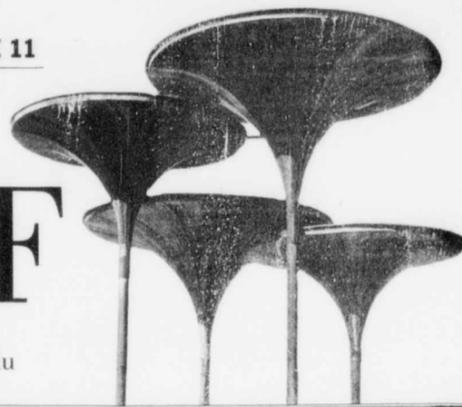


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## Today's News

### STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

**FORT WORTH** — Burglars have struck city halls in six communities in recent weeks, sometimes taking money.

City halls in North Richland Hills, Grapevine, McKinney, Hillsboro, Saint Jo and Alford have been hit.

News Digest on page 4

**NEW YORK** — The leaseholder of the World Trade Center expects that the new complex of buildings planned for the site will retain the name, according to a published report.

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## OnCampus

### Havard newspaper sues to get police files

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** — The Crimson, Harvard University's daily independent student newspaper, is suing the school for access to the campus police department's detailed crime reports.

The Crimson, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, filed suit in July, said Harvard senior and Crimson President Amit Paley. In August, Harvard asked a judge to dismiss the case.

Paley said The Crimson's decision to sue was "the culmination of a series of requests to the university in the past few years to gain access to public records."

The lack of open police reports prevented The Crimson from investigating the Harvard University Police Department's racial profiling policies and adequately covering the embezzlement of more than \$100,000 from a student agency by two Harvard students, Paley said.

In their first legal brief on behalf of The Crimson, attorneys argued that because HUPD is armed and has the power to detain, question, arrest and investigate members outside of the Harvard community, they should be subject to the same public records laws as any municipal police force. But according to a Crimson press release, Harvard's brief argues that because the university is a private institution, its police force is not subject to stringent public access laws.

"The Crimson is taking an important stand in this case that will be applicable to other colleges and universities," she said.

— Brown Daily Herald

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## The Weather

### TODAY

High: 76; Low: 54; Partly cloudy

### SATURDAY

High: 81; Low: 64; Mostly sunny

### SUNDAY

High: 82; Low: 63; Isolated T-Storms

## Looking Back

1900 — Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid pull off their first robbery together.

## Boschini plans to cut costs

BY CRYSTAL FORESTER  
Staff Reporter

Chancellor Victor Boschini and his cabinet appear headed toward cost-cutting measures to tuition assistance and health and insurance benefits that could save the university about \$600,000 annually.

TCU could also save about \$340,000 per year by raising the employment experience needed before dependent children can receive 100 percent

tuition assistance, and by cutting temporary employee benefits, TCU can save about \$140,000 per year, said John Weis, assistant vice chancellor of human resources.

TCU could also save about \$100,000 annually by not providing full tuition reimbursement to dependent children of TCU faculty or staff members who attend another Texas college, Michael Scott, director of scholarships and financial aid, said at the Faculty Senate meet-

ing Sept. 4. The university currently reimburses faculty or staff members if the children don't meet TCU admission requirements, Scott said.

The recommended changes to the tuition assistance policy are waiting approval by the chancellor and his cabinet and were taken to the retirement, insurance and benefits committee, which advises administration on these issues, Aug. 28.

Manfred Reinecke, co-chairman of the RIB committee, said

the committee made some suggestions and modifications, but overall the RIB committee agrees with the recommendations that were made.

"The Vice Chancellor (Carol Campbell) presented a convincing case that cuts have to be made somewhere," said Reinecke, professor of chemistry. "You're never overjoyed when losing benefits, but there has to be a trade-off for other things."

(more on EMPLOYEE, page 2)

## Fergie to talk about health

ROBYN KRIEL  
Staff Reporter

Royalty will descend upon the TCU campus Monday.

The Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, will be speaking from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum to about 4,000 high school senior girls and any TCU women who wish to attend.

The duchess is the author of more than a dozen books, as well as the spokeswoman for Weight Watchers and the volunteer spokeswoman for the American Heart Association. She will be speaking on issues of health, wellness and how she achieved her goals and successes.

Ferguson is being invited to speak by the Women's Foundation of North Texas, a philanthropy to promote welfare among women and girls.

Shirley Turner, founder and co-chairwoman of the foundation, said this is their first major fund-raiser.

"We donate money to various women's groups, such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and the Young Women's Christian Association," she said.

Turner said the Women's Foundation is focusing this year on health and wellness issues, which is why the foundation members invited Ferguson.

"Not only is she involved in Weight Watchers and the Heart Association but she also takes immense pride in reaching out to the average person," Turner said. "Listening to her will be amazing."

The Burleson High School's drill team will be performing at the event, as will Julia Duffy, a Fort Worth native and stand-up comedian who has done warm-ups for Billy Crystal and Jerry Seinfeld.

"It is going to be a very fun morning," Turner said. "I am sure that the audience will find Fergie a lot of fun."

She said this is not Ferguson's first visit to the United States, or Texas, but that she has never been to Fort Worth.

"We will not be a stuffy audience," Turner said. "We are going to show the duchess a big Fort Worth welcome."

Coordinator of Conference Services Flo Hill said the duchess

(more on FERGIE, page 2)

## The band played on



Band director Brian Youngblood conducts the TCU Marching Band Thursday evening in Ed Landreth Auditorium. The band moved inside following a lightning strike outside.

## RTVF major also producer

BY JOHN ASHLEY MENZIES  
Staff Reporter

If a group of more than 40 people with a TV bigger than 40 inches wants to see his movie, senior radio-TV-film major Clint Gage will show it.

Gage, along with Nick Mundy, a senior RTVF major at St. Thomas University in Houston, co-founded Kleinwood Pictures and took this summer to produce "Movement," their third movie in three years.

After first premiering the movie in front of 430 people over two days in Houston, they are premiering the movie in Fort Worth, Gage said.

The movie will follow four storylines and see them begin to come together, Gage said. The premier is set for tonight at 7

p.m. in Moudy Building South, Room 164.

"We're taking the small band approach with this movie," Mundy said.

The story originally came from an old movie that Gage has done called "Brownian Movement."

"It was a bad movie, but the idea was good," Gage said. "So we took that idea and wrote the movie in about one night over Christmas."

Charles LaMendola, an RTVF professor, said he thinks it is really good for a student to do this type of individual project.

"You have to learn by doing," LaMendola said.

Many students have wanted to do such things, but they usually can't find the financial backing, he said. It is good for Gage to take advantage of the opportunity,

he said.

Kleinwood Pictures was formed in 2001 by Gage, Mundy and a group of their friends who produced their first movie "Late Fee," Gage said.

"After our first movie took off better than we could imagine, things just grew from there," Mundy said.

Gage said Kleinwood Pictures currently has three films in pre-production. The first of the three will begin filming in October, he said.

"We are doing this for the experience more than doing it for fun," Gage said.

To find out more information about Kleinwood Pictures visit their Web site at (www.kleinwoodpictures.com).

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## Students to attend leadership conference

BY MONIQUE BHIMANI  
Staff Reporter

John Athon, a junior history major, is excited about going to hear about Texas public policy and possibly networking with local leaders at an Austin leadership forum this weekend.

The 19th annual John Ben Shepperd Leadership Forum, entitled "Texas in the 21st Century: Turning Challenges into Opportunity," will feature keynote speaker Texas Sen. John Cornyn, as well as Texas Lt. Governor David Dewhurst.

"I look forward to seeing our state leaders reaching out to students and their community," Andie Porter, a sophomore international communications major, said. "I personally think going to

### Trip offers chance to meet state leaders

the conference will help to see how leadership works on a larger scale."

Hosted by the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute works to "provide young Texans an education for and about leadership, ethics and public service," according to its mission statement. The institute was named in honor of the late Shepperd, former Texas Attorney General, of his volunteer work and leader-

ship in public service, according to their Web site.

The upcoming forum will have a political emphasis, with each participant required to read about 200 pages on issues such as health care and public education, said Athon.

This year, TCU will send three students to this leadership forum. Although it is not a major conference, it is an opportunity to find internships and mentorships, Amie Blaschke, student development services program coordinator, said.

"It's what we work for," said Blaschke. "It's students like John (Athon) that help foster continued relationships with community members."

Nacogdoches County Judge (more on FORUM, page 2)

## Theta Fall Breakaway Run/Walk Saturday

BY ANDREW DONOVAN  
Staff Reporter

Kappa Alpha Theta members say they hope to continue giving voices to abused and neglected children with its seventh annual Fall Breakaway.

The five-kilometer run/walk is scheduled for Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium, and will raise money to support the local Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, which helps provide community volunteers to serve as independent parties who speak in court on behalf of abused and neglected children.

Co-chairwoman Stephanie Doherty said she feels CASA is

### Sorority raises money for abused children

a very necessary service for the Fort Worth community to have. She said she hopes the event will help the organization continue to be successful.

"We hope to raise not only funds, but also awareness for the traumatizing experience through which abused children go through," Doherty said.

Ashley Wright, also an event (more on KAPPA, page 2)

# THE PULSE

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Your bulletin board for campus events

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■ **Fiesta de los Frogs**, a part of Hispanic Heritage Month, will be 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday in Frog Alley and at Amon Carter Stadium. Music will be provided before the football game by Grupo Sueño, and Ballet Folklórico Azteca will perform during halftime. For more information call (817)257-5150.

■ **20:24 Bible Study** meets at 6:15 p.m. Sundays in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 1.

■ **TCU Semester in Florence program** will have a free information session at 4 p.m. Monday in Moudy Building South, room 155. The program is now taking applications, due Oct. 15, but recommended to be submitted by Oct. 1. Additional information and applications are available online at ([www.ied.tcu.edu/florence/florence.html](http://www.ied.tcu.edu/florence/florence.html)). For more information, contact the International Education office at (817)257-7473 or in Sadler Hall, Room 16.

■ **Intramural Team Tennis** registration will take place until midnight Tuesday. Registration can be done online at ([www.campusrec.tcu.edu](http://www.campusrec.tcu.edu)).

■ **Career Services** will offer a free information session to help students with interviewing skills. The session is scheduled from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 134. For more information call (817)257-5220.

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## 'Fiesta' promotes culture

BY CARMEN CASTRO  
Staff Reporter

The second Fiesta de los Frogs will encourage students and their families attending Saturday's football game to consider Hispanic heritage.

"The purpose of the event is to try and get a part of the community that doesn't regularly come out to experience a college football game," said Jessica Burnham, assistant director of sports marketing.

Fiesta de los Frogs incorporates Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations and gives Frog Alley activities in front of Amon Carter stadium a carnival atmosphere, Burnham said. The event was created by the sports marketing department and the admissions office in 2001.

Greg Treviño, head of the cultural programming committees, said the Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee worked hard organizing the entire month's scheduled activities, including Fiesta de los Frogs.

Admissions counselor Victoria Herrera said the Organization of Latin American Students, as well as the four Latino Greek organizations and admissions counselors, will have information tables set up in Frog Alley. Herrera said one of the

changes this year is that campus tours will not be held on the same day as the event.

"Last year, people got all caught up in the fun atmosphere and the music, not wanting to leave Frog Alley, so we took the tours out this year," Herrera said.

Other Frog Alley activities include face-painting, hair wrapping art and music by the band Sueño. Mrs. Baird's Bread will give hot dogs to the first 500 people. Children from a local ballet company will perform with the TCU Showgirls at halftime, Herrera said.

Herrera said TCU will keep this tradition going in the future. Last year's Fiesta de los Frogs

success prompted for a similar celebration last year during baseball season that incorporated Cinco de Mayo festivities, she said.

Community sponsors include the local Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Independent School District and the Spanish television network, Telefutera, Burnham said. With the help of corporate donations and private individuals, Project Purple tickets will provide free admission for about 1,000 students from the local Boys & Girls Club, FWISD and YMCA programs.

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## FORUM

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Susan Kennedy will speak at the event and is an Outstanding Texas Leader award recipient. She said it is important to make a connection between the involvement in politics and the community.

"People determine ethical leaders by what they see us do and say," Kennedy said. "Actions and words have to reflect a moral and ethical basis. It's difficult because all the decisions made are made in the public forum."

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## KAPPA

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co-chairwoman, said last year's event had approximately 2,000 participants, and she believes they will reach higher numbers this year. She said it helps that the event has been held as part of TCU Family Weekend the previous two years.

"We have already had more TCU families sign up for the run than we did last year," Wright said. "I'm confident it will continue to be held the same week-

end for a while because of the success it generates."

Theta President Lindsey Alletag said the event raised about \$20,000 for CASA last year and expects about the same amount to be raised this weekend. Alletag said the event has helped the sorority raise the most money for CASA compared to all other Theta chapters in the last two years.

Wright said the organization is usually the main focus of the community service efforts and philanthropy of all the Theta

chapters nationwide.

"We would like to see every neglected and abused child have an advocate," Wright said. "No child has to go through the court system alone."

Pre-registration for the event began Wednesday at Luke's Locker at 1540 S. University Dr. and will continue through Friday. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium, and the run/walk will begin at 9 a.m.

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## EMPLOYEE

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The RIB committee was concerned there would not be enough time to prepare employees for the changes, Weis said.

"To give faculty and staff notice, the recommendations would not go into effect until Jan. 1, 2004," Weis said. "If the dependent is a junior in high school by 2005, they could still get their tuition paid."

Nadia Lahutsky, Faculty Senate chair, declined to comment on specific recommendations.

"It's a no-win situation, there will be changes made," Lahutsky said. "We hope to implement these recommendations with as little adverse affect on faculty and staff (as possible)."

Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs William

Koehler said at the Faculty Senate meeting that Boschini and his cabinet are still discussing when the cutoff date would be to allow dependents to participate in the current tuition assistance policy.

David Grebel, Staff Assembly chair, said the Staff Assembly is most concerned with this proposal because they want to ensure dependent students have an opportunity to get an equivalent education.

"I am confident the administration is listening and is going to listen to the recommendations that we made," Grebel said.

As an alternative for dependent students, the Tuition Exchange Program allows them to apply with more than 500 institutions nationally and receive a scholarship from the institution if they are accepted, Scott said.

"We acquire dependent stu-

dents from other schools, and they take our dependent students if they meet admission requirements," Weis said.

It is also recommended that after one year of employment, 50 percent of TCU tuition could be waived, and after three years of employment, 100 percent of tuition could be waived, Weis said.

Eliminating all benefits to temporary employees if they are hired after Jan. 1, 2004 is another recommendation, Weis said.

Koehler said the cabinet has not discussed the impact changing the policies will have on hiring new employees in the future.

"This is an important benefit in terms of employees coming to TCU," Weis said. "We still feel the new policy is a very good incentive to potential employees."

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## FERGIE

From page 1

did not require any special security precautions for her visit. The TCU Police will be taking precautions as usual and will be searching backpacks and purses, she said.

After the event, Ferguson will speak at a fund-raising luncheon at the Fort Worth Convention

Center.

Jennifer Jensen, a junior advertising and public relations major at TCU, said she was incredibly excited about the duchess's visit.

"I will definitely be there," Jensen said. "I am a huge admirer of Fergie and have heard that she is an incredible speaker."

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## Royalty visits TCU

**Who:** Sarah Ferguson

**When:** 9 to 11 a.m. Monday

**Where:** Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

**For:** Female high school seniors and TCU women

**Cost:** \$25 general admission, free for TCU and high school students

**Topic:** Health, wellness and success

## Schedule for TCU Family Weekend

**Friday, Sept. 19**

Noon-6 p.m.  
Noon  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Noon-4 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

Check-In  
TCU Jazz Band performance  
Got Milk Tour  
Campus Global Tours  
Variety/Fashion Show & Dinner

Student Center Lobby  
Student Center Lounge  
Frog Fountain  
Student Center  
Student Center Ballroom

**Saturday, Sept. 20**

9 a.m.-Noon  
9 a.m.  
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
4 p.m.-6 p.m.  
6 p.m.

Late Registration  
Fall Breakaway 5K Run/Walk  
Chancellor's reception  
Sundance Square Tour  
Pre-Game BBQ  
Football Game vs. Vanderbilt

Student Center Lobby  
Amon Carter Stadium  
Student Center Ballroom  
Meet at Student Center  
Frog Fountain  
Amon Carter Stadium

## PoliceBlotter

VCR stolen from unsecured cabinet

**Burglary of a building**

Library — theft of cash from a secured closet

**Sept. 14**  
**Burglary of a motor vehicle**  
Worth Hills parking lot — CD player stolen

**Sept. 17**  
**Burglary of a motor vehicle**

Observatory parking lot — window broken, loss unknown

Observatory parking lot — CD player stolen

Observatory parking lot — CD player stolen

**Sept. 15**  
**Theft, \$50 to \$500**  
Sid Richardson Building — clothing stolen

Smith Entrepreneurial Center —

**Sept. 18**

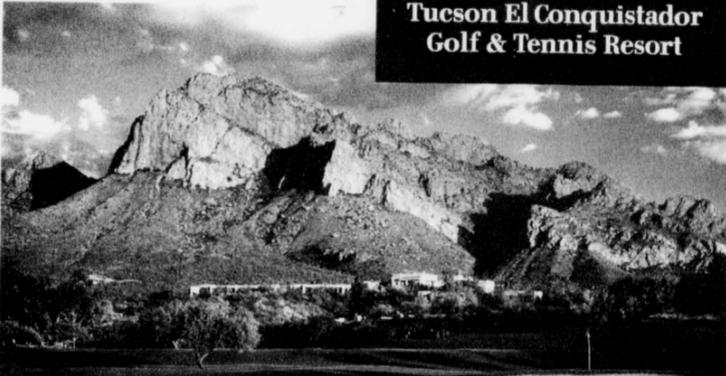
**Theft, \$50 to \$500**  
Library — convenience items stolen

— Staff Reporter Becky Brandenburg

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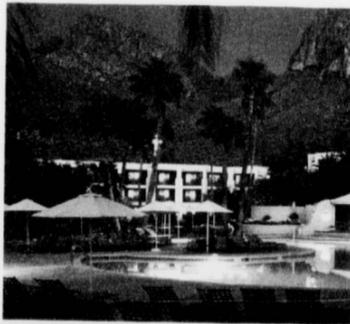
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## The Skiff View

### BENEFITS

Cuts unfortunate, but necessary

Cutting costs will always be a part of a university administration's job.

The university is being careful and it knows it's not possible to please every one.

Currently, dependent children of TCU faculty and staff who have worked here for a year can get 100 percent of their tuition paid for. Chancellor Boschini and his cabinet are suggesting this should be changed to at least three years.

Additionally, if students of faculty or staff do not meet TCU admissions requirements, the university will pay for their tuition at other Texas colleges. They are proposing that this practice be stopped.

Cutting or amending these practices could save the university around \$440,000 annually.

By making these cuts, it seems impossible not to alienate some members of the faculty and staff, or to discourage others who want to become a part of the TCU community. However, we understand that there are more vital portions of the budget.

Eliminating the tuition payments for the children of faculty members who do not meet TCU standards and decide to enroll in another university is a good idea. This type of benefit is something that should exist only when the economic times will allow for it.

But when cutting the percentage of tuition the university will pay for based on the number of years of employment, the university needs to be careful. Many faculty and staff work at this university solely to get this benefit. We do not want to alienate our current staff or risk the possibility of losing future employees for this reason.

## QuoteUnquote

Quotes we ran that made you think ... or laugh

"The menu didn't change and gradually it leveled and then it really died."

— Rick Flores, general manager of dining services on why TCU doesn't have Taco Bell anymore.

"In most stories, there is a great collision between privacy and what readers need to know ... It's tough to know where to draw the line."

— Phil Record, former associate editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, on the relationship between the media and politics

"People already think that voting doesn't matter. I can't count the number of my fellow students who feel that way. And no, that's not because I'm from Florida and can't count very high."

— Patrick Jennings, opinion editor

"We want to create informed consumers and want to help bring animal welfare into their moral radar."

— Jeff Sebo, junior philosophy and sociology major, on the goals of People for Animal Welfare

"It was the tradition of winning and wearing the purple that brought me here."

— Cory Rodgers, freshman wide receiver, on why he chose to play football at TCU

"So if the small bands are in favor of file sharing, then perhaps the RIAA is really protecting the likes of Justin Timberlake."

— Jessica Sanders, co-news editor

"We want them to see themselves in a positive light. We want to help them realize what they want to do in life, and then show them they can do it, and how to do it."

— Darron Turner, director of Student Development Services

"I work every summer to save some money for the school year, but each summer only covers at best a quarter of the settlement, so I will be paying off the RIAA for quite a few years."

— Daniel Peng, a junior at Princeton University who faces legal charges resulting from file sharing

"They're going to throw the ball, and they don't make a lot of mistakes. On defense, they load the box and you have to throw on them because of how well they defend the run. They're a lot more physical than the teams we've faced so far."

— Head Coach Gary Patterson on the Vanderbilt football team

"He is very Jewish and it came out in all of his jokes."

— Kenneth Cracknell, professor of theology and global studies, on Joel Siegel



## Prisoners of War deserve our honor, respect on this day

The year is 1967. The location: Vietnam. A 19-year-old American man hunkers down on a jungle floor covered with muck. Mammoth mosquitos plunge their needles into his brawny arms. A drop of sweat tumbles down his nose. Rockets scream overhead. His ears ring with the sound of automatic-weapon fire mixed with the painful screams of his wounded and dying comrades who lie in puddles of their own blood. His eyes frantically dart back and forth looking for any sign of the enemy. His heart rattles in his chest. He tries to moisten his sunburned lips, but his mouth is too dry.

Just then, the cold steel of an assault rifle barrel slams against his temple. An angry man barks instructions in an unfamiliar language. The American soldier reluctantly drops his weapon and raises his hands in a plea for the angry man to spare his life. The soldier's hands are squeezed into a vice of twine, and he is shoved along a trail to a torture camp where he will spend the next few months of his life. By day, he is kept in a

cramped room, stale with the stench of animal droppings. By night, he is led blindfolded to an icy room where he is beaten until his bones break. He is given a small portion of rice to sustain him each day. His once-strong arms have withered to twigs.

He is a prisoner of war. This is his life until the day his captors decide he no longer serves a purpose. Instead of receiving his nightly beatings, he is shot point-blank in the back of the head. He is given no burial. He is tossed back into the jungle where he was captured. His body is pecked by animals. His

"He is a prisoner of war. This is his life until the day his captors decide he no longer serves a purpose."

cleaned bones are sold to tourists.

Sound far-fetched? The above is actually a true scenario. According to the United States Department of Defense, nearly 18,000 Americans have been taken as prisoners of war just since the Korean War. That is a population twice the size of TCU. All of this information became available recently as Department of Defense files were declassified due to ongoing

Freedom of Information litigation sponsored by the POW Network, a group made up of POW family members. While our elected officials fiddle around with finding a real solution to the POW crisis, we average citizens have been given the responsibility of honoring our nation's POWs. Our job is to never forget, which can involve everything from daily remembrance of our POWs to adopting a POW. For more information about how to get involved in honoring POW/MIAs, please visit (www.powmiff.org).

Today is National POW/MIA Recognition Day, a day designated specifically to remember the sacrifices of American POWs. There may be only one official day of recognition, but Americans have a daily duty to fight for the return of POWs. They are Americans just like us. Some were murdered; most were tortured. Some of the dead were buried; most were tossed out like filthy rubbish. They all deserve to come home. No one deserves to have their remains desecrated by animals — least of all our nation's valiant defenders.

They fought for us, now we fight for them.

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Emily Baker

## StudentSpeakOut

Should the recording industry prosecute file-sharers?



"No, they shouldn't prosecute because we have the freedom to get music wherever we want to get it. Plus, it helps the recording industry."

— Bolu Odelusi, a junior criminal justice major



"No, they should lower the price of CDs or sell more singles."

— Brian Andrew, a freshman economics and history major



"The quote, 'what's popular is not always right and what's right is not always popular' fits."

— Andrea Herrera, a senior advertising/public relations major



"The recording industry shot itself in the foot by not using this technology to their advantage."

— Jessica Short, a senior advertising/public relations major



"No. The recording labels make most of the money from CD sales anyway, which is a crock."

— Chris Bohon, a music graduate student



"Hell no, it's on the web, so it's fair game."

— Jeff Moss, a senior education major

## Life is short, make it count

A friend and role model of mine, an 18-year-old kid from Enid, Okla. named Kraig, has just died in his second bout of cancer.

Having survived Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma my sophomore year, I was called upon in my senior year of high school



Kip Brown

to set an example for him and be his cancer buddy, so to speak. Astonishingly, he survived his first bout of deadly cancer with such strength and grace that I learned far more from him than he could ever learn from me. And through his sudden and tragic death, he has taught me something that even my own confrontation with cancer could not: I'm not immortal; I'm going to die. I might die tomorrow.

The way human beings have avoided this anxious thought is to repress it by focusing on other things. In the 20th century alone, many people have literally laid waste to the world in order to forget death and establish themselves as heroes in face of its inevitability.

One could even argue that most social problems — such as inequality and war — find their root in the actions of men and women raging against the possibility of death. Many theologians and philosophers argue that our own society seems to have constructed an immense death-denying illusion through culture's idealism and neurotic focus on success.

Indeed, as I look upon my life up to this point, I believe I've masked the inevitability of my own demise with certain ideas of "meaning" and "purpose." I always think that someday I'll be important, meaningful, powerful and happy, but to get to that point, I had better work hard. I find that I have missed many opportunities to enjoy the present and be with those I love, but I sacrificed it all because I needed to devote more time to imbuing my life with future meaning. Indeed, I even missed many cancer walks which I could have spent time with Kraig due to "scheduling conflicts."

Kraig had a lot of wisdom in this area. I can remember he once said that the future really didn't matter to him anymore, but rather what mattered was the present, or as he said, "what is." With a philosophy-of-life such as this, Kraig truly must have lived more days in his 18 years of life than I ever have in my 21.

But what can we learn from a life such as his? Remember that there are far worse things than death, such as sacrificing the present for an obsessive death-defying focus on the future. This is not to say do not plan for the future, or even strive for great things in your life, but it does mean examine your life and determine whether or not it might be focused on little more than denying death.

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## National/State Roundup

### String of burglaries target local city halls

FORT WORTH (AP) — Burglars have struck city halls in six communities in recent weeks, sometimes taking money.

City halls in North Richland Hills, Grapevine, McKinney, Hillsboro, Saint Jo and Alvord have been hit.

Police have not tied the crimes to one suspect or group of suspects, but authorities say the break ins are unusual.

"It's just not that common," North Richland Hills police Sgt. Ken Bounds said. "But when we put it out on crime bulletins to other departments, we started to get calls from other police departments, which have had similar crimes."

The string of thefts began during the weekend of May 31 in Hillsboro.

One of the most brazen burglaries was Aug. 31 in Saint Jo, about 90 miles northwest of Fort Worth. Burglars made their way into the building — which also houses the police department — and took a small amount of money from a City Hall office safe, officials said.

That same weekend, burglars broke a window at Alvord City Hall and took a small amount of money and a laptop computer from the utility department.

"It kind of makes you feel like no place is safe these days," said Alvord City Administrator Ricky Tow.

### Hospital employees in volunteering scandal

TYLER (AP) — Two hospital employees accused of accepting money from probationers in

lieu of community service labor have been arrested on multiple counts of falsifying government documents.

Carlos Bernard Lane, 40, and Doretha Wachele Battee, 33, worked in the housekeeping department at East Texas Medical Center. Lane was arrested Tuesday and Battee was arrested Wednesday at the Adult Probation office where she was reporting for an unrelated offense.

Police say they found out about the scheme several weeks ago when they got a call from a probationer.

"The man (Lane) told her he had no positions available, but he could 'sign off' on her papers in exchange for money," said Tyler police spokesman Chris Moore.

Bond was set at \$160,000 for Lane, who faces nine felony counts of tampering with government records. Battee, who remained jailed in lieu of a \$225,000 bond, has been charged with 15 counts of tampering with government records and probation revocation, records show.

### Complex will still be World Trade Center

NEW YORK (AP) — The leaseholder of the World Trade Center expects that the new complex of buildings planned for the site will retain the name, according to a published report.

Larry Silverstein said he hopes other buildings also will carry the World Trade Center name, including 7 World Trade Center, to be built where the tower of the

same name stood before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack.

"They will be World Trade Center towers," Silverstein told The New York Times in Thursday's editions. "Even if we wanted to call it something else, New Yorkers would continue to call it what it was."

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the site, also plan to keep the World Trade Center name for the commuter train station being rebuilt at the site.

Joseph Seymour, the Port Authority's executive director, told the Times that naming the new station after the World Trade Center was "a statement of respect for those that died there and what happened there."

### Assault allegations end football team's season

NEW YORK (AP) — A Long Island school board has voted to end a high school football team's season amid allegations that some players were sexually assaulted by older teammates at a training camp.

The Bellmore-Merrick school board decided at a Wednesday night closed-door meeting to cancel all of the Mepham High School football team's games, Newsday reported in Thursday editions.

Three varsity players, ages 15, 16 and 17, allegedly sodomized three junior varsity players with a broomstick, pine cones and golf balls while other players watched, the newspaper reported.

The alleged assaults took place at Camp Wayne in Preston Park,

Pa., where about 60 Mepham High School players and five coaches spent a week last month.

School officials and players have said the coaches did not know about the incidents until one of the victim's parents reported it to the school principal several days after the team had returned.

The school board found that many of the team's players violated the district's code of conduct by not reporting the alleged abuse, Newsday said.

No arrests have been made, and prosecutors and school officials have not commented on the specifics of the allegations.

Newsday said school board members and Thomas Caramore, the district's superintendent, declined further comment Wednesday night.

State police are investigating.

### United Auto Workers settle with Big Three

DETROIT (AP) — The United Auto Workers said Thursday it reached a tentative contract agreement with General Motors, the last of the Big Three automakers to settle.

A tentative deal also was reached with automotive supplier Delphi Corp. The deals were announced more than three days after labor pacts expired.

The UAW earlier this week reached tentative agreements with Ford Motor Co., DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group and supplier Visteon Corp.

"In the last five days we have successfully concluded negotiations with five of the largest

manufacturers in the world," UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said. "That's five for five."

The two sides had negotiated "late into the night" Wednesday, GM spokesman Tom Wickham said.

GM, the world's largest automaker, has 115,000 active UAW workers and another 340,000 retirees and spouses. Delphi has 30,000 UAW workers.

### Former U.S. territory faces measles outbreak

ATLANTA (AP) — An outbreak of measles in the Republic of the Marshall Islands has infected nearly 650 people, killing three, U.S. health officials said Thursday.

The outbreak is the worst under U.S. jurisdiction since a 1992 outbreak in Texas that infected 1,100 people, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The CDC provides some health services, including measles vaccines, to the central Pacific island chain, a former U.S. trust territory of more than 50,000 people midway between Hawaii and Australia.

The CDC said that 647 cases of measles have been reported since July in the islands, with 58 people hospitalized. An additional 74 suspected cases are being investigated.

Before the outbreak, less than 75 percent of children under 13 had been vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella. As of Saturday, vaccination coverage increased to 98 percent of people 6 months to 40.

CDC director Dr. Julie Gerberding said the agency would investigate why vaccination levels were so low.

### Brothers plead guilty to aiding al Qaeda

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Two brothers who were among seven people in Portland accused of aiding terrorists pleaded guilty Thursday to charges of conspiring to help al Qaeda and the Taliban during the war in Afghanistan.

Ahmed Bilal, 25, and Muhammad Bilal, 23, appeared before U.S. District Judge Robert Jones to formally enter their pleas. Jones had announced the plea agreement Wednesday.

The brothers also pleaded guilty to firearms charges in exchange for having the primary charge of conspiracy to levy war against the United States dismissed.

Both face up to 14 years in federal prison.

They had been accused of traveling with four other men to China shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack in a failed attempt to enter Afghanistan and fight with the Taliban against U.S. forces.

The plea agreement came less than a week after Attorney General John Ashcroft asked Jones to prevent the Portland defendants from viewing evidence used to obtain secret warrants that allowed the FBI to intercept conversations and bug the home of at least one of the seven defendants.

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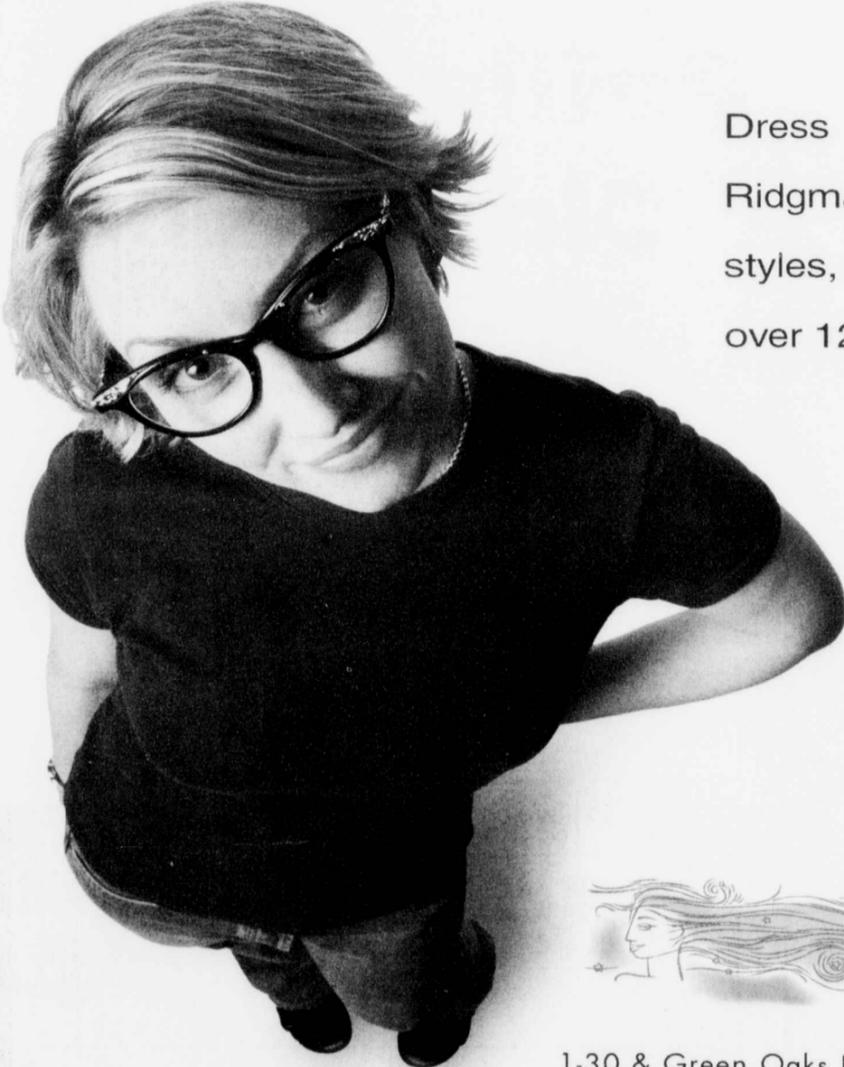
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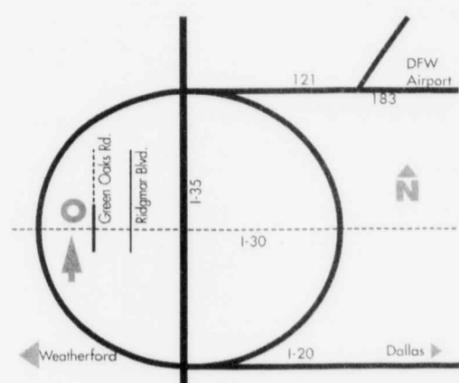
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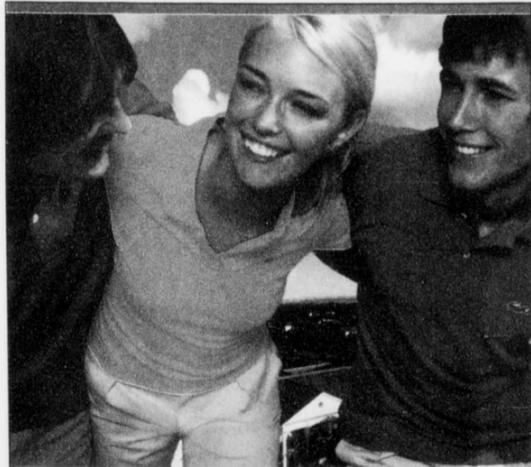
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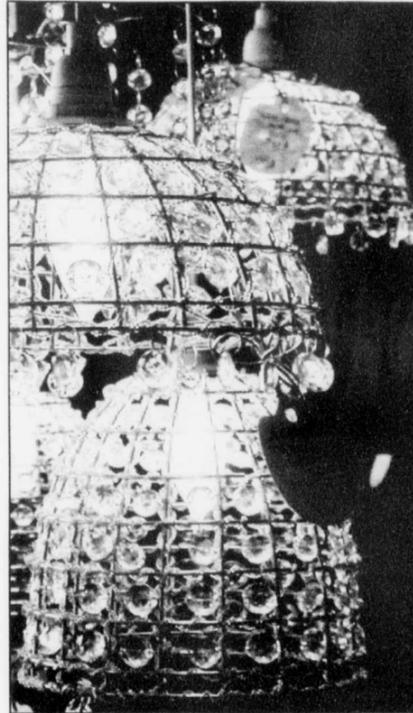
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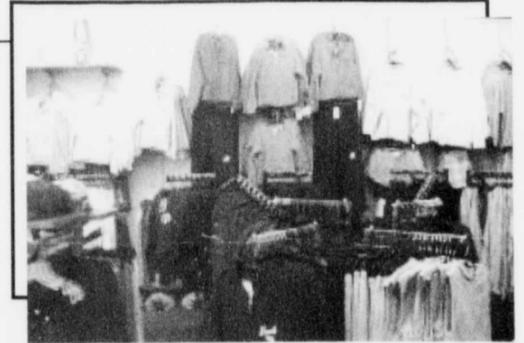
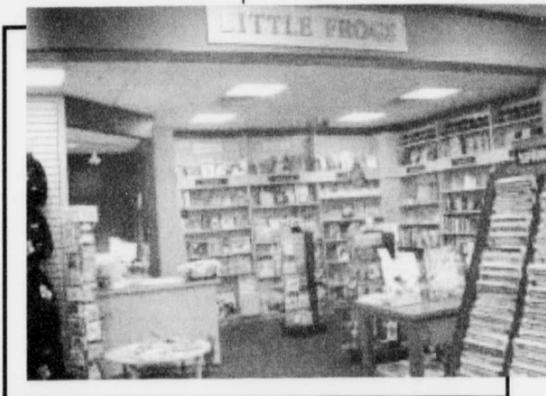
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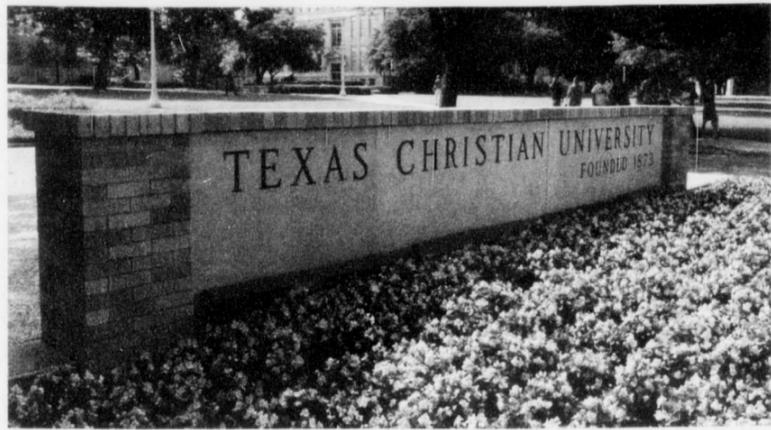
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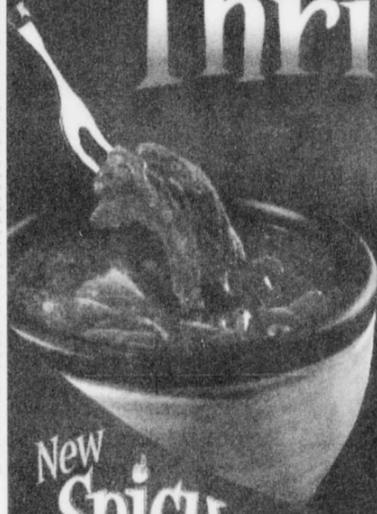
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## COLD CREEK MANOR

BY SARAH CHACKO AND JESSICA SANDERS

News Editors

If you're craving a scary movie to royally freak you out, take a trip to Blockbuster because along with all the other crap that they're dishing out in the theater this fall, Cold Creek Manor is another big steaming pile.

This movie begs the question: What if they made a suspense-thriller but forgot the plot twists? Just when you think something is going to happen in the plot, it does. And really, that is the most unusual thing about the film.

"Cold Creek Manor," starring Sharon Stone and Dennis Quaid, is true to all the worn-out clichés as it depicts the tale of a family being terrorized by a madman.

The movie starts out in the city with the stereotypical hustle and bustle lifestyle that drives everyone into the country. Cooper Tilson (Dennis Quaid) and his wife Leah (Sharon Stone) quit their jobs, leave their spectacularly spacious townhouse and move their family to the peace and quiet of Cold Creek Manor, formerly a sheep farm.

Almost immediately the audience can pick up a weird vibe from townspeople who think the Tilson's don't belong there and definitely not in Cold Creek Manor. The mansion itself looks as though the owners woke up one day and just walked out of the house. Sheets were still on the beds, clothes in the closets and heaps of family pictures and records. The perfect setting for an elaborate, sinister plot involving decades of dark, hidden secrets. But no.

Soon after moving into the house, Dale Massey (Stephen Dorff), the previous owner, shows up after being released from prison. His shabby appearance and criminal record don't stand in the way of Cooper hiring him to help with the house. The awkwardness of the situation only builds until Cooper and Dale are enemies.

From here to the end of the movie, every possible instance for a plot twist is ignored and the most conceivable storyline is carried out. The family history that Cooper works so hard to piece together is meaningless. The overplayed trashy role by Juliette Lewis as "Ruby," the ramblings of Dale's senile grandfather, and the vacant interest of the town sheriff, like most of the characters introduced, lead nowhere in the overall scheme of things. Dale, an obvious candidate for the villain, is too high strung for the avid pot smoker to make him out to be. Dialogue between characters was weak and the elements of foreshadowing and foreboding are straight from Scary Movie: 101.

When the beloved family pet, a pony, dies and Cooper is suspected to have killed it, he promises his daughter that nothing is further from the truth and that he will protect their family from harm.

"Cross my heart and hope to die." I've heard it all before, Coop.

Even as the climax builds towards the end, when you think it'll get good, it only gets worse. The lights go out and the guy sitting next to us says, "I think I've seen something like this before." Yes, my friend, you have. Dale breaks through a window and starts smashing everything, which, for the most part, is his own stuff. He calls out to Cooper and Leah, like all good psychos do, as if they'd come running to his side. After chasing them upstairs, the movie took the feel of a less scary "Shining" as Dale broke down the door with a sheep-killing hammer. Scared yet?

We weren't either.

After a mildly violent fight on the roof in the driving rain, good finally triumphs evil, and the Tilson's decide to stay at Cold Creek Manor as Ruby, the town skank, lays a single red rose on Dale's grave. They just should have taken Dale out in a field five scenes earlier and shot him or, at the very least, beat him to a bloody pulp.

There were plenty of chances to save this movie and make the plot really twisted and creepy, but those chances just turned into forgotten dead ends. For example, Cooper finds some pictures of the family that lived in the house before, including icky naked photos of the wife. Promotional material for the movie suggests these pictures are integral to the plot, but I guess the promotions people didn't actually watch

the film, because this subplot doesn't go anywhere. Cooper's son Jesse begins wearing Dale's son's clothes and chanting strange things like "hammer head will crush your skull and throw you down the devil's throat." If they weren't going to do something with this subplot, they at least should have sought counseling for the poor kid.

Even the casting was predictable with all of the characters in their regular typecast roles. Quaid was the good guy, Dorff played the bad guy, Stone was the woman everyone wanted to sleep with, and Lewis was the woman everyone had already slept with. Predictable ... almost as if someone used a "suspense-thriller template."

If your idea of a chilling film is watching a guy chase yuppies around with a sheep-killing hammer, then this may be the movie for you. Otherwise, you might want to make it a Blockbuster night.

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## Music Reviews

by Christina Ruffini

### VERTICAL HORIZON — "GO"

It has been three years since Vertical Horizon released their multiplatinum album "Everything You Want." You may ask yourself, "Well what have they been doing all this time?" The answer is simple: being rock stars. After finishing up a U.S. and World tour, Vertical Horizon headed back into the studio to work on their latest project, the aptly named, "Go." The CD begins promisingly with the first song, "When You Cry." Its emotional lyrics and hard-driving instrumentals make it a song perfect for the



soundtrack to one of the WB's teen dramas. The other stand out single on the album is "I'm Still Here," an intense blend of vocals and guitars. Of all the songs, "I'm Still Here" is probably the group's only chance to reclaim the glory of their former chart toppers such as, "We Are" and "I'm a God." As for the rest of the CD, I find it completely uneventful. None of the music stands out as original, and all of the songs blend together into what sounds like a mix between Incubus and Matchbox 20. The bottom line: Listen to the two aforementioned songs on the radio, and unless you are looking for good music to fall asleep to, leave "Go" on the shelf.

### RECKLESS KELLY — "UNDER THE TABLE AND ABOVE THE STARS"



I can't say enough good things about this group and their album. From their name, inspired by a 19th century Australian outlaw, to their butt kickin', boot stompin', make you wanna get up and dance 'til dawn melodies, this album offers everything country and non-country fans could want. The songs on the album are diverse in every sense of the word. Their subjects range from the traditional country genre of broken hearts and busted trailers to two songs about the joys of skiing, and the last song, "May Peace Find You," is almost religious. The subject matter isn't the only element that will keep you entertained. Though the album is disappointingly short, each of the twelve songs has a sound that is all its own. Whether you like bluegrass, contemporary country, classic country or just plain rock, you will love "Under the Table and Above the Stars." As if the album wasn't great enough, Reckless Kelly will be in concert on Sept. 26 at the Horsemen Club in Fort Worth. To sum it up: If you don't run to the store and pick this one up the day it's released, well, I pity your CD player.

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Compiled by Monica Mahorey

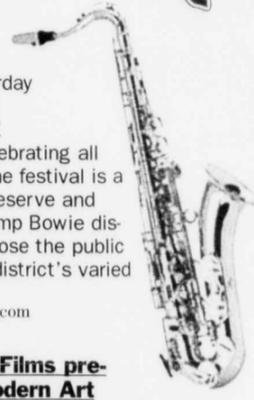
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# Anti-missile system to be put into airplanes

## Military-level security measures to be installed on commercial planes

BY LESLIE MILLER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration plans to spend about \$100 million to develop an anti-missile system for commercial planes, more than originally discussed, reflecting concern that terrorists might try to use shoulder-fired rockets to shoot down an aircraft.

The Homeland Security Department has told defense contractors it is seeking proposals, agency spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said Thursday.

"This solicitation represents another important step in trying to determine if in fact there is a viable and effective technology that could be deployed on commercial aircraft," Roehrkasse said.

Congressional budget negotiators on Wednesday agreed to give the Homeland Security Department \$60 million in 2004 to start developing the technology.

The Bush administration has been criticized by some lawmakers who say it has not taken the missile threat seriously enough. Under pressure, the administration last spring said it would need about \$60 million to develop anti-missile technology, but never specifically asked for the funds.

The latest proposal calls for spending \$100 million over two years. It does not seek new technologies, instead encouraging contractors to use existing defenses such as infrared jammers that redirect heat-seeking rockets away from aircraft engines. Such methods are already used on military planes and Air Force One.

Roehrkasse said the effort builds on a previous, broader request for information from eight contractors.

The administration's announcement outlines a two-pronged effort, beginning with a six-

month Phase I that explores the system's cost and reliability. Phase II, which will take 18 months, will demonstrate, test and evaluate the systems.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., has sponsored a bill to equip the 6,800 planes in the U.S. commercial fleet with some form of anti-missile device at an estimated cost of \$10 billion. He said the Bush administration still is moving too slowly.

"I don't think we can afford to wait two years," Schumer said. "They still don't have the realization that we should be doing it far more quickly than we're doing it, and they should be spending more money."

Schumer said whatever it costs to outfit planes with anti-missile technology will be cheaper than the economic damage from a successful missile attack.

Concerns about terrorists using lightweight rocket launchers to take down commercial airliners increased in November when terrorists fired two SA-7 missiles that narrowly missed an Israeli passenger jet after it took off from Mombasa, Kenya. Officials concluded that al Qaeda probably was behind the attack, which coincided with a bomb blast at a nearby hotel.

Hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of Soviet-style SA-7s — heat-seeking rockets that can hit low-flying aircraft within three miles — are said to be available on the worldwide arms market.

Last month a British arms dealer was arrested in New Jersey and charged with trying to sell a shoulder-fired missile to an undercover agent posing as a Muslim terrorist bent on shooting down a U.S. airliner.

Israel recently budgeted \$1.3 million to test an anti-missile system for commercial airliners. The system's developer said the countermeasures should be operational within 12 months.

British Airways said last week it is considering fitting its aircraft with anti-missile systems and has begun talks with manufacturers Boeing and Airbus about adapting the technology to commercial planes.

# Isabel whips North Carolina

BY ALLEN G. BREED  
Associated Press

ATLANTIC BEACH, N.C. — Hurricane Isabel crossed North Carolina's Outer Banks and headed inland Thursday, battering the coast with roaring wind and pounding surf. Hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses were blasted out, and air travel was disrupted across the East.

Rain flew across the beaches at a 45-degree angle, driven by wind that turned sand grains into darts and howled like jet engines.

"It's like a sand blaster. You need a face shield," said Nick McClintock, a pipefitter who used his welding mask to watch 15-foot waves at Nags Head. Seas up to 33 feet were reported off the Virginia coast.

The eye of the hurricane came ashore about 1 p.m. along the southern Outer Banks, between Cape Lookout and Ocracoke Island, the National Hurricane Center said. About 100 of Ocracoke's more than 900 residents chose to ride out the storm.

The huge storm spread rain across North Carolina and Virginia and into Maryland, Delaware and parts of West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Isabel's top sustained wind eased to 95 mph after it made landfall, and a 105 mph gust was measured at Ocracoke Island, the hurricane center said. It was expected to continue weakening after hitting land. Hurricane-force wind — at least 74 mph — extended up 115 miles out from the center.

"This is still a very powerful storm," hurricane center director Max Mayfield said after the eye came ashore.

A storm surge of 5 to 6 feet was reported at Cape Hatteras,

with about 4 feet in the Neuse River at New Bern, N.C., the hurricane center said. There was a threat of isolated tornadoes in parts of North Carolina, Virginia and southeastern Maryland, meteorologists said.

More than 638,000 customers had lost power by early afternoon in southeastern Virginia and eastern North Carolina, according to Dominion Virginia Power and other power companies.

North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley asked for a federal disaster declaration to make the state eligible for damage assistance. Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell issued a statewide "disaster emergency" declaration. Governors of West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and Delaware had earlier declared emergencies, and the governor of New Jersey planned a declaration.

At Virginia Beach, Va., huge waves destroyed the tip of the 400-foot-long 15th Street pier, the only oceanfront pier in the resort area, officials said.

The federal government shut down in Washington. Amtrak halted service south of Washington, and the Washington-area Metro system shut down all subway and bus service.

Well over 1,500 flights were canceled at airports in the major eastern cities, said David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association.

Numerous schools closed in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia, and schools are to close today in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle.

More than 300,000 people in North Carolina and Virginia had been urged to move to higher ground. Even seasoned storm veterans gave in to the five days

of warnings that started when Isabel was a Category 5 leviathan with 160 mph wind.

But a few thousand hardy souls ignored evacuation orders. Virginia Beach police suggested they write their names in permanent marker on their forearms so they could be identified if they are injured or killed.

At Howard's Pub on the Outer Banks' isolated Ocracoke Island, bartender James Tucker said he and five other employees resolved early Thursday to "hang out and drink beer until the cable runs out."

A hurricane warning remained in effect from Cape Fear in southern North Carolina to the Virginia-Maryland line. A tropical storm warning extended northward to New York's Long Island, including parts of New York City.

At 3 p.m. EDT, Isabel was centered about 50 miles east-southeast of Greenville, N.C., the hurricane center said. It had picked up speed, moving northwest at around 20 mph. Isolated tornadoes were possible in eastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia.

Forecasters said Isabel was expected to take a path through Virginia across eastern West Virginia and into western Pennsylvania and western New York state before dissipating in Canada by Saturday.

Up to a foot of rain was possible in West Virginia's hilly Eastern Panhandle and 6 to 9 inches of rain was forecast for parts of Pennsylvania.

Because of the already wet soil from a rainy summer, the U.S. Geological Survey said there was a potential of landslides in West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York.



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# West Nile rises

BY DANIEL YEE  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — America likely will have another record-breaking number of reported West Nile cases this year, with the number up by more than a third in the past week alone, federal officials said Thursday.

Nationwide, 4,137 human cases had been reported by Thursday, just 19 shy of last year's total of 4,156, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

CDC director Dr. Julie Gerberding had warned earlier this year that the country was on pace to break the record. The jump of 1,200 cases in the last week came at the peak of the season for the mosquito-spread virus.

Even the latest count may be far lower than the number of actual cases, because many milder cases are not diagnosed as West Nile.

Dr. Lyle Petersen, who heads the CDC's studies of mosquito-borne diseases, said at a conference this week that about 100,000 Americans could get a nasty three-day bout of fever from the virus, and 500,000 people could be infected in all, most showing no symptoms.

Dr. Raoult Ratard, state epidemiologist in Louisiana, said the number of reported cases was sure to grow, particularly in the South.

"In Louisiana it grows until mid-November to early December," he said. Louisiana has had at least 52 cases and one death from the virus this year.

Despite the high number of reported infections this year, there have been fewer deaths. So far, 80 deaths have been reported; last year 284 died from the virus. Health officials have said this year's reported cases tend to be less severe, in part because people with milder symptoms are now more likely to be tested.

Most of this year's reported cases have been in the South and West, with more than a third from Colorado (1,542), followed by 580 in South Dakota and 543 in Nebraska.

The agency's count may be lower than state figures as there often is a lag time of case reporting.

Nevada and Oregon are the only states in the continental United States that have not yet reported signs of West Nile virus. The virus has quickly swept westward since 1999, when it was found for the first time in the Western Hemisphere, in New York City.

The virus is passed by bites from mosquitoes that have fed on infected birds. A small fraction of people infected become seriously ill, with the worst cases developing potentially deadly encephalitis or meningitis.

# Democrats given probation instead of fines for boycott

## Senators to be on probation until January 2005

BY KELLEY SHANNON  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Senate approved a Republican proposal Thursday to hold off enforcing thousands of dollars in fines against Democratic senators who left the state in quorum-busting boycott.

However, the Democrats were placed on probation until the start of the next regular session in January 2005. And they were told that if they leave again to break a quorum, they would have to pay the \$57,000 apiece in fines that GOP senators already imposed on them.

Under the proposal by Sen. Kyle Janek, R-Houston, the 11 Democratic senators will be able to again have access to all of their office privileges, including postage and cellular phone use, and they will get access to their Capitol parking spaces. If any of the senators are absent without a sufficient excuse for more than 72 hours, the fines and sanctions would be reinstated.

The vote was 13-10 in favor of the plan. Not all senators were present, but the vote fell almost entirely along party lines.

Democrats quickly voiced objections. "In no way do I plan to vote for a motion

to put myself on probation," said Democratic Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston.

Earlier Thursday, Republican senators discussed the plan behind closed doors.

The Democrats each racked up \$57,000 in fines approved by the Republicans while boycotting the Senate in Albuquerque, N.M., during a second special session on redistricting. The Republicans later approved a slew of penalties on the senators and their staffs to enforce the fines.

The Democrats and their staffs have been denied Capitol parking, access of staffs on the Senate floor and reduced spending privileges. Those sanctions were to remain in place until the fines were paid.

Democratic senators have compared the fines to a poll tax and have refused to pay them.

Democratic Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio said Wednesday that the punishment would set a bad precedent for future senators who feel they must take such an extreme measure to protect the rights of voters.

"It is an extreme disservice not to me personally, although I realize these sanctions were put on to punish me personally, this is punishing my constituents," Van de Putte said about the loss of mail service and other office-related sanctions.

On Wednesday, Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, said he would give the Senate until Thursday to erase the fines and penalties or

he would look into seeking legal action.

Dewhurst has said he wants to move past the issue of the fines, but several Republican senators remained intent on making the Democrats pay at least a portion.

"This matter is behind us," Dewhurst declared after the Senate adjourned for the day. "The Senate, I think, acted wisely today."

Senate Democrats spent 45 days in Albuquerque before returning to the Senate

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— Rodney Ellis

Democratic Senator from Houston

floor Monday. Their out-of-state stay ended when one of their own, John Whitmire, D-Houston, gave up on the boycott and returned to Texas. That gave the Senate the 21-member quorum needed to conduct business.

Whitmire joined his fellow Democrats in voting against the probation proposal. Also opposing it was Sen. Ken Armbrister of Victoria, the lone Democrat who stayed behind and did not join the boycott, and Republican Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio, who said he favored making the Democrats pay a smaller fine soon and not having probation.

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### Frogs face challenges on Cincinnati's field

The women's soccer team opens its Conference USA schedule this weekend on the road, where it will be tested in two games on unfamiliar playing surfaces.

Head coach David Rubinson said the team practiced off campus on a turf field Wednesday night to prepare for its first conference game today at Cincinnati. He said he had the team practice on the turf because he wanted the players to become familiar with the surface, which is a little bit faster than what they are used to.

Rubinson also said he had a feeling the field could be wet, causing the ball to skip more than usual.

"We gave up a goal last year because the ball had a bounce," Rubinson said. "No matter what the conditions are, you have to be able to adjust to the opposition. Sure they have the advantage because it's home field. We've got to live with it and the bottom line is that we've got to go and be prepared to face whatever the odds."

The Frogs traveled to Cincinnati Thursday and practiced on the Bearcats' field to get used to the unfamiliar surface.

Senior defender and captain Rebecca Repasky said Sunday's game against DePaul will also be a challenge because the field is located extremely close to the university and is surrounded by buildings.

Repasky said there is one building that is so close to the field that it has crash pads on it in case players run into it. She said one corner of the field has a mud surface because it also serves as a baseball field.

Repasky also said the team will have to overcome a major mental distraction with railroad tracks near the field.

"(DePaul's) field is one of the worst playing conditions probably in the U.S.," Repasky said. "We've been mentally preparing this week. The coaches have been reiterating that this is it, this is crunch time of our season, where it all begins."

—Olga Bograd

### Field to be renamed at halftime Saturday

The W.A. 'Monty & Tex' Moncrief Field at Amon Carter Stadium will officially be dedicated during halftime of the TCU vs. Vanderbilt game Saturday.

The naming of the field comes following a \$3 million donation by 'Tex' Moncrief to the TCU football program. The field is named in honor of the legendary oil family and one of Texas' first families of philanthropy.

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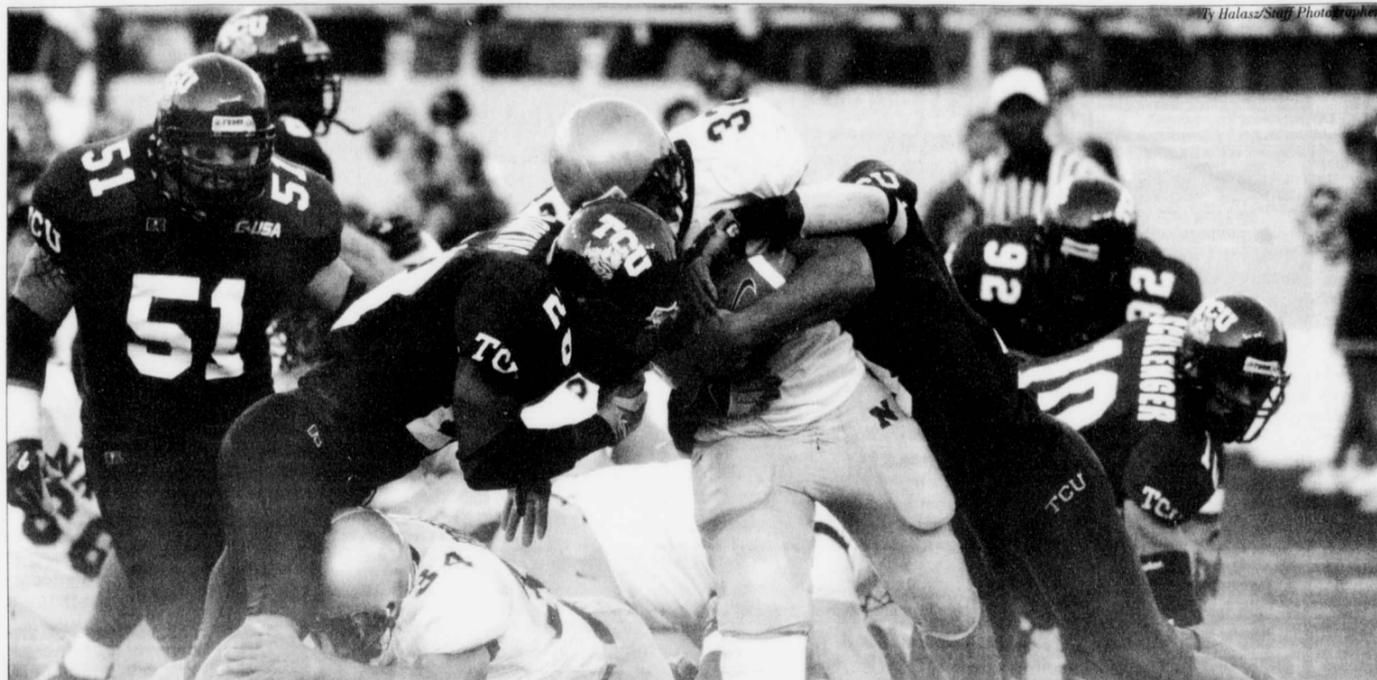
### Authorities cleared of leaking information

DENVER (AP) — An investigation requested by Kobe Bryant's defense team has cleared the Eagle County sheriff and district attorney of leaking details about the sexual assault case to the media.

Sheriff Joe Hoy said he had no doubt his office would be cleared.

A number of print and broadcast media stories have detailed the investigation and quoted anonymous sources. County Court Judge Frederick Gannett, who had already issued a gag order in the case, ordered the investigation after Bryant's defense complained.

While Pitkin County investigators have cleared authorities in Eagle County, it remained unclear who is leaking details to the media.



# TCU vs. Vanderbilt

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## Football Commentary

BY BRADEN HOWELL AND BRENT YARINA  
Sports Editor and Assistant Sports Editor

The conversations could be heard all over the campus. It seemed impossible to escape the overwhelming panic mode that most Frog fans entered last week.

Up until that time, everything was going the way it was supposed to. The Frogs had their first 2-0 record in the Patterson era. Tye Gunn was playing like the leader the Frogs needed, and Ricky Madison was challenging Lonta Hobbs, giving the Frogs the possibility to have two 1,000-yard rushers in the same backfield.

Then, in one day, it seemed as though their ascent through the Top 25 polls hit a halt. Just hours after learning that Madison would miss the rest of the season with a knee

injury, Tye Gunn separated his shoulder in practice, sidelining him for three to five weeks.

Immediately, talks of an undefeated season and a sixth consecutive bowl appearance were replaced by fair-weather fans crying about a lost season.

As the team prepared for Vanderbilt and enjoyed their week off, the fans' lack of faith began to spread throughout the university. Fortunately for the Frogs, this loss of faith did not spread to the rest of the country.

Despite losing their starting quarterback and senior tailback and not playing last week, the Frogs rose in both college football polls. The Frogs moved up two spots in the *Associated Press* poll to No. 20 and jumped four spots in the *ESPN/USA Today Coaches* poll, to No. 19.

Apparently, some outside the TCU community still have faith in Horned Frogs football.

And why shouldn't they?

Head coach Gary Patterson has said repeatedly that in the Frogs' offensive scheme, they do not rely on the quarterback to win games but just to play well enough to control the clock and to not turn the ball over.

It's true back-up Brandon Hassell has never thrown a pass in a college game, but how does that detract from his ability to lead the team? He is untested, but so was Gunn when he stepped in for the injured Sean Stilley last year.

Hassell still has a talented supporting cast to work with. The Frogs have Hobbs, who was the Conference USA Freshman of the Year last year, and a powerful offensive line that will give him the time he needs to

make something happen. Even if the Frogs do struggle to move the ball, Hassell has the luxury of knowing he is on a team with one of the best defenses in the country.

A victory against Vanderbilt, an SEC team, will push the Frogs even further into the realm of college football's elite.

Please, give Hassell a chance to prove he has the ability to lead this team before jumping to the conclusion that the season is lost. Another conference championship is not out of the question. In fact, judging from the Frogs jump in the polls, many around the country believe the team is still worthy of national recognition.

Hopefully, Frog fans can put panic mode on hold for a game and believe in the team as well.

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## The Edge

**TCU PASSING GAME** It's difficult to know what to expect from the Frogs passing attack against Vanderbilt, since Brandon Hassell is making his first collegiate start, and has never thrown a pass in a game. Taking all the snaps with the first team during spring practice helped his timing and made him more comfortable for the starting role, but nothing can compare to a real game. Although he is talented, he is as untested as they come, so this is a question mark for the Frogs.



**VANDERBILT PASS DEFENSE** The Commodores secondary is extremely young, featuring three sophomores and one junior, but they are talented. This secondary "held" Ole Miss star quarterback Eli Manning to 275 yards. They will try and confuse Hassell and force him to throw into coverage. They may not be able to match the talent of the Frogs receivers, but if Hassell can't get them the ball, it won't matter.

**TCU RUNNING GAME** The loss of Ricky Madison was a set back for the Frogs running game, but now it's time for the other backs to step up. Lonta Hobbs looked like his old self in the second half of the Navy game, and with the majority of the work now on his shoulders, look for him to shine. The player everyone is waiting to see is highly touted red-shirt freshman Robert Merrill. Merrill is faster and more of a slasher than Hobbs and will help shake things up.



**VANDERBILT RUN DEFENSE** Like the rest of the Commodore's defense, the defensive linemen and the linebackers are all young players. In fact, the starting front four and three linebackers are all sophomores. Compared to the Frogs offensive line, they are undersized and inexperienced. With an undersized defensive line in front of the linebackers, the Frogs offensive line should be able to get to the linebackers every running play.

**TCU RUN DEFENSE** After two games, the Frogs defensive line have showed why they are considered one of the best in the country. Vanderbilt, an SEC team, is used to playing physical opponents, but even the SEC team will be impressed with the Frogs front four. This game will be a good test for interior linemen Chad Pugh and Brandon Johnson because of the size and strength of the Commodores offensive line.



**VANDERBILT RUNNING GAME** Running back Norval McKenzie is averaging 5.2 yards a carry, but only 62 yards a game. The Commodores will have to establish the run against the Frogs if they want to be successful in the air. Look for Vanderbilt to use the run early, but they will probably shift their focus to the pass. The Commodores won't be able to win the game by keeping the ball on the ground.

**TCU PASS DEFENSE** The secondary had a great game against Navy, and they should carry that momentum in to this game, despite the week off. Marvin Godbolt looks to have returned to the form that made him a freshman All-American. He leads the team in interceptions and he has emerged as one of the fiercest hitters on the team.



**VANDERBILT PASSING GAME** Quarterback Jay Cutler has emerged as a prolific passer for the Commodores. Through three games he has completed 56.7 percent of his passes for 555 yards, four touchdowns and one interception. Receiver Erik Davis has three touchdowns and is averaging 23.1 yards a catch. Cutler will look to rebound from being routed by Auburn last weekend, but it won't happen against the Frogs defense.



**SPECIAL TEAMS** If it comes down to a battle between special teams, TCU will win. With the emergence of Cory Rodgers as an exciting punt returner and the TCU coverage units doing a much better job, all of the Frogs special teams are in sync. Nick Browne is still perfect on field goals and extra points, and John Brazier is averaging 38.9 yards a punt. If it comes down to a battle of kickers though, Nick Browne is the proven favorite.

**OVERALL** Brandon Hassell does not have to play like an All-star, he just can't make the mistakes that could doom the Frogs. Although he's never thrown a pass in a game, he is confident in his abilities, and has adequate time in practice with the first team. The Frogs probably won't win big, but they will win in front of a big Family Weekend crowd.

## Key Matchup

**Brandon Hassell 7 QB**

Hassell is the one on everyone's mind. Hassell will probably not be put in a position where he is forced to win the game, but he must play solid,



fundamental football, and not make the mistakes that lead to a Frogs defeat. As long as he does not get rattled in his first game and plays the way he has practiced recently, the Frogs should continue their winning way.

Cutler is the key for Vanderbilt. They will not be able to dominate on the ground so for the Commodores to have a chance against the more talented Frogs,

**Jay Cutler 6 QB**

Cutler must have a good game. He has started off the season well, throwing just one interception in the first three games. The aerial attack will not be anything like Tulane's, but Cutler has the ability to have a big game if the Frogs allow him to. Shut down Cutler, and the Frogs will enjoy another home victory.



—The Edge and Key Matchup compiled by Braden Howell

**PREDICTIONS:** Braden Howell - Frogs 24-10 Brent Yarina - Frogs 20-13

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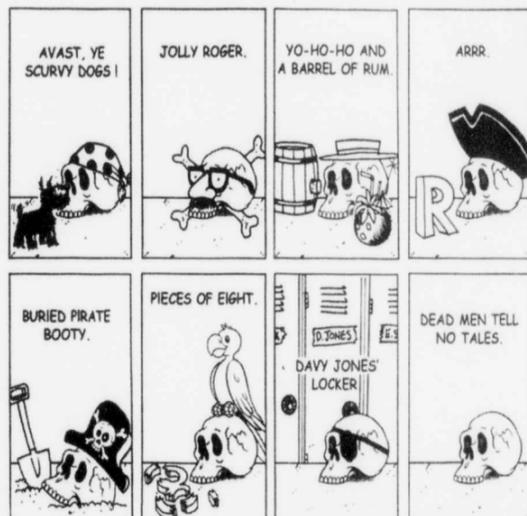
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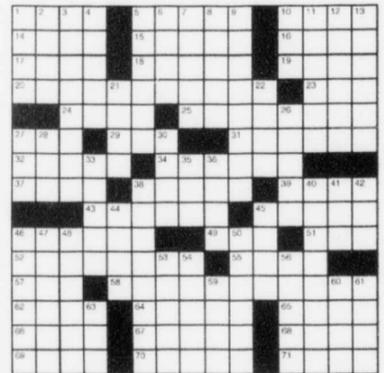


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