

Looking For a Safe House

They receive about 25 calls a day, all from victims of domestic violence seeking a place away from their abuser.

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Striking Out

Losing to Texas Tech, 14-4, probably didn't help head baseball coach Lance Brown's temperament Tuesday.

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Fort Worth, Texas

Financial aid awards to be available online

By Carrie Woodall
STAFF REPORTER

Students will now have a more efficient way to find out about receiving financial aid awards, because awards will now be posted on eAwards online, said Mike Scott, director of scholarships and students financial aid.

"We will still be sending paper letters because not all incoming students have e-mail addresses, but eAwards will give students notice of their award nearly a week early," he said. "It is a nice thing for prospective students to hear

about their award faster so they can decide on a school."

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, was not available for comment on how the early awards will impact the Office of Admissions. Although current students won't have access to eAwards until the end of May, incoming students started having access to the Web page March 13, Scott said.

"The only concern that we have is students who do not regularly check their TCU account," he said. "It's not like they won't receive a notice of their award, but they

could be aware of it much sooner by checking that account."

Scott said the day that the award is given, an e-mail goes out to students that informs them of their award. The e-mail directs students to eAwards, where they can accept or decline awards and request changes to loan amounts, he said.

"Students will be required to go to the Web site to accept the loans," he said. "There will be no paper notification to be sent back to us. If someone does not have access to the Internet, they can just call us, and we

can take care of the information."

Maria Adamczyk, a sophomore speech communication major who has a student loan, said the online access will be beneficial.

"I am glad because now I won't have to rely on other people to transfer all my information," Adamczyk said. "I can do it myself if there are good directions to follow on the page."

Scott said the financial aid department is trying to use less paper for award and loan notices for several reasons.

"The electronic notification is more accurate, because acceptance information is posted directly from the student to the Web page without people in the financial aid department having to type in the information for them," he said.

Also, instead of using thousands of pieces of paper, the department can easily download a student's information straight from the Web site, which is faster, he said. And the electronic information creates time for the financial aid counselors to devote to other types of

work instead of processing award and loan information.

The development of the eAwards page is partnered with Chase Bank of Texas, who provides the software for schools to post this type of information online, Scott said.

"Chase is one of our largest student loan lenders, so they provided this for us to use," he said. "Then, we just have to set it up and implement it."

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House ends commuter committee

Rep appointment suggested

By Melissa Christensen
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The adjourning gavel at Tuesday's House of Student Representatives meeting sounded the end of the Commuter Concerns Committee. The meeting was the last business meeting for the semester.

The committee was dissolved as a result of a last-minute motion presented as representatives were gathering their belongings to leave.

"The motion caught me totally by surprise," said commuter student representative Zach Swain, a junior political science major. "Commuter students are already under-represented in House. I can't believe they killed the one committee just for commuters."

Commuter Concerns Committee chairwoman Liz Nichols, a sophomore biology major, said she recommended the dissolving of the committee because few concerns other than parking arose throughout the year.

"We found all commuter concerns fell under the university as a whole," she said. "The main commuter need is a communications representative."

Nichols recommended to the House that a commuter representative be appointed to the executive-level Communications Action Committee.

However, Swain said that post isn't enough.

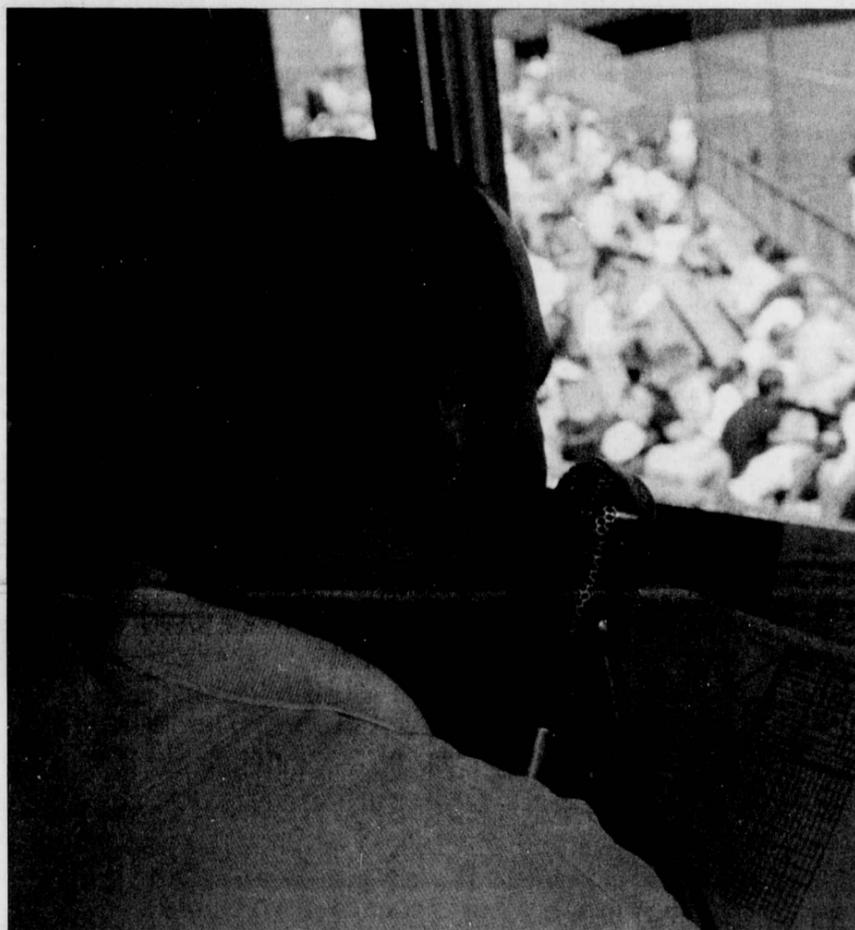
"One representative to one committee for more than 3,000 students is not at all appropriate compensation," he said.

Milton Daniel Hall representative Chris Mattingly, a freshman business major, said that because the House stands for all students, commuter students are represented in every committee, particularly the University Affairs Committee.

"It's not taking away a voice for commuters, it's leading them through different avenues," he said.

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Fans remember a different era of baseball



Chuck LaMendola, the voice of TCU baseball on KTCU-FM 88.7, calls the game from the booth Tuesday. LaMendola and the radio-TV-film department conducted the broadcast as a throw-back to 1939.

KTCU announcer emulates style of 1939 radio broadcasts, in tribute to monumental year

By Jillanne Johnson
STAFF REPORTER

The year is 1939, the first year all six major league baseball teams are being aired on the radio. America's national pastime is in a pivotal year. It is Lou Gehrig's last season and the Hall of Fame is opening in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Tuesday, KTCU 88.7-FM broadcasted the TCU Horned Frogs vs. the Texas Tech Red Raiders in the nostalgic radio style of 1939. Commercials from the year and newsreels ran between innings. Music of the time piped through the speakers at the ballpark.

Chuck LaMendola, the voice of TCU baseball, thought of the idea after viewing a television history of baseball broadcast on FOX during the 2000 season. FOX ran each inning as a different decade of television baseball.

KTCU chose 1939 as the year it would emulate, because it was such a monumental year in baseball and a tumultuous time in politics.

"We wanted to pay tribute to (the time) before games were on TV," LaMendola, a professor of radio-TV-film, said.

Fans at the ballpark remembered radio games fondly. The time for gathering around the radio for the game of the day came at the height of Lou Gehrig's career.

Bart Underwood, father of TCU pitcher Chad Underwood, said he remembers the days when players "slud" into base.

"Some of the English probably had school teacher's cringing, but the kids enjoyed it," Underwood said.

Jim Hoffman, a part-time ticket salesman at TCU for 37 years, said he remembers a time when baseball was announced from phone reports from the stadium to announcers in the studio.

"We never knew what would happen next," Hoffman said. "The announcers were getting it over the phone

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Minor traffic offenses ruled reasonable motive for arrests by court

By Anne Gearan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A divided Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that police can arrest and handcuff people for minor traffic offenses, saying the authority flows naturally from the right to pull someone over. The court ruled 5-4 in the case of

a Texas woman handcuffed in front of her small children and briefly jailed for failing to wear a seat belt.

Gail Atwater said the belts were unfastened only to help the family peer out for a distraught 4-year-old's lost toy. A police officer saw her as endangering her children and ordered her to jail.

"The question is whether the Fourth Amendment forbids a warrantless arrest for a minor criminal offense, such as a misdemeanor seat belt violation punishable only by a fine," Justice David H. Souter wrote for the court majority. "We hold that it does not."

Unpersuaded, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the minority that the ruling "cloaks the pointless indignity that Gail Atwater suffered

with the mantle of reasonableness."

The decision could affect any of the nation's 185 million licensed drivers. Texas is one of several states with laws specifically allowing this kind of arrest, and the Supreme Court ruling means that other states could pass similar laws without fear of constitutional problems.

Although Atwater is white, Steven Shapiro, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union, said he

was concerned that police stopping minority drivers through racial profiling would use her case to justify arrests.

The issue for the court was not whether Officer Bart Turek had the right to stop Atwater in the 1997 incident in Lago Vista, Texas. He did, because with one look at 4-year-old Mackinley's face pressed against the windshield of Atwater's pickup truck, Turek saw a clear violation.

True enough, Atwater conceded. But she contended Turek did not then have the right to arrest her and place her in a cell for an hour before she posted bail. That was, in effect, a punishment worse than the maximum \$50 fine the state could collect for a seat belt violation, and was thus unreasonable under the Fourth Amendment, she said.

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TODAY IN HISTORY
In 1859, ground was broken in Egypt for the Suez Canal, an artificial waterway intended to stretch 101 miles across the Isthmus of Suez and connect the Mediterranean and the Red seas.

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Online ticket sales increase, airlines getting more hits than travel Web sites

By Julie Ann Matonis
STAFF REPORTER

The online travel industry's competitive rates and special rewards this season are incentives for students who are planning to buy airline tickets.

Carrie Coffin, a sophomore speech communication major, said she purchased an online ticket Monday from Travelocity, after looking at air fares from the airlines and from other travel Web sites.

"I didn't want free miles (from the airlines)," Coffin said. "I'm not a frequent flier, so miles aren't an incentive for me."

Many airlines are offering frequent flier miles to customers who purchase their tickets online. Delta Air Lines offers online customers 1,000 bonus miles for each round trip ticket purchased. Southwest Airlines' Rapid Rewards program offers customers double credit if they purchase online.

Gina Ciccione, a sophomore ele-

mentary education major from Chicago, said she flies home about three times a year. She has purchased tickets from online travel agencies and said her parents sometimes buy directly from the airlines because they use frequent flier miles.

"It's easier to buy tickets online," Ciccione said. "You get better variety (from online travel agencies) because you can choose your airline."

Jupiter Media Matrix, a research firm, released a report which stated the lead of online travel agencies, such as Expedia and Travelocity. Unique visitors to airline Web sites, or those visiting the Web site at least once a month, increased 26.1 percent between February 2000 and February 2001. Online travel agencies had a seven percent increase in the same period.

Southwest Airlines' Web site is the most visited airline Web site, according to Media Matrix. United

Airlines and American Airlines followed in the ratings.

Whitney Brewer, a spokeswoman for Southwest Airlines, said 30 percent of the 2000 revenue for Southwest came from online sales.

"I'm sure it will increase in 2001," Brewer said. "Our site is very easy to use, and you can make reservations in as little as five minutes."

On April 21 Delta Air Lines announced that online ticket sales for the March quarter grew 30 percent over the December quarter. Revenue from these tickets is a 25 percent increase over the December 2000 quarter.

The most-visited online travel agencies according to Media Matrix are Travelocity and Priceline. Compared to February 2000, the number of visitors to Travelocity and Priceline had decreased by three percent and 21.9 percent respectively.

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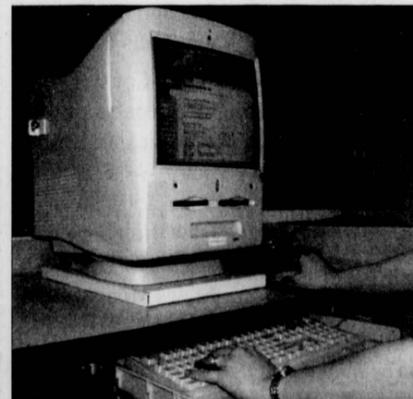


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Discounts and frequent flyer reward points keep students coming back to airline Web sites and not online travel agents.

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■ **Sigma Xi will have a brown bag lunch talk** at noon today in Sid W. Richardson, Lecture Hall 3. Timothy Hubbard, associate professor of psychology, will lead the discussion titled "Some Ways in Which Physical Principles Influence How You Think About the World."

■ **Radio-TV-film media art students** will present original screenplays at 7 p.m. today at Stage West. Admission is free.

■ **The Kino Monda World Film Series** will present "Mr. Hulot's Holiday" at 7 p.m. today in Sid W. Richardson, Lecture Hall 1. Admission is free. For more information call the International Student Services office at (817) 257-7292.

■ **The first all-inclusive Homecoming 2001 meeting** will be at 9 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center, Room 222. If an organization plans to compete in any Homecoming event, a representative from the organization must be present at the meeting. For more information call (817) 257-5233.

■ **The May 2001 Graduating Senior Toast** will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday in the D.J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. For more information e-mail Judy Clark at j.clark@tcu.edu.

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■ **The deadline to reserve rooms in the Student Center for 2001-2002** is Monday. Priority is given to recognized student organizations and university departments, but are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservation forms can be printed off the Student Center Web site at (www.sc.tcu.edu) and then faxed to the reservations coordinator at (817) 257-5788.

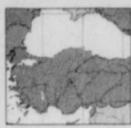


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WORLD DIGEST



Violence threatens Turkey's tourism industry



ISTANBUL, Turkey — A two-year slump in Turkey's tourism industry forced Nuri Vural to give up selling carpets in favor of cheaper scarves and cushions in the historic Grand Bazaar.

Now, he fears a hostage-taking at a five-star Istanbul hotel will keep away the tourists he and his countrymen were counting on to pump billions of dollars into Turkey's crippled economy.

No one was hurt in the 12-hour ordeal that began late Sunday when 12 gunmen stormed the Swissotel in downtown Istanbul to protest Russian military actions in Chechnya.

"We're lucky they didn't kill anyone," said Vural, sitting on a pile of silk pillow covers from Turkmenistan. But "if an American had died or something, it would have been very bad."

In a country burdened by an economic crisis that has forced the lira down more than 40 percent against the dollar, many hope the incident will not affect tourism.

Turkey hosted 10 million tourists who brought in \$8 billion last year — and was hoping to see more this year since the lira's depreciation has lowered travel costs for foreigners.

"Tourism is the only sector that can do well this year. It is essential not only for us, but for everyone," Vural said.

Turkey's tourism industry has been struggling since 1999, when a Kurdish rebel threat of bomb attacks following the capture of their leader, Abdullah Ocalan, scared off tourists. Two massive earthquakes that killed more than 18,000 the same year also hurt tourism.

The Chechen struggle against Russia has always been popular in Turkey, where pro-Chechen groups have organized rallies and brought scores of wounded Chechens for treatment. As many as 5 million Turks can trace their roots to the Caucasus, where Chechnya is located.

But on Tuesday, shopkeepers in the Istanbul bazaar turned their anger toward the Chechens.

"We are extremely angry. If you've got a problem with Russia, take it out on the Russians. Don't take tourists here as targets," said carpet dealer Vural Yayan.

Tourism Minister Erkan Mumcu urged heavy punishments for the gunmen as a "deterrent to prevent further incidents."

So far, the hostage-taking incident appeared to have little effect on the industry, and the Tourism Ministry and foreign operators said there had been no cancellations.

"This could happen anywhere," said Sylvie Richard, a tourist visiting from Tours, France. "This is not the kind of event that will push me to tell my

friends not to come to Turkey."

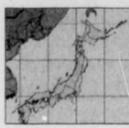
Even Alan and June Davis, who were among those held hostage at the Swissotel, visited the bazaar Tuesday. They had come to Istanbul to attend a conference on iron ore, which was canceled.

"It means we have more time for shopping, that's all," said Alan Davies, who said he only learned the hotel was under siege when he encountered Chechen gunmen on his way to breakfast Monday morning.

Davies said his biggest worry during the hostage-taking was that police would storm the hotel.

Istanbul Police Chief Kazim Abanoz said his forces refrained out of fear of the repercussions on tourism. But security forces would have stormed the hotel if the gunmen had not released the more than 120 hostages, he said.

Japanese find captain's punishment too lenient



TOKYO — Relatives of the nine people killed when a U.S. Navy submarine sank a high school fisheries training vessel complained Tuesday that punishment for the captain was too lenient. But the Japanese government said it would not seek

a stiffer penalty.

USS Greenville Cmdr. Scott Waddle was given a letter of reprimand Monday as punishment for the February collision that killed nine people aboard the Ehime Maru in waters off Hawaii.

He was also told he would have to forfeit half his pay for two months, but that punishment was suspended — meaning Waddle will receive full pay until he retires on Oct. 1.

There were strong feelings in Japan that Waddle should face a court-martial for failing to detect the Ehime Maru before his submarine surfaced rapidly in a demonstration of emergency procedures for the benefit of 16 civilians aboard. All other officers of the Greenville also escaped courts-martial.

"It's unforgivable that the matter should be settled with this sort of punishment after so many questions were left unanswered by the court of inquiry," said Ryosuke Terata, whose 17-year-old son Yusuke was lost in the accident.

Some said the reprimand only confirmed their suspicion that the U.S. Navy would protect its own.

"Since the captain was being judged by his peers, I wasn't expecting much to come out of the trial," said Kazuhiko Segawa, son of 60-year-old Hirotsuka Segawa, chief of communications aboard the Ehime Maru.

The Japanese government said Tuesday that it will not demand tougher punishment for Waddle.

"The Japanese government considers that the U.S. government has acknowledged all responsibilities regarding this incident," said Kazuhiko Koshikawa, spokesman for Prime Minister Yoshiro

Mori.

Japan will continue asking that "sincere steps" be taken in negotiating remaining issues, such as compensation for the families of the victims and the salvage of the Ehime Maru, Koshikawa said.

The training vessel was from a high school in the city of Uwajima, 450 miles southwest of Tokyo. Four students and two teachers are among those missing and presumed dead.

Waddle has said he plans to travel to Japan to meet with the families of the victims. Though he has apologized and accepted responsibility for the collision, his visit could be clouded by the lenient verdict.

"Unfortunately, I cannot help but feel the punishment may be too light," Mayor Hirohisa Ishibashi said. "Families and students are demanding that Waddle come to Uwajima and apologize. But I am too agitated at this point to say, 'Please come.'"

Three American hostages released in Kenya



NAIROBI, Kenya — Police rescued three U.S. businessmen Tuesday who had been held hostage for several weeks in a residential house in Nairobi, police said.

Police spokesman Dola Indidis said the unidentified Americans had been held for "some time" after being lured into a trap by three Nigerians who then demanded a ransom for their release.

"There was a business deal between the suspects and the victims, when they (the Americans) came here they fell into a trap," Indidis told The Associated Press. "They were being detained in a residential house hired by the thugs who demanded a ransom for their release."

The rescued Americans, who were "in good shape," were handed over to the U.S. embassy, Indidis said. One of the Nigerians was arrested, while the other two escaped, he said.

The embassy and police had previously made no announcement about the hostage taking, and it was not immediately clear why it had been kept under wraps.

U.S. embassy spokesman Peter Claussen said one of the Americans had been held since January while the other two had been captive since mid-April. "They were somehow lured as part of business deal," Claussen said, but added that details were sketchy.

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Editorials

ENDING IMPACT

SGA not serving student concerns

The Student Government Association is supposed to provide students with an outlet through which they can express their desires, concerns and complaints. It's supposed to empower the students. It's supposed to be the undergraduate voice loud enough to reach the administrators in Sadler Hall. Its actions should have a campus-wide impact.

Tuesday night, SGA dissolved the Commuter Concerns Committee. Talk about a campus-wide impact.

When Amy Render, vice president of the House of Student Representatives, raised her gavel to end the organization's final meeting of the semester, she ended the evening's event with a resounding bang.

But the motion passed without fanfare or fireworks, with an overwhelming consensus.

As representatives collected their belongings, started turning their cell phones back on and mentally switched gears from their House business to their personal business, the motion went up.

Before people really knew what was going on, it had been passed and the Commuter Concerns Committee became a thing of the past.

SGA has been criticized semester after semester for not listening to students. Now, with one vote, they cut the number of commuter voices they have to hear from 3,000 to 1. SGA has been criticized semester after semester for its inaction. Now, with one vote, it can be criticized, instead, for its action.

What happened to "administering to the needs of the student body"?

House officials have said the committee was dissolved because parking is the only commuter concern. Surely commuters are concerned about classes. Surely commuters who don't own computers are concerned about Internet access. These seem like important concerns to us.

Commuters are saying SGA never served them anyway. Don't hold out for better service. You don't have a committee anymore.

Congratulations on another semester of not meeting students' needs. Way to get something done, SGA.

Marriott boycott a pointless act

Protest of prepaid food plan a sad reflection on student body

I returned from my classes Monday to discover a small green slip of paper demanding me to boycott Marriott today and to not eat on campus.

Sadly, my first reaction was to laugh, no matter how noble a cause for rebellion the issue may or may not be.



Blum

Honestly, are we really selfish to the point that all we feel a need to protest is our selection of food in the various cafeterias on campus? If someone has the time to make thousands of these little green pieces of trash, don't you think that time would have been a little better spent dealing with an issue that really matters?

First of all, this boycott is completely pointless because students have already paid for their meal plans. If we go a day without using our meal plans, that's money we're personally wasting and handing to TCU without getting anything in return. Gee, we really showed them. Also, Marriott has

a contract with TCU and is getting the same amount of money whether we go a day without eating on campus or not.

Also, on the back of the green trash it listed discounts available today only for places like Fuzzy's Taco and Perotti's. One can't help but think whoever is attempting to organize the boycott may be a TCU student working at one of these places.

Maybe next week we can collectively boycott FrogBytes for not having a more diverse selection of candy bars. Isn't a more convenient Milky Way worth the effort? Then, the week after that, we can all not pick up our mail or send out any packages on a certain day to protest them not having package pick-up on the weekend. That will show those Gestapo pigs. Who cares if our credit card bills are a little late as a result?

Heck, while we're on such a roll, wouldn't it be a nice break to protest tuition hikes by boycotting class? It could be a stu-

dent strike. Sure, TCU would still be getting our money, plus, in the long run, we'd only be hurting ourselves while upsetting quite a few parents, but doesn't the extra sleep sound nice?

It would be nice to have some more selection in The Main and Worth Hills cafeterias, but does anyone actually expect a five-star dining experience every night? Not

to give TCU too much credit, but there have been little improvements along the way with the Sub Connection, Deco Deli and most recently, barbecue night every Sunday in Worth Hills.

It's a sign of the times that huge protests and riots aren't necessary to combat issues like the Vietnam War anymore, but it is still sad that the best we can come up with is cafeteria food. Even though the biggest problem in the United States is the diplomatic crisis with China, we seem oblivious to the ethnic cleansing, genocide and overall turmoil occurring in the world that doesn't directly affect us.

Again, back to the matter at hand, whoever came up with the whole boycott idea should try and consider the consequences. It's already been shown the boycott would only be a waste of our own money and wouldn't prove any point, but if it somehow proved to be successful the biggest result would be the Marriott and cafeteria workers losing jobs.

If you think that's a good thing, then pick out some Marriott workers next time you get food and tell them you hope they get fired. But if you have some compassion for other people, try saying thanks next time you are politely served food, instead of condescendingly speaking as little as possible to the cafeteria workers.

If you really want to make a difference, join the Student Government Association and make SGA worthwhile by lobbying for a greater food selection.

Oh, and by the way, make sure you go eat a big cafeteria lunch today.

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War on drugs meant to control people

I often wonder what the effects of being engaged in numerous "wars" has done for the United States in the last half century. In the last 50 years, the United States has engaged in no wars, but has been involved in numerous other synonymous activities.

The Cold War against the "evil empire" of the U.S.S.R justified our invasions of Vietnam and Korea which led to atrocious war crimes like the use of Agent Orange which led to numerous cases of cancer as any toxic chemical designed to destroy plants will do.

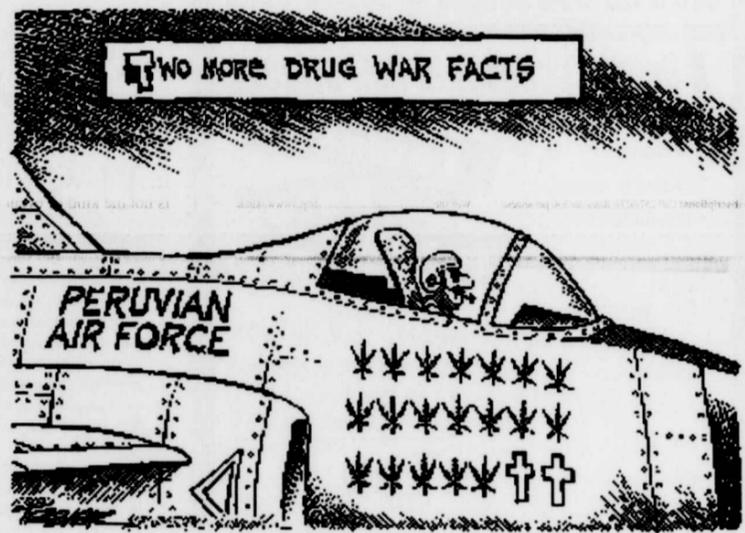
The War on Some Drugs has led to the nearly 400,000 deaths from tobacco last year alone. Meanwhile, alcohol continues to lead many to their deaths on the road, as well as causing the destruction of the liver — not to mention the uncounted brawls in bars, sporting events and parties across the country.

Why, of all the drugs known to man, are we forced into consumption of these drugs, while psychedelics and marijuana continue to provide nothing more than a better understanding of the world around us?

All these "wars" are merely a system to control the population and to prevent us from producing anything that might resemble positive social change. Has anyone out there read "1984"? Am I the only one who sees this? By constantly producing weapons, which must be used to have any value at all, governments are able to continue this cycle of no growth and high patriotism in an indoctrinated population.

But the main thrust of this rhapsody is the coming war is Colombia, and — don't kid yourself — we have promised the worst violator of human rights in the New World, the Colombian Government, \$1.6 trillion dollars in military aid. This makes Colombia the recipient of the largest military aid outside of Egypt and Israel, and we can see how peaceful the Middle East is at present.

With the help of the Monsanto Corporation, we are now dusting crops with chemicals to prevent their development. This is a short-sighted way to reduce the amount of drugs in the United States, as other locations are capable of producing the same drugs. Now if someone were to give me \$1.6 trillion dollars, I could end the import of all drugs into the United States and while I was at it



improve the economy, reduce logging and create new sources of government taxation.

The other options are a little scarier. We could continue to fund this war in Colombia, wasting our tax dollars to kill peasant farmers growing the only crops from which they can survive. This would lead to an increase in the cost of drugs to domestic consumers, increasing the profitability and consequently increasing the violence associated with drug distribution. This would lead to more prisons, although we already lead the world in prison population per capita.

The need to speak for drug users since they can rarely share their side on the major media outlets is evident. Destroying one source of drugs will not prevent users from using drugs. Only drug users will prevent drug users from using drugs. Whether drugs come from Mexico, Colombia, the South Pacific, the Indian subcontinent, Kentucky or the government, drug users will continue to use drugs because they enjoy it.

However, our government is a major provider of drugs in America. Why would the govern-

ment legalize drugs when the CIA has been importing them for years? Evidence of drug trafficking from South East Asia, in the CIA-run Air America program, helped to keep many returning GIs as high as a kite. The *San Jose Mercury* exposé of the CIA involvement in the cocaine and crack explosion in ghettos of America in the 1980s shows this is an ongoing practice. The main difference is where the profits go, for the improvement of our society, or back into the coffers of CIA slush funds so they might topple some other government trying to help their population.

In a free society drug users and nonusers would be able to coexist peacefully. That is my dream: that one day all people will have the ability to decide what happens to their body. We sure do have a long way to go.

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Letter to the editor

Missing flags show bigotry in people, direction society is taking

I was quite surprised and taken aback by the story relating to the missing Holocaust flags in Friday's issue of the Skiff. It shocks and sickens me to think that in the 21st century, people are still acting upon the same bigotry that began things such as the Holocaust.

It is sadly ironic that those flags — no matter what color — each represented 6,000 lives taken because of the same kind of ignorance as the people who lifted them from the lawn in front of Sadler Hall. What kind of progress have we really made? And how does this reflect upon the community and students of TCU? What impression will this give others of our "Christian" campus?

Living in the year 2001, we are all quick to criticize the Nazi's for their terrible acts, however, we choose to

ignore the same bigotry and hatred existing within our own society. It always takes something big for people to notice a wrong in society. In this case, it is the removal of 75 pink flags from the lawn of our school.

Unfortunately, we still seem to be looking the other way, such as when someone tells a homosexual joke, or displays discrimination towards homosexuals. Until we can squelch the everyday ignorance that has found its way into our society, we will still be vulnerable for horrible acts — whether it is the removal of flags, or the Holocaust. Therefore, it seems the goal of Holocaust Remembrance Week was reached... because we still look at the people of the world being persecuted, no matter what the act.

— Christina Hager, sophomore English and vocal performance major

McVeigh deserves life in prison, not needle

Turns out that the execution will be televised after all. On May 16, almost 300 survivors and relatives of victims of the Oklahoma City bombing will watch on closed-circuit television as Timothy McVeigh is strapped to a table and given a series of lethal injections. It will be the first federal execution since 1963.

Few can doubt that McVeigh deserves pain and suffering for the 168 people he killed by bombing the Oklahoma City Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. It is ironic, then, that the death penalty gives McVeigh virtually everything he could wish for: First, his death will be quick and painless. Second, and more importantly, it will make him a martyr for other anti-government extremists and grant credibility to his cause.

The survivors of the bombings and their families who have chosen to watch the execution want to see

McVeigh suffer. It is some sort of justice, an eye for an eye.

McVeigh's execution may not give viewers the satisfaction they seek, because he will not feel the pain he inflicted on his victims. It will be quick, it will be painless and then it will be over. Life in prison would be a better punishment.

Contrary to the rosy picture the media may paint of federal penitentiaries as places where prisoners get free meals and cable, life at a maximum security prison is no day at the beach. Confining McVeigh to a cell with nothing but his own thoughts to occupy him until he dies surely would be a better punishment, and a better infliction of suffering, than a quick and easy death.

Executing McVeigh is a way of furthering his cause by giving it credibility.

The bombing was a protest against what McVeigh calls the

"lawlessness" and use of violence by the government. McVeigh first became angry and disillusioned with the government after fighting in the Gulf War and what he saw as the United States' recourse to violence and aggression in its role there.

After he came home, two other events further fueled his anger. In 1992, a standoff in Ruby Ridge, Idaho, between federal agents and white supremacist Randy Weaver resulted in a federal agent killing Weaver's wife and son.

McVeigh became even more angry after the 1993 siege in Waco, where 70 Branch Davidians died in a fire after a standoff with federal agents that lasted 51 days.

Now, the government is essentially proving him right by killing him. Executing McVeigh just makes him a martyr in the eyes of other extremists. They may think of McVeigh's execution as the government killing one of its own citi-

zens, and further proof of the government's "lawlessness," lack of accountability and use of violence that McVeigh was railing against. Essentially, the best way to give credibility to McVeigh's cause in the eyes of all the other extremists out there is to have the government kill him.

What would be the ultimate punishment for McVeigh? Let him die alone in a jail cell 50 years from now, unreported, unnoticed, unglorified. Instead of killing him and letting him go out in a blaze of fame, validating his acts in the eyes of other anti-government extremists, let him die with the knowledge that his wasted life was for naught because he did nothing to further his cause.

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Peter Eidenberg, a sophomore business administration major, and Leslie Hawley, a sophomore psychology major, look at pictures for sale in the Student Center Lounge Tuesday.

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GOP aims to be rid of 'blue slips'

By Jesse J. Holland
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Republicans are trying to make it easier for President George W. Bush to fill the federal bench with conservatives by doing away with a practice that allows a single senator to kill a nominee's chances.

Democrats don't want to change the policy that allowed Republicans to block President Bill Clinton's nominees.

"That would look very partisan to have one rule for the Democrats and one for the Republicans," said Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the senior Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

At issue is the so-called "blue slip" tradition, referring to the blue-colored approval papers that senators are asked to submit on nominees for filling vacant federal judgeships in their state.

When Democrats controlled the Senate, they allowed judicial nominees from Republican Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush to move forward if just one senator from a state submitted a blue slip.

After Republicans took control of the Senate in 1994, new Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, refused to move a nomination from Democrat Clinton forward unless he had blue slip approvals from both senators. Republican Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina used the tactic to block all of Clinton's court nominees from his state.

Democrats say Hatch wants to eliminate that policy so they can't block the new Republican president's nominees.

There is at least one Democratic senator in 31 of the state delegations. But Republicans hold a 51-50

advantage in the Senate because of Vice President Cheney's tie-breaking vote and control the nominations because Bush is in the White House.

Bush is getting ready to fill nearly 100 lower court vacancies in the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, with the first nominations expected to head to the Senate before the end of April.

"Some Democrats are itching for payback time," said Sheldon Goldman, a University of Massachusetts at Amherst professor and author of the book, "Picking Federal Judges: Lower Court Selection From Roosevelt Through Reagan."

A Republican aide would only say that the Judiciary Committee would meet privately this week to discuss "procedural issues," but nothing had been changed by Hatch yet.

Hatch said he has been fair to all judicial candidates.

U.S., Taiwan strike arms deal

By Robert Burns
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President George Bush's decision to sell destroyers and submarines to Taiwan will mean a leap ahead for the island's defenses, reflecting the administration's concern that China is extending the reach and sophistication of air and naval forces that dwarf Taiwan's.

China, which considers Taiwan a breakaway province that must be returned, responded to the American arms deal Tuesday with a formal protest to the State Department.

Taiwan did not get everything it asked. Defense Department officials met with the Taiwanese to inform them that Bush had put off their request for destroyers equipped with the advanced Aegis radar and battle management system. China had cautioned Washington that such a deal would have grave implications. Instead the United States offered four older

Kidd-class destroyers with less capable radars.

Bush said he did not expect the arms deal to cause further damage to U.S.-China relations, which already were strained.

"The Chinese must understand that we've got common interests; but there's going to be some areas where we disagree and, evidently, one area where we disagree is whether or not the United States ought to provide defensive arms for Taiwan," Bush said in a *Washington Post* interview Tuesday.

"The package we sent is the right package for the moment," Bush added.

Reaction on Capitol Hill was mixed.

Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said Bush had made it clear to China that the Aegis radar system could be approved for sale to Taiwan later if China did not reduce its ballistic missile force aimed at Taiwan.

"The Bush administration has approved the most robust package of

defensive weapons approved for Taiwan in over a decade," DeLay said.

The Democratic leader in the House, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, said Bush should have made the Aegis system available without delay in response to China's "military buildup and other provocative acts." He cited the example of China's detention of a U.S. Navy surveillance plane and its crew.

Gephardt also called on the administration to resume surveillance flights off China's coast. They were suspended after the April collision near Hainan island of a Navy EP-3E plane and a Chinese fighter jet.

The approved arms package includes eight diesel-powered submarines, which were among Taiwan's highest defense priorities and which China views as a serious threat to its national security. Taiwan has been requesting submarines since 1982 but had been turned down as recently as a year ago.

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SGA

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As a commuter student, Aaron Koonce, a senior music performance major, said the purpose of the Student Government Association isn't apparent to him.

"If I ever had a concern, I wouldn't think of going to SGA first," Koonce said. "In my four years, I haven't ever really dealt with SGA that much."

Koonce's lack of interest in SGA echoed Nichols' reasoning for eliminating the committee. Nichols said she mailed 3,500 fliers to commuters last semester asking for input, but none were returned.

What was returned, however, was \$7,000 from the Permanent Improvements Committee budget to the general SGA fund. This came after a bill requesting money to build an international flag plaza was killed in the finance committee this week. The bill asked for \$19,000 to start the project, overextending this semester's permanent improvements budget by \$11,000.

KTCU will receive a \$1,000 grant from the Permanent Improvements Committee to purchase updated equipment, but the remaining \$7,000 in the committee's budget will roll over into SGA's reserve fund.

Treasurer Deanna Bennett, a junior finance and accounting major, said approving the bill would've meant using money from next semester's budget.

"The finance committee did not feel it was fiscally responsible to allocate money that we did not have," she said.

Permanent Improvements Committee chairwoman Chelsea Hudson, who was re-elected to the post for next year, said the SGA Constitution actually calls for a cumulative budget for permanent improvements instead of the excess money draining into the reserve fund. However, she said she doesn't anticipate any problems next year if her committee should request funds from the reserve.

"I've learned that I've got to ask for the right amount," said Hudson, a sophomore political science major.

The cost of the plaza was the main reason committee member Karl Kruse, a freshman international business major, said he did not support the bill.

"I think the plaza is a good idea and something I'd like to see at TCU, but the cost and suggested locations were unacceptable," he said.

Possible locations for the fountain included the front of Sadler Hall, the main entrance to campus from Stadium Drive and behind the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center.

Although the bill was killed, the House did pass a resolution encouraging the administration to begin developmental research for the plaza.

"(Having the bill killed) makes the case stronger," said Hudson, who in earlier reports said administrative funds were essential to the success of the project. "This stresses the need for a commitment from the administration."

Hudson said she would introduce the plaza again next year if her committee felt it was an important project.

The House also passed a resolution recommending MTV-2, Cartoon Network, Disney Channel, Animal Planet and ESPN Classic be added to the residential cable channel line-up.

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Dana Szucs, a sophomore graphic design major, distributes flyers for the Marriott Food Services boycott to Jaclyn Hernandez, a senior elementary education major, and Kim Lehmann, a senior political science major. Szucs and three other students started the boycott, which takes place today, for an English project.

Montenegro plans to secede President to push referendum to break from Yugoslavia

By Dusan Stojanovic
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PODGORICA, Yugoslavia — Ignoring international fears of new instability and possible bloodshed in the Balkans, Montenegro's leaders pressed ahead Tuesday with plans for a summer referendum on breaking away from Yugoslavia.

Despite a narrow victory in Sunday's parliamentary elections that revealed a nearly 50-50 split over whether to secede, aides to President Milo Djukanovic said he would push for a referendum on independence sometime between June 30 and July 13.

"We have opted for a sovereign Montenegro and the reconstruction

of its statehood," Djukanovic said Tuesday in an interview with independent Montena TV. "There is no dilemma, and that strategy won't change."

Swedish diplomat Sven-Olaf Petersson, who led a European Union delegation in talks Tuesday with Montenegrin officials on both sides of the debate, warned of the risks of "hasty and unilateral steps."

He called for dialogue between Montenegro and Serbia, its much-larger partner in Yugoslavia, and cautioned Montenegro not to rush into independence.

"The elections have shown one thing very clearly: Montenegrin society is split very much down the

middle," Petersson said. "These close results do not provide a green light for those in a hurry to call for a referendum."

But Djukanovic, in the TV interview, said it was "logical to reach Montenegrin statehood through a referendum."

Reflecting further defiance, Svetozar Marovic, the speaker of parliament, issued a statement after meeting with the EU delegation that said: "Montenegro and its citizens have the right of their own choice like all other nations."

The leader of the pro-Yugoslavia faction, Predrag Bulatovic, warned against putting the question of independence before a divided people.

American Fulbright scholar pleads innocent to drug charge

By Sarah Karush
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VORONEZH, Russia — Pale and hollow-cheeked, an American Fulbright scholar accused of dealing drugs in Russia pleaded innocent on Tuesday as his trial opened with the prosecutor contesting police evidence.

An investigator testified she made up the amount of marijuana found on John Tobin for a police report. The prosecutor herself accused police of greatly inflating the amount and said she was "ashamed" to be involved in the case.

Tobin, 24, of Ridgefield, Conn., was arrested Jan. 26 outside a nightclub after police allegedly found him carrying a matchbox containing marijuana. The arrest attracted wide attention about a month later when the Federal Security Service, the main successor to the KGB, claimed Tobin was an aspiring spy.

No espionage charges have been filed against Tobin, who was a student at Voronezh State University. But the drug charges, initially for possessing a small amount of marijuana, later were stepped up to in-

clude distribution. The most serious charge carries a sentence of up to 15 years.

The prosecution maintains that Tobin and his roommate, also an American studying at the university, ran a drug den in their rented two-room apartment in this provincial city 300 miles south of Moscow.

"I never saw anyone in my apartment using drugs," Tobin said from the barred cage in which defendants are confined in Russian courtrooms.

Tobin testified that during a search of the apartment, police found a packet of marijuana hidden in a textbook, but that the book belonged to his roommate. He said the roommate left Voronezh on vacation a week before his arrest and has not returned.

Other testimony Tuesday highlighted confusion and sharp disputes among police and prosecutors over the amount of marijuana allegedly found on Tobin.

Police investigator Yelena Brykina, who wrote up Tobin's arrest record, said police told her that Tobin had only been found with more than 0.003 ounces of marijuana and

that she made up the figure of 0.005 ounces which she wrote in the arrest record.

"I just pulled this weight out of the air," she said.

However, the charges say that 10 times that amount — 0.05 ounces — was found on Tobin when he was arrested, and prosecutor Marina Galagan accused the senior police investigator of doctoring the amount in the case file.

"I am ashamed to sit here and support the charges in this case," she said.

Earlier, witness Andrei Startsev, a friend, said Tobin provided guests with joints made out of emptied cigarettes on two occasions in November and January, but did not take money for them. Another friend, Anton Vasiliyev, testified he had seen a marijuana pipe and people smoking marijuana at the apartment.

Drug expert Natalya Korobchenko testified that a urine test after Tobin's Jan. 26 arrest showed he had smoked marijuana within the past 22 days. Tobin said that was because he smoked marijuana in Amsterdam on Jan. 9.

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Iowans brace for river flooding

By Ken Thomas
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Chet Simpson had two pumps humming away Tuesday against water seeping into the basement of his home near downtown, where the swollen Mississippi River was creeping toward a near-record flood crest.

"Mother Nature rules everything," said Simpson, 61. "When it happens, it just makes you a stronger person."

The crest of a flood that already has caused millions of dollars in damage in Minnesota and chased hundreds of people from their homes in Iowa and Wisconsin was expected to reach Davenport late Tuesday.

It was expected to crest somewhere between 22 and 22.5 feet — just short of the 1993 record of 22.6 feet.

Davenport, population 98,300,

is the largest urban area on the upper Mississippi without permanent flood protection. Volunteers and National Guard soldiers scrambled to build a clay-and-sandbag levee spanning 1,200 feet to protect downtown businesses. The 12-foot wall is high enough for a 23-foot crest.

City development official Clayton Lloyd estimated that fewer than 100 homes would be affected by flooding. About 70 already had been flooded in a low-lying neighborhood a few miles from downtown.

Statewide, 1,115 homes, most of them secondary or vacation homes, had been damaged, Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack formally requested federal assistance Tuesday.

Workers standing guard behind the Davenport levee monitored nine diesel and gasoline-powered pumps removing water that seeped

through storm sewers and bubbled up through cracks in the street from the saturated soil.

"Wall looks good. I see no problems," said city construction inspector Ron Hocker as he made his morning rounds. "I'm not worried about leaks in the levee. I'm worried about keeping up with the problems in the street."

Volunteers dumped truckloads of sandbags on trouble spots while resident Bill Walv spent his lunch break in a park south of the downtown area.

"Probably the most interesting thing about it is all the attention it's getting," said Walv, 47. "Probably too much."

Farther downstream from Davenport and the rest of the Quad Cities — Bettendorf, Iowa, and Rock Island and Moline, Ill. — workers in Niota, Ill., shored up levees where the river was forecast to crest Wednesday.

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but made it sound like they were there."

Lyndi Conrad, a junior radio-TV-film major, is the producer for TCU baseball games. She said 60 games a season can get boring, and this is a nice change from the usual broadcasts.

"All we've ever known is stereo, and we get to hear how listening to the games was for 100s of people back then," Conrad said.

LaMendola said he and Andy Haskett, the station manager for KTCU, set up the game as a fun and educational experience.

"Radio was still relatively new to cover these things," Haskett said. "It would be like the Olympics being broadcast for the first time."

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Islamic group warns of more attacks

Memorial held for Hamas bomber; Jericho has routine military checkpoints

By Greg Myre
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JERUSALEM — As Israel honored its war dead with solemn words and graveside remembrances, the radical Islamic group Hamas held a memorial Tuesday for its latest suicide bomber and warned that more deadly attacks would soon follow.

In Gaza, a Palestinian man was shot dead at the northern crossing point with Israel, the scene of frequent clashes in the past. The family of Yousef Abu Hamdeh said he was mentally ill and had strayed from his home in Gaza City on Monday night. The Israeli military said Abu Hamdeh was shot after crossing the fence.

Earlier, Israel's army said Palestinians fired three mortars at a Jewish settlement in the southern Gaza Strip. A Palestinian official, Brig. Gen. Abdel Razeq Majajda, said his officers investigated the claim and found it baseless. Palestinian officials have said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat recently ordered an end to mortar attacks, which have prompted Israeli reprisal raids.

In the West Bank, a Palestinian was shot dead by Israeli soldiers dur-

ing clashes, Palestinians said. Imad al-Shersh, 24, was shot in the chest while about 60 Palestinians threw rocks at Israeli forces, they said. The Israeli military was checking the report.

Since the outbreak of the conflict on Sept. 28, 412 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and 70 people on the Israeli side.

Meanwhile, militant Islamic groups said they were poised to carry out more bombing attacks during Israel's back-to-back observances of memorial day and independence day.

Three bombs went off in Israel on Sunday and Monday, including a suicide attack in the central town of Kfar Saba that killed the assailant from the militant Hamas group and an Israeli doctor.

Hamas, which held a memorial rally Tuesday for the bomber, 18-year-old Imad Zubadi, said recently that 10 of its suicide bombers would strike at Israeli targets. Zubadi was the fourth, and six more were waiting to blow themselves up, said local Hamas leader Jamal Salim.

"Hamas' choice is resistance and military operations, not negotiations and security talks," Salim told a

crowd of about 3,000 people in the West Bank town of Nablus.

In Iran, the leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah warned Israel to expect more attacks. "Victory belongs to us," Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah told a conference in Tehran that has brought together some of Israel's most militant enemies.

Israeli police commanders said they would mobilize large numbers of officers in a bid to prevent attacks on memorial day, which honors fallen soldiers and runs for 24 hours beginning at sundown Tuesday, and independence day, which begins at sundown Wednesday.

"It is only due to our fallen (soldiers) and their friends that we have reached this far," Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said at the main war memorial in Jerusalem. "Even though our enemies still refuse to recognize the right of the Jewish people to their land, (they) acknowledge our might and resolve."

The families of soldiers killed in the country's five wars and many smaller skirmishes traditionally visit military cemeteries countrywide to place flowers and small stones on the graves. Since the United Nations ap-

proved creation of the state in 1947, 20,906 soldiers have been killed, the military said.

In the latest effort to end seven months of Mideast fighting, Israel promised to ease restrictions on Palestinian towns in exchange for greater Palestinian efforts to prevent violence.

The two sides made the announcement Tuesday after a round of security talks near Tel Aviv on Monday night at the home of the U.S. ambassador to Israel, Martin Indyk.

In the security talks, the Palestinian representatives asked Israel to open access to all Palestinian towns, particularly the West Bank oasis of Jericho, which depends heavily on tourism.

Since the outbreak of fighting, Palestinian communities such as Jericho have been ringed by Israeli military checkpoints. In Jericho, a casino, one of the Palestinian Authority's biggest money makers, was hit by Israeli tank fire at one point and has been closed for months.

Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said that an easing of restrictions in the Jericho area would begin in the next few days.

Hawaii teachers end strike, agree to deal

By Bruce Dunford
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HONOLULU — A union representing Hawaii's school teachers agreed to a new labor contract Tuesday, ending the second of two walkouts that shut down a state's entire public education system for the first time.

Hawaii's 182,000 school children will return to class Thursday for the first time in three weeks.

Teachers who lined road sides and picketed school yards for 19 days planned more sign-waving Tuesday but were expected to approve a deal for increased salaries endorsed by their 50-member union board at around midnight Monday.

"We're very pleased with the settlement," said Joan Husted, executive director of the Hawaii State Teachers Association. "Our board overwhelmingly ratified it."

Union board members, who had arrived at their Honolulu headquarters with bedrolls, declined to discuss the agreement and state officials issued no immediate statements.

The state's 13,000 teachers were expected to return to work Wednesday, with classes resuming Thursday. They had been teaching without a contract for two years.

"I think the teachers feel the strike accomplished their goals. If they had to do it again, they would," Husted said.

Hawaii's unique statewide education system was shut down April 5, which also marked the start of a separate labor action against all 10 campuses of the University of Hawaii, idling 40,000 undergraduate and graduate students. That strike ended after 13 days with 3,100 professors and lecturers earning up to 12 percent salary increases over two years.

Competitive nations ranked U.S., Singapore keep top spots on list

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LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The United States and Singapore kept their top spots as the world's most competitive nations, but strong growth in Hong Kong has brought it back up the chart, according to an annual survey released today.

Japan, a previous leader, languished in 26th place in the poll of business leaders conducted by the International Institute for Management Development.

"Formidable" economic growth of around 10 percent brought Hong Kong back up to sixth place, which it held in 1999 before dropping to 12th last year, the survey said.

But the report sounds alarm bells for the year to come. "2000 was a year of 'economic exuberance,'" it said. "2001 may be one of 'economic hangover.'"

Economic slowdown in the United States, coupled with Japan's continuing crisis, could hit the rest of the

world.

"Together, the (United States) and Japan represent 46 percent of the world economy," said Stephane Garelli, director of the project. "Their loss of momentum is likely to affect every nation around the world."

The top 10 in the survey is filled out by Finland, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Ireland, Sweden, Canada and Switzerland.

Europe's economies are in good form and could be insulated against a downturn, according to the report. It said the Nordic countries are doing especially well, "particularly due to massive investments in new technological infrastructure."

Russia, ranked 45th, is described as "up and coming," with growth fueled by energy exports.

Export-dependent Asian countries are more vulnerable to a global slowdown, the survey said. South Korea kept its rank of 28th in this year's survey. Taiwan was raised two places from last year, to 18th position.

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Finding a way out

They receive about 25 calls a day, all from victims of domestic violence seeking a place away from their abuser. The Crisis Center at Women's Haven of Tarrant County, Inc. answers questions like, "What would it take for me to pick up my kids, leave my husband and come live at the Women's Haven?" and "Is it normal if he only hits me once a month? Am I overreacting?"

Joyce Biglow, a caseworker at the Women's Haven, motivates the women who follow through with those phone calls to choose the shelter over the abuse.

"My job changes on a daily basis," Biglow said. "Some women come in determined to escape their abusive lifestyles for themselves and their children, and others come in with drug problems and just need a place to sleep for one night."

As a caseworker, Biglow must decide whether or not each resident is following the criteria set by the shelter, and she said it's difficult to put anyone back on the streets when they aren't making any progress.

The shelter can hold 90 victims including children, and security is tight. The best interest of the other victims is always taken into consid-

eration when dealing with an uncooperative victim or an angry abuser.

The rooms are arranged like college dormitories, and there are only three rooms with private bathrooms for significant family situations.

Most victims enter the shelter through referrals from the Fort Worth Police Department, by word of mouth or through other shelters in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

When the victims enter the shelter, they sign agreements promising to keep alcohol and drugs out of the building. In addition, they have a curfew of 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday is considered "family night." Counseling is available 24 hours a day for adults and children.

An average of 25 women and 45 children live at the shelter. Biglow said and each case is unique and requires professional care, patience and genuine understanding.

Biglow said the shelter aims to get the victims back on their feet, mentally stable, confident and away from their abusers forever.

"Sometimes these women come in with six or seven children and don't seem to care about improving their lifestyles," Biglow said. "And sometimes they come in as single

women, and they find jobs, buy new cars and eventually make a lot more money than I do. It really varies with each victim."

Biglow specifically said she remembers a special woman in her three years as a caseworker at Women's Haven.

"Nina came in two times before she ultimately left her husband," Biglow said. "She was a college graduate, making \$40,000 a year, and had one 6-year-old daughter. Her husband was an immigrant and threatened to take her daughter away from her. She was being severely abused, and when she came to the shelter for the second and final time, she said she felt safe when the doors closed behind her. She made a conscious decision to change her life. She refused transitional housing after three weeks because she could afford her own place, and she didn't want to fill a space that someone else may need more than herself. She is now living on her own and donates to the shelter every year."

"I see her from time to time," Biglow said. "She looks good, confident and happy, and that is why I work here."

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— Joyce Biglow, caseworker at the Women's Haven of Tarrant County

Story by Cary Swain
Art by Correy Jefferson

Signs and Symptoms of Abuse

- ◆ You are ridiculed, put down, made fun of, or belittled.
- ◆ You are not free to come and go as you please.
- ◆ Your possessions are damaged.
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- ◆ You are isolated.
- ◆ You are being pushed, shoved, pounded, slapped, bruised, kicked, strangled, or threatened with a weapon.

- ◆ Keep with someone you trust: a spare set of keys, a set of clothes, important papers (birth certificates, social security cards and a spare driver's license), prescriptions, and some money.
- ◆ Keep any evidence of physical abuse (ripped clothes, photos of bruises and injuries, etc.)
- ◆ Plan the safest time to get away
- ◆ Know where you can go for help, tell someone what is happening to you. Have phone

Important Survival Tips

- ◆ numbers of friends, relatives, and domestic violence programs with you.
- ◆ Call the police if you are in danger and need help.
- ◆ If you are injured, go to a hospital emergency room or doctor and report what happened to you, ask that they document your visit.
- ◆ Plan with your children and identify a safe place for them: a room with a lock or a neighbor's house where they can go for help.

- ◆ Reassure them their job is to stay safe, not to protect you.
- ◆ Arrange a signal with a neighbor, i.e., if the porch light is on, call the police
- ◆ Contact the local domestic violence hotline listed below to find out about laws, the shelters and other resources available to you before you have to use them, or during a crisis.
- ◆ Call Women's Haven of Tarrant County at (817) 535-6464.

WORKING WITH THE BOSS

Story by Herndon Hasty ◆ Art by Correy Jefferson

President George W. Bush, having only been in office for three months, is especially unknown to the public. But Kristi Luper, a senior history major, knows Bush well enough to call him "the boss" on a regular basis. Luper, 23, is a staff member on Bush's second gubernatorial campaign in Texas and 1999.

"It's almost surreal, seeing my friends on TV as the president and presidential staff," Luper said.

Her experience with the Texas governor began seven years ago when Bush still worked for the Texas Rangers baseball team. Luper applied for a position at the Ballpark in Arlington's retail outlet in spring 1994. Bush, who was the managing general partner of the team, was unexpectedly part of the interviewing process.

Luper was having trouble obtaining an interview for the position when Bush intervened and pushed the application through.

"He made the process a lot easier," Luper said.

She said she was impressed by how much Bush continued to work hands-on with team operations even though, as a candidate for governor of Texas, he had to attend to other pressing matters. Luper, who followed politics closely, said she recognized him immediately and was excited to meet him.

Luper did not have much contact with Bush after the interview, though she and other staff members followed him around the ballpark.

As Luper's interest in politics grew, she did her homework in the political community and followed Bush's campaign.

"I used to go down on Saturday mornings and work at the Tarrant County Republican Party headquarters," Luper said.

At the time, she was too young to vote, but she said she was for Bush was the best she could do for him, that he was the only one.

Bush's first term was considered a long haul because the incumbent governor, Ann Richards, was extremely popular.

"We didn't think there was any way (Bush) would win, as we were fighting the good fight," Luper said.

But in 1995, Bush won the election and, when the time came for him to run again, he commanded a high public opinion rating.

Luper, who was a political science major at the time, first pursued the opportunity to work on Bush's second campaign through her local political contacts. Those leads, however, didn't prove promising.

"The basic idea was that I was still in my freshman year at TCU and, while people were willing to help me, this wasn't the right time for me to work on a campaign," Luper said.

"My drive for politics had something to do with Bush personally — he's an amazing person, he has a very strong personality," Luper said.

"I felt strongly about his policies and felt he had the personality to carry them out. We really felt he could do something and that he meant to do something — that he wasn't just talking."

Shunning the advice of her political contacts, Luper suspended her academic career and moved to Austin without a place to live, a job, or a starting point with the campaign outside of the volunteer centers.

"I was 19," Luper says. "I had nothing but my car. I had to move (to Austin) and get another job working at a Hyatt hotel working nights so I could pursue a volunteer position with the campaign."

Luper's work with the campaign began with what was considered the worst job on the campaign: the data entry of campaign contributions.

Luper wanted to work on the campaign, not just volunteer. She embraced the project.

"I took that position and really made it my own," Luper said. "Everything I did was geared toward making it more efficient, and something I knew better than anyone else."

Luper was eventually hired as a full-time member of the committee for which she volunteered, she said.

Luper pursued a number of different tasks as a full-time member, averaging 84 hours of work a week. In addition to the data entry project, Luper worked on staging events and general political strategy.

She said that Bush took notice of her and often thanked her for her work.

"There wasn't a time he came into that office that he didn't stop by and tell me how proud he was of me and that while he wasn't in the office very often, other people kept tabs on me and he was glad to hear that I was doing such good work for him," Luper said.

"I describe Bush as a friendly and engaging person who gives everyone help, in contact with a nickname," Luper said. "I use it every time he sees you. And I think that connection he makes with you when he gives you a nickname is absolutely sincere."

During the elections, Luper had the opportunity to watch the elections from a European perspective while she participated in the TCU

London Centre during the fall semester.

She said she felt a stronger anti-American sentiment in the rest of Europe than in Britain.

"In Europe, everyone was waiting for America to stumble, and it's obvious that in this election we did," Luper said, concerning the problem of terrorism in the presidential election.

Luper said her choice to participate in the London Centre was also a choice to be out of the country during the election. Her work on the campaign gave her the opportunity to return to the campaign trail during the presidential run.

"It would have been very difficult to be in a position where I could think, 'Man, I could make a phone call and go back'... it's addictive, and the only way to get away from it is to get completely away from it," Luper said.

Luper said she was surprised at the level like I was."

Luper said the experience of working on the campaign gave her insight into politics that her college didn't show her, though they were not necessarily the experience she expected.

"(Working on the campaign) was a wonderful experience that was extremely unique," Luper said, citing the well-known fact that had little opposition to overcome.

"If I thought about it, I realize how tough other people must have had to be."

Luper said she doesn't think she would go back into politics, Luper said she doesn't think she would go back into politics.

"My interest is in politics, but I don't want to have a family and do what you want to do with your life," Luper said. "I'm sure a bureaucrat's life is great, that's what you want to do, but it's not for me."

Luper did concede, however, that if Bush or other Jeb were to run for president, she would be interested in returning to working on campaigns, though not working in the administration.

While she doesn't know for certain what Bush will do during his presidency outside of his core issues, Luper warned that the worst thing you can do with George W. is underestimate him.

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“I was 19. I had nothing but my car. I had to move (to Austin) and get another job working at a Hyatt hotel working nights so I could pursue a volunteer position with the campaign. I'd say it was pretty intimidating.”

— Kristi Luper, a senior history major

SMU ad attempts to spread faith

Feelings are mixed over organization's religious-based campaign

By Bethany McCormack
STAFF REPORTER

While some students feel advertising for religious organizations is a helpful way to promote their organization and message, some students at Southern Methodist University found offense recently at an advertisement sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ in the school's paper *The Daily Campus*.

Nathan D. Keller, a senior speech communication major, who is the president of Campus Crusade for Christ at TCU, said campaigns such as the one at SMU, which ran an advertisement in the paper that identified a student and listed that student's beliefs about faith, can serve as a positive means of spreading the gospel.

"From the best of my knowledge, I think it's a pretty effective way to get the message out," Keller said.

However, Scott Moses, a sophomore English and foreign language major at SMU, said he thinks the advertisement should not have run in the newspaper.

"I understand advertising for a group, but this was Campus Crusade

using money to pay for an ad that was religious propaganda."

Jack Raskopf, an associate professor of journalism, said he thinks *The Daily Campus* was within its legal rights to run the advertisement.

"Commercial free speech is somewhat limited compared to basic free speech, but there is still a wide latitude to what you can do with advertising," Raskopf said.

Moses said he was offended by the in-your-face nature of the campaign.

"Most of the campus was pretty irritated with the whole thing," he said. "It is generally considered a fanatic campaign. I think it was mostly offensive."

Members of Campus Crusade for Christ at SMU could not be reached for comment.

Mari Reynolds, a senior theater major, who is president of the Christian organization Chi Alpha, said the group uses advertisements to attract people to visit Chi Alpha but not to advertise faith.

"We don't do in-your-face evangelism because that turns (people) off," she said. "We want people to

experience for themselves everything that Chi Alpha is about."

Raskopf said an advertisement that ran about a year ago in the *Daily Skiff* and several other newspapers across the country offended many members of the Jewish community by stating the Holocaust did not occur. However, Raskopf said the paper was correct to run the advertisement to protect freedom of speech rights.

Raskopf said newspapers have the right to refuse to run advertisements, and policies differ from campus to campus.

"On our campus, the adviser can advise the editor that an advertisement is legal but not appropriate for our campus," he said. "The advertising department does not have to accept any advertisement."

Many papers will not run advertisements that readers might find offensive because it is not profitable, Raskopf said.

Keller said Crusade at TCU has never done a campaign similar to the one at SMU but they have done other campaigns in the past. The organization ran an advertisement in the *Skiff*

prior to Easter and put up fliers to heighten awareness of the meaning of Easter, he said. Keller said he does not know what the reaction of students was to the advertisement but he has not experienced any negative feedback.

Moses said he would not have objected to SMU's campaign had it been implemented differently.

"Campus Crusade does all these ads but they never put their name on the bottom," he said. "People feel like they are trying to trick them."

The Campus Crusade for Christ campaign was similar to campaigns done by several universities across the country. The campaign asked the question "Do you agree with Josh?" through fliers and bright orange T-shirts worn by students the week before Easter. The mystery was revealed through an advertisement published in *The Daily Campus* that featured a picture of Josh Combs, a junior mechanical engineering major at SMU. The ad then listed seven beliefs that Josh holds true.

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Jury hears testimony about Islamic laws

By Larry Neumeister
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NEW YORK — A defense witness in the embassy bombings trial told the jury what he knew about the teachings of Islam on Tuesday, prompting defense lawyers to quarrel over his interpretation of Islamic law.

The witness, Imam Siraj Wahhaj of Brooklyn, left prosecutors so pleased that they asked few questions themselves, content to let defense lawyers battle it out, interrupting one another with objections.

Wahhaj said that he as a Muslim "can't wage war" to remedy misdeeds around the world but can protest peacefully to bring about change.

He suggested that laws can be broken in pursuit of a cause, but only in the manner that someone such as Martin Luther King Jr., who would sometimes be jailed as he asserted his rights.

"Martin Luther King (Jr.) fought against unjust laws and did it in a just way," Wahhaj said. "People would agree with that kind of non-violent struggle. I think people would call him a hero."

Prosecutors contend that Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden and

his followers for the past decade have been waging a war against the United States, bombing two U.S. embassies in Africa on Aug. 7, 1998.

"Islam doesn't teach anarchy," Wahhaj said. "People can't take it upon themselves."

His testimony came on behalf of Mohamed Sadeek Odeh, 36, a defendant who allegedly told FBI agents that he had joined bin Laden's alleged terrorism organization but that he was against the killing of civilians.

Odeh allegedly told the FBI he didn't like that so many civilians and Kenyans were killed in the bombings in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, attacks that killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

Wahhaj was interrupted repeatedly by lawyers for Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-Owhali, 24, who allegedly confessed to riding the bomb-laden vehicle to the embassy in Nairobi and hurling stun grenades at guards.

The lawyers for Al-Owhali sought to show that it might be considered a Muslim's duty to fight an enemy that was causing the death of innocent civilians in a country ruled according to Islamic law.

Bill approved allowing injured workers to choose physicians

By Connie Mabin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Injured workers would get to choose their doctors who would be part of a state-monitored network under legislation the Texas House gave preliminary approval to Tuesday. Workers must now go to physicians chosen by their employers.

The measure cleans up longtime problems in the state's workers' compensation system, said Rep. Kenneth Brimer, R-Fort Worth, the bill's sponsor.

Labor, health care and insurance representatives worked with lawmakers to help

draft the bill, he said.

"This is the way to do business: get all sides together, compromise and get it taken care of," Brimer said.

The state would save an estimated \$20 million over the next five years by streamlining the way claims are handled, monitoring care and managing prescriptions, the bill's supporters said.

The medical savings also would be passed on to businesses and insurance companies and help better heal injured workers so they can return to work, Brimer said.

Some doctors testified against the bill dur-

ing hearings, saying physicians would not want to be hassled with the bureaucracy the measure would create.

The bureaucracy also could cause delays in payment and treatment for injured workers, opponents say.

The Texas Medical Association, which represents doctors, expressed satisfaction with the overall bill.

"Everybody got a little something, gave a little something on it," said Harold Freeman, associate director of legislative affairs for TMA.

His association was most interested in

increasing medical expertise at the Workers' Compensation Commission and improving the dispute resolution process, Freeman said.

The Texas AFL-CIO was attempting to increase workers' benefits, which it contended had been cut too low in 1989.

Labor and business came together to reach a rare compromise beneficial to both sides, said Texas AFL-CIO spokesman Ed Sills.

"We were able to get together on a bill that raises benefits for injured workers while at the same time reducing medical costs within the system," Sills said. "We're de-

lighted that the bill is moving."

The changes were needed "to make sure we've got quality and accountability for the injured workers and the employers and I think this bill accomplishes that," said co-sponsor Rep. Kyle Janek, R-Houston.

The bill would require licensed Texas doctors to join regional networks that would be monitored by the state. Those doctors would have to agree to guidelines set by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, including training and financial disclosure.

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Police officers at the side of a road should not have to figure out where to draw that line, Souter wrote on behalf of himself and an unusual lineup of justices.

"There is no dispute that Officer Turek had probable cause to believe that Atwater had committed a crime in his presence," Souter wrote for the majority. "She admits that neither she nor her children were wearing seat belts."

"Turek was accordingly authorized (but) not required ... to make a custodial arrest without balancing costs and benefits to determine whether or not Atwater's arrest was in some sense necessary."

Atwater's arrest was surely embarrassing and may not have been

necessary, but it was nonetheless constitutional, Souter wrote. Such cases are rare, and do not merit "development of a new and distinct body of constitutional law," he wrote.

Souter, normally one of the court's more liberal members, was joined by swing voter Justice Anthony M. Kennedy and the court's three most conservative members: Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia.

The court's other traditional swing voter, O'Connor, led the four-member minority.

The majority ignored the constitutional guarantee against unreasonable search and seizure "in the name of administrative ease," she wrote.

Atwater was driving her two children home from soccer practice when a prized toy — her son's rubber model of a bat — flew onto the

roadside of Dawn Drive.

The child screamed for her to go back and look, Atwater said.

Atwater said she allowed her children to unbuckle their seat belts, as she did, so all could crane their necks while she slowly retraced their path.

There was no other traffic on the road, she said, until Turek's cruiser appeared.

Turek handcuffed Atwater's wrists behind her back and placed her in a police cruiser. A friend came to pick up Atwater's children while she was taken to a police station. There, police took her mug shot and she was placed alone in a cell until she posted \$310 in bail.

She later pleaded no contest and paid the \$50 fine.

Atwater and her husband sued the city and the police officer, saying the arrest violated her constitutional rights. The case never went to trial.

Texas bill opposes Supreme Court

By Jim Vertuno
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Police could not arrest someone and take them into custody for a traffic offense that is punishable only by a fine under a bill given preliminary approval by the Texas House just hours after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that such arrests are OK.

The Supreme Court rejected a Lago Vista woman's claim that such arrests violate the Constitution's Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable seizures.

Gail Atwater was arrested and taken to jail in 1997 after she was pulled over for a seatbelt violation, an offense punishable only by a fine, not jail time.

The sponsor of the House measure, Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine,

said that case is "certainly an example of the problem that's out there."

Putting Atwater in jail for a fine-only offense "to me is a real stretch of the interpretation of the current law," Gallego said.

Texas law allows police to make arrests for routine traffic violations, except for speeding.

What Atwater was arrested for the seatbelt violation, her hands were cuffed behind her back and she was taken to the city police station. A friend looked after her two children and her pickup truck was towed away.

Atwater's mug shot was taken and she was released after posting bond. She later pleaded no contest to the seat belt offense and paid the maximum \$50 fine.

Under Gallego's bill, an officer in a similar circumstance would issue a citation and a written notice to appear before a magistrate.

Some lawmakers said police should be able to exercise their own judgment on taking someone to jail. Police testified against the bill in committee.

The measure was given preliminary approval on a voice vote. Final approval could come as early as Wednesday, which would send the bill to the Senate.

Atwater's attorney, Bob DeCarli, said the bill would prevent a similar incident in the future.

"This has always been a battle of principle," said DeCarli. "My hope is that law enforcement officials will take steps to institute policies to stop this sort of thing."

Bush plan under attack

Proposed expansion of 'charitable choice' criticized

By Laura Meckler
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — When President Bush decided to build a T-ball field on the White House lawn, he handed the job to his office on faith-based programs. Not that T-ball has anything to do with religion, but aides figured that a staff battered by criticism could use a unifying diversion.

"Don't you think T-ball is controversial?" joked John Dilulio, director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. "Have you ever seen parents react to T-ball?"

Even the fiercest of parental barbs might seem mild compared to some of the criticism Dilulio has taken from both liberals and conservatives over his effort to direct more government money to religious social service programs.

This week, the debate and lobbying surrounding the program shift into high gear. Republicans are gathering for a cheerleading "faith-based summit," and their backers are launching a TV advertising and lobbying campaign. Opponents are delivering petitions from 850 religious leaders arguing the perils of mixing church and state. Congress holds its first hearings on the issue.

The heart of Bush's plan would expand "charitable choice," a provision that allows religious groups that run both secular and religious programs to compete for government grants. It is already law for welfare, drug treatment and community development programs, and Bush wants to extend it to programs across government.

The effort is rolling in the House

but stalled in the Senate, where the top Democratic backer, Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, has concerns.

Dilulio, who is on leave from the University of Pennsylvania, professes no concern, saying that he teaches his government students that the Senate always moves more slowly than the House.

"If they did it otherwise, I would have to revise my teaching," he said Tuesday.

Dilulio will testify Thursday before a House committee and is expected to deliver an upbeat assessment. Behind the scenes, his office is wrestling with a thorny element of the House bill that allows religious groups to make hiring decisions based on an applicant's religious practices.

Opponents say this would allow government grantees to reject applicants who are gay or who drink alcohol on their off hours or do anything else some religion might object to. And Lieberman says he doubts he could support that provision.

"It's very hard to justify creating a lower standard of civil rights protection in a religious group when they receive federal funding," he said Monday.

Liberal opponents, armed with polling that shows Americans are against employment discrimination, are focused on this issue.

"Charitable choice is necessary only to enable an end-run around civil rights laws," Rep. Jerry Nader, D-N.Y., said Tuesday at a House Judiciary subcommittee hearing.

But Rev. Donna Lawrence Jones, pastor of Cookman United Methodist Church in Philadelphia, told the panel that while her church's program does not discriminate in hiring, she would not object if others did.

"It's related to maintaining the integrity of the organization," she said.

Proponents are also gearing up. A newly formed Good Works Coalition says it will spend \$250,000 over the next two months lobbying for the Bush plan.

"Good works are happening throughout America today — feeding the body and the soul, treating the head and the heart," said a TV ad, which will begin running next month in Mississippi and South Dakota.

The ad, being paid for by undisclosed donors, ends by encouraging viewers to call their members of Congress.

But even proponents admit to unresolved questions.

Dilulio allows that there is scant evidence to support the contention that religious programs are more effective than secular ones. He said he would not make that argument, even though like-minded supporters do just that.

"I happen to be a professional social scientist," he said.

And the coalition's founder, Lynda Kosh, who runs a church-based welfare-to-work program in Indianapolis, said she does not know whether programs that weave religion into the core of their curriculum should qualify for money, since her program does not do that.

Warm weather, sun cycle contribute to stabilization of ozone over North Pole

Protective layer no longer thinning due to intensity of radiation, not harmful chemicals

By Jonathan Fowler
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GENEVA — The protective ozone layer over the North Pole appears to have stabilized after years of thinning, but the gain may be temporary, U.N. weather experts said Tuesday.

Scientists from the United Nations' World Meteorological Organization said the recovery may be

attributed to a warmer than usual winter and the current peak in the 11-year cycle of the sun, and not to global cuts in the use of harmful chemicals.

"At the peak of the solar cycle there's an intensity of radiation that produces more ozone," said Michael Proffitt, a senior scientific officer at the organization.

"Therefore you're going to find

less sign of ozone depletion."

The sun is now moving back into an 11-year period of declining radiation, meaning the production of ozone will be at its lowest in 2006, said Proffitt. Also, a return to colder winters would likely cause Arctic ozone levels to fall faster, he said.

Ozone depletion has already produced an annual hole in the

layer in the stratosphere high above the South Pole.

Depletion of the ozone layer over the Arctic and Antarctica is being monitored because the ozone protects the Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation. Too much UV radiation can cause skin cancer and destroy tiny plants.

The hole in the layer above

Antarctica is believed to have caused a rise in skin cancer cases in Australia, Chile and Argentina.

Arctic ozone depletion starts in November, when sunlight triggers chemical reactions in cold air trapped over the North Pole during the winter. It intensifies during January and February before tailing off in April as temperatures rise.

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Seafood fajitas
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Dinner
Turkey sub wrap
Rotisserie chicken

Worth Hills

Lunch
Cyberwraps

Dinner
Tortellini

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Lunch
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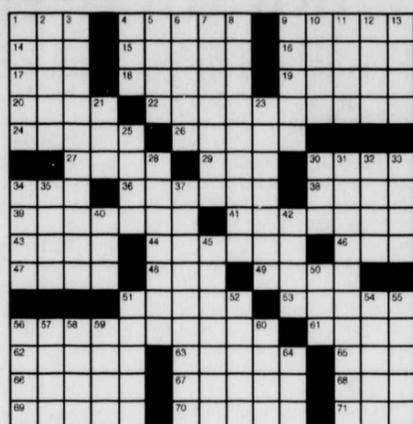
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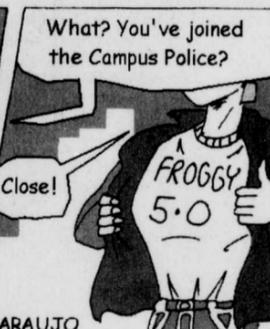
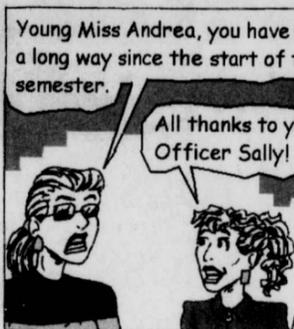
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4 Excuse
9 Eliot's Marnie
14 Singer Rawls
15 Carrying a burden
16 Bootleg liquor
17 Actress Blyth
18 Rice dish
19 Make amends
20 Mickey and Minnie
22 Prolated
24 Was sore
26 Thong
27 Thrash
29 "Not Unusual"
30 Requests
34 Corn serving
36 Although
38 Ashcroft's predecessor
39 Wretchedness
41 Invigorated
43 Plays on words
44 Tranquil
46 Caspian or Adriatic
47 Tibetan oxen
48 Understand
49 Stand open
51 Score minus eight
53 Unrestrained
56 Resolute
61 Narcotic
62 Fragrance
63 Patriotic Allen
65 Needlefish
66 Heat's home
67 Wait on
68 "Maria"
69 Family car
70 Positioned accurately
71 Profit figure
- DOWN**
1 Beast of the Andes
2 Column type
3 Stunned by blows
4 High mountain
5 ___ back (relaxed)
6 Runs in neutral
7 ___ Boys "Fight"
8 Barren
9 Acute
10 Tiny amount
11 Plunder
12 Skin problem
13 Cast off
21 Auction or profit follower
23 Selecting actors
25 Twofold
28 Flower
30 Exist
31 Eye or ear
32 Leg joint
33 Soft drink
34 TV sports award
35 Greenish-blue color
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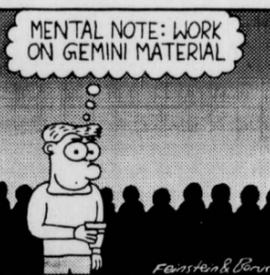
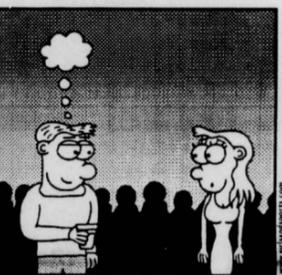


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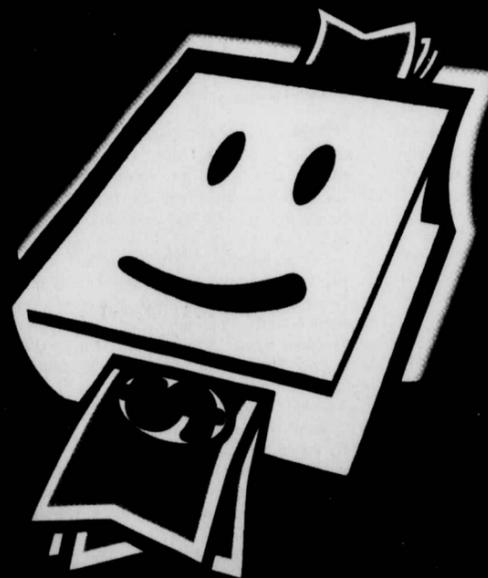


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Undrafted Keathley joins Tomlinson in San Diego

Former offensive lineman signs free agent contract

By Rusty Simmons
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Mike Keathley made a college career out of being in LaDainian Tomlinson's shadow, and he is ready to start his NFL career in the same manner.

Tomlinson, a former TCU tailback, was selected by the San Diego Chargers with the fifth pick in the draft Saturday, and Keathley, a former TCU offensive lineman, signed a free agent contract with the Chargers Sunday.

Keathley finished both of the last two seasons with more than 100 knockdown blocks, one of the few statistics an offensive lineman can record. A three-time all-Western Athletic Conference selection, Keathley gained notoriety for opening holes for a Heisman Trophy fi-

nalist, Tomlinson.

Keathley was part of an offensive line that paved the way for Tomlinson to run for 5,236 career rushing yards, including last year's 2,158-yard season which earned him the Doak Walker Award.

The Senior Bowl paired the two again as Keathley gave Tomlinson enough running room to garner the MVP. Keathley also grabbed some attention at the Senior Bowl, showing he has great speed getting off the ball, Tom Dienhart, of the *Sporting News*, said.

Although Keathley is 6 foot 4 inches and 307 pounds, most NFL experts say he is too small to play tackle at the professional level. Thus, he entered the draft as a guard.

Pete Prisco, a senior writer for Sportsline.com, said a position

change can scare NFL scouts.

But a position change is not new to Keathley. He was highly recruited out of Glen Rose Senior High School as a tight end, but he became a starter during his redshirt freshman season as a tackle.

He benched more than 500 pounds while at TCU and recorded a 33 1/2-inch vertical jump. Keathley also has ran the 40-yard dash in 4.96 seconds on a fast surface and ran the 40 in 5.23 at the NFL Combine.

If he makes the Chargers, Keathley will be the 34th former TCU offensive linemen to make an NFL roster, and he will again be sharing the same jersey color as Tomlinson.

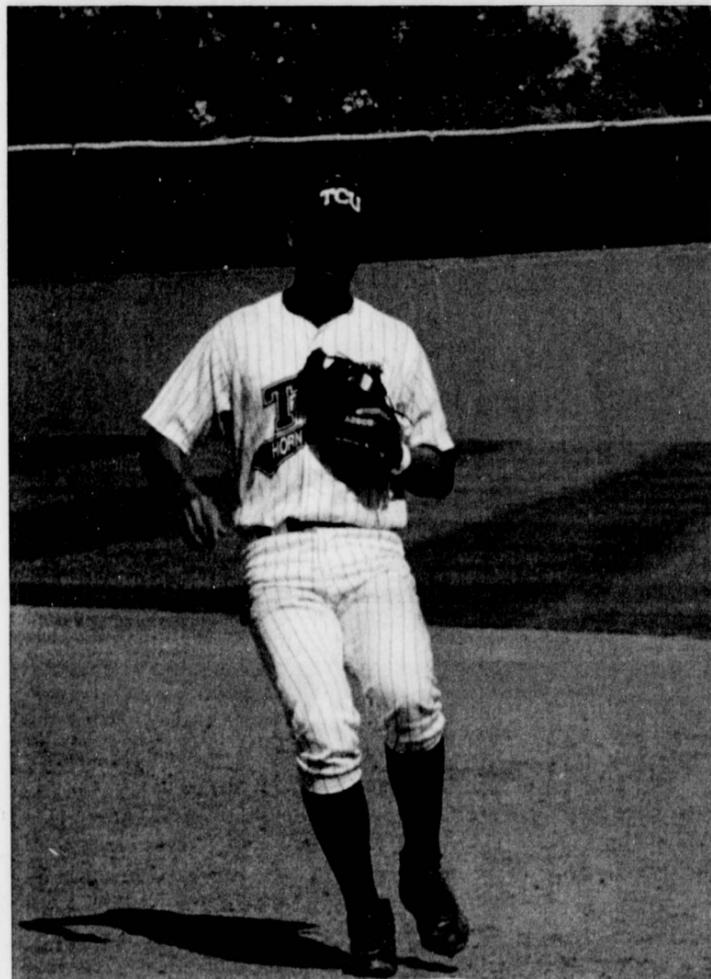
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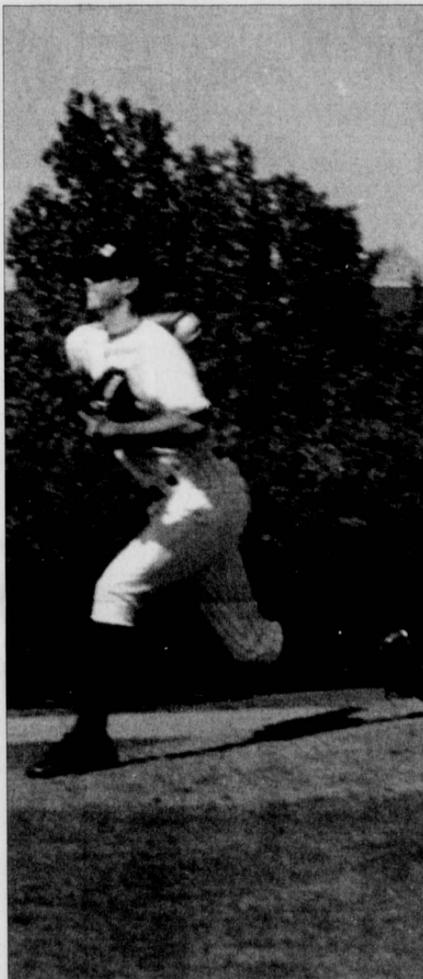
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Former TCU offensive tackle Mike Keathley (left) is the second undrafted Horned Frog lineman to sign a free agent contract. He signed with San Diego, reuniting him with LaDainian Tomlinson.



Yvette Herrera/FEATURES EDITOR

Sophomore first baseman Walter Olmstead tags the bag for an out in Tuesday's 14-4 loss against Texas Tech. The Frogs' overall record fell to 27-20, but TCU remains 3 1/2 games behind Rice in the conference standings.



Yvette Herrera/FEATURES EDITOR

Freshman pitcher Clayton Jerome delivers a pitch in relief during the Frogs' loss Tuesday to Texas Tech. The pitching staff yielded 12 earned runs in the 14-4 defeat.

Frogs fail to 'show' in loss against Tech

Durham's pitching struggles continue

By Brandon Ortiz
SKIFF STAFF

With the season down to the wire and the TCU baseball team needing wins to be considered for a bid to the NCAA Regionals, head coach Lance Brown was not happy Tuesday.

Losing to Texas Tech, 14-4, probably didn't help his temperament, but Brown was bothered by more than just the loss.

"This is the first time we haven't showed up to play," Brown said. "It was pitiful. We didn't put any effort into it."

The Horned Frogs (27-20) could not recover from a bad outing from senior pitcher Chad Durham to lose to Texas Tech (32-15-1).

Despite getting the first two hitters of the fourth inning out, things fell apart for Durham later in the inning when he allowed five runs on five hits.

With two outs, right fielder Kerry Hodges, who had five hits, singled to center field. The next hitter, catcher Anthony Arnerich, doubled to score Hodges. After hitting center fielder Tyler Carson with a pitch, Durham gave up a three-run homer to designated hitter Austin Cranford.

Durham pitched 3 2/3 innings, giving up seven runs on seven hits in suffering his third loss. His ERA rose to 7.61 for the season.

"Things just aren't happening like I would like them to," said Durham, who hasn't won in two

months. "I am doing everything I can. I have been in a funk all year man."

The Frogs never came within striking distance after the fourth inning.

Texas Tech starter Cory Mezler limited the Frogs to two runs in seven innings, striking out eight.

"He was throwing a slider low and away, and it was hard to pick up," sophomore right fielder Terry Trofholz said. "He did a good job of changing speeds."

Brown said Monday the Frogs needed 35 wins to have a chance of getting selected to the NCAA Regionals, which he said would make mid-week games against non-conference foes more important than normal.

Trofholz, noting that the Frogs were 3 1/2 games back of Rice, said he did not think the loss hurt too much, but acknowledged the Frogs task will be a little more difficult.

"It's not too far of a setback," Trofholz said. "(There's) a lot more pressure on us now. It is not going to get any easier. But the WAC is still within reach."

Brown was more blunt. "We need every win we can get," Brown said.

If that is the case, losing to non-conference opponents isn't going to make anybody happy.

Brandon Ortiz

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's golf team second at WAC Championship

After shooting a two-over-par 290 in the second round of the Western Athletic Conference Women's Golf Championships Tuesday in Lewisville, the 14th-ranked women's golf team sits two shots behind tournament leader 12th-ranked Tulsa, which has a two-round score of 589. The Frogs have finished in second behind the Golden Hurricane at the past two WAC tournaments.

Freshman Courtney Wood currently leads the Frogs with a 36-hole score of 145 and a third place finish. In the second round, Wood shot a two-under-par 70 to grab the third-best finish of the tournament. After being tied for first place at the end of the first round of play, senior Brenda Anderson is now currently in ninth place individually. Junior Jennifer Patterson is tied for sixth place and sophomore Shannon Barr is tied for 10th. The final round of the tournament will be played today at the Golf Club at Castle Hills.

Four athletes named to 2000-2001 WAC All-Academic team

Two basketball players and two swimmers were named to the 2000-2001 Western Athletic Conference All-Academic teams for winter sports Tuesday. Senior guards Amy Porter has a 3.25 GPA, and Jill Sutton has a GPA of 3.39. Junior swimmer Nicole Paquette was also honored for her 3.90 GPA, and sophomore swimmer Melissa Powell has a 3.50 GPA. 58 men's and women's basketball and women's swimming and diving athletes were named to the team.

Spanish recruiting bolsters notoriety for tennis teams

By Kelly Morris
SPORTS EDITOR

Soccer might be Spain's most popular sport, but the athletes playing its second most popular sport are proving to be the most beneficial to the No. 4-ranked men's tennis team.

Senior Esteban Carril, who is from Gijon, Spain, is currently the No. 8 men's tennis player in the nation, and sophomore Antonio Gordon, from Barcelona, was named the Western Athletic Conference Freshman Player of the Year last season.

Head men's tennis coach Joey Rive said the team has been fortunate to have the opportunity to recruit from Spain.

"Tennis is the No. 2 sport in Europe," Rive said. "It just so happens we have a couple of Spanish players who are also very popular. Because we have a nice little pipeline with Spain, we're able to do quite a bit of recruiting from there. A lot of schools have different countries in which they recruit from, like Mississippi State who has all French guys."

While the women's tennis team has one player from Spain, it has five other international players including one from South Africa, India, Austria, Mexico and the Czech Republic. The other five players are all from Texas and are referred to as the Texas Rangers.

Head women's tennis coach Roland Ingram said knowing the language makes the adjustment to America easier.

"The problem with Spain and France is that they don't speak English, like Holland and Sweden do," Ingram said.

The men's team has two other international players on the roster, but Rive said Carril and Gordon add a great level of maturity to the roster.

"They bring the right amount of a higher level of play and a very professional mentality," Rive said. "They are also very hard workers, and you can count on them in very difficult situations."

But that high level of play was not easy for Gordon to achieve. He started playing tennis when he was 8 years old and would often practice at his tennis facility in Spain for four hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon before his high school classes started at 6 p.m. Finding it difficult to balance both school and tennis, he quit school at the age of 16 to begin playing on the professional circuit.

Gordon, who graduated from high school in Spain in 1999, said many Spanish players aspire to become professionals at a young age.

"In Spain, there are a lot of tennis players, and the playing level is great," Gordon said. "Younger players get excited because there are 10 guys on the professional circuit from their country, so they see them as idols and think they can do it, too. Even though they are 14 years old, they play to get ready for the professional circuit. There is a lot of competition, so you have to be very prepared to become a professional. It takes a lot of hours to get ready."

And with all that preparation, Gordon said tennis became more of a job to him than just a game at times.

"Parents push sons into tennis because it's an easy way to make money," Gordon said. "It's all about winning, and at 16, you can't understand what that means. Parents get excited, and coaches tell the players to keep playing even though they don't have the talent because it's like a business."

While Rive said the international players are a crucial part of the tennis program, he said he will first recruit the top Texas or American athlete before going overseas.

"I spend a lot of money on it and put a lot of time into it," Rive said. "If I can't get the top American player, I might get a strong Spanish player. You can recruit all year long, and you're always recruiting because stuff is always changing."

But Rive said he is hoping the success TCU tennis has had will help in further recruiting.

"If you use just rank numbers and film, it helps a lot in recruiting," Rive said. "Also, I don't know how many people realize how nice of a facility we have at TCU. That's one of the hidden treasures we have here. I think the facility combined with our school being so good really makes for a great place for someone to come and go to school."

In 1998, the United States Tennis Association awarded the Mary-Pottingham Lard Tennis Center the most outstanding tennis facility of the year. The center has since been

renamed for Bayard H. Friedman.

Rive said that with the help of Carril and Gordon, he has already added two Spanish players to his roster for next season.

"One year I will have one Spanish player on the team, and then once that player goes home, he will talk about how great the program is," he said. "When the next season rolls around, it just so happens that there will be two new Spanish players on the team. Players want to go where their friends are."

When looking at the future, Rive said he hopes more and more Spanish players will follow Carril and Gordon's lead to TCU, as 95 percent of colleges have at least one international player on the tennis team.

"Tennis is a very, very international sport," Rive said. "With the Spanish invasion that's been going on with the ATP tour, their clubs are going crazy. Tennis has leveled off a little in the United States, but it's sure taken off in Europe."

According to the April 22 standings of the 2001 ATP Tour Champions Race, Andre Agassi holds the No. 1 ranking and is the only American in the top five. Two other Americans rank in the top 25 while four Spaniards hold positions in the top 25.

With tennis' continued rise in success and popularity in Spain, it might give soccer a run as Spain's most popular sport in the near future.

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TCU athletics has seen an influx of international talent in recent years, especially in sports like tennis. Senior Esteban Carril is one of two Spanish players on the men's tennis team.