on

Photos by Tim Cox

Top Right: During happy hour at the Oui Lounge customers like Liz Hudson enjoy a glass of chardonnay or a Budweiser on tap after a long day's work.

Bottom center: Bartender Trent Reid talks to customers, while waiting for more behind the bar.



Story by Yvette Herrera

Forty-nine years ago, a small, simple lounge opened up just minutes away from TCU. Dim lights hung from the ceiling as smoke filled the dusky rooms that were dotted with pool tables and small tables to sit at. The wooden bar sat about 15 customers as they sipped on ice cold beer during happy hour or any other time of the day.

Forty-eight years later, a fire destroyed the history and photos that remained in the Oui Lounge, located at 3509 Bluebonnet Cir., in less than 45 minutes. Customers of all ages watched the Oui burn.

Bartenders and the manager of the Oui Lounge were all left without a job, but more importantly, without a home.

After 20 years of bartending and later becoming the manager of the Oui, Kathy Graham sought a part-time job at a card and gift shop near Bluebonnet Circle.

There was a difference in lifestyle and money, Graham said.

"We did what we had to do to get through it," she said. "And now we're all trying to get back to the bartending lifestyle of staying up late and being on our feet."

The walls that once filled the lounge with photos of regular customers, including many TCU alumni, are now left bare.

Graham said she has a sack full of old photos stored away, and she plans on sorting through them to fill the paneling and bring back a part of the Oui that was burned Oct. 25.

A little more than two weeks ago, 108 days after the fire, the Oui Lounge had its grand re-opening, bringing back students, neighbors and alumni together at a place they once called home.

"(The customers) were just glad that we were back," Graham said. "They were glad to be home."

Graham, along with the other bartenders who work at the Oui, said she never had any doubt that the Oui would open again.

Rumiko Andrews, day bartender at the Oui, also had to find another job while the Oui as being rebuilt. She said it took a few days, but she found another bartending job.

She said her new employer understood that her job with him was only temporary.

"It was so different," Andrews said. "I missed the regular customers and the money. I'm glad to be back."

During the grand opening, customers complimented the bartenders on how nice the bar looked. Only one thing was missing: the old photos.

"We're still trying to put things together," Andrews said. "Hopefully we can take new photos to add to the wall."

The Oui continued showing its support to TCU through advertisements placed in the *TCU Daily Skiff*, saying, "Oui'll be back soon."

The first ad was printed just days after the lounge had been destroyed. Spray painted signs hung on what were once the front windows of the Oui that also reassured the construction of the building.

Maria Castillo, owner of Sugar and Spice, a children's boutique next door to the lounge, reported the fire at 9:22 a.m. after she saw and smelled smoke coming into the boutique from the ceiling.

She said that when she stepped outside of her boutique, she immediately saw the smoke coming from the Oui.

The Fort Worth Fire Department arrived about five minutes after the call was received and stayed all day, recovering broken glass from the front windows and searching the building for the initial cause of the fire.

Fort Worth Fire Chief Fernando Gonzales said the fire was started by an electrical problem in the lounge's water heater wiring. Most of the damage was in the front room and the bar. He said the back area, where there is a pool table and the stool room, only had smoke damage.

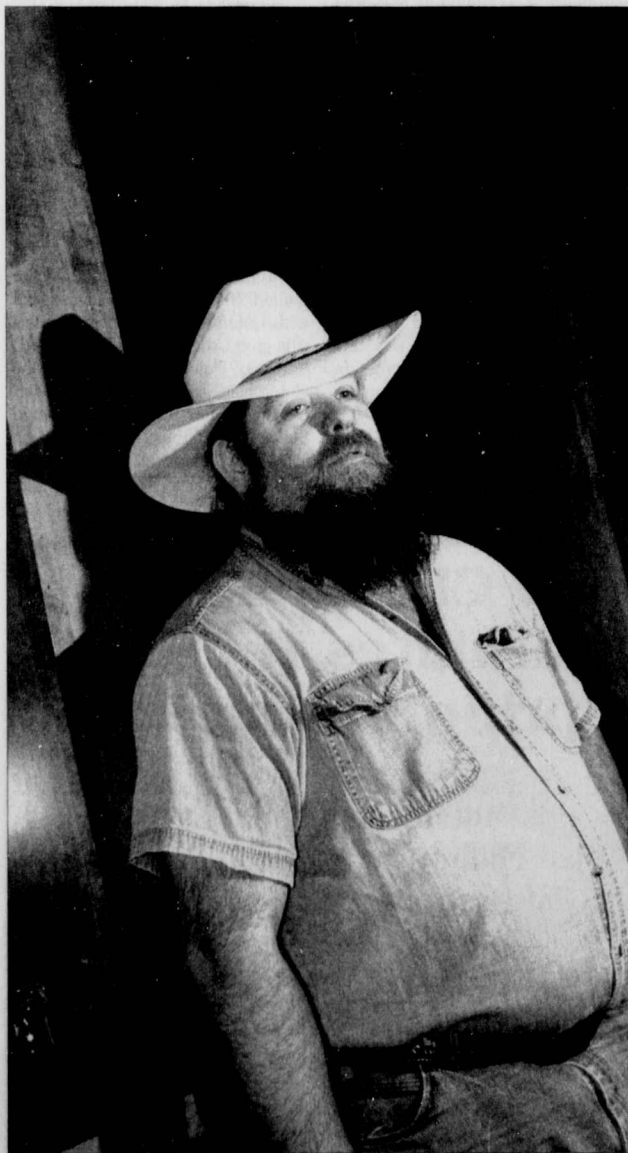
Mike Moore, owner of the Oui, said the lounge was covered by insurance, and at the time of the fire he had hoped to rebuild it soon.

"I spent most of my life working in that bar, and the fire took memories of generations of people with it," Moore said at the time of the fire.

A little more than three months seemed like a lifetime to some regular customers.

Chris Maunder, a senior advertising/public relations major, said he has been going to the Oui for years. Maunder grew up in Fort Worth and said his high school buddies always talked about how the place had been around forever.

"It was a huge loss to a lot of people," Maunder said. "But it's back. The pictures on the walls are missing, but I'm sure they'll take some more to add to the memories of a lounge that can never be destroyed."



Memorial held for shooting victim

One year after first-grader's death, weapons law surrounded by debate

By Alexandra R. Moses
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. — For Kayla Rolland's mother, every day is an emotional struggle as she grapples with the loss of her 6-year-old daughter, shot to death by a first-grade classmate nearly a year ago.

"Kayla's constantly in my thoughts, in my prayers," Veronica McQueen said. "She keeps urging me to go on and not sit there and curl up in a corner."

On Feb. 29, 2000, Kayla was in class at Buell Elementary School when she was shot once in the chest with a .32-caliber semiautomatic pistol. Police said a 6-year-old boy pulled the trigger, using a gun he found in a shoe box inside the "flop-house" where he had been living.

When the call came from school officials, McQueen thought her daughter had broken a leg. After the news finally sunk in, McQueen took

a leave of absence from her job to concentrate on her other daughter, 12, and son, 10.

"There's still so much pain, so much hurt," McQueen said. "My children talk about her all the time. I don't think it's ever going to get easier."

On Saturday, about 100 friends and family, many wearing pink ribbons, gathered at a memorial service for Kayla.

Her death has highlighted the poverty faced by many in this working-class community of 25,000. It has also fueled debate over new gun legislation, set to take effect in July, which would make it easier to carry a concealed weapon.

Michigan is the first state in more than four years to liberalize its concealed weapons law, but more than a dozen states have similar laws.

Proponents of the legislation argue that stricter laws would not

have prevented Kayla's death, nor tragedies like the massacre at Colorado's Columbine High School in which 13 people died.

"The gun laws had nothing to do with Columbine, with Buell," said Ross Dykman, spokeswoman for the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners. "The shooters in both instances broke numerous gun laws."

McQueen is not swayed by such arguments. Last May, she joined the Million Mom March in Washington, D.C., where she spoke of the need for gun-safety devices and gun control.

"It surprises me and it doesn't that you can have an incident that touched the hearts of so many people and then have elected representatives who hide behind the skirts of a bunch of special interest people," says prosecutor Arthur Busch, who is lobbying to have the proposed law put to a referendum before it is

adopted.

For many, it has been hard to erase the memory of Kayla's shooting.

"I don't think it's the type of thing you move on from," said Ira Rutherford, who retired as school superintendent in June. "I think you learn to live with the pain but I don't think you ever move beyond what happened."

More than half of the families in Buell's school district live in poverty, according to federal estimates. Many are also dealing with the presence of drugs and guns.

Tamarla Owens, whose son was accused of shooting Kayla, was evicted from her home for nonpayment of rent just before the shooting.

Her two boys, now 7 and 9, went to live with her brother. The boys' father, in jail on unrelated charges, said people at the house traded crack for guns.

Microsoft attempts to reverse ruling

Lawyers argue there was no illegal action against Netscape

By Larry Margesak
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Microsoft told a U.S. appeals court Monday that it did not illegally stifle competitors as the judges peppered lawyers for the software giant and the government with pointed questions about practices that led to the company's court-ordered breakup.

"I don't see how you can get a reversal," Judge David Tatel told Microsoft's lawyer at one point in early arguments that focused on Microsoft's battles with Netscape, its chief rival in the Internet browser market.

Government lawyers came under equally tough questions about why they went after Microsoft.

The court's chief judge, Harry Edwards, told Justice Department lawyer Jeffrey Minear the government looked at Microsoft as "a paranoid monopolist, someone who gets up in the middle of the night and shoots at any movement."

Minear, assistant to the U.S. solicitor general, argued that Microsoft spent huge amounts of money to promote its Internet Explorer browser, overwhelming competitors. "The company used its monopoly power to stifle the competitive process," Minear asserted.

Questioning Microsoft lawyer Richard Urowsky, Judge Douglas Ginsburg accused the company of using "saturation bombing" tactics against rival browser Netscape.

Both lawyers fielded questions from all seven judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia as the company sought to reverse a historic antitrust ruling that is the most important since the breakup of AT&T in 1984.

Microsoft, known for its Windows operating system, its Internet Explorer browser and Word processing program, is appealing a judge's order that the company be split in two.

Urowsky attacked the government's chief argument, saying Microsoft's bundling of its Explorer

browser with Windows did not hurt Netscape.

The lawyer got some support from Judge A. Raymond Randolph, who asked, "What if Microsoft thought that Navigator could threaten Windows? Why isn't that enough" to compete aggressively?

Urowsky agreed. "I think it is enough, if Navigator is perceived as a potentially strong competitor" to "take competitive steps to compete" he said.

Edwards asked Minear whether it would violate antitrust laws if Microsoft used its connections "to destroy a grocery chain." Minear said there would be no violation because Microsoft "doesn't have a monopoly in the grocery market."

Edwards then likened Netscape to the grocery store, saying the company did not consider itself a challenge to Microsoft.

"I believe there is a mixture of evidence about Netscape's plans," Minear said.

"You've got to do better than that," Edwards shot back.

Urowsky provided the court with evidence he said showed Netscape was not hurt by Microsoft.

Between 1996 and 1998, "Netscape's users increased 15 million to 33 million," Urowsky argued. "Millions of people chose to use Navigator despite" the fact rival Explorer was included with Windows, he said. "Netscape had unfettered access to consumers," Urowsky added.

On Wall Street, Microsoft's stock gained \$2.13 to \$58.56 a share in early trading.

The Justice Department, 18 states and the District of Columbia sued Microsoft, contending that the company violated federal antitrust law by using illegal methods to protect its monopoly.

Last June, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ordered the breakup of Microsoft. "Microsoft, as it is presently organized and led, is unwilling to accept the notion that it broke the law," Jackson said.

He ruled two months after concluding that Microsoft violated antitrust laws by using illegal methods to protect its monopoly in computer operating systems, stifling competition.

Rulers order destruction of Buddhas

Afghanistan's Taliban leader declares statues as an insult to Islam

By Amir Shah
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban rulers ordered the destruction Monday of all statues, including a pair of monumental 5th-century Buddhas towering over 100 feet tall and carved out of a mountainside.

The order came from the Taliban's supreme leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, who issued an edict declaring statues, including the ancient Buddhas, as insulting to Islam.

"Because God is one God and these statues are there to be worshipped, and that is wrong, they should be destroyed so that they are not worshipped now or in the future," Omar said in his edict, published by the Taliban-run Bakhtar News Agency.

Afghanistan's ancient Buddhas are located in Bamiyan, about 90 miles west of the Afghan capital of

Kabul. One Buddha, measuring 175 feet, is said to be the world's tallest statue in which Buddha is standing up rather than sitting.

The smaller is 120 feet tall. The two statues, which have been damaged in fighting in the area, were carved out of the Afghan mountainside in the 5th century.

It's not clear what prompted the edict from the Taliban, but a leading Islamic scholar in neighboring Pakistan, Israr Ahmed, said the Taliban took their direction from Islam's Prophet Mohammed.

The religious army espouses a strict brand of Islamic law and reviles all images as contrary to the tenets of Islam.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Ahmed said Mohammed outlawed the making of "any images of living creatures with one's hands and ordered the faithful not to make statues."

The Taliban were right to order statues destroyed, Ahmed said. However, had there been practicing Buddhists in Afghanistan, the Taliban would have been required to allow them their statues but within the confines of a place of worship, he said.

The Taliban ban most forms of light entertainment, all photography and requires men to wear beards in keeping with the fashion of Islam's prophet Mohammed.

The Taliban rule roughly 95 percent of the country and the opposition, led by ousted President Burhanuddin Rabbani, the remaining 5 percent.

Afghanistan's museum also contains a treasure-trove of Buddhist-era artifacts. Much of the museum was destroyed in the bitter fighting between rival Islamic factions between 1992 and 1996 when the Taliban took control.

Many of the artifacts were stolen and sold on the open market. Some have appeared in museums around the world.

The tallest of the two giant Buddhas has already been damaged by zealous Taliban soldiers who fired rocket propelled grenades at it. There have been reports that the faces of the Buddhas have been disfigured. Images of faces are forbidden in Islam, according to the Taliban.

Omar ordered his Ministry of Vice and Virtue to send its men out to destroy all statues in Afghanistan.

The edict comes as an international delegation is in Kabul meeting with Taliban leaders to try to preserve Afghanistan's heritage. Among the delegation are the Italian and Greek ambassadors in neighboring Pakistan. There was no immediate comment from that delegation to the Taliban leader's newest order.

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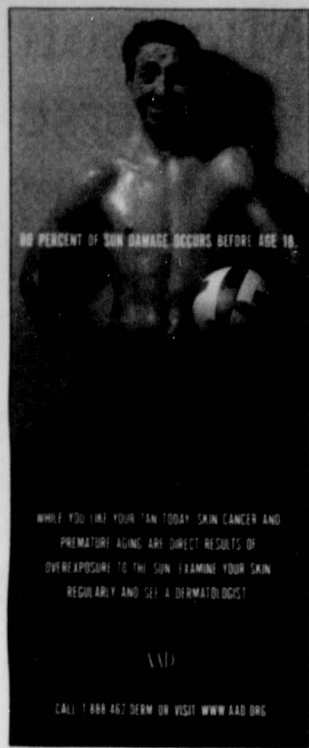
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Seven Missouri residents die in accident in Texas

Woman remains in hospital; truck driver released

TRENTON, Mo. — Two close knit farm communities were mourning the deaths of seven Missourians in a weekend traffic accident in Texas.

The victims, retirees from north-central Missouri's Grundy County, died late Saturday afternoon when their van was hit by a tanker truck on an isolated rural road near Harlingen, Texas, just a few miles north of the Mexican border. Authorities say the van ran a stop sign.

The crash impact knocked the van into a light pole and the vehicle burst into flames. The fire then spread to a grassy field.

"Everybody's been to church," said Lyndall Slonecker, the next door neighbor of the van's driver Marvin Simpson, 73, and his wife Loree, of Trenton, who were killed in the crash. "The whole town's in prayer. It's just devastating because it's going to effect so many people in the community."

Slonecker said she went to high school with Loree Simpson, 80, and that this was the second marriage for both Loree and Marvin Simpson.

"They were having a great time together," Slonecker said. "You could just tell by their actions. They did a lot of things together. They were always on the go. Always busy. They entertained a lot and had a lot of company."

Also among the four couples in the van were the parents of Grundy

County Sheriff Greg Coon, Roy Coon, 74, and his wife, Marilyn, 69, from Spickard. They both died.

The sheriff's department first heard of their deaths Saturday night, and on Sunday received offers from several deputies in northwest Missouri to help handle law enforcement duties.

Dean Peyton, 73, and his wife Norma, 73; and C. J. Bunnell Jr., 74, all of Trenton, also were killed.

Bunnell's wife, Marian, 72, was in stable condition Monday at Valley Baptist Hospital in Harlingen. Several of the Bunnells' children had flown down to Texas to be with their mother.

Harlingen resident Arturo Garcia, the 38-year-old driver of the tractor-trailer, was treated for minor injuries and released Saturday.

The four couples, who went to Texas every winter, had been staying at an RV park in Weslaco. South Texas was a popular destination for Grundy County retirees, with about 100 vacationers routinely attending an annual Grundy County picnic. Many of the couples' friends were already in Texas at the time of the accident.

Bob Greiner said he had vacationed with the four couples for about a decade until five or six years ago, and he often played cards with them.

Greiner learned of their deaths Sunday morning when a relative of one of the victims called. He said the pastor at the First Christian

Church in Trenton, where the Peytons and Brunnells worshipped, began the service talking about the accident.

"It was all a shock," Greiner said. "I had known them for years."

Don Peyton, Dean's identical twin, said the doctor who delivered them told their parents Dean probably wouldn't make it because he weighed just two pounds at birth. He said that as boys, like many twins, they enjoyed switching places and playing pranks on teachers and classmates.

The brothers served together in the South Pacific in World War II, working side-by-side to build roads and other infrastructure. They returned to Grundy County after the war, Don running a drive-in restaurant and Dean a roofing company.

"We were pretty close," Don said. "We have always done everything basically together, and being raised in the Depression era, times were tough and you had a close bond."

Before retiring, Marvin Simpson was a banker in Spickard, and Greiner said he knew everyone in town.

"I don't know anyone that didn't like him," Greiner said.

Friends in Missouri said the four couples often traveled to southern Texas.

"They all went there every winter," Slonecker said. "They had trailers. Most of them went down right after Christmas and stayed until about the first of April."

Bush to propose largest debt reduction in U.S. history

Democrats say cuts unbalanced for families

By Ron Fournier

WASHINGTON — President Bush goes before the nation Tuesday night with his first major challenge: sell a program of tax cuts that Americans are lukewarm about and spending cuts that many won't like.

It would be a tough assignment for any president, but this new leader has hurdles all his own. Elected without a clear mandate, Bush gets only middling marks for his public speaking, has yet to build enough support in Congress and has had to make his arguments heard in the midst of the din over the Clinton pardons, a spy scandal, a White House shooting and an airstrike against Iraq.

"Hopefully, all the focus on the past is over with," the president said at a Cabinet meeting Monday. "It's time to move forward and (Tuesday) night's speech is part of moving forward."

The cornerstone of the joint address to Congress, which aides said would last about 45 minutes, will be Bush's pitch for a \$1.6 trillion tax cut over 10 years. He is buffeted on all sides — from Democratic partisans who say it's too big, GOP activists who say it's too small and voters who put a higher priority on debt reduction and certain spending programs.

A poll released by the Pew Research Center last week indicated that voters narrowly support Bush's tax plan — 43 percent in favor, 34 percent opposed — with voters in

favor of shoring up Social Security or paying for domestic programs rather than tax cuts.

Bush must convince voters they can have it all: lower taxes, lower public debt and bigger budgets for education, environment and other popular programs.

"With a \$5.6 trillion surplus, we do have room for a lot of options," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Monday.

Bush rarely stressed debt reduction on the campaign trail, in part because his massive tax-cut package didn't leave room for reducing red ink under economic conditions at the time.

But surplus projections have ballooned. And the Congressional Budget Office estimates that up to \$800 billion of the \$3.4 trillion in publicly held debt cannot be retired in the next decade because it is in savings bonds or treasury bills that do not come due soon or are held by foreign governments.

Bush will be able to promise the fastest, largest debt reduction in history: \$2 trillion over 10 years, aides said Monday.

Countering claims that cherished programs will be sacrificed for tax cuts, Bush will highlight an 11 percent increase at the Education Department, doubled funding for the National Institutes of Health, preservation of the Social Security and Medicare funds and full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund — the last a \$900 million commitment.

For every budget increase, Bush must trim spending for other programs in order to limit growth to his goal of 4 percent. That could expose Bush to the same tactics Democrats used against Ronald Reagan in the 1980s, when they highlighted cuts that hit voters closest to home.

Democrats are already accusing him of slashing money for the homeless and reducing police programs.

"All Democrats want a tax cut, but it should be one that's fair to all Americans and must be part of a responsible, honest budget that balances all the priorities important to American families," said Democratic chairman Terry McAuliffe.

With all these challenges, Bush has little room for error.

"The tax cut is the foundation of the Bush presidency," said GOP consultant Scott Reed. "He needs to show that his agenda will help Republicans govern the country, and it starts with tax cuts."

Bush dismissed a suggestion Monday that his task was made harder by the disputed nature of his election victory. "We've worked hard here in this administration to reach out to people that may not have supported me," he said.

Bush will continue reaching out Tuesday night, aides said, by calling on Attorney General John Ashcroft to address the issue of racial profiling. Bush has condemned the practice of targeting suspects because of race or other traits, but never on such a large stage.

Banking around the clock

Houston-based bank open 24/7

By Kristen Hays

SPRING — A Houston-based bank is taking bankers' hours where no competitor has dared go.

Woodforest National Bank is keeping two of its branches open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing all the same services offered at its daytime-only counterparts. Both are inside Wal-Mart stores that also stay open around the clock.

The never-closed banks suit Linda Boykin, a Houston security guard who wraps up her 12-hour shifts at 6 a.m. She does her banking on the way home from work.

"I used to keep my money at home," Boykin said. "But it's better to have it in a bank."

Woodforest is taking the trend of more banking hours to its outermost limit. Banks have offered extended and weekend hours in branches in grocery stores and other retail outlets since 1971, said John Garnett, chief executive officer of Norcross, Ga.-based International Banking Technologies, which helps banks open in-store branches.

"Very few are open 24 hours a day, but none do that seven days a week," Garnett said. "What Woodforest is doing is very unique and will pay off in many, many new customers."

Olivia Solis, spokeswoman for the Texas Bankers Association, said many banks offer round-the-clock service by phone, at ATMs and over the Internet. But none have branch managers and tellers on duty overnight, she said.

Woodforest CEO Robert Marling said executives decided to try an around-the-clock branch to see if it was profitable by serving shift workers or others who find it difficult to do banking even with extended and weekend hours.

The first branch, in the northern Houston suburb of Spring, changed its hours in October 1999. Since then, 20 percent of the average 175 new accounts recorded each month have been opened between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. That convinced executives to open a second all-night branch last month, and a third is scheduled to open in another suburb in March.

"We open new accounts, give change to business customers at 5 a.m., and let them know we're there and that they are important to us," Marling said.

The all-night branches do much of the system's balancing and bookkeeping to free up daytime staff for other tasks. Overnight workers also are answering the bulk of e-mail questions from customers.

"You can call me at 2 a.m. to look at your bank statement," said Miguel Lopez, night manager at the Spring branch. "You may be half asleep, but I'm not."

Woodforest officials say they've also considered the possibility that all-night banks might catch the eye of all-night bank robbers.

Marling said the branches are prominently placed across from cashiers inside the Wal-Marts, near store employees and security guards. Those branches also keep less cash on hand than others.

"With the levels of cash we're keeping and the positioning of the stores, customers are pretty well-protected," Marling said.

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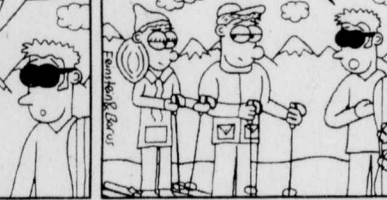
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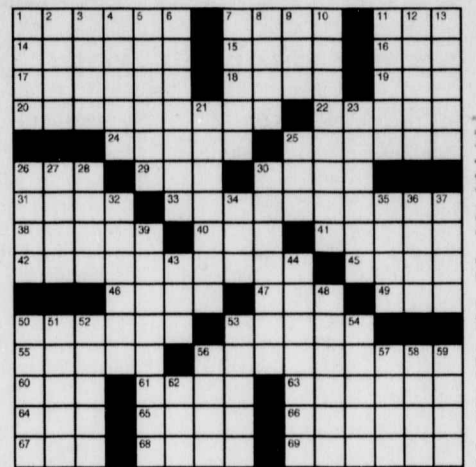
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 - "Nova"
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Purple Poll

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A: Yes 65 No 35

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Horned Frogs split weekend series with San Jose State

Strong pitching, solid defense contribute to recent stretch of 5 wins in 6 games



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF
Sophomore Mike Settle and senior Jason Price wait to hit last week at the TCU Diamond.

Brandon Ortiz

After sweeping Hawaii-Hilo Feb. 18-19, the Horned Frog baseball team sat in first place in the Western Athletic Conference, but head coach Lance Brown said more would be learned about his team after a series with San Jose State.

TCU (9-6, 4-1 WAC) split two games this weekend against San Jose State (7-5-1, 2-3 WAC), a team that competed in last season's College World Series.

The Frogs won the first game 5-3 Friday off the pitching of seniors Chris Bradshaw and Stan Newton. Bradshaw (3-1, 2.61 ERA) pitched seven and 2/3 innings Friday, allowing only three runs on five hits.

Newton entered in the eighth inning with runners at second and third and the Frogs holding a one-run lead. He struck out Spartans' shortstop Ryan Adams to end the inning and preserve the lead. Newton sailed through the ninth inning to earn the Frogs' first save of the season.

Junior shortstop Erick Macha went 3-for-4 and drove in a run. Sophomore third baseman Mike Settle hit what proved to be the game-winning home run in the eighth inning. The two-run homer gave the Frogs a 4-0 lead.

Junior Justin Crowder, who went 2-for-4 with and drove in a run, said the weekend was a good test.

"I think we can hang with them," Crowder said. "Our pitching has been keeping us in the game lately. We got great pitching, (and we) got bunts down. We executed well."

After Saturday's game was rained out, the Frogs lost game three of the series on Sunday, 8-2, snapping a five-game winning streak. San Jose State exploded for five runs in the sixth inning to knock Crowder from the game. He allowed eight hits and five runs in five and a 1/3 innings.

"They hit the ball well," Crowder said. "We were leaving some pitches up. We couldn't really get a rally (started) from there."

Brown said the Frogs handed San Jose State the win.

"It was our poor play that gave them the win (Sunday)," Brown said. "It wasn't like they came out and killed us."

The Frogs committed only one error in the two games this weekend. After a shaky start to the season, the defense has committed only three errors in the last six games.

Through 15 games, the Frogs have a .970 fielding percentage. They had a .956 fielding percentage last season.

Brown attributed the team's problems earlier in the season to moves in personnel.

"We were moving a lot of people around," Brown said. "We were just trying to experiment with different lineups. A lot of errors came (from players playing different positions). We have settled down. That always happens early on."

Saturday's game is tentatively scheduled to be made up as part of a doubleheader April 22.

Senior Chad Durham is scheduled to start against Texas Tech at 3 p.m. today in Lubbock.

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What's next

After defeating Oklahoma, 6-1, last week, the TCU baseball team will play against Texas Tech, another Big 12 opponent, today. The Frogs lead the overall series, which has resulted in a 61-52-1 record for TCU.

The Red Raiders are led by their only two returning starters — outfielder Jason Rainey, who hit .323 with 13 home runs and 58 RBIs last season and infielder Shaun Larkin, who hit .309 with five homeruns and 49 RBIs.

What: TCU Horned Frogs vs. Texas Tech Red Raiders
When: at 3 p.m. today
Where: at Dan Law Field in Lubbock
Coaches: Lance Brown, TCU, and Larry Hays, Texas Tech

CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE

Team gains admiration, title chance with win over Hawaii

By Kelly Morris

Ten-year-old Katherine Parham, a member of the Grapevine Starzz girl's basketball team, went to her first TCU women's basketball game along with some of her teammates Sunday.

She didn't know what was at stake as the Frogs hosted Hawaii. She didn't know the Frogs had a chance to clinch their first Western Athletic Conference title with a victory. She just wished she could play like her favorite player, junior forward Tricia Payne.

"It was awesome," Parham said. "I've never seen a game like this ever before. The Frogs passed the ball very well. I really enjoyed getting Tricia Payne's autograph after the game."

But when the Frogs defeated Hawaii, 73-67, Sunday, the game became more than just a memory for Parham. With the victory, the Frogs clinched at least a tie for their first WAC title.

And Payne said she couldn't be happier.

"I'm ecstatic," Payne said. "I knew if we stayed together and stayed strong, we could do this. Our crowd was amazing."

The Frogs extended their record to 20-6 overall and 12-2 in the WAC. Senior guard Amy Porter said Sunday's victory was the biggest of her career.

"Last week was one of the toughest weeks we ever had as a team," Porter said. "In three days, we hadn't smiled. We felt a little bit of pressure, but we stepped up and refocused in front of our crowd."

After the Frogs lost two of their three road games, head coach Jeff Mittie said the Hawaii win was just

what the team needed.

"After the (Texas-El Paso) loss, we were absolutely sick," Mittie said. "(The Hawaii game) was the medicine we needed to get better. We've been a consistent team all year long, and I wasn't going to let one game define this basketball team. It's been an awfully long week and the team responded well."

"You had to be in the locker room after that UTEP loss to understand how hard this team has worked to get to this point."

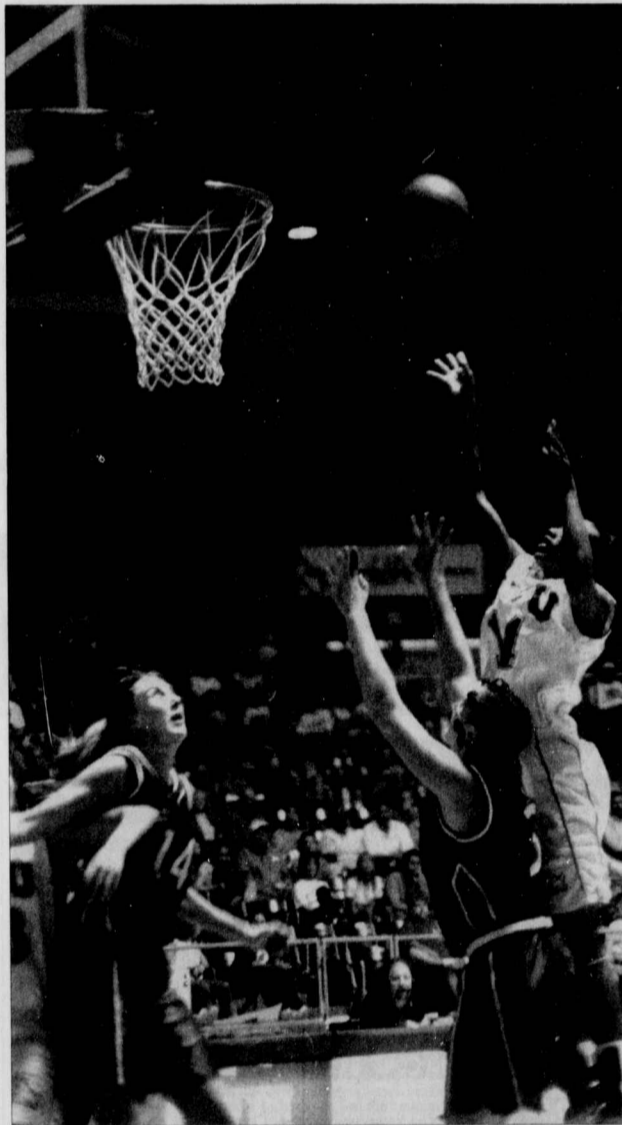
With 7:25 remaining in the first half, the Frogs had a, 24-19, lead. That lead dwindled down to just two points with 4:25 remaining in the half. With junior forward Kati Safaritova's 11 first-half points, the Frogs took a, 37-32, lead into intermission. The Frogs shot 41.7 percent (15-of-36) from the field, while the Wahine shot 42.9 percent (12-of-28) from the field.

In the second half, TCU opened up a, 48-36, lead with 14:16 remaining in the game. But after Hawaii went on 16-3 run, they managed its first lead of the game since the opening minutes of the game at 52-51. The Frogs shot just 27.6 (8-of-29) percent from the field in the second half. Payne led the team in scoring with 23 points. Senior forward Crystal Lee led the Wahine with 32 points.

As Parham and 3,402 others exited Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, she said she hoped to one day play on the court instead of sitting in the stands.

"I definitely want to come to another game and play for the Frogs when I get older," she said.

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Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF
Senior forward Janice Thomas shoots a jump shot in the lane in the Frogs', 73-67, win Sunday against Hawaii. The win clinched a tie for the first-ever conference title for the women's basketball program.

TOP FROG

Payne's stats

Points: 23

Rebounds: 7

Assists: 3

Steals: 3



Sophomore forward Tricia Payne scored a team-high 23 points as the Frogs defeated the Hawaii Wahine, 73-67, Sunday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. She scored in bunches, stepping up with big shots each time the Wahine threatened the Frogs' lead. Payne also provided TCU with a solid presence inside, grabbing seven rebounds. She connected on 8 of 14 shots (57.1 percent), while Hawaii made only 36 percent of its shots.

WEEKEND BRIEFS

Tomlinson's stock increases

Many experts are projecting senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson as a top 10 draft choice after he ran the 40-yard dash in 4.41 seconds and jumped 40 inches vertical leap at the NFL combine Sunday.

Before the combine, some of the same experts were saying that Mississippi's Deuce McAllister and Wisconsin's Michael Bennett were the top two running backs in the draft. But the lack of respect hasn't bothered Tomlinson.

"The NFL doesn't go by who you play; they go by your potential," he said about whether playing against Western Athletic Conference teams hurt his chances of being drafted.

Tomlinson has been interviewed by most of the teams with top 10



Tomlinson

draft choices. Joel Buchsbaum, a writer for *Pro Football Weekly*, said he believes Tomlinson will be picked at the No. 9 spot by the San Francisco 49ers.

Track defends championship

The TCU men's track and field team defended its WAC championship title, beating the closest competitor (Texas-El Paso) by 63.5 points Saturday in Reno, Nev.

Junior middle distance runner Eliud Njubi was the high-point winner, hurdler Reggie Harrell was named freshman of the year and Monte Stratton garnered coach of the year honors.

Basketball loses overtime contest

San Jose State had four players with double-digit point totals as the Spartans (18-10, 6-9 in WAC) defeated the Frogs (18-10, 7-7), 91-90 in overtime.



Merriex

Sophomore forward Bingo Merriex scored a game-high 29 points, and freshman guard Nucleus Smith added 14 points.

TCU had a chance to win the game in regulation, but Smith's jumper ricocheted off the rim. There were 26 lead changes in the game, and it was tied at 11 other points.

Swimmers place fifth in WAC

The TCU women's swimming and diving team finished the season with a fifth-place finish in the WAC Championships in San Antonio Sunday.

Southern Methodist won the championship.

Junior Jamie MacCurdy finished in fourth place in the 200-meter breast stroke, while freshman Lisa Munoz scored 304.50 points in the platform diving event to finish in third place.

The Frogs ended their season with an 8-4 dual meet record.



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

RACKET MAN

Senior Trace Fielding serves to Texas Tech's Ben Gudzialek in TCU's, 4-1, victory against the Red Raiders Saturday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. The No. 4-ranked TCU men's tennis team won its first two home matches of the season this weekend. Sophomores Antonio Gordon and Jimmy Haney and junior Daniel Wajnberg won their singles matches as the Frogs defeated Texas Tech, 4-1, Saturday. Gordon and Haney each won again Sunday, while senior Esteban Carrill added a victory as TCU defeated South Alabama, 4-1. The Frogs won the doubles point in both matches this weekend.