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"I believe that putting up more signs will not solve the problem with parking because that will mean more crowded parking lots and people will be more inclined to break the rules," Snow said. "I don't want to fight to get a parking spot, so I'd rather park on the street."

Snow said TCU needs to work with the city to solve the issue that is such an apparent inconvenience for the people who live in the neighborhood and for the commuters.

The next step in the process of getting the new signs put up is to make a layout of existing conditions and present it to the director of public transportation, which will take two to three weeks, Burkett said. If approved, it will take another two to three weeks to place the work order to get the signs on the street, he said.

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MBA students, so online programs are started to attract more students to their schools.

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"What's nice about online courses is they can be global," Greer said. "Having access all over the world would be a benefit for the university and the students."

First-year, full-time MBA student Shwetha Fernandes-Prabhu said an online program can reach a larger group of potential students because it

offers flexible times for international students and those who work.

Some graduate students said the best ways for students to learn are through interaction and teamwork.

"One of the biggest skills learned through an MBA is people management," Fernandes-Prabhu said. "How is this possible with almost no interpersonal interaction?"

Jason Kuester, a first-year, full-

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Greer said much of what a student can get out of an MBA program, such as guest speakers and presentations, cannot be obtained online, and hopes students will opt for quality over convenience when choosing a graduate program.

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"My philosophy centers around work ethic and focus and making deliberate choices and putting a colossal amount of effort behind it," Helms said.

Helms said he agreed to be the guest speaker because he is fascinated by the process of achieving one's goals and he enjoys interacting with college students.

He said students should not believe their dreams are not accessible and that they should not be deterred by fears. If it is looked at the right way,

fear can be a motivator, Helms said.

"If you see someone with the job you want, there is no reason you can't have it because that person was where you are at some point," Helms said.

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minute skits as the opening act of each show, radio-TV-film associate professor Richard Allen said.

Krista Adamson, a senior radio-TV-film major, said the groups will perform skits that they have developed in class this semester and that some of the

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Adamson said she is a fan of "The

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"I think it is something to get more students involved in the department," Adamson said. "It's a little bit more inclusive for students that aren't majors or minors. A lot of people don't know what we do over here."

Tickets for the comedy shows can be purchased for \$8 for students and \$15 for the general public in Moudy Building South, Room 177. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

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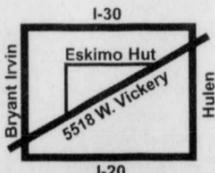
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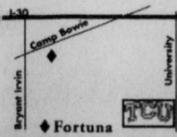


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The good, bad of winter weather

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Jeers: To waking up Thursday morning. After sleeping in during the middle of the week, it was hard to get up.

Cheers: To the workers in The Main for showing up Tuesday and Wednesday so campus-bound students could eat.

Jeers: To not clearing the ice and slush on the sidewalk leading from Reed Hall to University Drive. The sidewalks were cleared toward the business buildings. Was the Moudy Building just not as important?

Cheers: To drinking hot chocolate in the freezing cold with friends after playing a game of freeze tag.

Jeers: To realizing you have all the time in the world to run those errands you've been meaning to catch up on and then realizing the roads are too dangerous for you to get in the car to go do them.

Cheers: To a two-day vacation from school.

Jeers: Having to make up the homework from that two-day vacation.

Cheers: To the Southern drivers who stayed off the road.

Jeers: To Southern drivers who don't know how to drive on ice.

Cheers: To the beginning of spring training in the warmth of Florida and Arizona.

Jeers: To the Dallas Cowboys for cutting Emmitt Smith. Are they crazy? Now he's left out in the cold.

Your View

Letters to the Editor

History still needs to be taught year in, year out

Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday we just celebrated, was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theater in Washington at 10:15 p.m. on Friday April 14, 1865, and died the following morning at 7:22 a.m., and it's true that, as Chancellor-designate Victor Boschini put it recently, Lincoln "is going to die on the same day," no matter "how much you teach history."

But how do we happen to know that he was assassinated and died precisely at those times? Were some people checking their watches during the crisis? If not, are they estimates?

But there's more. Didn't Lincoln have any bodyguards looking after his safety in time of war? If so, how did Booth manage to get close enough to Lincoln to kill him? What weapon did he use? Was he part of a conspiracy or was he a loner like Lee Harvey Oswald?

How bad were the wounds inflicted on Lincoln? Did the doctors think there was any chance of saving his life? If not, why not? Were there any last words?

There's still more. Why did Booth hate Lincoln so much that he resolved to kill him? Did he plan the assassination ahead of time or was it a last-minute decision? What kind of man was Booth anyway? Was he eventually caught and brought to justice?

How did Mrs. Lincoln handle the awful event? What was the reaction of people in the North?

How about people in the South? What did people in other parts of the world think? What kind of funeral did Lincoln receive? Where was he buried?

And there's a lot more. Who succeeded Lincoln as president? To what extent were the new president's policies similar to those of Lincoln? How different would U.S. history have been had Lincoln lived to complete his second term? Did Northerners consider him a great president before the fatal day?

Why do most historians regard him as one of our greatest presidents? Why have so many biographies, scholarly studies, magazine articles, poems, and plays been written about Lincoln in the years since his death? What has been

his appeal to so many generations of Americans? Has he been over-mythologized? What was he really like?

I could go on, but I won't. I've already told you Lincoln was assassinated on April 14 and died on April 15.

Note: Chancellor-designate Boschini enrolled in Mount Union College after graduating from high school. He thought he wanted to teach history and signed up to student-teach at a rural Ohio school. But that didn't last long. "When I taught," he told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, "I thought, 'No matter how much I teach history, Lincoln is going to die on the same day every year.' Right then, I decided I wanted to do something else."

— Paul F. Boller Jr., Professor Emeritus, History

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Rejoicing in 'abnormality'

Without the abnormal life would be much less interesting

No longer will I correct myself. Pop is pop. Not Coke, not soda but pop. So go ahead, laugh and mock me.

I've already accepted your ridicule. Just know that it's pop in my strange, "abnormal" world.

Because I haven't decided that being normal is all its cracked up to be.

After all, if only "normal" people existed, where would the fun be in diversity? The interesting in the average? There would be no excitement in the unique, no drama in the boredom of everyday life.

Society needs strange behavior and randomly odd people, situations and comments. Without them, what would we do and who would we gossip about?

Granted, in seventh grade it was imperative that you be one of the average kids in Mrs. Anderson's American history class. Not the fat kid, the kid who knew every state capital, or the kid who couldn't figure out how to pronounce the big words.

You had to be, you know, seemingly like everybody but the fat kid.

But which popular eighth grader decided it was so cool to be normal anyway? And why, years later, are so many of us still listening to him?

COMMENTARY

Meghan Youker

"Society needs strange behavior and randomly odd people, situations and comments. Without them, what would we do and who would we gossip about?"

There are lots of things to love to hate here on the TCU campus

Now that the SACS visit has concluded, I want to put my two cents in on important issues that affect student life, and, in turn, students' happiness at the school, retention rates and, most importantly, students' likelihood to remember their alma mater fondly and donate money later on.

I could write another lengthy column on what I like about TCU; but truthfully, during mid-term season, griping and whining comes more naturally.

So after four years of personal pet peeves and listening to the gripes of my classmates, here's my list of what we love to hate:

- Sprinklers that waste water. Freshman year I was convinced that they are placed strategically to punish Sherley Hall residents who stay out too late; I still think this may be true.
- Parking and food.
- The Worth Hills shuttle bus drivers who decide to get out of the driver's seat and take an unscheduled smoke break five minutes before your mid-term starts.
- Flyers taped on the sidewalk torn up, rained on and generally ugly.
- No elevators in Sherley, the fraternity and sorority Houses and many other facilities. Two flights of stairs are torturous in the August heat of move-in.
- No beer inside the football stadium.
- Getting charged for water if the glass is bigger than 21 ounces. (Are the larger Styro-foam cups more expensive? Does that mean that

two 21-ounce glasses of water are free, but one 32-ounce glass costs money? Whose bright idea was that?)

- The construction on Stadium Drive near the new University Recreation Center. How long will it last?
- The fact that the rec. center is no longer called the Rickel, making students who cannot remember the name change feel old.
- People who pay with cash or check at a dining facility instead of swiping their cards. It's usually a full two minutes before the line gets moving again.
- Mailboxes stuffed with junk flyers and credit card applications.
- Students who make-out around campus.
- Freshmen who try to hang out at The Pub.
- Having class on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
- An 8 a.m. final for a 10 a.m. class. People who can't make it to class before 10 do not do well on tests that early in the morning.
- Solicitor's Alley in the Student Center between the doors of The Main and the Student Center Lounge.
- The few restaurants within walking distance of campus. Einstein's and Jons Grille are great, but only so many times.
- Cars that do not stop at the crosswalk, forcing tardy students to run for their lives to make it across University Drive.
- And finally, to put it frankly, the parking sucks. So does the food.

COMMENTARY



Jenny Specht

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Protest fails to find an answer

Last weekend, hundreds of thousands of people in New York City and millions across the world protested against America's martial rumblings toward

Iraq. In response to the large turnout, International ANSWER, a front

group for the ultra-liberal World Workers Party, wrote on its Web site that "the ultra-militarist policies of the Bush administration ... have been the catalyst to a global anti-war movement unlike anything that has existed for three decades."

ANSWER is presumably commenting on the size and intensity of these protests. It is certainly true that these demonstrations are unlike any protests since the Vietnam War era, and even that movement lacked the international unity that these protests have shown.

Unfortunately, in putting together these colossal protests around the world, demonstrators and organizers have forgotten one major component of informed, rational dissent: an informed, rational position.

Web journalist Evan Coyne Maloney went to the New York protest in search of the demonstrators' arguments against war. (His segment can be found on his Web site at (www.brain-terminal.com) in the recent articles section.)

"It is impressive that ANSWER and the other organizers have essentially pulled off the largest anti-war protest in history, but just because a lot of people turned out does not make the shoddy arguments the protesters touted any more informed."

Most of the protesters, he found, could not answer the simplest questions about their position against war. Told by the protesters that "war is not the answer," Maloney asked the question, "How would you solve the problem?"

Answers ranged from simple, earnest answers like "I don't know, but I know that going in and bombing them ... is not the answer," to semi-incoherent ramblings ending in "I don't know," to one protester who suggested sending in "someone like James Bond," and finally the suggestion that we simply "kill them with kindness."

When Maloney asked how long the United Nations should be allowed to attempt to disarm Iraq peacefully, he was told, "That's a ridiculous question." Other demonstrators proclaimed that the United States poses a "much larger threat (than Iraq)" and asserted that the only difference between President George W. Bush and genocidal maniac Adolf Hitler is "the mustache."

I do not doubt that there are good anti-war arguments out there. A friend cautioned me against judging the protesters by their most foolish and ill-considered arguments. Nonetheless, Maloney's video vividly conveys how few of those protesting have thought out their arguments for supporting the current string of demonstrations.

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Sharon presents 'painful concessions' for peace

JERUSALEM (AP) — Ariel Sharon presented his rightist government to parliament for approval Thursday and said again he is ready for unspecified "painful concessions" for peace.

Sharon cautioned that starting talks on Palestinian statehood would require Cabinet approval, and two parties in Sharon's four-party coalition oppose Palestinian independence.

Sharon's speech came a day after President Bush called on Israel to quickly work toward a "viable Palestinian state."

The charter of Sharon's government calls for continued "development" of Jewish settlements, while promising not to establish new ones. Bush said Wednesday that settlement expansion eventually will have to stop.

The Israeli government's action plan makes no mention of a U.S.-backed "road map" to Palestinian statehood by 2005. It says the government will try to reach an interim deal with the Palestinians, provided violence ends.

Addressing parliament Thursday, Sharon said that "the people of Israel strive for peace, and I am convinced that in exchange for true peace, there is readiness for painful concessions." He did not elaborate.

Congress chooses not to restrain highway spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress will reject White House attempts to restrain highway spending, senators from both parties said Thursday.

The administration's highway budget proposal, said Ohio Republican George Voinovich, is "really not in the real world."

Harsh appraisals of the proposed \$29.3 billion highway budget for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1 were voiced at a Senate hearing. This opposition sets the scene for a larger battle this year as Congress moves to renew and expand a 1998 program that promised \$200 billion for highway construction over six years.

"It appears that the administration has not yet heard the resounding support that the Senate has for our nation's infrastructure," said Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., head of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's panel on transportation.

Republicans push complete human cloning ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans began pushing through a White House-backed bill Thursday that would ban all human cloning, even as some lawmakers fought for provisions to protect scientific research.

Debate was expected to be lengthy as both sides delved into such murky issues as the beginning of life and the ethics of science. A final vote was scheduled for late Thursday.

"It's wrong to create human embryo farms, even for scientific research," Rep. Sue Myrick, R-N.C., said as the debate began. "Anything other than a ban would license the most ghoulish and dangerous enterprise in human history."

But Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass., countered, "Every member of this body is opposed to cloning a human being. This bill, if enacted, will close the door to important research."

The bill would ban all human cloning — for reproduction or research — and impose a \$1 million fine and up to a 10-year prison sen-

tence for violators. The measure passed the House 265-162 during the last legislative session but stalled in the Senate.

The White House called on the House to act. "The president urges the House to pass it so it can be considered by the Senate," Ari Fleischer, President Bush's spokesman, said Thursday.

Internal e-mails theorized possible Columbia mishaps

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Mission Control's Jeffrey Kling still had the sickened look of someone coping with tragedy.

His frightening predictions written in an e-mail just 24 hours before Columbia's destruction were what flight controllers call "what-iffing." Kling never thought the worst "what-if" scenario would come true. But to his astonishment and horror, it did.

"When the events started unfolding, there was a little bit of disbelief right at first," said Kling, who was seated at the mechanical systems position in Mission Control as Columbia plunged through the atmosphere on Feb. 1.

He soon found himself asking: "What did I miss? What did we miss as a team?"

Kling met with a handful of reporters Wednesday evening, after NASA released a batch of internal e-mail messages from him and other flight controllers. The e-mails discussed what might happen to Columbia during re-entry if its left wing had been severely damaged by tank debris during liftoff.

Among the possibilities cited by the 43-year-old flight controller in an e-mail dated Jan. 31: a serious breach in the left landing gear compartment, possibly caused by exploding tires and the compartment door blowing open, that would raise concern about the integrity of the aluminum wing.

Nightclub victims face a long recovery

BY JUSTIN POPE
Associated Press

Many are burned beyond recognition, with months if not years of grueling rehabilitation ahead — if they survive at all.

But the fact that all 187 victims hospitalized after the Rhode Island nightclub fire were still alive a week later offered some consolation to a region grieving for the 97 who perished in the blaze.

"The care they're getting is phenomenal," said Rhode Island Gov. Don Carcieri. "But for a lot of them, it's touch-and-go."

Of the 55 victims who remained in

Massachusetts and Rhode Island hospitals Thursday, 36 were in critical condition. One of the most seriously injured victims had burns over 85 percent of his body.

Carcieri said he met with one family whose son's burned hand had to be amputated. Another victim's flesh was so badly burned that a rod that had previously been implanted in his spine was visible. Many patients' conditions have improved, but others have deteriorated.

The victims face years of excruciating pain, skin grafts and other reconstructive surgery, physical rehabilitation and psychological

counseling to deal with their disfiguring injuries. Because of the extreme danger of deadly infections and other complications, many of them may not be in the clear for months.

"Unfortunately, we've all had people die the night before they were to be discharged," said Dr. Debra Reilly, a University of Nebraska physician and chair of the American Burn Association's rehabilitation committee.

The nightclub victims have survived the first major obstacle: burn shock. But their dying skin continues to leak dangerous acids into the body, and most are fighting lung damage from inhaling hot gases and chemicals.

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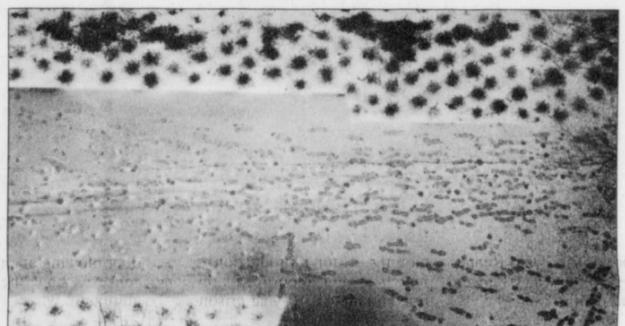
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Cars drive through the melting ice and sleet on University Drive.

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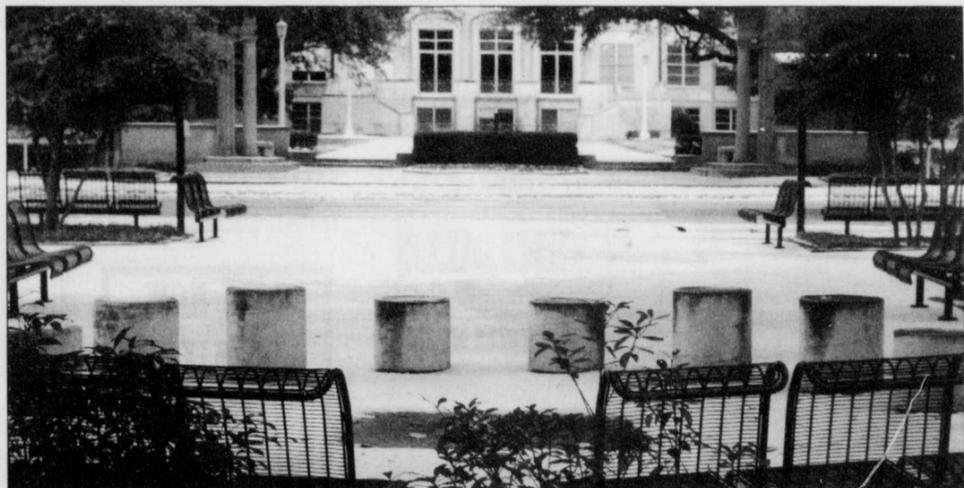
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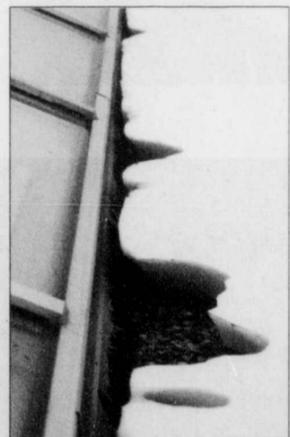
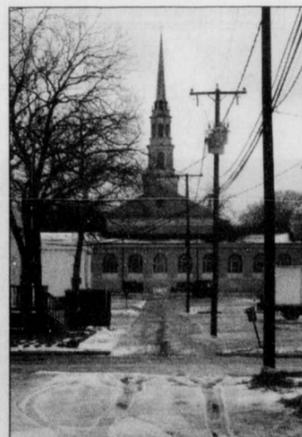
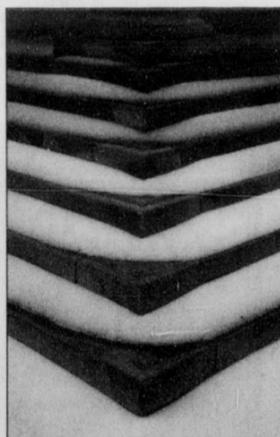
(Left) A shot across University Drive from the statues' point of view. (Center) Robert Carr Chapel from the corner of Princeton Street and University Drive. (Right) A plethora of footprints from the roof of the Tucker Technology Center.



(Above) The American flag flies high above the construction at the Air Force ROTC Building. (Below) Wilted flowers in the garden in front of Reed Hall.



Reed Hall through the foliage from across University Drive.



(Left) The snow covered steps of Carr Chapel. (Center) Carr Chapel from the alley behind. (Right) A thick snow bank on the roof of the Tucker Center.



An unsuspecting student covertly writes the word "foolie" into the snow between Winton-Scott Hall and the Sid Richardson Building.




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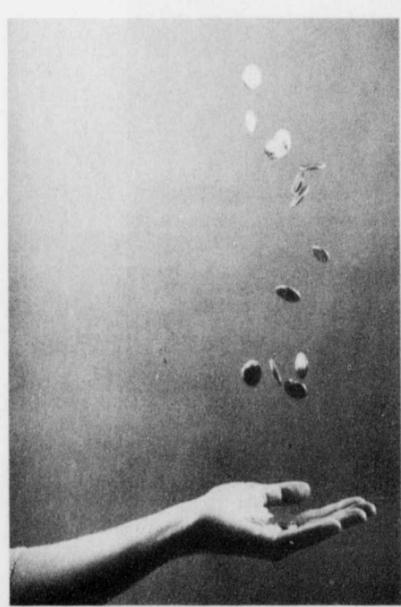
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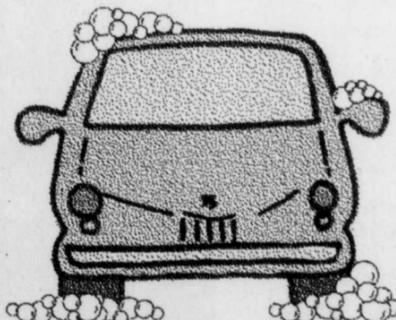
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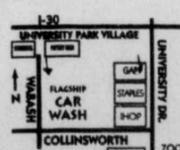
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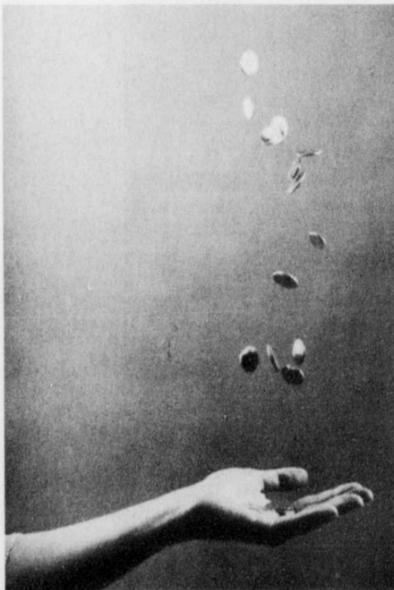
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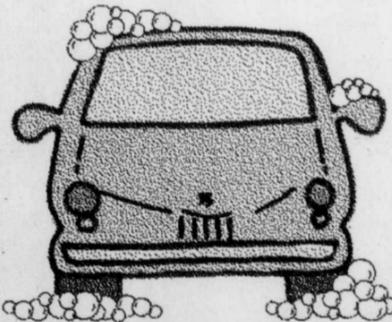
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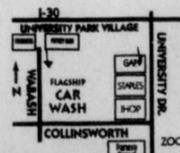
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Egypt, S. Africa wait for Iraq to comply

BY AMY WESTFELDT
Associated Press

The U.N. Security Council began discussions Thursday on a new U.S.-backed resolution for war with Iraq, while South African experts visiting Iraq said they were convinced Iraq is doing its best to disarm and asked the United Nations to give weapons inspections more time.

Meanwhile, Turkey's ruling

party delayed a crucial vote on letting in more than 60,000 U.S. combat troops as the government failed to persuade its lawmakers to back the deployment.

Egypt's news agency also reported that Iraq would announce later Thursday that it will comply with a U.N. order to begin destroying its Al Samoud 2 missiles by the weekend.

"It's clear there is movement of the whole issue of weapons of mass destruction."

— Aziz Pahad

South Africa's deputy foreign minister

The Iraqi government issued no comment, but the Egyptian Middle East News Agency quoted

unidentified sources in Baghdad as saying the step was intended to deprive Washington of an excuse to attack.

"It's clear there is movement on the whole issue of weapons of mass destruction," South Africa's deputy foreign minister, Aziz Pahad, said at a news conference in Baghdad. "Clearly (the inspection regime) is working, and if it's working why stop it?"

Waco tragedy recalled

Service to be held in memory of victims

BY ANGELA K. BROWN
Associated Press

WACO — Children were playing, women were cleaning the kitchen and some men were reading the newspaper that Sunday morning as rain drizzled outside the Branch Davidian compound.

Just before 10 a.m., sect leader David Koresh appeared in the cafeteria doorway and said he had been told someone was coming.

"He said, 'Everybody stay calm,'" recalled Clive Doyle, who was in the compound. "I could hear him go down the hall and open the door. Then I heard gunfire, shots being fired by the hundreds. I heard him say, 'Wait! We've got women

and children in here!'"

It was Feb. 28, 1993, when federal agents were trying to arrest Koresh for stockpiling illegal weapons. By the end of the day, six Branch Davidians and four officers were dead.

The botched raid triggered a 51-day standoff that ended when FBI-led military vehicles rammed and spewed tear gas into the compound, which exploded in flames and burned to the ground. More than 70 people died, including two dozen children.

Survivors and families of the slain Branch Davidians planned to hold a memorial service Friday at a chapel built a few years ago on the site, called Mount Carmel, 10 miles east of Waco.

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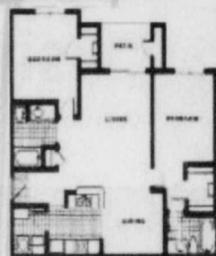
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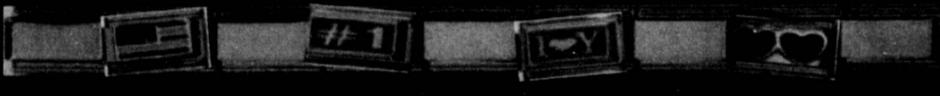
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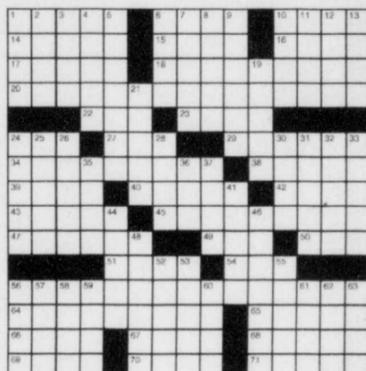


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Today's Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Droops
 - 6 Parakeet's residence
 - 10 Untidy diner
 - 14 Licorice flavoring
 - 15 Grad
 - 16 Own
 - 17 Just right
 - 27 Sought by persuasion
 - 28 Symbols of good luck
 - 22 Mayday!
 - 23 The nearer one
 - 24 Pictured
 - 27 Purpose
 - 29 Canadian capital
 - 34 Extremely drunk
 - 38 Kind of eclipse
 - 39 Top-drawer
 - 40 Singular performances
 - 42 Polynesian figurine
 - 43 Luster
 - 45 Dawdlers
 - 47 Colorful Indian fabric
 - 49 Mai de
 - 50 Opposite of WSW
 - 51 October's birthstone
 - 54 Org. with maps
 - 56 Prescription medicines
 - 64 Fix-it fellas
 - 65 Scamp
 - 66 Miners' rocks
 - 67 Garr of 'Tootsie'
 - 68 Dunne of Hollywood
 - 69 Slinger
 - 70 Aide to an exec.
 - 71 Concluded



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Tuesday's Solutions

- 10 Knife in a prison riot
- 11 After-hours
- 12 Higher than
- 13 River paths
- 19 Expenses
- 21 Siam turns
- 24 Burst of energy
- 25 Hello
- 26 Tapered off
- 28 Love god
- 30 Terrier in Oz
- 31 Matching
- 32 End a nightmare?
- 33 Leave bee
- 35 Tea-leaf reader
- 36 Plumbing joint
- 37 Tragic fate
- 41 Workout wetness
- 44 Ruth's mother-in-law
- 46 Open grasslands
- 48 Militant Greek city-state
- 52 High points
- 53 Lascivious looks
- 55 Oak-to-be
- 56 Figurehead site
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Smith gets dropped in favor of youth

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith, the leading rusher in NFL history, was released Thursday after 13 seasons with the Dallas Cowboys.

Smith said he was not ready to retire.

"In my mind, I think I'm a 1,300-yard back, and I will be out to prove that," Smith said.

He was released to make way for a younger, cheaper running back for the Cowboys, who have been 5-11 for the last three seasons. It's the first major roster shakeup since Bill Parcells took over as coach, although team owner Jerry Jones has made it clear it was his decision.

Track teams compete

Frogs face off at C-USA indoor championships

BY SHELLI MANCHACA
Skiff Staff

The men's and women's track teams will compete in the Conference USA Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Yeoman Field House on the University of Houston campus today and Saturday.

The championships will feature 13 C-USA schools.

Head Coach Monte Stratton said he is planning to branch out the talent on the team into as many areas as possible to improve its overall standings.

The men's team is currently ranked No. 10 according to the Feb. 25 Trackwire Top 25 Poll. With key weapons such as junior Aundre Edwards leading the team, the men have high expectations of gaining the conference title as well as several national titles.

Edwards, who finished fifth in last year's NCAA Outdoor Championships, set a school record at the Razorback-Tyson Invitational Feb. 15 with a long jump of 7.87 meters.

Edwards, who was also awarded the C-USA's athlete of the week, said he was surprised when he found out he broke the school record.

"I wasn't expecting to do as well as I did, but I just tried to focus on the jump and gave it all I had," he said.

His jump surpassed his personal best of 7.80 meters and gained him an automatic qualifying mark for the NCAA Indoor National Championships.

The men's 4x400 relay also snagged second place (3:06.23) and a NCAA automatic qualifying mark at the Razorback Invitational. The team, which consists of junior Brandon Simpson, junior Jabari Fields, sophomore Jackson Langat and junior Jerry Harris, outran foursomes from elite competitors such as Florida, Baylor, Auburn and Mississippi State.

Freshman Donita Harmon, who has been awarded C-USA's women athlete of the week twice this season, placed first in the 200 meter dash and second in the 60 meters at the Air Force Invitational Feb. 8. Senior Monica Twum received first place honors and a NCAA provisional mark in the 60 meter dash at the same meet.

"I wasn't expecting to do as well as I did, but I just tried to focus on the jump and gave it all I had."

— Aundre Edwards
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Amy Pack gets back on track

BY DREW IRWIN
Skiff Staff

Two years ago, junior forward Amy Pack was reigning Western Athletic Conference player of the year and voted Texas-El Paso's Most Valuable Player for the second season in a row.

This season, after sitting out a season due to NCAA transfer regulations, Pack is beginning to play like her old self again in the Lady Frogs jersey.

"She's a good player, and we were excited to get her," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "We've played against her, so we knew how hard she is to stop."

Pack said she left UTEP for several reasons, but the team's lack of success was at the top of her list. During her final year in El Paso, the Miners had an overall record of 8-20. TCU had a 25-8 record that same season.

"I'm a big competitor, and I didn't like to lose," Pack said. "Also, my coach (Sandra Rushing) resigned, and I thought it would be a good time to leave."

Pack said she knew that when she arrived at TCU, she would not have to carry the team the way she did at UTEP.

"I didn't expect to put up the same kind of numbers because this is a more well-rounded team," Pack said. "I knew I didn't have to be the leading scorer on this team to succeed."

However, because of transfer regulations, Pack was forced to sit out last season. Although she said it was difficult to watch from the sidelines, she took advantage of the time she had in practice.

"I got to lift a lot more and I got stronger," Pack said. "I also worked out a lot so that I could get in better shape."

When this season started, Pack was named a starter. But inconsistent play sent her to the bench for a large part of the year.

"She went through her struggles in the beginning of the season, and I think we're just now seeing her play the way we know she can," Mittie said.

Pack said she attributes her recent success to a gain in confidence.

"It has let me play more than I was before," Pack said. "It gives me confidence knowing that I'll play at least 15 minutes to get a chance to do something."

Her confidence has certainly given her an edge in scoring. Against Southern Mississippi Feb. 21, Pack had a game-high 20 points. She said the most memorable game of the season was Feb. 11 at Tennessee.

"The Tennessee game was great even though I scored all my points in the first half," Pack said. "It was fun to play with the number three team, and we nearly beat them."

In the first half of the game, Pack scored 14 points.

Mittie said he attributes Pack's recent play to a connection with sophomore forward Sandra Irvin.

"I like the way she and Irvin are playing inside," Mittie said. "They've complemented each other really well so far."

Since the implementation of the team's new rotation system where it rotates groups of five different players throughout the game, Pack has averaged nine points a game and started four of those six games.

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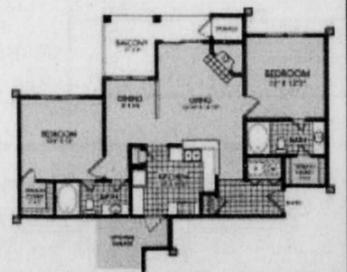
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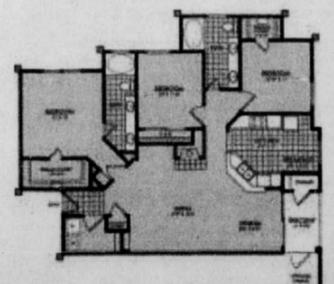
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