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Today's News

STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

HOUSTON — Harris County Commissioners were scheduled to vote Tuesday on pay raises for judges — a decision that could also mean a boost in pay for elected officials under state law.

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NEW YORK - With ceremonial honors that they could not have imagined in life, more than 400 slaves and free blacks will be reinterred next month in the Manhattan graveyard where their bones previously lay unknown for 200 years or more

News Digest on page 4

SALT LAKE CITY — A group of passengers has sued JetBlue Airways Corp. for passing their personal information to a Defense Department contractor.

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OnCampus

More books banned from Texas schools

AUSTIN Thirty-six works of fiction are banned in Texas public schools, a number that has not changed since last year, according to the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas'

annual report released Saturday. The report also states that 20 books are under consideration for being banned in schools, and students need permission to obtain the books. The Texas chapter of the ACLU is the only organization in the country that does an official report every year as part of its Banned

Books Week. Lee Leffingwell, director of the banned books report for the ACLU, said through Texas open records requests, all school districts are required to divulge what books are not being allowed in school libraries.

"The main goal of our project is to inform the public,' Leffingwell said.

According to the report, McKinney Independent School District, near Dallas, has the most banned books in the state, with five books banned and 11 challenged.

Leffingwell said the number of banned books the last couple of years has been slightly higher than usual, mostly due to the increase in books challenged for their "mystical content."

- The Daily Texan

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The Weather

High: 88; Low: 66; Partly Cloudy

THURSDAY

High: 80; Low: 58; Partly Cloudy

FRIDAY

High: 88; Low: 64; Partly Cloudy

LookingBack

1961 — The beloved sitcom "I Love Lucy" airs its last episode. The show, created by Lucille Ball and her husband Desi Arnaz, ran for 10 years. "I Love Lucy" became one of the most popular TV sitcoms in history, ranking in the top three shows for six years.

REPAIRMAN



Construction worker Antonio Martinez repairs a water leak Tuesday afternoon between Jarvis Hall and Foster Hall.

Music practice rooms open



Ty Halasz/Staf Antonio Mendez, a painter for Tarrant Construction, puts the finishing touches on the newly renovated basement of Waits Hall.

BY AARON KOKORUZ

A TCU residence hall and a music building now have something in common: Waits Hall and Ed Landreth Hall are both home to practice rooms for music majors

The \$275,000 project involved nine new practice rooms being built in the basement of Waits. It will give music majors more space to practice individually or in small ensembles, said Richard Gipson, director of the School

"It could have very easily been one of those neat ideas that never happened," said Gipson, who is also a well worth it and much needed. music professor.

project should be attributed to Roger Fisher, director of Residential Services, who backed the idea of using the basement space in Waits.

"It sounded like an interesting idea when he (Gipson) approached me,' Fisher said.

The new practice rooms come with state-of-the-art technology and are soundproofed, Gipson said. Two of the nine practice rooms have the ability to change the acoustic settings to simulate being in areas such as auditoriums and even living rooms, he said.

The cost of this feature was \$14,000 of the total \$275,000 project cost, Gipson said.

Josh Schechter, senior music education major, said that the entire project is

"There was a desperate need to He said much of the success of the improve the facilities," Schechter said. "It was especially bad during finals week.

 $(more\ on\ MUSIC,\ page\ 2)$

Garza off staff with pay for now

BY JOHN ASHLEY MENZIES

Assistant football coach Willie Mack Garza has been suspended with pay while the investigation about his involvement in a car accident early Saturday morning continues, athletics director Eric Hyman said in a press release Tuesday.

"We are deeply saddened by the events of the weekend and are concerned for all involved," Hyman said in the press release.

"A mistake was made. We want to make sure it is out of the picture so the rest of the team can move forward."

- Gary Patterson

head football coach

"At this point the matter involving coach Garza is in the hands of the local law enforcement officials.'

Garza is still part of the football team but will not be involved in football operations, head coach Gary Patterson said. Garza will not be in his office and will not take part in practices or speak to potential recruits, Patterson said.

Garza was arrested early Saturday morning on suspicion of failure to stop and render aid with bodily injury and driving while intoxicated, Forest Hill Police Department Sgt. Sharon Sexton said.

Patterson said that both he and safeties coach Chad Glasgow will take over responsibilities for the cornerbacks, whom Garza coached.

Patterson said the suspension is in the best interest of the university, the football team and Garza. Patterson met with Garza Saturday before deciding Garza would not participate in Saturday's game against Vanderbilt University, Hyman said Monday.

The suspension is not intended as a comment on Garza's guilt or innocence, but to express that members of TCU's athletic staff must be positive role models, Hyman said in the press release

(more on GARZA, page 2)

Hyman: Frogs OK in C-USA

BY MATT POTTER

months.

TCU versus Oklahoma? Maybe. TCU versus San Jose State or New Mexico? It's also possible depending on different moves conference and school

The realignment of conferences around the country could determine whether TCU athletics is placed on a national stage or reduced to a lower status.

officials make in the next few

Changes in the Big East Conference and the Atlantic Coast Conference have placed TCU in a peculiar situation. The Frogs have several opportunities depending on the actions of the Big East Conference.

"Our program has thrived in Conference USA, and our focus is on C-USA," athletics director Eric Hyman said. "It's inappropriate and premature to say where we'll end up. Our goal is to find a vehicle where we can compete on the highest level."

Hyman met Friday with Western Athletic Conference

commissioner Karl Benson. The ACC will acquire Miami

and Virginia Tech in 2004 from the Big East, which will force the Big East to add at least two football teams for the 2005 season and may also affect the conference in basketball. TCU's football team could be

affected the most if there is a change. Presently, C-USA is not a Bowl Championship Series affiliated conference. This means the Frogs have a harder time of reaching a national championship game. Playing in a BCS conference greatly

increases a team's chances of landing in one of the major bowls at the end of the college football season. "The composition of C-USA

is changing," Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler said. "We want to play in a conference that will give us the opportunity to achieve our goals and compete for a national championship.'

(more on CONFERENCE, page 2)

Changes coming for the SAT

BY ROBYN KRIEL

Staff Reporte

TCU English professor Richard Enos has been invited to become a member of a new committee to add a writing section to the SAT by 2005.

Enos will join the College Board, which administers the exam, as a part of the Reading and Writing Standards Advisory Committee. "I will represent the colleges in

our efforts to introduce a written expectations of what colleges

exam as part of the SAT," Enos said. The standards for the SAT

were set about 20 years ago, when it was believed that the only components that needed to be tested in this exam were grammar and spelling, Enos said. His job as a member of the College Board will be to evaluate research and proposed curriculums and to make an assessment, he said.

"I will be standing in for the

want to see in their new freshmen," he said. "I will be on the committee with two other people, one will represent middle schools and their needs and the other will represent high schools.

Enos said that writing is forever and the ability to express one's thoughts and sentiments well is an excellent problem-solving skill. "In today's college experience

we know that critical thinking is a

(more on SAT, page 2)

Next question ...



Kristin McAfee. assistant director of outdoor programs, hands out a ques tionnaire for a leadership class to junior nursing major Rica Kendrick Tuesday in front of Sadler Hall.

Tv Halasz/Staff

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- University Career Services will offer free information to help students with interviewing skills. The session is scheduled from 4:30 to 6 p.m. today in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 134. For more information call (817) 257-5220.
- TCU Wednesday Worship will meet at Robert Carr Chapel at noon. Call University Ministries at (817) 257-7830 or e-mail k.b.low@tcu.edu for more information.
- TCU London Centre will offer an information session at 4 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 202. The deadline for applications for spring 2004 is Oct. 15. Applications are available in Sadler Hall, Room 16 or by calling (817) 257-7473.
- TCU Semester in Florence program is now taking applications due Oct. 15. They are recommended to be turned in by Oct. 1. Additional information and applications are available online at (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.
- December 2003 degree candidates should file Intent to Graduate forms in the office of their academic dean by the deadline set by that academic office. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the registrar by Oct. 6.
- Career Night is from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday in the Student Cen-

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Gipson said music students will be able to use the practice facilities on a first-come, firstserved basis. At the end of the semester, students may have to reserve times, he said.

Music students will be able to practice from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. - the same hours they've always been able to practice, Gibson said.

All the practice modules can be taken apart and moved somewhere else if need be, Gibson said.

"In the event that we need to move them to, say, a bigger practice facility, we can," he said.

Ashley Hollis, a Waits resident, said she is supportive of the project.

"My roommate is a music major, so I understand the need for more practice rooms," Hollis, a sophomore social work major, said. " Having the practice rooms in Waits won't be that much of an inconvenience for me."

Safety won't be an issue for residents because access to the residence area and practice rooms has been set up with ID cards, Fisher said. Fisher said music students

will not have access to the residence area, and the residents will not have access to the practice rooms.

An open house to dedicate the new practice rooms will be from 3:15 to 5 p.m. today in the basement of Waits.

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GARZA From page 1

"We are doing this for two reasons," Patterson said. "One is so that this does not become a distraction for the team, and two, for coach Garza's sake."

Patterson said he is unsure if there are any more facts to be found and is not sure how long the investigation will take.

is known," he said. "We will let the judicial process take its course before any further decision is made.

Patterson said Garza has been a good role model for the players and that he had never actually seen Garza with alcohol. Patterson said Garza had apologized and was embarrassed about what happened.

"A mistake was made," Patterson said. "We want to make sure it is out

"It will go on until everything of the picture so the rest of the team can move forward.

Although football players are bound by curfews on eve of game days, coaches are not, and Patterson said he doesn't plan to institute curfews for coaches.

"I would find a new coach before that could happen," he said. Fink said Patterson is the only person speaking on this matter.

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A couple of different scenarios could happen. There's a chance that TCU

could receive an invitation from either the Mountain West Conference or the Western Athletic Conference; currently neither are affiliated with the BCS.

TCU athletics could also decide to stay in C-USA, if the conference adds more teams. C-USA is not affiliated with the BCS, but if it could convince nationally respected teams to join the conference, then C-USA has a chance of becoming a BCS conference during the 2005-

Head football coach Gary

Patterson doesn't think a change solid and we're doing very well is necessary if it won't help the program.

To me, unless it's a step up, I

don't think a conference change is good," Patterson said. "If it doesn't mean a BCS tie-in of some sort then I don't think there is any reason to change conferences."

Changing conferences may have an affect on all TCU athletic programs.

A different conference means different opponents, opponents who haven't been scouted by the TCU athletics programs. New rivalries will have to be formed and community interest may not was in another.

Head swimming Richard Sybesma said he is happy with C-USA.

"Conference USA is very

in this conference," Sybesma said. "I know we'd be competitive in any conference we joined but as far as the swimming program goes, we're happy in C-USA.

Conference realignment will have some effect on TCU, but it depends on what kind of additions and subtractions are made in different conferences around the nation in the next couple of

"Until all the cards are on the table, it's too hard to say where we'll be." Hyman said.

Hyman said he'd like to see be as high in one conference as it the issue of conference realignment resolved within the next 60

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SAT From page 1

major determining factor during studies and that is something that the SAT does not test," Enos said.

The only time a student can demonstrate his or her writing skills is in the Writing SAT II exam, Enos said.

'Introducing a written side to the SAT will better equip high school students, whether they choose to attend universities or not," he said. "Virtually every university in the United States requires the SAT. It is supposed to determine how well you will do in college.

Enos said the College Board suggests teaching intensive writing earlier so that students are not overwhelmed when they reach college.

Cathy Block, a professor in the department of curriculum and instruction, said a writing component in the SAT is an

"In the past students could miss an answer in the test and get it wrong but their reasoning for missing it could have been correct," Block said. "The SAT's judge you on how much you had memorized, whereas a writing component will show that you can reason.

Junior English major Megan Penney said section would make the SAT's much fairer.

"I dreaded taking those exams because I am a writer and think way beyond some of the questions being asked in it," Penney said. "Also with math, the answer is either yes or no."

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NewsBrief

SGA swears in 68 new representatives

The Student Government Association saw 68 representatives sworn in at their meeting Tuesday.

Andrea Reed, SGA vice president, said there are now 83 members in SGA. Reed said only one position is not filled, a representative from Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

No new business was brought up in the meeting, but several committee chairs discussed new projects.

Permanent Improvements

Chairman David Watson, a sophomore pre-business major, said his committee talked about the possibility of setting up wireless Internet

outside the Student Center. Watson also said more lights need to be placed by the grassy area around the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center for late-night runners and by Daniel-Meyer Coliseum to help prevent car break-ins.

University Affairs Chairwoman Jahnae Stout, said her committee wants to add recycling bins in The Main.

Danny Gillham



Dave Watson, SGA permanent improvements chairman, informs representatives of the need for better lighting in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum parking lot.

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The Skiff View CHANGES

TCU should think before it acts

When the University of Miami and Virginia Tech University decided to leave the Big East Conference and accept the Atlantic Coast Conference's invitation last summer, the entire sports world predicted the decision would have a great effect on collegiate athletics.

Now, the question is, what happens to TCU? There are countless rumors floating around the university and the sports media, none of which are credible. Some rumors have TCU, along with Conference USA rivals Louisville and Cincinnati, joining the Big East. Other rumors report the Big East may disappear, meaning another conference, like C-USA or the Mountain West Conference, inherits its Bowl Championship Series eligibility. While other rumors even have TCU rejoining the Western Athletic Conference.

With all these different scenarios, it is nearly impossible to predict TCU's ultimate fate. In fact, right now, it seems as though the only definite is that the university's decision will be made based on what is best for its football program.

One cannot blame the university for placing football on a higher plateau than all its other sports, because football is TCU's biggest draw and it brings in more revenue than any other sport.

However, having said that, the university must make a decision that benefits a majority of TCU athletics, not just the football program.

TCU has many great athletic teams, other than football. It would be unfortunate if a move was made to only benefit football. Before deciding on a conference, TCU must make sure the decision is not based just on dollar signs.

TheOtherView

Opinions from around the country

Managing credit cards still hard for students

Universities should add one more course to their curricula — Credit Cards 101: How to manage credit cards without getting yourself into debt.

This is not to say that all students who own credit cards will or do go into debt, but there are many college students who do get themselves into trouble when using plastic to pay for most of their purchases.

Some students do not know the added items that go into using their credit cards, such as: penalty fees, interest rates and changes in rates.

Most students do not realize that if they do not pay off their charges for the month on their credit cards, the amount that is left unpaid has extra fees attached to it.

The best idea for college students is not to get a credit card until they are financially responsible. Many times students may think they are able to handle a credit card without going into debt. However, it is easier than one might think. Once debt occurs, it is hard to pay off.

A good idea for students is to use a debit card or a checking account for their purchases. This way, the money that you are able to use is limited to the amount of funds that are available in your account. If a

student uses a debit card they are able to keep track of how much money they are spending after each purchase. With a credit card students are not always able to keep a record of how much they have spend and are likely to exceed the amount of money they have to pay it off.

This leads to the next point, which is — if you don't have the money to pay off your credit card balance for the month, do not make the purchases. One of the worst mindsets of students who have credit cards can be: I'll just pay it off the next month or I'll get some money somehow to pay it off. If you don't have the money to pay off the bill then obviously you don't need to purchase that new stereo or that new CD.

If you know you are not going to have the money to pay for it later, don't buy it now.

Wait until you have the money.

Credit cards may be one of the worst items to give a college student, especially in their first years. However, we as students need to learn that we are in college now and we have to start acting like adults, which also means learning how to be financially responsible. Credit cards can be good, but they can also be trouble.

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"UNITER-AND-NOT-A-DIVIDER" THEY CALLED ME MAD!"

Plagiarism: No big deal?

It's late. Really late. So late that even the latenight drive-throughs can't get you the chalupa you're craving. And it's due. That huge, ugly, massive, overwhelmingly daunting term paper that has been on the syllabus for well over a month is due in a few hours.

Though a resistance may be present at first, the ticking of the clock is soon replaced by the clicking of the mouse. Click, copy, paste. Click, copy, paste. Like a tribal dance welcoming the sunrise, the rhythm accelerates until the word count is sufficient and the page requirements

met. Finally, the printer spews forth the tangled remains of intelligent thought, little of it original, and, more than likely, none of it attributed.

But or least it's done. And no one will find

But at least it's done. And no one will find out, right? Besides, even if they do, who's it going to hurt?

Nobody, as many college students would tell you, according to a recent study by Rutgers University Marketing Professor Donald McCabe. The self-reporting survey of 23 university campuses found that nearly 40 percent of undergraduate students admit to cut-and-paste Internet plagiarism. If that figure doesn't arch your brows, take note of the expanded survey answer: Half of those cheaters considered their behavior either trivial or not cheating at all.

Something is seriously amiss when supposedly intelligent, achieving individuals can no longer distinguish between right and wrong. With the Enron and Jayson Blair scandals still fresh wounds in the nation's system of ethics, it would be easy to blame the frequently-targeted and intangible "society" for the decline in values.

But it essentially comes down to an individual's decision between wrong and right: Either you skip down the easy road and forgo the learning intended by the assignment or you follow the road map of the educational experience and work your butt off to get the assignment done.

The decision to cheat is an informed, involved process. The student weighs the risk over the consequences, and all too often, as McCabe's study shows, the risk wins out.

Cheating is not a victimless crime.

Cheaters who graduate in part with grades earned underhandedly devalue the worth of the degrees earned through honesty and hard work. Their failures in the workplace reflect poorly upon the university and its graduates. TCU journalism students still have to worry about being connected to a recent graduate who made up quotations for an Associated Press story.

The Student Government Association is in the process of writing an honor code for the university. As they do so, they ought to consider how best to enforce the value of academic integrity. Punishment for violators needs to be swift, severe and publicly known. As is done at Stanford University, all cheating and plagiarism offenses should be published with the ensuing punishment listed.

You must also stand up for yourself and the quality of your education. Report suspected cheating. Let your student government representatives and your peers know that cheating is unacceptable. After all, your reputation is on the line too.

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There is a reason everyone tells you to "Get involved!"

"Get Involved!"

That's the mantra that follows you through each orientation session, Frog Camp, cam-

COMMENTARY

pus-wide emails and even these columns. It's the major advice most upperclassmen give to the new freshman class.

When I came to TCU a little more than a

more than a year ago, I did the exact opposite of what everybody preached during orientation. I spent the nights and weekends in my dorm room, mostly alone. I had some friends I would hang out with every once in a while, but none of that surmounted to "Get Involved!" I didn't know what I was missing out on. How are you supposed to know how much value there is in being a part of a group if you never bothered trying? That's where I was: Not in a group and not

bothering to try.

Then the fateful day came. I had to stand in front of the House of Student

Representatives announcing an event for another student organization. To say I was nervous

would be like saying World War II was a disagreement about real estate. I was sweating. I was shaking. To cut it short: I was a nervous wreck. Of course, as it goes in such occasions, everything that could go wrong went wrong. First, I sat in the wrong seat. Not knowing anything about how seats are assigned in the House, I just grabbed a chair right in the first row. As I found out rather quickly, that row is reserved for the committee chairs. The Vice President of the House at that time, John Billingsley, suggested that I take a seat somewhere else. He was very polite and professional about it, though. When it was my turn to speak, I forgot most of the words I'd thought about just minutes before and stumbled and mumbled through my announcement at a hundred miles an hour. I doubt many in the room at that point understood what I was talking about.

"Get Involved!"?

Something changed that day. The announcements are the last thing in any House meeting, so while I was waiting for my turn I got to listen to everything that was debated before. It was interesting to see how these

other students dealt with problems and issues that affected not only them but also a large portion of the student body. I realized what was really behind "Get Involved!" — the opportunity to make a difference at TCU, to have an impact on the campus that might last even past your own graduation.

past your own graduation.
"Get Involved!" didn't just
stay a suggestion, it became
much more to me. I felt like
after everything TCU gives to
me, it's my obligation to give
something back to the university. I attended the House meetings until the end of the semester. The meetings are open to all
students, although only representatives and committee chairs
are allowed to vote. In the
spring I became one of three
representatives for Clark Hall.

So, do get involved. Make a difference. And don't feel intimidated by others. If student government isn't your thing, there are over 140 other organizations to get involved in. If, however, the House does sound interesting to you, I will see you Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 222.

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Frats should respect cultures

Last year it was brought to the attention of the community that certain frats and groups around the South and even around our own campus were sponsoring racially insensitive "ghetto"-themed parties. It was also revealed that some Caucasian stu-

dents wore blackface Matthew Hardigree to a cos-

tume party.

This, we can assume, was part of a greater program by the fraternal order to demonstrate the understanding that can only come from making the difficult transition from affluence and privilege in Westlake to a life of affluence

and rightly so.

Being the optimist I am, I believed that we, as a community, had gone beyond the need to generalize and insult other cultures to have a good time. When I saw that barrel coming down the street and the bucktoothed undergrad, I knew I

was wrong

and privilege in West Campus.

People were outraged by this

Recently the weekend frat parties have been filled with coeds dressed in ill-fitting overalls and mechanics' jumpsuits. These culturally insensitive students often black-out teeth and wear their wife-beater T-shirts in order to poke fun at those who are different. Because one frat did it, we can assume the others, with their overwhelming sense of originality, will do the same.

These displays do damage on many levels. First, they generalize the culture of Anglo-Americans. Now, I am not white trash myself, though some of my relatives are. Just because my skin is pale doesn't mean I listen to Motorhead, eat roadkill, place numerous red No. 3s on my Chevy truck or go to monster-truck rallies.

On a second level, these social gatherings only point out the worst aspects of white-trash culture, such as the post-Depression economic degradation, the lack of proper hygiene and the rampant racism.

These events do nothing but humiliate white trash students who came to this university accidentally, when they meant to go to Texas A&M University or Oklahoma. Humiliation of another group is forbidden under the Interfraternity Council's Constitution, Section Two of the code of conduct.

"All Chapters and/or their representative members are not to engage in any form of harassment of any individual or group. Harassment is defined as extreme or outrageous acts or communication that are intended to harass, intimidate or humiliate an individual or group."

I think the saddest part of all is that these white-trash individuals probably do not even know they are being openly mocked by the university community. I say it is the job of those who are on the side of understanding and those who are literate to go to the Luby's, go to the truck stops and let these people know that even though they are being made fun of, as you will point out, there are those who care.

Matthew Hardigree is a columnist for The Daily Texan at the University of Texas-Austin. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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National/StateRoundup

Harris County judges could get raise in pay

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County Commissioners were scheduled to vote Tuesday on pay raises for judges — a decision that could also mean a boost in pay for elected officials under state law.

Commissioners are considering a \$14,000 annual increase for Harris County's 59 civil and criminal district judges, bringing their salaries to \$125,000 a year. Each of the county's 23 probate, civil- and criminal-court-at-law judges would get an increase of \$3,704 a year.

And based on a 1977 state law, city officials including the mayor, city controller and members of City Council members would get an 11 percent raise.

The law, and a subsequent city ordinance, directly ties the pay of city officials to the compensation paid to district judges.

Houston's mayor is to be paid about 150 percent of the salary Harris County pays to a district judge, and the city controller's salary is to be equal to that of a district ju'dge, while City Council members are paid about 40 percent of the jurist's pay.

Remains of 400 slaves returned for burial

NEW YORK (AP) — With ceremonial honors that they could not have imagined in life, more than 400 slaves and free blacks will be reinterred next

month in the Manhattan graveyard where their bones previously lay unknown for 200 years or more.

The skeletal remains have spent the past nine years in Washington, D.C., at Howard University, whose laboratory studies have led to a massive dossier of information on slavery in colonial New York.

The remains will be returned to New York on Oct. 4 for the reburial at the African Burial Ground, an 18th-century cemetery rediscovered in 1991 during excavation for a new federal office building and later set aside as a national historic site.

Four symbolic coffins, handcarved of wood in Ghana and containing the bones of two adults and two children, will leave Washington Sept. 30 and travel via Baltimore, Wilmington, Del., Philadelphia and Newark, N.J., with each city holding a commemoration.

From New Jersey the four coffins will be delivered by boat to the site of a former Wall Street pier where slave ships docked, then taken in a procession with 415 others up Broadway's traditional Canyon of Heroes parade route to the reburial.

"May these bones be a symbol to how insensitive humankind can be," Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said at the news conference outlining the plan.

Historians have estimated up to 20,000 people may have been buried in a six-acre area of lower Manhattan, of which the African Burial Ground is only one part.

PIB chemical to help delay Alzheimer's

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alzheim-er's disease, which can be confirmed only after death, could be diagnosed in its early stages if a new test works as well in humans as animals. Researchers hope early diagnoses could lead to treatments.

that would delay the fatal disease.

Scientists were able to diagnose the disease in mice using a chemical called PIB, which was able to cross the blood-brain barrier and bind to the amyloid plaques in the animals' brains. The plaques, believed to be a cause of Alzheimer's, were identified by detecting the PIB.

JetBlue Airways sued for breach of contract

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A group of passengers has sued JetBlue Airways Corp. for passing their personal information to a Defense Department contractor.

The suit follows JetBlue's acknowledgment last week that it had given information from about 5 million passenger records to Torch Concepts of Huntsville, Alabama.

Torch produced a study, "Homeland Security: Airline Passenger Risk Assessment," that was purported to help the government improve military base security.

The class-action lawsuit alleges fraudulent misrepresentation, breach of contract and invasion of privacy.

JetBlue chief executive David Neeleman said Monday that the information contained "name, address and phone number, along with flight information, but absolutely no payment or credit card information."

Utah attorney James W. McConkie filed the lawsuit Monday in 3rd District Court on behalf of five named plaintiffs and a representative class, seeking compensatory — but not punitive — damages.

"We got the sense that Mr. Neeleman wanted to make this right, so we commented in our lawsuit that we wanted to pursue the matter, but not in a way that would damage the financial viability of the company. It's a good company," McConkie said.

JetBlue spokesman Gareth Edmondson-Jones said Monday that he had not seen the lawsuit and was unable to comment.

Hurricane Isabel affects Internet systems

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — Doing without TV, hot showers and home-cooked meals during a blackout is rough enough for some. Going without e-mail is simply unbearable for others.

Heather Gleason went to the Silver Spring Library on Monday not to peruse books but to access its computers. She hadn't been able to check her e-mail since Hurricane Isabel knocked out power Thursday.

"I've never done this before," said the Takoma Park resident.
"I'm a little nervous that people have come looking for me and I've missed their e-mails."

The library often runs a waiting list of about 10 to 15 people

for its computers. But by noon Monday, 70 people had used them, including several children doing research and homework, said Carol Legarreta, the library manager.

\$20.3 billion sent to repair damages in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP)

— President Bush's \$20.3 billion proposal for rebuilding Iraq includes money to establish ZIP codes there, help Iraqi workers learn English and start a museum of former leader Saddam Hussein's atrocities, an administration document shows.

The report, obtained by The Associated Press, was distributed to members of Congress as the administration began its Capitol Hill defense of Bush's Iraq policies. The \$20.3 billion is part of Bush's \$87 billion proposal for Iraq and Afghanistan, which is dominated by his \$66 billion request for U.S. military activities in both countries and elsewhere.

"Creating a sovereign, democratic, constitutional and prosperous Iraq deals a blow to terrorists," L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator in Iraq, told the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday.

Since terrorists "thrive in chaotic environments with little or no effective government," rebuilding Iraq "will serve American interests by making America safer," Bremer said.

Bremer told the senators that so far, 61 countries have pledged \$1.5 billion to help reconstruct Iraq, which U.S. officials esti-

for its computers. But by noon mate will cost \$50 billion to \$75 Monday. 70 people had used billion.

Bodies of pilot and six sightseers recovered

PHOENIX (AP) — A search team Monday recovered the bodies of a pilot and six sightseers killed when their tour helicopter crashed in the Grand Canyon.

Investigators said they found evidence suggesting the chopper's main rotor hit a cliff face as the helicopter descended into the gorge.

gorge.

The victims were being taken to the medical examiner in Kingman to verify their identities, said Jody Hall, a deputy medical examiner. An autopsy will be conducted on the pilot,

Hall said.

Volunteer searchers and sheriff's deputies rappelled down the steep canyon walls to recover the bodies from the wreckage of Saturday's crash, said Lt. Rick Janssen, a spokesman for the Mohave County Sheriff's Department.

"It's a very remote location," Janssen said. "Communication is also difficult because it's down in a valley."

The sheriff's office identified the crash victims as Dr. Joseph Hanna, 52, and his wife, Nouhad, of Huntington, W.Va.; Masami Kato, 24, and Makiko Hatano, 23, both of Japan; and Julia Hueyng, 33, and Wolf-Dieter Mueller, 46, both of Germany. The pilot was identified as Takashi Mezaki, 45, a native of Japan who lived in California.

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UT students to consider effects of Patriot Act

BY DAVID A. HERRON Daily Texan

AUSTIN - The University of Texas at Austin's Student Government will vote Tuesday night on a resolution to denounce the Patriot Act, which some student leaders feel infringes upon students' right to privacy.

SG representative Jordan Buckley said the bill will be a companion bill to the resolution that the City Council will be voting on at Thursday's meeting.

"The Patriot Act vitiates our civil rights," said Buckley, a senior. "It's an issue that's incredibly applicable to students, especially because of the frequency at which they use the

The Patriot Act includes provisions that give the government authority to view a citizen's

library activity. SG's resolution tor of general libraries. objects to the section of the act that gives law enforcement expanded authority to access the public's library records and prohibits librarians from informing citizens that government agents have requested information about them.

But Jeff Graves, associate vice president for institutional relations and legal affairs, said the Patriot Act will not dramatically change the process by which the university releases student information.

If the government is trying to obtain student data, "law enforcement still has to, for the most part, get a subpoena or a court order," Graves said.

Instead, Graves said, the act gives the government more avenues to obtain the documents, such as subpoenas or warrants, needed to request such information.

University library staff underwent two days of information sessions to learn how they should respond to requests from government officials, said Jo Anne Hawkins, associate direc-

Hawkins said that any information requests on a student must go through Kevin Hegarty, chief financial officer and the university's official keeper of records.

"Any request for any records that a law enforcement agency might want would have to go through his office," Hawkins said. "The library doesn't just hand over records.'

But Buckley said he thinks the surveillance could reach COIN-TELPRO proportions. COIN-TELPRO is an abbreviation for the FBI's domestic "counterintelligence programs" to neutralize political dissidents during the late 1950s to early 1970s.

"If we ever were to see a sort of a resurgence of COINTEL-PRO activity," Buckley said, "it most likely would be taking place at schools."

SG is also scheduled to vote Tuesday night on the Student Bill of Rights. If the bill is approved, it will then be subject to approval from the student body, university administrators, and the University of Texas system lawyers.

Students vote for privacy | Five killed in ATV crash

BY ELLIOTT MINOR

Associated Press

DOUGLAS, Ga. - Volunteer firefighter David Varnedore rushed to the scene of a car accident prepared to help strangers in need. Then he came across the body of his own son. And then the body of his elder daughter.

Varnedore's two children were among five youngsters killed Saturday night when a car on a curving road struck an all-terrain vehicle the children had crowded onto during a birthday party. A sixth child was critically injured.

When Varnedore got to the scene, his son Dustin, 11, was lying face down in a pool of blood. "There was no hope for Varnedore recalled Monday, gasping with emotion between every word.

A few feet away, Varnedore found his daughter, Kayla, 13.

"My daughter was laying face up and I did CPR on her to no avail," said Varnedore, who lives only a mile away.

The other victims were Lindsay Joiner, 13 of Douglas; Courtney Arsenault, 10, of Alma; and the ATV's driver, Coranne Megan Nelson, 14.

Another partygoer, Heather Bass, 13, was listed in critical condition Monday.

The car's driver, Amanda Michelle Troupe, 29, of Ambrose, could face charges, investigators said. They were awaiting the results of blood tests on whether she had been drinking.

Troupe, whose car crossed the center line before hitting the four-wheeler, was injured in the crash, but her condition was not immediately disclosed. Two other people in the car suffered minor injuries, police said.

Residents of the rural area said the children had attended Nelson's birthday party and decided to celebrate afterward by going for a ride on her ATV.

The off-road vehicle was built for one adult rider, said Gordy Wright, a spokesman for the Georgia Department of Public Safety. None of the children were wearing a helmet and Nelson should not have been driving the vehicle on a public road.

"It's just an awful tragedy," said Mayor Max Lockwood. "All the families hope this leads to a better understanding of safety. The kids were in a rural neighborhood, and children just

like to hop on those things and ride around in the country."

Varnedore returned to the scene Monday afternoon with his parents, Carol and David Varnedore Sr. About a dozen others gathered there to mourn the young victims.

Dots of orange paint, left by the accident investigators, traced the car's skid marks and blue flags marked the spots where bodies were found. Painted orange circles showed where the car hit the ATV and where key parts of the vehicles had landed.

"You see that spot of blood? That was my son," said the 30year-old truck driver who became a volunteer firefighter when he was 16. "You see this spot of orange paint? That was my daughter."

Before hurrying home to console his wife and to be with their remaining child, a 2-year-old daughter, Varnedore said the mangled bodies he saw in the ditch made him throw up.

"I won't even tell you what I saw," he said.

The ditch and roadside were littered for about 75 yards with bits of clothing, including a blue and gray tennis shoe, a cloth ponytail holder and a baseball

German court deciding fate of Hamburg terror cell supporters

BY DAVID RISING

HAMBURG, Germany - A Moroccan who was found guilty of helping the Sept. 11 suicide hijackers told a court Tuesday that his conviction was "unjust" and denied that an al Qaeda cell ever existed in

Mounir el Motassadeq, testifying in the trial of his friend fellow Moroccan, Abdelghani Mzoudi, cited reports to the U.S. Congress

and from German security officials stating the attacks on New York and Washington were planned at al Qaeda training camps in Afghanistan.

El Motassadeq insisted in his 10-minute, prepared statement that the Sept. 11 suicide hijackers were all recruited in Afghanistan and denied there was ever a terror cell based in Hamburg, where several of the hijackers attended university with him.

15 years in prison," el terrorist organization for help-Motassadeq said. "There was no Hamburg cell."

El Motassadeq, flanked by an attorney, never once mentioned Mzoudi in his statement and refused to take any questions from the judges. He shook hands with Mzoudi before leaving the courtroom.

The same German court that is trying Mzoudi in February found el Motassadeq guilty of 3.066 counts of accessory to "I was unjustly sentenced to murder and membership in a

ing suicide hijacker Mohamed Atta and other members of the Hamburg al Qaeda cell evade

Mzoudi faces the same charges and up to 15 years in prison, if found guilty.

Prosecutors trying to convict Mzoudi are working witness-bywitness to first paint a picture of the terror organization, then the Hamburg cell, then its intentions and finally of Mzoudi's role in

But Andreas Schulz, who represents relatives of Sept. 11 victims who joined the trial as co-plaintiffs, said el Motassadeq's testimony had little relevance to the trial.

"It was false testimony," Schulz said.

Unlike el Motassadeq, who testified on his own behalf and often questioned witnesses during his trial, Mzoudi has opted against saying anything to the court and has left questioning to his defense team.

Mzoudi's lawyers have been more aggressive than el Motassadeq's defenders. On Wednesday, they asked for the removal of presiding Judge Klaus Ruehle, accusing him of anti-Arab bias for removing a translator. The judge said he acted because the translator had spoken during a break with a courtroom observer, who turned out to have been Mzoudi's former roommate.

Schulz said the other four judges in the panel of five hearing the case on Friday rejected the motion for Ruhle's removal.

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Student fires gun in school

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS Associated Press

SPOKANE — A 17-year-old student who was "angry at everything" fired a handgun in a high school science classroom before aiming the weapon at a SWAT team officer, who then shot and critically wounded him in return, police said.

The boy took no hostages, and no one else was injured in the incident Monday. However, all of the approximately 2,000 other students, plus faculty and staff, were evacuated.

The student was shot shortly before 1 p.m. inside a third-floor classroom at Lewis and Clark High School, annually one of the top academic performers in the state. Classes were to resume Tuesday with crisis counselors present.

Police Chief Roger Bragdon said authorities don't know why the boy brought the gun to school and have found no motive.

Citing two students who knew the boy and a police source who asked not to be identified, The Spokesman-Review identified him Tuesday as Sean Fitzpatrick, a junior.

"The teen was in critical condition at Sacred Heart Medical Center," police said in a news release. The newspaper quoted the police source as saying the boy was hit in the face, arm and torso.

Bragdon said the student entered the classroom with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun and ordered a student teacher and several students to leave.

"He just walked in, stuck the gun in my face and told me to get out the room," Marjan

Khoee, 35, an Iranian exchange student, told The Spokesman-Review. "I asked him, 'Is everything OK?' He just calmly told me to get out of the classroom."

Shortly afterward, not knowing what was happening, senior Lee Pearson, 17, opened the door to the chemistry and physics lab and found a metal bookcase blocking the entrance.

"I was going to move it to get in there. As I looked up, standing five feet in front of me was the kid," Pearson told The Spokesman-Review. "He had a black pistol in his hand. He waved it as a signal to get me out of the room. I was kind of dumbstruck."

Bragdon said the boy fired once into a wall and sprayed the room with fire extinguishers, making it hard to see. The first officers on the scene had the shooter contained inside the classroom minutes after the first call, he said.

Negotiators talked with the boy for more than an hour, and SWAT officers surrounded the classroom, Bragdon said.

"He was angry at everything. He was making threats about everything but did not appear to be angry at any particular individual," Bragdon said.

The boy propped open the door with the bookcase to talk with officers. At about 12:45 p.m., he abruptly stopped talking, put on his jacket, climbed onto the file cabinet and aimed a handgun at officers, leaving SWAT officers no choice but to shoot, Bragdon said.

Evacuated students were bused to the nearby Spokane Arena, where their parents picked them up.

Debate to continue

BY NATALIE GOTT
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Democrats say they are not going to let the Republican-backed effort to redraw the state's congressional lines get out of the Senate chamber without a fight, even though they admit they do not have the numbers to block the bill.

Redistricting is expected to come up for debate Tuesday on the Senate floor. Republicans have a 19-12 advantage in the chamber.

"I really think the Democrats will fight this on the floor and will voice their constituents' concerns, but I think what you'll see is that we're going to be professional. We're going to be respectful," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

The Senate Jurisprudence Committee approved a new redistricting map Friday. Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, estimated the map could give Republicans an additional three to four seats in the delegation that is now ruled 17-15 by Democrats.

Democrats have been fighting Republican redistricting efforts since this spring but appear to have hit a brick wall in their effort to block a bill from getting out of the Senate chamber.

House Democrats blocked a bill during the regular legislative session when 51 of them fled to Oklahoma to break a quorum in their chamber.

During the first special legislative session, Senate Democrats had the votes to prevent a debate and vote on redistricting because the order of bills was arranged so that a two-thirds vote of the chamber was needed to bring the bill up for a debate.

That requirement was dropped during the second special session, so Senate Democrats fled to New Mexico, where they would be out of reach of Texas law officers sent to find them, to block a quorum in their chamber.

They reluctantly returned last week at the start of the third special session.

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said he expected a "spirited" debate and hoped that the Senate could take care of the bill in a few hours "but that really depends on our Democrat colleagues."

"I hope that we end up with a map that is fair, that represents the voting trends here in the state of Texas, in my judgment, that doesn't touch any of our minority districts and leaves in tact our communities of interest," Dewhurst said.

Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, said the senators will point out deficiencies in the proposed redistricting map as they debate the bill on the floor.

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, held out the chance that he could try to filibuster the bill on the floor to delay it from getting approved.

"I don't want to give the other side any information," Barrientos said when asked if he would filibuster.

The House already has approved a redistricting bill that could give Republicans as many as 21 seats in Congress.

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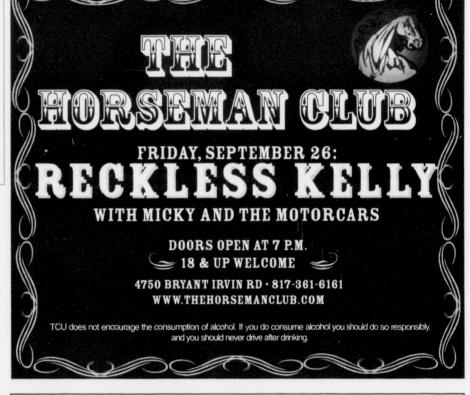
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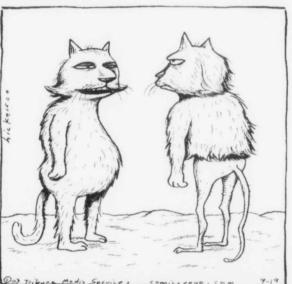
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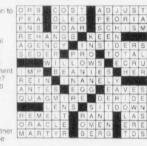
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Nick Brown named Player of the Week

TCU place-kicker Nick Browne was selected as the Conference USA Special Teams Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 20.

Browne scored 12 points in TCU's 30-14 win over Vanderbilt Saturday night. He converted all three of his field goal attempts and extra points. His field goals came from 22, 35 and 50 yards

Browne became the seventh player in TCU history to surpass the 200 point plateau as his 12 points gave him 202 for his career. With this, he currently ranks sixth on the school's alltime scoring list. This was the fifth time in Browne's career that he had been recognized by C-USA for his on-field performance. Browne also became the second Frog to win a conference award this season, joining senior tailback Ricky Madison, who earned C-USA Offensive Player of the Week against Tulane.

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U.S. team to compete against Brazil Sept. 30

Following the Sept. 30 TCU volleyball home match against Centenary, the USA national team will take on Brazil in the University Recreation Center. This will serve as a kick-off of an exhibition tour between the United States, the No. 2 two team in the world, and Brazil, the No. 7 team.

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Field named for longtime donor

Staff Reporter

Home football games at Amon G. Carter Stadium changed forever Saturday.

The playing field at the stadium was named the W.A. Monty and Tex Moncrief Field thanks to a \$3 million donation by Tex Moncrief, school officials said.

The field was dedicated Saturday during the halftime of the TCU-Vanderbilt football

"The Moncriefs have been a major reason for TCU's continuing excellence as a university." athletic director Eric Hyman said. "Not only have they been magnanimous with TCU, but they've also helped out the entire Fort Worth community."

tion will be used for a variety of different football needs. Hyman said.

He said one

way the program plans to money is to demic learning specialist to work directly with the football players. Another goal is to hire a strength and

conditioning supervisor to work in the weight room with the players, he said.

Hyman said TCU athletics money donated could also be



Following a \$3 million donation by Tex Moncrief, the playing field in Amon Carter Stadium has been named the W.A. Monty and Tex Moncrief Field.

has looked into building an indoor practice facility for the will definitely help the already football team and that the successful football program.

project.

world they'd love to use the money as an endowment," said Bronson C. Davis, vice chancellor for university advance-"That ment. would allow the program to use the money in a more flexi-

ble way. Davis said regardless of where the

money is used, the donation

Head football coach Gary

about naming the football field "In an ideal after the Moncriefs.

"The Moncrief family and name have meant a lot to Fort Worth," Patterson said. "To have an opportunity to include a vested interest in the university

and the program is awesome." The Moncriefs have been supporters of TCU athletics and academics for a long time. They have donated money for department heads in physics, geology and engineering. The Moncriefs were also responsible for funding the construction of Moncrief Hall, which houses both student athletes and other students.

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Volleyball ends winning streak at nine

The TCU volleyball team's nine-game winning streak came to an end last weekend at the Pittsburgh Classic Championship, where the Frogs recorded one victory and two defeats en route to a

third place finish. Despite losses to Northeastern and the tournament's champion Pittsburgh, the Frogs beat Toledo and had a player receive All-Tournament Team Honors. Freshman middle blocker Anna

Vaughn received the honors for Vaughn recorded 12 kills with one her .688 hitting average in the tournament.

Vaughn's performance in Pittsburgh also placed her name in TCU's record books. She now owns the second highest hitting average for a single tournament.

"I was very proud of Anna this weekend," head coach Prentice Lewis said. "She stepped up and played awesome, hitting 688, the second highest in the school's

In the match against Pittsburgh,

error in 16 total attempts. Lewis said six of those kills came in the first game alone.

The match against Pittsburgh was definitely the most challenging," Vaughn said. "Their offense was amazing and they had several good hitters. We showed improvements the first 20 points, but we couldn't pull it together to win."

Vaughn and Lewis both said the team was not ready for the tournament and its matches this weekend

"It was a great tournament weren't there even before we

overall with good teams, but we were not ready to play, which we saw Friday night against Northeastern," Lewis said. "The team was not there mentally or physically and couldn't pull off a

She said she was proud of the team's turnaround Saturday morning in defeating Toledo but that Saturday night TCU was not working as a collective group.

'We didn't come to play," Vaughn said. "I could tell that we pumped for this weekend's tournament and are ready to win."

Vaughn said she expects the upcoming tournament to be a weekend of intense games.

The Frogs, who have an overall record of 10-3, will play in the TCU Molten Invitational against Grambling, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Saint Francis (Pa.) and Saint Mary's (Calif.) this week-

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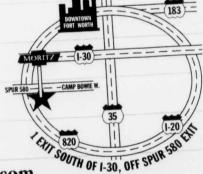




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