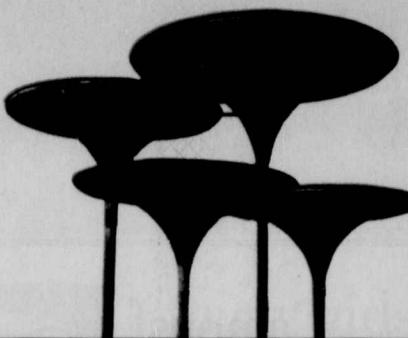


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Today's News

NATIONAL NEWS

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A federal grand jury indicted John Walker Lindh on Tuesday, accusing the American Taliban fighter of conspiring to kill Americans in Afghanistan.

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NEW YORK — The city has asked scrap yards not to sell World Trade Center steel to anyone trying to exploit the Sept. 11 tragedy after a company began offering commemorative medallions made from the twin towers' girders.

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OnCampus

Univ. of Texas law dean testifies in Enron hearing

AUSTIN(U-Wire) — William Powers, dean of the University of Texas School of Law, testified Monday before a congressional committee hearing regarding his investigation of Enron, a Houston-based energy management company.

The Enron board of directors appointed Powers in October 2001 to conduct a fact-finding investigation. His duties include serving as chairman of a special committee responsible for reviewing the company's transactions and corresponding with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The committee can penalize anyone it decides was wrongly involved in questionable dealings.

The Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government-sponsored enterprises heard testimony from Powers to determine liability in the Enron bankruptcy. Congress also hoped to determine what measures can be taken to prevent other U.S. companies from employing the measures Enron used before filing for bankruptcy.

"The intent of the report is to shed light on certain related-party transactions, and I believe the report does that," said Powers in a statement.

"It will be, I hope, a starting point for [the] investigating committees," said Powers in regards to his report commissioned by Enron. "What we found was absolutely appalling."

Powers went on to describe Enron's effort to keep debt off their financial statements, which Powers said was "a systematic and pervasive attempt by Enron management to misrepresent their financial status."

Enron established partnerships with several companies to redistribute Enron's deficit, using the cover of "hedging" to make it seem as if the partner companies owed money to Enron, which could then be shown as income for the energy giant.

—The Daily Texan

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THURSDAY

High: 57; Low: 34; Sunny

FRIDAY

High: 67; Low: 41; Sunny

Looking Back

1862 — General Ulysses S. Grant provided the first major Union victory of the Civil War when he captured Fort Henry on the Tennessee River.

1954 — Mercedes introduced the 300SL coupe. Characterized by its gull-wing doors, the sports coupe was a consumer version of the 300SL race car.

1985 — Steve Wozniak, cofounder of Apple Computer and inventor of the best-selling Apple II computer, resigned.

IRS may not permit fund, controller says

Alternatives sought to help staff in need

BY BRANDON ORTIZ

Staff Reporter

Staff Assembly is considering alternatives to the proposed Employee Emergency Fund after doubts whether the Internal Revenue Service would permit such a plan.

The Emergency Fund is a proposal, introduced in fall 2001, designed to financially help TCU employees in a time of crisis, Staff Assembly members say. It asks employees to voluntarily donate an hour of their salary a month and

make contributions for funding.

"I don't quite understand all this tax mumbo jumbo, but the bottom line is in our current situation we are not going to be able to set up an Emergency Fund as proposed by our ad hoc committee," Chairman Bob Seal told the Staff Assembly Tuesday in its monthly meeting.

Cheryl Wilson, university controller, said problems with the proposal lie in several areas. Wilson said the IRS would have interpreted gifts by the Emergency Fund as compensation, opening the door to tax implications.

In addition to this, TCU does not have the tax exempt status to have such a program, she said. Wilson said TCU is classified as an educational

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House members look to boost athletic support, upgrade vending machines, support Greek life

BY RAUL MARTINEZ IV

Staff Reporter

TCU Athletic Director Eric Hyman stressed the need of student support for the men's and women's basketball teams Wednesday at the House of Student Representatives first meeting of the semester.

Hyman said TCU students can intimidate other opponents because fans are power and they can make all the difference with their presence.

"When a team comes into our stadium, they get nervous about that," Hyman said. "When they see the fans out here supporting the team and getting into the game, it definitely becomes home-court advantage."

He said the university wants the athletic department to reflect the

Daniela Mungua/SKIFF STAFF
Eric Hyman, TCU athletic director, spoke to members of the House of Student representatives Tuesday night about attendance at the men's and women's basketball games.

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Frosty flakes

Snow cancels classes, elevates students' spirits

Students scurried to classes as snow fell Tuesday. According to a campus e-mail written by Kelli Horst, director of communications, classes starting at 5 p.m. or later were canceled because of the snow but the university remained open.

Krista Coffey, a sophomore nursing major, said she couldn't have been happier when she heard the news. She had a test in her 6:30 p.m. class. Coffey said she had just started cramming for it when her friend, Mary Russell, also a sophomore

nursing major, broke the news to her that classes had been canceled.

"I had been having a really good day already before classes were canceled, but not taking the test is just icing on the cake for me."

Emily Young, a freshman secondary education major, saw snow for the first time in six years as she played in it outside of Jarvis Hall with her friends.

"I have been waiting for this all year long," Young said. "I haven't seen snow in six years because I've been living in Japan."

For further information about possible class cancellations, Horst said, students can contact the TCU home page, local television and radio stations, or the TCU information line at (817) 257-5604.

Kelly Morris, photos by David Dunai



In the Green Chair

Chilean writer to speak about experiences as writer, activist

BY RAUL MARTINEZ IV

Staff Reporter

The Cecil and Ida Green Honors Chair, Marjorie Agosin, will speak about what she has experienced and learned as an internationally acclaimed poet and human rights activist.

"I have chosen to speak about these topics because I am a human rights activist and a person who grew up in a military dictatorship," Agosin said. "The history I have witnessed can bring and give important messages for all of us today."

Agosin will speak today and Thursday in Sid W. Richardson Lecture Hall 1. The lectures are sponsored by the Department of Spanish and Latin American studies.

The first lecture, titled "The Alphabet in My Hands: A Writing Life," will be given in

English at 7 p.m. The second lecture, titled "Retazos de vida: mujeres y democracia en América Latina" ("Threads of Hope: Women and Democracy in Latin America"), will be given in Spanish at 7 p.m. Thursday.

David Bedford, instructor of Spanish, said the first lecture will focus on her experience of being a writer and the second lecture will be about the women's movement against the military dictatorship in Chile.

"Internationally, (Agosin) is very well known and respected for the quality of her poetry and books," Bedford said. "Although her work was originally written in Spanish, most of it has been translated to English."

Born in the United States, Agosin, who grew up in Chile, is known for her poetry and

(More on WRITER, page 6)

Speaker to focus on urban education, value of culture

BY COLLEEN CASEY

Staff Reporter

The 2001-02 Cecil and Ida Green Honors Professor, Jackie Irvine, said she will talk to students and faculty about the achievement gap between black and Hispanic students and their white counterparts, as well as, the importance of culture in the classroom.

Irvine will speak at 6 p.m. today on "The Education of Children Whose Nightmares Occur Both Day and Night," in the Cox Banquet Hall at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. She said she hopes her words will inspire future teachers.

"There is a lot of emphasis on the achievement gap, but very few people have focused on how to close it," Irvine said. "Teachers have the opportunity to close it."

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• **Neeley School Admissions Applications** are due today. To apply visit (<http://www.neeley.tcu.edu/NSRC/neeleyappinfo.htm>) or call the Neeley Student Resource Center at (817) 257-6772.

• **Green Honors Chair Lecture** will present Marjorie Agosin, Spanish and Latin American studies Green Chair 7 p.m. today and Thursday in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. The Chilean writer, poet and human rights activist will speak Wednesday on the topic "The Alphabet in My Hands: A Writing Life" and Thursday on "Retazos de vida: mujeres y democracia en America Latina." For more information call (817) 257-6894.

• **Green Honors Chair Lecture** will present Emory University Professor Jackie J. Irvine 6 p.m. today in Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center in the Cox Banquet Hall. Irvine, Chandler professor of urban education, will speak on "The Education of Children Whose Nightmares Occur Both Day and Night."

• **Black History Month film** "Boycott" will be shown 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom. The showing of the civil rights film is sponsored by Programming Council. For more information call (817) 257-5233.

• **"In a New York Minute"** art show will run through Friday in the Student Center.

• **Insights — faculty artists exhibit** will run through Feb. 14 in the Moody Building North foyer. The exhibit will feature the newest works of TCU faculty artists.

• **MBA Information Session** will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 23 in Tandy Hall. The session will provide information about the TCU MBA Program, an evening-only program that can be completed in 28 months. For more information go to (www.mba.tcu.edu/visit/openhouse.htm) or call (817) 257-7531.

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Initiative to ban racial and ethnic data collection

LA JOLLA, Calif. (U-WIRE)—University of California Regent Ward Connerly is behind an initiative that would ban state agencies, including the UC, from collecting racial and ethnic data.

The Racial Privacy Initiative, if passed, will enact an amendment to California's state constitution that will prohibit classifying "any individual by race, ethnicity, color or national origin in the operation of public education, public contracting or public employment" within the state of California, with limited exception. Connerly and the American Civil Rights Coalition authored the initiative.

In the past, Connerly has been relatively successful in his crusade to eliminate affirmative action and racial classification in public agencies.

RPI is the first initiative of its kind that would phase out almost all racial classifications made by the state government; however, the initiative does exempt medical research, law enforcement, and the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, all of which may continue to specify individuals by race "lawfully."

Connerly must attain 670,518 signatures by June 27 for the initiative to make the November 2002 ballot as a state proposition.

Last week the San Diego Union-Tribune reported fellow Regent John Moores held a fund-raiser for the initiative at his home in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. Connerly appeared at the event.

Texas A&M students support bonfire decision

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (U-WIRE)—More than 1,000 students gathered on Texas A&M University President Dr. Ray M. Bowen's lawn Monday night to show their unity in the face of his decision to discontinue Bonfire.

A procession of students walked arm-in-arm from the Northside dorm areas, picking up students as they went along.

Bowen and Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. J. Malon Southerland met the group as they held a yell practice, led by Senior Yell leaders Sam Seidel and Boo Boo Davies. By the end of the spirit yells, Bowen and Southerland joined in, singing "The Spirit of Aggieland," and "humpin' it"

for the rest of the yell.

The students' voices echoed from Bowen's residence to Kyle Field.

"We're here to show Dr. Bowen that no matter what decision he made, we stick together as a University," Seidel said.

Bowen thanked students for affirming that the Bonfire decision was important to them. He said that though they may not like what he decided Monday, he said over time students and the administration should come together.

"I don't want to be remembered as a guy who ruined Bonfire," Bowen said. "I wear the same ring ya'll do ... we share the character all Aggies have."

After the yells, shouts of "Go home, Ags!" filled the air, and the assembled students did just that, dispersing within minutes, as quickly as they had gathered.

The yell leaders said they did not organize the rally, but joined the gathering students to portray the positive spirit of the University.

Southwest Texas Univ. still at odds on name change

SAN MARCOS, Texas (U-WIRE)

— The ongoing name change debate has been engrossed Southwest Texas State University for more than a year is on the verge of taking one more step toward finality.

The issue arose in fall 2000, when President Jerome Supple, who will retire in August, introduced the idea of changing SWT to Texas State University.

Students, faculty and alumni quickly took opposing sides on the issue.

The State University System Board of Regents, a nine-member organization appointed by the governor of Texas, will vote Feb. 21 whether or not to approve the modification of the alma mater.

If the regents approve the venture, the next place the issue will be presented is at this year's state Legislature meeting, where the proposition will stand its final test.

If the name change proposal is successful in both the board and the Legislature, the change will occur Sept. 1, 2003, ending a very long journey.

Members of the SWT faculty, along with the president of the university, have been working together to create the proposition of this change.

The discussion does not merely occupy the concerns of current students at SWT, but alumni of the school have

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The Skiff View HEAD START

Hudson has work cut out for her

Rah, Rah TCU!

That was the subject of a campus-wide e-mail sent out by Student Government Association President Chelsea Hudson.

Hudson has begun her reign as the new SGA president with great enthusiasm. On Tuesday she attended her first House of Student Representatives meeting as president and voice of the student body.

Hudson has always been about results. When she was Improvements Chair she wanted to do something big that everyone could notice and she wanted to adopt policies where everyone can be benefited.

Now, as the SGA president, she needs to continue her enthusiasm and continue to look for results, while trying to make room for improvement and enhancements to those desired results.

SGA has often been criticized, whether fairly or not, for a great deal of supposed inaction on campus. Students rarely see the work SGA does and often fail to give them credit when it is due. However, the stereotypes of student government at TCU have seemed too often to ring true.

So far, things appear to be off to a different start.

Although it's far too early to begin making judgments, Hudson and her crew have made sure to make themselves recognizable figures on campus who appear to actually be working to make a difference.

They may not have led the campaign, but SGA played a role in raising staff wages on campus and they are also working to revitalize school spirit in athletics on campus, especially basketball.

The opening House meeting is a start for the semester and Hudson's tenure, but it should be a start for better things to come for students.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

A 90-year tradition was postponed indefinitely by Texas A&M University President, Dr. Ray M. Bowen. Although Bowen's decision was justified, the manner in which the decision was brought forth was unnecessary. The judgment should have been made after the 1999 Bonfire collapse, not two years later.

Two years ago 12 Aggies died building a tradition and it should have become apparent that Bonfire would not burn again.

This prolonged and burdensome journey has led to an inevitable and irreversible conclusion. There is no justification for the continuation of Bonfire regardless of the overwhelming response and support by students, former students and administrators.

Since the day of the collapse, Aggies have known Bonfire would never be the same but instead of accepting this they filled their minds with false hope. Two years passed, which allowed enough time to end a generation of Bonfire activists and lengthy protests, but also to overcome a "tunnel vision" and realize the harsh reality.

In spite of this, persistent actions were taken to continue the tradition. Bowen stipulated three important decision altering factors: Money, safety and liability, the important aspects of Bonfire 2002. Thousands of dollars were used

lessly spent rebuilding this tradition, student input was sought and substantial feedback in favor of Bonfire 2002 was provided, but all of this led to nothing.

Private meetings were held by administrators, pertinent information was withheld from a vitally interested public and the three determining factors suggested by Bowen had been evident all along. All the facts pointed one direction but were ignored. Therefore, as progress seemed successful, apprehension grew.

Students, administrators and even Dr. Bowen believed this facade because we held Bonfire so close to our hearts. Bowen is not to blame. As hope for Bonfire 2002 caught on, Aggies perpetuated this set of circumstances.

The time has come to stop fooling ourselves and realize that there was no malicious intent on anyone's part. We unconsciously hid the facts from ourselves because we were not ready to face the stark reality. This recent decision will be difficult for everyone to accept but the deceit has finally ended.

Bowen did not end a 90-year tradition, Bonfire's fate was decided when Aggies were lost participating in the tradition.

This editorial comes from The Battalion at Texas A&M University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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Wake up, smell the coffee

So the only thing more disappointing than the Rams' wholly unworthy performance was the complete scarcity of wit found in the commercials.

COMMENTARY



Tim Draggia

overrated "Elevation" tour. (Side note: Not having a corporate sponsor for your tour is completely negated when you have to charge an average of \$70 a seat.)

Anyone who might be under the misguided impression that this was impassioned rock and roll needs to put the Creed CD down and start listening to more Oasis.

If you switched over to NBC's special "Playmate" Fear Factor, you probably shouldn't be on speaking terms with the rest of society anyway. I have it on good authority that the one with the "jugs" won though, so that should make those of you out there still bobbing your heads to "My Sacrifice" happy.

Now if you're wondering why U2 is being criticized here, it's because they insist on being the lone propagators of this myth that they're the last great rock band. In our dumbed-down age of lowest common denominators, it seems that repeating a simple phrase over and over until it becomes ingrained by route into the public's subconscious in fact makes it true. How else do you think the government gets you to believe it's the Democrats who are the big Washington spenders?

On another note, hoping that people wouldn't pay attention, in the course of getting drunk and watching men strap on padding and run straight smack into each other, President Bush released his new budget Monday. Most of you were

far too busy thinking about what kind of DVD player you were going to buy with that \$300 to notice that the new administration wasted away the unprecedented surpluses on massive, needless tax breaks for the wealthy and large corporations. But "The Matrix" in Dolby 5.1 is surely consolation enough for the country now falling back into deficit spending.

You know, for all the flack Democrats take as being the big spenders they're usually the ones who manage to not screw up the government's finances. Breaking with the years of Clinton era prosperity and budget balance, the Bush administration, in an attempt to have its cake and court the voters too, is currently projecting a \$106 billion deficit to continue on into next year.

So with deficit spending, the biggest defense budget increase in the last 20 years, and an economic tax plan that will guarantee the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, we're just Molly Ringwald and a "Hair" band away from the full-blown 80s. It just seems to me that if we're going to spend millions of dollars on tax relief it might make sense to not give the vast majority of it to people who have millions of dollars.

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History should be taught all year, not just for one month

What is the relevance of Black History Month?

In an ideal world or even a nation which lived up to real democratic principles, it would be totally unnecessary. The reality is that we don't live in an ideal world, and in a real democracy 1 percent of the population does not control the majority of the wealth, as in America.

John Henrik Clarke, a black historian, said "To control a people you must first control what they think about themselves and how they regard their history and culture. And when your conqueror makes you ashamed of your culture and your history, he needs no prison walls and no chains to hold you."

For hundreds of years, and some would argue that even still today, the African man has been generally regarded by Western society as a "nothing": An uncivilized, unsophisticated, simple-minded creature created with the expressed purpose of serving the superior races. I would like to believe that today only a very

small percentage of people in the world still believe this.

The purpose of Black History Month, however, is not to condemn the white man as some naive people may think, but rather, to inform everyone of the accomplishments of black people, not only in Western civilization, but throughout the history of the world. This is the point to the extent that such racism that has existed in the world abroad for so many years will never be a dominant force again. Simply

put, racism and hatred exist mainly because of ignorance.

This is not the typical column giving praise to America for the progress that we have made, but rather it is to remind us how far we still need to go.

For the progress that we have made, but rather it is to remind us how far we still need to go. Despite the accomplishments of blacks and other minorities in America, we still seem to have major problems in "race" (a word which itself causes division) relations.

I also will not waste one paragraph to celebrate these accomplishments as if they were conclusions to fight for equality. While it appears that our nation

has made great leaps toward being the democracy that we have claimed to be for the last 200 years, it appears that we have only replaced our racist tendencies with "classist" ones.

Since blacks, for the most part, remain in the lowest classes, blacks and other minority groups end up fighting an old struggle only with a new name. If Martin Luther King Jr. were alive today I think that his passion would be just as fervent.

When more black males are in

prison than in college, there is still a definite and obvious problem.

When the rampant racial profiling of blacks and Hispanics is very prominent

and has now only been temporarily downgraded by the rampant racial and religious profiling of Arabs and Muslims, we still have a problem.

In reality, if the truth was taught the other 11 months of the year, we wouldn't need Black History Month.

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Angry girls unite to sing guy-bashing, sad songs

I'm going to start an angry girl band. With the enormous popularity of whiny pop boy bands and the equally popular, though no less original, Pearl Jam-inspired angry boy bands, getting into the industry seems like a lucrative move. There are already a number of friends just clamoring to get into my new group.

Despite my lack of any musical talent whatsoever, my angry girl band and I could provide a bit of diversity for the MTV Total Request Live audience and other mainstream "alternative" music listeners.

Despite the fact that I'm not really that angry, I can whine and moan about guys just as well as any Staind or Nickelback song does about girls. Sounding depressed or angry seems to be to the only requirement lately.

My angry girl band could also even out the male-dominated angry band genre. We even have a name, 365-Day PMS. Not to mention the already long list of song titles enumerating the frustrations we experience with relationships.

Songs such as "Why Haven't You Called, You Soulless Jerk?" and "You Called Me Fat, Now I Have an Eating Disorder" embody the true spirit of women in relationships.

Let's not forget a definite chart-topper, "Your Lack of Consideration for My Feelings Really Hurts Inside."

And that's only the whiny pathetic angry girl songs. There are all kinds of really angry songs in the making like "Size Does Matter, Loser" and "I'm the Best You'll Ever Get." They may seem lengthy and even harsh, but then again, women need to work out our emotions through rational discussion and long walks on the beach.

Furthermore, maybe I have a lopsided view, but can you really have any pity for these guys? Let me shed a tear for the number of guys being jerked around this very minute, because I bet the number of girls is equivalent.

I can't help but wonder why these angry boy bands have become so popular. We went through a much more original and substantive "grunge" rock phase in the early 90s. The advent of these less original musicians marketed to TRL teen boppers should turn off most listeners.

Finally, is it just me or does the perpetual moaning about the opposite sex make even those of us who aren't in the midst of some horrible relationship crisis thoroughly depressed? Sometimes it's a little nicer to have a positive outlook on things rather than wallow in a pool of your own self pity.

Until the rest of the music industry gets over this trend, I'm going to capitalize on this opportunity. I'll grab my angry girls and get really, really mad about the same stuff that everyone, no matter what type of relationship, has had to go through at some point. I'll make millions.

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YourView

Letters to the Editor

Although I have difficulty recognizing several of the remarks attributed to me in Friday's article, "Debate About Curriculum Continues," I am particularly disturbed with the editorial remark that I "refuted Fort's comments." In fact, I agree with Andy Fort. I even spoke with him at the meeting and indicated my support for his position. My remarks were conditional, directed at the problems which I perceived would occur if the blizzard of e-mails continued, many of which involved individual faculty designing their own core curriculum. By suggesting that I am refuting Andy Fort, you create a schema, or frame of reference, for the reader which leads to an entirely different and very controversial interpretation.

— Paul King
associate professor of speech communication

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National/International Roundup

Authorities seize car of missing girl's neighbor

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Police seized a sport utility vehicle Tuesday from a neighbor of a missing 7-year-old girl who they believe was abducted.

For a second day, investigators searched the man's house, which is less than 100 yards from the two-story home where police said Danielle van Dam was abducted Friday night or early Saturday morning.

Police said the man, whose name was not released, is not a suspect.

Danielle, who has blue eyes and shoulder-length blonde hair, was last seen Friday night when her father put her to bed in their home about 20 miles north of downtown San Diego. Her parents said they discovered she was missing Saturday morning when her mother went to wake her up.

Police said Danielle's parents are not suspects in her disappearance.

Investigators questioned registered sex offenders in the area, and the FBI was offering assistance but was not actively investigating because there was no evidence Danielle had left California, spokeswoman Jan Caldwell said.

Grand jury indicts Lindh on conspiracy charges

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A federal grand jury indicted John Walker Lindh on Tuesday, accusing the American Taliban fighter of conspiring to kill Americans in Afghanistan.

The 10-count indictment also accused Lindh of conspiring to provide support to terrorist organizations, including al-Qaida, and supplying services to the Taliban. Lindh could face several life terms in prison if convicted.

The indictment supersedes a criminal complaint that was based on statements Lindh made to the FBI in Afghanistan in December.

Announcing the indictment at the Justice Department, Attorney General John Ashcroft said the charges describe Lindh as "an al-Qaida-trained terrorist who conspired with the Taliban to kill his fellow citizens."

New York requests stop to WTC rubble sales

NEW YORK (AP) — The city has asked scrap yards not to sell World Trade Center steel to anyone trying to exploit the Sept. 11 tragedy after a company began offering commemorative medallions made from the twin towers' girders.

"The families of the victims of the terrorist attack continue to deal with the grief and sorrow.... It is unacceptable for manufacturers of medallions and other items to profit from that grief and horror," Kenneth Holden, commissioner of the city Design and Development Corp., said in a letter to the scrap yards.

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South Korean leaders accuse US of plotting war

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea accused the United States on Tuesday of plotting a war to occupy the communist state, denouncing President Bush for calling it part of an "axis of evil" and saying it has "unlimited striking power" to repel any aggressors.

In South Korea, President Kim Dae-jung said his government must strive for reconciliation with the North to avoid the risk of war, and his foreign minister said the South believes the United States wants to

resolve its disputes with the North through dialogue.

Bush last week labeled North Korea, Iraq and Iran an "axis of evil," saying they are seeking weapons of mass destruction and warning they will face consequences. North Korea is on the U.S. list of nations that sponsor terrorism.

Bush's remark was "little short of declaring a war," said the official newspaper of the North's ruling Workers' Party, Rodong Sinmun.

North Korea is believed to have stockpiled enough plutonium to make one or two atomic bombs, and thousands of tons of chemical and biological weapons. The United States is also concerned about its development and export of missiles.

Arafat meeting seen as effort to end Palestinian rule

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met Tuesday with the Egyptian intelligence chief in what was seen as an effort by an increasingly concerned Egypt to engineer an end to the Palestinian uprising.

Despite a flurry of diplomatic contacts, violence persisted. An Israeli motorist was shot and seriously wounded Tuesday in a Palestinian ambush in the West Bank. No group claimed responsibility for the attack.

In Cairo, President Hosni Mubarak said his envoy would "talk to (Arafat) about what should be done in order to give Israel a chance to move in the right direction" — suggesting he was joining mounting international pressure on Arafat to move more decisively against militants staging attacks on Israelis.

Omar Suleiman, Egypt's intelligence chief, delivered a letter from Mubarak to Arafat at his compound in the West Bank town of Ramallah, where Arafat has been confined for two months by Israeli tanks. Egyptian officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said.

Bush says early warning system needed to detect bio-agents

\$6 billion sought to fund bioterrorism preparation

BY SANDRA SOBIERAJ

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — President Bush peered at anthrax spores through a microscope Tuesday and said the nation needs an early-warning system against such deadly biological agents, just as 1950s America built the DEW Line to warn of incoming bombers.

Bush visited the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, which is on the cutting edge of infectious outbreak surveillance, in a campaign to persuade Congress to approve the \$6 billion he requested for preparing the nation for a bioterrorism attack.

"I want to make sure that each region around the country has proper equipment and the right amount of medicine for the victims of any attack should it occur," Bush said.

"It's an investment that will pay off not only for better security but for better health, and I ask Congress to support me on spending this money."

In a university lab, the president leaned into a microscope to see anthrax close-up. The sample was a harmless

strain, the kind used to vaccinate cattle.

Bush recalled last fall's anthrax attacks, in which 18 Americans were infected and five died.

Some of those anthrax infections were identified too late, Bush said.

"We need better testing, better vaccines and better drugs if America is going to be as safe as it can possibly be," he said.

Pittsburgh's Real Time Outbreak and Disease Surveillance project gathers clinical information on 1,000 patients at 17 area hospitals, enabling local officials to identify suspicious cases quickly.

"Some of us remember that back in the '50s, we had what was called the DEW Line on the Arctic Circle to warn us if enemy bombers were coming over the North Pole to attack America," Bush told an audience of medical and public health professionals at the nearby Masonic Temple.

It was a reference to the Distant Early Warning system.

"Well, here in Pittsburgh, I had the honor of seeing a demonstration of the modern DEW Line, a real-time outbreak and disease surveillance system developed right here, which is one of the country's leading centers on monitoring biological threats."

Instead of Steel Town, Pittsburgh should be called "Knowledge Town," Bush said.

The budget request, which Bush submitted to Congress on Monday, includes \$300 million to help states develop similar surveillance programs.

Tom Ridge, who left his job as Pennsylvania governor after Sept. 11 to be Bush's homeland security director, accompanied Bush and sounded eager to address months-old skepticism about how much clout he would have in the newly created office.

Ridge said he was the one who came up with the record \$6 billion spending proposal — a quadrupling of what the federal government is currently spending on the problem of potential biological attack.

The money will be used to improve rapid public health monitoring and communications, expand government stockpiles of vaccines and antibiotics, and research new treatments for bioterror weapons.

In his remarks Tuesday, Bush addressed the broader war on terrorism and brushed aside any public clamor for Osama bin Laden, the suspected terrorist mastermind who remains at large.

"I know the news media likes to say, 'Where's ol' Osama bin Laden?' He's not the issue. The issue is international terror. I like our chances against bin Laden, however," Bush said.

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From the midfield to the centerstage

LaVar Veale shows his passion for football and theater

BY ANTOINETTE VEGA

Skiff Staff

Whether he's on stage or on the field, LaVar Veale is familiar with being in the spotlight. His name has appeared in programs for plays around campus and in the Metroplex and one might recognize him from his days as No. 11 on the Horned Frogs football team.

At age 23, Veale has it all figured out. He knows what he wants to do today and for the rest of his life: He wants to be an actor.

But this wasn't always so. When he planned to leave his home in San Antonio after graduating from East Central High School, TCU was last on his list of choice schools.

"I never intended on coming to TCU," Veale said. "It was between New Mexico and Texas Tech; schools with better football teams."

According to Veale, it was God that changed his mind about TCU.

In the fall of 1998, he came to TCU on a full scholarship for football. He believed that playing for the NFL was far-fetched so he intended to major in broadcast journalism to become a sport broadcaster.

"Many guys continue playing to get into the NFL but this was never a goal for me," Veale said. "I just planned to be involved with sports in other ways."

But his mind would soon change about this as well.

To satisfy his curiosity, he took a theatre class his sophomore year.

"One of my friends was a theatre major and said that I should try taking a class," Veale said. "The class was fun and I really enjoyed it."

Others enjoyed his performances too.

George Brown, associate professor of theatre, watched his scenes in the class. He met with Veale and told him to try out for a part in his upcoming production of "Macbeth". Veale did and got the small part of Angus, a nobleman.

"My first impression of LaVar was that he had marvelous raw talent," Brown said. "We had to work around his football schedule but when the opportunity arose to try out for 'Macbeth', I encouraged him to take it."

Veale said being on stage was something that felt natural to him.

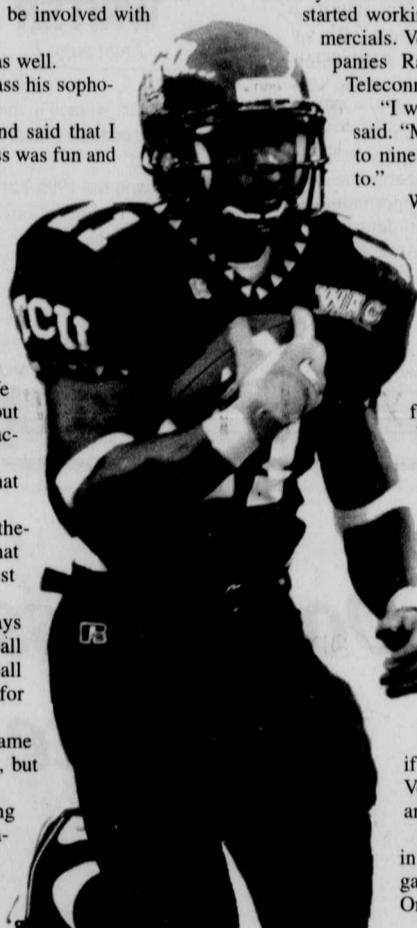
"After 'Macbeth', I changed my major to theatre," Veale said. "Without question, I knew that acting was something I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

However, Veale could only try out for plays during the spring semester, due to his football commitments. He couldn't wait for his football career to be complete so he could audition for commercials and plays outside of school.

Veale's priorities had changed. When he came to TCU all he could think about was football, but what he wanted now was to act.

And he received support from the coaching staff, trainers, and teammates about his dedication to his acting.

"At times, I would have to leave practice early in order to make it to an audition,"



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Veale said, "The coaches understood about that stuff."

Football head coach Gary Patterson said he remembers Veale's determination for acting and how he never slacked in football.

"Acting was what his education was driven toward so I supported that," Patterson said. "He was strong in both places, on the field and on the stage."

Veale said at first his teammates gave him hard time about acting.

"They would associate theater with being gay and wearing makeup," Veale said. "They didn't understand how serious I was about acting until they came to see my plays."

Veale has had the opportunity to expand his versatility as an actor by playing diverse characters in TCU plays. He played a rapist in the production "Extremities" and a king in William Shakespeare's "Love's Labor's Lost."

"I enjoy playing the mean, aggressive person or reciting Shakespeare," Veale said. "I don't want to be limited to one type of character."

In fall 2000, Veale's four years of playing football for the Horned Frogs ended. He was then able to pursue acting opportunities outside of school. In May 2000 he began to work with agent Suzanne Horn. A week after he started working with her, he was called for two auditions for commercials. Veale has acted in national commercials for the companies Radio Shack, ITT Technical Institute and DPL Teleconnect.

"I was very nervous for the first auditions," Veale said. "Many times I had to audition in front of eight to nine people, which was something I wasn't used to."

While auditioning for the commercial advertising the doll G.I. Joe, the director rewrote the script specifically to include Veale.

"In the commercial, there was originally only supposed to be one soldier," Veale said. "I didn't get that part, but the director liked me so much that he rewrote the script to include two soldiers."

Veale has also gained experience from performing at the Jubilee Theatre in downtown Fort Worth. Under the direction of associate theatre professor Be Boyd, Veale starred in "Hedy Understands Anxiety" at the theatre.

"From directing him in various productions, I noticed LaVar's ability to take on the essence of a part with ease," Boyd said.

Veale is currently playing the lead role Romeo in the production "Romeo" at the Jubilee Theatre. The production is a modernized version of Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet" set 100 years ago in New Orleans. For this role, Veale was sought out by the director of the play, Rudy Eastman specifically to play the part of Romeo.

"The director watched a show I had done and asked me if I would be interested in playing the lead in 'Romeo,'" Veale said. "He said that if I wanted the part it was mine and he would not audition anyone else for it."

Veale is still active in TCU productions with two roles in the radio-TV-film department soap opera, "Almost Legal." He is also reading over the script for the lead in "Blue Orange," a student-directed play expected to debut in March

under the direction of Jamie Castaneda, a senior theatre major.

"The part in 'Blue Orange' will be one of the hardest roles I have ever played," Veale said. "But that is the main reason of why I like it."

Veale graduates this May with a



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bachelor's degree in fine arts in theatre/film. He plans to move to Los Angeles by June with his girlfriend Cindy Chiu who will graduate from TCU in May with a degree in business.

"We are going to (Los Angeles) during spring break," Veale said. "We have to look for a place to live and other things like that."

Veale's ultimate life goal is to make a living doing what he loves.

"I don't want to make millions of dollars, I just want to act in film or television and be good at it," said Veale. "I hope to one day be as great as Denzel Washington, my role model."

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Revamped "Romeo" "Romeo" puts new spin on classic love story

BY JOHN-MARK DAY

Skiff Staff

The Jubilee Theatre's production of "Romeo" is classic non-profit theater. There is a certain sweetness to the show, a retelling of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" set in pre-1900 New Orleans. The cast performs with an enjoyment and pleasure in the work — they really seem to love what they are doing.

The cast is strongly led by TCU senior LaVar Veale in the title role. Veale's Romeo is passionate and tender, caught in the middle of a fight he doesn't seem to understand. Veale is at his best when Romeo is at his worst, bringing a believable grief to much of the tragic character.

Evette Perry-Buchanan puts forth a commanding performance as Madame Laveau, the voodoo priestess who fulfills the role of Shakespeare's Catholic priest. Perry-Buchanan resists the urge to take her character down the pseudo-spiritual path of Miss Cleo, choosing instead to create a complicated woman who brings about the play's tragedies through her love of the characters. Every loss in this play seems to be hers personally and Perry-Buchanan allows Laveau to become perhaps the most tragic character.

Other notable performances are turned in by Sheran Goodspeed-Keyton and Deborah Prickett. Goodspeed-Keyton plays the nurse to the hilt, throwing herself equally into the character's comic and dramatic moments. Prickett infuses Juliet with a youthful innocence, carrying through the girl's youthful naivete. Anyone with a little sister will find her performance familiar.

The best-played moments in this show come when a combination of those four control the stage. Veale has a good chemistry with both Prickett and Perry-Buchanan, sharing equally (albeit very different) tender moments with both. And when Goodspeed-Keyton and Perry-Buchanan are on at the

same time, the effect is almost overwhelming.

A particularly powerful moment occurs when the family discovers Juliet unconscious. All but one of the actors (and Juliet, who is in a coma at this point) let loose with a passion. The words rise and fall, spilling out over each other. All draw attention at different points during this well-orchestrated scene.

The show has its high points and its low points. The adaptation of the text doesn't quite work, losing much of the poetry of Shakespeare in favor of easy-to-understand vernacular. Too many lines are thrown away or misinterpreted by the cast, not all of whom seem comfortable with the Shakespeare.

Artistic director Rudy Eastman tries a unique convention by introducing a drummer and silent woman who enter at the deaths. This is a good idea, but should have been played with a little more — the two characters spend most of their time standing around, watching the action, rather than being a vital part of it.

For the most part, "Romeo" works. The cast brings an underlying exuberance that is hard to find. Thanks to strong performances, different motivations are found for characters that are so popular they have almost become cliché. Fans of regional, non-profit theater will especially enjoy it.

"Romeo" is worth going to, if nothing else, for the unique perspective it brings to an old story.

"Romeo" runs through Feb. 17 at Jubilee Theatre, 506 Main St. downtown. Showtimes are 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights and 3:15 p.m. Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Tickets range from \$8-20. For tickets, call the box office at (817) 338-4411.

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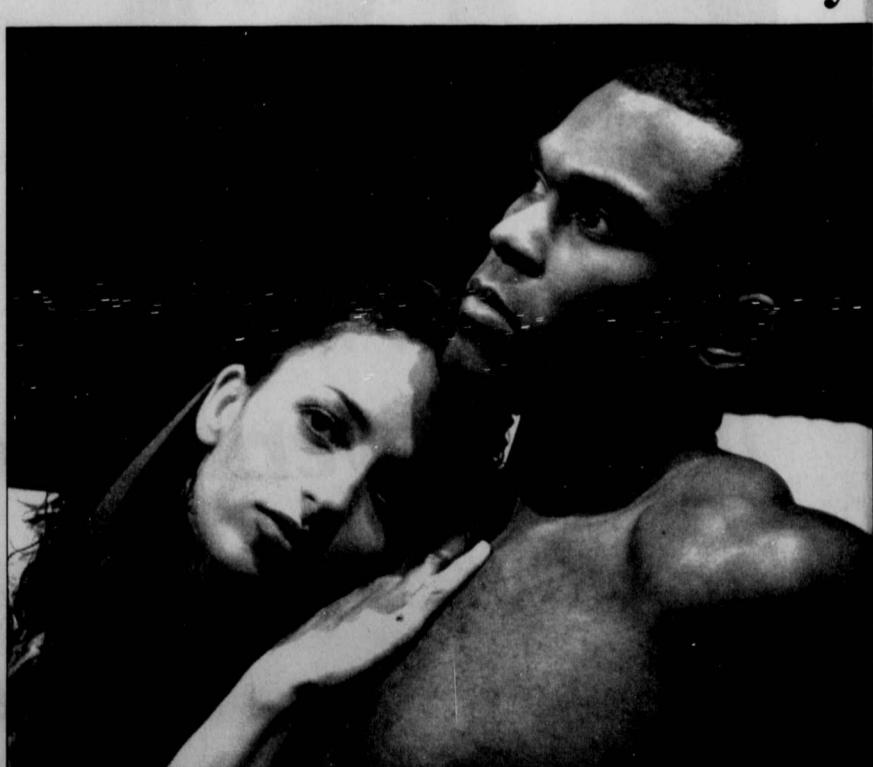


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Former Enron CEO subpoenaed to testify at House, Senate hearings

Senate committee voted unanimously for Lay to testify

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Commerce Committee voted unanimously Tuesday to subpoena Kenneth Lay, the former Enron chairman who refused to appear voluntarily to answer questions about the collapse of the energy trading company.

"We have no choice," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

The vote came as another Senate committee was hearing from former Enron employees whose retirement savings were depleted when the firm's stock dropped from roughly \$80 a share to less than \$1.

One, Deborah Perrotta, wept several times while she described the loss of about \$40,000.

"This isn't right," she said. "We put all our ingenuity and creativity at the service of the company we believed in and trusted and were certain would reward our commitment."

Now, she said, she can't afford the family's \$300 monthly prescription drug bill or to pay for her daughter's wedding in September.

Officials said the subpoena would command Lay to appear Feb. 12 — but there was little expectation that he would provide answers to the questions lawmakers seemed eager to ask.

Lay also was ordered to appear before a House panel investigating Enron, on Feb. 14.

"I'll bet you a dollar to a doughnut that he doesn't testify and invokes his right under the Fifth Amendment," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La. The amendment guarantees protection against self-incrimination.

Kelly Kimberly, a spokeswoman for Lay, said the subpoena had been expected and "we anticipate that

they will be in touch with Mr. Lay's attorney to work out the details." She said Lay's attorney also is working with the House subcommittee seeking Lay's testimony.

The Senate committee action was the latest development in what has taken on the appearance of a congressional cottage industry — a dozen committees and subcommittees probing various aspects of the biggest bankruptcy in the nation's history.

Millions of investors lost money — and thousands of current and former Enron employees lost the great bulk of their retirement savings when the company collapsed. An internal investigation blamed senior management for failing to provide proper oversight into a complex web of partnerships that helped the company hide debt and report

unrealistic profit figures.

The taint has spread beyond the Houston-based company, and the head of the accounting firm Arthur Andersen appeared at a separate congressional hearing to defend its work with Enron.

"I did not do the audit of the company," Joseph Berardino, the Andersen chief, said at one point. "Information was withheld from us."

He said Enron did not provide critical information about one of the partnership's arrangements

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— John Breaux

with Barclays Bank of Britain. He said that if the auditors had been given that information in 1997, Andersen would have objected to Enron's accounting for the partnership.

Later, he said, "At the end of the day we do not cause companies to fail."



David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER
Drew Miller(middle), a freshman pre-major, signs up for a raffle at the Student Center Tuesday. The raffle is sponsored by Ed Cunningham(back), a democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, who visited TCU as a part of his campaign to encourage college students to register to vote. Jon Walker(right), a junior social studies major, talks to Cunningham while Sara Hossman, press secretary for Cunningham's campaign, helps Miller.

SPEAKER

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urban environment since TCU and Emory, located in Atlanta, are alike in urban settings.

"It's always good to get really smart people's advice and apply it to what you're trying to do," Tate said.

Irvine will also speak at noon on Feb. 8 at Carter Park Elementary School, 1204 East Broadus St., on "Where Difference Makes a Difference: The Role of Culture in Teaching and Learning."

Deitz said he wanted her to speak there so more Fort Worth Independent School District teachers and administrators could attend her lecture.

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Green Honors Chair.

"I have lectured widely in almost 80 universities in the USA and abroad," Agosin said. "I love to lecture and I feel very happy to visit TCU."

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organization, not a charitable one.

"The IRS takes a very dim view of organizations, whether they are profit or nonprofit, for handling money in this regard," Seal said. "They are not likely to approve anything like this."

"The problem is we can't have any TCU employee actually handling the money."

Tara Pope, chairwoman of the ad hoc committee responsible for drafting the proposal, said she was discouraged but still determined to modify or create an alternative for the Emergency Fund.

"The idea has a lot of support and the support is still there," Pope said. "I am confident that we can find another way to help staff in need."

A few of the alternatives Seal said the Staff Assembly could consider are: Creating an Emergency Response Team, which would connect victims to charitable organizations that would provide loans or gifts; posting a notice on TCU This Week or TCU Announce asking for contributions that would go directly to the victim.

In other business, Chancellor Michael Ferrari spoke at the meeting about the university's budget passed last month by the Board of Trustees. Ferrari and John Weis, assistant vice chancellor for Human Resources, said a methodology for distributing the \$100,000 in supplemental structural funding to alleviate salary compression among long term staff is currently being developed. Salary increases go into effect June 1.

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HOUSE

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values of TCU.

"To get this message out, you have to separate yourself from the competition," Hyman said. "This is where students need to go out and cheer our school on and show everyone that TCU is a winner."

Members from the House also proposed three new bills to SGA representatives.

The first bill proposed the possibility of swipe cards for equipping the vending machines in the Moody building for ID card purchases. The final two bills proposed opportunities for the Panhellenic Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council to attend

the Mid-American Greek Council Association Conference.

John Billingsley, House Vice President, said all three bills will be taken to the finance committee this week and will be discussed in next week's meeting.

"We just wanted to propose these bills first and take care of them next week," Billingsley said. "Hopefully everything will run smoothly and they will be taken care of right away."

Committee chairpersons also addressed varying committee responsibilities and opportunities.

The House of Student Representatives next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Student Center room 222.

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THE MAIN

Today's menu

LUNCH

Ziti/pasta
Manicotti casserole
Meat loaf
Broccoli rice and cheese bake
Roasted red potatoes
Barbecue beef sandwiches
Roast turkey with gravy
Steamed green beans
Glazed carrots

DINNER

Pasta du jour
Beef and veggie linguine
Chicken teriyaki stir fry
Szechuan veggie stir fry
Buttered Lo Mein noodles
Grilled teriyaki strips
Smoked beef ribs
Pork/veggie eggroll
Grilled chicken teriyaki strips
Smoked beef ribs
Lyonnaise potatoes

Tomorrow's menu

LUNCH

Italian sausage
Linguine/ziti pasta
Calzones
Barbecue chicken
Scalloped potatoes
Reubens
Smoked brisket
Mashed potatoes with brown gravy

DINNER

Pasta du jour
Stewed eggplant
Chicken tortellini with veggies
Chipotle glazed pork chop
Roasted vegetable paella
Macaroni and cheese
Picatta grilled strips
Rotisserie chicken
Buttered noodles
Steamed green beans

Captain Ribman



Today's Funnies

Sprengelmeyer & Davis



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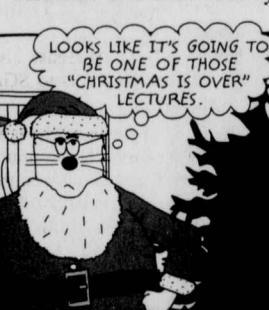
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Purple Poll

Q: Did you play in the snow?



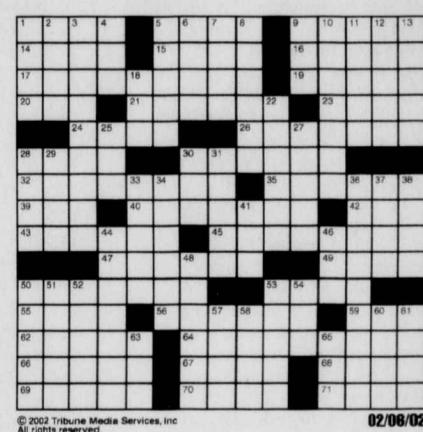
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Today's Crossword

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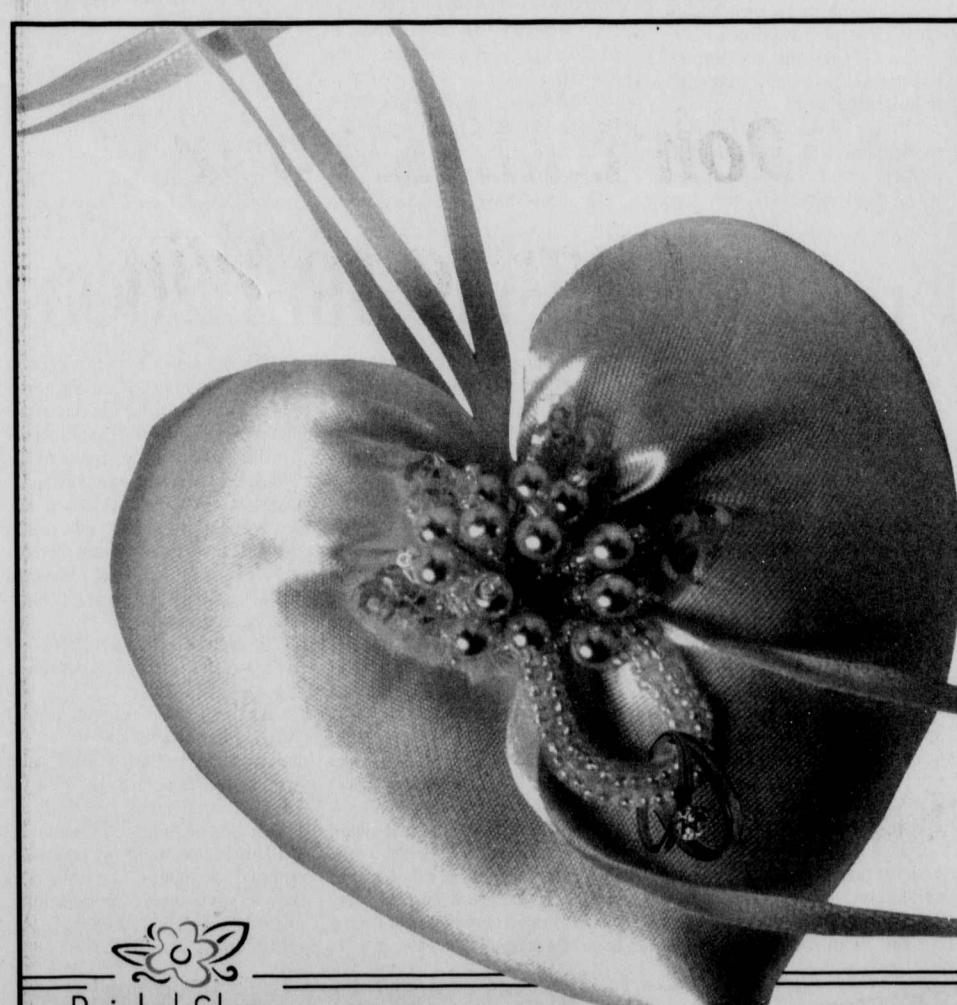
- Native people of Canada
- Ex-QB Tarkenton
- Off-the-cuff comment
- Glowing review
- Corporate ID
- Small crown
- Vexes
- Bacon paper
- Mal de _ (seasickness)
- Mourers measurement
- Rozelle or Rose
- Cravings
- Applied elbow grease
- Big, band tote
- Musical dramas
- Huge
- Whitecaps
- Annex
- Toronto's province
- P promise
- Kansas City team
- Bill Withers hit of 1972
- Earthquakes
- Matured
- Plain-woven fabric
- Poet Teasdale
- Exposed
- Excitingly strange
- Mrs. Nixon
- Fast
- Consequently
- Row of Worth
- Nachtmusik"
- Killer whale
- "The Prince's Birthday" painter
- Oodles
- HST's lady
- Jug handle
- Human noble
- Rend
- Take apart
- Ump's call
- Sacred song
- Burrowing mammals
- At the location
- Group of six
- City-state of Asia
- Scholarly book
- Took to court
- Notes of scales
- Spills
- Bladed pole
- Ark, neighbor
- Circle sections
- Actor Karloff
- Separated
- Conical dwelling
- Lair
- Fathers
- Top marksman



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Tuesday's Solutions

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| 7 "A Death in the Family" writer | SE | EE | ES | AN | NS | SG | EE |
| 8 Cash-register ring | I | T | I | N | E | D | N |
| 50 Plain-woven fabric | O | N | T | I | M | E | A |
| 53 Poet Teasdale | U | E | V | E | N | H | I |
| 56 Exposed | T | E | N | E | E | A | E |
| 58 "Star Wars" weapon | F | U | S | T | E | P | U |
| 61 Steamed | E | U | S | L | O | T | E |
| 62 Fast | A | E | N | A | T | E | M |
| 64 Consequently | M | E | G | P | A | L | S |
| 66 Row of Worth | H | U | E | N | L | I | T |
| 67 "Nachtmusik" | L | O | N | T | E | R | E |
| 68 Killer whale | A | R | D | E | P | E | N |
| 69 "The Prince's Birthday" painter | T | R | I | N | D | A | N |
| 70 Oodles | R | I | N | A | N | D | A |
| 71 HST's lady | I | S | E | L | A | N | D |
| DOWN | U | S | S | E | L | A | N |
| 1 Stuff | S | E | S | E | L | A | N |
| 2 Speed along | E | S | S | E | L | A | N |
| 3 No exceptions | S | E | S | E | L | A | N |
| 4 Auction ending | E | S | S | E | L | A | N |
| 5 Custard tarts | S | E | S | E | L | A | N |
| 6 Spills | E | S | S | E | L | A | N |
| 33 Burrowing mammals | S | E | S | E | L | A | N |
| 34 At the location | E | S | S | E | L | A | N |
| 35 Group of six | S | E | S | E | L | A | N |
| 36 Circle sections | E | S | S | E | L | A | N |
| 37 Scholarly book | S | E | S | E | L | A | N |
| 38 Took to court | E | S | S | E | L | A | N |
| 41 Notes of scales | S | E | S | E | L | A | N |
| 44 Utterly stupid | E | S | S | E | L | A | N |



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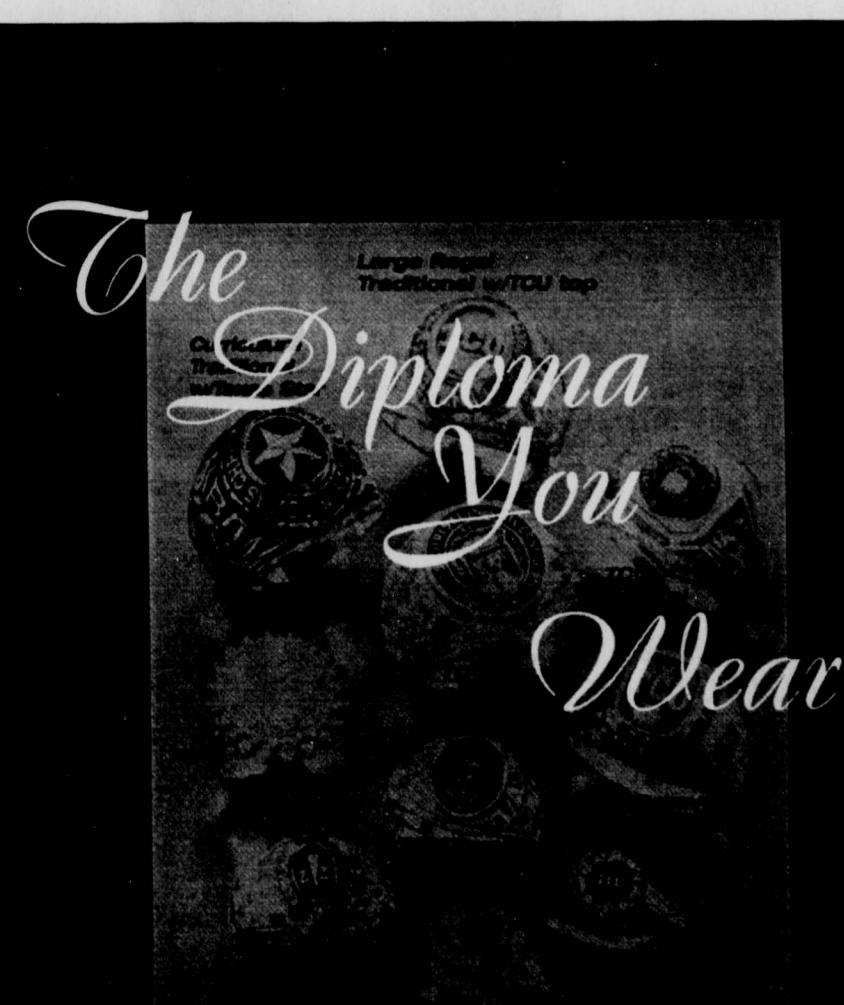
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The Sideline

Former Florida assistant named volleyball head coach

The TCU Athletics Department has named Prentice Lewis the new women's volleyball head coach, Athletics Director Eric Hyman announced Tuesday.

Lewis, 29, spent the past two years at the University of Florida where she served as the assistant coach. She was the offensive coordinator for the Gators, assisting in all areas of recruiting, serving as a staff liaison and as the summer camp coordinator.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to work for the Horned Frogs," Lewis said. "The program is very young in its development. A lot of hard work and dedication will be going into the program."

Hyman said in a released statement that Lewis' experience at a top-notch university will be the most benefit for the program.

"Prentice will be a wonderful addition to the coaching staff at TCU," said Hyman. "As a coach, she comes from one of the most respected volleyball programs in the country, which has consistently competed on the national level. As an athlete and as a coach, she comes from nationally prominent programs and has the ability to take us to the next level."

Florida posted a 28-2 record last season while advancing to its 11th consecutive Sweet 16 showing. The seventh-ranked Gators were eliminated by second-ranked Nebraska, 3-2, in the round of the Elite Eight. Florida placed a record five athletes on the first-team All-SEC squad and on the AVCA All-South Region team.

Lewis is the second coach in the program's six-year history. She is replacing former coach Sandy Troutt who was fired at the end of this past volleyball season.

TCU triple jumper breaks school record over weekend

TCU Flyin' Frog junior Brandal Lawrence was selected Conference USA co-male athlete the weekend of February 2, C-USA officials announced today. Lawrence is from DeSoto High School and posted a TCU indoor school record triple jump of 15.97 meters as he improved his NCAA provisional mark at the Third Annual Tyson Pre-National Indoor Classic held Saturday. His previous indoor best was 15.69 meters, set at the Red Raider Classic in Lubbock earlier this year. The old TCU indoor record was 15.96 meters, set by Abdul Rasheed last March.

Juan Gonzalez to return in Rangers' lineup

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez officially returned to the Texas Rangers on Tuesday.

Nearly a month after the two sides agreed on a \$24 million, two-year deal, the Rangers said the contract had been finalized.

Gonzalez spent the first 11 seasons of his career in Texas, winning the AL MVP award in 1996 and 1998. He was traded to Detroit in a nine-player deal after the 1999 season, struggled in his one season with the Tigers and then rebounded to hit .325 with 35 homers and 140 RBIs last year in Cleveland.

The Rangers announced Jan. 8 that they had reached an understanding of the terms with Gonzalez. The outfielder completed a physical that included a series of tests Jan. 23-24, and the final terms were worked out in the last few days with Gonzalez and his agent, Jeff Moorad.

A Field of Dreams

Focus, determination lead slugger toward big leagues

BY MELISSA CHRISTENSEN
Skiff Staff

Walter Olmstead has always been a good athlete thanks to his natural talents. Admittedly, he is a mediocre player, never really the star.

But he has the potential to be great. His father knows it. His coaches know it. He just needed a reality check; some time to mature.

The wake-up call came after Olmstead's freshman year at TCU. With a rocky season at his back and failing grades facing him, the choice was clear: Shape up or forget baseball. Olmstead chose the former.

"(It was) just the process of maturing and growing up," the soft-spoken junior said. "The coaching staff told me if I would put my mind to it and put some effort into it, I could become very successful in baseball. That motivation right there changed my perspective."

After a round of summer school to pick up his grades and a breakout sophomore year, the first baseman, who barely made a collegiate team, is now fielding calls and vis-

its from sports talent agents and Major League Baseball scouts. The 21-year-old could declare for the draft June 1.

"It's crossed my mind a lot the last couple months—it's hard not to think about it," he said. "If my level of play is that much better than last year, then being drafted is a possibility that everybody sees coming for me."

The opportunity for Olmstead to play professionally comes as no surprise to his father, John Olmstead. The two have played nearly every sport together since Walter was able to hold a ball, and John Olmstead has known for some time that his son possessed remarkable talent.

"We used to throw the ball when he was about 2 years old for an hour, hour and a half," John Olmstead said. "Most kids have a 10-minute attention span, but he has always had the ability to stick with stuff, especially anything that involves a ball."

For the first part of high school, Walter Olmstead played both basketball and baseball for MacArthur Douglas Senior High School in San Antonio. The seasons slightly overlapped, so by his junior year, Olmstead chose to focus his natural athletic talents on baseball.

MacArthur head baseball coach Paul Lindy said that decision, though a bit delayed, put Olmstead on the right track.

"Just because you're a good athlete doesn't mean you're a good baseball player," Lindy said. "The more Walter played the better he got. It was just a matter of time and developing skills. Even after he left, I knew his best

days were in front of him."

But those good days were delayed for a season at TCU, where, as his father noticed, he had too much fun on the bench. He wasn't taking baseball—or academics—seriously enough.

The coaching staff was concerned about Olmstead's future at TCU.

"The crucial point is when players realize they have to make adjustments academically and athletically," said head coach Lance Brown. "Walter did not make those adjustments."

Olmstead was forced to forfeit a summer of playing baseball to take extra classes to raise his struggling GPA. He returned to the field his sophomore season with a new appreciation for academics, a new focus on baseball and a new level of maturity.

His .308 batting average ranked him third offensively and he led returning players with 53 RBIs and 10 home runs. He also started in 58 of TCU's 60 games for the season. Those accomplishments earned him a spot in an Alaskan summer league.

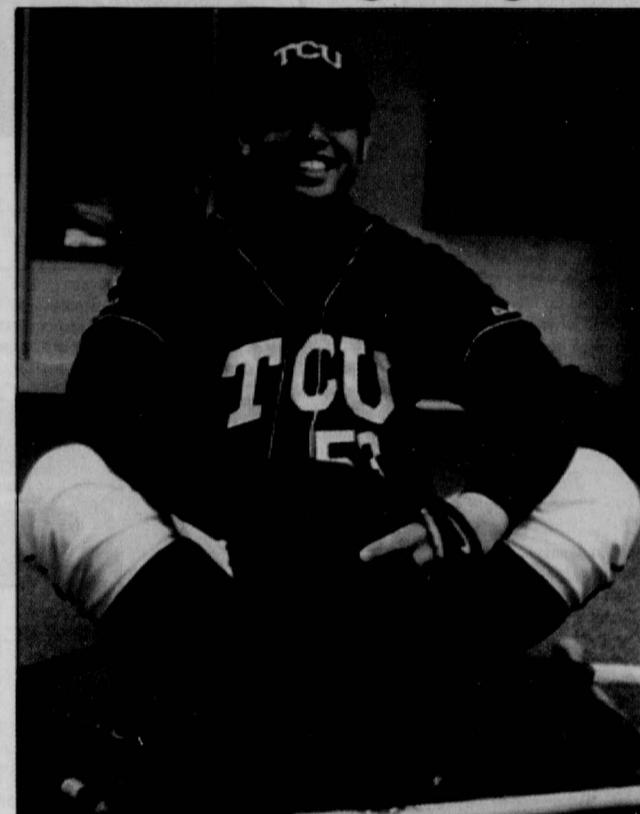
"I finally put it all together last year," Olmstead said, "and now baseball seems that much closer."

Professional scouts started taking notice of the switch-hitter's versatility last season but had to put their interest on hold until this season, when Olmstead will be old enough for the draft.

Olmstead is hopeful that facing more eastern opponents in Conference USA, such as East Carolina and South Florida, will provide him not only the opportunity to play against top-ranked teams, but also a chance for more exposure.

Brown is counting on Olmstead's experience and draft potential to help lead the team.

"He can make a huge difference in working with new players because he now has a leadership quality to take advantage of," Brown



Erin Munger/SKIFF STAFF
Junior first baseman Walter Olmstead had problems getting a college scholarship to play baseball, but now he finds himself contemplating whether he should declare for the draft June 1.

said. "He can command a little more respect."

John Olmstead said he is willing to give his blessing only if his son wisely invests any signing bonus he might receive "to get on with life after baseball."

"If he's willing to make the commitment, I wouldn't advise him against it," John Olmstead said. "Walter has a burning desire to play baseball and I think he's come to realize he will. It's just a question of when."

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MLB commissioner postpones cuts until 2003

BY RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Faced with a string of legal losses, baseball commissioner Bud Selig finally decided Tuesday that the sport won't try to eliminate teams this year and postpone elimination until 2003.

Baseball had attempted to fold the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos but was thwarted by that group," he said. "The clubs recognize that our current economic circumstance make contraction absolutely inevitable, as certain franchises simply cannot compete and cannot generate enough revenues to survive. Quite a few of our clubs advocate contraction by as many as four clubs, and our ultimate implementation of contraction obviously may well be affected by the economics of the industry in 2002."

"While the clubs would have preferred to contract for 2002 and begin addressing the economic issues immediately," Selig said, "events outside of our direct control, including yesterday's court decision in Minnesota, have required us to move the date of contraction to 2003."

On Monday, the Minnesota Supreme Court refused to consider an appeal of the injunction by the Twins and Selig.

Owners voted Nov. 6 to eliminate two teams but did not specify which ones. Their labor negotiators later told the players' association the Twins and Expos were targeted.

Selig, without specifying teams, vowed to press forward with contraction for 2003.

"Contraction was an initiative of the 30 clubs and continues to be wholly supported by that group," he said. "The clubs recognize that our current economic circumstance make contraction absolutely inevitable, as certain franchises simply cannot compete and cannot generate enough revenues to survive. Quite a few of our clubs advocate contraction by as many as four clubs, and our ultimate implementation of contraction obviously may well be affected by the economics of the industry in 2002."

The players' association remains an obstacle to eliminating teams for 2003. The union filed a grievance to

block contraction, claiming the owners' vote violated the players' labor contract, which expired Nov. 7 but remains in force.

Arbitrator Shyam Das was to hear his 12th day of testimony in the case Tuesday.

"I, personally, had hoped that the union had an interest in helping us solve our economic and competitive balance problems," said Paul Beeston, baseball's chief operating officer. "It is evident now that they have no such interest and that is a great disappointment to me."

"We had several discussions this spring and summer indicating our consideration of contraction. The union's vigorous opposition to contraction was inconsistent with those earlier discussions."

Owners claim they must bargain with the union only on the effects of contraction, such as player dispersal, not the decision to eliminate teams.

The Twins didn't even wait for

Selig's announcement, telling employees after Monday's court ruling that the team would exist for its 42nd season in the Twin Cities.

"Hopefully, this gives the guys a sense of security to go out and play baseball," infielder Denny Hocking said.

The Twins and Expos rank 29th and 30th in revenue last year, and both failed to obtain government financing for new ballparks. Twins owner Carl Pohlad told Selig he was willing to have his franchise folded.

"We've anticipated for the last month or so that we would be playing," Twins president Jerry Bell said. "We have a good team, we had a good year last year, and we expect to have a good year this year."

The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, which operates the Metrodome, sued to force the Twins to honor their lease and Hennepin County District Judge Harry Seymour Crump issued the injunction on Nov. 16.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals upheld the order Jan. 22, ruling in a 3-0 decision that Crump did not abuse his discretion in issuing the injunction.

The battle over the future of the Twins shifts back to the Minnesota Legislature, which is reviewing proposals for a new stadium that could ensure the team's long-term survival.

Republican Rep. Harry Mares, a stadium bill sponsor, said the pressure is on lawmakers.

"Either we act this session or I believe you'll still see contraction next year," he said.

Alabama businessman Donald Watkins has begun talks to acquire the team from Carl Pohlad, who bought the franchise in 1984 to keep it from moving.

The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on baseball's antitrust exemption the following day, a spokesman for committee chairman Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., said Monday.

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