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OnCampus

Astronaut to speak about experience in space station

The engineering department welcomes NASA astronaut Col. Susan Helms, a 2002 Green Honors Chair, at 2:30 p.m. today in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 4, said Walt Williamson, engineering department chairman.

The free event is open to the public and attendees will learn about the space program, space station and how the body reacts to space, Williamson said.

In 1980, Helms graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy and began her career in aeronautics. She worked as an exchange officer in Canada in the late 1980s until she was selected for the U.S. astronaut program in 1990, according to the NASA Web site.

Helms became an astronaut in July 1991, flew on her first mission in 1993 and served on the International Space Station in 2001, according to the Web site.

"She is a walking science experiment to help our country understand the long-term effects of living in space," Williamson said.

Helms will speak about her stay in the space station and answer related questions at today's event, according to a press release.

—Kelly Maria Howard

Nine radio-TV-film majors win Peabody Award

Nine radio-TV-film majors can now add the George Foster Peabody Award to their resumes for their contributions to a PBS documentary.

The award is recognized as one of the most prestigious awards in the broadcasting and cable news industry.

The students served on camera crews assigned to cover the 11th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, which was profiled in the documentary "The Cliburn: Playing on the Edge."

Radio-TV-film majors Rebecca Wren, Dimitar Orovcanec, Darren Thiesfeld, Charlie Gregoire, Mike Ryan, Rachel Morris, Kristin Moon, Andy Gray and Joe Williams recorded 600 hours of videotape while accompanying the competitors day and night.

—Skiff Staff

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the Weather

SATURDAY

High: 70; Low: 45; Rain

SUNDAY

High: 74; Low: 55; Strong storms

Looking Back

1614 — Pocahontas, daughter of the chief of the Powhatan Indian confederacy, marries English tobacco planter John Rolfe in Jamestown, Virginia.

1994 — Modern rock icon Kurt Cobain, lead singer of Nirvana, was found dead in his home in Seattle, Washington after he committed suicide.

Powell ordered to Middle East with message

President says enough is enough; warns about more violence

BY RON FOURNIER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a new push for peace, President Bush on Thursday demanded that Israel pull back its troops from Palestinian cities it occupied in recent days and called on Arab nations to do more to crack down on terrorists. He ordered Secretary of State Colin Powell to the region to carry the message.

"The storms of violence cannot go on," Bush said. "Enough is enough."

In a Rose Garden speech with Powell at his side, Bush chastised Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat — "The situation in which he finds himself today is largely of his own making" — and warned Syria and Iran against fomenting more violence.

"To those who would try to use the current crisis as an opportunity to widen the conflict: Stay out," Bush said. He did not mention Iraq, though senior advisers said Bush believes Saddam Hussein is supporting suicide bombers attacking Israel.

His call for an Israeli retreat was a sudden shift in Bush's rhetoric, which has been hard to pin down in the rush of events. Just five days ago, he defended Israel's storming of Arafat's compound, saying, "I can understand why the Israeli government takes the actions they take."

At the same time, his administration backed a U.N. resolution calling on Israel to withdraw its troops. The president has faced mounting criticism with each new suicide bombing against Israelis and every military response

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KRT CAMPUS
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— George W. Bush

Center stage swans



David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER

Ballet students practice for their Spring Dance Concert this weekend. The concert is choreographed by faculty and Choreographer-in-Residence Fernando Bujones. The show will be 8 p.m. today and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

National Golden Key chairman steps down

Chapter president disappointed with allegations

BY DAVID REESE
Staff Reporter

Mary Kathleen Baldwin, president of the TCU chapter of Golden Key Honour Society, said she is disappointed that the top official at the nation's largest college honor society has resigned amid allegations the

group accepts unqualified students.

The chairman of the board of Golden Key, Georgia State University President Carl Patton, stepped down this week after criticism reached the widely-read Chronicle of Higher Education.

"If the allegations are true, it is unfortunate that it will take away from the organization's positive aspects in the international community," Baldwin said.

Golden Key officials denied inducing unqualified students for profit, and Patton's spokeswoman

would not say why he resigned but said a new director will be announced soon.

Golden Key has been consistently snubbed by other honor societies, which complain aggressive marketing has helped it grow from a single chapter at a commuter school 25 years ago into a million-member behemoth.

Academics have also criticized Golden Key for giving 13 corporate sponsors — each of which pays the organization \$55,000 a year — access to student members. Those

members are often tapped for internships and jobs, but they are also subject to mass mailings for credit cards and auto insurance.

Baldwin said Patton's alleged wrongdoing goes against the mission of the Golden Key International Honour Society.

"The mission of the society is to recognize and encourage scholastic achievement and excellence in all undergraduate fields of study," Baldwin said.

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Spring forward

Daylight-saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 7:

Set clocks forward one hour before going to bed. Saturday



KRT CAMPUS

Latin American Arts Festival expands into different areas of the arts

TCU tangos to a Latin American beat next week

BY COLLEEN CASEY
Staff Reporter

The week-long Latin American Arts Festival began in 1998 as a music festival but is now a celebration of Hispanic heritage that entertains and educates, said Germán Gutiérrez, director of orchestral studies.

The festival starts today and will feature concerts, dances, plays, art, films and lectures from the Spanish and Latin American studies departments.

Festival creator Gutiérrez said Latin music is more than mariachi bands and the

festival will have both classical and popular works.

"The people we have brought in are world-class and we also have some who are very popular in Latin countries," he said.

Susan Douglas Roberts, associate professor of modern dance, said the expansion into other areas of the arts enriches the festival.

"It's pretty rare and remarkable to enjoy the exchange with different cultures,"

Roberts said. "It's an opportunity not to be missed."

Five dance companies from different Latin American countries

will each bring their viewpoints to TCU in the showcase concert "Taking Turns in Space" next weekend.

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Vacant seats may cause a reduction in Faculty Senate

Senate barely meets quorum; concern over lack of enthusiasm

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
Staff Reporter

Faculty Senate members barely met quorum Thursday. And at the March 21 meeting, they couldn't meet it at all.

It wasn't until a few minutes into Thursday's meeting when the Senate met its required 22 member quorum after a few professors walked in.

And unless nine more professors run for the 14 open seats in this year's Faculty Senate election, some professors said it is unclear whether it will meet future quorums — assuming the size of the Faculty Senate is not reduced.

"If indeed we do not have the numbers, (reduction) is a strong possibility," chairwoman Carolyn Spence Cagle said.

Cagle said Thursday that only five faculty members have asked to be nominated or run for re-election to the 14 vacant seats. Several professors said the Faculty Senate may be forced to eliminate seats, a possibility no one said they liked.

"We are really concerned about the lack of enthusiasm among faculty," Cagle said to Faculty Senators. "We certainly realize that the faculty are devoting a lot of time and energy to other urgent things. ... But if we do not have adequate representation, it certainly hurts the Senate."

Each Senator represents 11 full-time faculty members and is elected to a three-year term in the 39-seat organization. If seats were eliminated, the size of committees would likely be reduced as well, Cagle said. She said the number of items on each committee's agenda would decrease while the workload for each Senator would increase.

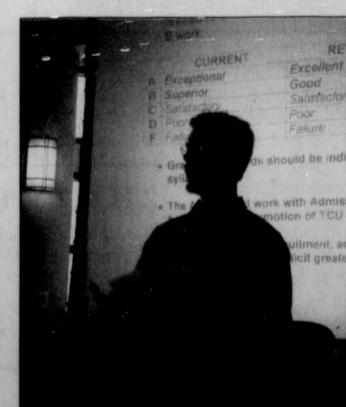
Cagle said she is not sure what the Faculty Senate will do if it cannot fill its vacant seats.

"I am hoping it does not come to that," she said.

Professors attributed a lack of participation to several factors.

Religion professor Andy Fort said TCU does not reward professors for Faculty Senate involvement. He said professors seeking tenure do not have enough time to commit to the Faculty Senate.

(More on FACULTY, page 8)



Derek Kompare, assistant professor of radio-TV-film, talked to Faculty Senate members Thursday. He discussed a report prepared by the Academic Excellence Committee.

THE PULSE

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* Sigma Xi will sponsor a lecture by award-winning author and *Dallas Morning News* Science Editor Tom Siegfried 8 p.m. Monday in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. The lecture, "Science and the News," is free and open to the public.

* Green Honors Chair Marjorie Agosin will present a lecture (in Spanish) 7 p.m. Monday in Moody Building South, Room 320. Titled "Retazos de vida" (Threads of Life), the lecture will be about the women's protest movement during the Pinochet regime. The lecture will be preceded by an award-winning video.

* Miss Juneteenth Pageant informational meeting will be 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Martin Luther King Community Center, 5565 Truman Drive, Fort Worth. The pageant is open to African American women ages 18 to 21. Scholarships and prizes will be awarded to the winners. For more information please contact Thenisha Smith at (817) 480-2974.

* National Alcohol Screening Day is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out if alcohol is limiting his or her success, have them stop by the Student Center lobby and participate in a confidential screening. For more information, contact the Alcohol & Drug Education Center at (817) 257-7100.

* Brown-Lupton Health Center will not offer routine gynecological services during the summer months. April 26 is the last appointment day for the spring semester and the Health Center is booking appointments for the second week of April. Call (817) 257-7940 for an appointment this semester.

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Postal Service unveils stamps featuring state history

AUSTIN (AP) — The Alamo and a longhorn steer grace the front of a new postal stamp representing Texas in the U.S. Postal Service's new stamp series called "Greetings from America."

The Postal Service on Thursday began releasing the commemorative issue stamps, available on a pane of self-adhesive stamps highlighting each state's history and point of interest.

Texas' stamp reads "Greetings from Texas" and depicts a yellow rose in a scene that includes the Alamo with a river running in front of it and a longhorn standing to the side.

The backing of the stamp will list each state's bird, tree, capital city and date of statehood. The Texas stamp lists the mockingbird, the bluebonnet, the pecan tree, Austin and Dec. 19, 1845.

ACU students remember deceased classmates

ABILENE (AP) — About 3,000 Abilene Christian University students gathered Thursday to mourn five classmates killed in a car wreck, while returning to campus from Easter break.

"We are here in memory of these five whose lives have been snuffed out before the completion of two decades," Wendell Broom, assistant professor emeritus of missions said during a memorial service. "How can it all be lost? It is not lost."

The students died Sunday morning when their sports utility vehicle veered off Interstate 20 near Weatherford and crashed upside down about 30 feet below on a concrete embankment.

The victims were Kolawole "Kola" Sami, 18; Olutomi "Tomi" Aruwajoye, 17; Iyadunni "Dunni" Bakare, 18; Abimbola "Bola" Orija, 19; and Toluwalope "Tolu" Olorunsola, 18. All were from Lagos, Nigeria.

About 50 relatives of the victims, who are living in the United States, attended the service in ACU's Moody Coliseum, where the lights were

dimmed and flowers arrangements adorned the stage.

Friends remembered the victims as bright, caring students, some of whom planned to return to Nigeria after graduating.

CDC reports laboratory worker may have anthrax

ATLANTA (AP) — A Texas laboratory worker probably contracted skin anthrax last month because he was not wearing gloves when he handled vials of spores collected from last fall's mail attacks, the government said Thursday.

The worker apparently was infected by handling the spores a day after he had cut his jaw while shaving, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. The man was placed on antibiotics and is recovering.

The Texas infection was the first anthrax case in the United States since the anthrax-by-mail attacks last fall, which killed five people and sickened 13 more.

The CDC has declined to release the name of the worker or the location of the lab. The agency said none of the 40 workers at the Texas lab had been vaccinated against anthrax.

The infection apparently happened March 1 as the worker was moving vials of anthrax spores from a cabinet into a freezer in an adjacent room, the CDC said.

The lab also sprayed its storage vials with a solution of mostly alcohol, rather than the 10 percent bleach solution recommended by the government, the CDC found. Using bleach had caused some labels on the vials to fall off.

The worker was not wearing gloves, the CDC's investigation found. Federal health officials recommend gloves for anyone handling material that might contain anthrax spores.

Appeals court may hear cross-state decathlon dispute

LUBBOCK (AP) — A dispute about which court has jurisdiction in the

cross-state decathlon dispute may reach an Amarillo appeals court next week.

At issue is whether a Lubbock judge had jurisdiction when he ruled Wednesday that the Texas Academic Decathlon Association could not undo its decision to name Lubbock High School as state champions. He also decided that the school's team did not have to participate in a rematch against Pasadena's J. Frank Dobie.

Meanwhile, Dobie was preparing to begin retaking a different version of the test in San Antonio late Thursday morning. Lubbock's team stayed home to prepare for the national competition next week in Phoenix.

U.S. Academic Decathlon executive director Les Martisko said the national organization takes no position on who should represent Texas at the national meet, whether the decision is made by the state organization or the courts.

The Texas Academic Decathlon Association declared Lubbock the winners of the early March competition. Dobie argued that it had been cheated because one of its score sheets was not counted and took its case last week to Harris County Judge Tracy Christopher, who ordered the rematch after finding scoring discrepancies.

The Lubbock district then appealed to state District Judge J. Blair Cherry of Lubbock, who ruled Wednesday in the local district's favor and also declared his court with jurisdiction.

Attorneys for Pasadena immediately faxed an appeal to the 7th Court of Appeals in Amarillo.

"They seek to undo his ruling by undoing his right to hear the case," Pasadena school district spokesman Kirk Lewis said Thursday.

Mexican national shot while trying to cross border

HIDALGO (AP) — A Mexican national was shot by a member of the Mexican military Thursday morning while crossing an international bridge to the United States, prompting officials to temporarily

close the bridge.

George Ramon, director of the McAllen-Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge, said the bridge was closed for at least 30 minutes because of the "heightened alert" placed on all international border crossings since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Officials said there were no fatalities.

Local police, U.S. Customs and Immigration and Naturalization Service agents were investigating.

INS spokesman Art Moreno said the man, a legal U.S. resident, was shot in the left hand. He said he had no further information about his condition.

"All reports are that it was done by the Mexican military," Moreno said.

Neither Moreno nor Ramon could recall the last time the bridge was closed due to violence.

Student reverses plea in Dartmouth murders

HAVERHILL, N.H. (AP) — An 18-year-old reversed himself Thursday and pleaded guilty to murdering two Dartmouth College professors who were knifed to death early last year.

Judge Peter Smith gave Robert Tulloch the mandatory sentence for first-degree murder: Life in prison without parole.

Tulloch had previously pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

His best friend, 17-year-old James Parker, pleaded guilty earlier to a reduced charge, accomplice to second-degree murder, and had been prepared to testify against Tulloch. Under a plea bargain, he was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison Thursday.

Tulloch told friends he decided to plead guilty for reasons including the strength of the state's case and his desire to spare his family the pain of a trial.

Half Zantop, 62, and his 55-year-old wife, Suzanne, were slain in their home a few miles from the Dartmouth campus. Suzanne Zantop was head of Dartmouth's German studies department. Her husband taught earth sciences.

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The Skiff View BACK OFF

U.S. should act as mediators, avoid sides

President George W. Bush announced Thursday that he was sending Secretary of State Colin Powell to the West Bank next week to help end the conflict between the Israeli and Palestinians.

At the same time the U. N. Security Council called for an Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian-controlled areas.

Powell will be counted on to be a mediator between these two factions who have at war with each other for the past 40 years in modern history. Powell will not only be a mediator, but he will also represent the United States and its interest in these Mideast talks.

In a speech by Thursday, the president said Palestine leader Yasser Arafat had "betrayed the hopes of his people and not consistently opposed terrorist activity." Bush's comment clearly illustrates the United States is not playing an objective, unbiased role in these talks.

Bush has openly condemned Arafat, while he has only urged the Israelis to stop fighting and committing these horrific acts of violence.

How can Powell go over to the Middle East and be a negotiator for both sides when at home Bush is blaming the Palestinians?

Before next week the Bush administration needs to make a public statement, or even better, a public declaration that the United States is not on one side or the other, but instead on the side of peace.

Peace may be an ideal term for these two parties — Israelis and Palestinians — but it should be a goal that must be reached. In order for this peace to be attained the violence committed by both sides must be halted immediately.

Though this peace is an ideal goal, a more realistic goal is to minimize the violence and some of the animosity in the Middle East. The United States can be used as an effective tool to minimize some of this violence. But the Bush administration must stay within its parameters as an objective mediator, not an active player.

If the United States cannot do this then it does not need to interfere.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

In the past three years, The Diamondback (at the University of Maryland) has scolded students for illegal behavior after athletic events. We've supported police and promoted alternative celebrations.

But Monday night, the actions of students, city residents, county police officers — and the absence of preparation by the university administration — were equally disgusting. Once again, fans taunted police, destroyed property and ignited bonfires. Not excusable. Once again, county police waited to disperse crowds until the fires raged and the fans gained confidence. Not excusable. Once again, the administration failed to provide worthwhile alternatives to rioting. Not excusable.

We hear frequently from police and university officials, and we echo that frequently on this commentary page, that illegal behavior should not be tolerated. But complaints of police inciting crowd violence are dismissed as immature. Why? Maybe because most media outlets sit by a police scanner and write stories based on official accounts, a few student quotes and disappointed alumni comments. Several Diamondback reporters were on the front lines. One, standing still and taking notes, was hit by five pellets in less than a second. A student photographer

This editorial comes from The Diamondback at the University of Maryland. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

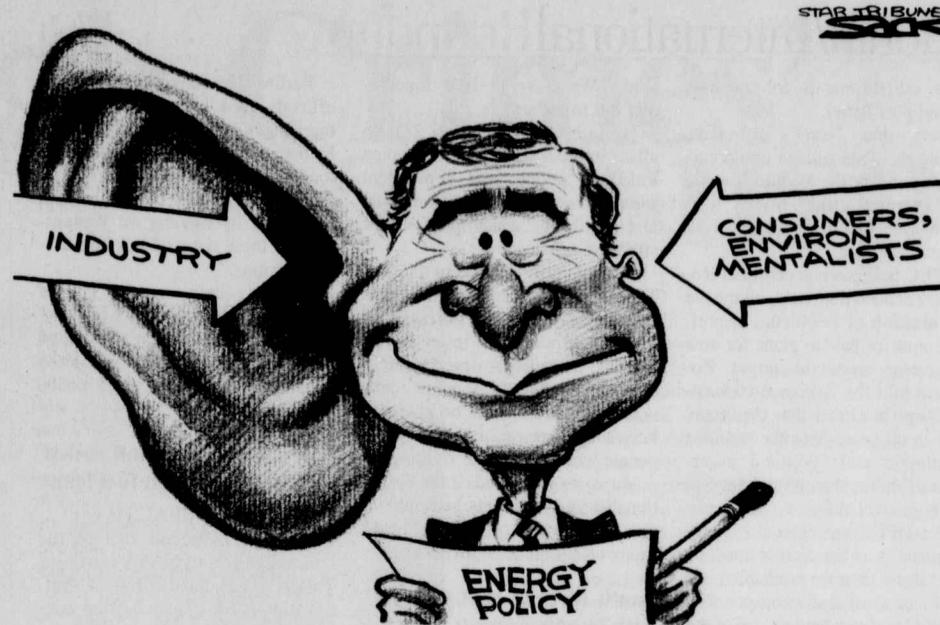
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Instant Messenger may be downfall of communication

Human beings, as a race, are lazy.

This characteristic is what makes remote controls and pizza delivery so popular. While convenience is good in these instances, what is evolving is a deterioration of communication based on failure to expend effort.

What I'm referring to, of course, is America Online's Instant Messenger, better known as the best thing ever invented for those who are deathly afraid of human contact. Instead of picking up a phone or actually going to see someone, one can simply "IM" them to send a message.

Ingenious, really. Friends and family across the world can communicate easily and instantaneously. My next-door neighbor now has no need to make the effort to dial the four numbers of my on-campus phone number or even to get up and walk the 8 feet from her desk to mine in the next room. She can simply keep sitting in her chair while clicking on my screen name and typing the information she needs to convey.

There are quite a few benefits of this system, namely, that it's free, and it's simple. But the problem is that it's too simple to just type and press return. The typed conversa-



COMMENTARY
Jenny Specht

tions are brief, and plagued with abbreviations and little expressive smiley faces, as well as incorrect grammar. Who knew that people who spoke so normally could write so bad and not seem to care?

The inclination is to keep the exchange of information as simply an exchange of information. Thus, friends are reduced to sending quick one-liners to each other instead of having a real conversation. It's too tedious to type out all the parts of a story, and too impersonal to type the intimacies of emotion. So you summarize. Or avoid a topic. Sign off of Instant Messenger and pretend the computer cut you off. Good-bye.

What distinguishes IM as e-mail's evil cousin is that it is now possible to find out what others are up to without actually communicating with them. This used to be called gossip, and it was a horrible vice. Now it's disguised as an "Away Message", and it differentiates itself from the former by the information being spread by the person whom it's about.

Here's how it works: You are at your computer, typing away on the Instant Messenger, when you look at your watch and realize it's time for class. Not wanting to offend anyone you are typing to, you leave an away message that will be sent to anyone who sends you an IM. For instance, "I'm in class." Now, anyone who wants to read your away message can, and so therefore

anyone can know what you are doing. Without having to actually communicate the information to anyone, it has been done. It's starting a rumor, but about yourself.

Moreover, anyone can find out how long you've been pathetically signed onto Instant Messenger, waiting for someone to send a smiley face, or, how long your computer has been idle. If there were information about when you left or arrived at your residence, it would be stalking. But on a computer, it's called technology.

College students are notoriously susceptible to IM addictions, mainly because of the fast, unlimited Internet service found in on-campus housing. But we're the people who should need personal communication the most, as going away to college keeps us from being able to see our friends and relatives from home as often as we had been used to. Yet we choose to type them brief notes, to sit alone staring at a monitor rather than to call and hear their voice, or to leave our own space to go out into the world and meet a friend.

Perhaps the saddest thing about Instant Messenger is the irony that what was created to facilitate communication is instead the downfall of conversation and a promoter of isolation.

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Israeli-American reflects on his identity far from the terrorist war

"I live from day to day, not going anywhere, one day goes and another comes and nothing changes."

— Subliminal, Israeli rap artist Tel Aviv, 1999

— A Frisbee was tossed and caught.

A sandy page was leisurely read and flipped.

After a long day, the sun finally sank into the ocean in a majestic, pale purple hue. I wasn't thinking it at the time, but that was one of the happiest days of my life.

Associated Press, March 31, 2002 — Suicide blast in Israel kills 12.

Pittsburgh, Pa., 2002 — When I was younger and more idealistic and therefore, more stupid, I was obsessed with finding some great cause to fight for, some beautiful truth that I would proudly die for. I used to think Israel was that cause, and if needed, I would join the Israeli army and romantically battle alongside my people to defend our country.

Well, here's your chance, buddy? Why aren't you taking it?

I froze, I got scared. As war rages on in the land where most of my family lives, all I do is sit here and watch, feeling like a coward shying away from what I should do. Now I know that my love for Israel is only skin deep and from afar, because otherwise

I'd be there right now. I hesitated, so now I know.

Jerusalem Post, March 30, 2002 — Tel Aviv cafe bomber wounds 34, 1 critically.

The March of the Living is a program that brings Jews worldwide to see firsthand the concentration camps in Europe from World War II. The tour always ends in Israel to symbolize the great freedom of the Jewish people after the Holocaust. This year, the portion of the trip to Israel was canceled, and there is no loss in symbolism this time around.

Reuters, March 29, 2002 — Israel launches major assault on Arafat's headquarters.

This Palestinian "revolution" has caused more deaths than any other Israeli war, and the only reason it is not a war is because we don't call it one. The glorious result of this proud underdog's actions is death on both sides and a more powerful hatred.

I agree with Gandhi, who said, "An eye for an eye only makes the whole world blind," but it's hard to make peace with someone who keeps trying to blow you up.

And fear that the next time they go to pick up a damn loaf of bread, they'll be killed. As long as Palestinians consider it a form of de-

fense, war will continue. Until both sides want peace most of all, this vicious circle will continue, as everyone is ending up a loser.

"I heard a tremendous blast like I never heard in my whole life," a woman said as she was taken away on a stretcher. "Pieces of human flesh fell near me, things I do not want to describe. I fell into the corner of a shop, and some woman dragged me after her," she said. — Jerusalem Post, March 22, 2002

Haaretz Daily, March 29, 2002

— Two killed, 31 wounded in suicide bombing in Jerusalem.

I am an Israeli-American. I think it's strange that half of my identity is only a fleeting concept — nothing more than an idea agreed upon about 50 years ago. This terrorist war is nearly impossible for Israel to stop. It is waged by disorganized individuals on a thousand fronts. The snake has no definite head.

The Independent (UK), March 28, 2002 — Suicide bomber kills 19 in Passover feast massacre.

Today, bombs will explode, guns will fire and people will die. Today, there are no answers and no light at the end of the tunnel.

"And as the anthem pierces, I have no other home." — Subliminal

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College life contributes to obesity, laziness

We are creatures of our environments, reacting to the stimuli that surround us. Now that so much of our time is spent within man-made environments, we have a unique dilemma. Not only must we make a multitude of decisions about how we will react to our environment; we must actually create the environment we will respond to. As students, we have a great opportunity to play out this basic game.

However, there are some pieces on our game board, the school campus, that we do not have control over. One of these is our access to food. Students have very limited access to nutritious food. Most of the restaurants on campus provide a mass of food at a cheap price, exactly what the budget-conscious student wants. As previously reported in The State Hornet, a student would get 758 more calories than they need, twice as much fat and three times as much sodium and cholesterol if he/she ate three meals on campus. Plus, we know that this stuff packaged as "food" is really just some sort of combination of elements that tickle our taste buds while not actually nourishing the body.

This begins to show us that obesity, which now kills 325,000 people a year, is a social issue, more than just the individual's lack of resistance. That is eight times the number of deaths as a result of AIDS, and more than the combined deaths from alcohol, drugs, firearms and motor vehicles. Students have to bring all their own food to school in order to eat normally. David Schlosser's book, "Fast Food Nation," reports that annual health care costs stemming from obesity are \$240 billion. On top of that, Americans spend more than \$33 billion on various weight-loss schemes and diet products. What if the university taxed every non-nutritious item and gave that money directly to the Student Health Center? Really, it is the Health Center that carries the burden of poor nutrition.

This would send a clear message that student health is seen as important, and that the university holistically values its students. According to a University of Toronto study, overweight and obese people reported slower cognitive abilities. By providing students with food that diminishes their health, leading to obesity, the university is sending a subconscious message that it doesn't care. If the university monitored food consumption, similarly to monitoring the quality of water, or the accessibility of firearms, it would create a change in eating behavior. By placing a value on realistic eating, the university would clarify a value on students' mental growth.

Lack of exercise is another means to an unhealthy lifestyle. If a student drives for 20 minutes a day instead of walking, they gain five pounds in a year. That's 20-30 pounds gained during the average student's time in college. Some days, I want to let the air out of all the non-handicapped vehicle tires just so people remember they can walk.

But we are not simple lazy students; we are encouraged to drive. There is an interesting correlation between how areas are built and the level of weight gain. Tulane University Professor Tom Farley and scientist Deborah Cohen state, "People who live in neighborhoods built before 1947 went out on foot or bike more than three times every two days. People in developments created after 1977 dispensed with their cars just one-third as often."

Cholera was an epidemic that killed tens of thousands, and at the time blame fell on the poor for not taking care of themselves. Once societies made clean water and sanitation a priority, death rates fell by 55 percent. It's time to take care of our current epidemic.

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National/International Roundup

Sharon approves U.S. envoy meeting with Arafat

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon agreed Thursday to permit a U.S. envoy to meet with besieged Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, raising the promise of diplomatic activity after President Bush demanded that Israel halt its weeklong military offensive and pull out of Palestinian territory.

In an attempt to end the escalating violence, Bush said in a speech Thursday that he would send Secretary of State Colin Powell to the region next week.

Fighting continued in the West Bank, as Israeli troops took over Nablus, fought intense battles with gunmen barricaded in refugee camps and tightened a cordon around armed Palestinians holed up in Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity.

Earlier this week, Sharon had turned down a request by Powell to grant permission to U.S. mediator Anthony Zinni to hold talks with Arafat. For a week, the Palestinian leader has been confined to a few rooms in his headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah, and Sharon has said he is determined to keep Arafat isolated.

Sharon changed his mind after meeting with Zinni on Thursday, his office said in a statement issued after Bush's speech.

A senior Bush administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Zinni would try to meet with Arafat on Friday.

Stabilization of oil prices overcomes Iraq concerns

LONDON (AP) — Oil prices stabilized Thursday in a fresh sign that world markets were overcoming concerns that Iraq might halt its

crude oil shipments to countries that support Israel.

Fears that Israel's offensive against the Palestinians could further destabilize the Middle East are still keeping crude prices well above levels justified by demand for oil, analysts said.

OPEC Secretary-general Ali Rodriguez echoed that view, saying the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has no plans for now to increase crude oil output. Rodriguez told the British Broadcasting Corp. in Dubai that the recent spike in oil prices was the result of speculation and "political uncertainties" rather than any change in supply or demand.

"We (OPEC) can't increase supply if demand is as low as it is now," he said. "If we increase production, we could face a collapse in oil prices."

OPEC pumps about a third of the world's crude oil.

India's prime minister condemns sectarian clashes

AHMADABAD, India (AP) — India's prime minister on Thursday issued his strongest condemnation yet of violence between Hindus and Muslims in western India, calling for "an end to the heartbreak — now."

Addressing some 10,000 Muslims at a refugee camp in Ahmadabad, commercial capital of the western state of Gujarat, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said that he hoped his words would put an end to nation's worst sectarian clashes in a decade.

At least 818 people, mostly Muslims, have been killed since a Muslim mob set fire to a train carrying Hindu pilgrims in February, sparking retaliatory rampages across the state by Hindus who burned Muslims alive and destroyed their homes.

"There should be an end to heartbreak — now," Vajpayee

said. "We have to live together and die together."

He said that both the Feb. 27 train attack in the town of Godhra, which killed 60 people, and subsequent reprisals were "equally shameful" and should be condemned in the strongest terms.

New violence erupted in the state Thursday. One person was killed and three injured when police in the town of Modasa, 75 miles northwest of Ahmedabad, opened fire to disperse Hindu and Muslim mobs who attacked each other with knives and threw acid. Another five people were hurt in the fighting.

Vajpayee, who heads a Hindu-nationalist party, said his government was committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all Indians.

South Korean envoy meets with North Korean leader

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A South Korean presidential envoy met North Korean leader Kim Jong Il on Thursday to urge the communist country to ease tensions on the divided Korean peninsula by resuming dialogue with the United States and South Korea.

Kim Jong Il held a dinner for the envoy, Lim Dong-won, in the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, said Kim Hong-je, a South Korean spokesman.

Lim delivered a letter from South Korean President Kim Dae-jung and "relayed President Kim's proposal for peace and cooperation between the two Koreas," the spokesman told reporters in Seoul.

Before leaving for North Korea, Lim said he was carrying a U.S. proposal for Kim Jong Il to resume dialogue with Washington over the North's weapons of mass destruction.

It was not clear whether and how Kim Jong Il responded to the offers.

Earlier Thursday, South Korean officials said Lim's talks in Pyongyang ran into difficulty as North Korea accused Seoul and Washington of plotting to provoke a war on the divided Korean peninsula. Lim arrived in Pyongyang on Wednesday for three days of talks on easing tensions.

Contacts between the United States and North Korea, which expanded during the last months of the Clinton administration, halted when President Bush took office last year.

Atlantis shuttle liftoff called off after hydrogen fuel leak

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A leak of hydrogen fuel at the launch pad forced NASA to call off Thursday's planned liftoff of shuttle Atlantis on a space station construction mission.

Officials said the leak occurred in a vent line outside the shuttle, at the base of the launch platform. The super-cold, highly flammable fuel could be seen in a NASA videotape, streaming out in large, white clouds of gas and dissipating into the air.

The fuel vapors escaped from a pipe that appeared to have broken or come loose at a fitting.

No one was right at the pad because the fueling operation is hazardous, but an engineer spotted the leak on a video image, launch director Mike Leinbach said. NASA immediately halted the fueling, about an hour after it had begun. Atlantis' huge external fuel tank was less than 20 percent filled at the time.

Because the leak will take time to repair, the earliest that a new launch attempt could be made would likely be Sunday, Leinbach said. He said he didn't think the leak had created much of a danger.

American born man found in Afghanistan

BY MATT KELLEY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pentagon and Justice Department officials are discussing what to do with a prisoner captured in Afghanistan who they believe was born in America and is a U.S. citizen.

Children born in the United States automatically are American citizens. Hamdi would be a U.S. citizen unless he had renounced or otherwise changed his citizenship.

The detention center at the base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is not meant to hold U.S. citizens, military officials have said.

The Defense Department does not believe the man's claim would affect the military's right to hold him as a battlefield prisoner, but military officials are discussing the issue with the Justice Department,

Whitman said. Pentagon officials said those discussions have been going on for days.

Hamdi is among 300 suspected members of the Taliban or the al-Qaida terror network being held at Guantanamo Bay. Most were captured in Afghanistan.

Lindh is being held in Alexandria, Va., while he awaits trial. He is charged in federal court with conspiring to murder U.S. nationals, providing support and services to foreign terrorist organizations, including al-Qaida, and using firearms and destructive devices during crimes of violence.

Three of the 10 charges carry maximum life sentences; the other seven have prison terms of up to 90 years.

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Tired of unnecessary film nudity

Have you ever noticed the amount of nudity in films has increased at a rapid speed of light?

Don't get me wrong, I am a man, and I do not mind a little nakedness in film here or there. But it seems like Hollywood will not produce any movie unless it has at least a flash of skin somewhere within the film.

Let's take for example this year's Academy Award winning performances:

Denzel Washington won the Best Actor Oscar two weeks ago for "Training Day."

The film, which depicts the life of a rookie cop on the narcotics beat with a corrupt partner, has its reasoning for the foul language and violence, but what about the scene when the character played by Ethan Hawke breaks into Washington's house?

Hawke enters the apartment and Washington has just finished having sex with his girlfriend. Washington is fully dressed while the female actress was buck naked in all her glory.

The scene, which lasts about two minutes, is inappropriate and unnecessary. I do not even think the actress has a full line in the film.

Another instance of overexposure is the Best Actress winner Halle Berry who, within the last year, has bared all her assets in two films "Swordfish" and "Monster's Ball."

It had been reported that Berry earned an extra \$500,000 to show her breasts in "Swordfish."

In this film, Berry is sunbathing, and there is no rhyme or reason for her to expose herself.

The film, according to (imdb.com), earned \$69.772 million at the box office by the end of the summer of 2001.

Berry also exposes herself in her Academy Award winning performance as the widow of an executed prisoner, Leticia Musgrave, in "Monster's Ball."

The performance, which is different from any other role she has portrayed, had a 5 to 10 minute nude sex scene between her and Billy Bob Thornton.

The saddest aspect of these three films is that they were considered decent films with good performances.

How can the world expect B-movies and cheap comedies not to have unnecessary use of nudity when these critically acclaimed films have it?

Another actress famous for appearing nude in films is Ashley Judd. Judd has a new film this week, "High Crimes" with Morgan Freeman.

Judd has established herself as a perfectly decent actress. She just seems to use her body too much in films.

Judd is smart in using her attractiveness to get roles. She is earning \$4 million per movie, but how many times can she show her breasts in movies?

Since I have not seen "High Crimes," I do not know if she bares her body once more, but taking a cue from her previous work in "Double Jeopardy" and "Eye of the Beholder," I would not be surprised if we see another glimpse of skin.

I hope people do not assume that I am a prude or even against expression of art.

I believe people, including movie studios, can do whatever they please.

But this fan of movies is just a little tired of unneeded placement of nudity to make another buck.



David Reese

"High Crimes" low suspense



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Claire (Ashley Judd) has an emotional conversation with her newly imprisoned husband Tom (Jim Caviezel) in "High Crimes".

BY DAVID GERMAIN

Associated Press

The title "High Crimes" promises major wrongdoing: treason, atrocity, offenses that endanger the well-being of a nation.

The movie "High Crimes" has the dramatic punch of a parking ticket.

Like umpteen other forgettable thrillers, this military-trial drama barely scrapes up enough suspense to occupy audiences' minds from opening credits to closing. There's enough downtime in the action to wonder why you shelled out for this bland little movie as opposed to, say, mailing the cash directly to the studio and saving yourself a couple of hours.

Starring Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman, "High Crimes" is reminiscent of Judd's "Double Jeopardy" from 1999 or Freeman's "Along Came a Spider" from last year. Reminiscent in that it's so thoroughly unmemorable.

Carl Franklin ("Devil in a Blue Dress") directs "High Crimes," adapted from Joseph Finder's novel about a crack defense attorney who learns her husband is an ex-operative when he is arrested by the military for a civilian massacre in El Salvador.

Convinced it's a frameup, Claire Kubik (Judd) jumps in to defend hubby Tom (Jim Caviezel), with help from a maverick expert on military law, shaggy-dog attorney Charlie Grimes (Freeman), and a babyfaced novice, Lt. Embry (Adam Scott).

Judd and Freeman, reuniting for the first time

since "Kiss the Girls," project an agreeable camaraderie that makes the excess of thriller clichés more tolerable.

Every few minutes, Claire and Charlie face roadblocks thrown up by the sinister military bureaucracy or threats from vengeful Central Americans. They're bugged, shadowed, assaulted, victimized at home and legally hobbled in the judge's chambers, all with hackneyed conspiracy-theory precision.

The actions against them are so halfhearted, though, they add no real thrills.

"High Crimes" lumbers toward a painfully predictable surprise ending, which conjures up the question, "Could every character in this film have been any dumber?"

The film is at its most vibrant during Freeman's early scenes, when his character fires off some amusing barbs, referring to Embry as "Embryo" and offering a sarcastic summation of jurisprudence in uniform: "Military justice is to justice what military music is to music. Wake up and smell the napalm."

As Claire's dotty sister, Amanda Peet stands out as solid comic relief. Peet, after a couple of failures as a female lead, seems more effective in smaller doses and may want to stick with the second-banana roles.

"High Crimes," released by 20th Century Fox, is rated PG-13 for violence, sexual content and language. Running time: 115 minutes.

"Van Wilder" falls short of classic Lampoon's

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE

Associated Press

The most remarkable thing about "National Lampoon's Van Wilder" is that it's not nearly as atrocious as the ads would suggest.

It doesn't come close to the hilarity of the best movies to carry the National Lampoon banner — 1978's "Animal House," which it aims to emulate, and the original "Vacation" from 1983.

It has all the obligatory gross-out jokes you'd expect. But for every stupid gag involving half-naked women or uncontrollable bodily functions, there's a clever, laugh-out-loud line that sneaks up on you.

And Ryan Reynolds, as eternal college student Van Wilder, is the main reason for the movie's sporadic success.

His shtick isn't exactly original; with his cool, cocky delivery, he's borrowing heavily from Val Kilmer in "Real Genius," Chevy Chase in "Fletch" and Tim Matheson in "Animal House." (As if that last connection weren't clear enough, Matheson shows up briefly as Van's stern father.)

But Reynolds, who starred in the defunct ABC sitcom "Two Guys and a

Girl," is charming enough to make the weaker material in Brent Goldberg and David T. Wagner's script bearable — and the stronger material effortlessly funny.

Van has been a student at the fictional Coolidge College for nearly seven years, and he has no plans to graduate. He tools around campus in a customized golf cart and lives in an enormous, stylish dorm room. Underclassmen line up around the building to compete for the chance to work as his assistant. (The interviews he puts them through provide one of the movie's funnier sequences.)

He's such an icon that the star reporter at the school paper, Gwen Pearson (Tara Reid), is assigned a feature story on him. She'd rather write articles on important topics like euthanasia, even though students don't read them. "I don't care," she tells her editor defiantly. "I won't pander to them." (It's hard not to laugh at the typically vapid Reid's flat delivery of that line.)

But when Gwen reluctantly goes after the story, she learns that Van's wealthy father has refused to pay his tuition this semester, forcing him to work as a party planner to keep himself in school.

(The parties, which Van plans for everyone from the dorky fraternity to the

international club, resemble bashes from nearly every '80s movie, from "Revenge of the Nerds" to "Sixteen Candles.")

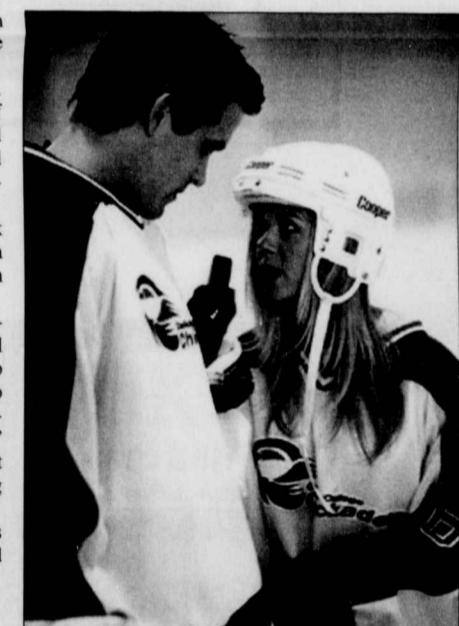
Naturally, because Van is so irresistible, Gwen falls for him, much to the dismay of her uptight, pre-med boyfriend, Richard (Daniel Cosgrove). This prompts Richard and his Delta Iota Kappa fraternity brothers to plot their revenge.

But Van, his best friend (Teck Holmes) and his assistant (Kal Penn), a virgin foreign exchange student from India, are always a step ahead.

We know from the start that Van ultimately will face his fears of the real world, and that he and Gwen will end up together, despite plot contrivances to keep them apart. Walt Becker, who directed last year's "Buying the Cow," which sat on the shelf, is at his weakest when he slows down and tries to wring poignancy from these scenes.

But even when the movie reaches its dopey, formulaic ending, it's generated enough goodwill that it's tolerable.

"National Lampoon's Van Wilder," an Artisan Entertainment release, is rated R for strong sexual content, gross humor, language and some drug content. Running time: 95 minutes.



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Van Wilder (Ryan Reynolds) and Gwen, the journalism student (Tara Reid), in "Van Wilder"

Morrow's music "Outside the lines" of Nashville sound



BY JEFF DENNIS

Skiff Staff

On his latest independently released album, "Outside the Lines," Houston native Cory Morrow proves to his listeners that he has the staying power of a great songwriter and musician. Morrow ventures in many directions, and further refines the sound he molded in his past two solo studio albums.

Released Feb. 19, "Outside the Lines" debuted at No. 28 on the Billboard country charts, as reported by (www.corymorrow.com). This is an extremely respectable accomplishment for an album unsupported by a major record label, and goes to show that Morrow has a loyal and supportive fan base across the southern United States.

The production of the album is very polished, a characteristic normally associated with the Nashville country sound, but in Morrow's case, it is merely a result of refining his own sound to near perfection. The album's sound is natural and relaxed, as though Morrow has settled into a style of music that he is comfortable with, and the songs do not project the appearance of him straining to be someone he is not.

Morrow is at his most soulful and spiritual on the tracks "(Love Me) Like You Used To Do" and "In Spite of Spite." Arguably the best two songs on the album, Morrow sings the songs as though each word has a special meaning to him. "In Spite of Spite" is vividly reflective of painful past experiences, and one can't help but believe the singer has lived at least some of these situations more than once.

The fourth track on the album is a cover of "Friend of the Devil," by the Grateful Dead. This

song stands as an example that Morrow's music reaches far beyond the Texas bars and nightclubs that he sells out across the state. The ease with which Morrow performs this song makes people realize he is well versed in music genres stretching far beyond country.

Generally best known for his popularity among college audiences, it seems no Morrow album would be complete without a drinking song. However, Morrow ventures beyond the raucous sing-along drinking songs of his past albums, and finds a much more contemplative perspective. In "Drinking Alone," Morrow tells the sorrowful tale of a man whose life has been consumed by whiskey; a story so well told it would lead the listener to believe it is a first-hand experience.

Often in the shadow of nationally successful fellow songwriter Pat Green, Morrow makes a statement in "Outside the Lines" that says he'll continue to make music on his own terms, whether the record company is with him or not.

His continued perseverance has established him as a musician who won't soon fall by the wayside, especially as long as he's got such a large support base in a state the size of Texas.

American musical icon and fellow Texan Willie Nelson didn't truly solidify his sound until he returned to Texas and did things his own way. Morrow skipped one step and decided he'd stay in Texas and do things his own way from the very beginning.

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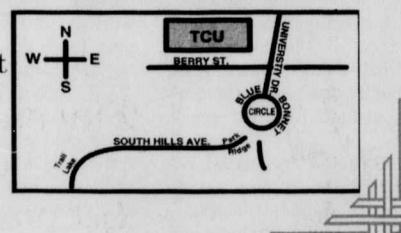
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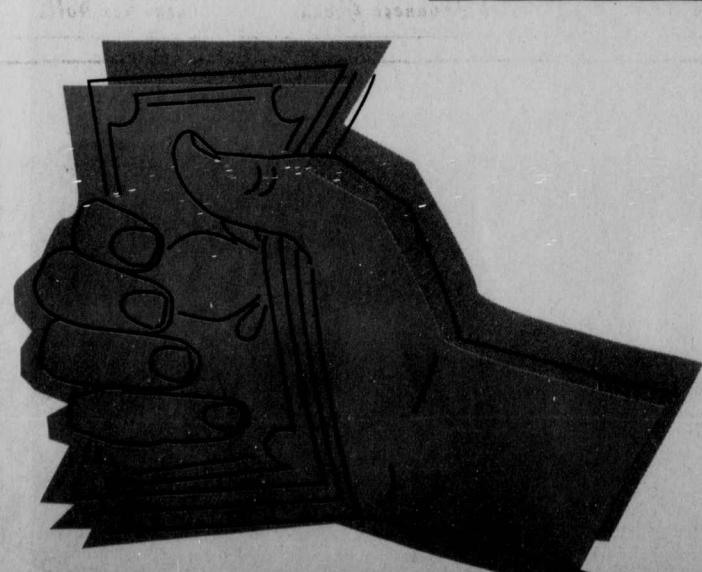
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Lightman draws connection between artists and scientists

Honors convocation recognizes academics, history instructor

BY KAMI LEWIS

Staff Reporter

When Marian Red, a senior political science major, got engaged, her fiancé described his work as a theoretical physicist in complex equations she didn't understand. All that changed after they read "Einstein's Dreams" by Alan Lightman.

"When he talked about the projects he was working on, he became much more lyrical and began explaining the concepts to me, not just the technical stuff," she said.

Red was able to thank Lightman, an adjunct professor of humanities, physics and creative writing at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in person Thursday after he spoke at Honors Convocation.

Approximately 400 faculty and students attended the speech and presentation of the 2002 Honors Faculty Recognition Award. His-

tory instructor Sara Sohmer is recipient of this year's award.

Lightman, whose other novels include "Good Benito" and "The Diagnosis," drew comparisons between scientists and artists and urged students and faculty to find a passion in life and pursue it.

Scientists and artists both use "free invention," Lightman said. Scientists using limited imagination to create postulates, and novelists to create believable reactions for characters that correspond with the reader's experiences, he said.

Lightman said that while scientists must limit their imaginings to those that agree with the laws of physics, novelists must limit their work to what agrees with human nature.

Writers and scientists also have an intense passion for their work, Lightman said.

"This compulsion is both a blessing and a burden," he said. "A blessing because the creative life is a gift filled

with beauty and not given to everyone, a burden because the call is unrelenting and can drown out the rest of life."

Lightman said life without pas-

sion is like being asleep.

"I urge you to find your passion . . . whatever it is you love to do, whether in the classroom or outside the classroom," he said. "Then you will be awake — then you will be alive."

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Daniela Munguia/SKIFF STAFF
Alan Lightman, green honors chair professor, spoke at Honors Convocation Thursday. He discussed the importance of converging arts and science.

FACULTY

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"It is important, we should have more (involvement)," Fort said. "But it is one thing to plead in abstract, it is another thing to set up (incentives) so that it is in people's interest to participate."

Charles Becker, an associate professor of economics, said the Senate has suffered from a lack of faculty involvement for many years. He

suggested creating seats for retired professors, who are currently underrepresented, as a possible solution. This also would be a way to gain a "historical perspective," he said.

Cagle said creating seats for retired professors would require a change to the Senate's constitution and approval from the Board of Trustees, but she did not rule it out.

Becker said it would take at least a year to amend the Senate's constitution.

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Feds looking into fraud operation with possible terrorist ties

Associated Press

CONROE, Texas — A routine traffic stop in the small town of Montgomery has led to the discovery of a baby formula fraud operation that may be helping fund terrorist activity, police officials investigating the case said Thursday.

Montgomery police Lt. Michael White said the FBI, U.S. Customs Service and U.S. Department of Agriculture are involved in the investigation, which may span several states.

The investigation began early Saturday after police stopped four people in a rented van, clocked at 91 mph in downtown Montgomery. Two of the occupants had outstanding warrants for marijuana possession and speeding, police said.

Officers found the van fully stocked with hundreds of cans of Enfamil. The infant formula usually sells for around \$10 per can, but officers found receipts in the van showing each can was purchased for less than a dollar.

A further investigation, aided by U.S. Customs agents, led authorities to believe the suspects altered bar codes on the cans to buy them cheaply at stores such as Wal-Mart and Brookshire Brothers, then resold them elsewhere to turn a profit that may have been used to fund terrorist operations abroad, police said.

Police told the Conroe Courier for its Thursday editions that terrorists obtain U.S. currency from certain store owners and operators who derive millions in profits from the resale of stolen or fraudulently purchased items, like formula. They would not comment directly on the link in this case.

"There is a very, very strong connection with what's going on here in relation to money going over to Middle Eastern countries to fund terrorist groups over there," White said. "We're just a little, bitty town

here. You'd never think something like that would happen."

U.S. Customs Service spokeswoman Judy Turner in Houston said she could not confirm whether the agency was investigating the operation.

"The only thing that I will confirm is that the Montgomery Police Department shared information about what they found in that traffic stop with the U.S. Customs Service and possibly other federal agencies," Turner said.

Turner said the agency did handle a major investigation in Dallas regarding baby formula in the late 1990s. In that case, at least \$4 million worth of formula was stolen from stores, repackaged in counterfeit cartons and sold across state lines, she said.

"We did link the money going to countries such as Egypt and Jordan," Turner said. "That's as far as we got."

Two of the van's occupants, 17-year-old Rutilio Barrera of McAllen and 28-year-old Monica Mozeyen of Houston, were arrested.

Barrera was taken in on felony drug charges out of Corpus Christi and Mozeyen was sought for failing to appear at a hearing over a Department of Public Safety speeding ticket out of Harris County, police said.

Barrera was taken back to Corpus Christi while Mozeyen was released after posting bond, police said.

Police Chief J.R. "Jackie" McDonald said the department would pursue whatever charges it could against Barrera and Mozeyen.

The other two occupants of the van, one juvenile female and another adult woman, were released for lack of any specific charges to hold them, McDonald said.

White said Montgomery police have fielded inquiries into the case from law enforcement authorities in Los Angeles, Phoenix and across Texas.

LATIN

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Gutiérrez said the people invited to perform at the festival will give a new meaning to the arts. Vicente Sanchíz, an acquaintance and guest conductor who will perform with the TCU Wind Symphony, is an example of that, he said.

"(Sanchíz) is from Spain so he knows the essence of the Spanish music and he will benefit the music," Gutiérrez said.

Senior radio-TV-film major Paola Espinoza said she will get the opportunity to translate a lecture by Manuel Esperón who is a famous movie composer from Mexico.

"I've very interested in movies and (Esperón) has worked with so many big names and is very popu-

lar in Mexico," Espinoza said. "I can't believe that I will get to talk with him."

Espinoza, who has helped organize the festival, said she expects a lot of people from the Hispanic community to attend the events.

"We get many phone calls a day. I think that this is bigger than what people imagine," Espinoza said.

Gutiérrez said he thinks the festival will be the biggest Latin American event in the Metroplex.

"I'm getting a lot of feedback from the Hispanic community, and I expect that the Americans who come will be asking for more," he said. "I've already had to schedule some extra performances because the response has been so overwhelming."

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admission: free



AFL-CIO head: Be smart to avoid fate of Enron employees

BY CARRIE ANTIFINGER

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — People should push for changes in the laws on retirement benefits so they don't end up like hundreds of Enron employees who lost out when the energy trading giant went bankrupt, the national president of the AFL-CIO said Wednesday evening.

"The corruption and abuse that happened at Enron that robbed employees . . . should never happen again," John Sweeney told about 300 people at a town meeting.

Enron, valued at more than \$40 billion in early 2001, filed for bankruptcy Dec. 2 after acknowledging it had overstated its profits by nearly \$600 million. Employees saw the value of their 401(k) plans drop because they were in Enron stock.

The company is under criminal investigation by the U.S. Justice Department for possibly defrauding

investors and other questionable financial dealings.

Sweeney and two Enron employees are touring the country to tell workers how to protect their retirement investments.

They were joined at a hall on Milwaukee's south side by local workers who lost retirement investments in similar situations.

"I came here all the way from Houston, to stand, to travel around the country for the last three months, to tell you all that you have to be careful when investing in your 401(k)s," said Debra Johnson, 44, a former nonunion administrative assistant at Enron.

She said she lost nearly \$50,000 when she was laid off in November after nearly seven years with the company.

"I wasn't there for long but I lost a lot of money, that's how good of a company Enron was," she said.

Dary Ebright, 54, a special

tester for Enron subsidiary Portland General Electric in Portland, Ore., said he lost more than \$400,000 he had in Enron stock when he sold the once \$500,000 worth of stock for \$2,300.

"Don't trust any company that is so good that you will not lose money with it," he said.

Mark Maierle,

43, a manager of the Operating Engineers Local 317, said he attended the meeting to gather information to protect his workers from what happened to Enron employees.

"This isn't a problem that is isolated to the workers of Enron, it can happen to anyone," he said.

Chris Stapelfeldt, 37, a member of the Communications Workers of America Local 4603, which

represents telephone workers in the Milwaukee area, said he attended the meeting to put a face on the Enron story.

After the meeting, Stapelfeldt said he learned he shouldn't put all his retirement savings in one place.

Sweeney said workers should push legislators to pass laws for

diversification of 401(k) plans.

He said a bill sponsored by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., seems to be comprehensive.

The bill would limit the 401(k) plan stock by requiring a choice: An employer that offers a 401(k) plan could make matching contributions in company stock or offer the stock as an investment option, but not both.

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Appeals court upholds ruling in favor of CBS in lotto case

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A woman who tried to cash in on her ex-husband's Lotto winnings after they separated but before the divorce was final has lost again in her defamation of character lawsuit against CBS.

In her lawsuit, Mitzi Green alleged that CBS falsely made her out to be a "gold digger" in a weekly news magazine show

aired were false and defamatory.

"We agree with the district court's conclusion that the facts reported in the broadcast, taken as a whole, were substantially true," the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in a ruling Wednesday affirming the lower court decision.

CBS aired a story entitled "Lotto Town" in January 1998 on its weekly news magazine "48 Hours." In the course of its one-hour broadcast, CBS showed how the life of one winner, Lance Green, had changed during the year following his Lotto win.

The story included, among other events, Green's divorce from Mitzi Green, his relationship with his

stepdaughter and his ex-wife's charge that he had sexually abused the girl.

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In her lawsuit, Mitzi Green said

the show invaded her daughter's privacy by identifying her in connection with embarrassing allegations of sexual abuse. The appeals court said the details of the sexual assault charge were common knowledge in Roby and that both Lance Green and Mitzi Green had disclosed the information to other people.

The court said the sexual abuse allegation also was discussed in open court during the divorce proceedings. Texas law is clear that once information is part of a public record, there can be no liability for publicizing it.

Attorneys representing Mitzi Green and CBS could not be reached for comment. Cheryl Rasmus, representing Mitzi Green, and Thomas Leatherbury, representing CBS, did not return messages left on their answering machines.

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Racial profiling causes national debate about recent studies

BY AMY WESTFELD

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — In New Jersey, researchers used radar guns and cameras to examine whether blacks speed more than whites. In North Carolina, they got into moving vehicles and looked out the windows at speeders. In Florida, students stood on corners and counted cars.

The national furor over racial profiling by police has also generated fierce debate among academics over what is the most reliable way of detecting the practice.

For police departments suspected of singling out black and Hispanic motorists, the political and legal stakes are high: The highway studies could ex-

onerate the police or implicate them.

The debate over what some minorities sarcastically call "driving while black" flared in 1998 after state troopers opened fire on four black and Hispanic motorists on the New Jersey Turnpike.

"There are lots of different ideas. What's frustrating to social scientists is that there's none that is great."

— Lorie Fridell

Since then, dozens of police departments and other agencies around the country have been studying traf-

fic stops or other driving patterns to determine whether minorities are being unfairly pulled over and searched for speeding and other violations.

In New Jersey, a study commissioned by the state and released last week concluded that blacks are more likely than whites to speed on the highway. The researchers checked speeds with laser guns and photographed thousands of motorists.

The troopers union claimed vindication. Civil rights advocates objected bitterly to the findings. And the U.S. Justice Department — which had requested the study — asked that it be withheld, arguing that its methodology was flawed.

"It's a tough thing to do inquiry in

because there are so many people with such sharply divergent points of view who want to claim victory," said David Harris, a Toledo, Ohio, law professor who has written a book on racial profiling.

Finding which way is best is the current job of Lorie Fridell, a researcher with the Police Executive Research Forum who will release a how-to guide in the next few months to help the nation's police departments monitor themselves for profiling.

Fridell is using part of a \$250,000 federal grant to sift through a 3-foot pile of racial profiling studies commissioned by police departments.

She likes some methods better than others. Driving in a car alongside

speeding motorists, she said, might be more reliable than trying to identify a driver's race from a blurry photograph.

"I would think you could look left and see who's in the car next to you," Fridell said.

And placing people at strategic points on the road and having them take down information on passing cars "has some great potential if we can make it cost-effective," she said.

But the debate is recent and the process still in its infancy, she said.

"There are lots of different ideas," she said. "What's frustrating to social scientists is that there's none that is great."

North Carolina State University professor Matthew Zingraff con-

ducted a study that involved observing other drivers from moving cars and looking for differences between blacks and others when it came to speeding and other driving habits. The results have not been released.

Geoffrey Alpert, a University of South Carolina professor conducting a study in Dade County, Fla., said he prefers having students observe passing cars at certain intersections. He plans to compare his findings to data collected from police on traffic stops.

Researchers said they regularly swap ideas and will continue to do so until they get it right.

"I don't think anyone is territorial," Alpert said. "This is science."

MIDEAST

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from Israel. He has been accused of doing too much and, by other critics, too little.

Marwan Kanafani, an adviser to Arafat, welcomed the Powell mission but expressed skepticism about Bush's motives.

"It was the maximum that we could expect from the United States president at this time, with all the commitments and alignments with the Israelis," he said in a telephone interview from Gaza. "I'm realistic. I don't expect him to come and say the

Palestinians are right and the Israelis are wrong. He went as far as he could, and this is something we appreciate."

There was no immediate reaction from Israel, though Prime Minister Ariel Sharon agreed to permit a U.S. envoy to meet with besieged Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. The move raised the promise of diplomatic activity and perhaps a Powell-Arafat meeting next week.

Senior administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush decided Wednesday that last week's suicide bombings coupled with Israel's strong military response compelled him to restate his views on the region and add a couple of new wrinkles. He still backs Israel's right to defend itself, but now views the incursions as counterproductive, officials said.

By stepping up pressure on Arab countries to help curb terrorism, Bush was tacitly acknowledging that Arafat had failed to stop terrorism and is unlikely to do so alone, senior officials said. With his call to Israel for an end to incursions, the president was giving Powell an achievable goal for his mission — one that the president hopes will be a small step toward a cease-fire and, perhaps ultimately, peace talks.

Aides said Bush believes the Is-

raeli assaults into Palestinian areas could eventually undermine Israel's security by inciting more violence and even spread the conflict beyond the Israeli-Palestinian borders.

He also urged Israel to stop building settlements in Palestinian areas and "show a respect for — and concern about — the dignity of the Palestinian people." He said closed border crossings should be opened to allow for a freer flow of Palestinians.

U.S. officials said Bush purposely did not mention a timetable for Israel's withdrawal or the end to settlements, a step Israel has already conditionally agreed to carry out as part of the derailed peace process.

"I speak as a committed friend of Israel, out of concern for its long-term security," Bush said.

To the Palestinians, Bush restated his warning that nations that help terrorists will be treated the same as terrorists. He urged Arafat and his Arab neighbors to "join us in delivering a clear and unequivocal message to terrorists: Blowing yourself up does not help the Palestinian cause. To the contrary, suicide bombing missions could well blow up the best and only hope for a Palestinian state."

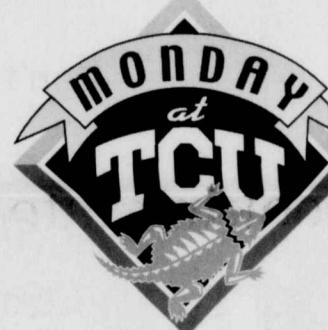
A few good men



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GOLDEN KEY

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She said the organization also tries to work with faculty and administrators in developing and maintaining high standards of education as well as provide economic assistance to outstanding members by means of both undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

Baldwin said the national Golden Key organization works in compliance with the Registrar's office to

get a list of the top 15 percent of the junior and senior students. Invitation letters are sent to eligible members from the national organization.

The university chapter is not part of the member selection process, she said.

Officials for Golden Key concede some unqualified students may have joined from schools that had not updated their minimum grades for invitation.

When the overall grade-point average at a college goes up or down, Golden Key relies on the

school to revise the cutoff for what constitutes the top 15 percent. But some schools do not always let Golden Key know about changing average grades.

"We're talking with our campus advisers to get them into compliance. We do send back applications that we think fall below the GPA for the top 15 percent," said Kali Boatright, assistant executive director of Golden Key.

TCU currently has more than 300 members in the organization. Baldwin said members pay a \$60 life-

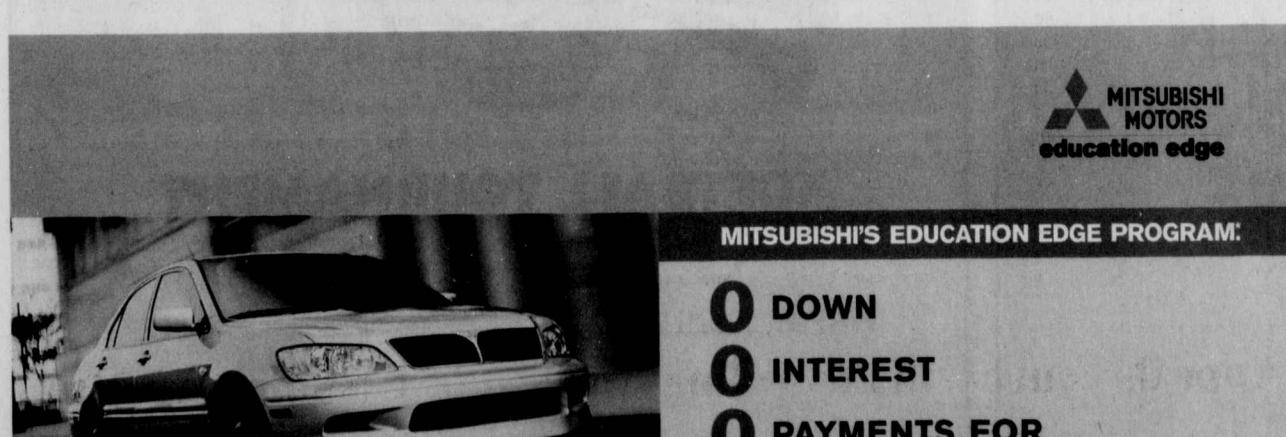
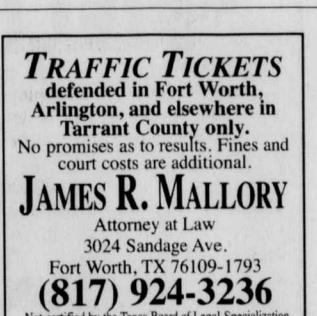
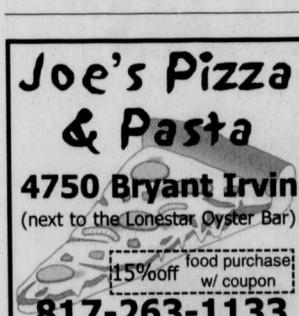
time membership fee to join the organization. Baldwin said the TCU chapter will receive a list of members in the fall.

Baldwin said she hopes Patton's resignation will not hurt the fact that the organization works within the communities through programs like Make a Difference Day and Colin Powell's America's Promise.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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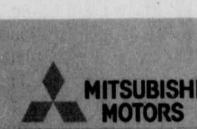


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No charges in Yates gag order investigation

Associated Press

HOUSTON—No charges will be filed against anyone who might have violated a gag order imposed in the Andrea Yates case because the order was too broad and unconstitutional, the special prosecutor assigned to investigate said Thursday.

George "Mac" Secrest was appointed by State District Judge Belinda Hill after Russell Yates, husband of the woman convicted last month of drowning her children, and Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal spoke

about the murders on the CBS television program "60 Minutes" in early December.

"I just do not think under the circumstances that justice would be served by going after folks that probably should have kept their mouths shut but nonetheless would have a valid First Amendment defense, at least on appeal," Secrest said.

Hill, however, had "all the right reasons" for imposing the gag order, he said.

The judge imposed the order shortly after the June 20 drownings

of the five Yates children at their Houston home.

"Her reasons clearly supported the need for the order," Secrest said. "The type of comments that normally come out in a case like this were kept to a minimum...The order was not drawn narrowly enough to withstand appellate scrutiny."

Hill declined to comment Thursday, saying she normally does not

comment on any other case in her court in which a prosecutor decides not to seek charges.

Rosenthal said if he had known the program was going to air when it did, he wouldn't have appeared on it.

"If anyone, myself included, contributed to the tainting of the jury

pool about anything, then I shouldn't have done it," he said.

Edward Mallett, Russell Yates' attorney, did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

Andrea Yates, 37, was convicted on March 12 of two capital murder charges in the drowning deaths of three of her five children. Days later, the same eight-woman, four-man jury panel, took less than 40 minutes to recommend a life sentence. Jurors who rejected her insanity defense could have sentenced Yates to death.

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Darsaeli Arnold, a freshman computer science major, signs up for a credit card Thursday in front of the library. A Citibank solicitor gave away free T-shirts to anyone who signed up for a student card.

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Students benefiting from pharmaceutical job vacancies

BY JUDY LIN

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — During a time of layoffs and frustrating job searches, Todd Markawski is starting his new career with an \$80,000-a-year job and a \$10,000 relocation bonus. He accepted the lucrative deal after turning down three other offers.

The graduating senior at Duquesne University, who will be working at a CVS pharmacy in Cleveland, is one of many pharmacy students across the country benefiting from a severe shortage of pharmacists.

Thanks to a record number of new drugs, aging baby boomers taking more medication and the proliferation of managed health care, colleges across the country can't seem to graduate pharmacy students quickly enough.

A study released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shows the number of unfilled positions for drug store pharmacists climbed from 2,700 in 1998 to nearly 7,000 in 2000, the most recent year for which figures are available.

Pharmacists have also become much busier. In 1999, retail phar-

macists filled 2.8 billion prescriptions, up 44 percent from 1992.

Lucinda Maine of the American Pharmaceutical Association said the shortage of pharmacists is affecting areas across the country.

"It's across all settings and it appears it will be long-standing," she said. "There's no quick remedy."

College officials say they're trying to meet the demand by offering accelerated courses and increasing class size. Meanwhile, pharmacies and hospitals are in a bidding war, offering bonuses and tuition reimbursement.

A graduate of the nation's 83 pharmacy schools can expect to make between \$70,000 and \$75,000, or as much as

\$90,000 in states like California, where the shortage is more severe, Maine said.

Gary Stoehr, associate dean at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Pharmacy, says six of his students were treated to a trip to Florida while interning at Walgreens.

"They were showing them what

they have to offer in hopes that they would come to work for them later," said Stoehr.

University of Arkansas pharmacy student John Kirtley said he has received calls from Walgreens and Wal-Mart with job offers that pay as much as \$85,000, plus profit sharing.

"I'm feeling really good about it," said Kirtley, 23. "There's a lot of opportunity. I'm sure everyone in my class is going to find a job."

Meanwhile, some colleges without pharmacy schools are rushing to create them, and others with established programs are accelerating the training of pharmacists.

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, Pa., will open a pharmacy school this fall, enrolling 78 students in a three-year degree program once they have completed the prerequisites, said college spokesman Pierre Bellicini. Pharmacy school typically takes six years to complete — two for prerequisite courses and four for the professional degree.

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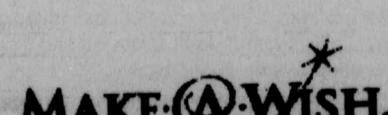
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Chef choice salad

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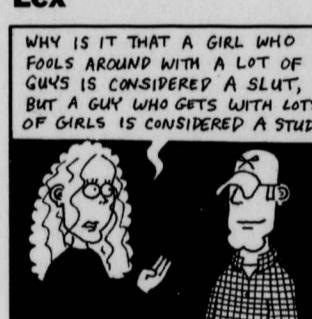


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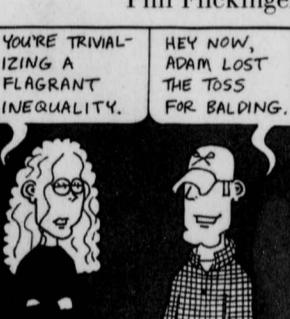
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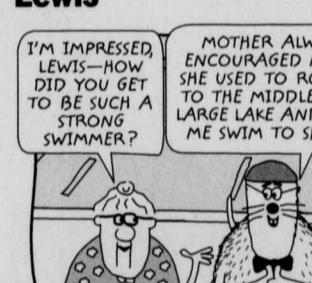
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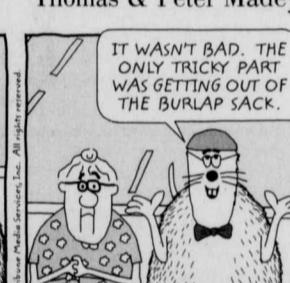
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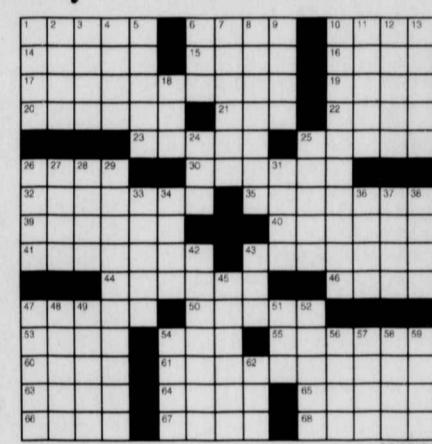
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A: YES 76 NO 14

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The Sideline

Fate of Texas Stadium in City Council's hands

IRVING (AP) — City Council members are divided on how to begin talks with the Dallas Cowboys about keeping the team in the suburb beyond its current lease, which runs out in 2008.

Council members who want to aggressively court Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and others who want to wait for the team to come calling quibbled Wednesday on the best strategy.

The fate of 30-year-old Texas Stadium was discussed in the city council for the first time in almost a year.

The city plans to send a letter to Jones indicating that they're interested in starting discussions on what to do with the city-owned stadium.

Some council members wanted to send a contingent of management staff to discuss the matter with Jones.

Jones has said he is interested in building an 80,000-seat stadium with a retractable roof. He also wants to construct a \$1 billion entertainment complex that could lure visitors to the area all year long.

Irving, Arlington and Grapevine are considered contenders for the stadium complex.

Rangers win first season game 7-5 over Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Alex Rodriguez was hit by a pair of pitches, causing the benches to empty, and the Texas Rangers ended the Oakland Athletics' 20-game home winning streak, 7-5 Thursday.

John Rocker had trouble holding a 7-2 lead in the ninth inning. The first two batters reached base against Rocker and rookie Carlos Pena hit a three-run homer. With one out, Frank Menechino singled and Scott Hatteberg walked. Rocker stayed in the game and hung on, getting David Justice on a fly ball and striking out Miguel Tejada.

Bill Haselman hit a three-run home run.

When Rodriguez was plunked by Cory Lidle (0-1) for the second time to lead off sixth inning, he stared angrily and cursed at the right-hander. There were no ejections.

The Rangers went on to score five runs in the inning.

Doug Davis (1-0) allowed two runs on seven hits over seven innings. He struck out five.

Astros tie record in win over Brewers

HOUSTON (AP) — Lance Berkman tied a club record for home runs at the start of a season with his third in three days, leading Shane Reynolds and the Houston Astros over the Milwaukee Brewers 6-3 Thursday.

Berkman also drove in three runs.

Reynolds (1-0) allowed two runs on seven hits in six innings.

Jamey Wright (0-1) went 4 1/3 innings and allowed four runs on seven hits and six walks.

Wright remained winless for his career against the Astros.

Berkman's RBI single started the scoring in the first inning. His two-run homer in the fourth gave Houston a 3-0 lead.

In the fifth, Morgan Ensberg singled and went to third on two passed balls by catcher Paul Bako. Reynolds' squeeze bunt scored Ensberg for a 4-0 lead.

Richard Hidalgo added a two-run single in the sixth.

McEnroe says U.S. is Davis Cup favorite

HOUSTON (AP) — The United States has plenty in its favor against Spain in the Davis Cup: a home crowd, a grass court and Pete Sampras.

Sampras will play Alex Corretja in the second singles match Friday in the best-of-five quarterfinal. Sampras, a seven-time Wimbledon champion, has a 99-17 career record on grass.

Andy Roddick will play Spain's Tommy Robredo in the opener.

In Saturday's doubles, the U.S. team of Todd Martin and James Blake will face Corretja and Juan Balcells.

"I do think we are the favorites, and our No. 1 priority this week has been to get these guys playing well," U.S. captain Patrick McEnroe said at Thursday's draw. "If we play well, we will win. We've set everything up so we can succeed. Now just need to go out and do it."

Frogs tested in conference play

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Staff

Baseball head coach Lance Brown said his team will have its hands full this weekend as they play arguably the hottest team in Conference USA. The TCU baseball team will be on the road this weekend at South Florida in a three-game series.

South Florida has won five consecutive games. Over that span, the Bulls swept then C-USA leader Louisville.

Brown said despite the Bulls' run of late, the team feels they can dictate the series.

"We've talked about it," Brown said. "If we can play as well as we can play, we feel that the series will

be up to us, not to them. It's not a knock on South Florida; I'm sure they have a good team. However, when you look at the talent of teams we have played this year, I don't see South Florida matching up to them."

Like most teams the Frogs have faced in conference play, Brown said the team will get most of its knowledge of South Florida when they step on the field.

"They are good," Brown said, "but I don't really know how good they are. We saw a couple of films on them, and they have been on television a few times. However, it is hard to get a true feel for what we expect them to be. We'll really know for sure when we step out there on the field and see what they got."

The biggest test of the weekend for the team may be for the pitching staff, Brown said.

The pitchers have been steadily improving over the season, throwing more strikes and staying in games longer.

In this series they will encounter a South Florida team who hits the ball extremely well, especially lately. The Bulls boast a .324 average, .408 on-base percentage and have collected 329 base hits,

all of which lead the conference.

Brown said that while he knows the pitchers have some work cut out for them, he's not so sure that some of the Bulls success isn't attributed to a home-field advantage.

"They are good, but I don't really know how good they are. ... We'll really know for sure when we step out there on the field and see what they got."

— Lance Brown

"I think a lot of their success is the field that they play on," Brown said. "It's a field that is packed very hard, and balls take some funny bounces there. On the film, we saw balls that bounced completely over the shortstop's head. They sort of just hit the ball on the ground, and take advantage of the situation. I don't necessarily know how much of an advantage it is, cause they don't separate the stats between home and road games."

Brown said the major concern will be if the Frogs play hard and make the necessary adjustments.

After today's game, the series will continue with games on Friday and Saturday, both starting at noon.

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Simon Lopez/SKIFF STAFF
Junior outfielder Terry Trofholz takes a swing against Texas-Arlington. Trofholz and the Frogs face conference opponent South Florida, who have won its past five games, in a three-game series beginning today.

Ambushed



Simon Lopez/SKIFF STAFF
Running back Kenny Boyd tries to dodge around defenders at a spring practice. The football team will participate in its final practice of the spring Saturday at the annual Spring Game. The game will begin at 11 a.m. at Amon G. Carter Stadium. Head coach Gary Patterson said the scrimmage will be a good indication to gauge where the team will be as it heads into the season. TCU opens up the 2002 season on Labor Day, Sept. 2, against conference opponent Cincinnati.

His Airness' conditioning was his downfall

BY SKIP BAYLESS
KRT Campus

that was growing around his waist. Jordan didn't mind lifting weights, but he hated any aerobic exercise that didn't involve dribbling, he ate without conscience and he smoked lots of long, thick cigars.

But when he announced his third NBA comeback, at age 38, I figured the world's greatest athlete finally would have to admit he was human. No more getting by on raw genetics and competitive fire. Surely Jordan would attack Father Time the way he once did Karl Malone. Surely his pride would drive him away from the sirloin strips and creme brulee and onto the treadmill or exercise bike. Melt, melt, melt.

Instead, Jordan continued to eat, drink and smoke the way he did when he was 28. Carrying at least 20 more pounds than he did in his final Chicago season, Jordan tried to play his way into shape during scrimmages against other NBA players. But Air Jordan remained Floor Jordan.

He told reporters he was trying to keep his weight up so he could be more of a "point forward" and bang with all that bulk down low. But he was kidding us and himself. Now Jordan's game is mostly shooting fadeaway jump shots. Those could have benefited from a little less ballast.

Predictably, the knees that had never bothered him began to creak and ache under the new load. Jordan did drop weight as the season wore on. But the nagging tendinitis had sunk its teeth into his shock-absorbing joints.

How great and sad it was to watch him play.

I was all for Jordan coming back. I knew that nothing in his life made him feel more alive than winning NBA games with last-second shots. His performance did not disappoint me. But his spare tire did.

Jordan didn't pay the late-30s price that Barry Bonds and John Stockton have, to name two. He didn't work harder than ever on his conditioning. Now, his overburdened knees have ended his season prematurely.

Just before the All-Star break, Jordan had transformed the NBA's second-worst team of 2001 into a contender for the conference title. At 26-21, his Washington Wizards were on pace for home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs. That's when Jordan banged knees with teammate Etan Thomas, leading to the first surgery of his career, on Feb. 27. But Jordan had battled swelling in both knees all season, icing them after games for the first time.

Now fans and critics who predicted

he would tarnish his legacy — and their memories — will say, "Told you so." But this had very little to do with age. This was mostly about discipline and dedication — or lack of.

He tried to return from arthroscopic surgery on March 12 and played as a reserve in seven games. But Wednesday, the day after playing a career-low 12 minutes and scoring a career-low two points in a 113-93 home loss to the Lakers, Jordan announced he's through for the season.

"I tried to get back as soon as possible," Jordan said. "Early on, the knee responded well. But after the swelling this morning, I think it's best to give it a rest and let it heal properly."

"I signed a two-year contract. Obviously, my health will always determine my playing status. But at this time, my plan is to play next season."

Fine by me. At times this season, Jordan was more incredible than ever. It was one thing for a 20-something Jordan to score 50-something points with 20-something dunks. But the degree of difficulty rose dramatically for a 39-year-old with sore knees to score 51 mostly on perimeter fallaways.

Four times "Floor Jordan" topped 40 points. Here was the greatest competitor ever willing a team no better than the Warriors into contention.

Stars down but not out, says Hatcher

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars know how difficult it will be to make the numbers add up to another playoff berth.

With six games left in a 10-day span, the Stars were tied for ninth in the Western Conference standings. After a 2-1 overtime loss to St. Louis on Wednesday night, Dallas had 84 points, even with Vancouver and three points behind Los Angeles and Edmonton for the final playoff spot.

"Nobody thinks we're out of it, but obviously we're not making it easy on ourselves," said Stars captain Derian Hatcher. "It's frustrating, but we're not done."

Not yet anyway. The Stars have won just one of their last six games, that being 3-1 Monday over Columbus, the last-place team in the West. They also managed a 2-2 tie at Calgary, another team below them in the standings, by scoring twice in the final 3:20 of regulation.

Dallas, which had won five straight division titles and the Stanley Cup three years ago, plays Friday against Colorado. That is one of two games the Stars have left against the defending Stanley Cup champion, including the season finale in Denver on April 14.

"Let's face it, we don't know what it's going to take in terms of points," said Stars winger Brent Gilchrist. "We can't get caught up scoreboard watching. The most important game is the one right in front of us. We can't worry about what's going to happen next week."

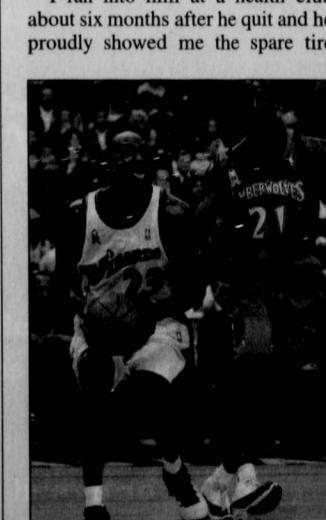
Dallas also has games left against Anaheim, Los Angeles, Minnesota and Chicago. The Stars have a combined 7-6-3 record against those teams this season.

Interim coach Rick Wilson believes the Stars have to gain nine points the last six games to get in the playoffs for the sixth straight year. That means little room for error.

"The numbers start to be critical," said Wilson, 11-8-5 since taking over for the fired Ken Hitchcock on Jan. 25.

"On the inside, we don't believe we're out of it," he said. "There's still strength, still character in that room that has taken us through a lot of highs, and that character is still there and will continue to take us through that adversity."

The Stars have one more game left than Vancouver, who would win a tiebreaker over Dallas, and Edmonton.



KRT CAMPUS
Michael Jordan, who is done for the season with a knee injury, goes for a shot as Kevin Garnett, from the Minnesota Timberwolves, during this year's NBA All-Star game in Philadelphia.

Would you have bet against a fit, healthy Jordan in an Eastern Conference finals against, say, New Jersey? I wouldn't have.

So by all means he should play one last season, at 40.

If he's willing to get in the best shape of his life.

This means hiring a nutritionist, as Bonds has. This means hitting the weights the way the "Breakfast Club" of Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Ron Harper did three mornings a week in 1998, when he turned his shoulders and biceps into weapons while keeping his waist as trim as ever. This means melting away some fat by doing low-impact exercise like swimming or biking. This means playing a lot less golf and doing a lot less night-clubbing.

Stockton, who just turned 40, looks like he could run forever because he weighs the same as he did in his rookie year.

You might say Jordan's punishment wound up fitting the crime. Jordan, who hates riding a stationary bike, had to pedal one during games to keep his surgically repaired knee loose enough to play. Now he needs to ride one every day. Now he must defeat the aging process before he worries about the Lakers.