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## Today's News

### STATE NEWS

**FORT WORTH** — A Tarrant County assistant district attorney has resigned after being arrested by police who say she was drunk in public and threatened an officer's job.

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### NATIONAL NEWS

**PLACENTIA, Calif.** — A mile-long freight train plowed head-on into a commuter train during rush hour Tuesday, killing three people and injuring about 265, officials said.

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## OnCampus

**Texas A&M class examines campus squirrel population**

**COLLEGE STATION (U-WIRE)** — Squirrels running around with tracking collars will become a familiar sight at Texas A&M University, as research on the ecology of fox squirrels in urban settings is expected to continue for at least two more years.

Students enrolled in the department of wildlife and fisheries sciences' Animal Ecology 403 course spent the past three months trapping fox squirrels on campus, fitting them with radio-transmitter collars and tracking them using basic wildlife techniques like radio telemetry and census methodology.

They applied classroom principles to the data collected to find information like average survival rate, mortality, litter size and range movement, said Dr. Roel Lopez, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station wildlife researcher.

The project began on the main campus in February, and Lopez said the response has been overwhelming and positive.

The class trapped 10 squirrels during the research, Lopez said, and from the data students estimated there are 125 to 150 squirrels on campus.

Lopez said the squirrels use the ledges on buildings as super-highways, moving around more than he had anticipated.

"These suckers really move quite a distance," Lopez said. "They just run and run in circles."

Jennifer Cearley, a research technician for the class and a junior rangeland ecology major, said the project has two purposes.

"Wildlife departments are criticized because the courses are so strenuous and there's not a lot of time for field work," Cearley said. "We need data on fox squirrels because nothing like this has been done before and we're allowing students to get good experience."

— The Battalion

## Outdoor market under construction

### Workers transform abandoned building into city attraction

BY ANTHONY KIRCHNER

Staff Reporter

Construction workers will be working for the next month to finish transforming an old, abandoned building in downtown Fort Worth into a new attraction for residents around the city.

The Fort Worth Public Market is scheduled to open May 25 and will be located along Jones Street in the Convention Center District, inside the historic Santa Fe Warehouse, said Angie Rawie, market manager.

Over \$2.3 million in federal, local and private funds were used to complete the construction of the Santa Fe Warehouse built in 1937, Rawie said.

According to the Fort Worth Public Market Web site, the market will be split into two parts including an indoor six-day-a-week venue inside the Santa Fe Warehouse where fresh food vendors will operate. There will also be an covered outdoor market next to the warehouse where farmers will sell their produce on weekends at Fort Worth's Intermodal Transportation Center.

The Fort Worth Public Market has leases with eight small businesses including Seafoodville (fresh and prepared fish), Santa Fe Produce, The Plant Source

(plants and fresh cut flowers), Frost Bites (Italian ice cream), Coffee Haus (gourmet coffee, desserts and prepared foods), Hot Damn Tamales (Mexican prepared foods), GO Texas (a Texas store that sells Texas gifts) and Lone Star Wines, according to the Web site.

The outdoor market will emphasize retailing fresh food to its consumers, hoping to expand the opportunities for local agriculture and food processing and firmly establishing a link between urban and rural economies, Rawie said.

The outdoor Farmer's Market that will be open Saturdays from May 25 to September 21 will show-

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Ryan Eloe/SKIFF STAFF  
A man paints the back side of the new Fort Worth Public Market in preparation for its March 25 opening. The historic Santa Fe Warehouse will house the market when construction is complete.

## Area mom prepares to deploy with Air Force

### 300 Fort Worth reservists deployed since October

BY LAURA MCFARLAND

Staff Reporter

Maj. Susan Crum takes her responsibilities as a mom very seriously. So when she gets on a plane in August to fly to an unknown destination for three months, she said, it's going to be one of the hardest things she's ever had to do.

"There is just so much that could happen," said Crum, the commander of the 301st security forces squadron for the Air Force Reserve.

As defense force commander for a unit that will provide security for an overseas base, Crum said she is already preparing her personnel and equipment. But at home, Crum said she also faces the task of getting her 10-year-old daughter and 9-year-old son ready for her departure.

"We just let them know a little bit at a time as to what is going on and try to prepare them as much as possible for their mom being gone for three months," Crum said.

Since mid-October, more than 300 reservists from the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth have left family and friends behind while they are deployed overseas, said Don Ray, public affairs officer. The number is about half of the 665 Marine, Air Force, Navy and Texas Air National Guard reservists from the base that have been activated, Ray said.

Crum said that she and her husband, a commercial airline pilot, have talked to their children about the countries she might be sent to and the duties she will have.

"I've told them all about al Qaeda and they know who Osama bin Laden is," Crum said. "They have said they are a little worried and they ask me if those people have guns."

Treva Smutz, the mother of TCU student and Marine reservist Lane Smutz, said she is not as worried about her son as much as she was when he was first deployed overseas. His job keeps him primarily in very protected areas because he works as a structural mechanic on C-130s, a four engine, propeller driven transport plane, she said.

"These are very expensive planes, so they do try to keep the planes as

(More on RESERVES, page 6)

## Delectable dilemma



Molly Beuerman/SKIFF STAFF  
Shane Perkins, a freshman biology major, looks at the options available Tuesday at the truck-load sale organized by Sodexo Marriott Services. Free popcorn and snow cones will be given away for the second day in a row today in the Reed-Sadler mall as part of the on-going sale, said Imogene Bundage, retail manager. Designed to give students with excess money on their meal cards a chance to buy bulk items, Bundage said all the items offered are 5 percent off the normal retail price. "Most of the Gatorade, soft drinks and Red Bull seem to be selling well, but we'll have plenty more to sell (today) too," she said. "We have cases of everything from laundry detergent to snacks." The sale will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

— Karri Lewis

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## theWeather

### THURSDAY

High: 66; Low: 53; Light rain

### FRIDAY

High: 68; Low: 63; Scattered thunderstorms

## LookingBack

**1800** —The Library of Congress is established as President John Adams approves legislation to appropriate \$5000 to purchase books that may be of use to Congress.

**1951** —The Associated Press establishes a remote typesetting system which allowed the news agency to transmit stories for typesetting to papers around the country.

## SGA considers student-run TV channel for next semester

### Proposal could air fireside chats by chancellor

BY COLLEEN CASEY

Staff Reporter

A new student-run channel is proposed that will air general interest programming for the TCU campus including fireside chats conducted by the chancellor, popular movies and up-to-date announcements, said Joshua Perrella, student director of the channel for the Student Government Association.

If the SGA approves the proposal, the channel's start-up cost will be funded through the House of Student Representative's reserve account for major projects, said Larry Markley, SGA advisor.

The channel, 47, currently runs informative slides and probably won't begin showing the proposed programming until next semester, Markley said.

Chelsea Hudson, SGA president, said that although she and Perrella thought of the idea for the

channel in a random conversation, if approved, it will serve as an important tool for SGA.

"SGA's channel hasn't been utilized, but by doing this, it's a way for us to communicate and entertain," Hudson said. "It has a lot of potential."

Hudson said that although the start-up cost will come out of the SGA's budget, in the future the channel's paid advertisements will help relieve SGA from continued financial support.

Perrella said there are 20 non-paid students working on the proposal including advertising/public relations majors and a graphic designer. Six people will work on the channel during this summer, he said.

Markley said though the proposal is being finalized, a couple more meetings are needed for it to be ready for SGA's official approval.

"There haven't been any red

flags yet," Perrella said. "It's not going to be too hard though."

Perrella said the chancellor thinks it's a great idea and is enthusiastic about the fireside chats because they will allow him to inform the students on what the administration is working on.

The channel will also advertise, show news, weather, sports and allow organizations on campus to announce for free, Markley said.

Markley said there is a need for a better channel than the university's current announcement-based channel.

"This will not be as boring as that one," Markley said. "Ours will be fairly active and will be constantly up-to-date. It'll also be graphically better. We're working hard to get information out there."

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## Pontiff denounces sex abuse by priests as sin, crime

BY VICTOR L. SIMPSON

Associated Press

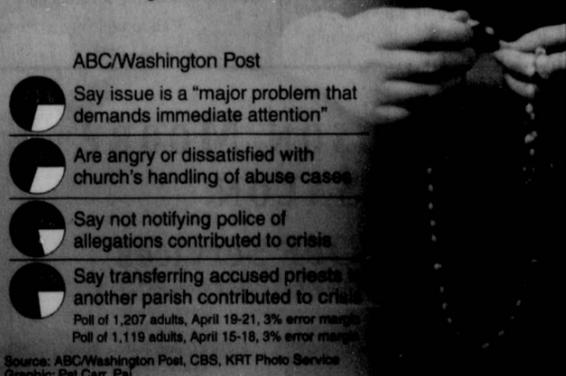
VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II told American church leaders Tuesday that there was no place in the priesthood "for those who would harm the young," saying sex abuse by priests in the United States was both a sin and a crime.

The cardinal of Los Angeles said the pontiff had taken a strong step in favor of "zero-tolerance" for abusive priests. But he and other Americans at the meeting said there was no discussion of the possible resignation of Boston's Cardinal Bernard Law,

(More on VATICAN, page 7)

## Catholics' response

Results of recent polls of U.S. Catholics' attitudes toward church's handling of sexual abuse of children



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**Mildred** is a workshop production of a new musical based on "Mildred Pierce" by James M. Cain, with book and lyrics by Richard J. Allen and music by Tim Georgeff. Performances are 8 p.m. today at Stage West. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free. For more information call (817)706-6909.

**KinoMonda film series** presents "The Seventh Seal" 7 p.m. today in Sid W. Richardson, Lecture Hall 1. For more information call (817)257-7292.

**Radio-TV-Film series** presents "Witness for the Prosecution" 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164. The movie stars Tyrone Power and Marlene Dietrich. For more information call (817)257-7630.

**The Muslim Student Association** is organizing a peaceful demonstration for human rights in Palestine 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday in front of Sadler Hall. There will also be a discussion 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Lounge.

**Helping Skill Workshop** will be 2 to 4 p.m. Friday in the Counseling Center. The workshop is sponsored by Mental Health Services. To register, call Megan Botte at (817)257-8611 or e-mail (m.r.botte@student.tcu.edu).

**Third annual TCU Student Art Sale** will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Moudy Building North, Room 133. Ceramics, photography, paintings, sculpture, and jewelry will be for sale. There will also be various art demonstrations. For more information, contact Russell Matthews at (griffenram@hotmail.com).

**The TCU Showgirls dance team** will hold auditions for the 2002-2003 team 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Prep classes are offered 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday in April in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, which include technique instruction and a dance combination for \$5 a class. Contact the director, Jamie Drake Stephens, at (J.Stephens2@tcu.edu) for more information.

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## Campus/State Roundup

### Photographs of deceased shown in Battaglia trial

DALLAS (AP) — John Battaglia sat stone-faced Tuesday as photographs of his daughters' bullet-riddled bodies flashed on the screen a few feet away during the second day of his capital murder trial.

Several jurors looked down as prosecutors showed a photograph of 6-year-old Liberty Battaglia, with a bullet in her stomach and a hole in her forehead. Battaglia, 46, is accused of shooting Liberty and 9-year-old Faith Battaglia in May at his apartment loft while their mother listened helplessly on the phone.

Battaglia, who has a history of domestic violence, pleaded innocent to capital murder. He faces the death penalty or life in prison if convicted. Prosecutors on Tuesday presented evidence of several weapons found in Battaglia's loft the night of the shootings, including a revolver found on the kitchen counter and a Glock semiautomatic.

At the time of the shootings, Battaglia was being prosecuted for violating probation terms barring him from contacting his ex-wife.

Highland Park police officer Catherine Justice testified Tuesday that she had notified Battaglia that day that his probation was about to be revoked and that he should turn himself in.

### Police arrest assistant district attorney Sunday

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Tarrant County assistant district attorney has resigned after being arrested by police who say she was drunk in public and threatened an officer's job.

Soraya Choudhry, 31, was arrested outside a downtown Fort Worth hotel about 2 a.m. Sunday, police Lt. Billy Cordell said. She faces one charge of public intoxication, which carries a fine of up to \$500.

Choudhry said Monday she quit her job and referred questions to her attorney, Jim Shaw.

Two police officers arrested Choudhry and a friend after passers-by said they appeared to be fighting in a car, Cordell said. The officers said the two were not fighting but had slurred speech and breath smelling of alcohol. Shaw said Choudhry told the offi-

cer she would be fired but did not say he would lose his job.

Shaw said Choudhry does not believe she was drunk. The officers refused her request for a field sobriety test and a breath test, which are not required in public intoxication cases, Shaw said.

Alan Levy, chief of the criminal division of the district attorney's office, said Monday he is prohibited from speaking about personnel matters.

### A&M students to try out for spot in Playboy shoot

COLLEGE STATION (U-WIRE) — Texas A&M University fans and students will see more than Aggie football in Big 12 features this fall with the October 2002 edition of Playboy magazine.

Playboy will be interviewing and photographing female Texas A&M students this week for an issue featuring "Women of the Big 12."

Playboy publicist Karen Ring said the magazine has published college editions for 25 years, photographing students from different conferences each year.

At the interview, applicants will fill out information forms about their hobbies and interests, Ring said. A photographer will then take two or three shots of them in their swimsuits or lingerie.

The selection of who will appear in the issue will be based upon physical appearance, Ring said.

George Gerogiou, Playboy photographer, said between 30 to 100 girls interview, depending on the college. He said 12 to 15 pages have been allotted in the issue as pictorial pages representing students from the Big 12 universities. There will probably be no articles about the universities in the pages, he said.

Gerogiou said he will photograph the chosen students this weekend. Most of the photo shoots will be in bars or private residences, but none will be on campus, he said.

Gerogiou said models gain more than monetary benefits for posing for Playboy.

"A lot of them have gone on to be Playmates. Good things happen," he said.

### Syracuse students to denounce Giuliani speech

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (U-WIRE) — Student Association President Colin Seale gave an impassioned speech at

the SA meeting Monday about Syracuse University's decision to invite former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani as commencement speaker.

"What's happening this year at commencement can never be allowed to happen again," Seale said, drawing applause from much of the Assembly.

Seale acknowledged Giuliani had done some noteworthy things while in office, including reducing crime and cleaning up Times Square. But Seale noted Adolf Hitler was an effective leader as well and criticized Giuliani for "terrorizing the homeless" and supporting a New York Police Department that accidentally killed some minority individuals during Giuliani's eight-year term as mayor. Seale read a partial list of victims killed and said the NYPD racially profiled residents.

At the end of the two-hour session, a resolution, "No Giuliani at commencement," was brought up.

The resolution states SA "denounces" SU's invitation to Giuliani. At next Monday's meeting, the Assembly is expected to vote on the resolution.

### Crosses removed during Christian Awareness Week

WALTHAM, Mass. (U-WIRE) — Christian Awareness Week began Monday night at Brandeis University.

While there are a number of events happening throughout the week, students erected several crosses to mark the week. Two of the three crosses, however, were taken down by unknown parties.

According to Fatima Lopez '04, the crosses were put up Thursday night. Lopez said she noticed one of the crosses was missing; Lopez said she was informed Saturday morning another cross was missing as well. Organizers of Christian Awareness Week then had to chain the other cross in order to prevent its disappearance, Lopez said.

Lopez added organizers of Christian Awareness Week already have spoken to Student Life about the incidents.

### Progressive fraternity denied admission rights

KENT, Ohio (U-WIRE) — The Kent State University Inter-Fraternity Council voted Monday night not to admit Delta Lambda Phi — a fraternity for gay, bisexual and progressive

men — into the council.

"The old boys club has spoken," said Eric Van Sant, Delta Lambda Phi adviser. "We will pay lip service to diversity but we won't put our money where our mouth is."

Eight fraternities voted no, four voted yes and three abstained.

Nationally, only one other Delta Lambda Phi chapter is in an IFC. This would've been the first fraternity admitted into Kent State's IFC in many years, Titlow said.

Delta Lambda Phi was founded nationally in 1986. It was brought to Kent three years ago and it is currently a student organization.

Whatever happens, Van Sant said this decision will not stop the fraternity's commitment to the university.

"We are a traditional greek fraternity," Van Sant said. "We do everything they (other fraternities) do."

### Winter walkway may soon become a smoke-free zone

MINNEAPOLIS (U-WIRE) — Depending on whom you ask, the walk across the Washington Avenue Bridge takes either five minutes or one cigarette.

But a new proposal by a Boynton Health Service committee might change the winter walkway into a smoke-free zone.

The Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use Task Force soon will send a proposal to University of Minnesota President Mark Yudof recommending a ban on smoking in the covered bridge and within 25 feet of campus building entrances.

"This is a move to curb the effects of second-hand smoke and reduce smoking," said Ed Ehlinger, Boynton Health Service director and ATOD committee chairman. "It really came from community requests."

Senior English education major Grace Ryan was one of six students in a communications class that worked to add the pedestrian walkway ban to the proposal. Ryan said her group already has interviewed smokers on the Washington Avenue Bridge, and all agreed to put out their cigarettes or leave the enclosed passageway.

Maia Reed, a junior English major in Ryan's group, said she was confident students will comply next fall if the proposal is passed.

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## The Skiff View

### LEFTOVER

#### Extra meal plan money wasted

Does any one else remember the days not so long ago (last year) when the minimum meal plan was \$400?

This year, TCU raised the minimum to \$800 for freshman living on campus, \$600 for other students living in dorms, but kept the \$400 for students living in on-campus apartments.

If the money from a student's meal plan is not spent, it will not carry over next year. It disappears into some mysterious place for TCU to use however they choose.

Sodexo Marriott Services is offering a truck-load sale this week, ending today at 4 p.m.

Cases of "everything from laundry detergent to snacks" are being offered at an astounding 5 percent off the "normal" retail price, the FrogBytes' price that is.

The left over money may help TCU operate, but should students really need to waste money stocking up on overpriced snacks and household items from FrogBytes?

Obviously, if a truck-load sale wasting the remaining balance on students' meal cards is so popular, then students aren't spending their money.

Sodexo is doing their part with the sale, trying to help students spend the rest of their cash.

But maybe the university should rethink the meal plan requirements so that students should not have to waste money on unnecessary items.

Meanwhile, students have two choices. They can leave the money on their meal plan to make a donation to TCU (since they don't give TCU enough money already), or they can stock up on the truck-load sale and FrogBytes items and give the money to Sodexo.

Even if students are buying unneeded junk, at least they will have something to show for it.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

The campaign against tobacco in America in the 1990s and today has reached an all-time low. Specifically, one television campaign that takes responsibility away from the smoker and places it on one side (the tobacco companies) doesn't represent the whole truth. This group, the most obvious group to blame for frivolous anti-smoking advertisements, is known as "The Truth".

In numerous television ads over the past few years, the organization has shown visions of "loaded" body bags being thrust onto a street below the offices of a major tobacco company, a giant paper shredder cutting documents and other materials (to show their disapproval at document-shredding by tobacco companies) and, most recently, the ridiculous connection between dog poop and cigarettes, in that they both contain ammonia.

This recent ad, in particular, is a complete waste of time. It's hard to argue that anybody will think of dog manure when they're puffing away on a cigarette. And why doesn't this group help inform smokers of the many serious risks involved with smoking, and, more importantly, immediately follow that up with information to help those smokers who want to quit?

The truth is, tobacco companies

don't necessarily contain the nicest people in the world. They do have a long history of telling half-truths and deceiving the customer. But to solely attack one side of the problem only creates a larger problem.

By removing smokers from the equation and telling them and the public that tobacco companies are only to blame, the attention on quitting smoking and other issues becomes lost. It's sad that this small but influential group of people, probably proud of themselves for taking on the tobacco companies while laughing wildly at their own commercials, has lost sight of the big picture.

In another ad from 2001, called "April Fool's Day 2001," The Truth says that Firestone recalled defective tires after 88 deaths ... while Johnson & Johnson recalled \$80 million worth of merchandise when seven people died from tampered aspirin. They go on to argue that the tobacco companies should do the same with cigarettes, which allegedly kill 1,200 people per day.

Keep in mind, people didn't know they were going to be killed by tires or aspirin. Smokers do know that cigarettes can kill them.

*This editorial comes from The Daily Athenaeum at West Virginia University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.*

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## Give me Mary-Kate and Ashley or give me death

My God, the Olsen twins are hot. What's more, those girls are worth over \$70 million — but I'd defile them for free.

Right? Anyone?

If you're not familiar with the Olsen twins, you should be ashamed of yourself. I'm talking about the adorable (but so naughty!) actresses who played baby Michelle on the hit ABC sitcom "Full House". D.J. Tanner had a hips surplus, and young Stephanie turned out modest in bosom.

But Michelle. Sweet Michelle. Though I could write approximately 10,000 words on Mary Kate and Ashley (and another thing: I don't know why Mary Kate's name always comes first because Ashley is so much hotter!), I'm not going to. After all, a senior column is a column about reflection. And when I say reflection, I mean horse@#!&.

A lot of seniors try to write something meaningful about the way college was — good or bad, went by so fast, getting ready for real world, etc. — and it sucks.

My column separates from that idea by addressing real issues that affect real people.

For instance, to all the women on this campus, answer me this: "Save the Last Dance" and "Center Stage" — are those sweet movies or what? I know that not many guys enjoy films about modern dance, but that's why "STLD" also stars ultra-hard Sean Patrick Thomas. He is from the street, fellas. You heard?

There are countless things that deserve comment both in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex and more specifically at TCU, but as a student graduating from a global university, I need to tackle topics that affect an assortment of cultures and inspire a universal audience. Topics that will mean something. Topics that this world's children will face.

One of the subjects that has been on my mind for a while now is one that I consider gravely important. Of course, I am speaking about the removal and cancellation of the light-brown M&M. Some of you may be saying, "Excuse me? John, I know that you cannot be telling me in truth that the light brown M&M is no longer in packages. It ... it has to be. It has to be!"



John Weyand

Still others of you may be saying, "Why are we talking about the light brown M&M and girl movies when we could still be talking about white-hot Mary Kate and Ashley?" To some of you, I say I'm sorry, it's true about the light brown M&M. To others, I say excellent point.

Truthfully, what issue is there to discuss but the fate of the Olsen twins? Will they, as we all hope, be back on prime-time network television soon? Will they perhaps join the illustrious ranks of the Playboy empire upon (now only two short years away) turning 18? Or will they, as I believe fortune has destined, both be wed to me?

If there is a singular global concern that all of Earth's citizens need to focus on at this moment in time, it is that these three possibilities materialize. So I plead with you now, as a fellow student, as an upcoming graduate and, above all, as a human being: Please. Keep me and the twins in your prayers.

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## Giving back to TCU starts with appreciating a quality education

"Give back to TCU." It's the public relations phrase that has been thrown at me more than anything I know in these past four years.

I used to say it was TCU that should give back to me with all the parking tickets, tuition increases, over-priced textbooks and shamefully high meal plan costs shoved down my throat without prior consent.

However, the end of one's senior year is a time for reflection — a kind of healing — that bandages old wounds and sprinkles optimism across TCU grudges. For the first time since I began questioning my freshman year's catch phrase "It's all about you," I weighed the costs and benefits of my experience at this university. After an official cost analysis, I can say with all truthfulness, TCU has come out on top of things.

The quality of education provided at TCU is probably the item of which most students, including myself, take the most advantage. We reluctantly drag ourselves out of our beds as late as possible, grab coffee for our morning headaches and settle into our desks everyday for four years. The monotony of it all can quickly blind

students to the importance and significance of all those 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. classes that we only took because there were no other options.

The truth of it all is that the work pays off in the end if you are studying something you love and take advantage of all the opportunities this place has to offer. I can't begin to express how grateful I am to those mathematics professors who had confidence in me when my self-assurance was approaching zero. How can I ever thank my journalism professors enough who made the same corrections in my articles over and over without cutting my hands off in the process?

Without sounding too outlandishly cheesy, let me say that the education I have received at TCU in these past four years has been absolutely priceless. However, the majority of what I learned did not come from a textbook or sitting in a classroom — it came from getting to know my professors, classmates and staff members on a level that is required when receiving a quality education.

When I think about it, what I have to give back to TCU is all those hours I spent getting help from the professors who skipped lunch so that I could ace the upcoming exam. I owe everything to

the teachers who talked about my life and future career with all the confidence needed to get me motivated to graduate. Money can't compensate for all the times I spent joking around and goofing off with the professors who didn't see me on any level but their own.

I owe TCU more than I can ever repay, and so I decided the only way to clear my debt to all those who touched my life while at this university is by saying two simple words: Thank you.

Thank you to everybody who made sure all the graduates of 2002 had four fabulous years at a university about which we can all proudly speak.

Thank you for letting me learn how to make mistakes and use them to better my education and myself.

Thank you for making me the person I am today and the person I will become with my experiences at TCU.

Above all, thank you, TCU, for the best four years of my life. Without the good and bad times I experienced at this university, my future would not hold the promise it does today.

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## Women have the right to pose for Playboy

The football powerhouse known as the Big 12 Conference soon will be seen in a much softer, perhaps more revealing, light. In its 25th Anniversary Edition pictorial featuring college age women, Playboy magazine will feature "Women of the Big 12." This is exciting for the Big 12 Conference and its women who are ready to bear all.

COMMENTARY  
Kellen Zimmer

For women on this campus who might aspire to pose for Playboy, this is an interesting opportunity and a possible entry into the entertainment industry. Posing for Playboy is every woman's right, and what has been seen as an exploitation of women, still remains a right of those who choose to be exposed. The Big 12 issue is billed as a step toward becoming a Playboy Playmate, and serves the dual purpose of allowing women to show their bodies and represent their respective universities. Make no mistake, this is by no means an encouragement for women on this campus to pose for Playboy. It is simply an example of a woman's right to choose to express herself, even if that involves posing nude.

Playboy and its readers have a fascination with college coeds, and while these students' willingness to pose may seem strange to some naive members of the female sex, the college Playmate is not at all a new concept. The magazine features a coed of the month and regularly searches out the best college bars in the country.

Aggieland's own Dixie Chicken was a featured 'College Bar of the Month.' There are often contests and polls to determine which college campuses have the hottest female populations. Many NCAA conferences have been featured in Playboy over the last 25 years.

The trouble lies with the censorship and protest involved with posing nude as a representative of a university population. Playboy has met a lot of controversy in its search for coeds. In 1996, Baylor University officials threatened disciplinary action or expulsion for any female student who interviewed with Playboy when the magazine visited Waco. Administrators were outraged when two students posed for an issue, but the women graduated before any action was taken against them. The Playboy campus quest has faced organized protest on a visit to the University of Nebraska and opposition from many women's organizations on other campuses across the nation.

At A&M, thankfully, there has been no pronounced opposition thus far from the university or campus organizations and hopefully the attitude will continue this week. The notion that women are free to make their own choice to pose nude should prevail. Playboy is more reputable than most adult magazines, and this issue is an opportunity for those hoping to pursue a career in this line of entertainment to win the favor of Big 12 fans.

For those wary of this idea, resist the temptation to scoff at the thought of an Aggie on the pages of Playboy; to each her own, and the choices an individual makes are one's own. Women who choose to pose, though, should be aware of the damage that can be done to reputations and lives through this kind of action. Playboy can ruin a life as easily as it can make it, and there are no guarantees the Playboy Mansion or stardom will be the final destination.

So, be aware of the risks involved with this venture, but know that the decision lies with the individual. For anyone chosen to be featured on the pages of Playboy, do it in a tasteful manner, as it is a representation of self, school and conference, and besides being known as "the girl who posed for Playboy," the issue will be available to for all to see in the stacks at Sterling C. Evans Library.

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## National/International Roundup

### Mob attacks Marines, 10 injured during brawl

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A mob armed with bats and pipes attacked 10 U.S. Navy Marines, leaving one with a cranial fracture and others with injuries from broken bones to minor scrapes, the Navy said Tuesday.

All 10 were released from the hospital Tuesday after a brawl that erupted Monday night in the colonial section of San Juan, capital of this U.S. Caribbean territory, said Lt. Corey Barker, a Navy spokesman.

The Marines — more than 60 wearing civilian clothes at the time — had just finished work as a security detachment for contested military exercises on the outlying island of Vieques.

Two Marines were arguing between themselves outside at about 11 p.m. when a mob armed with lead pipes and bats started beating them, Barker said. He did not say what the fight was about.

Eight other Marines came to their

friends' defense, and the brawl developed into a large street fight involving more than two dozen people, the Navy and police said.

The attackers fled when police were called. There were no arrests.

### Train crash leaves three dead, 265 injured

PLACENTIA, Calif. (AP) — A mile-long freight train plowed head-on into a commuter train during rush hour Tuesday, killing three people and injuring about 265, officials said.

The northbound Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight train struck the southbound Metrolink train at 8:10 a.m. south of Los Angeles, buckling and derailing two cars packed with passengers, authorities and witnesses said.

Metrolink officials said they didn't know how the trains wound up on the same track.

One person died at the scene and two others died later, Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jim

Amorino said.

Up to 300 people were aboard the commuter train, Metrolink spokeswoman Sharon Gavin said. Twenty-five of about 265 injured were immediately taken to hospitals and 45 others were to be transported, she said.

Many of the victims had internal injuries and broken bones. Several streets in the area were closed because of the wreckage and the length of the freight train.

### Threats against embassy prompt heavy patrols

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — Heavy military patrols guarded the U.S. Embassy compound in Yemen on Tuesday after the embassy said it received unspecified threats against U.S. interests in the country.

Military foot and vehicle patrols in the streets as well as jeeps mounted with heavy machine guns and anti-aircraft weapons were added to the regular cement barriers and police guards that usually protect the embassy.

The embassy said on its Web site Monday that it had received information that a terrorist attack against U.S. interests in the country could occur as early as Tuesday.

Consular services were suspended, except for emergency American citizen services, the embassy said. The statement didn't say how long the consular service reduction would remain in effect.

Security in Yemen has been a top concern of the United States since the attack on the destroyer USS Cole in October 2000 that killed 17 American sailors in Aden harbor. U.S. officials have linked al Qaeda to that bombing.

### Airport workers arrested as part of investigation

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Federal authorities have arrested 94 workers at two Washington-area airports on charges of fraudulently obtaining airport security badges.

"The arrests at Washington Dulles International Airport and

Ronald Reagan National Airport are part of an ongoing investigation to ensure that people who have access to secure areas of our airports are worthy of the trust granted to them by the public," Attorney General John Ashcroft said.

Similar arrests have occurred in recent weeks in Phoenix, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City and San Francisco. In all, about 400 workers have been arrested or indicted since Sept. 11, including those on Tuesday, officials said.

The investigation, called Operation Tarmac, spread to 11 airports before Tuesday's arrests.

While law enforcement officials said none of those arrested have been linked to terrorism, some aviation experts said the workers were in position to help smuggle bombs or weapons aboard aircraft.

### Oil company drops plans to drill in sacred area

WASHINGTON (AP) — An oil company dropped plans Tuesday to

drill in a Montana valley that is sacred to American Indians and is adorned with rock drawings considered among the most significant tribal art on the Northern Plains.

Denver-based Anschutz Exploration Corp. said it would transfer two leases for oil and gas rights in Weatherman Draw to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which will hold the leases until they expire.

The parcel where Anschutz wanted to drill had the potential to produce 10 million barrels of oil, but company officials had acknowledged there was only a one-in-seven chance of drilling a productive well.

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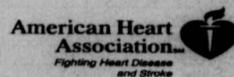
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# FOOD

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## Kincaid's serves hamburgers with standing room only

BY SARAH KREBS  
Skiff Staff

As I entered Kincaid's, a few things caught my eye: The long line to get a burger, the tables full of happy eaters enjoying their food, the many inflatable figures from E.T. and palm trees hanging from the ceiling.

People standing eating their meals stood out in the bustling store, among several wooden shelves with food neatly stacked.

The cashier at the old meat counter of the grocery store took down my order on a white paper bag.

At the end of the counter, busy out-of-breath employees yelled out the names of the diners who anxiously awaited their food.

After getting my food, I filled up my drink and tried in vain to find a spot to sit. Forced to stand, I leaned on one of the wooden shelves and started to dig into my rather delectable food.

Just then a family got up from the end table in the far corner. I rushed to grab the seat for my family and myself.

I dove into my juicy burger. I finished my first big bite and immediately knew that Kincaid's was the best around.

Who would have thought that an old

grocery store would turn into Fort Worth's best burger place?

Kincaid's Hamburgers started out as a grocery store in the historical district of Camp Bowie, but in 1991 the store changed into the now popular burger shop.

The store opened in 1946. Then in 1967 because of his failing health Kincaid sold the store to O.R. Gentry, the manager and meat cutter since 1947.

"People just started coming in and getting burgers and groceries and most of our business came from the hamburgers, so we took down the fresh vegetable area and the front office and put up tables," Owner Lynn Gentry said.

Though they converted the grocery store to a restaurant, they left the original decor.

"When it was a grocery store, vendors would bring inflatables to advertise and they just stayed up on the ceiling," Lynn Gentry said. "Then the customers would bring some in and just give them to us to hang up. Some of the inflatables are over 20-years-old."

Kincaid's offers hamburgers, sandwiches, grilled chicken sandwiches, grilled cheese, hot dogs and corn dogs, and offers side orders of French fries, onion rings, mushrooms and fried okra.

Kincaid's is located at 4901 Camp Bowie and is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For \$7.50 a person, Kincaid's can also be rented for a minimum of 50 people to enjoy a private meal.

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## French-Mediterranean cuisine offered at affordable prices

BY TODD CLOWER  
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Tucked away in a nook on the corner of Park Hill Drive and Forest Park Boulevard sits Saprستي!, a casual bistro serving French-Mediterranean cuisine.

Saprستي!, an offshoot of country-French restaurant Saint-Emilion, has a casual atmosphere.

After church one Sunday I was feeling adventurous and decided to try a new place for lunch. Panera Bread and Charleston's were getting old, and the food seemed to all taste the same.

Driving around Park Hill Drive, I stumbled upon Saprستي!, a quaint little restaurant partially hidden in the back of a shopping center.

I decided to try it out.

As I opened the door a multitude of delectable scents surrounded me. Smells of warm bread, exotic cheeses and fresh seafood all combined to create a Mediterranean ambiance.

The small dining room contained a small number of tables, each with gleaming tablecloths, shining silverware and cuts of fresh flowers.

Immediately I was greeted by a smiling waiter with a European accent and a hospitable demeanor.

An appetizing basket of various breads adorned the table, along with olive oil and an extensive wine list.

After I perused the brunch menu thoroughly, I ordered tomato-ginger soup, which had a wonderful tinge of spice. For my entrée I ordered eggs benedict with salmon and capers. My dish was served with Belgian fries, which is a Saprستي! specialty.

After a filling meal I ordered creme brulee and a steaming cup of robust coffee. The caramel custard desert was glazed to perfection surrounded by fresh fruit and berries.

I left brunch feeling that I could return with a warm welcome and a new and interesting dining experience each and every time.

Owner Bernard Tronche opened Saint-Emilion 18 years ago, and added Saprستي! in June 2000 to offer an alternative to the more formal parent restaurant.

Saprستي! offers diners unique and original dishes, many consisting of seafood.

The bistro offers six different types of mussel dishes and creative entrees such as roasted Long Island duck and Maryland crab cakes.

For the champagne brunch, choices include three types of eggs benedict, roast duck hash and various salmon dishes.

Saprستي! offers 50 wines by the glass at retail prices and four premium beers on tap.

Saprستي! serves as an ideal restaurant for students who are hosting their parents or impressing a date.

Manager Jennifer Kornblum said locally owned restaurants may have a tough time competing with chain restaurants, but Saprستي! is keeping up with the competition.

The bistro is open Tuesday through Thursday for lunch and dinner and Sundays for brunch.

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# Discovering Dining Delights

Testing out the little-known Fort Worth restaurants



## Edelweiss features German food, polka music and dance floor

BY BLAIR BUSCH  
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After driving down Camp Bowie and seeing the endless array of chain restaurants, I felt a little adventurous and turned left on Alta Mere.

I still do not know how I stumbled across Edelweiss German Restaurant, located at 3801 Southwest Blvd.

Edelweiss serves classic Bavarian fare along with some adaptations of American and Italian dishes.

During my first trip to Edelweiss, I ordered the Vienna-style Schnitzel. The meal came with a dinner salad with the house dressing that is a tangy vinaigrette.

My Schnitzel was promptly brought to my table with sides of sauerkraut and German-style potatoes. Schnitzel is pan-seared pork smothered with a rich, dark sauce that has hints of a mushroom flavor to it. There was more food than I could eat at one sitting.

I had no intentions of ordering desert until the table next to me ordered a piece of the Black Forest cake. I had to give it a try. The chocolate cake was very rich and moist and the cherry and whipped cream layers were superb.

The wait staff was courteous and had a German flair, wearing broom skirts and peasant tops. It was a nice change from the typ-

ical jeans and polo shirt uniform of chain restaurants.

Edelweiss has its own house band that performs on Friday and Saturday nights. There is a dance floor where guests can polka, chicken dance or even join in on the elephant dance. The band takes requests and diners can enjoy a version of "Over the Rainbow" played on a saw. Of course the title song "Edelweiss" is played several times a night.

On following trips to Edelweiss, I tried the Bratwurst and Spaghetti. The spaghetti is anything but traditional. It has a very rich meat sauce made with veal; it is very filling.

Edelweiss is open 5 to 10 p.m. Tuesday—Thursday and 5 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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## Benito's provides authentic Mexican food and environment

BY JESSICA SANDERS  
Skiff Staff

There are no talking Chihuahuas at Benito's. No rock music blaring, no waiters in polo shirts.

Benito's Mexican Restaurant has been quietly serving authentic Mexican food from its West Magnolia location for the last 22 years.

When I arrived 2 p.m. Sunday, most of the lunch-hour rush had died down.

The decor looked more like someone's kitchen than the brightly colored Mexican chain restaurants I am used to.

I was seated immediately and attended to quite well by the wait staff. The dining rooms were worn but comfortable and peaceful in the late afternoon.

Instead of popular music blaring from a sound system, Tejano music plays softly in the background.

A massive indoor tree greets diners in the doorway and colorful piñatas dangle from the ceiling. Mexican blankets hang from the windows and the tables are covered with chile-pepper print tablecloths.

The menu is in both English and Spanish and includes useful Spanish phrases allowing the customer to order beer, coffee and tea. I suggest you only attempt Spanish if you are really confident, as the waitress, dressed in a Mexican blouse, chuckled at my poor pronunciation as I ordered my meal.

A meal at Benito's includes a bowl of pico de gallo, a tomato-based tortilla soup and corn or flour tortillas in a sombrero-shaped basket.

Menu items include such adventurous Mexican fare as menudo and ceviche yucateco. More conventional dishes are also offered such as tacos, enchiladas and tamales. Items such as enchiladas and tacos are also available a la carte or as combo meals.

I chose the enchiladas con mole rojo, or chicken enchiladas with red mole sauce. The dish came with a side of rice and refried beans.

The tortilla soup was excellent but I thought the rice could have used more seasoning. I also learned that I do not like mole sauce because of the slight chocolate taste.

I was disappointed to find that the menu did not offer sopapillas, as the only dessert available was flan.

A modest selection of wines and margaritas, as well as an extensive selection of beer, is offered.

Competition with chain restaurants hasn't been much of a problem, Manager Arturo Gonzalez said.

"Good food, good service, good prices, and we keep our restaurants clean. Those are the keys," Gonzalez said.

Business must be good because seven months ago, Benito's opened its second restaurant at 2516 N.E. 28th St.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Lunch specials are offered 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday—Friday for \$5.79.

Ladies' Lunch Specials are offered at the same times for \$5.39.

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### RESERVES

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far away from the action as possible when they're working on them," Treva Smutz said.

Lane Smutz was activated Jan. 26 and deployed overseas a month later, his mother said. She said that although she cannot reveal where her son is stationed overseas, he is still able to call and e-mail her. He is eager to come back to Fort Worth when his 90-day temporary assignment is over, she said.

"He can't talk to me about what he is doing, so I just tell him what's going on here," she said.

Having to leave behind his studies at TCU was very disappointing for her son, Treva Smutz said.

"He has a plan and friends, but he knew when he signed up that this was a possibility," she said. "We were disappointed, but we're

glad he got to finish last semester."

Crum said that one of her biggest concerns is that because of her husband's irregular schedule, she has to hire live-in help to look after her children when they are both gone. She said she is looking for a TCU student to move into their home in west Fort Worth and provide childcare.

"We want a live-in student with us, somebody who can come into our family during the summer and the kids will get used to whoever is there in the house," Crum said. "So when I leave, it's not going to be a big turmoil."

Though she hopes the person that they find will far exceed their expectations and it will be a good experience, Crum said she will still worry about her children.

"I am trusting somebody who I have known a very short time with that same responsibility that I have put upon myself," Crum

said. "I'll probably worry more about the kids that they're worried about me."

The full meaning of her deployment doesn't appear to be sinking in yet with her children, Crum said.

"I'm going to be gone through Thanksgiving and a couple of birthdays and other family events, so we're trying to talk those through now," Crum said. "When you're 10 years old, if it's not happening tomorrow or the next day, it really hasn't come to full reality yet."

For now, Crum said she is concentrating on getting both her family and her military unit ready.

"All I want is everybody who goes with me to come back with me and everybody who is deployed at that same base to come back in one piece," Crum said. "Then I'll consider it a success."

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### MARKET

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case locally grown produce, crafts and entertainment. The Farmer's Market will be held under three large canopies totaling over 23,000 square feet, Rawie said.

"Vendors at the Fort Worth Public Market will be small, independent, family-owned businesses which will have a special relationship with their customers because they will serve them regularly, personally and consistently," Rawie said.

"This is a different model than the suburban grocery store environment," she said. "But we think H-E-B Central Market will be a big competitor for us."

Representatives from H-E-B Central Market declined to comment on any potential competition from the Fort Worth Public Market.

The Fort Worth Public Market developed because of a partnership between Downtown Fort Worth, Inc., the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District, the City of Fort Worth and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Rawie said.

"We are following the European tradition of open-air markets which promote direct interaction between customers and small businesses," Rawie said.

Rawie said Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. looked at Seattle's successful Pike Place Market in particular when planning the Fort

Worth Public Market.

Katy Jo Reinmiller, a junior economics major from Seattle, said she is excited about the market opening in Fort Worth.

"Pike Place Market is a really neat thing in Seattle and I think it's great that Fort Worth will now have something similar," Reinmiller said.

The market will be open six days a week, excluding Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The outdoor Farmer's Market will operate 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays from May 25 to September 21. For more information contact Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. at (817) 870-1692.

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**VATICAN**

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accused of mishandling sex abuse cases.

Addressing U.S. cardinals and bishops at the start of an extraordinary two-day meeting, John Paul made his toughest statement since allegations of sex abuse by priests began pouring out in January, shaking the Roman Catholic Church in the United States.

"The abuse which has caused this crisis is by every standard wrong and rightly considered a crime by society; it is also an appalling sin in the eyes of God," the pontiff said. "To the victims and their families, wherever they may be, I express my profound sense of solidarity and concern."

While in the past the church has been accused of sheltering priests accused of abuse, the pope's remarks appeared to indicate that the church would put up no impediments to cooperation with authorities investigating crimes.

"People need to know that there is no place in the priesthood and religious life for those who would

harm the young," he said, according to the official English text of the speech released by the Vatican.

Cardinal Francis George of Chicago said the subject of Law's possible resignation was not raised in Tuesday's session or in a private meeting of the prelates the night before.

Law admitted to the group that "if he hadn't made some terrible mistakes, we probably all wouldn't be here," George said.

Law is under pressure over his handling of abuse cases. He said last week that he would not resign.

Detroit Cardinal Adam Maida joined Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington in stating that Law should stay on. "He has been such a great influence on our own conference of bishops in the United States and the world," Maida told The Associated Press.

Twelve cardinals and two bishops from the United States met with Vatican officials in Rome to find ways to stem the scandal that has shaken the confidence of the faithful, led to the resignation of one

bishop, and cost the church millions of dollars in legal settlements.

Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles said the Americans would meet Tuesday night and work out a list of formal proposals for the U.S. church that should lead to a specific communique at the end of the meeting. One cardinal has proposed creating a nationwide panel of prominent Catholic laymen and women "make sure we have the best possible standards," Mahony said.

Mahony said the pope made "the strongest language I've seen about what we call at home 'zero tolerance'" for abusive priests. The pope "made it very clear that there is no place in the priesthood for anyone who abuses minors," he told AP.

Since revelations began emerging early this year in the United States, the pope's only previous public reference to the issue came in a pre-Easter letter to priests March 21. He said a "dark shadow of suspicion" had been cast over priests "by some of our brothers who have betrayed the grace of ordination."

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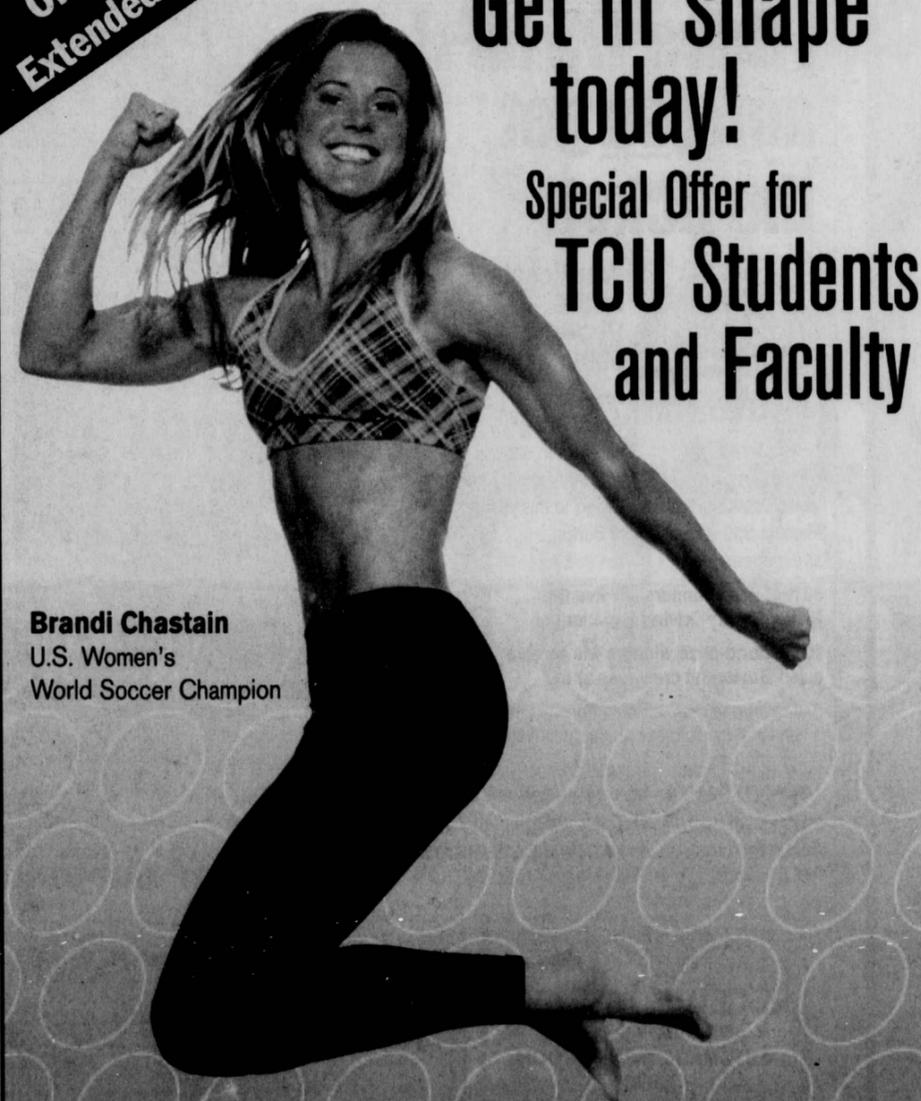
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# President's counselor announces resignation, hopes to return to Texas

BY RON FOURNIER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House counselor Karen Hughes, one of President Bush's closest confidants and perhaps the most senior female aide to any modern American president, announced her resignation Tuesday. Bush said he will continue to seek her advice from afar.



HUGHES

"She may be changing addresses, but she's not leaving my inner circle," the president said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press shortly after Hughes' surprise announcement made her the first top White House aide to depart Bush's staff.

Hughes, 45, an aide to Bush since his days as Texas governor, unveiled her plans for a summertime depar-

ture at a daily White House briefing.

"Later this summer, I'm going to be changing the way in which I serve the president. My husband and I have made a difficult but we think right decision to move our family home back to Texas," she said.

"Our roots are there," she said. "I guess we're a little homesick."

Bush, in an exclusive interview, said Hughes broke the news to him Wednesday or Thursday and he accepted the decision.

"I said, 'Karen, I've always valued your advice' and she said, 'You'll have my advice.' So I said to myself as long as I have her advice, judgment and friendship, I support the move," the president said.

"This is Karen being Karen. She loves her family. She has always made it clear to me ever since I've known her that her husband and son come first in her life," Bush said.

Hughes and political aide Karl

Rove were critical to Bush's rise from a two-term Texas governor to the presidency. Rove, a fellow Texan with a teen-age child of his own, has no plans to leave the White House, Bush said.

"I think there's a different set of circumstances," the president said.

Hughes and Condoleezza Rice, the president's national security adviser, are two of the most influential female aides in White House history.

Fifteen months into the Bush presidency, this is the period in which senior aides generally start considering departures from high-pressure White House and Cabinet posts. White House chief of staff Andrew Card has denied reports that he is considering leaving in the fall. Bush advisers say they expect Hughes will not be the last senior aide to leave this year.

Bush said there was nothing other than Hughes' personal desire to return to Texas that prompted her resignation.

# Germany cracks down on suspected militants, crushes cell linked with al Qaeda

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM  
Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany claimed Tuesday it crushed a terror cell led by a London-based cleric linked to Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network, arresting 11 suspected Islamic militants in raids throughout the country.

Meanwhile, an Algerian defendant admitted in a Frankfurt court that he was involved in a plot to bomb a synagogue in France two years ago.

Police said that those arrested in raids in 10 cities throughout the country on Tuesday belonged to a Palestinian group identified as Al Tawhid that was plotting attacks in Germany.

"We've managed to smash a cell which ... particularly against the background of the grave conflict in the Middle East, stood on the brink of attacks in Germany," federal prosecutor Kay Nehm said. "We think we've managed to prevent some

things that were being prepared."

In television interviews, Nehm identified the spiritual leader of the group as Abu Qatadah, a Muslim cleric identified by U.S. and European officials as having links to Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda organization.

A Jordanian of Palestinian descent, Qatadah was convicted in absentia in 2000 by a military court in Jordan on charges of conspiring to attack U.S. and Israeli targets. He was protected by British law from extradition but in February, British anti-terrorism experts said Qatadah had disappeared.

German prosecutors said Tuesday that the suspects in custody were part of a "secret international network" and had mainly provided false travel documents, collected donations and arranged travel for Islamic fighters in Afghanistan. During the raids, police seized computers, documents and material used to falsify passports.

The prosecutor's office identified only one suspect — Yaser H., a Palestinian living in the western German city of Essen. The 36-year-old was a leading figure in the cell and had contacts across Germany, the statement said.

The arrests follow a flurry of political pledges to crack down on suspected militants since it emerged shortly after Sept. 11 that three of the hijackers, including ringleader Mohamed Atta, had lived in Germany.

Gerhard Schlemmer, a spokesman for the Federal Criminal Office, Germany's equivalent of the FBI, said any links between Tuesday's arrest and the Sept. 11 attacks "are not recognizable at the moment."

Also Tuesday, one of five Algerians on trial in Frankfurt for alleged terrorist activities admitted to plotting to blow up a synagogue in France, but rejected allegations that he was linked to al Qaeda or bin Laden.

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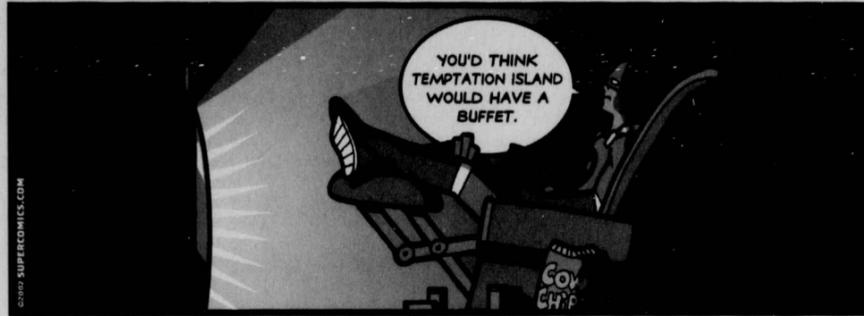
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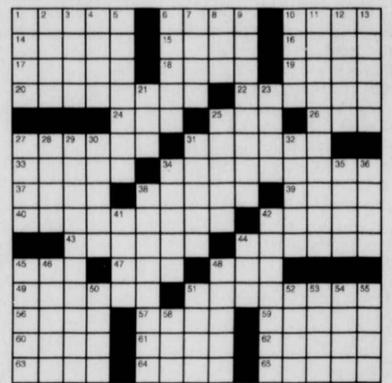
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## The Sideline

### The other Ricky Williams wants to sign with Saints

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Ricky Williams says he will sign with the New Orleans Saints.

It's not the Ricky Williams who was recently dealt by the team to the Miami Dolphins. It's the former running back for Texas Tech who wasn't selected in last weekend's NFL draft.

The Saints Tuesday confirmed that Williams plans to sign a one-year contract with the team on Thursday, just in time for the team's minicamp Friday through Sunday.

Williams played in the Big 12 at the same time the former Texas running back for Texas Tech who now plays for Miami was drafted by the Saints in 1999.

Former University of Texas running back Ricky Williams who now plays for Miami was drafted by the Saints in 1999.

### Men's golf leading C-USA after 2 rounds

The TCU men's golf team fired the lowest round of the Conference USA Championships (283)

Tuesday to turn a first-place tie into a five-stroke lead after two rounds of play in Navarre, Fla. The Frogs are the only team under par (-2) through 36 holes.

Senior Bret Guetz continues to reside atop the leaderboard after shooting his fifth consecutive sub-70 round. He registered a four-under par 68 in round two and is now 10-under par for the tournament with a two-day total of 134.

"We turned at even par and played the back side at five-under," said head coach Bill Montigel. "Bret Guetz played

great. He shot 34-34 and has really been playing good golf. We're looking forward to coming out tomorrow and playing. Our guys love the golf course."

Senior Andy Doeden, who has seven top-20 finishes already this year, moved into position for another one on the second day of the championship. Doeden (145) recorded a one-under 71 and now has a share of 14th place with 18 holes remaining. Junior Adam Rubinson is also among the tournament's top 20, as his two-over score of 146 has him tied for 19th place. Rubinson has recorded a score of 73 in both rounds and is aiming for his sixth top-20 finish of the year.

The third and final round is Wednesday. The seventh-rated Frogs are in search of their second straight conference title. TCU won the Western Athletic Conference last year.

The women's golf team won its own C-USA title last week.

### Rocker back to majors, never made it to minors

ARLINGTON — John Rocker was recalled Tuesday by the Texas Rangers, even though the struggling reliever never reported to his minor league assignment.

Rocker was brought back after the Rangers placed 10-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez on the 15-day disabled list with a herniated disc in his back.

Because Rocker is replacing an injured player on the roster, the Rangers weren't bound by the rule requiring an optioned player to spend at least 10 days with his minor league team.

## Frogs' losing streak extends to five games

A week ago things were looking good for the Horned Frog baseball team. They were sitting at the top of the Conference USA standings and had just come off a dominating three-game sweep of Saint Louis.

What a difference a week makes.

In that time, TCU (20-22, 11-7 C-USA) has lost five in a row, its longest skid of the season, including going 0 for 3 in a key conference series with Tulane. The fifth loss came at the hands of Metroplex rival Texas-Arlington, who hammered the Horned Frogs 15-1 at the TCU Diamond Tuesday.

Head coach Lance Brown, whose birthday was Tuesday, was hardly in the mood to celebrate, as he watched seven TCU pitchers give up eight earned runs on 17 hits. The Frogs also walked four batters on the afternoon.

Just as bad was the defense. The Horned Frog defense committed five errors during the contest, its largest amount in one game this season.

The usually productive TCU offense was shut down on Tuesday, thanks to the pitching of Maverick junior Aaron Pullin.

Pullin, who pitched on three days rest, used a mixture of fast-ball and breaking pitches to keep the Frog lineup off-balance. He went seven innings, tossed 101 pitches, gave up no earned runs, four hits, walked one and struck out five.

The lone run for TCU came in the sixth inning, on an RBI-single by junior first baseman Ryan

Weems, scoring junior outfielder Terry Trofholz.

Pullin's counterpart on the mound, sophomore Aaron Tims, didn't have the same type of day. Tims managed to go only one inning, giving up three runs on three hits and two walks.

Tims's replacements didn't fair much better. Of the six relief pitchers, only freshman Chris White and senior Josh Gardner kept the Mavericks from scoring on their watch.

One of the few positives that can be taken from the game was

the continued hitting streak of Trofholz.

Currently leading the conference in hitting with a .474 average, Trofholz's double in the third inning extended his hitting streak to fifteen games. He has hit safely in 23 of his last 24 games and 34 of 38 as a starter this season.

The Frogs will hope to get back

on track this weekend in a critical three-game series with conference

foe Louisville. Currently standing in fourth place, the Frogs are two games from first-place Louisville. TCU is also four games from

eight, which is the last spot that a team can be in to participate in the C-USA tournament.



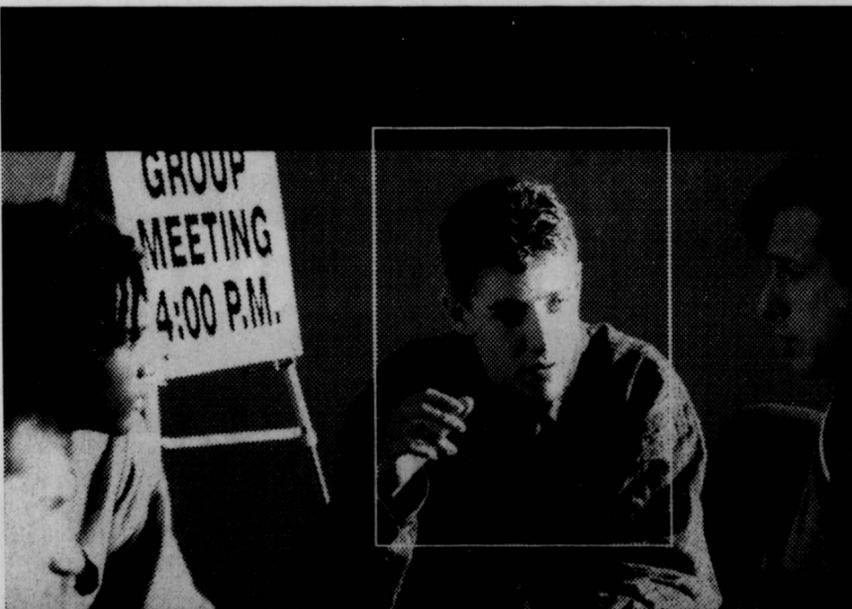
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Senior infielder Trey Crawford slides into third base March 3 in the Frogs' only home win against Texas-Arlington so far this season. The Frogs lost to UTA Tuesday 15-1 at the TCU Diamond.

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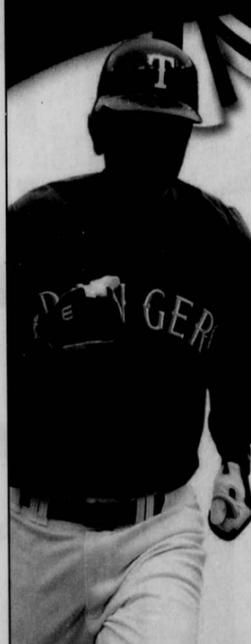
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