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Katie Gordon, chairwoman of the Academic Affairs committee, spoke to the House of Student Representatives about a resolution at their meeting Tuesday.

Flag not to be flown for Coming Out Week

eQ Alliance President Sebastian Moleski said the activities planned for National Coming Out Week will make students more aware of gays and lesbians on campus.

BY EMILY TURNER
Staff Reporter

eQ Alliance, the student organization that represents gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders, decided against asking to raise the rainbow flag for National Coming Out Week, said organization president Sebastian Moleski.

In a group meeting Tuesday, the gay rights organization decided not to ask the university to allow it to fly a flag symbolizing equal rights next on the poles in front of Sadler Hall, said Moleski, a freshman political science and economics major. The organization had planned to ask for the Student Government Association's backing at its meeting.

Organizations are not allowed to fly extra flags on the three poles hoisting the American, Texas and university flags in front of Sadler Hall, the office of Student Affairs confirmed.

"We decided that the flag would offend too many people," Moleski said after the SGA meeting.

Student reactions varied. Dickson Obahor, a junior business major and Foster Hall representative, said eQ Alliance is entitled as a campus organization to represent itself during National Coming Out Week, but flying a flag is unnecessary.

"I am not offended because they are working hard and equality should be stressed," he said. "If the TCU flag already represents students, they shouldn't have to fly their organization's flag."

Speaking at the SGA meeting Tuesday, Moleski told representatives about the events eQ Alliance has planned for this year's National Coming Out Week. He said activities are all supportive of gay and lesbian students and will be in the Student Center Monday through Oct. 10.

Moleski said more events are planned this year than before because of an abundance of activities and speakers available. Activities will inform students about issues related to gay rights, religion, tolerance and

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Photo editor/Sarah McClellan
Emily Panian, who plays Mrs. Miller, rehearses Tuesday for Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness!" in the University Theatre. The play opens today and will run through Sunday.

University Theatre hosts O'Neill's 'Ah, Wilderness'

Theater students will present "Ah, Wilderness" today through Sunday at the University Theatre.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. each night. The play is a comedy by Eugene O'Neill, a Nobel Prize-winning and four-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright. "Ah, Wilderness" is a comedic look at American family life during the turn of the century. The production is being directed by T.J. Walsh. For information, contact Walsh at (817) 257-6083.

Reed Hall evacuated for second time in five days

Reed Hall was evacuated for the second time in five days because a fire alarm was triggered from steam in the Deco Deli kitchen, said Martha Barron, the floor deputy for emergency situations in Reed.

After the building was evacuated, students, professors and staff waited about 10 minutes before they were allowed to go back in.

Barron, who is also an administrative assistant for the Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences, said she had trouble getting people out of the building.

Randy Cobb, safety director, said the floor deputies have two to four meetings a year and cover topics like weather and fire safety. The floor directors are given orange vests and help coordinate emergencies.

— Bill Morrison

CORRECTION

Peter Thompson is the TCU LEAPS director. He was misidentified in Tuesday's Skiff.

Kung Fu Theatre

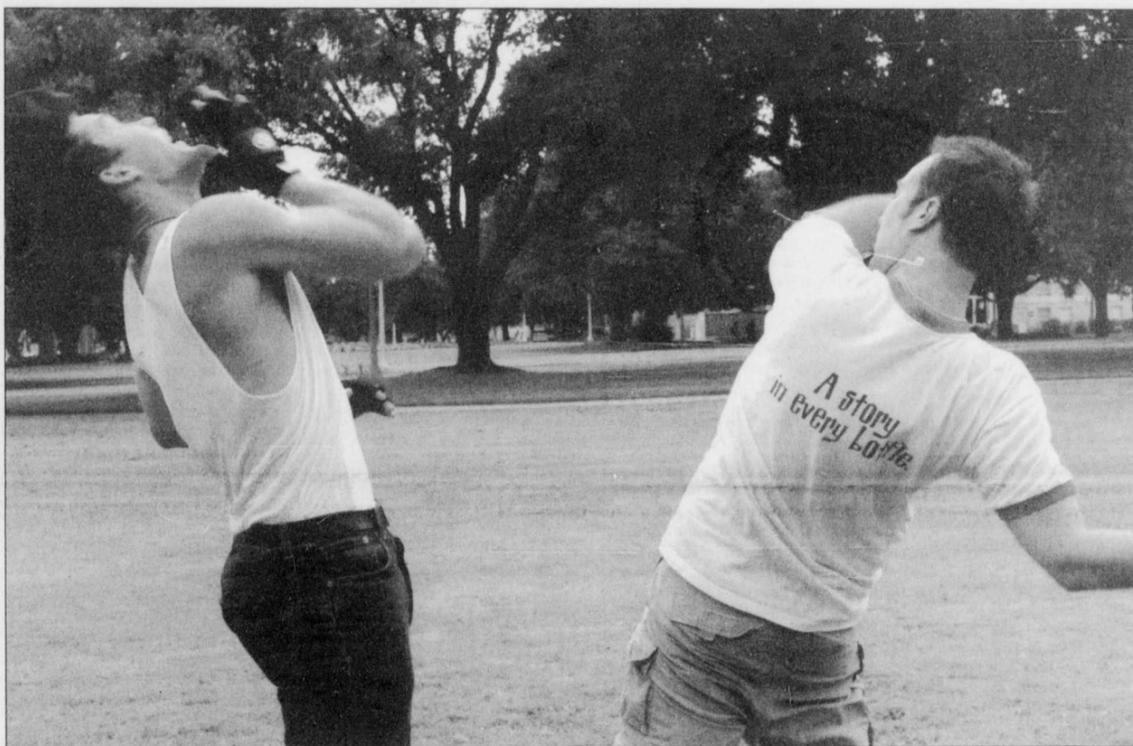


Photo editor/Sarah McClellan
Senior theater majors Ben Thompson and Ned Record practiced fight scenes outside of Ed Landreth Hall Tuesday for their stage combat class.

Bush: proposed Iraq compromise cumbersome

President George W. Bush said Tuesday that a Senate proposed compromise is inadequate and would tie his hands. The administration rebuked congressional estimates that a war with Iraq could cost nearly \$9 billion a month.

BY TOM RAUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush criticized a proposed Senate compromise on his Iraq war resolution Tuesday, saying it would tie his hands. Congressional leaders

intensified efforts to find common ground ahead of a potentially divisive Senate debate but said differences remained.

The administration reacted skeptically to a new agreement between Baghdad and U.N. arms inspectors. "We will not be satisfied with Iraqi half-truths or Iraqi compromises or Iraqi efforts to get us back into the same swamp," Secretary of State Colin Powell declared in an early evening appearance in the State Department briefing room.

"Pressure works, and we're going to keep it up," he added as the

administration pressed its campaign for a strong U.N. resolution to disarm Baghdad. Bush challenged the Security Council to "show its backbone."

"We're just not going to accept something that is weak," Bush said.

Meanwhile, Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer brushed aside a congressional estimate that war with Iraq could cost U.S. taxpayers as much as \$6 billion to \$9 billion a month. The cost could be as little as "one bullet," Fleischer said, should the Iraqi people take the initiative to depose Saddam Hussein themselves.

Bush pushed forward on a two-track approach, seeking the strongest possible wording in resolutions before both Congress and the United Nations.

He summoned House members of both parties to the White House, and they emerged saying they were close to agreement. "They're down literally to the last few words," said Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo. Bush was to meet with top Senate and House leaders on Iraq Wednesday.

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt's spokesman, Erik Smith,

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Texas coast prepares for the wrath of Hurricane Lili

The category two storm is causing towns all along the western gulf coast to review their emergency plans.

Associated Press

Hurricane Lili continues on a path towards the Texas coast, but as the storm approaches, some TCU students from the coastal area say neither they or their families are overly concerned about its impact.

Chris Daugherty, a senior finance major, said the biggest effect the

storm has on his family is endangering their yearly fishing trip to New Orleans. He said his family always stocks up on supplies and secures the house before a storm comes.

"We've been through this before," Daugherty said. "Everyone in general knows what to do."

The Texas Division of Emergency Management raised its alert status to Level Two on Tuesday morning. Only Level One is a higher state of alert on the four-level system.

Alisa Brill, a junior nursing major, said that her family is not worried, especially after Tropical Depression Isidore passed through without problems.

Melissa Hinz, a senior finance major, said that her family has probably done nothing, because they usually don't worry over situations such as this.

"My family is originally from Cuba, and we are more concerned

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Photo editor/Sarah McClellan
eQ Alliance members Melissa Osborn, Allison Russel and Matthew Finchum sold tickets Tuesday for a dinner with Chris Jagger, a disc jockey for 102.1 the Edge.

Group advises against plan

A focus group told the Staff Assembly Tuesday that a paid time off plan would reduce overall benefits, but it recommended changes to the current policy, including eliminating personal leave.

BY AMY JOHNSON
Staff Reporter

A paid time off focus group, formed a year ago, recommended against implementing a benefit plan that would lump together vacation and sick leave in its Staff Assembly report Tuesday.

According to the focus group, a typical paid time off plan would result in a significant reduction in leave days by about 48 percent for salaried staff and between 45 percent and 47 percent for hourly staff. After reviewing several examples of such programs throughout the nation, the focus group opted against recommending such a plan, but did propose changes to the current leave plan.

Nancy Petruso, assistant vice chancellor for advancement services, said about 80 percent of staff surveyed were satisfied with the current plan and they were against any reduction in the number of sick and vacation days allotted.

"The biggest reason we are not recommending the paid time off plan is because it would result in a loss of benefits for staff overall," Petruso said.

Paid time off plans typically combine vacation and sick leave into one pay pool and may include other

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The Weather

THURSDAY

High: 93; Low: 62; Partly cloudy

FRIDAY

High: 89; Low: 68; Partly Cloudy

SATURDAY

High: 89; Low: 61; Partly Cloudy,

Looking Back

1942 — President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill issue a declaration, signed by representatives of 26 countries, called the United Nations.

1951 — Gordon Sumner (better known as the musician Sting) is born in Newcastle, England. Before becoming a full-time musician, he worked as a teacher and a ditch digger.

1967 — Chief Justice Earl Warren swears in Thurgood Marshall, the first black justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Watch For

Check Friday's edition of the Skiff for a preview of TCU's Homecoming matchup against conference foe Houston. Check the edge, key matchups and three keys to see who has the upper hand in Saturday's contest.

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Your bulletin board for campus events

■ **The KinoMonda World Film Series** will present "El Beso Que Me Diste" (Puerto Rico) at 7 p.m. today in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 1. For more information, call (817) 257-7292.

■ **The TCU Theatre** will present "Ah, Wilderness!" Wednesday through Sunday in the University Theatre. The show marks the debut of director T.J. Walsh at TCU. Tickets are free to TCU students, faculty and staff with ID. Tickets are \$5 for all other students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults. Tickets are sold from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Hays Theatre Box Office, (817) 257-5770. For more information, call (817) 257-7625.

■ **December 2002 degree candidates** must file their intent to graduate forms in their dean's office immediately. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the registrar by Thursday.

■ **Student Teaching Applications** are due Thursday. The applications can be picked up in the Bailey Building, Room 102. For more information, call (817) 257-7690.

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Priest admits to fling with teen-ager

A New Hampshire priest admits to his congregation that he had a sexual relationship with a 18-year-old man for years.

BY J.M. HIRSCH
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — A Roman Catholic priest acknowledged to his parishioners that he had a sexual relationship with a teenage male during the 1980s, but said the young man was at least 18 at the time.

The Rev. Roland Cote read a letter Sunday to parishioners at St. Patrick Church in Jaffrey, asking forgiveness and describing the relationship, which he said lasted five or six years starting in 1985.

"What I did was wrong, but it did not involve a minor or a parishioner," he said.

Bishop John B. McCormack also wrote a letter to the congregation, saying that though Cote's actions were wrong, they did not violate the Diocese of Manchester's policies on sex abuse.

The diocese defines a minor as anyone under 18, and its policy is to remove any priest from active ministry in New Hampshire if he is the subject of credible allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor.

McCormack said he was confident Cote "had not engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor and that he is not a risk to children or young people."

The bishop also noted that an allegation against Cote was investigated this year by civil authorities

and no charges were filed.

McCormack said he made the right decision when he appointed Cote in June, to St. Patrick, although he did not tell parishioners until Sunday about either the criminal probe or a church investigation that followed.

He said he kept the information from church members because he wanted to protect Cote's privacy and because he was certain Cote was not a risk.

"I am confident that I made the right decision even though it was made at the expense of your knowing about his personal background," McCormack wrote.

McCormack testified at a deposition in an unrelated case Friday. There, he was asked about Cote, and a witness to the deposition told The Associated Press that the bishop wavered when asked about the age of the young man with whom the priest had a relationship, sometimes saying he was 17, and other times saying he was 18 or 19.

The man, now 35, told authorities Cote molested him while assigned to St. Patrick's Church in Newport.

Several law enforcement authorities, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the AP they believed the teenager was 15 or 16 when the relationship with Cote started, though they were unable to make an exact determination and did not press charges. 16 is the age when sexual consent can be given legally in New Hampshire.

INS makes new 'laser visas' mandatory for those crossing the Mexican border

Immigration and Naturalization Service hopes new, more secure visas will cut down on criminals crossing the border between the United States and Mexico.

BY CHRIS ROBERTS
Associated Press

EL PASO — High-tech laser visas that officially replace the old border crossing cards on Tuesday already have made life more difficult for some criminals.

In the past 12 months, the laser cards helped border inspectors in El Paso nab more than 400 suspects — including five wanted for murder, two for kidnapping and 13 for sex offenses, authorities said Monday.

The old border crossing cards have been around since the 1950s, but no longer will be accepted. The new laser visas can be swiped through a machine that checks the visa holder's name against various national crime databases.

"Now everybody is being screened," Immigration and Naturalization Service spokesman Araceli Aguayo said.

She said the number of people using the old cards dropped as the deadline approached.

"We think the majority of them (the laser visas) have been issued" to the people who will need them, she said. The laser visas were first issued in 1998.

Residents of Juarez, Mexico, using the Paso del Norte bridge's busy pedestrian crossing to enter El Paso on Monday said they liked the new cards.

"For me it's better," Juan Lorenzo Romo said in Spanish. "The old Mexican passports were easily pirated. They would steal them a lot."

Romo, who was taking his two sons to visit an aunt who lives in El Paso, said he knows places where forgeries of border crossing documents could easily be purchased.

Maria Rosario Robles-Zapata, who was headed to El Paso to visit her mother-in-law's sister and to shop for clothing for her 11-month-

old baby, said the new cards were easier to carry.

Romo has had his card for four years and Robles-Zapata got hers two years ago.

As of Tuesday, Aguayo said anyone who is not a U.S. citizen must have a new laser visa.

However, other border crossing documents, such as Mexican passports with valid student visas and certain State Department documents, still will be honored, as long as they are up-to-date.

Although the new cards have fingerprints and pictures embedded on a magnetic strip, Aguayo said the machines in place only will read the written data, including birth date, sex and nationality.

The fingerprints and pictures are also on the face of the laser visas, which are white and the same size as a credit card. That will allow inspectors to make sure they match the ones encoded on the magnetic strip. The encoded information makes the cards harder to forge.

"Now everybody is being screened."

— Araceli Aguayo
INS Spokesman

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leave such as holiday and funeral as well, said Nancy Styles, executive assistant to the vice chancellor for marketing and communication. Currently, employees have separate vacation and sick leave, she said.

A paid time off plan would calculate the average number of sick days needed to be around five or six and would reduce the total number of days a year, Petruso said.

Under the current leave plan, salaried staff receives about 48 days of leave, Styles said. This number

includes vacation and sick days, university closings and holidays, she said. Hourly staff with under 10 years of service receive about 41 leave days and those with more than 10 years receive about 49, she said.

Under the proposed plan, salaried staff members would have received between 21 and 26 leave days and hourly staff between 16 and 26 leave days, Styles said.

Recommended changes to the current plan by the focus group are to eliminate the six month waiting period for vacation time; create earlier and more frequent milestones for hourly staff based on years of service; equalize leave benefits for salaried and hourly staff at 15 years; reduce payout to 50 percent of un-

used leave time for staff completing less than five years of employment; and eliminate personal leave.

The proposed changes are being referred to the policy review committee for study, said Karen Baker, chairwoman of the Staff Assembly.

Baker said a focus group was appointed by Human Resources in May to study a paid time off plan because of interest expressed in a survey. One benefit of the plan is that it would allow staff more flexibility in how to use their days off, she said.

In most circumstances, salaried staff members receive no overtime and hourly employees are eligible for overtime, Petruso said.

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LILI

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about the hurricane hitting there than here," Hinz said.

Texas officials are preparing for what could become a hurricane with winds around 115 mph as Lili churned its way toward the Gulf Coast, with landfall possible Thursday.

"It's a little bit early to tell that, but I think areas there in the northwestern Gulf, say from Houston to New Orleans, should be monitoring the progress of the storm very carefully," said Frank Lepore of the National Hurricane Center.

"We move our level of readiness up according to the threat to the state," said Jack Colley, state coordinator for emergency management.

At 4 p.m. Tuesday, the eye of the storm was entering the southeastern Gulf of Mexico. Winds were sustained at 105 mph, making Lili a Category Two hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson scale. Winds were expected to strengthen during the next 24 hours.

The scale ranges from Category One to Category Five. A Category One hurricane has winds from 74 to 95 mph, and a Category Five hurricane has winds over 155 mph.

The National Hurricane Center prediction puts the landfall of Lili in south Louisiana, around New Iberia, about Thursday afternoon.

Lepore noted that the average prediction error is 150 miles on either side of the hurricane's projected path.

"The hurricane is very much like a pinball being moved around between the large bumpers of clockwise and counterclockwise rotating air, so it depends in the high and low pressure systems," he said.

In Galveston, officials were urging residents to prepare for a possible evacuation.

"At this point, we take it in six-hour increments with updates from the hurricane center every six hours and basically will be monitoring it through today. Based on current forecasts, we will step up the preparedness level (Tuesday) evening," said Eliot Jennings, Galveston's emergency management coordinator.

Staff reporter Bill Morrison contributed to this report.

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The Skiff View

SYMBOL

Not flying flag is right decision

eQ Alliance has decided not to request that its gay rights flag be flown during National Coming Out Day next Tuesday. Members of the campus gay rights organization decided it would cause too much of an outcry.

University policy does not allow any campus organization to fly its flag next to the TCU, Texas and U.S. flags, so eQ's request probably would have been turned down anyway. But eQ made the right decision.

Some people on campus would argue that whether people have particular legal or political rights by virtue of being gay has not yet been settled in this country. Opposition toward homosexuality still runs high.

National Coming Out Day began in 1987 to create an atmosphere where gays, lesbians, bi-sexuals and transgenders could openly admit what they were without feeling stigmatized or persecuted. The day was launched by the Human Rights Campaign and serves as a springboard for out-in-the-open homosexuals to lobby for the legal right to adopt, marry and claim benefits for domestic partners.

Right or wrong, that runs counter to the beliefs of many on this campus. Perhaps such people should re-examine their beliefs. Nonetheless, flying the flag would not have caused that — and probably would have been counterproductive.

There is deep sense of patriotism attached to the U.S. flag. If the red, white and blue were to fly next to a flag symbolizing a lifestyle many students vehemently disagree with, the backlash would be immense. The uproar over the flag would have drowned out the eQ Alliance's message of acceptance.

This is unfortunate, but it is the sad truth.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

A recent roar has begun in New York City over the new Museum of Sex, an adults-only center offering historical, educational and even provocative exhibits on basic human urges. Naturally, the presence of a sex museum on Fifth Avenue is alarming to some, but those opposing the opening need to relax. As long as the museum is a private venture not seeking government funds for operation, it is simply a capitalistic venture.

There is an 18-year-old age minimum, and if an individual feels strongly against the displays or the values exuded by the museum as a whole, then one can choose simply not to attend.

Sure, the museum may experience a surge of initial visitors who are interested in the shock value or in witnessing what all the media hype has been about, but will this trend continue? One can assume that, as exhibits change, some people will continue to return, but there is a high likelihood that the initial crowd of guests will wane to a modest group.

The concept of a museum centered on sex is not new to the world — it is only new in America. Similar museums exist in Hamburg, Paris, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Spain, Japan and Shanghai, according to June Reinisch, a senior advisor to the museum.

Obviously, Daniel Gluck, the executive director, saw a market that other countries have tapped into, and he expects to profit from

the formation of a museum in New York. The museum has been in the works for four years now, but, Gluck said, "it's not like it has been a lifelong dream to open a museum of sex. It just struck me. It's like if there was no Museum of Modern Art, I said, 'Why isn't there a museum of sex?' It's as important as that."

Gluck feels there is an educational aspect to the exhibits that contain information on law enforcement pertaining to sexual behavior, documents such as photographs and cartoons, and even footage of pornographic movies such as "Deep Throat," one of the best-selling films ever. Yet even he realizes a large part of the museum's appeal is centered on entertainment and risqué behavior. "We're riding that line," Gluck said. "We have the kind of subject we can easily push on either side of that line."

Although parts of the museum that are focused on entertainment values may be tasteless, museum patrons must expect this to be typical of subject matter in a sex museum. As long as an age limit is strictly enforced, and no public funds are accepted, this museum is simply a niche for one businessman who saw a way to make money through the appeal of sex.

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File sharing decisions are a blow to music listeners

Intellectual property rights allow big corporations to bleed the consumer for more money.

— A long time ago, before any of us were born, back when rock and roll was just getting started and our parents were teenagers, a dollar was the standard price for an LP. Now, decades later, that same music — and the new music of today — is packaged and marketed on CDs that are much more expensive by a very small number of powerful corporations. As a response to this shift in pricing and availability and with the help of the Internet, file sharing services led by Napster and followed quickly by such services as Kazaa and Direct Connect, have provided listeners with an alternative way to obtain the work of their favorite artists.

Napster's legal troubles and the ever-increasing popularity of file sharing have led to a heated debate over the legality and morality of this practice.

In his column from the Sept. 23 edition of the Rutgers University campus newspaper, Nadeem Riaz takes the government view on the issue, making clear that he sees file sharing as stealing, and therefore unethical. However, before we accept this conclusion as true, we need to examine why file sharing is considered illegal, who benefits and how we as consumers and citizens should react to this issue.

The basis for declaring file sharing illegal is in copyright law, or more specifically, in a recent barrage of stringent laws laid out by the World Trade Organization known as Intellectual Property Rights. IPRs allow individuals, and more often companies, to patent ideas, technical innovations and artistic creations. These patents are enforced globally, and have become the impetus for the recent crackdown on file sharing. At first, their worth may seem ambiguous, but examining the protections these laws have given to corporations makes the issue much more clear.

Powerful corporations in every country have used these IPRs to make money and to increase corporate strangleholds on the common man. They have extended to the point where companies copyright seeds that have been developed by generations of farmers for centuries, and then force the same farmers that were so instrumental in developing the product to pay royalties every year in order to plant their crops. These laws have also caused the cost of prescription drugs to skyrocket, making it impossible for citizens of impoverished countries to obtain the medicines needed for survival. And, as we can see, they have empowered large music companies to lobby lawmakers into de-

claring file sharing illegal and placing high penalties on file transfers of copyrighted material even between friends.

So what good have intellectual property laws done for our country and our world? Well, they've empowered pharmaceutical companies to bleed every last cent out of those of us that do not have prescription drug plans. They've given food giants like Monsanto the ability to destroy our small farmers and take control over food production all over the world. And, oh yes, they've allowed music companies like BMG to charge extremely high prices for music products that we can't get anywhere else, and many of us can't really afford.

And is there anything we can do about it? Not really. Or is there? If we think about it, maybe services like Direct Connect are there to help us fight back. We might not have much say in the secret tribunals of the WTO, but with our money and our business, we control the markets, and we can send a message. The awesome thing about Direct Connect is that it builds a community and helps us all unite to send the message to record companies that we don't like what they're doing.

Sarah Beetham writes for the Daily Targum at Rutgers University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

A unilateral attack threatens all of United States' diplomatic relations

An attack on Iraq may alienate the United States from its allies if it doesn't get world support.

When was the last time China, Russia and France all agreed on a topic of international policy? Diplomats and war hawks alike should take notice.

Although all three countries have become a nuisance to President Bush's "we're going to war" campaign, each has a valid point about impending actions taken in relation to Iraq. Despite its wishes for these nations to comply with its campaign, the United States should take into account the relatively reasonable demands these three members of the U.N. Security Council are placing on it and Britain.

The French have long been somewhat ridiculed by the international community as a self-involved country. However, the French at the moment seem to have the most reasonable and non-reactionary outlook on Iraq. While Bush is practically ready to launch a full scale attack, France's approach is much more reasonable.

The United States and Britain are said to be drafting one all-encom-

passing resolution with provisions for the use of force within seven days given non-compliance.

Seven days? One week? With the way this process has been moving, that stipulation will almost guarantee war. France's proposal allows for two U.N. Security Council resolutions: One with provisions for a return of weapons inspectors, and the other with grounds to use of force if Iraq does not comply satisfactorily. Both the Chinese and the Russians agree diplomatic channels should be used until they are exhausted; only then should war be an option.

There is an undeniable problem here. Perhaps all the rumors are true, and Saddam the menace really does have weapons of mass destruction he intends to use at some point. But what happens if the United States attacks Iraq unilaterally and unintended consequences ensue?

Not only would the United States' oil interests be threatened, but it would most likely alter the entire balance of world power. Would the United States then expect its for-

mer allies, such as France or Russia (whose support is tenuous on the best of occasions), to fully support it when they were originally ignored?

Everyone supposedly has the same objective here: Make sure Iraq does not possess weapons of mass destruction and ensure it has no means of attaining them. The United States should stop pushing war so adamantly and listen to its friends at the United Nations, — they might have good proposals or alternatives.

There is no need to lay off the pressure the United States has placed on Iraq; it should remain. However, this pressure should lead progressive steps, the next of which is the return of weapons inspectors. If the United Nation fails to act, that is one thing. But as long as the U.N. Security Council is still actively pursuing the issue, the United States should show deference to the international community in trying to avoid war.

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Watchdog site draws unfounded criticism

A private Web site names Middle Eastern studies professors who it says show anti-American biases that contribute to disinformation. Those named have overreacted — why do left-wing academics often say they're being persecuted instead of intelligently debating their ideas?

Campus Watch, (www.campuswatch.org) a new watchdog Web site that reports on anti-Israeli biases in American academia had said: "There may be a war on terrorism underway, but the [Middle Eastern studies] scholars downplay the dangers posed by militant Islam, seeing it as a benign and even democratizing force."

Campus Watch has been in the news recently, when a New York Times article ("Web Site Fuels Debate on Campus Anti-Semitism," Sept. 27) publicized accusations of McCarthyism against the site.

Campus Watch is run by a Philadelphia-based Middle East forum. Daniel Pipes, its director, is a staunch advocate of greater American awareness of the dangers posed by militant Islam. Campus Watch's central tenet is that "American scholars of the Middle East, to varying degrees, reject the views of most Americans and the enduring policies of the U.S. government about the Middle East."

Sunlight being the best disinfectant, Pipes and his associates have compiled information on Middle Eastern studies professors who display what the site characterizes as anti-American biases in their published writings and teachings. In the words of Campus Watch, these are the academics that "fan the flames of disinformation, incitement, and ignorance."

Professors whom Campus Watch has listed as biased teach at universities like Northwestern, Columbia and Georgetown. They are the academics who published a deluge of articles stating that American aggression was at fault for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and other articles excusing militant Islam.

The professors accused of bias have reacted angrily. In the Times article, Professor Hamid Dabashi, one of the professors listed on Campus Watch, said, "This is about McCarthyism [and] freedom of expression." Over 100 other professors, in a show of solidarity with those named on Campus Watch, have requested that they be placed on the list as well. Echoing the cries of McCarthyism, one professor from Queens College said, "It's that whole mode of terror by association, with the Cold War language of dossiers, and we're watching you."

The ruckus these academics are raising over McCarthyism, persecution and suppression of freedom is utter nonsense. Having your name placed on a privately-owned Web site does not constitute government persecution, and having people disagree with you vocally does not abridge your freedom of expression. Campus Watch is not the House Un-American Activities Committee, and these professors have not been blacklisted. In fact, their popularity among their peers skyrocketed after these allegations of McCarthyism began, as the "show of solidarity" demonstrated. Campus Watch does not oppress anyone. It simply participates enthusiastically in the ongoing debate over U.S. relations with the Middle East.

These are intelligent people: They all have postgraduate degrees, and are probably aware of the obvious difference between Campus Watch's faculty dossiers and McCarthy's list of suspected communists. So what is with the cries of persecution?

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Information about collapse may not be publicly released

NEW YORK (AP) — The most detailed analysis of how and why the World Trade Center collapsed could be forever kept from the public because it was compiled as part of an insurance lawsuit, lawyers for victims' families say.

The experts who gathered the information are forbidden by confidential agreements from discussing their findings, except with federal investigators, said Gerald McKelvey, a spokesman for Larry Silverstein, the leaseholder of the trade center property involved in the lawsuit.

Structural engineers and victims' families say they're concerned the confidential material may be sealed or destroyed if the lawsuit is settled before trial.

"This information should be released now," said Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-New York. "It should be released now in honor of the memories of those who lost their lives and perhaps even more important, that the legacy of their loss should be that we improve the way that we construct buildings."

However, McKelvey said Monday that some of the material was on its way to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, which is also investigating the collapse.

The material contains documentary evidence, including maps of the debris piles, as well as three-dimensional computerized images of the fallen towers. The New York Times reported Monday. Rare photos and videos have also been collected.

Eleven workers to share \$1.5 million settlement

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Eleven female workers who claimed they were raped or sexually harassed by their supervisors at DeCoster Farms will share in a \$1.5 million settlement agreed to Monday.

The deal announced by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission settles a discrimination lawsuit filed on behalf of the Mexican women in August 2001.

Iowa Ag-Construction Co., which recruits workers for several egg farms in northern Iowa, also was named in the suit and agreed to the deal. Neither company admitted liability.

The suit claimed that five of the women, who worked as egg packers at four DeCoster Farms plants in Wright County, were raped or abused by supervisors, who threatened to have them fired or killed if they did not submit. Identities of the women were not made public.

Part of the settlement money will go to the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and \$125,000 will be held for victims whom may come forward later, the EEOC said.

Kashmir elections spark militant group's bus attack

PAHALGAM, India (AP) — Violence marred the start of a third round of elections in India-controlled Kashmir Tuesday as suspected Islamic militants attacked a bus, killing at least four people.

The shooting erupted as polls opened and thousands of soldiers patrolled the militant heartland of disputed Kashmir, guarding against election-related violence.

At one voting station, just two people cast their ballots in a log hut in the cold, misty mountain town of Pahalgam, where Islamic militants fighting to end India's control of the region are known to operate nearby.

"People will come out later in the day," polling agent Mohammad Yusuf Lone said confidently. "It is not fear, it is just the weather."

The bus was traveling along the main highway from New Delhi to Kashmir's winter capital of Jammu when gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons and grenades near the town of Hiranagar, 45 miles south of Jammu and near the border with Pakistan. At least four passengers were killed and 10 wounded, police said.

On Monday, separate attacks on two polling booths and a paramilitary camp wounded a polling official, two soldiers and four civilians.

More than 100 political activists and candidates have been killed this year. Many voters stayed away from the earlier two rounds in Jammu-Kashmir state because of widespread fear of violence.

Soldiers checked polling booths for explosives Monday as armored vehicles patrolled towns ahead of the Tuesday vote. Some booths were secured with barb wire.

Federal charges filed against Bulgarian student

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Federal charges were filed Monday against a Bulgarian student who allegedly tried to pass through airport security with a pair of scissors and two boxcutters, the FBI said.

The man apparently had no ties to terrorism, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Stigall.

"The government has no evidence that the defendant's activities were part of any terrorist plot," Stigall said. "It appears to be an isolated incident."

Nikolay Volodiev Dzhonev, 21, was charged with attempting to board an aircraft with a concealed weapon, a felony, said FBI spokeswoman Sandra Carroll.

Dzhonev was being held on \$100,000 bail, but Stigall said he would likely be released on his own recognizance.

"He seems like a real sweet kid, not your archetypal terrorist," said public defender Christopher O'Malley, who first met his client late Monday afternoon.

Dzhonev was arrested Sunday as he was about to board a flight to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

A search of his backpack turned up scissors embedded in a bar of soap, and the boxcutters in a lotion bottle, said Robert Johnson, a spokesman for the federal Transportation Security Administration.

Remains of four WWII airmen found in Himalayan Mountains

More than 60 years after crashing into the Himalayas, the bodies of four airmen were discovered.

BY TED ANTHONY
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Lost to their country and their families, they lay on a lonely Himalayan mountainside for six decades — enough time for their war to end and others to begin, for children to grow and have their own children, for the enemy they were fighting to become a friend again.

But this week, remains believed to be those of four American airmen killed during World War II when their cargo plane crashed onto a lofty meadow in eastern Tibet are finally on their way home — thanks to the cooperation of two governments that spent many of the intervening years as suspicious rivals.

No one is certain yet who they are, though the U.S. military has the crew manifest of the C-46 transport that went down in March 1944 along the "hump route," named for the spectacular lumps of snow-shrouded majesty that pilots see when crossing high above the Himalayas.

The remains were retrieved from the plateau, about 1,250 miles southwest of Beijing, during a nearly two-month operation conducted with Chinese government searchers during the summer. Another C-46 crash site several mountains away was investigated and its contents tagged for future retrieval.

"It's like winning the jackpot, getting up there and finding these," U.S. Army Capt. Daniel N. Rouse, leader of the search team from the Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii, said at a news conference Monday at the U.S. Em-

bassy in Beijing.

The C-46, pressurized for high-altitude wartime runs, crashed during a return trip along the hump route, a supply run from India to the Chinese wartime capital of Kunming and back that ferried goods to China-based U.S. forces and Chinese Nationalist government forces battling the Japanese.

Five years later, the communists drove the Nationalists from the mainland and established a government the United States regarded as a threat, precluding for decades any chance of cooperative searches.

The airplane slammed into the mountain high above the Tibetan village of Langko and wound up in a pasture — an unusual sight amid the rocky terrain typical at 15,650 feet.

The wings, sheared off on impact, were found nearby; the fuselage, damaged but recognizable, still shone in the sun. Its landing gear was still up when found and thick clouds were visible across that level of the mountain.

"They probably got lost, ran out of fuel and simply hit the mountain," said James T. Pokines, the search team's anthropologist. All four crew members likely died instantly, but the instant depressurization might well have killed them if they survived impact, he said.

That C-46 was one of more than 500 U.S. planes believed to have crashed over the Himalayan Mountains during World War II. More than 1,000 U.S. airmen are believed to have perished in such crashes between 1942 and 1945 along what became known as the "Aluminum Trail" for its many lost planes.

"There was very little knowledge," Rouse said. "This is very, very rugged, sparsely populated terrain. There aren't a lot of people to

find them."

Neither the Chinese nor the American government knew of the plane's location until 2000, when two Langko villagers — a farmer and an elderly woman in their 80s — told regional authorities about the site.

"I assume all the locals knew about it, probably visited it once or twice in their lives to pick over it," Pokines said. "We know that people visited the site and carried off whatever was useful to them."

The airmen's remains arrived in Beijing on Saturday under the team's care and are being stored in a U.S. Embassy compound. They depart Thursday for the United States, where they will be examined and tested for DNA matches to produce positive identification.

That could take months, though Pokines suggested that relatives of the airmen on the crew manifest may have contributed DNA samples for comparison.

The 14-member U.S. search team trained for weeks, ascending Hawaiian and Alaskan mountains to prepare for the grueling, high-altitude Tibetan terrain. To reach the site, they crossed rushing rivers on jerry-rigged rope bridges and faced rain, hail and thin air during the salvage operation, which they rushed to complete before winter snows began.

The second site investigated, high above the Tibetan village of Damnyu, is even more remote. It was discovered in 1999 by a pair of hunters, and the Chinese government informed Washington the following year, said Tonga, the Tibetan official in charge of salvage operations.

He said the memories of witnesses may be sketchy after so long. "Remember," he said, "this story is almost 60 years old."

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Senegal president says ferry capsized due to overcrowding

More than 970 people are presumed dead after a ferry overturned in Africa.

BY JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

DAKAR, Senegal — With the presumed death toll from a ferry sinking nearing 1,000, Senegal's president has conceded that overcrowding helped cause one of Africa's deadliest ferry disasters and a German newspaper reported the vessel held twice as many people as it was designed for.

Television footage showed the state-run MS Joola listing sickeningly to one side as it cleared port Thursday for its final, fatal voyage.

The number of presumed dead approached 1,000 Monday but could go much higher — with ticketing authorities saying all children under 5 would have gone unticketed, and thus apparently uncounted.

"Children were found clutching their mothers," said Haidar el Ali, who led a team of divers Monday in a recovery effort.

The boat capsized in stormy seas quickly and only 64 people are known to have survived among an official count of 1,034 passengers and crew. Those who escaped the overturned ferry, and hung onto its exposed hull for hours.

Many victims were trapped beneath the overturned ferry. Screaming for help, gasping for air and beating on windows, they survived for hours, rescue divers said Monday—describing scenes of horror in air pockets that had kept

the vessel afloat.

"When I dove in, I saw bodies everywhere," many huddled near air pockets, said el Ali, whose 16-diver team took about 17 hours to arrive by boat from Dakar.

"We saw bodies floating by the hundreds, the hundreds, the hundreds."

About 150 military personnel, fishermen and rescue divers from Senegal, neighboring Gambia and former colonial power France were taking part in the recovery. Gambian and Senegalese authorities said they had retrieved more than 360 bodies from inside the ferry, before decomposition made recovery of intact victims impossible.

"I want to use this opportunity to tell the families that I'm sorry we couldn't bring everyone out," el Ali said, breaking into sobs.

President Abdoulaye Wade acknowledged the ferry was overcrowded when it capsized in the Atlantic just before midnight Thursday, tumbling under the waves in a heavy gale. He blamed "an accumulation of errors" for the tragedy.

Germany's Hamburger Abendblatt daily reported Monday that a German shipyard built the ship 12 years ago for voyages on the placid Rhine River, and designed it for no more than 536 passengers.

With Senegalese still scanning photos and lists of the dead for what at times were entire missing families, angry questions built over why the disaster happened.

Senegalese television footage showed grainy video of the ferry tilt-

ing heavily to one side as it left southern Senegal, bound for the capital, Dakar. Some late-arriving passengers hopped aboard later from small pirogues that had caught up.

Other would-be passengers, frightened by the vessel's lean, reportedly changed their minds about boarding.

Navy Commander Ouseynou Combo insisted "there was no problem of weight or of overloading of a nature that would cause this situation." He cited survivor accounts of the boat being caught in a fierce, 10-minute storm.

Children under 5 ride free, confirmed Amadou Ndiaye, station chief for the Joola at its starting point in Ziguinchor, in southern Senegal. Unticketed passengers normally are not counted. Ndiaye repeatedly refused to say whether that was the case Thursday with MS Joola.

On a run from fertile south Senegal to the capital, Dakar, the ferry founded several miles off Gambia, a strip-shaped former English colony that divides north and south Senegal.

Combo, the Navy commander, said Senegalese maritime officials "unfortunately" did not immediately act when the ferry failed to make its regular, two-hour calls to port.

Fishing vessels discovered the disaster first, at 4 a.m., he said.

The government set up five "crisis centers" in Dakar for relatives over the weekend, displaying photos of the badly bloated dead in hopes of identifying victims. Many faces were too waterlogged to be recognizable.

Hundreds get sterilized blood transfusions, test procedure's safety

A process called "pathogen inactivation" may reduce diseases contracted through blood transfusions.

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Several hundred transfusion recipients around the country — adults undergoing heart surgery and children with certain inherited anemias — are being enrolled in a bold experiment: They'll receive donated blood that has essentially been sterilized.

Today's blood supply is very safe because it undergoes numerous tests to ensure that donated pints containing infections like the AIDS virus are thrown out.

Testing isn't perfect, however, and a few tainted pints slip by. Last month's discovery that West Nile virus apparently can be spread through transfusions highlights another problem: Blood banks can't prevent what they can't test for, and there's no test yet for West Nile in donated blood.

A technology called "pathogen inactivation" is being promoted as the solution. A chemical added to a donated bag of blood is supposed to break up the genetic material of any viruses or bacteria lurking inside so they can't infect, essentially offering the first way to sterilize blood.

"This is a paradigm shift in the way we deal with protecting the safety of the blood supply," says Dr. Laurence Corash of Cerus Corp., one of several companies developing the technology. "In the past we have relied upon testing. Testing will never put you in front of a new pathogen like West Nile virus when it first occurs."

Now Cerus and a competitor, V.I. Technologies, are beginning the first major U.S. studies, in 520 patients, to see if it's safe to give people pathogen-inactivated red blood cells.

Cerus has won European approval to sterilize platelets, one component of blood, and marketing should begin by the end of the year.

But don't expect sterilization of red blood cells — the typical transfusion — for at least several more years, as researchers study some serious questions: Does the cleaning alter blood so it doesn't function normally? Does the leftover cleanser residue pose any risk, or alter any cells in a way that might encourage cancer formation?

The Food and Drug Administration calls pathogen inactivation highly promising. It even took the unusual step of asking Cerus and Vitex to turn over evidence that their technologies could destroy West Nile virus in transfusions, raising the prospect of additional clinical trials if the mosquito-borne virus renews its threat next summer before a blood test, expected by then, is working.

"The promise is somewhat in the future," cautions FDA's Dr. Jesse Goodman. The FDA will demand stringent proof that altering blood to eliminate a bug found in, say, one of every 5,000 donated pints won't pose a new and different risk to the other 4,999.

Cerus and Vitex use different compounds, but the end result is the same: the molecules target and break up the

genetic DNA and RNA that viruses and bacteria use to multiply, so the pathogens are no longer infectious.

Both companies cite success in killing a variety of bugs, from the HIV virus to the malaria parasite. Vitex, working with the Agriculture Department, recently proved it can kill the West Nile virus; Cerus is doing similar experiments.

Red blood cells, plasma and platelets, blood's major components, contain no nuclear DNA or RNA and so are not destroyed. White blood cells contain the genetic material, but as they're not needed in transfusions, destroying them does no harm.

Both companies say what little cleanser residue is left isn't harmful.

But blood banks cite the cautionary tale of an earlier attempt to scrub infections out of plasma that won FDA

approval only to have doctors discover later that it could cause a serious side effect in certain patients. That and marketing problems caused this "solvent detergent plasma" to fail.

So blood banks are closely watching Cerus and Vitex. The companies' clinical trials aren't large enough to prove the technology reduces infections, but they're crucial to see if sterilized blood causes side effects that blood tested in the regular way wouldn't.

Participating in Cerus' study are Yale University, the University of Minnesota, the University of Virginia, Boston's Brigham & Women's Hospital, and the University of Florida. Vitex is now picking study sites.

"The promise is somewhat in the future."

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Democrats fight for a new candidate after scandal forces Torricelli to drop re-election

After Sen. Robert Torricelli announced he will not seek re-election, Democrats are scrambling to find a candidate. Republicans say it is too late to have a new candidate on the ballot.

BY JOHN P. MCALPIN
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A day after Sen. Robert Torricelli dropped his re-election bid because of an ethics scandal, the Democrats went to court Tuesday to argue that they should be allowed to put the name of a new candidate on the ballot.

The Republicans have argued that it is too late, just five weeks from Election Day.

A hearing on the request was set for Tuesday afternoon in state Superior Court.

Toricelli abruptly dropped out on Monday after his campaign was severely damaged by allegations he improperly accepted expensive gifts from a campaign contributor. The senator was admonished over the summer by the Senate ethics committee.

Under New Jersey law, a party can replace a statewide nominee on the ballot if the person drops out at least 48 days before the election. But only 36 days remain.

Republicans vowed to block any attempt to replace Torricelli this close to the election.

"In 36 days, decency, fairness and the rule of the law will trump this desperate attempt to retain power," said Douglas Forrester, Torricelli's GOP opponent. "The people of New Jersey have had enough of playing politics with the fundamental tenets of democracy."

Among those mentioned as candidates, Menendez, fourth-ranking Democrat in House leadership, took himself out of the running Tuesday, saying he wants to remain in the House and help the Democrats fight for a majority.

Lautenberg said he would "seriously consider serving again if asked." Calls to the other potential candidates were not immediately returned.

Democratic Gov. James E. McGreevey said that placing a new candidate on the ballot would be a fair way to resolve the issue and would "give New Jersey voters a chance to speak."

The Democrats are defending a one-seat advantage in the Senate in midterm elections.

"I will not be responsible for the loss of the Democratic majority of the

United States Senate. I will not let it happen. There is just too much at issue," Torricelli, 51, said in abandoning his re-election bid Monday.

Toricelli was elected in 1996 to replace Bradley, the former basketball star who later ran for the 2000 Democratic presidential nomination and lost to Al Gore. Torricelli and Lautenberg, who retired in 2000, served together in the Senate but often were at loggerheads.

Toricelli was always a powerhouse fund-raiser: He helped raise more than \$100 million for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee as its chairman in the last election cycle. He was awarded a seat on the powerful Senate Finance Committee, and helped defend President Clinton against impeachment.

But Torricelli's career began to unravel as the public learned more about his relationship with businessman David Chang, who told investigators he gave the senator Italian suits and an \$8,100 Rolex watch, among other gifts, in return for Torricelli's intervention in business deals in North and South Korea.

Toricelli denied any illegality or violations of Senate rules but was admonished anyway. Federal prosecu-

tors investigated but decided against filing charges against him.

The incumbent launched an effort to apologize to the state's voters, but last week a memo in the Chang case was released publicly. In it, prosecutors said Chang's efforts had "greatly advanced" the investigation into the senator's actions, despite Chang's "credibility problems."

Forrester, a wealthy businessman, has harped on ethics throughout the campaign and it worked: A poll released over the weekend showed him with a 13-point lead over Torricelli. The same poll showed the incumbent with a 14-point lead in June.

"I pride myself on a strong voice. My colleagues in the Senate would tell you that it is often heard above all others but it doesn't matter if you can't be heard at all in a campaign," Torricelli said. "I'm in a debate with a faceless foe that I cannot find, minds I cannot change."

Tuesday morning, Forrester said Torricelli's move "means we can talk about the issues." In an interview on WABC-TV in New York, Forrester said, "Whenever I tried to bring up another issue like the environment, it somehow always got back to being about" Torricelli.

Retailers, distributors settle CD pricing case

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The five top U.S. distributors of compact discs and three large music retailers have agreed to pay \$143 million in cash and CDs to settle charges they cheated consumers by fixing prices, authorities announced Monday.

The settlement brings to a close accusations made by attorneys general of 41 states and commonwealths who accused record companies of conspiring with music distributors to boost the prices of CDs between 1995 and 2000.

The companies broke state and federal antitrust laws, costing consumers millions of dollars, the attorneys general had charged in a lawsuit filed in August 2000 in U.S. District Court in Manhattan and later moved to Portland, Maine. A judge there must approve the deal.

The settlement calls for \$67.3 million cash to be distributed to the states to compensate consumers who overpaid for CDs and to pay court costs and attorneys' fees.

Consumers who bought CDs between 1995 and 2000 can file claims for part of the money, prosecutors

said. Announcements will be made later to tell consumers how to participate in the payout.

The settlement will be distributed according to state population, although attorneys in the case are still working to determine a formula.

Consumers in all 50 states will benefit under terms of the settlement, New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said in a statement.

"This is a landmark settlement to address years of illegal price-fixing," Spitzer said. "Our agreement will provide consumers with substantial refunds and result in the distribution of a wide variety of recordings for use in our schools and communities."

The music distributors participating in the deal are Bertelsmann Music Group, EMI Music Distribution, Warner-Elektra-Atlantic Corporation, Sony Music Entertainment and Universal Music Group.

The lawsuit alleged that the companies — upset with low prices charged by some stores — conspired with retailers to set music prices at a minimum level, effectively raising the retail prices consumers paid for CDs.

Officials look into possibility of dipping into state 'Rainy Day Fund,' delaying payout to programs

The Texas Legislature is debating on whether to use the state's emergency funds to make up for a \$5 billion shortfall.

BY CONNIE MABIN
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The leader of the Texas Association of Business said Monday that his group has found a way to cover a possible \$5 billion budget shortfall without raising taxes.

One of the group's ideas — using the state's emergency Rainy Day Fund — has been opposed by some of the elected officials the association has endorsed, including Republicans Gov. Rick Perry and Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

The association's president, Bill Hammond, also outlined a plan to borrow against future tobacco settlement fund payments to get cash for the state budget. The state uses the fund to finance the Children's Health Insurance Program.

"These will cause some heartburn on the part of some. Not the

taxpayers but on the part of those who are beneficiaries of the programs," Hammond said.

Rylander has predicted the state could face a budget shortfall of at least \$5 billion when the Legislature meets in January to draft the next two-year spending plan.

The shortfall is not a spending deficit, which is prohibited under the state constitution. It instead represents how much more money is needed in the next budget to keep government services and programs at the current level.

The state is operating under a \$114 billion two-year budget.

"The prophets of doom who claim our fiscal sky is falling and those who want to raise your taxes are simply wrong," Hammond said.

Hammond said his group plans to suggest budget cuts next month. He said he has not spoken to legislators or candidates about the association's views.

Rylander has repeatedly said she does not favor using the Rainy Day Fund, which is estimated to be \$1

billion by next session, to plug holes in the budget. The fund must be saved for emergencies such as terrorist attacks, she says.

In fact, Rylander released a campaign ad Monday lauding her protection of the emergency fund. Her Democratic opponent, Marty Akins, also said he was against the association's idea to use the fund right now.

"I told people to keep their hands off the Rainy Day Fund two years ago in my state of the state address. You're probably going to hear the same thing out of me in February 2003," Perry said Monday.

The governor also said that he's not sure the projected budget shortfall will be so bad and said good leaders can fund state priorities and avoid tax increases.

The association also had suggestions for the 1998 \$17.3 billion settlement the state health department reached with tobacco companies after the state sued them to recover costs of treating sick smokers. The fund, now valued at \$15 billion,

was intended to be paid over 25 years.

The business group figures Texas could get at least \$3 billion to cover a shortfall by securitizing a significant portion of the fund.

Securitization works like this: the state would sell a portion of the tobacco payments it expects to get in the future. The sale of tobacco bonds, depending on market conditions, would result in a cash-advance for the state, but the state would give up those future payments and any related interest.

Critics deride the idea as a one-time fix that does not provide a permanent source of funding for future budgets. Opponents also say pricey fees associated with selling bonds is not worth the short-term gain.

Hammond also said the state could free up at least \$1.38 billion if it adjusts some accounting practices and delay payments to programs such as the Teacher Retirement System and Employee Retirement System.

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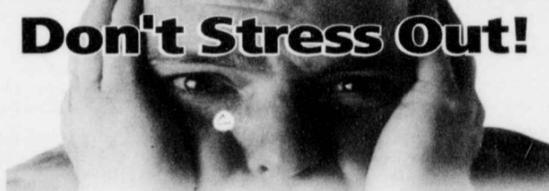
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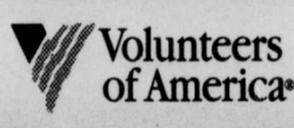
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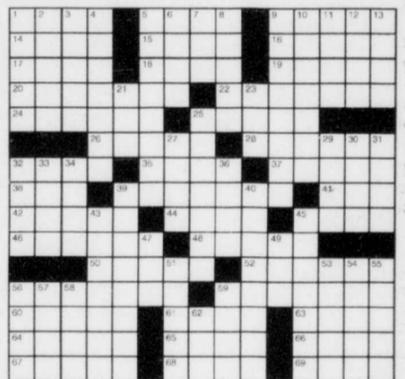
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Restraining order issued for former TCU basketballer

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — New York Knicks center Kurt Thomas was ordered to stay away from his wife and home at his arraignment Tuesday on charges he assaulted her during an argument over a laptop computer.

Thomas, a former TCU player, did not enter a plea to charges of third-degree assault and risk of injury to a minor.

Amber Thomas' lawyer, Gary Cohen, said the 6-foot-9, 235-pound player assaulted his wife while she was holding the couple's daughter. Kurt Thomas' lawyer denied the accusation. Two other children Amber Thomas has from a previous marriage were not home at the time, Cohen said.

The order prevents Thomas from entering the couple's home in Greenwich or having any contact with his wife. He will be allowed to go home one more time with a police escort to get his belongings.

Lawyers said the couple is getting a divorce after about two years of marriage. Thomas declined to comment after the arraignment.

"I wish him the best. This is traumatic," Amber Thomas said.

Cohen said Monday's fight was over the computer.

"The anger escalated from verbal abuse to physical contact. Mrs. Thomas did suffer some physical injuries," Cohen said.

Thomas did not accompany the Knicks for Tuesday's start of training camp in South Carolina.

Mavericks to decide whether to re-sign Zhizhi

DALLAS (AP) — In about two weeks, the Dallas Mavericks will know whether they've lured Michael Redd and whether they've lost Wang Zhizhi.

The Mavericks signed Redd, a Milwaukee guard who set an NBA record with eight 3-pointers in one quarter last season, to an offer sheet late Monday. The Bucks have 15 days to match it, work out a sign-and-trade deal or lose him without compensation.

Also Monday, Wang signed a three-year offer sheet with the Los Angeles Clippers. The Mavs face the same options and Donnie Nelson, the team's president of basketball operations, said all three are being considered.

"We're not going to lose him outright," Nelson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, which reported the offer-sheet signing in its Tuesday edition. "We are trying to come to some win-win situation."

The 7-foot-1 Wang averaged 5.6 points in 55 games last season.

The Mavericks made Wang the first Asian-born player in the NBA, but relations between the two have been a bit strained by his refusal to return to China after the end of last season to join the national team.

Redd was a second-round pick by the Bucks in 2000 and played just six games that season because of a knee problem. He played 67 games last season, starting eight, and ranked eighth in the NBA in 3-point percentage at .444. His record-setting performance came against Houston in a game when he scored a career-high 29 points.

Minnesota Vikings star receiver found with pot

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota Vikings star receiver Randy Moss was charged Tuesday with possession of a small amount of marijuana, adding to charges last week that he pushed a traffic officer with his car.

The new petty misdemeanor count carries a fine of up to \$200, but it could also lead to a suspension or fine from the NFL.

Police said they found a marijuana cigarette in Moss' car after he was arrested on Sept. 24. Moss was driving in downtown Minneapolis when the traffic officer stepped in front of his car to stop him from making an illegal turn. She was slightly injured when she fell off the car.

Moss spent the night in jail and was charged the next day with careless driving and failure to obey a traffic officer, both misdemeanors.

The complaint said the marijuana amounted to just under a gram. Moss has said the marijuana did not belong to him and that he had allowed other people to use his car recently.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league would review the case.

Patterson says week off was well-timed

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

After a week hiatus from playing, the Horned Frogs are getting ready for this week's game.

The team will take on conference foe Houston Saturday for Homecoming, but although the time is used for rest and recuperation, head coach Gary Patterson said at his weekly luncheon that the team didn't take the week off.

"We don't call them off weeks anymore," Patterson said. "We try to have a two-week preparation period. We kind of do it a little bit opposite of what other people do. We really try to get after it the first week, which everyone calls the off week. (Today) and Thursday we'll be in sweats and helmets."

The week off probably couldn't have come at a better time for the Frogs. After playing four games in three weeks, the Frogs were battling injuries and fatigue. The team now picks back up the season with the rest of its games being conference opponents.

Patterson said with the rest of the conference games starting, the off week was placed perfectly for the team.

"By the time we got done with North Texas, we were glad to have a week off," Patterson said. "I think

we were a little bit tired of playing football. They were banged up, and you could really tell when we had our practice on Sunday. We probably have our legs better than we have had in a while."

Stilley's return is day-to-day; Gunn may start

Senior quarterback Sean Stilley's status is uncertain for Saturday's game with Houston. Stilley separated his shoulder against North Texas, and redshirt freshman Tye Gunn will step in if Stilley is unable to go. Such an injury can take six to eight weeks to heal, however Patterson said he is not sure if it will be that long, and points to the example of sophomore safety Marvin Godbolt who injured his ankle in the Frogs opener against Cincinnati. Originally thought to be out six to eight weeks, Godbolt is already back playing with the team.

Offensive line starting to get healthy

The continuity the Frogs have been searching for at the offensive line position may finally be coming into place. Sophomore Chase Johnson is expected to make a healthy return to the team this weekend, after an ankle injury against SMU Sept.

14 sidelined him for the North Texas game. Added with senior Brady Barbrick returning, the team looks to have a healthy rotation of seven or eight bodies on the line. The only question mark is senior Josh Harbuck, who injured his back in practice last week.

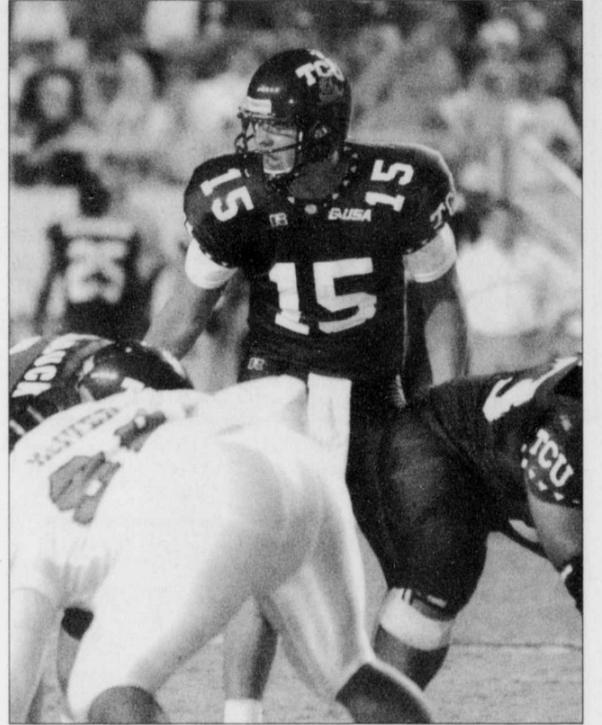
Freshman running back expected in mix

The speculation has been that true freshman Lonta Hobbs would be getting an opportunity to see snaps in the backfield in an upcoming game. Patterson said this game looks to be the one. With junior Kenny Hayter out with a shoulder injury, Hobbs will share duties with juniors Rickey Madison and Corey Connally.

Ellis likely to return

Senior tight end Quint Ellis has made vast strides in his attempts to recover from a knee injury sustained against SMU. In between classes and practices, Ellis managed to make his way into the training room up to six times a day to receive treatment. His return is expected against Houston after sitting out the last game.

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Photographer/Simon Lopez
If senior quarterback Sean Stilley is unable to go on Saturday, redshirt freshman Tye Gunn (No. 15) will make his first career start when the Frogs host Houston.

C-USA Roundup

Team	C-USA games			All games			Rd.	Ntrl.	Strk.	
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Southern Miss	2	0	1.000	4	1	.800	3-0	1-1	0-0	W1
Louisville	1	0	1.000	3	2	.600	1-1	2-1	0-0	W2
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000	2	2	.500	1-2	1-0	0-0	W1
UAB	1	0	1.000	2	3	.400	2-1	0-2	0-0	W1
East Carolina	1	0	1.000	1	3	.250	1-0	0-3	0-0	L1
Memphis	1	2	.333	2	3	.400	2-0	0-3	0-0	L1
Tulane	1	2	.333	2	3	.400	1-1	1-2	0-0	L3
TCU	0	1	.000	3	1	.750	2-0	1-1	0-0	W3
Houston	0	1	.000	2	2	.500	1-1	1-1	0-0	L1
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Last Week's Results

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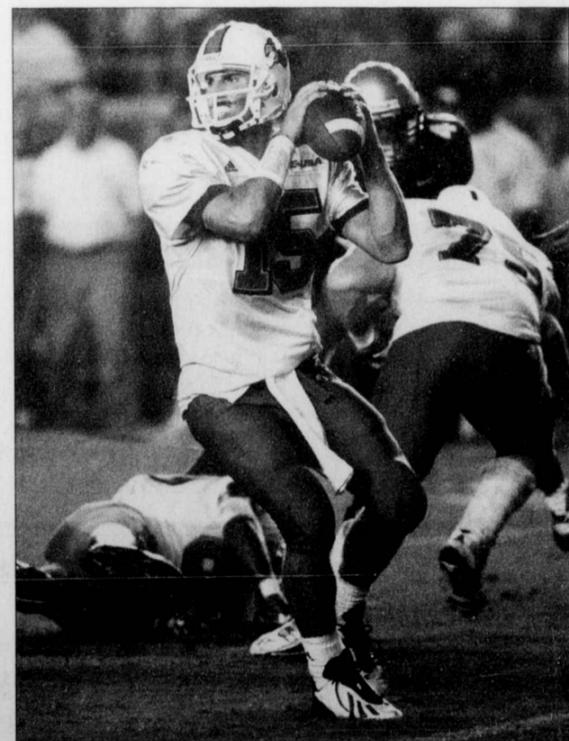
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Last week's players of the week

Offense — Louisville quarterback Dave Ragone led the Cardinals in a 26-20 overtime victory of No. 4 Florida State. Playing in a rainstorm, Ragone was 15-of-27 for 182 yards and two touchdowns, and also ran for 43 yards.

Defense — Cincinnati defensive end Antwan Peek had 10 tackles, one sack, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery in the Bears' 35-22 win over Temple. Southern Miss free safety Etric Pruitt had three interceptions in USM's 27-6 win at Army. He also had four tackles and four pass breakups.

Special Teams — Louisville kicker Nathan Smith had two field goals and two extra points in the Cardinals' victory over Florida State in the rainstorm of Papa John's Stadium.



Special to the Skiff
Louisville senior quarterback Dave Ragone earned Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week honors after leading his team to a 26-20 upset victory over No. 4 Florida State.

Women's soccer looks for first ever win against SMU

The women's soccer team hasn't had much of a rivalry with SMU, but the team looks to change that with a home game today.

BY JAY ZUCKERMAN
Skiff Staff

With a win against Louisville on Sunday, the women's soccer team ended its seven game winless streak.

Now the Frogs (2-6-3) look to break a longer winless streak 4 p.m. Wednesday against Southern Methodist (4-4-1) at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium.

In 21 all-time meetings with SMU, the Frogs have yet to win.

The team still is looking for cohesion as five of the projected starters are injured. Senior defender Brenda DeRose, senior forward Sherry Dick, junior forward Rebecca Repasky, junior defender Adrienne Jett and sophomore midfielder Bara Gunnarsdottir will not play in this game.

Head Coach David Rubinson has one distinct goal.

"What we want (to develop) is a team that plays with consistency, not just with their bodies but with their hearts and their minds," Ru-

binson said. The players said they do not feel the pressure of the SMU-TCU rivalry. "This is not really a game we've focused on from the beginning of the season," sophomore forward Laura Greenberg said. "Every game is important."

Senior forward and midfielder Nicole Carman agreed.

"SMU is always a rival, but we're looking at this game as a way to prepare for conference," Carman said. "Since this game doesn't really count for conference, we're just going to get some of our younger players in so they can be ready when we play for conference."

In order to challenge SMU (4-4-

1), the TCU defense may have to stop junior forward Kim Harvey, who leads the Mustangs with six goals on the season. They may also have to contend with senior forward Tara Comfort, the 2002 WAC Pre-season Player of the Year.

Rubinson believes that the Mustangs' talent will benefit his team in this game.

"We have played to the level of our competition and hopefully that will be a good thing Wednesday because SMU is a good team," Rubinson said.

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The Frogs are still looking for a taste of success against SMU. Since its first meeting in 1986, TCU is a 0-20-1 against the Mustangs. Here are the results from the last 15 matches:

Oct. 7, 1987	Dallas	2-0	Sept. 28, 1994	Fort Worth	4-0
Sept. 6, 1988	Fort Worth	3-1	Sept. 27, 1995	Fort Worth	7-0
Sept. 28, 1988	Dallas	2-1	Oct. 27, 1996	Fort Worth	4-0
Sept. 8, 1989	Fort Worth	3-1	Oct. 8, 1997	Dallas	4-0
Aug. 31, 1990	Dallas	3-0	Oct. 21, 1998	Fort Worth	3-1
Sept. 25, 1991	Dallas	3-0	Oct. 20, 1999	Fort Worth	1-0
Oct. 8, 1992	Fort Worth	5-0	Oct. 8, 2000	Dallas	2-0
Oct. 27, 1993	Dallas	6-0			

Hart, Rangers fire Narron after the team finishes last for third straight season

The Texas Rangers announced the firing of manager Jerry Narron, cutting ties with another member of the regime that brought three division titles in the 1990s.

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
Associated Press

Jerry Narron was fired as manager of the Texas Rangers on Tuesday after the team's third straight last-place finish in the AL West.

Narron went 134-162 after taking over in May 2001, including a 72-90 mark this season. He replaced Johnny Oates after the team started 11-17 last year.

"This has been a very difficult decision because I like and respect Jerry Narron," Texas general manager John Hart said. "But we have to make some tough decisions now. Our fans deserve better than the record and performance of the 2002 Texas Rangers."

Hart spent several hours Monday and Tuesday meeting with owner Tom Hicks and assistant general manager Grady Fuson about the future of the team. Hart said he made the decision Monday night.

"I would like there to be a different voice as we establish a different culture and a different era," he said.

"I am convinced that John and Grady have made a thorough and complete evaluation in reaching the decision to change managers," Hicks said.

Part of the problem was injuries. The Rangers had 17 players spend a team-record 1,429 days on the disabled list, including closer Jeff Zimmerman, two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez, 10-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez, and expected No. 1 starter Chan Ho Park.

Narron used 51 players, including a club-record 27 pitchers.

"This season has certainly been very frustrating and painful for all of us," Hart said. "Injuries have obviously played a major factor, but there are a number of areas in which we need to change and improve."

Possible replacements include bench coach Terry Francona, pitching coach Orel Hershiser, and Buddy Bell. Another candidate could be former Cleveland manager Charlie Manuel, who worked for Hart with the Indians.

Hart said there would be "some sense of urgency" to find a replacement. He said he'd start with a short list of candidates from inside and outside the organization, and that not all would have managerial experience.

Narron came to Texas as a third-base coach in 1995, then became manager when Johnny Oates resigned after an 11-17 start in 2001.

He was promoted by then-general manager Doug Melvin, who was fired following the 2001 season. Melvin recently became the GM in Milwaukee.

Texas lost 13 of its last 16 games, including a closing 1-9 road trip against playoff teams Oakland and Anaheim, and Seattle. The Rangers finished 31 games behind the AL West champion Athletics.

"He was in a tough situation this year, without a doubt," Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers said before the season ended. "He's done very well at it, but they go by what you do on the field, and we weren't a very good team on the field. Without a doubt, no one person is to blame for what went wrong here."