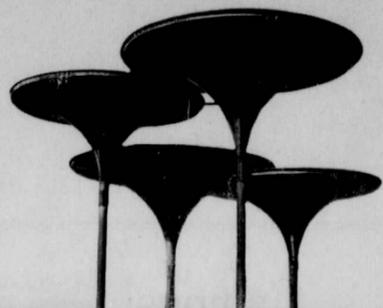


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### STATE NEWS

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### NATIONAL NEWS

**LINCOLN, Neb.** — Smoke, not fire, was police and fire officials' main concern when fire alarms in Abel Residence Hall sounded Sunday.

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**SAN DIEGO** — A 7-year-old girl who vanished from her home earlier this month is apparently dead, and murder charges will be filed against a neighbor, a prosecutor said Monday.

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## OnCampus

### Gay students can feel excluded in classroom

**SYRACUSE, N.Y. (U-WIRE)** — Rachel Mutter-Leonard hears her students tease one another and joke around as most children do. But when they say things like "this is so gay," or use words like "fag-got," she doesn't sit back like some teachers might. She tells them why the words are inappropriate.

Leonard, who has identified as a lesbian for a year now, is a senior and practicing student teacher in Syracuse University's education program.

The classroom is a place where she can teach open-mindedness and acceptance of diversity, but it can also be a place where she and other gay and lesbian students are silenced, she said.

Addressing the issues with her students is not always easy. Leonard has not come out in her classroom, but assumes her students know she is a lesbian.

Margaret Himley, director of the writing department at Syracuse University, has witnessed the discomfort of many gay and lesbian students in the classroom. Often, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered students get left out of classroom conversations because of the heterosexual focus.

These actions automatically place an assumed heterosexuality on the entire class and leave gay and lesbian students "marked by silence," Himley said, adding that part of the problem is that "gay bashing" is still accepted by many people.

Himley said when gay and lesbian students cannot speak of their experiences freely in the classroom, it affects their academic experience.

— Daily Orange

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## theWeather

### WEDNESDAY

High: 45; Low: 24; Mostly sunny

### THURSDAY

High: 51; Low: 34; Partly cloudy

## LookingBack

**1829** — Levi Strauss is born.  
**1946** — The Lucky Lady II, a B-50 Superfortress, takes off from Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth on the first nonstop flight around the world.  
**1993** — The World Trade Center in New York City is bombed by terrorists killing six people and injuring over 1,000.

## Arrest made during car break-in

BY ANTHONY KIRCHNER  
Staff Reporter

TCU police assisted in the arrest of a man early Monday morning as he was breaking into a vehicle in the Ranch Management lot, said J.C. Williams, assistant chief of TCU Police.

Security cameras that were being monitored by TCU police captured and recorded the vehicle burglary taking place, Williams said.

According to an incident report on file at the TCU Police Department, Sgt. Mike Hanvey and dispatcher Archie Evans were observing the ranch management lot on video when they saw the suspect break and enter through the passenger

window of a vehicle in the lot.

TCU police officers were directed to the suspects vehicle and stopped the suspect as he was trying to leave the lot, the incident report stated.

After the police handcuffed the suspect, they searched his vehicle and found a compact disc player laying on the floor behind the driver's seat, the incident report stated. The suspect was then taken into custody by the Fort Worth Police Department, Williams said.

Fort Worth police said an investigation is currently underway but that a report is not yet completed.

According to records from TCU police, (More on ARREST, page 6)



Daniela Munguia/SKIFF STAFF  
Ashley Roessner, freshman advertising and public relations major, unlocks her car before venturing out of the freshman parking lot.

## Speaker to talk about graphic design

BY RAUL MARTINEZ IV  
Staff Reporter

As the author and co-author of 14 books and more than 150 articles and papers on graphic design and typography, Philip Meggs said he is looking forward to sharing his experiences with the TCU community at a lecture at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in room 132 in Moudy Building North.



MEGGS

Meggs, an arts research professor at Virginia Commonwealth University and this year's Green Honors Chair for the department of Art and Art History, will give a public lecture on graphic design.

His work has been published in leading design and communication publications, including Communication Arts, Graphic and Print magazines.

Meggs said he has gone to many places around the country to speak about graphic design.

"I have given lectures at about 60 colleges and universities, including Yale, Rhode Island School of Design, Syracuse and National College of Art and Design in Dublin," Meggs said.

Michael Niblett, assistant professor of graphic design, said TCU students in the department used two of Meggs' textbooks for classes.

He said Meggs is a great person to come down and speak at TCU. "He's well-known and well-respected," Niblett said. "It has been a long time since the art department had someone in graphic design, and we are excited that he is coming."

According to the biography from the New York Art Directors Club, Meggs was inducted into the New

(More on GREEN CHAIR, page 6)

## TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

### Job search Web sites become more popular among college students

BY SAM EATON  
Staff Reporter

Job search Web sites like (www.monster.com) and (www.hotjobs.com) are being visited more often, but this new form of employment seeking isn't necessarily improving the job market, said Maria Eisenman, an assistant director at Career Services.

Eisenman said online searches are a good place to start, but it's hard to tell how successful job hunters are when using them.

"They don't keep records of how successful they are," Eisenman said. "They don't have any data to say how many people actually found jobs using Monster."

The only statistics that indicate (monster.com) and (hotjobs.com) are the biggest is the fact that they have the most job postings and most résumés, Eisenman said.

Monster.com now hosts more than 14.5 million résumés, more than doubling their database of a year ago, according to a recent article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

TCU's Career Services Web site has a link where local businesses can list job and internship openings.

Sophomore social work major Melisa Amen said she found a job through the web postings offered by Career Services.

"One woman just wanted résumés, so I sent a résumé and she e-mailed me back saying she wanted to meet me," Amen said. "It makes everything faster with e-mail. It's easy."

Eisenman said some job searchers just post their resume on the sites and think that com-

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— Maria Eisenman

plet their search. "It's a good idea to put your résumé out there, but if that's the only thing you're doing, it's not going to be beneficial," Eisenman said. "You need to be more proactive and apply for jobs."

She said good places to search online are Web sites of professional associations.

"The sites that we've found to be more beneficial than anything else is associations," Eisenman said. "They tend to be more trustworthy."

Eisenman said another potential problem with the big job post sites is many of the jobs are

being advertised through temporary agencies rather than directly from the company.

The consensus among employers, job seekers and career center counselors seems to be that there is no substitute for networking when looking for a job.

Kathryn Ellis, who graduated in 2001 with a degree in Radio-TV-Film, said she thought the online job market was good, but networking was still the way to go.

"Sometimes your best bet is people you know," Ellis said.

Eisenman said newspaper ads used to be the main way to search for jobs, but she said the majority of jobs still aren't advertised.

"It's been said that 70 percent of jobs are actually never advertised either in newspaper ads or online," Eisenman said. "The best way to find a job has always been, and will always be, through networking."

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## Leadership roles key at conference

BY KELLY MARIA HOWARD  
Staff Reporter

The TCU Leadership Council held a conference over the weekend that combined the College Leadership Texas' State of Leadership Conference with the 8th Annual Leadership Institute, said Cyndi Walsh, a program coordinator for Student Development Services. Combining the two conferences had the benefit of allowing all the participants access to community leaders and the activities of the weekend, plus both conferences were scheduled for the spring semester, she said.

Lisa K'Bedford, assistant director of the Leadership Center, said College Leadership Texas is in its second year and is a statewide organization. She said College Leadership Texas was started at TCU, and is headed up and organized by the Leadership Council. "College Leadership Texas is the name of a consortium of the schools in Texas who are part of this (leadership) movement," said K'Bedford.

Walsh said the program, unlike the objective of other conferences, is unique because it gives students a common forum for leadership opportunities and a place to use each other as resources.

The 8th Annual Leadership Institute is a campus conference for students to learn how to be a leader and emphasize the importance of being a leader, said Ceci Burton, a senior business management major and Leadership Council chair.

The State of Leadership Conference (More on CONFERENCE, page 6)

## Psychiatrist: Yates considered ways to kill kids

BY PAM EASTON  
Associated Press

**HOUSTON** — Andrea Yates had visions and heard voices encouraging her use a knife to kill her five children, but she decided it was "too bloody," a jail psychiatrist testified Monday.

As testimony resumed in the second week of Yates' capital murder trial, Dr. Melissa Ferguson said under cross-examination that Yates also ruled out drugs to kill her children, but believed drugs were possible for suicide. Ferguson interviewed the Houston mother at the Harris County Jail the day after her children were drowned in their bathtub June 20.

"Do you remember her making a statement, 'Af-

ter thinking about my options, I decided drowning would be the best way to end their life'?" assistant district attorney Kaylynn Williford asked.

Yates said "something about drowning, that drowning was the way," Ferguson replied. Asked by Williford if she recalled Yates saying, "I decided a knife was too bloody," Ferguson said yes.

Ferguson testified Yates told her she thought about killing her children for at least three months and thought about it the night before the children were drowned.

Other testimony this week is expected to include doctors who treated Yates before the killings. Yates is on trial for two counts of capital

(More on YATES, page 6)

## Opening tunes



Daniela Munguia/SKIFF STAFF  
Rochelle Rabouin, lead singer of the band Boitumelo, sings during the opening ceremonies for International Week Monday. The band plays South African music and its name means "happiness," said Judy Pennywell, assistant director of International Student Services.

## Theater festival back home

BY COLLEEN CASEY  
Staff Reporter

The theatre department will spotlight its work this week when it plays host to a nationally prestigious theater festival, said theatre instructor Thomas Walsh.

The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival's regional competition will return to Fort Worth after a 14-year absence Feb. 26 to March 2.

"TCU Theatre is becoming a destination program for many high school seniors and transfer students and our hosting (the festival) only solidifies that perception," Walsh said.

Because of lost funding, the festival was forced to move from the Scott William Edrington Theatre on 3505 West Lancaster Ave., the location from 1970 to 1988. Since then it's moved around the five state region, including Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Tim Dragga, a student co-coordinator for the festival, said it will be good for the festival to be back in an urban location because there's more to do.

"The people producing it have been trying to get it back in the Metroplex," Dragga said. "There's more to offer in this area."

The festival will include six shows, 14 participant workshops ranging from improvisational acting to auditioning for film and television.

The festival also includes the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarships competition between shows, which will award three scholarships worth \$2,500 each.

The shows being performed include (More on FESTIVAL, page 6)

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## Campus Lines

Your bulletin board for campus events

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• **"Almost Legal"** will debut noon Wednesday in Moudy Building South, Room 164. The soap opera was written, directed and acted by radio-TV-film students. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

• **KinoMonda film series** presents "Eat Drink Man Woman" 7 p.m. Wednesday in Sid W. Richardson Building. For more information call (817) 257-7292.

• **The Family Weekend Team** is forming now. Meetings are 9 p.m. every Wednesday in the Student Center, Room 202. Come help plan the weekend, which will be September 20-22. For more information, call (817) 257-5233.

• **TCU Education Abroad Fair** will be 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday. Learn about the many study abroad opportunities for credit through TCU and transfer programs.

• **2002 Creative Writing Awards ceremony** will be 4 p.m. Thursday in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. The event, sponsored by the department of English, will feature acclaimed novelist Donald Antrim as keynote speaker. For more information, call (817) 257-6537.

• **The William L. Adams Writing Center** announces its second spring semester workshop, Writing Reviews. Participants will discuss the purpose of reviews, consider the main characteristics of reviews of books and films, analyze examples of reviews, and write a film review. The workshop will run 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Room, Room 204. Sign-up in Student Center, Room B11A (next to Frog Prints) or e-mail Dr. Marie Schein at (m.schein@tcu.edu).

• **The Neeley Student Resource Center** is advising for summer and fall classes. To make an appointment call (817)257-6772 or come during walk-in times, 8 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

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## Campus/State Roundup

### A&M mascot, Reveille 7, sent to obedience school

HOUSTON (AP) — Reveille, the Texas A&M mascot considered to be the highest-ranking member of the school's Corps of Cadets, has been shipped off to a boot camp of her own.

The 18-month-old American collie, who became the university's seventh mascot last year, has been sent to obedience school to turn down her volume. It seems Reveille is a bit excitable.

"She'll bark, which is not exactly what she's supposed to do," A&M sophomore Javier Aguirre told the Houston Chronicle.

This spring semester, with the all-important football season behind her, Reveille began a five-month stint at Puppy Love obedience school in College Station.

"She's just very distracted," said Aguirre, who as A&M's Mascot Corporal is responsible for keeping Reveille standing at attention during sporting events and other functions. "She'll bark at the football players; she'll bark at the band and will try to leap. We're trying

to get her to not pay attention to that and to pay attention to me."

Obedience school for Reveille seems to be growing into yet another Aggie tradition. Aguirre said her predecessor, Reveille 6, also spent a few weeks away for training.

### Enron executive Skilling to testify before Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling, whose testimony has been challenged by lawmakers, faces questioning before a skeptical Congress again Tuesday — this time along with other Enron officials whose versions of events conflict with his.

Sherron Watkins, the vice president who warned former chairman Kenneth Lay in August of potentially serious accounting problems, is testifying at the same time as Skilling — who has stated he knew few details of questionable transactions involving a partnership used to hide more than \$1 billion in debt.

Lawmakers want to bring together

Skilling, Watkins and Jeffrey McMahon, Enron's current president and chief operating officer to put the same questions to each of them and compare their answers at a hearing of the Senate Commerce Committee.

All three testified, separately and under oath, this month before a House investigative panel. Other top Enron executives, including Lay, have invoked their Fifth Amendment right against potential self-incrimination and refused to testify.

### Fort Worth Marine reserves to join war on terrorism

FORT WORTH (AP) — More than 60 Marines and two Marine tanker aircraft are scheduled to leave the Fort Worth joint reserve base Monday to join the war against terrorism.

Base officials would not disclose where the Marines are headed.

The deployment includes two Marine Corps K-C-130 refueler planes and flight crews. The planes can refuel helicopters and other aircraft, as well as transport personnel.

The crews — activated last month — are the first Marines from the Fort Worth base to be recalled in Operation Enduring Freedom.

### Smoke causes evacuation of Nebraska dormitory

LINCOLN, Neb. (U-WIRE) — Smoke, not fire, was police and fire officials' main concern when fire alarms in Abel Residence Hall sounded Sunday.

Abel residents were evacuated around 2:34 p.m. after the garbage chute in the basement level caught fire, University of Nebraska Police Sgt. Jerry Plessel said.

The fire was contained almost immediately because of sprinkler systems, but smoke went up the chute and spilled into the halls, he said.

Plessel said officials were concerned with ventilation, so residents were not allowed back into the building until the smoke cleared at about 4 p.m.

Dean Staberg, deputy chief of the Lincoln (Neb.) Fire Department, said the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

## Police Blotter

Compiled by Anthony Kirchner, Staff Reporter

### Feb. 18

- A purse was left at Sid W. Richardson Building. When the owner returned 15 minutes later she said she could not find her purse.

- A car was broken into at the tennis center. The owner said his keys and radar detector were missing from his vehicle. He had left his doors unlocked and his keys under the seat while he was playing tennis.

- The front passenger window of a vehicle was shattered and in the Ranch Management lot. The owner reported he was missing various objects from his vehicle.

- A TCU Police officer noticed a vehicle with a broken window in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum parking lot. When the owner arrived, he noted his radar detector had been taken.

### Feb. 19

- The right passenger window of a vehicle was broken in the Ranch Man-

agement lot. The owner said his radio, compact discs and florescent light were missing.

- The right front window of a vehicle was broken out in the Ranch Management lot. The owner reported nothing was missing from her car but that there was damage to the dash where the suspect attempted to remove the compact disc player.

### Feb. 20

- A wallet and sunglasses were stolen from a vehicle at the Princeton House Apartments.

- A bicycle was reported missing from outside the Student Center. The owner said that he had not locked his bike.

- A student was injured during an altercation while playing basketball at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The student and suspect were pushing each other before the suspect struck his fist against the student, who then fell to the wooden basketball court and hit

his head. The student was transported to Harris Methodist Fort Worth.

### Feb. 21

- A vehicle was broken into in the UCC lot. The owner said her car stereo had been removed from the dash of her vehicle. She stated that she thought she knew who might have taken the stereo and that she wanted the vehicle finger printed. Fort Worth Police Department was asked to send a Crime Scene Unit to print the car.

### Feb. 22

- TCU Police found a vehicle broken into in the Ranch Management lot. The owner said that her compact disc player was there but damaged.

- A vehicle's side window was broken out in the Ranch Management lot. The owner said her compact disc was player missing.

- A vehicle was broken into in the UCC lot. The owner said her stereo

was stolen.

### Feb. 23

- A vehicle in the Ranch Management lot had its driver side window broken. The owner said her compact disc player stolen from the car.

- A vehicle in the Ranch Management lot had its passenger front windshield broken. The owner said nothing was missing from her car.

- The left side window of a vehicle was broken out in the Worth Hills lot. The owner said the dashboard was broken and the compact disc player was missing.

- A vehicle in the Worth Hills lot had its passenger window was broken. The owner said the compact disc player removed.

### Feb. 25

- A Hispanic male was arrested after breaking into a vehicle and stealing a compact disc player from a vehicle.

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## The Skiff View

### ON TARGET

TCU Police actions well received

Last week there were seven break-ins in the Ranch Management parking lot.

Seven.

A common trend among them all: Broken windows and damaged or removed compact disc players resulting in a plague of uncertainty across campus about whether it is really safe to park a car on campus.

Monday brought an ounce of reassurance.

A man was arrested Monday morning while in the process of breaking into a vehicle in the lot, said J.C. Williams, assistant chief of TCU Police. The arrest came after police observed the break-in on the security cameras monitoring the lot.

Break-ins have haunted the campus over the semester. During the past three weeks, there have been a total of 22 vehicle burglaries around campus, according to TCU Police records.

TCU police should be commended for arresting the burglary suspect and possibly preventing any future burglaries from occurring.

But this is just the first step. What the police did Monday needs to happen again.

Too often TCU Police have been criticized for doing only one thing right: Giving parking tickets. With Monday's arrest people on campus should appreciate all the hard work done by the parking patrol.

Students, faculty, staff and visitors who park on campus day after day trust that their vehicles will be safe. With this recent arrest, they can definitely feel a little safer.

Maybe the arrest was luck. Or maybe it was just someone being at the right place at the right time. Whatever the cause, police should strive to repeat what happened.

Instead of relishing the victory, TCU police officers need to see this as just another day's work. There will always be problems, but success shows the system works.

Now we just need to try to improve our average. Seven in unacceptable.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

"Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..." — Amendment I, The Constitution of the United States of America.

Newspapers are a vital source for disseminating information in this country. Since the dawn of the printing press newspapers have been respected bearers of news, and their protection under the Bill of Rights was thought to be of the utmost priority for the Constitution to be ratified by the states. This was in December of 1791.

Even the earliest attempts at censorship, such as the Sedition Act of 1798, opened the government to ridicule and galvanized the people of the young United States to continue to fight for what they had won from a tyrannical imperial power just a short time ago in the Revolution.

How far we have come. Now we take for granted these simple freedoms, of speech and press, until they are threatened. In its quest to achieve a measure of dominance over The Daily Campus' yearly budget, the University of Connecticut is perpetrating its own subtle act of censorship.

A newspaper must retain complete sovereignty over its finances for its content to be effective, to be seen as unbiased and honest. At the

greatest risk is the paper's editorial content. The paper must have the option to criticize or to support the administration and the university as a whole without the possibility of losing valuable funding.

Free speech and free press are two of our most cherished freedoms, the foundations on which our society rests. They are simple concepts, but difficult to take away. And that is the way it should be, for a powerful government as well as a university administration looking to exert undue control over its campus voice. Fear is not respect. The small scale of this university in comparison to the country is not an excuse for the administration to ignore the values of this nation and infringe upon our right to report the facts. The truth is still the truth, regardless of the effort to hide it.

Only with the ability to anger, to offend, to inspire their government and all those in power without the fear of retribution can a people truly be considered free. Freedom is the strength to say what people do not wish to hear, not out of spite but in defense of truth, and freedom on paper and freedom in practice are two entirely different things.

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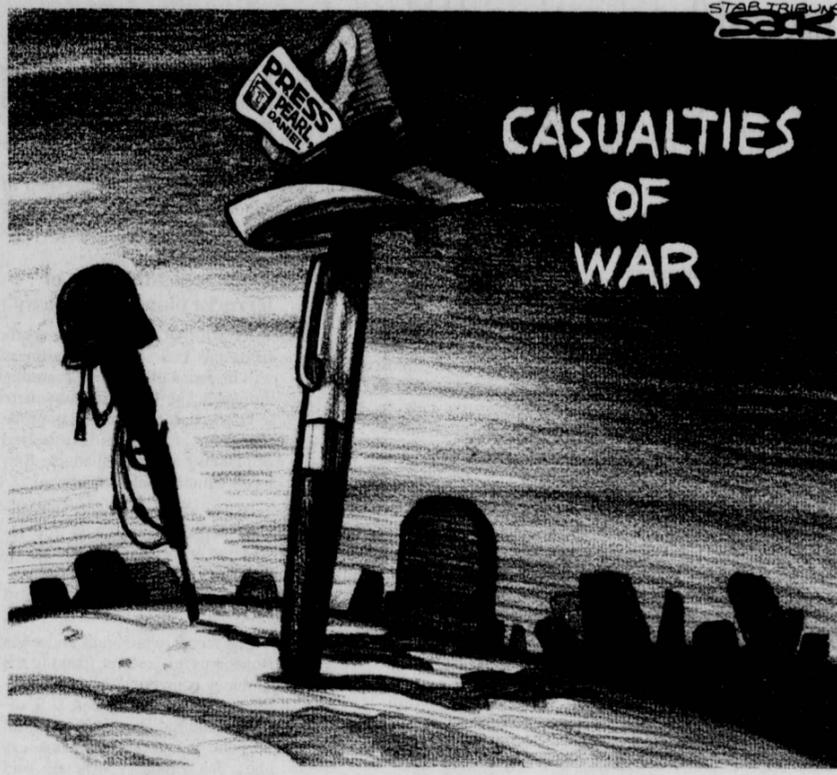
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## Society lacks manners and common sense

According to his grandson, novelist Gore Vidal, former Sen. Thomas Gore of Oklahoma once said, "If there were any race other than the human race, I'd go join it."

While Sen. Gore held this sentiment in the 1930s, it is in many ways still timely. Society today is plagued by a disregard for manners and a lack of common sense.

Unfortunately, the reasons why are seemingly endless.

Some people sit behind a steering column and lose any semblance of logical reasoning ability. Talking on a cell phone is one thing, but talking on that phone at rush hour in heavy traffic is something else.

Tailgating is another example of idiocy behind the wheel. The higher probability of a dangerous accident clearly outweighs any possible benefits one might receive by intimidating a leading car to change lanes.

People then go to park their cars and lose whatever sense and manners they had remaining. Handicapped spaces are for the handicapped. The end. These spaces may be tempting, but they exist to help disabled people, not lazy people.

And why is it that when some people parallel park, they lose any grasp they once had of simple geometric proportions?

Do not park your 2002 Ford Corolla three inches in front of a 1987 Ford Crown Victoria unless you want a dent in your bumper. If the parking spot you want is too small, park farther away rather than being a jerk to the person who parked behind it.

Eventually, people tend to leave their cars and venture inside, perhaps into a theater. Some of these people refuse to turn off their cell phones, despite the best efforts of the theater management. A few people actually answer the phone during a show. If the conversation is that much more important than the performance, why even leave the house? Please, consider this an invitation to stay at home on the couch

where the popcorn is cheaper.

For some reason, people behave even more rudely at live events than they do at movies. People who will sit through a bad movie will leave three times for the restroom during a good play, and then they will go home early at intermission. Perhaps this results more from ignorance than from intent to offend, but people should practice better etiquette. If you cannot stay seated and quiet for a show, again, please stay home.

And while sporting events are more laid back, at least people who have to leave early should have the common sense not to sit in the front row where their leaving the event insults the other fans and the team.

This all goes back to clichés taught in kindergartens everywhere. Although the "Golden Rule" sounds fairly straightforward, maybe some people should have taken notes.

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## Diversity, learning about others reveals true character

Diversity is a direction towards understanding.

Where is the final destination? In the words of the great thinker Socrates, "Know thyself."

Learning about others will inevitably reveal your innermost character. We all have different ideas, ways of thinking and individual characteristics that we bring to the table.

Be not afraid, have a sit and enjoy the feast and friends around you.

Have you ever had the wind knocked out of you? This has happened to me physically, but just this weekend it occurred internally.

I walked into a lavishly decorated ballroom, which was filled with a wide variety of people from all over Fort Worth, Texas, America and the world. The attire was anything short of breathtaking. Men and women walked with pride, many of them wearing traditional Indian dress. I was dressed in just the same manner, but I felt different.

It seemed like everyone there

was drastically different than me. Our skin and hair tone were as different as day and night. I started to get really nervous. It was show time.

Students for Asian-Indian Cultural Awareness (SAICA) had invited me to participate in the "Experience India" fashion show. Walking out on stage the crowd cheered loudly.

But they weren't cheering because of my outfit, it was because my being there was symbolically embracing their culture through wearing their traditional dress.

Sometimes being different is great as long as you appreciate the differences, rather than be frightened of what you don't know.

Afterwards, while visiting with friends I received conflicting reports of intimacy.

My friends from SAICA told me, "Hugs in our country are given only to intimate friends, if you hugged me at first meeting, it would be considered more than just friendship."

Then my friends from The Universidad de las Americas (UDLA) in Mexico said, "A hug and a kiss is the only natural way to intro-

duce yourself in our country. It is hard to shake hands when what you really want to do is welcome someone with open arms and hug."

Different people have different perceptions of human behavior. The Leadership Institute at the Amon Carter Museum this weekend was by far the best one in the past three years.

During dinner there, a thought hit me. In this very room, some of the most incredible community leaders of Fort Worth and across the nation are sharing their thoughts on leadership with today's youth. An exchange of free-flowing and unique ideas was occurring. That too is diversity.

Diversity is about broadening your horizons and perceptions. It is not just about different skin color or nationalities. It all boils down to people and their experiences.

As stated in "The Art of Leadership" program, "Commit yourself to growth. Never stop learning about who you are and where you want to be."

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## Change needed after reporter's death

The barbaric murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl sent shockwaves across America, casting a dark cloud of sadness over newsrooms everywhere, but hopefully his death will force the CIA to establish a permanent policy that no government agent will pose as a journalist — ever.

COMMENTARY



Jaime Walker

Three days after Pearl disappeared Jan. 23, various news agencies received an e-mail from his alleged captors accusing Pearl of spying for the United States.

A later e-mail accused Pearl, whose parents are Israeli citizens, of working for the Israeli Secret Service. CIA officials were quick to denounce any connection between Pearl and the United States government. Pearl was not a secret agent, but the mere fact his captors claimed he was should raise important red flags to the United States government.

Pearl disappeared from the chaotic port of Karachi, Pakistan where he was believed to be on his way to interview a Pakistani militant thought to have connections with Richard Reid, the man accused of trying to blow up a flight with explosives in his shoes. His friends and colleagues describe him as the ultimate newspaperman, cautious and professional, always in search of the truth behind stories oft-untold.

Pearl's death hits close to home for the journalist family. His witty features were the reason I skimmed the Wall Street Journal.

There was a time in my life when I wanted to be just like him. For those who have been in his shoes, Pearl's death is especially hard.

"Danny Pearl was a professional of the highest quality and should not have been exposed to the horror that was brought on him in part because our government has in the past been unwilling to say categorically that it will not use journalists as intelligence agents or use journalists cover for its own agents," Edward Seaton editor-in-chief of the Manhattan (Kans.) Mercury said in a tribute for Poynter Institute.

Journalism and especially international correspondence can be extremely dangerous business, but without reporters like Pearl, who are willing to take some personal risk, the American public would never understand what really goes on outside our borders. America should mourn Pearl's death not just because of its utterly tragic nature, but because he died needlessly in the pursuit of truth. Our nation owes him a debt. What better way to honor his life than to guarantee further safety for those who follow in his footsteps.

"It's a terrible loss and a tragic reminder of how many people put themselves at risk every day on behalf of telling stories," Paul Tash editor of the St. Petersburg Times said in the same tribute. "That risk is obviously dramatic and came to a terrible result in Afghanistan. And it happens in lots of other places too, in much more mundane ways. And it's a reminder of the terrific risk that journalists take and the obligation of the editors and readers on behalf of whom those journalists are acting."

Those of us who did not know Daniel Pearl can only sympathize with his family and friends. But we can help them honor his memory and the profession he loved almost as passionately as he adored his wife.

We can implore the governments of the United States and Pakistan to punish his captors to the full extent of the law, and we can call on the best judgment of the CIA — Do all in your power to ensure the integrity of international journalism and the safety of reporters worldwide are protected. We owe it to Pearl and his colleagues.

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## National/International Roundup

### Man opens fire in anger, killing 6-year-old

DETROIT (AP) — A man fired a rifle at a moving car Monday, killing a 6-year-old girl and wounding three other children and a woman, police said.

"We believe it was over the purchase of a radio that didn't work, and the person wanted the money back," Police Commander Bryan Turnbull said. "He wasn't successful in getting the money back and decided to take revenge."

Police were seeking two men in the shooting. The gunman opened fire from another vehicle, police said.

The car, with a hole in the back window, rested in the front yard of a home and was being examined by investigators.

A 6-year-old boy was hospitalized in critical condition, and a 4-year-old girl and 6-year-old girl were in serious condition. The condition of the woman, described by police as an aunt in her 30s, was not disclosed.

### Woman skips out on jury duty for vacation in Mexico

CINCINNATI (AP) — A juror in a murder case was sent to jail for seven days Monday for going on vacation to Mexico in the middle of deliberations.

Christine Fiorini, 33, failed to show up after the long Presidents Day weekend, and a warrant was issued for her arrest. Deliberations were put on hold for a week while court officials tried to track her down.

Fiorini surfaced on Monday and was taken before the judge presiding over the trial.

"You'll have to sit there for seven days with all of the other knuckleheads up there, see what it's like. It's not a great place," Judge Robert Ruchelman told her.

Fiorini told the judge she thought he would be able to use the

jury's alternate. Ruchelman had dismissed the alternate before deliberations began and after asking jurors if there was any reason they could not complete the case. Fiorini said nothing of her vacation plans at that time.

On trial was a woman accused of luring a man to a motel parking lot, where he was robbed and shot to death in September.

Deliberations resumed Monday without Fiorini after the defense agreed to continue with 11 rather than 12 jurors.

### Neighbor to be charged in death of missing girl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A 7-year-old girl who vanished from her home earlier this month is apparently dead, and murder charges will be filed against a neighbor, a prosecutor said Monday.

Prosecutor Paul Pfingst also said he will file a so-called special circumstance — murder during kidnapping — that will carry the possibility of the death penalty if David Westerfield is convicted.

"I must conclude that Danielle van Dam is no longer living and was killed," Pfingst told a news conference. He said he made his conclusion after consulting with investigators, fellow prosecutors and the girl's family. Traces of Danielle's blood have been found but her body has not been located.

Westerfield, 50, who lives two doors from the van Dam home, was arrested Friday and was initially held for investigation of kidnapping. He will be arraigned Tuesday, the district attorney said.

Danielle's parents, Damon and Brenda van Dam, discovered their daughter missing the morning of Feb. 2. Police believe she was abducted from her second-floor bedroom of the family's north San Diego home after her father put her to bed the previous evening.

Investigators began focusing on the self-employed engineer shortly after Danielle disappeared. He was at the same bar for a while the night of Feb. 1 where Danielle's mother went with friends while the girl's father stayed home with their daughter and two sons.

### Supreme Court avoids Ten Commandments debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court refused Monday to be drawn into the explosive church-state debate over whether the Ten Commandments may be displayed on government grounds.

The court did not comment in refusing to hear an appeal from Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon, who wanted to erect a 7-foot stone monument on the Statehouse grounds in Indianapolis. O'Bannon said the Ten Commandments represent tenets of American law as much as religious teachings, and he asked the court to overturn rulings that prevented the monument from going up.

The court's action leaves in place a hodgepodge of conflicting court rulings across the country that allow the Ten Commandments' display in some instances but not in others.

It was the second time in less than a year that the court had sidestepped the Ten Commandments issue.

The Ten Commandments contain both religious and secular directives, including the familiar proscriptions on stealing, killing and adultery. The Bible says God gave the list to Moses.

The Constitution bars any state "establishment" of religion. That means the government cannot promote religion in general, or favor one faith over another. The Constitution also protects the freedom to worship.

Last May, the court divided bitterly over whether to hear another

case testing whether a different Ten Commandments monument could be displayed outside a civic building. The court opted not to hear the case, but the three most conservative justices took the rare step of announcing that they would have agreed to hear it.

### Tunnels possibly part of terrorist plans on Embassy

ROME (AP) — Security experts from the U.S. State Department will inspect a utility tunnel running alongside the U.S. Embassy here in connection with an Italian probe of a group of Moroccans suspected of planning a chemical attack, Embassy officials said Monday.

Italian authorities will join the U.S. experts Tuesday in the inspection of the tunnel where a hole was discovered last week, an embassy official said on condition of anonymity.

The tunnel, which runs under Via Boncompagni, a street flanking the Embassy compound, contains electricity and telephone lines, U.S. officials said. Italian news reports had said the tunnel also contains gas lines, but Embassy officials said that was incorrect.

Eight Moroccans were picked up in a police raid last week that also turned up nine pounds of a cyanide-based compound, firecrackers and maps of Rome highlighting the U.S. Embassy and the capital's water supply. A ninth turned himself in over the weekend in southern Reggio Calabria.

Italian news reports have said that investigators believe a chemical attack on the Embassy's water system was being plotted.

But the U.S. Embassy officials, who briefed reporters Monday, said there was "no hard evidence" of an attack being planned on the Embassy's water supply.

## Deadly mix-up during training

BY ESTES THOMPSON  
Associated Press

CARTHAGE, N.C. — Deputy Sheriff Randall Butler became suspicious when he spotted the pickup truck with someone crouching in the back, exposed to the blustery, 40-degree cold.

Butler pulled the truck over and noticed a duffel bag with a disassembled rifle inside. When one of the three men in the truck came at him, Butler tried pepper spray. Then he opened fire, killing one man and wounding another.

According to the account given by Moore County sheriff's officials, what Butler didn't know was that two of the suspicious men were Army Special Forces soldiers training for their coveted green berets.

The soldiers apparently thought Butler was an actor in their role-playing exercise.

The deadly mix-up near Fort Bragg on Saturday has shaken Army officials, who plan to re-examine how they carried out the training exercise that they have been conducting for decades.

Army officials said the shooting was the tragic result of a breakdown in communications. They said the Sheriff's Department had not been told about Saturday's exercise because the Army did not think the department would be involved.

The Army "will look at where the miscommunication happened and make sure we take some of the steps to ensure it doesn't happen again," said Maj. Gary Kolb, a spokesman at Fort Bragg.

No charges are expected against Butler, who "did exactly what he was supposed to do. He thought he

was in fear of his life from the time the incident started," said Chief Deputy Sheriff Lane Carter.

The Fort Bragg soldiers, whose names had not been released, were taking part in "Robin Sage," the final leg of training for soldiers trying to become Green Berets.

The two soldiers were in a truck driven by a civilian participant when Butler pulled them over on a rural road outside Robbins, about 30 miles from Fort Bragg. Carter said Butler had seen the truck twice during a 30-minute period and thought the occupants were acting oddly.

"One was in the back of the truck and two were in the front of the truck. It was 40 degrees and the wind was blowing and the one in the back was crouched down and it just looked strange," he said.

After stopping the truck and seeing the duffel bag with a weapon, he ordered the two people in the cab to get out, and threw the bag on the ground, Carter said.

The soldiers then apparently tried to disarm Butler.

One soldier tried to assault the deputy, Carter said. Butler sprayed him with pepper spray. The second soldier came out of the back of the truck and tried to grab the weapon in the bag, and Butler shot and wounded him, Carter said. The first soldier came at him again and was shot to death.

The wounded soldier was in serious condition Monday. The Tampa Tribune said relatives identified him as Sgt. Stephen Phelps, formerly of Clearwater, Fla.

Robin Sage is the 19-day final exam of the Special Forces Qualification Course.

## Slaying of journalist under investigation

BY AMIR ZIA  
Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — A Pakistani judge on Monday gave prosecutors two more weeks to build their case against three Islamic militants accused in the kidnapping and murder of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl.

The judge in the southern city of Karachi ordered top suspect Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh and two alleged accomplices jailed until their next court hearing. Over the next two weeks, police will also continue to search for Pearl's body.

In Islamabad, the U.S. ambassador said she would meet with President Pervez Musharraf on Wednesday to discuss Saeed's possible extradition to the United States.

President Bush said Monday that the United States is "interested in dealing with" Saeed, but expressed confidence that Pakistan is doing enough to round up Pearl's killers.

Saeed and two co-defendants — Sheikh Mohammed Adeeel, a constable with the police department's special branch, and Salman Saqib — were brought to a special anti-terrorism court in two armored personnel carriers, their faces covered by white cloth hoods. Dozens of policemen patrolled the corridors and grounds of the courthouse.

Once inside, the suspects were taken to a closed hearing in the judge's chamber. A preliminary indictment had been expected Monday, but the judge delayed it.

The charges are expected to include murder following Friday's disclosure of a gruesome videotape showing the 38-year-old journalist being decapitated.

Inside the judge's chamber, all three suspects said they had been forced to sign blank pieces of paper to be used in falsifying confessions, according to defense attorney Khawaja Naveed.

Saeed, the British-born Islamic militant who police say masterminded Pearl's Jan. 23 abduction in Karachi, stunned a courtroom on Feb. 14 when he confessed to

the kidnapping and announced that as far as he knew, Pearl was dead.

Court officials said that confession would not be enough to convict Saeed because it was not made under oath. On Monday, Naveed said Saeed did not want to give a sworn confession.

Pakistani officials say at least four key suspects are at large. The main target of a nationwide police manhunt is Amjad Faruqi, who police believe carried out the kidnapping. If police hope to recover Pearl's body, one investigator said Monday, they must first find Faruqi.

The question of whether Saeed could be extradited to the United States emerged Sunday when *Newsweek* magazine reported that a U.S. federal grand jury had secretly indicted him for his role in the 1994 kidnapping of four Western tourists in India, including one American.

The United States and Pakistan do not have an extradition treaty. The U.S. government wanted Saeed extradited from Pakistan at least two months before he was implicated in Pearl's slaying, Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin said Monday.

Saeed "is a nasty character," Chamberlin said on CBS' "The Early Show." "He's been involved as a suspect in kidnappings and crimes against American citizens for many years."

Chamberlin said she will raise the extradition issue anew during her meeting Tuesday with Musharraf.

The videotape that confirmed Pearl's death was delivered to U.S. officials in Karachi on Thursday by someone described as a Pakistani journalist. According to investigators who have seen it, the tape shows Pearl being forced to say he is Jewish and then having his neck cut while he is unconscious or already dead. The only face shown in the video is Pearl's.

Quereshi, the chief prosecutor, told AP late Monday that the images of the hands mutilating Pearl could be used by the prosecution as evidence, and that it is possible the hands are Saeed's.

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## Vampire "Queen" reigns weekend box office

BY DAVID GERMAIN  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Audiences went vampire hunting as "Queen of the Damned," featuring the late pop singer Aaliyah as an ancient bloodsucker, debuted as the top weekend movie with \$15.2 million.

"John Q," last weekend's No. 1 film, dropped to second place with \$12.5 million, pushing its 10-day total to \$39.9 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Kevin Costner's supernatural love story "Dragonfly" opened in third place with \$10.4 million.

Though generally trashed by critics, "Queen of the Damned" got a big boost from young fans of Aaliyah, who was killed in a plane crash last summer.

Women under 25 made up 30 to 40 percent of the film's audience, said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros., which released "Queen of the Damned."

"Her fans liked the movie," Fellman said. "I think they were drawn by their loyalty and curiosity and desire to see Aaliyah on the big screen."

Based on Anne Rice's "Vampire Chronicles," the movie stars Aaliyah as the mother of all bloodsuckers and Stuart Townsend as the vampire Lestat.

Playing in 2,511 locations, "Queen of the Damned" averaged a healthy \$6,035 a theater, compared with a \$5,000 average in 2,505 theaters for "John Q" and \$4,148 in 2,507 cinemas for "Dragonfly."

Director Mira Nair's "Monsoon Wedding" had an impressive debut in limited release, grossing \$66,000 at two New York City theaters.

The ensemble comedy follows the clash of tradition and modern times during frenzied preparations for a wedding in Delhi, India.

Distributor USA Films plans to expand the film to more cities over the next two weekends.

Overall, the top 12 films grossed \$85.5 million, up 14 percent from the same weekend last year.

For the first two months of the year, Hollywood's revenues are running virtually even with the pace of last year, when the industry grossed a record \$8.35 billion.

The early part of 2001 was dominated by "Hannibal," a February release that grossed \$165 million.

This year has not yet produced a major hit, but a string of new films have opened solidly, while holdovers from last year drew strong audiences.

Top Oscar nominees continue to benefit from the awards attention. "A Beautiful Mind" grossed \$5.2 million, raising its total to \$132.6 million. "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" took in \$3.6 million, climbing to \$283.3 million overall.

"I would characterize it as status quo, week in and week out," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "There hasn't been a runaway blockbuster so far like we sometimes have at this point."

But newcomers are generating interest, holdovers and Oscar contenders are generating interest.

The combat film "Black Hawk Down" took in \$3.7 million, pushing its total to \$101.4 million.

It was the 19th movie released in 2001 to cross the \$100 million mark, compared with a record 22 films the year before.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

Final figures will be released Monday.

### The weekend box office

1. "Queen of the Damned," \$15.2 million.
2. "John Q," \$12.5 million.
3. "Dragonfly," \$10.4 million.
4. "Return to Never Land," \$9 million.
5. "Crossroads," \$7.1 million.
6. "Big Fat Liar," \$6.7 million.
7. "A Beautiful Mind," \$5.2 million.
8. "Hart's War," \$4.6 million.
9. "Super Troopers," \$3.9 million.
10. "Collateral Damage," \$3.7 million.

# Defensive Driving

## Various options available for driving courses

BY JILL MENINGER  
Skiff Staff

It was scary. Terrell Carter, a sophomore biology major, said that is how she felt when she saw a police car directly behind her car with its red lights flashing for all the world to see. She said she realized she had not made a complete stop at a stop sign. Therefore, she received a traffic ticket.

When she went to see a judge in her hometown, the judge told her she had to take a defensive driving course in order to expunge the ticket from her record. Carter said she knew she was in the wrong and the defensive driving course would help "right" the wrong but she did not know how she would survive the boredom.

Taking a defensive driving class is not the most exciting way to spend an afternoon but it can actually be fun with learning and humor combined, said Brian Barker, a junior marketing major, after attending A Sense of Humor Defensive Driving in Fort Worth.

Barker said the instructor made the class fun by doing skits and making nicknames for the students. Barker said his nickname was the total number of miles he exceeded the speed limit when he got his ticket.

Barker said he had to put on goggles that made him feel intoxicated and the instructor asked him to try and perform simple tasks. Barker said he could not do anything with the goggles on and it showed him what it was like to drive drunk.

"(The class) was a reality check for a lot of things," Barker said.

According to the National Safety Council Web site, defensive driving is needed to save a person's life, reduce violation points and reduce insurance premiums. The Web site said an estimated 77 percent of accidents are due to driver error. Every 15 seconds, a person is injured on roadways and every 11

minutes, one of them dies.

TCU offers defensive driving courses to help students improve their safety.

On February 20 and 21, Hao Brown, the university workers compensation coordinator, taught a class called "The National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course."

The next class is offered 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 13 in Reed Hall.

Brown said there were not any TCU students in the February class, but there were TCU staff and retirees present.

Brown said the attendees were not there just for the discount offered.

"There was a true concern for better driving skills," she said. Brown said the course is offered through risk management to encourage risk awareness in driving and to promote safe driving practices.

She said the program was introduced three years ago and it is for all faculty, staff and students at no cost. The course reduces the driver's liability insurance 10 percent for three years and it's free.

Brown said she thinks the course will improve the skills of TCU drivers.

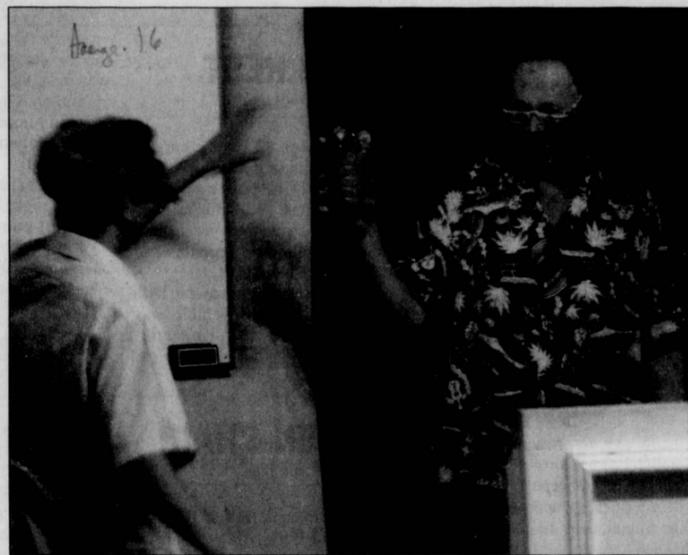
"In the long term it will be because you're encouraging safe drivers, and improving their driving skills," Brown said.

A disadvantage to the course is it will not get a ticket taken off a driver's record, said Randy Cobb, director of the TCU safety department.

The course is also available to people who are not affiliated with TCU. For non-TCU drivers, the program is offered through the office of Extended Education for \$15. Faculty, staff and students can contact Brown directly to get signed up for the course.

Brown said the class is a community outreach program for people who want the discount on their insurance.

There are many different ways to take de-



A student learns what it feels like to be intoxicated while wearing drunk goggles at A Sense of Humor Driving in Fort Worth.

fensive driving other than taking a class, such as taking a course online or renting videos. All the courses cost around \$40.

According to the Defensive Driving Online Web site (www.defensivedriving.com), the online course is flexible and convenient. Drivers can log on from any computer at whatever time and have up to 90 days or a minimum of six hours to finish the course. The driver will earn a certificate of completion from the state approved Internet driving course.

According to the Web site, the advantages to this program are that no special approval from the court is required, the traffic tickets can be dismissed, drivers may save on auto insurance and there are fast, overnight options.

Renting videos is another alternative to taking the class. According to That's the Ticket DDS Web site (www.thatsthe ticketdds.com), renting a video from them is more handy than renting one from Blockbuster Video. The video can be rented from one of their authorized locations. It is a three-day rental and can be watched 24 hours a day. Drivers fill out a questionnaire and call their 1-800 number at various times of the video and take a test.

Carter took two humorous classes and one online course for defensive driving. She took all the classes for her traffic vio-

lation and two speeding tickets.

She said she enjoyed the humorous classes because they made time go by fast.

"My favorite was the online course because it was convenient for me and I could work at my own pace," she said.

Carter said even though she thought of the course as a punishment, she said she thinks defensive driving is necessary.

"It is good because it makes people who get tickets review driving material and it keeps you up to date to improve driving skills," she said.

Carter said she is in favor of learning defensive driving through any means, and would recommend both online and classroom courses.

Meagan Mullin, a sophomore pre-major, said she rented the video Take Home Traffic School from Blockbuster because she received a traffic violation.

She said she thought the course was beneficial to her because it refreshed her memory. "It was a good reminder of traffic signs, signals and violations," she said.

Mullin said defensive driving is necessary because some people never learned how to drive properly and everyone can always improve their driving skills.

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## Defensive driving options

### TCU course:

Cost: Free to faculty, staff and students  
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 13  
Location: Reed Hall.

### Online:

DefensiveDriving.com  
Cost: \$40  
Time: Anytime. It takes 6 hours to complete. 5 hours of course time and a one hour break (the break is in convenient 15 minute intervals which are required by the Texas Education Agency).  
Take up to 90 days or as little as 6 hours.  
Location: (www.defensivedriving.com)

### Classroom:

A Sense of Humor Defensive Driving  
Cost: \$30  
Time: 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday or 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday  
Every third Sunday from 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Place: 5292-A Trail Lake Drive

### Video:

Take Home Traffic School  
Cost: \$34.99 plus tax  
Time: Available any time, rental is for a 5 day period  
Place: Any local Blockbuster

## "Watching Ellie":

### A slice-of-life comedy starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus

BY FRAZIER MOORE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — You don't need "Watching Ellie" as proof. The so-called "Seinfeld" Curse said to plague its co-stars' follow-up projects is a myth.

Anyone who tuned in knows the swift demise of "The Michael Richards Show" and the Jason Alexander sitcom "Bob Patterson" had nothing to do with any curse beyond the self-inflicted curse of mediocrity.

Each comedy jinxed its star with a bleakly formulaic concept and a flimsy knockoff of the groundbreaking "Seinfeld."



Julia Louis-Dreyfus stars in her new show "Watching Ellie" 7:30 p.m. on NBC.

Now, with "Watching Ellie" — the delightful return to series TV by "Seinfeld" alum Julia Louis-Dreyfus — the only hex to beware of is the one viewers place on it by snubbing this show for the opposite affront: Its star has boldly chosen to play a role different (but not TOO different) from Elaine, while daring to make a comeback bid refreshingly different (but not TOO different) from sitcom orthodoxy.

Brava! (It airs Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. on NBC.)

The most strikingly offbeat thing about "Watching Ellie," which tracks the life of L.A. club singer/thirtysomething single Ellie Riggs, is its weekly 22-minutes-in-real-time format.

The novelty of that approach may have been undercut by the Fox suspense drama "24," which is ticking off 24 consecutive hours over its 24 hour-long episodes.

But "Ellie" boasts its own atomized variation, seizing willy-nilly a 22-minute chunk of Ellie's life (getting ready for her night-club gig; singing at her best friend's wedding) and presenting this interlude unabridged.

Yes, it's an odd way to frame a story, at least on TV, where time is usually nipped and tucked to assist a broader narrative.

Yes, that digital readout is initially off-putting, even though the numbers are ghostly faint in the bottom left-hand corner of the screen and soon escape your notice.

And yes, you might wonder why Louis-

Dreyfus and her husband, the show's creator-executive producer Brad Hall, have challenged themselves with this storytelling exercise — the sitcom version of composing haiku or building a ship in a bottle.

I admit, 10 minutes into the "Ellie" premiere, my response could be summed up as "What were they thinking?"

But after 22 minutes, I was charmed. After the second episode, I was hooked.

Hooked on the format. The premise. The bright, nimble writing. The handsome production values. The splendid ensemble. And, of course, on the title character, a shining departure (but not TOO much of a departure) for its star.

The premiere episode finds Ellie at home, dressing for her club performance. Already late, she meets with one delay after another. Her toilet overflows, requiring immediate attention from her not-so-handy handyman neighbor (Peter Stormare).

But then he slips on the flooded bathroom floor and knocks himself out, requiring immediate attention from another neighbor, a nerdy physician (Don Lake).

Dr. Zimmerman: "I wish he was a cat."

Ellie: "Why?"

Dr. Zimmerman: "I'm a vet."

Ellie: "You're a vet?!"

Dr. Zimmerman: "Sure. You knew that."

Ellie: "Oh, I thought you were —"

Dr. Zimmerman: "— on probation? OK, look: I'm on probation. But that's, uh, like a

paperwork snafu."

And there's still 12:15 to go.

Like Elaine on "Seinfeld," Ellie is plucky, scattered, meddlesome, sexy and unlucky in love. Unlike Elaine, she is sweet, sincere and concerned about the other guy. Think: Mary Richards for the '00s. Ellie sure can turn the world on with her smile.

Ellie's world also includes her married-with-child younger sister (Lauren Bowles), her married boyfriend who's also the guitarist in her band (Darren Boyd), and ex-beau Edgar (Steve Carell), a voice-over actor whose loutish smarm is matched only by his flights of twisted logic.

"How ya doin', El?" says Edgar after running into Ellie on the street. "You OK?"

"I'm fine. I'm just a little late."

"Is that why you look so frazzled? And tired?"

"You see? Do you see? This is what you do, Edgar!"

"I didn't say you look BAD," he persists, then wastes her time further with a loony elaboration.

Ellie finally arrives at the club, thank goodness (it's just a block from home), and begins her first number, "So Nice," which is frozen in mid-phrase 74 seconds later as the countdown hits 00:00. Still-frame. Fade to black.

Thus ends the first "Watching Ellie," which, with the viewers' say-so, could emerge into a rich and funny mosaic of Ellie. More than a series, this promises to be a cumulative portrait, 22 minutes at a time.

# Goodwin plagiarism controversy intensifies

PHILADELPHIA (U-WIRE) — For famed historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, a recent allegation of plagiarism has opened a decade-old story. On Friday, only two days after giving a lecture at University of Pennsylvania, Goodwin admitted she borrowed at least 50 phrases from other sources and used them in one of her books without citing them appropriately. Last month the Pulitzer Prize-winning author said she accidentally failed to properly cite some of the information in her 1987 book "The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys" from works by other authors, in-

cluding Lynne McTaggart's "Kathleen Kennedy: Her Life and Times." But now Goodwin has confessed to The New York Times the amount she borrowed was much more extensive than what she previously had suggested. "This alleged expert on integrity appears to have committed plagiarism and cover-up shamelessly," said Penn history professor Alan Kors. "I suspect that she knew that this story was going to appear, and if she had any honor, she would have canceled her talk at the University of Pennsylvania on leadership and integrity. In her case, it

included her publisher buying off someone who she plagiarized." Kors referred to Goodwin's settlement with McTaggart. However, Fox Student Director Marc Siegel said those responsible for bringing Goodwin to campus stand by their decision, even in spite of recent developments. "We don't regret bringing her one bit," Siegel said. "It only makes me happier because it shows me that she's trying to correct the mistakes that were made and she's trying to do everything in her power to straighten things out." Goodwin said she and her research

assistants are working to find any other improperly cited passages in her works. She is paying her publishing company to destroy its current supply of her book and reprint versions with the passages correctly cited. This new turn of events concerning allegations of plagiarism by Goodwin comes on the heels of the recent discovery that historian Steven Ambrose borrowed ideas and phrases in his book "The Wild Blue" from history professor Thomas Childers' World War II work, "The Wings of Morning." History professor Bruce Kuklick, who denounced Ambrose for his ac-

tions, said he probably would not use Goodwin's books in his future classes, though he has in the past. "For me, the credibility has been lost," Kuklick said. "She didn't cite her sources the way she should have. She got credit for work that someone else did. That's what I object to." But Kuklick added incidents like these do not usually affect public opinion for long and may not tarnish the records of either Goodwin or Ambrose. "The shelf life of these scandals is very brief for the public," Kuklick said.

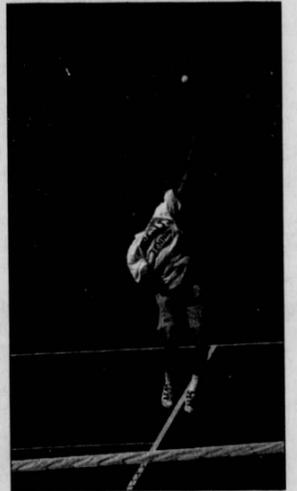
## TENNIS

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a good compromise." On Friday, the Frogs dominated Charlotte, 6-0. The Frogs won five out of six singles matches and two of three doubles matches to win the match. "We came out really strong against Charlotte," Rive said. "We looked sharp, and that set our tempo for the rest of the weekend." On Saturday, the Frogs met a familiar foe in Tulane. The Frogs and the Green Wave met twice last season, with the Frogs coming out on top both times. Saturday was no different as the Frogs won, 4-2. The Frogs were down 2-0 behind Tulane's doubles victory and Mattias Westerberg's victory over freshman Daniel Scholten. The loss was Scholten's first of the season.

"We missed our opportunities for the doubles point," Rive said. "But I was confident we could pull it off." The lead would be short lived as the Frogs pulled off two singles upsets. Gordon defeated No. 29-ranked Victor Romero, 7-6, 5-7, 6-2 and Sestini defeated No. 10-ranked Michael Kogan, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5. "We stopped their one-two punch," Rive said. "We played strong in singles, and got the victory. I'm pleased with our effort." The Frogs play their fourth consecutive home match on March 1 when they take on Furman. The match begins at 1 p.m. at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

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Simon Lopez/SKIFF STAFF  
Freshman Fabrizio Sestini hit an overhead shot in the Conference USA Shootout. Sestini upset No. 10 Michael Kogan of Tulane on Saturday.

## FESTIVAL

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TCU Theatre's "La Llorona," written by recent graduate Kathleen Milne. Lindsay Schoch, another student co-coordinator, said she's excited TCU will be showing the region what it has to offer. "It's good to let other schools come and see our facilities," Schoch said. "It's even more special because 'La Llorona' is such an awesome show and so well written." Forrest Newlin, chairman of the theatre department, said he predicts "La Llorona" will be well accepted because it is student-written, which is one of the true aims of the festival.

"It's good to let other schools come and see our facilities."  
— Lindsay Schoch

Other shows include those of Southwestern Oklahoma State, Southern University of New Orleans, University of Arkansas, Sam Houston State and Texas Woman's University. University of Tulsa will also compete in the short play category with two one-acts. The winner will advance to the national competition level, and perform at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington in April. Because of spacing issues, each show will run in both Hays Theatre and the University Theatre at different times throughout the week. The performances will be 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday. TCU students only pay \$5 if the theater isn't full at show time.

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## YATES

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murder for the deaths of three of her five children. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty in the deaths of 7-year-old Noah, 5-year-old John and 6-month-old Mary. Charges could eventually be filed in the deaths of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2. Yates' attorneys contend the former nurse turned stay-at-home mother is innocent by reason of insanity. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. Ferguson testified Friday that Yates thought she had been marked

## ARREST

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there have been 22 vehicle burglaries in the past three weeks reported to TCU police on and around campus. Williams said investigators are not sure yet if there is any connection between this and other vehicle burglaries. Joe Parker, a sophomore History major, said his vehicle was broken into Feb. 18. Parker reported to TCU police that the ra-

dio in his 1998 Mercury Tracer was missing. "I'm glad there are security cameras and I hope they serve a purpose to maybe detract some intruders," Parker said. Parker said it is good that the police caught someone, but he said the arrest comes too late for him. "I just wish the police would've been increasing the security on campus all along," Parker said.

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## GREEN CHAIR

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York Art Directors Hall of Fame in 2001, and in 1999, he was bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree from the Massachusetts College of Art. Meggs has been teaching at VCU for more than 25 years. "I found teaching to be a magical yet challenging experience," Meggs said. "Teaching a creative endeavor is a difficult balancing act—imparting information, coaching and critiquing without destroying the student's confidence, and trying not to impose your

vision onto the student's work." Meggs said he is looking forward to coming to TCU for his lecture. "I am very excited about this trip," Meggs said. "I have been to Texas five times before, and I love it." The purpose of the Green Honors Chair program is to bring distinguished scholars, scientists, writers and other career persons to the TCU. The position rotates between departments in the Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

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## CONFERENCE

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started Thursday and came together with the Leadership Institute at a community dinner held Friday night in Amon Carter Museum, said K'Bedford. At the dinner, each table had community leaders, such as State Senator Mike Moncrief, U.S. Senatorial seat candidate Victor Morales and former Ft. Worth Mayor Bob Bolen, seated with conference participants, said Vicki Witt, Student Development Services administration assistant. She said this made it easier for more one-on-one conversations about leadership roles. The conference continued Saturday at the PepsiCo Recital Hall for

a comedic lecture by Joel Zeff, a leadership speaker and trainer, said Penny Woodcock, director of the Leadership Center. He invited students on stage to participate in improvisations that encouraged leadership, she said. The participants then went to different sessions about leadership, including "Adding Communication Skills to Your Leadership Palette" and "The Authentic Leader," said Walsh. The conference participants also included a group of students from University of the Americas (UDLA) with a Mexican exchange program and local high school students sponsored by the Hispanic Women's Network, said K'Bedford.

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## Afghanistan failed national drug test once again, Bush said

BY GEORGE GEDDA

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Monday that Afghanistan "failed demonstrably" in 2001 to cooperate in anti-narcotics efforts but that the country nonetheless is entitled to receive U.S. assistance because of vital American interests.

Bush made the announcement in a brief statement in which he evaluated the performance of 23 countries involved in drug trafficking as producers, transit points or both. For years, Afghanistan had been disqualified from U.S. assistance because it did not fully comply with international drug control standards. The period of the administration's review ended at about the time the Taliban militia was forced from office in December and replaced by a pro-Western interim government.

Countries that fail to cooperate in the international anti-drug effort can be the target of U.S. economic sanctions.

But well before Monday's announcement, the administration had been providing the interim government in Kabul with assistance. Bush did not make clear in his brief statement what the legal justification was for providing the assistance since the government took office two months ago.

Of the 23 nations reviewed, all were found to be meeting international anti-narcotics standards except Afghanistan, Myanmar and Haiti.

Bush ruled that Haiti also is entitled to a national-interest waiver, meaning it is eligible for U.S. assistance.

There was no national-interest waiver for Myanmar, also known as Burma.

## SOONERS

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said. "Never say die." Lewis hit his third home run of the season in Saturday's game. He has been flexible in the lineup and playing spectacular defense at second base. "No matter where I'm at, I'm going to try to do my job every day," Lewis said. "I know what my job is." Another positive was the hitting of junior first basemen Walter Olmstead. Olmstead, who had been struggling, hit 3-for-6 on the

weekend, with a home run and five RBIs. "Everybody goes through slumps," Brown said. "We have played 11 games. Guys in the big leagues go 20 games and get 2 hits, and Walter is way above that." The Frogs will now look to use all the recent positives and turn it into a victory against Oklahoma. TCU is scheduled to take on the Sooners (7-2) at 2:05 p.m. Wednesday at the TCU Diamond. The game was initially to be played today, but due to inclement weather, the date was changed.

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## BASKETBALL

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a shoe-in for a NCAA bid, despite what happens in Chicago. There are only three graduating seniors for the Frogs, which makes TCU a relatively young, yet potent team. TCU also has a freshman All-America candidate in center Sandora Irvin. On top of that the anchor of all this success was head coach Jeff Mittie who earlier this season agreed on a contract extension to stay at TCU. Bearing all of this mind it looks as though the Lady Frogs will continue to pile up the win column. Mittie credits all those wins to tough team defense. TCU is currently ranked second C-USA and 14th in the nation in points allowed in a game (57.7 per game), first in blocked shots (6.89 per

game), third in steals (11.04 per game) and second in defensive rebounds (27.85 per game). "We have played great defense all season long," said Mittie. Defense, not offense, has been traditionally known to win championships. "Mittie has used Shaw frequently this season to contain and stop the opposing team's best player. In response, Shaw has shown that not many people can score that 20-point mark on her." The thing about the Frogs is they like to play defense, and they play it well; opposing teams average only 57.7 points per game, while TCU scores 72 points a game. Sophomore guard Ebony Shaw

said she would rather play defense than offense any day of the week. "I don't want someone to score 20 points on me," said Shaw. Mittie has used Shaw frequently this season to contain and stop the opposing team's best player. In response, Shaw has shown that not many people can score that 20-point mark on her. The Lady Frogs' defense has kept them in some games when the offense was struggling. With such a defense in place is there a NCAA championship on the way? Who knows; only the future will tell. With the defense, young talent and a head coach dedicated to winning, the Lady Frogs' success and national recognition is piling up like the win column has this past season.

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- Cheese ravioli casserole
- Baked steak with mushroom
- Roman rice and beans
- Parmesan mashed potatoes
- Popcorn chicken
- Rotisserie chicken
- Buttered carrots
- Sweet cornbread

DINNER

- Stuffed shells
- Pasta saute
- Meatloaf
- Spicy blackeyed peas
- Garlic mashed potatoes
- Barbecue grilled strips
- Onion rings
- Pork loin Georgia
- Steamed potatoes
- Corn cobblots

Tomorrow's menu

LUNCH

- Ziti/pasta
- Roasted vegetables
- Manicotti casseroles
- Apple ginger pork chops
- Broccoli rice and cheese bake
- Roasted red potatoes
- Onion rings
- Curly fries
- Roast turkey with gravy
- Steamed green beans

DINNER

- Pasta du jour
- Stewed tomatoes
- Beef and veggie linguine
- Chicken teriyaki stir fry
- Szechuan veggie stir fry
- Fried rice/steamed rice
- Buttered Lo Mein noodles
- Pork/veggie eggrolls
- Teriyaki grilled beef strips
- Smoked beef ribs
- Lyonnise potatoes
- Mexi-corn

## Today's Funnies

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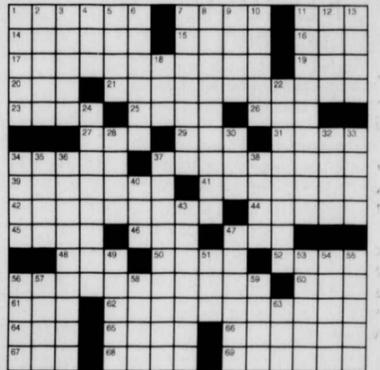
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## Today's Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Fixed looks
  - 7 Dawn's direction
  - 11 Gridiron zebra
  - 14 Get there
  - 15 Chew on
  - 16 Musician's organ
  - 17 Lewis Carroll poem
  - 19 Cool down
  - 20 Bustle
  - 21 Open one's eyes
  - 23 John or Deborah
  - 25 Stout's Wolte
  - 26 Miller or Landers
  - 27 Marie Saint
  - 29 Pension \$
  - 31 Floppy storage device
  - 34 Currently occupied
  - 37 Type of Western or squash
  - 39 Trumpet blast
  - 41 Chin whiskers
  - 42 Hornets' home
  - 44 Abrasive files
  - 45 Nimbus
  - 46 Appropriate
  - 47 Luau garland
  - 48 Destiny
  - 50 Uncommon
  - 52 "Damn Yankees" femme fatale
  - 56 One-humped camels
  - 60 Hold up
  - 61 Beam of light
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  - 67 Oyster farm
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  - 69 Mortise mates

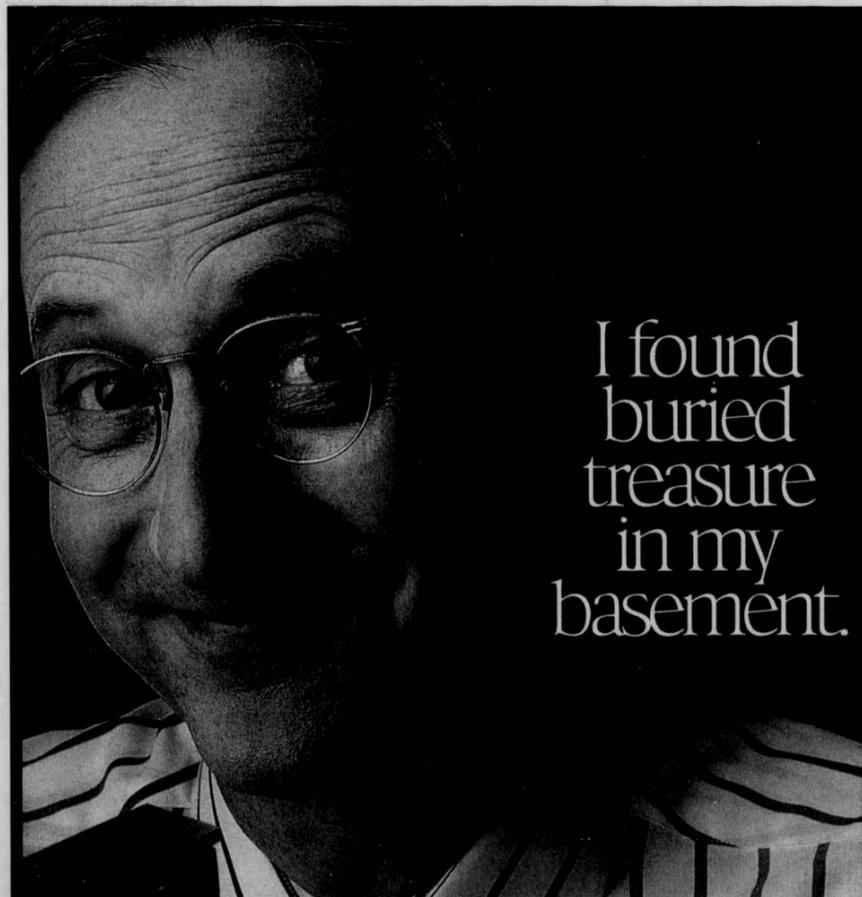


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### Friday's Solutions

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- 7 Self-gratifying spree
- 8 Means of securing
- 9 Japanese drink
- 10 Choreographer
- 11 Fires up again
- 12 Apiece
- 13 Guitar increment
- 18 Itsy-bitsy
- 22 Thoroughly
- 24 Public lavatory
- 28 Cutlet meat
- 30 Before now
- 32 Footprint
- 33 Intimate greeting
- 34 Irritating tingle
- 35 Okinawa city
- 36 Pure
- 37 Drenched
- 38 Tortoise's rival
- 40 Laver of tennis
- 43 Rippers
- 47 Ogle
- 49 Pace
- 51 "Road to ..."
- 53 Maine campus site
- 54 Boston's airport
- 55 Vast chasm
- 56 Dull
- 57 Try to outrun
- 58 Landowner's paper
- 59 Paintful
- 63 Carou or Deighton



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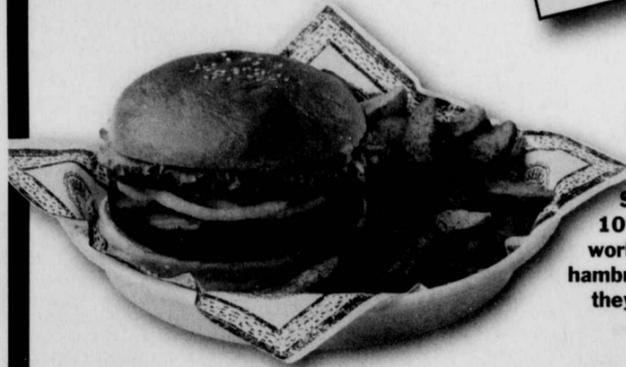


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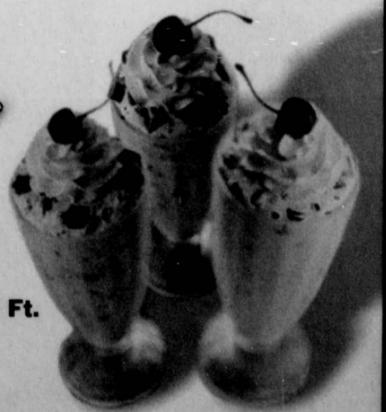
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## The Sideline

### Men's and women's swimmers earn honors

The men's and women's swimming teams garnered 20 all-conference honors for their performance at last week's Conference USA Women's Championships and Men's Invitational.

The eight TCU women honored were named all-Conference USA performers, while 12 Frog men were named to the league's coaches' all-conference team. C-USA does not officially recognize the men's squad, as the league does not field enough teams to hold official conference championships.

As a team, the TCU men won the league's Men's Invitational, while the Lady Frogs finished third in the inaugural C-USA Championships.

"These honors are the culmination of a lot of hard work by our swimmers," TCU head coach Richard Sybesma said. "I'm very proud of our whole team not just because of their performances at the conference meet, but all season."

On the men's side seniors Scott Adkins and Josh Pipes; juniors Byron Coyle, Aaron Ewert, Dana Kizer and Jeff Parkinson; sophomores Stephen Gebren, Mitch Loper and Aaron McLachlan; freshmen Craig Chapman, Joe Covey and John Watkins earned honors for their performances at last week's meet.

For the women, seniors Jamie MacCurdy and Marisa Schenke; junior Melissa Powell; sophomores Erin Irons and Jamie Robinson; freshmen Lisa Champ, Aimee Moreau and Tiffany Strawn earned individual accolades for the Lady Frogs.

### Men's basketball falls to Southern Miss Saturday

TCU posted at their lowest point total in a game Saturday in the 81-68 loss to Southern Mississippi.

The Frogs (14-14 and 4-10 Conference USA) came into the game averaging 86 points per game.

Junior-transfer guard Junior Blount led the Frogs with 20 points. Marlon Dumont and Bingo Merriex scored 14 points apiece for TCU. Dumont had a game-high 14 rebounds.

TCU opened the first half with a 7-0 run, but Southern Miss battled back with a run of its own, taking a 10-9 lead with 16:09 remaining. No team led by more than six points until the second half.

Southern Miss led 43-37 at the half. The Golden Eagles held TCU scoreless for over seven minutes in the second half.

### Football coaching vacancies filled for spring workouts

Head football coach Gary Patterson announced Monday that Kirk Doll will be the new linebackers coach, completing his search for his staff.

Patterson also promoted David Baliff to be the defensive coordinator and Eddie Williamson to assistant head coach. Baliff and Williamson are both in their second season at TCU.

Baliff served as assistant head coach/defensive coordinator at Southwest Texas before coming to TCU.

Williamson served as the offensive coordinator at Wake Forest before arriving at TCU in January of 2000.

### Women's tennis team defeats U of H in first C-USA match

The women's tennis team, ranked No. 22 in the nation, captured its first ever Conference USA win Sunday in a 5-2 win over Houston.

The Frogs were paced by senior Katrin Gaber. Gaber recorded a straight set victory over Houston's Jen Baccarani, 6-2, 6-2, at the No. 2 singles position.

Sophomore Saber Pierce, ranked No. 102 in singles action, won her sixth consecutive straight-set match of the year as she defeated Analia Longoni, 6-2, 6-3, at the No. 2 singles position.

The Frogs won the doubles point for the second consecutive dual-match by capturing wins at all of the three doubles matches. TCU obtained a 8-3 win at the No. 1 spot behind the No. 24-ranked team of Paty Aburto and Rosa Perez defeated Houston's Sarah Browell and Baccarani.

TCU's next match is at home against Central Florida at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

# Lady Frogs capture title, earn bye

## Womens' basketball team ranked No. 25 in latest AP poll

BY KELLY MORRIS  
Staff Reporter

By winning its final two regular season games, the TCU women's basketball team clinched the Conference USA regular season title in its first season in the league.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said TCU did so by playing their best basketball of the season.

"I think we played our best of offensive basketball of the year this past weekend," Mittie said. "We scored in the 70s (points) both times and really had a chance in the last



Simon Lopez/SKIFF STAFF  
Freshman Sandora Irvin goes up for a shot against Marquette on Sunday. The Lady Frogs won 72-57 to win the Conference USA regular season title.

game to maybe go into the 80s (points), but we only scored one point in the last four and half minutes (Sunday). I felt good about the way we shot the ball and the way we moved the basketball."

TCU, who is currently No. 25 in the Associated Press Poll, won against DePaul 76-72 Friday and won against Marquette 72-57 Sunday to win the conference title outright. The Frogs shot 47.5 percent from the field against DePaul. They made 50 percent (17-of-34) of their shots from the field in the first half alone. Against Marquette, TCU shot 42 percent from the field.

The Frogs ended conference play with a 12-2 record and an overall record of 22-5. The team has won four straight games and eight of its last nine games. This season marks TCU's second-straight conference title win. Last season, the Frogs sat atop the Western Athletic Conference with a 13-3 conference record.

But Mittie said he wasn't quite sure how this year's team was going to respond when playing for a conference title.

"You don't know how your players are going to react under the spotlight and under the pressure of clinching a conference championship at home," Mittie said. "There are some distractions at home you have to deal with. Our team has learned to deal with those better as the year has gone along."

TCU finished the season with a school-best 15-2 home record, bettering last year's 13-4 record. It was the final home game for seniors Kati Safaritova, Ashanti Nix and Quinn Tedder.

Despite battling the stomach flu

before Friday's game, junior forward Grace Gantt scored a team-high 16 points against DePaul.

Gantt, who is playing in her first year at TCU, said she knew at the beginning of the season that the team was capable of winning a conference title.

"I looked forward to playing with this team," Gantt said. "I knew we would make it. We were a great team from the get-go. You just have to have confidence and heart."

Sophomore forward Tiffany Evans, who notched 16 points Sunday, led the Frogs in scoring for the fourth time this season. She shot (3-for-3) from the field and was 9-of-10 from the free throw line.

Evans said winning two conference titles in her two years at TCU is indescribable.

"It's a great experience," Evans said. "Everyone's just so happy right now. It's really nice because (the conference) had doubts about us. We were picked third (in the preseason polls). We came out and proved ourselves."

Safaritova and sophomore guard Ebony Shaw reached double figures for the Frogs in both games this weekend. Evans also had 10 points against the Blue Demons Friday.

TCU, who is the No. 1 seed in the C-USA Tournament, will receive a first-round bye. It will open the tournament Saturday in Chicago. The Frogs will either play No. 8-seeded Marquette or No. 9-seeded St. Louis.



Simon Lopez/SKIFF STAFF  
Freshman Ashley Browning cuts down the net after winning a share of the regular season Conference USA title on Friday against DePaul.

Mittie said the team is entering the tournament playing more consistently. "The offense is coming around," Mittie said. "We knew all year that there would be some highs and lows with the new basketball team. I think we started to develop a higher level of consistency, and I think our defense has remained solid."

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## Defense, not offense has been key in TCU's success

The Lady Frogs won their second straight conference championship Sunday with a 72-57 win over Marquette. The win earned the Frogs a No. 1 seed in the Conference USA Tournament in Chicago beginning Friday and an important first-round bye.

Winning conference titles are not a new thing to this team, but for the women's basketball program this is as unfamiliar as it gets.

Last year TCU won the Western Athletic Conference regular season title, which was the first ever conference title in program history for the Frogs. They later went on to win the WAC postseason tournament and received their first ever NCAA Tournament bid.

Before last year the Lady Frogs could not put "a 20-win season" and "TCU" in the same sentence. In a three-year stretch (1993-1996) TCU only won eight games. That is less than half the team's output this year.

This season continues the success left off by a first round NCAA tournament win in 2001. Capturing the regular season C-USA title puts the Frogs as almost

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# Flyin' Frogs grab C-USA crown

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In just its first season in Conference USA, the TCU track and field team is making its presence known.

The Flyin' Frogs captured the C-USA Indoor Title, taking first place by 12.5 points. The team placed high in a majority of the events including six first-place finishes.

Senior middle distance runner Eliud Njubi was named the Male Athlete of the Year. He finished first in the mile run with a time of 4 minutes 7.17 seconds and finished first in the men's 3000-meter run with a 8:19.73. Both are conference records.

Head coach Monte Stratton said Njubi's performance was vital to the Frogs' success.

"Without his 20 points, along with everyone else's points, we would not have won the meet,"

Stratton said. "He is a world class runner, and not every collegiate scholarship runner is."

Stratton, who was named the conference Men's Coach of the Year, said he was pleased with the leadership of the upperclassmen.

"Njubi didn't have to run the 3000," Stratton said. "In fact he was (hurting) and semi-injured. He volunteered to run the race, which I felt was remarkable."

Stratton said another leader was senior hurdler LaTarence Dunbar. In just his second trip with the team, Dunbar won the 60-meter hurdles in 7.99 seconds.

"He added so much more than his 10 points," Stratton said. "He was an instant leader. There is some

charisma about LaTarence Dunbar that is indefinable. He elevated our team just with his presence."

On the women's side, the Lady Frogs finished fifth in the meet, with the University of Houston taking top honors. The team had eight top 6 finishes, including junior

Monica Twum's victory in the women's 60-meter dash. Stratton said the women's team had a good, solid performance at the meet, and are looking to the future for even more success.

"Considering as many people we have had injured, we were much im-

proved in everything we were competing," Stratton said. "I know next year seems like a long time away, but people will not even recognize our women's team by next year. We will be a remarkably improved team."

One setback to the meet was the injury of junior sprinter Demario Wesley. One of Trackwire Online's "Dandy Dozen" in the 60-meter dash, Wesley re-aggravated a hip flexor that has previously bothered him.

Stratton said Wesley will visit a doctor to be examined Monday afternoon before more information can be obtained on the status on the sprinter's condition.

The team will not practice until Wednesday and selected athletes will go to Ames, Iowa for the Iowa State Last Chance Meet on Friday.

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# TCU wins 2 matches in tourney

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The TCU men's tennis team completed their weekend homestand Sunday, but not in the way it started.

After winning twice in the Conference USA Shootout over the weekend, the Frogs (4-3) fell just short in their comeback bid yesterday against South Alabama. The Jaguars (6-5) pulled out the victory, 4-3, in a match that came down to the very end.

"Every match came down to the wire," said head coach Joey Rive. "We fought hard, but we couldn't clinch the doubles point. That was the difference."

The Frogs only won one of the three doubles matches of the day, as Toni Gordon and Fabrizio Sestini defeated Kosta Zinchanka and Vincent Baudat, 8-6. The Jaguars would claim the doubles point behind wins at No. 2 and 3 doubles.

"Toni and Fabrizio played well, but the other two teams fell short today," Rive said.

The Frogs mounted their comeback with three wins in singles. Sestini defeated Baudat, 6-2, 6-3, and Gordon defeated Zinchanka, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2.

To close out the scoring for the Frogs, Alex Menichini defeated Clinton Jacobs, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

However, the day's final match decided the victor. In a match that went back and forth for its duration, freshman Jacob Martin came back from match point in the second set to force a tiebreaker against the Jaguars' Evan Fowler. However, Fowler managed to pull off the victory, 7-6, 7-6.

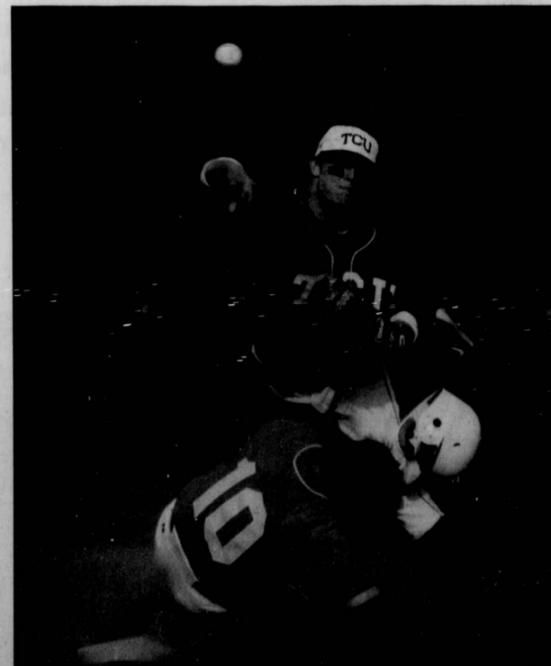
"Jacob almost turned it around," said Rive. "I'm proud of the effort and the heart that he showed today."

Over the weekend, the Frogs hosted the Conference USA Shootout. In the format, hosted by TCU, Louisville, and Marquette, 12 of the 15 teams in conference met in dual matches on Friday and Saturday. There were four schools at each host site.

"I like the format," Rive said. "We don't get to play all of the schools in the conference, so this is

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# Baseball team uncertain about Sooners



Simon Lopez/SKIFF STAFF  
Junior shortstop Mike Settle turns a double play Sunday as the Frogs beat the Bearcats 10-8. TCU's game against Oklahoma has been postponed until Wednesday due to inclement weather.

BY DANNY GILLHAM  
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The TCU baseball team (5-6) is set to play Oklahoma (7-2) Wednesday after winning its first weekend series of the year. But heading into the contest, head coach Lance Brown said he is unsure of what the Sooners have in stock for the Frogs.

Heading into the contest, TCU head coach Lance Brown said that he is unsure what Oklahoma has as competition.

"I don't think they have anybody back from last year," Brown said. "So we virtually won't have any idea except getting the stats and seeing whose done well and who hasn't."

Despite the lack of knowledge of the OU baseball team, the Frogs have momentum heading into the game, with many positive factors taken from this past weekend.

The team, after losing two one-run games earlier in the week, had a weekend sweep over Sam Houston State.

In the first game, the Frogs showed their offensive muscle, winning 12-0. Against the three Bearcat pitchers, the team scored 12 runs on 14 hits, with two of the hits being outstanding home runs.

Even with all the offensive production, the game belonged to sophomore pitcher Clayton Jerome.

Jerome went the full 9 innings, giving up no runs. He gave up one walk, five hits, and struck out seven and did it all on only 101 pitches.

"We talked to him about going into this game and throwing as few pitches as you can," Brown said. "There just haven't been that many people hit him all year, and didn't last year, but a lot of times he just throws so many pitches."

Jerome said that his defense makes it simple for him to pitch well.

"The defense is always solid," Jerome said. "It's easy to go out there and be confident when you have guys out there you know are going to make the play."

In Sunday's contest, the Frogs had a four-run, eight inning rally to beat the Bearcats 10-8. In two games last week against Texas Tech, the Frogs made late game comebacks, only to fall one run short in both.

Brown said that the team never has doubt when coming back in games.

"There isn't a chance that they will give up," Brown said. "They may not come back, but they won't give up."

"It's basically the way we play," junior second basemen Will Lewis

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