

## Fuzzy Taco

Authentic? Almost. Good? Yes. Fuzzy's Taco Shop only opened on Feb. 8, but already TCU students and local neighbors have swarmed to the place at all hours.

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## After Shock

Early Wednesday a 6.8 earthquake rocked the Seattle and Portland, Ore., area.

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Thursday, March 1, 2001

Fort Worth, Texas

# Bush's speech to Congress one of his best, analysts say

By Kasey Feldman  
SKIFF STAFF

Though they may disagree on the validity of his political views, commentators agree President George W. Bush has a great speechwriter.

Experts said Bush gave one of his best speeches when he addressed a joint session of Congress Tuesday.

Paul King, associate professor of speech communication, said he expected to react to Bush's address by saying that Bush is a great conversationalist, but his

### President used humor, anecdotes and audience to illustrate proposals

speeches leave something to be desired.

However, he said, the speech Tuesday night surpassed his expectations.

"The speech was very disarming," King said. "In the introduction, he used humor and demonstrated his humility."

In the beginning of his address, Bush made the audience laugh by thanking Congress for inviting him with an allusion to his narrow win of the presidential election.

"I know Congress had to formally invite me, and it could have been a close vote," Bush said. "So Mr. Vice President, I appreciate you being here to break the tie."

Bush used anecdotes as well as humor, to illustrate his points. When he was discussing medical research he mentioned "one of Congress' own" who is fighting cancer and the ailing representative received a standing ovation.

Later, Bush used a Pennsylvania couple in the audience to illustrate

the effects of his tax cuts on American families. He said with the money they would save, they could pay their debts and begin saving for their 2-year-old daughter's college tuition.

King said Bush used good rhetorical strategy by discussing widely agreed-upon issues, such as increasing funds for education, in the beginning of the speech.

King said this strategy unified the audience before discussing controversial issues, like tax cuts.

Valerie Martinez-Ebers, associate professor of political science, said selling the public on those tax cuts was Bush's most critical objective in his speech.

"It was even noted by senior Republicans in Congress that he did not have enough votes for his tax-cut proposal," Martinez-Ebers said. "In this speech, Bush was going over Congress' heads, straight to the people for support on his proposal."

She said Bush explained his

plan in just the right amount of detail.

"He successfully laid out the components without giving details, and of course, the devil is in the details," she said. "He made it look like the poor will get the biggest tax cuts by telling us that the lowest (income tax bracket) would be lowered from 15 percent to 10 percent and the highest would be lowered to 33 percent. What is interesting is he never told us how much they paid in the first place."

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## Students revive Democratic club

### Discussion listed as first event

By Jessica Cervantez  
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU Young Democrats will host a panel discussion today titled "The 2000 Election: Lessons Learned, New Directions, Fresh Perspectives" with nationally recognized leaders in the Democratic community.

Josh Wall, a junior political science major who helped to organize the event, said the discussion is a starting point to unite TCU Democrats and to bring the organization back to campus. At one point, the Democratic Party at TCU outnumbered the Republicans in the 1960s and 1970s. Wall said that as the years progressed the membership died down.

### Young Democrats

**What:** "The 2000 Election: Lessons Learned, New Directions, Fresh Perspectives" panel discussion presented by the TCU Young Democrats.  
**When:** 6 p.m. today  
**Where:** Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 3  
**Cost:** Free

"This event will give students interested in the Democratic Party an opportunity to become involved and make a difference," Wall said.

Wall said TCU is the only major university in Texas that doesn't have a Young Democrats Party.

"Maybe (Young Democrats) aren't all active, but they're there," Wall said. "Even Baylor (University) has a Democratic Party."

The three panelists speaking are all under 35 years old and have a national leadership role in the Democratic Party.

Scott Bates, a partner in a national consulting media firm based in Austin and Washington, will be one of the panel members. He served as Secretary of State for the Commonwealth of Virginia under Governor Douglas Wilder and has since worked on various national and international election campaigns.

Susan Hays has been active in Texas politics for more than 10 years. She served as treasurer in the 1996 Victor Morales Campaign for the U.S. Senate. Hays is currently president-elect of the Texas Women Lawyers Association.

James Aldrete, the third panelist, is a recognized leader in helping Latinos get elected in government offices. Aldrete is currently a partner in the media firm MAP Communications.

Former Tarrant County Democratic Party Executive Director J.D. Angle will serve as the moderator for the panel.

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## PUSHING THE LIMIT



Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Delta Delta sorority members play three-on-three wheelchair basketball Wednesday in the Rickel Building. The Greek organizations competed against each other to help raise money for Pi Kappa Phi's philanthropy, PUSH America.

## Anthony charged with felony

### Former basketball player arrested in Lexington, Ky.

By Matt Stiver  
SKIFF STAFF

Former TCU basketball player Myron Anthony was arrested Sunday in Lexington, Ky., in connection with breaking and entering into the residence of his former girlfriend and he was later charged with assault.

Anthony was charged with second-degree burglary, a felony, and fourth-degree assault, a misdemeanor. Anthony pleaded not guilty to both charges and was released Monday from the Fayette County Jail after posting \$750 bail. A court date has been set for March 14.

His whereabouts are currently unknown. Calls to Anthony's residence in his hometown of Jacksonville, Fla., were not returned.

Friday evening, Anthony allegedly had an "altercation" with his former girlfriend, said Lloyd Axelrod, a University of Kentucky spokesman. Saturday evening, Anthony allegedly broke a window in the woman's on-campus apartment in order to gain entry.

University of Kentucky police arrested Anthony Sunday afternoon and charged him with second-degree burglary. While in the Fayette County Jail, Anthony was charged Monday with assault. If convicted of the assault charge, Anthony could face one year in jail.

Axelrod said fourth-degree assault is usually issued in domestic violence cases.

If convicted of second-degree burglary, Anthony could face up to 20 years in prison.

Anthony played for Kentucky during the 1997-1998 season when the Wildcats won the NCAA Championship.

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Anthony

## COMING SOON

Cloning has been a hot topic in ethics debates since Dolly the sheep was cloned in 1997. On Friday, the Skiff examines the advantages and disadvantages of human cloning.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1692, Sarah Goode, Sarah Osborne and Tituba, an Indian slave from Barbados, were charged with the illegal practice of witchcraft in Salem Village, Mass.

## WEATHER

### TOMORROW

High 49

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Rain



## Space across from Bass Building to become parking lot

### More room for commuters could be available by summer 2002

By John Weyand  
STAFF REPORTER

The Brite Divinity School now plays a larger role in parking than most students would have guessed.

A lot across the street from the Bass Building, formerly occupied by Brite housing, will be used for construction storage for the William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center before being turned into a parking lot, said Larry Garrison, director of facilities services.

Garrison said the Physical Plant tore down the Brite housing quads last week and plans to fence the now vacant lot to contain construction materials for the Tucker Technology Center, which is

scheduled to be completed by April 2002.

Garrison also said the timing of the technology center construction coincided with the completion of the new Brite housing development.

"The Brite unit came into (the Physical Plant's) hands when the ones down (McCart Street) were finished," Garrison said.

Garrison said the lot is approximately 16,000 square feet and will be ready for parking by summer 2002.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said tentative plans exist for parking facilities along Princeton Street. Mills said the lot along Princeton, which contains the Extended Education building

and an apartment complex, belongs to Brite and will later be used for a new Brite academic building.

Mills said Brite would build on the Princeton Street lot, but plans were "two to three years away."

"Of course, we couldn't start on them while people were still in the Extended Education and TCU Press buildings," Mills said.

Mills said McGee's confusion about the parking along Princeton was probably due to the fact that a final decision regarding the Princeton possibilities has not been made. Mills said that if TCU

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The empty lot near the Bass Building will be used for construction storage for the William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center before being turned into a parking lot.

## Physical Plant workers fix carbon monoxide problem in The Main

### Work order breakdown

Work orders logged Feb. 20:  
The Physical Plant: 59  
Residential and Food Services: 42

Work orders logged Feb. 22:  
The Physical Plant: 71  
Residential and Food Services: 41

Total for the week of Feb. 18-24:  
335

By Alisha Brown  
STAFF REPORTER

A carbon monoxide scare in The Main caused the eatery to be evacuated for 45 minutes Tuesday and the Physical Plant to install carbon monoxide detectors in the kitchen, said Richard Oliver, assistant director of facilities.

Fred Dement, director of catering, said due to the strong winds from the storm Monday night, the fumes from the natural gas-burning stoves, which are normally

sucked out of the building through overhead fans, were pushed back inside.

The kitchen workers noticed the natural gas odors at about 6:45 a.m., after which the building was evacuated and the fire department called. Dement said that the fumes had dispersed 45 minutes later, and The Main was reopened.

"The fire department took measurements (of carbon monoxide), and at the highest level they found, you can work up to eight

hours in," Oliver said. "We have maintenance installing two carbon monoxide detectors — which are not required — just to be on the safe side."

David Mestemaker, assistant director for resources for the Physical Plant, said the Physical Plant and Residential Services handle about 60 of these kind of functional problems a day.

Mestemaker said that last week, 335 work orders were logged for the entire campus. In one day, 71

complaints were logged.

Walter Redding, control specialist for the Physical Plant, said the Physical Plant has 126 active personnel positions, including administrators. Within the plant, there are six electricians, nine air conditioning and heating specialists, five plumbers, nine finishing workers and 12 general maintenance personnel.

Oliver said the amount of time

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# PULSE

## campus lines

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

■ **University Ministries Ecumenical Exchange** will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today 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.

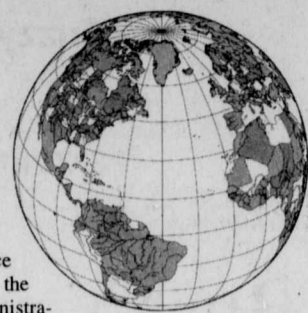
■ **The Society of Professional Journalists** will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 155. They will be discussing "Sensationalism in the Broadcast Media." Free food will be provided and membership opportunities will be discussed. For more information call (817) 257-8563.

■ **"Experience India,"** a charity luncheon benefiting the victims of the recent earthquakes in India, will be from 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.

# WORLD DIGEST



### Thirteen people dead from freight train wreck

**GREAT HECK, England** — A high-speed passenger train collided with a Land Rover, derailed and smashed into an oncoming freight train in northern England on Wednesday morning, killing 13 people. More than 70 people were injured, Transport Police Inspector Ian Griffiths said, as rescue workers continued to struggle to free passengers trapped in the mangled wreckage at Great Heck, a village about 200 miles north of London.

Twisted coaches lay in a muddy field below the railway embankment. The freight train was partially derailed, with its front end completely off the track and lying on its side. It had slid into the back garden of a house, crushing a trailer. Janine Edwards, 22, who was riding in the middle of the passenger train, said she heard "screaming and shouting and the lights went out. "I held onto the table in front of me and then there was a huge impact," Edwards said. "My carriage was on its side. I was lucky, I was still in my seat, clinging to the table. But one lady, who was traveling with her daughter, had been flung into the air and was lying in the next corridor. Her leg was trapped.

"The man opposite me was streaming with blood. The window next to him was smashed and the frame had come out and hit him. His wife sitting next to him was covered in his blood."

The accident was certain to raise new questions about the safety of the beleaguered British rail system, even though there was no early indication that engineer error or equipment failure had played a role. Police were investigating how the Land Rover and trailer veered off a highway and onto a rail line. The driver was able to get out of the vehicle and phone police, but too late to stop the passenger train approaching at about 120 mph.

The train derailed after hitting the Land Rover, but remained upright and was still moving forward when it slammed into an oncoming coal train. "It's like a scene from a bomb explosion," said Nigel Metcalfe, spokesman for North Yorkshire Ambulance Service. "The carnage is appalling."

He said rescuers reported hearing mobile phones ringing inside the cars. At least 56 people were taken to hospitals, said Bob Schofield, spokesman for the National Health Service. "One coach was badly crushed," he said. "We fear there will be serious casualties inside that coach."

Mike Playforth, an accident and emergency consultant at Pontefract General Infirmary, said 31 people had been admitted to that hospital, and three had

critical injuries. "They're in shock," Playforth said of the injured. "They are not speaking about it, they are all very shocked at what's happened."

About 100 people were aboard the train, according to Great North Eastern Railways, the train operator. A precise count wasn't immediately possible, because most rail passengers travel without reservations.

### Israeli officials blame Arafat for armed attacks

**JERUSALEM** — The commander of Israel's military charged Wednesday that Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority has adopted terrorism as a policy, ordering attacks against Israel.

Israeli officials have blamed Arafat for encouraging, or at least not stopping, armed attacks, but until now stopped short of charging that the Authority — established in interim peace accords with Israel — is a terrorist body.

Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz, the military chief of staff, said that while they are not official parts of the Palestinian Authority, bodies like the Fatah Tanzim militias are "operational arms of the Authority's leadership and Arafat himself." Senior officials are involved with "promotion, development, directing and supporting" attacks, he said.

Tanzim militiamen have carried out dozens of armed attacks against Israeli soldiers and civilians. Fatah is Arafat's personal power base.

"The implication is that the Palestinian Authority is being converted into a terrorist entity," Mofaz said, reading from an English text before a group of Jewish leaders.

Mofaz did not say how Israel should respond, but deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh told Israel television that the military should increase the activity of its special, undercover units, "which I call guerrilla against guerrilla."

Incoming Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has demanded that Arafat stop all Palestinian violence before peace negotiations can resume. Palestinians blame Israel for the violence, pointing to travel restrictions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and charging that Israel has overreacted with deadly force to Palestinian protests.

A senior aide to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said the fighting will continue and Israel is to blame for not pursuing peace talks.

"Our people have no choice but to continue defending their land and struggling against the Israeli occupation," said Ahmed Abdel Rahman, the Palestinian Cabinet secretary.

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat, meeting in Egypt with President Hosni Mubarak and Arafat, expressed concern Wednesday that violence

would increase as the Mideast awaited new peace ideas from the U.S. administration.

During a tour of the region, Secretary of State Colin Powell "did not give any statements about occupation and the necessity of ending this occupation. Therefore we should not speak about a change in the American stance," Erekat said.

"It might take this administration months to prepare its position in dealing with the Middle East question," he said. "This means there will be a vacuum."

### Tobin to face only drug charges, not espionage

**MOSCOW** — A day after publicizing the drug arrest of what it called an agent-in-training for American intelligence, Russia's Federal Security Service said Wednesday that no espionage charges would be filed.

The agency had suggested that John Edward Tobin, a 24-year-old native of Ridgefield, Conn., had U.S. intelligence training. It said his arrest showed that potential spies could be found even under cover of exchange students.

But a spokesman for the Federal Security Service, known by its Russian acronym FSB, stressed on Wednesday that Tobin faced only drug charges. "He didn't ever carry out any spying activity on Russian territory," said Pavel Bolshunov, an FSB spokesman in Voronezh, the central Russian city where Tobin has been jailed. "We don't have any claims on him."

Tobin was detained at a nightclub on Jan. 26, and was formally arrested on Feb. 1 for possession of 4.5 grams of marijuana. Bolshunov said Wednesday that Tobin will also be charged with distributing marijuana.

Under Russian law, this could mean either selling the drug or offering it free to friends, and carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

Bolshunov said the FSB became involved after it found out that Tobin had a background as a U.S. army soldier trained in Russian language. He said Tuesday that the FSB believed Tobin was an interrogation specialist who had been sent to Russia for additional country and language training.

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## Editorial

# DEMOCRAT DAY

### Revival of club is long overdue

The TCU Young Democrats are trying to make a comeback after more than a 30-year absence from the campus with a panel discussion today.

The organization will bring in prominent political and business leaders from the nation to speak to the TCU community about becoming involved in the Democratic Party. This campus has needed more political diversity for a long time.

It would have been nice if there had been a Democratic representative at the political debates, which were hosted by the College Republicans last semester. Or even better if there had been any Democratic students at all willing to voice their opinion at those debates.

Just because an organization does not exist on campus does not mean students can't voice their opinion. Start your own organization; hold a demonstration; speak up.

Failing to speak up is what caused the organization to go dormant on campus in the first place. What a shame that back then there was not enough students interested or who wanted to get involved to keep a chapter active of one of the oldest political parties on campus.

Josh Wall, a junior political science major, and Adam Ryan, a senior finance major, both took time to organize this forum to draw students interested in politics back to a place where they can share their ideas with others who believe the same way they do.

Everybody should learn from their example.

When the Young Democrats join the College Republicans and the Leftist Student Union, TCU will finally be represented by all of the major political parties.

Students need to become more involved. It is our future and we need to stand up for what we believe in.

Hats off to the two students on campus who took the time to get involved and bring back an organization that should have never disappeared.



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# Letter to the editor

**Jeering the opponents does not count as support for home team**

Last night, I attended the women's basketball game against San Jose State. While I left the game thrilled that our team had won, accomplishing something no other women's basketball team has done in TCU history — winning the Western Athletic Conference championship — I was also disappointed.

I was disappointed and angry with the actions of some of my fellow students. Not only did these fans (including TCU Band members) yell at the referees every time a call was made against TCU, but they also heckled members of the opposing team and shouted negative comments to their coach.

When I was growing up, I was taught that a good fan cheered for his or her team, not against the other team.

I found the actions of these fans to be inappropriate, rude and not very sportsmanlike. So much for Texas Christian University when it comes to a basketball game. I guess next time I'll sit somewhere else.

—Amanda Fulton  
junior nursing major

# Americans capitalize on death

## Tragedies seen as little more than chance for cheap public

There's a terrific, wordless scene in Alfred Hitchcock's "Rear Window" which, lately, I can't seem to get out of my mind. After the credits roll, the opening shot is a lazy pan backwards from the open window of James Stewart's character's apartment. The camera ever so slowly settles on Stewart, asleep in a wheelchair, with a massive cast on his leg. Moving a bit further back to the left, the camera finally settles on a terrifying picture of an airborne race car hurtling straight at the camera. Now we know how why the man is in a cast, and what he does.



BULLION

This scene, and indeed the rest of "Rear Window" itself, go a long way in portraying our culture's obsession with witnessing things we shouldn't and the messes we can get in when getting a voyeuristic thrill becomes part of our life.

I couldn't stop thinking about this movie scene when I first heard about NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt's tragic death. For a lot of reasons, this news affected me in such a profound way that it shocked me. For one, there's really no escaping news like this in our area of the country. Here, racing is king. This is a place where people agree that Earnhardt's sudden death was tantamount to racing's version of the demises of John F. Kennedy or Elvis Presley

without batting an eye. The news also hit me hard because I used to be a big fan of auto racing, especially NASCAR. I liked NASCAR before it was cool to like NASCAR. From about the age of 9 until I was 13, I planned my spring, summer and occasionally fall Sundays (when the NFL game was boring) around watching grown men with silly stickers on their cars drive around in circles for three hours. And I kind of liked Dale Earnhardt, too — as long as he didn't win too much.

Since then, I haven't really watched much NASCAR racing. As is generally the case with me when I realize that something I like is tremendously popular with other people, I drop it and find another obsession that I can call my own.

But what really bothered me about Earnhardt's death and what made me realize the real, subconscious reason that I stopped watching NASCAR and so many other forms of auto racing, was the possibility of death itself. Millions of people, whether they watched the event live, watched replays of it later, or picked up the morning edition of either the Dallas or Fort Worth papers, were actually witnessing someone die. And that is a very big deal.

So big, in fact, that to me it seemed almost callous when the SportsCenter anchors came back from the commercial break after the Earnhardt story with smiling faces and

catch-phrases for the latest batch of NBA highlights. A man may have just died on national television, but the sports world, like the real world, marches on blindly and irresponsibly.

Even more irresponsible were the highlights and photos of the crash that killed Earnhardt, at the top of every news broadcast and on the front page of every paper. How could anyone see those and not wonder about what was going on inside the car, whether Earnhardt was dead or dying? How could they not wonder what Earnhardt was thinking when his car veered sharply into that wall, right before the moment of death? And what about children who saw the pictures, or were, God forbid, actually watching the race? It's one thing to not allow them to watch wrestling or "South Park," quite another for them to actually witness a sudden and totally unfiltered scene of death.

What is even scarier, and quite possibly the reason I couldn't get my mind off the tragedy, was that maybe we were asking for it as a culture. This is why home backyard wrestling videos are so popular — we want to see how stupid people can get, how badly they can injure themselves. This is why there are no fair catches in the NFL — we want to see someone get hit. This is why every other night of programming on Fox is "World's Dumbest

Criminals" or "World's Wildest Police Chases."

And the printed word isn't much better. When Major League Baseball umpire John McSherry died on the field of a heart attack during a game, *Sports Illustrated* ran a chilling photo of McSherry's face, slumped on the ground, mouth agape, eyes glazed. It wasn't enough that thousands of people at the ballpark and millions more watching on television had to witness it. *Sports Illustrated* gave its readers death in vivid color.

But the media doesn't induce this sort of carnage on the air; they just know that, given the sad, sick way human nature works, it's what the people want to see. I cringe whenever I overhear someone claim that they won't watch "Survivor" because "it's not really surviving unless they have to kill and eat each other." If that's what you want out of a reality show, that's a pretty bleak reality.

So is the reality of Earnhardt's death on the track nearly two Sundays ago. The survivors move onward and forward, as M. David Allen, a man who knew Earnhardt and once ran the driver's media relations team, has. "Right this minute, we are front page news," Allen said. "It's a sad and tough way to get it ... (but) let's look at what's there. It's the cover of the *New York Times*, a *People* cover story on him, Connie Chung is interested, Larry King's people calling. Right now, we have a huge worldwide audience, and maybe in some ironic twist of fate, we could really grow from this."

That's death in the Information Age for you. Its impact is measured by the amount of exposure and profitability. Writing about Earnhardt's nationally televised death, Hunter S. Thompson probably said it best: "This is the American Dream run amok. Watch it and weep."

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# Texas should ease up on medical potheads

## Allowing use of marijuana for medicinal needs should come without condition

The Criminal Jurisprudence Committee of the Texas House of Representatives heard a bill Tuesday that would lessen penalties for the medical use of marijuana.



HEAD

This makes me sick to my stomach. My head hurts a little, and oh yeah, I have a bruise right here on my elbow. How do I sign up for that?

The bill, authored by Rep. Terry Keel, R-Travis County, creates an affirmative defense in court for patients who have marijuana with their doctor's permission.

Marijuana Policy Project President Chuck Thomas said that under current law, even patients who can prove they have cancer, that marijuana reduces their nausea and vomiting and that they are using it with their doctor's approval cannot be acquitted for possession of marijuana.

Since 1996, eight other states — Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington — have enacted laws to protect marijuana-using patients from arrest if they have their doctor's approval. That just about settles my post-graduation plans. I'm moving to Seattle, where they not only have a

house from MTV's "The Real World," but they also have monorails and medical marijuana.

But the Texas bill is a bit more conservative: Even if people who possess marijuana use it for medical reasons, they will still be arrested. The change is in their defense.

"They would then at least have a fighting chance in court to explain their medical need," Thomas said.

Keel, a former sheriff and assistant district attorney for Travis County, writes in the bill: "It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the person possessed (marijuana) as a patient of a licensed physician and pursuant to the recommendation of that physician for the amelioration of a bona fide medical condition."

So now what? Let's say this bill passes, and all of the sudden pain is a legal defense to smoking some pot to ease the pain of cancer. Where do we draw the line of what constitutes pain?

A man dying of AIDS surely feels pain, as does a woman dying from emphysema. But these deadly diseases bring with them the unfortunate "Well-they-could-have-avoided it" stigma, whereas cancer, it seems, is one of those "Awww, shucks" diseases.

No one deserves the pain their cancer gives them, so give them some marijuana to help with the

pain. But this raises the question: Does anyone deserve to have AIDS? Does anyone deserve any disease?

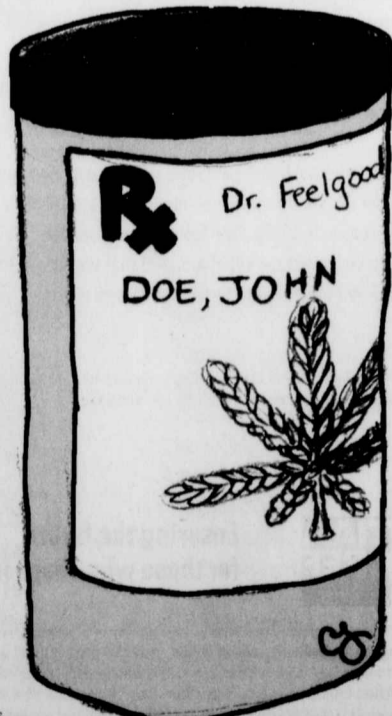
Of course not. This bill is a step in the right direction, but it is not enough.

It is therefore only fair to legalize marijuana use for any and all pain. To allow it for the use in only terminal cases is unfair and discriminatory. After all, there are a lot of things that cause pain.

AIDS hurts. Whiplash hurts. Love hurts. By no means is there a comparison between the pain experienced by a dying AIDS patient and that felt by a heartbroken teen-ager, but both are degrees of hurt.

Though heartache is certainly not a "bona fide medical condition," who are we to say which pain constitutes form of relief, and which pain does not?

Come on, Texas, be a leader for once.



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BUSH

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Not everyone listening to Bush's proposal was convinced the poor would get the biggest tax cuts.

Dick Gephardt, Democratic leader in the House of Representatives and Tom Daschle, Democratic leader in the Senate, said in their response to the address, that the tax cuts they would approve would give more relief to the poor, arguing that Bush's tax cuts mostly benefit the rich.

John Lovett, instructor of economics, said according to his calculations, people earning less than \$30,000 a year or more than \$80,000 a year will save the most money under Bush's plan.

Bush also discussed his plans for improving the military, Medicare and the environment. He said he would work to end racial profiling, pay down the national debt and help faith-based and community organizations to help the poor.

An underlying theme throughout the speech was unifying the political parties.

Mark Davis, a talk show host for WBAP, said the speech helped Bush win bi-partisan support.

"The speech had a wonderful tone," Davis said. "Instead of saying, these are my ideas and I am President so you should listen to me, it was an invitation to try a new way and work together with the Democrats."

Lucas Henderson, a senior political science and international relations major, said he thought the speech was characteristic of a Texan and showed a marked contrast to Washington, D.C. He said he liked how Bush used individuals in the audience during the speech.

"I liked how the Democratic mayor of Philadelphia was sitting next to Laura Bush. It was a nod to the Democratic base and Bush's rhetoric of being bi-partisan," Henderson said.

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Mardi Gras turns violent

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PHILADELPHIA — Mardi Gras revelry turned violent early Wednesday in Seattle and Philadelphia, with crowds fighting, smashing storefronts and looting, and police fought back on horseback and with pepper spray.

Some 100 people were arrested in Philadelphia. About 70 people were injured in Seattle and two of them were described as in severely critical condition with head injuries, one from a fall off an overpass.

By contrast, the more notorious pre-Lenten partying in New Orleans was largely peaceful, even though upward of a million people — many in costume and some in little more than a smile — had jammed the streets as Fat Tuesday jiggled and giggled its way into Ash Wednesday.

Philadelphia revelers smashed windows and dozens of people looted a liquor store and other businesses on South Street, a trendy stretch of bars and shops at the edge of downtown. It took police about an hour to clear the street.

"Disappointing is the only word I can think to say," city managing director Joe Martz said early Wednesday as he walked

down the street strewn with trash, broken glass, empty beer cans and a few lace bras. "It's disgraceful."

At a news conference Wednesday, Philadelphia Mayor John Street said he wouldn't call for cancellation of the annual event, although officials had discussed a curfew or other restrictions.

City Councilman Frank DiCiccio said businesses who promote the event should take some responsibility for it.

"Those businesses who are pumping people full of booze from 7 a.m. until they basically explode should be held accountable."

Seattle police broke up the crowd there with pepper spray and said at least 21 people were arrested on charges that included assault, rioting, reckless endangerment and hit-and-run driving.

"I'm absolutely sickened at what I saw just several hours ago in Pioneer Square," Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske said at a news conference Wednesday.

He said one of those arrested had been waving a cocked .45-caliber pistol.

In an annual ritual in New Orleans, a phalanx of mounted police officers, street sweepers and garbage trucks moved down

Bourbon Street promptly at midnight in the French Quarter to ring down the curtain on a week-long party.

Before midnight, the Quarter's famous iron-wrought balconies had overflowed with partyer tossing plastic bead necklaces to people on the street. In exchange, many women gladly exposed their breasts — and were quickly surrounded by men with video cameras.

"It's like nothing else in the world — the world's biggest freak show," said Wolf Martin, 57, a Los Angeles software engineer who was attending his first Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

No major problems were reported and New Orleans police were expected to release arrest figures Wednesday afternoon. The ankle-deep trash was to be weighed to get an idea of whether the enormous crowds set a record.

Philadelphia police had set up barricades to keep pedestrians on the sidewalks, but late Tuesday the crowds poured into the street. Eventually, police closed the street to vehicles instead of trying to push back the partyers.

Just after 11 p.m., police started to clear the street with a line of officers on bicycles and horses. But after advancing about four blocks into the heart of the club district, they were assaulted with bottles thrown by revelers who stood their ground, police said.

Washington and Havana at odds

By George Gedda

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Five years after Cuban MiGs shot down two unarmed Miami-based private planes north of Cuba, the fallout continues to infect U.S.-Cuban relations, with no sign of any letup.

Partly as a result of the Feb. 24, 1996, incident, Washington and Havana have dispensed with even the most elemental courtesies.

There is name-calling on both sides, with Cuban President Fidel Castro saying he hopes President Bush is not as "stupid" as he seems and prominent Americans, including Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., expressing hope that death will soon claim Castro, now 74.

Fortieth anniversary celebrations in April of the Bay of Pigs invasion are expected to have a pronounced anti-American theme. Also, Cuba has vowed to retaliate for the parting shot that former President Clinton took at Cuba on his last full day in office.

He issued an executive order to pay \$96.7 million in frozen Cuban assets to families of three American citizens, all Cuban-Americans, who were killed in the 1996 incident. The funds were derived

from long-distance phone service between the two countries.

In Miami, federal prosecutors in a trial of five alleged Miami-based spies for Cuba have presented documents suggesting that the MiG attack was the result of an elaborate plot hatched in Havana.

The planes belonged to Brothers to the Rescue, a Cuban-American group known for efforts to save Cubans attempting to flee the island for U.S. shores.

But Cuba regards the Brothers as primarily a terrorist organization which has engaged in provocations against the island. It says Cuban agents in Miami who infiltrated the group were merely trying to prevent an attack on their homeland.

But former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick says those responsible for the attack, including higher-ups, should be indicted. Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., says the "criminal conspiracy" responsible "almost certainly leads to Fidel Castro."

Cuba maintains the two aircraft penetrated Cuban air space. An independent investigation backed up the U.S. claim that the attack occurred in international air space.

Lightning strikes man, homes in North Texas

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Construction worker in critical condition

DALLAS — Thunderstorms have produced multiple lightning strikes, injuring one worker and damaging several houses, as heavy rains pounded the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

A 28-year-old construction worker was struck by lightning Tuesday afternoon as he was working atop a home in southeast Plano.

The unidentified man, who had life-threatening injuries, was reported in critical condition Wednesday at the burn unit of Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Plano Fire Department spokeswoman Monique Cardwell declined to release other information about the man.

The victim was working on a home under construction when the bolt struck and authorities were notified shortly after 3 p.m., Cardwell said.

Law officers say at least two houses in Fort Worth, two in Keller and one in Southlake were struck by lightning as storms moved through the area.

Keller Fire Chief Kelly King said lightning caused the chimney of one house to explode and burned several holes in the roofs of both dwellings.

A Southlake home's roof burned and a brick chimney was destroyed, said a Southlake Department of Public Safety official.

Some streets flooded from the heavy rains and water entered homes in some low-lying areas of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Mark Fox, a National Weather Service

meteorologist, said the official area rainfall total is more than eight inches for this year — double the average rainfall for the period.

"Water from the last rain hasn't really gone anywhere," Fox said. "The ground's saturated. That's just aggravating the problem of heavy rainfall."

The weather service issued a flash flood watch for the region. The rains were recharging the region's lakes, which have been depleted through a three-year-long drought.

"This water is going to help the entire state," Ron Ruffennach, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spokesman, said.

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# Cmdr. Waddle makes apology

## Admission loosens tensions in Japan

By Kenji Hall  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**TOKYO** — After apologies from President Bush and other top officials, the families of the nine Japanese presumed dead received the words of remorse they wanted most — from the captain of the U.S. submarine that scattered their loved ones in the sea.

Cmdr. Scott Waddle visited a senior Foreign Ministry official at Japan's consulate in Honolulu on Tuesday and hand-delivered 13 apologies addressed to the families of the nine missing, Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori and others.

The gesture is likely to go a long way toward soothing anger in Japan, where the tradition for making amends with a formal bow and a teary-eyed apology is taken very seriously. The relatives of the missing had demanded that Waddle apologize, and refused to accept the explanation that legal constraints may be preventing him from doing so.

Japanese media reported Wednesday that some family members had mixed feelings upon hearing of the apology.

"I wish he had expressed his feelings to the families sooner," Chihoko Nishida, the wife of a missing crew member, was quoted as saying by Kyodo News agency. "But at least I would like to accept his intention to apologize."

The other letters were addressed to the captain of the Japanese fishing trawler, the governor of the state

where the missing lived and the principal of the school that four missing students on board attended.

In Honolulu, the Japanese consulate said that Foreign Ministry vice-minister Yoshio Mochizuki will leave Honolulu Wednesday morning to deliver the letters.

Tensions between Japan and the United States had already been eased by the visit of the Navy's No. 2 officer, Adm. William Fallon, who impressed relatives of the missing with the sincerity of his apology when he met them Wednesday.

"I felt the envoy was sincere, and it was the most satisfying meeting we have had yet (with American officials)," said Ryosuke Terata, whose 17-year-old son is among the missing. "We thank you for meeting with us."

Fallon said he would go to the boat's home port today to meet with one representative of each family of the missing.

"The message I will deliver is very simple," he said. "I came seeking their understanding, seeking their acceptance of our apology."

The meetings are meant to calm anger over the Feb. 9 accident off Hawaii, when the USS Greeneville, practicing an emergency surfacing maneuver, smashed into the Ehime Maru and sank it within minutes.

Of the 35 people aboard the Ehime Maru, which was operated by a high school for aspiring sailors in Uwajima, about 430 miles southwest of Tokyo, all but nine were rescued.

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goes ahead with the changes, provisions will begin later this spring. Mills said Extended Education and TCU Press would be evacuated in April.

Molly Mitchell, a sophomore

education major and commuter student, said the new lots will improve parking on campus, if only slightly.

"It'll still be crowded, but every little bit helps," Mitchell said. "I'm glad they're doing things to change the (parking) situation."

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## DEMOCRAT

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Adam Ryan, a senior finance major who contributed to organizing the event, said the discussion will allow different views from important people in the field of politics.

"Our goal is to get a group started on campus," Ryan said.

Ryan said he and Wall collaborated ideas and pitched them to Russell Langley, executive director of the Tarrant County Democratic Party. Langley then asked the panelists to offer their expertise in the discussion.

Langley said the panel will bring diverse perspectives and answer questions of what De-

mocrats should have done differently in the 2000 election and what they can now do differently.

"There's a growing movement of young leaders," Langley said. "We want to give them voices of venue."

Wall said this will be the beginning of the return of the TCU Young Democrats on campus.

"People assume just because we're in Texas or are at a private university we shouldn't be Democrats," Wall said. "We just want people to stand up for what they believe in. There's nothing wrong with being a Democrat at TCU."

The discussion is open to the public and will be held at 6 p.m. today in the Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 3.

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## ANTHONY

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In September 1997, Anthony pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of a crime. While driving teammate Wayne Turner's car, Anthony struck another vehicle. Turner pleaded guilty, but Anthony later confessed. He was sentenced with 50 hours of community service and assessed a \$250 fine.

Anthony, who transferred to TCU from Kentucky in 1998, was dismissed from the TCU basketball team Feb. 17 for what head coach Billy Tubbs called a "violation of team rules." Sources close to the team said a failed drug test led to the dismissal.

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## PHYSICAL

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It takes for repairs to be made depends on the severity of the problem and the staff available. He said for most residence hall and cafeteria problems, repairs are usually made within 24 hours.

"We really take pride in our maintenance," Oliver said. "We may not be the Hilton, but we want to get as close to it as possible."

Redding said the Physical Plant handles all building and other uni-

versity work orders in three stages.

Mestemaker said, emergency problems are handled immediately.

Oliver said if the problem with the carbon monoxide fumes had been a fan failure, it would have been considered an emergency work order for the Physical Plant, but no repairs were needed.

Redding said an example of an urgent work order would be a toilet overflowing or a clogged sink.

Mestemaker said routine maintenance such as desk drawer repair or the relocation of a plug is scheduled for the first available

time period within 30 days.

"If it's a window blind, it may take three to four weeks if we don't have the parts," Redding said. "If it's an electrical outlet system, and we have the parts, it may be fixed overnight."

Larry Garrison, director of facility services, said old and new buildings may not use the same parts, but the Physical Plant is standardizing the parts as renovations of buildings continue.

"Different companies make the same thing, so we're trying to limit the parts we use to a certain number

so we can keep them in stock and increase response time," Garrison said.

Oliver said a weekly review of work orders is done to see which projects have not been completed and why. He said that in recent weeks, only one complaint was made about a work order not being completed soon enough.

"If a work order is not completed, it is probably because it has not gone through the right channels," Oliver said.

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# WorldCom Inc. lays off nearly 6,000 workers

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**JACKSON, Miss.** — Telecommunications giant WorldCom Inc., trying to cut expenses and increase profits, has laid off nearly 6,000 workers in the United States.

Employees learned of the moves Wednesday, and nearly every segment of the company was affected, said a source speaking on condition of anonymity.

WorldCom is the second-largest long distance company in the United States. The layoffs mark just the second time in the company's history it has let workers go.

"This is part of the corporate realignment announced late last year," the source said. "Every position was carefully considered."

In November, WorldCom announced plans to create a new tracking stock to separate its healthy business units from those that have floundered because of increasing competition among long-distance and wireless phone companies.

WorldCom, like AT&T and Sprint, has been battered by long-distance price wars and new competition from wireless phones and technology that enable calls to be placed over the Internet.

The source said Wednesday's job reductions accounted for about 6 to 7 percent of WorldCom's international work force of 90,000, which includes part-time and contract workers.

Earlier this year the long-distance and Internet company posted fourth quarter earnings of \$726 million, or 25 cents a share, in the October-December period, compared with \$1.3 billion, or 44 cents a share, in the same period a year ago.

That was in line with analyst forecasts who revised their estimates in November after WorldCom said it would restructure its operations and issue the separate tracking stock for

its long-distance services.

Ramkrishna Kasargod, an analyst with Morgan Keegan & Co. Inc. in Memphis, said WorldCom seemed intent on reshaping its business, so the layoffs were not a complete surprise.

"I think it's fair to say that the company is clearly getting focused on reducing its cost structure in light of the current difficult environment in telecommunications," Kasargod said.

The source did not have a breakdown of layoffs by operating units, including those in Texas. About 150 of the cuts took place at WorldCom's SkyTel offices in Jackson.

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# Earthquake rocks Seattle, Portland

By Alisha Brown  
STAFF REPORTER

As students from the far Northwest corner of the country lamented over having to be in class on a rainy day in Texas, at home an earthquake rating a 6.8 by the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo., rumbled their homes and their parents' workplaces.

The quake hit Seattle and Portland, Ore., at 10:55 a.m. PST, right when Katy Jo Reinmiller, a sophomore economics major and Seattle native, was finishing lunch with some friends in The Main.

"I didn't hear about it until I was on my way to my leadership class," Reinmiller said. "The guy on the radio didn't make it sound like a big deal, maybe since we're here in Texas."

Sophomore history major Glenn Brawn found out about his hometown through a friend on his way to his 2 p.m. class.

"Originally I heard it was like a 6.5 and I wasn't that worried," he said. "But then I heard it was more around a 7, which scared me. I just wanted to get home and check CNN."

The Associated Press reported that it was the strongest quake to hit

Quake's magnitude hits 6.8; leaves buildings damaged, few serious injuries

Washington in 52 years. It knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of people, cracked the dome atop the state Capitol in Olympia, Wash., and briefly trapped about 30 people atop a swaying Space Needle in Seattle.

Reinmiller's mother, a flight attendant with Delta Airlines, was unable to fly into Seattle from New York due to damages caused by the quake.

The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport was closed and the tower evacuated, stranding thousands of people. The Federal Aviation Administration halted all flights in and out of the Northwest's biggest city. The air traffic center for Washington and Oregon, near Auburn, Wash., was operating on backup power, the Associated Press reported.

"I didn't know where she was at and all the circuits were busy," Reinmiller said. "I couldn't call my house to find anything out, but I finally got hold of my dad on his cell phone, and he said he was at the gym in the steam room relaxing when it hit."

Brawn said his parents were both at work and were forced to evacuate

their buildings.

"But I wasn't as worried when I heard that it was father south around Olympia," he said. "We live more in the Northeast."

Neither Reinmiller's nor Brawn's parents were injured, but according to the Associated Press, a spokeswoman said 25 people were treated at Seattle's Harborview Medical Center, four of them for serious injuries.

There was damage to a number of other buildings, mostly minor cracks and broken glass. Bricks fell from the top of Starbucks' headquarters onto cars parked below and piled up on sidewalks of the popular Pioneer Square neighborhood, the scene of Mardi Gras celebrations the night before.

But the quake had potential for greater damage. An increase in one full number means the quake's magnitude is 10 times as great. The Associated Press reported that a quake with a magnitude of 6 can cause severe damage, while one with a magnitude of 7 can cause widespread, heavy damage.

"All the buildings are made to sway with the wind and move," Brawn said. "The bridges are designed for that sort of thing too."

The Associated Press reported the buildings in downtown Portland, Ore., swayed for nearly a half-minute. Seattle Mayor Paul Schell said in an Associated Press story that preparations and seismic remodeling had paid off.

"I think the city has been very mindful of earthquake risks," Schell said in the story. "We have no catastrophic damage."

Reinmiller and Brawn have lived through earthquakes before and Reinmiller said she views them as a way of life.

"The way people down here are so used to tornados is like the way we are accustomed to earthquakes," she said.

But Brawn said this time was different since he was thousands of miles away.

"Just to hear about all this stuff back home is unnerving," he said. "You just have to assume that your family is all OK."

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## BASEBALL

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he hasn't been affected by the off days yet, it can still get a player out of his routine.

"It throws you off track a lot," Bradshaw said. "It affects us a little bit because you can't stay in a groove."

In addition to causing problems with practice, the rain has also given Brown less opportunities to evaluate personnel, before the Frogs are fully immersed in Western Athletic Conference play. It also makes it harder for players to break into the starting lineup, Brown said.

"Whatever experiments we might want, we

don't have time to do them," Brown said. "The pitchers are probably the ones who are hurt the most."

The rainouts also mean the team will have to play more games later in the season, when players could be tired or battling more minor injuries. Some games, like the one against Sam Houston, probably won't be made up, Brown said. Others, like Saturday's against San Jose State, have to be made up.

Bradshaw said that even though other teams will be in the same position as the Frogs, the team still doesn't want to have to deal with the extra late-season workload.

"You don't want to have all those games in the same week," Bradshaw said.

But Brown said the rainouts may not be that bad. It could keep the team fresh early in the season, thus preventing burnout later on, he said.

"I think you get tired early (rather than late)," Brown said. "I think if you have a bad schedule, you travel early (in the season) a lot and you get worn out, then you never catch up."

Olmstead said it could also help the team recover from Sunday's loss.

"After a day like Sunday, it can help us regroup," Olmstead said. "Everyone can focus, get our pitchers refreshed, get our legs fresh."

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## Holocaust victims await IBM payment

By Pauline Jelinek  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — IBM Corp. is delaying long-frozen insurance payments owed to aging Holocaust survivors by demanding \$1 million for needed software from the commission running the compensation program, said the head of the commission.

The International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims is trying to match tens of thousands of names of Holocaust-era policy holders with the list of Nazi victims kept by Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial.

A letter from Lawrence Eagleburger, the insurance panel's chairman, said the IBM claim is based on software, developed by

an IBM overseas subsidiary for a similar but unrelated panel, that is needed to match the names.

The letter was obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

The second group, the Volcker Commission, looked into dormant Swiss bank accounts and was named for its chairman, Paul Volcker, former U.S. Federal Reserve chairman.

Because the Volcker Commission has not paid its entire bill from the IBM subsidiary, IBM/Tadiran, the insurance commission has been asked for \$1 million, Eagleburger said in a Nov. 16 letter to the IBM chairman and chief executive, Louis V. Gerstner.

"The (insurance commission)

does not have the funds necessary to pay the Volcker Commission's debt," Eagleburger wrote.

"What money we have or will get is to pay claims and to pay Yad Vashem" for doing the computer work.

Eagleburger's letter said he wrote to Gerstner months earlier but got nowhere.

IBM spokeswoman Carol Makovich said IBM answered Eagleburger's letter Nov. 28, "indicating that IBM very much wanted to begin discussion" of the issue.

She said she didn't know what, if anything, IBM did after that, because the time difference made it too late to reach company officials overseas for details Wednesday.

## BASKETBALL

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a post game to match his deep shooting threat. During a 110-84, victory over Nevada on Feb. 17, Merrixi set a career-high for points (30).

"I just go out and play hard every night," Merrixi said after the Nevada game.

Despite bleak postseason hopes, Tubbs said the Frogs remain upbeat.

"This team is still excited and still wants to play," Tubbs said. "There are a lot of teams that are ready for the season to end. I don't think that's true for our team."

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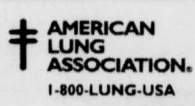
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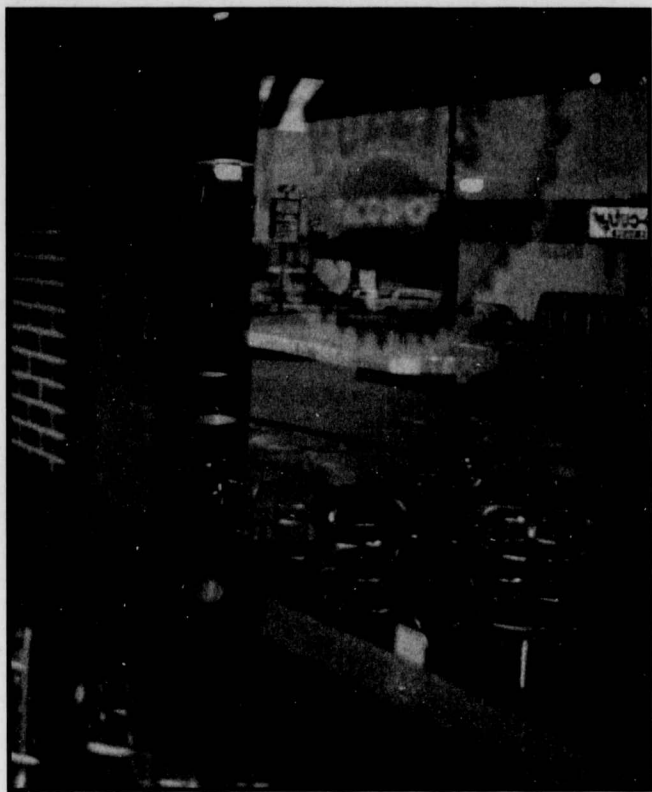
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“ If it looks like a taco and it smells like fish, it's got to be a tasty dish. Eat it! ”

## Authentic? Close Enough

*Ever wondered what a fuzzy taco tastes like? Yvette Herrera walks you through Berry Street's newest eatery*



Stools and tables are placed outside Fuzzy's Taco Shop allowing customers to eat out doors when weather permits.



Chicken fajitas are just one of the many plates that Fuzzy's Taco Shop offers.

**A**uthentic? Almost. Good? Yes. Fuzzy's Taco Shop only opened on Feb. 8, but already TCU students and local neighbors have swarmed to the place at all hours.

The restaurant, located at 2917 W. Berry St. across from the Celar, opens at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday and stays open until midnight Monday through Wednesday and until 3 a.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Students who go out to the local bars near campus no longer have to sit in their cars waiting in the drive-through at Whataburger. They can easily walk to Fuzzy's and grab a bite to eat. But don't expect fast service — not because the cooks aren't doing their jobs as quickly as possible, but because there are so many people waiting for a breakfast burrito, chips and salsa or a soft beef taco.

The big yellow sign that stands in front of the restaurant and the name itself somewhat threw me off at first, but I decided to try it anyway. Four years ago I came to TCU from Mexico, and I've tried just about every Mexican restaurant in town — even the taco stands in Northern Fort Worth. I'm tired of Tex-Mex food that comes with sour cream and non-spicy pico de gallo. All I've wanted since I came here was authentic Mexican food, and I think I almost found it.

The habanero style tacos are spicy, but I could always use a little more spice, so I added the Fuzzy's own "butt burnin' sauce" that was on the table. Needless to say, I refilled my Coke about three times. Pico de gallo is added to the "queso" they serve with tortilla chips, which makes it thick and tasty. Although I've never eaten a crispy taco in Mexico, the crispy crispy shrimp taco (habanero style) was delicious. The cheese used in

their tacos adds to the Mexican flavoring of the tacos. Usually when I ask for a soft taco, I get a flour tortilla rather than corn, but for once I got a corn tortilla served with my grilled shrimp taco.

Fuzzy's motto is not exactly appealing, but it works. "If it looks like a taco and it smells like fish, it's got to be a tasty dish. Eat it!" The aroma of tacos can be smelled from two blocks away.

The restaurant is clean and very modern looking. The bright red and yellow colors contrast with black to make the place look like a trendy diner. Photographs of what appears to be Cabo San Lucas are hanging on the walls, which add to the feeling of being in Mexico.

People don't seem to remember what was located there before, but they don't seem to forget to go to Fuzzy's Taco Shop at least once a week.

Tap beer will add to the number of customers when Fuzzy's gets its liquor license in two weeks. Although the juke box wasn't working the last time I visited, students can get the feel of being in a bar even after 2 a.m. on a Saturday night as they listen to disco music or The Red Hot Chili Peppers.

The wooden, painted fish hanging on the wall doesn't bother me, but the deer head hanging behind the cash register has to go. It's not a steakhouse. It's a taco shop. And a good taco shop for that matter.

Prices are reasonable. Two people can easily eat for less than \$20. Family-style takeout dinners that serve four to five people are only \$25.

I know that I will be seeing Fuzzy's more and more each week, whether it be after going to a local bar or during the day. My only concern about the place is the name — Fuzzy's Taco?

*Review by Yvette Herrera-Photos by Tim Cox*

## in the metroplex

### Theater

"All in the Timing" is showing in the visual arts center at the University of Texas at Dallas. The one act play is directed by student director Josh Blanchard. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. today and runs throughout the weekend. For more information call (972) 883-2982.

"Power Plays" consists of four actors in three plays by two comic geniuses. The play about power struggles in contemporary life is presented by Water Tower Theater in Dallas. Call (972) 450-6232 for more information.

William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" begins today. Delightful complications begin with an affair in this romantic play presented by the Dallas Theater Center. For more information call (214) 522-8499.

### Music

World renowned pianist Harold Martina will perform at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Keller Saturday. The program begins at 7 p.m. and will include classical and romantic selections from Chopin, Liszt, Gottschalk, Cervantes, DeLima, Mejia

and Moleiro. The church is located at 2016 Willis Lane.

Doc Martin, a disc jockey from Los Angeles, will be at Red Jacket at 9 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in advance from Ticketmaster, CD World and Illmatic Records. Ages 17 and up are welcome. The Red Jacket is located at 3606 Greenville Ave. in Dallas. Call (214) 823-4747 for more information.

Irish pianist Barry Douglas returns to Fort Worth to perform works by Beethoven, Bach and Debussy. The American Airlines Medalist Concert marks Douglas's first area recital in over a decade. Tickets range from \$10 to \$75 and can be purchased through Central Ticket Office at (817) 335-9000 or at any STAR Tickets outlet, including Albertson's. For more details visit the Van Cliburn Web site at ([www.cliburn.org](http://www.cliburn.org)).

Casa Manana presents "Sandy Duncan Celebrates Broadway," starring Sandy Duncan, Don Correia and Guy Stroman and featuring the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. Wednesday. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Casa Manana Capital Campaign. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling the TicketMaster Arts Line at (817) 467-ARTS or visit their Web site at ([www.casamanana.org](http://www.casamanana.org)).

### Art

Notable sculptor Henry Moore will have his work on display at the Dallas Museum of Art through May 27. The exhibition includes 109 plasters, maquettes, carvings and medium and large scale bronzes. For more information call (214) 522-6005.

The Dallas Opera concludes its 44th international season with Verdi's "Rigoletto" this today. The production stars baritone Gordon Hawkins and world renowned soprano Marenn O'Flynn. "Rigoletto" is the story of a court jester in the 16th century who makes his living laughing at other people's misfortunes, but when the tables of fate turn on him, he learns the hard way that cruelty is anything but funny. Tickets start at \$19. Visit the Dallas Opera's Web site at ([www.dallasopera.org](http://www.dallasopera.org)) or call (214) 443-1000.

The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth's Centennial Prints are currently on view through March 25 at the museum's downtown annex. The works being presented were commissioned in 1992 on the occasion of the museum's 100th anniversary. Nineteen leading American and European artists were invited to create works for the Modern's Centennial Print Project. To purchase any prints contact Marci Driggers at (817) 738-9215.

# Bombing suspect confesses

## Arlington man could get life if convicted of conspiracy

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A suspect in the deadly bombing of the U.S. embassy in Kenya told the FBI that it was a "big mistake" because the bomb was improperly placed in a truck, killing too many civilians, an FBI agent testified Wednesday.

The agent, John Anticev, told a jury in federal court in Manhattan that Mohamed Sadeek Odeh said during an interrogation that he did not know about the Aug. 7, 1998, blast in Nairobi before it happened.

If convicted of conspiracy, Odeh and Wadhi El-Hage, 40, of Arlington, could get life terms; Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-Owhali, 24, and Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, 27, could face the death penalty if found guilty of murder conspiracy.

"He thought it was a blunder," Anticev recalled Odeh saying. "He didn't like that so many civil-

ians were killed."

The agent said Odeh told him the bomb vehicle should have been backed into the embassy rather than striking it head-on so the blast would not have been directed toward other buildings and scores of civilians.

Prosecutors said Odeh, 35, and his co-defendants followed alleged terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden's orders to bomb that embassy and the one in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, the same day as part of a holy war against Americans. The explosions killed 22 people, including 12 Americans.

On Tuesday, Anticev testified that Odeh had in 1992 "pledged allegiance to Osama bin Laden and would follow his orders."

On Wednesday, the agent said Odeh admitted during an interview that spanned 12 days in August 1998 that he spent the days before the blast with men he believed car-

ried out the attacks.

He recalled one of them telling him a day before the bombing that he had just spoken to members of bin Laden's al-Qaeda organization in Afghanistan who told him "that all of the people have been evacuated," Anticev said.

"We're expecting a retaliation by the U.S. Army," the agent said Odeh recalled the man saying without elaboration. "We're expecting their warplanes to start hitting us and missile attacks."

Odeh said the men had ordered him to flee the country in the first week of August and had given him a razor to shave his beard so that he would not seem Muslim when he traveled.

The agent said Odeh revealed after his arrest that he used a false passport to enter Kenya five days before the bombings and met an explosives expert who led the terrorism cell there.

# Children survive freezing scares

## In separate incidents, kids live through hours in the cold, snow

ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. — A 2-year-old boy found lying in a snowbank and not breathing had been outside in subzero cold for up to four hours, authorities said.

Les Hynek remained in critical condition Wednesday at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

"He's better," the boy's father Mark Hynek said. "He's awake. I wasn't too late when I found him. I just keep on praying for him and hoping for the best."

Elsewhere, a 13-month-old girl whose body was partially frozen and whose heart had stopped during a night outside in the cold at Edmonton, Alberta, was playful and talking and had been moved out of intensive care, hospital officials said.

Les was wearing only a diaper, flannel pajamas and a sweat shirt when he wandered from his home on his parents' dairy farm sometime after 3 a.m. Tuesday. His father found him unconscious almost four hours

later about 50 feet from the house, Eau Claire County Sheriff's Sgt. John Vogler said.

The National Weather Service said the temperature that night in Eau Claire fell to 4 below zero. Vogler said he had heard that the boy's body temperature was about 65 degrees soon after he was found, but there was no immediate confirmation.

Les had wanted to watch a video and his father, Mark Hynek, told investigators he must have fallen asleep in a chair after he started the videotape. He awoke at 6:40 a.m., realized his son was missing and found him outside, Vogler said.

The boy first was taken to Luther Hospital in Eau Claire, where he was revived after being hooked up to a blood-warming machine, Sheriff's Capt. David Schultz said. He later was transferred to a hospital at the Mayo Clinic.

"Frankly, from what I learned at the scene, I certainly didn't hold out hope, but since then, the situation has certainly brightened," Vogler said.

"Obviously, we will look at it — and will need to talk with the parents again — but it appears this was just an accident where the father fell asleep and the little one got outside," said Sheriff Ron Cramer.

Hospital staff said the family had turned down requests for interviews.

In Edmonton, Leyla Nordby on Tuesday described discovering her daughter, Erika, who had wandered outdoors wearing only a diaper while her mother and 2-year-old sister slept. The baby was found around 3 a.m. Saturday morning.

"I woke up and looked everywhere and she was gone," Leyla Nordby told CTV Newsnet. "I ran through the house, screaming for her, and she wasn't there."

The girl's heart had stopped beating for about two hours and her body temperature had dropped to 60.8 degrees. Her toes were frozen together, and paramedics had trouble getting a breathing tube into the child's throat because her mouth was frozen shut.


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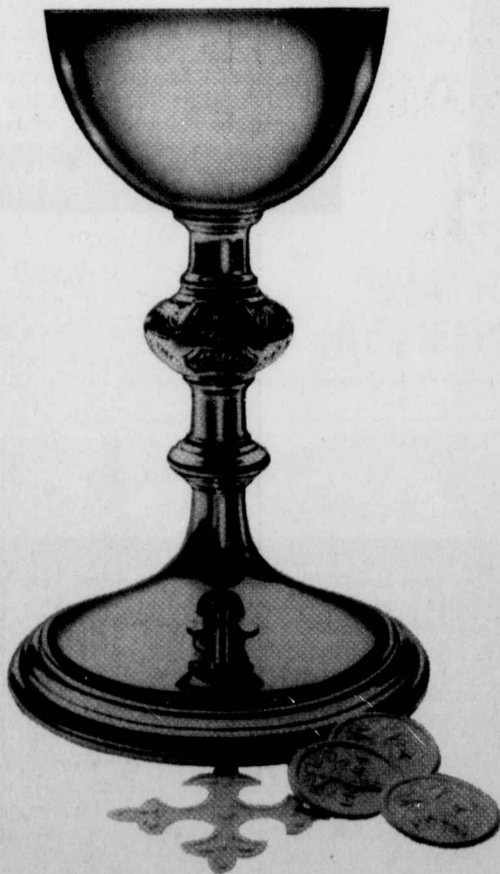
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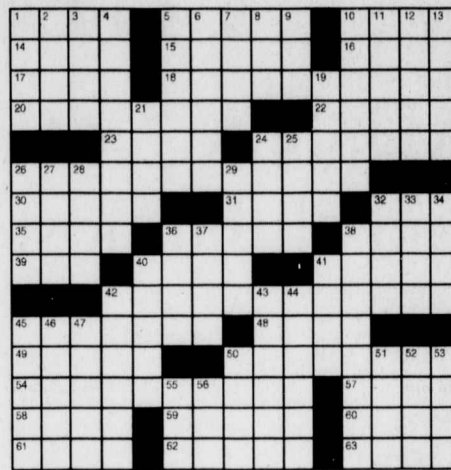
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# THEN THERE WERE TWO

## Men's NCAA bid all but lost

With the TCU men's basketball team's one-point loss in overtime Saturday, the chance for an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament has all but disappeared.

For the second time in the school year, the Frogs came up short in a major sporting contest that took place in San Jose, Calif. The first, of course, was the football team's first loss of the season that knocked it out of the nation's top 10. And Saturday night, it happened again. Fighting for their lives, the Frogs fell to the Spartans, 91-90, in overtime. Despite a 102-87 loss to Hawaii last Thursday on the islands, the Frogs still had a legitimate shot at a NCAA Tournament bid.

Now it looks like their only chance to make the big dance will be at the Western Athletic Conference Tournament next week in Tulsa, Okla. Fresno State will be in the NCAA Tournament no matter what happens because they've been tough all season. The Bulldogs will probably be the only WAC team in the NCAA Tournament if they win the conference tournament, but Tulsa could be the favorite on its home court. After two straight wins, TCU has lost two in a row. In a week, the Frogs' Rating Percentage Index ranking dropped from 49 to 66. That, along with a 7-7 conference record, won't get it done.

The RPI measures all NCAA Division I basketball teams based on record and strength of schedule. The strength of schedule is determined by figuring the combined records of all a team's opponents and the opponents' opponents. It is a primary gauge the NCAA Selection Committee uses to decide which teams get at-large bids. Wins against Division II teams do not count in the RPI.

But TCU hasn't been completely eliminated. Both of the Frogs' remaining games are against better WAC teams — Texas-El Paso and Southern Methodist. These games will help the Frogs' strength of schedule, which is a major factor in the RPI.

If the Frogs can find a way to win both of those and get some help to finish in a multi-way tie for second in the conference, their tourney chances would rise.

Another factor the selection committee looks at is a team's road and neutral court records. The Frogs are now 2-7 on the road and 1-2 on a neutral court.

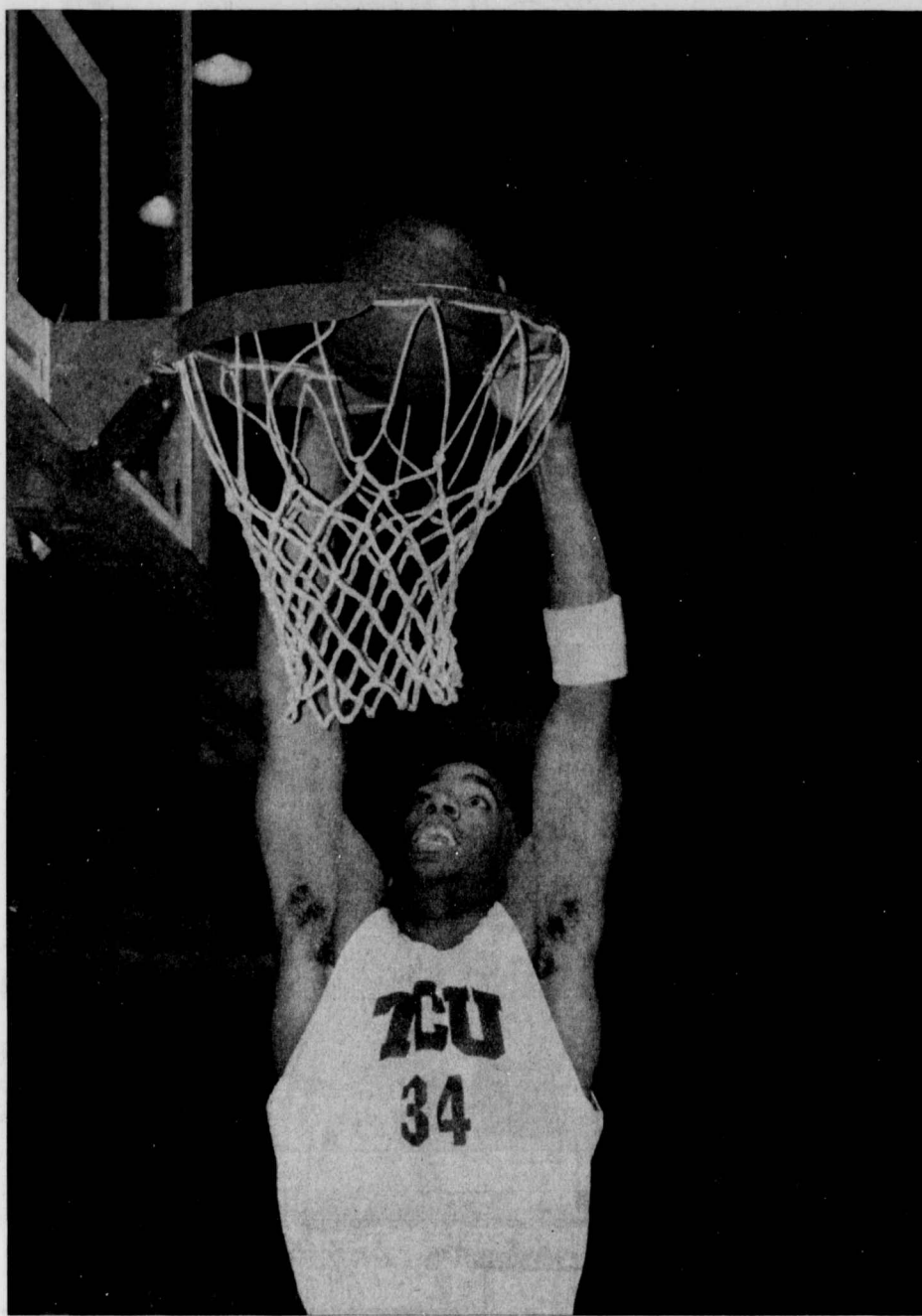
Playing only two non-conference road games may have hurt the Frogs in preparing for the conference schedule. They defeated Texas-San Antonio and lost to Butler in December.

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### Analysis



SAM EATON



David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore forward Bingo Merriex dunks in Wednesday's practice at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The men's basketball team plays Texas El-Paso at 7:05 p.m. today at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

## Frogs need next 2 wins for NIT votes

By Matt Stiver  
SKIFF STAFF

Three is indeed a crowd.

With their NCAA Tournament chances gone, save for winning the Western Athletic Conference Tournament, the men's basketball team need to close its season with two victories to impress officials with the National Invitation Tournament. Both Texas-El Paso and Southern Methodist face the same scenario.

The Frogs will make their case when they face Texas-El Paso at 7:05 p.m. today at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum before traveling to Dallas to face SMU at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Though Fresno State has locked up first place, the remaining games will determine seeding in the WAC Tournament. The Frogs, as well as UTEP (currently second) and SMU (currently fourth), also have one last chance to impress NIT voters. Head coach Billy Tubbs said all three teams will probably make postseason play.

"We're not playing for first, but these games are just as important," Tubbs said.

For the Frogs (18-10, 7-7 WAC), currently sitting at fifth in the WAC standings, the final two regular season games could boost their seeding in the WAC Tournament. If the season ended today, the Frogs would play SMU in the first round.

Sophomore forward Bingo Merriex, after spending most of the season in a slump, has broken out since becoming a starter.

Tubbs said he knew Merriex needed a chance.

"I always thought Bingo had a chance to be a 20-point-a-game scorer," Tubbs said. "Now he has that opportunity."

Throughout the season, Merriex shuttled between small and power forward, playing behind seniors Ryan Carroll and Myron Anthony. When Anthony went down with a sprained ankle, Merriex made the most of his opportunity.

Starting against Fresno State on Feb. 15, Merriex scored 22 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

In five games since his insertion into the starting lineup, Merriex has averaged 20.2 points and 6.2 rebounds a game. In 22 games off the bench, Merriex averaged only seven points and 3.2 rebounds.

Tubbs said Merriex has benefited from consistent playing time.

With Anthony gone from the team, Merriex unveiled

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## Women's hoops WAC trophy presentation postponed for financial gain

For those of us who are athletically challenged, but continue to fill our lives with as many sporting events as possible, there is only one way to win a championship: living vicariously through the players who make it happen.

Right now, there is nobody better to live vicariously

through than the TCU women's basketball team.

The Frogs, following an outstanding season, clinched their very first conference championship Tuesday with a 66-54, victory over San Jose State and will enter the Western Athletic Conference Tournament next week as the No. 1 seed.

The only thing missing is the trophy.

Don't worry, it's theirs. They just haven't been presented with it yet.

Why?

Well, the university has decided to present the trophy following the last regular season game vs. long-time rival, Southern Methodist. The

ceremony will come complete with a presentation of the WAC trophy, senior recognition and each player will be able to aid in the traditional cutting down of the nets.

Nice idea. Five days late.

Sure, there is nothing wrong with extending the sweetness of victory, but unfortunately there will never be another moment as meaningful as when the Frogs captured a tie for the WAC title Sunday afternoon vs. Hawaii or when they secured the outright crown Tuesday.

As the game came to a close Monday to the sound of 1,571 fans serenading the team with a standing ovation at Daniel-Meyer Coli-

seum, the players may have been experiencing the most memorable moments of their lives.

In the eyes of the players, coaches and fans pure joy could be seen. In the eyes of TCU, pure dollar signs could be seen.

Forget about whether or not the Frogs actually beat SMU, saving the trophy presentation until Saturday will draw even more attention to the always fan-gathering TCU/SMU match up.

The Frogs defeated SMU earlier in the season as part of their 11-game winning streak, but with the championship secured, attendance would likely dwindle regardless of

the rivalry.

But with the seniors being recognized and the nets coming down, who wouldn't want to be a part of that moment? After all, they will get to witness the always exciting match up between the two teams.

The problem is that SMU is already upset by its loss to the Frogs earlier in the season, and the Frogs have already secured their No. 1 WAC Tournament seed. Together, these circumstances equal possible defeat for the Frogs.

So, there they'll be, excited by the trophy, remembering the record number of wins this season, but still feeling the pain of a loss to

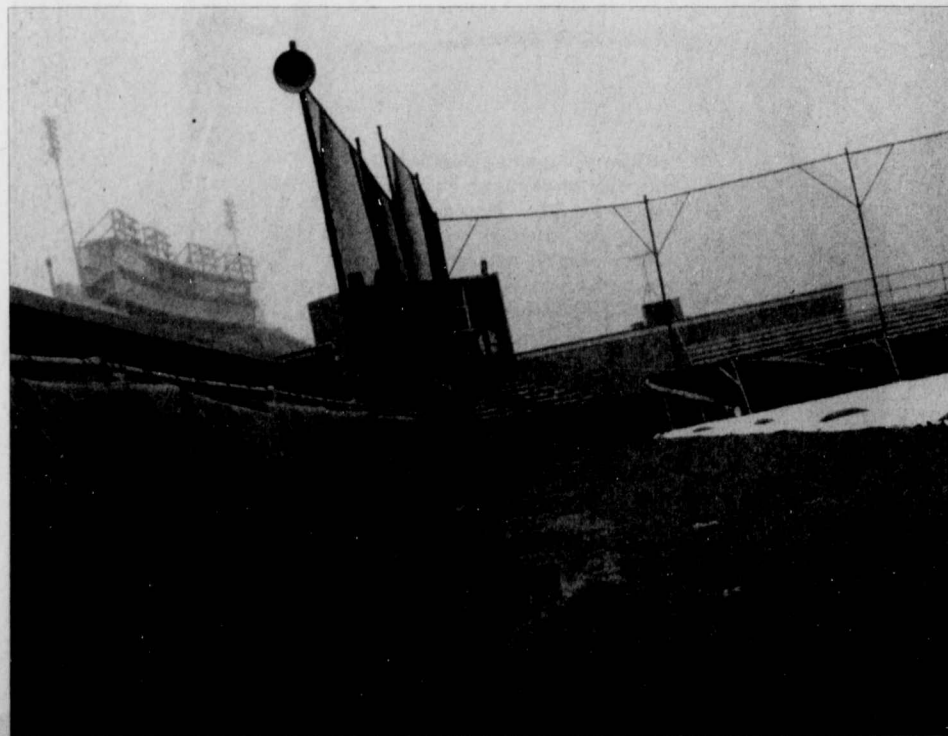
their No. 1 rival.

Hopefully, the Frogs will continue their phenomenal season, prove me wrong and end the season on a high note.

Hopefully, the players will feel a little bit of the excitement they felt in their victories as they cut down the net.

Hopefully, TCU has better motives for postponing the celebration than it appears.

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Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

Rainy weather has prevented the baseball team from having fielding practice at the TCU Diamond all week. The Horned Frogs last two games have been rained out. Forecasters predict more rain this weekend, raising the possibility that the Frogs' series against Texas-Pan American could be rained out as well.

## Winning streak halted by gray skies

### Four canceled games leave baseball team hoping for sunshine

Brandon Ortiz  
SKIFF STAFF

With the threat of more rain in the forecast, and the possibility it could cool the Horned Frog baseball team's current hot streak, don't be surprised to see players and coaches chanting, "Rain, rain, go away. Pray to God the wins will stay."

Rainy weather has rained out four games in the last three weeks — including games for Tuesday and Wednesday — and has limited the Frogs' practice time.

The string of bad weather began Feb. 13, when the Frogs' game against Sam Houston State was rained out in Huntsville. The weather was bad for most of the week and caused the Frogs' Feb. 17 game against Hawaii-Hilo to be postponed until the next day. Despite worries by some players that the team would be a bit rusty, the Frogs swept the series.

Bad weather followed the team to California, where Saturday's game against San Jose State was rained out.

Sophomore first baseman Walter

Olmstead said the Frogs can't escape the bad weather.

"We can't buy a break," Olmstead said.

The bad weather has come at a time when the Frogs have played their best baseball of the season. The Frogs had a five-game winning streak until it was snapped against San Jose State Sunday.

"It kind of affected us a little bit," Olmstead said.

He said the team was not mentally prepared after Saturday's rain-out, losing, 8-2, Sunday.

"We came out Friday and everybody was ready to play," Olmstead said. "Saturday we didn't know we were going to play. I think it (hurt) our focus as a team. We were not ready to play. Pitchers were leaving pitches up."

Head coach Lance Brown said he is not sure if the wet weather will put a damper on the Frogs' current momentum.

"Every time you have this time off, it's like starting over again," Brown said. "You don't have a clue. I don't think you have any earthly idea how you can play."

Because of the rainy weather, the Frogs have been practicing underneath the stands of Amon Carter Stadium, where there are batting cages and pitching mounds set up.

The team also goes to Sluggers, an indoor practice facility. At Sluggers, the team can work on batting and pitching.

Brown said even though practicing under the stands at Amon Carter and at Sluggers is better than nothing, the team isn't able to work on fielding.

"We haven't been able to do anything," Brown said. "The things that we need to work on, we can't work on."

Despite the lack of practice time, the Frogs have only committed three errors in the past six games.

Senior pitcher Chris Bradshaw said it was ironic that the defense has played so well despite such little practice.

"Maybe we should have some more bad weather," Bradshaw said laughing.

Bradshaw said that even though

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