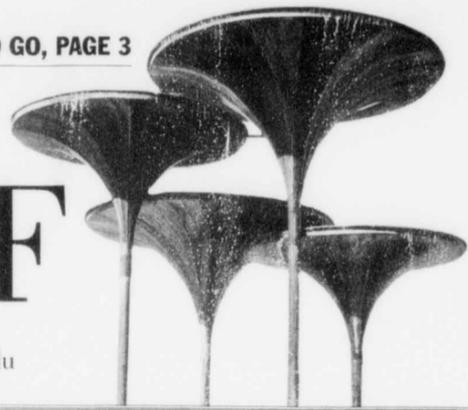


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## Today's News

### STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

**SAN ANTONIO** — A South Texas medical center with funding needs that have been mentioned during political debate over the series of legislative special sessions remains without enough money to adequately fund its future student programs.

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**SEATTLE** — Hundreds of people along Fraternity Row near the University of Washington built a huge bonfire, overturned a car and threw rocks and bottles before police in riot gear used pepper spray to break up the crowd, authorities said.

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## OnCampus

### Charity event triggers hate speech at OU

**NORMAN, Okla.** — Early Friday morning, eight people knocked over a shack that was part of the University of Oklahoma's Habitat for Humanity Shack-a-Thon, witnesses say.

Around 12:30 a.m., a group of people began harassing the OU Atheists and Agnostics student organization, says Jaclyn Sellens, East Asian area studies junior.

The vandals asked questions like, "Why do you have satanic symbols on your thing?" and "Why would Christians want to associate with atheists?" Sellens says.

The shack had a pentagram on it, and the vandals knocked over the shack, says Gene Glaser, vice president of OU Atheists and Agnostics.

Howard Clery, Executive Director of Security on Campus, says this case is classified as hate speech rather than a hate crime because the damaged shack was not a permanent structure. Security on Campus is a national organization that educates students, parents and campus administrators about the prevalence of crime on university campuses nationwide.

— Oklahoma Daily

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## The Weather

### TODAY

High: 79; Low: 57;  
Partly Cloudy

### WEDNESDAY

High: 75; Low: 55;  
Partly Cloudy

### THURSDAY

High: 77; Low: 57;  
Partly Cloudy

## LookingBack

**1955** — James Dean was killed in an automobile accident along with his mechanic Rolf Wutherich, when Dean's Porsche 550 Spyder crashed head-on into another car.

**1868** — The first volume of Louisa May Alcott's beloved children's book Little Women is published on this day.

# Soldiers given discount fares

BY BRAD FOSS  
Associated Press

Major airlines are offering discounts to soldiers on vacation from the campaign in Iraq, after the military's rest and relaxation program was criticized because the last leg of soldiers' travel in the United States is not paid for.

Under the first major R&R program since Vietnam, the government pays for flights from Iraq to Germany, and then the United States, at which point the troops must pick up the tab for any domestic travel.

Before Delta Air Lines and Southwest Airlines began offering the troops special fares requiring no advance purchase this

weekend, soldiers on vacation with little notice were faced with buying expensive last-minute fares.

"What family can afford to pay \$2,000 or more for a same-day plane ticket?" said Sherry Billups of Backduck, Minn., whose husband Steven Baazard is a 15-year veteran of the National Guard.

Under the terms of discounts offered by Delta and Southwest, no advance purchase or minimum stay is required and fares are refundable. American Airlines, which had been offering soldiers discounts on three-day advance purchase tickets since May, updated its policy Monday to match its competitors.

Northwest Airlines on Monday said it matched the three-day advance purchase deals offered by American.

The carriers' discounts are good for travel between Baltimore-Washington International Airport, where troops have been arriving since last week, and anywhere else in the United States.

All the carriers are offering round-trip fares in the continental United States to soldiers and their dependents that cost less than \$200.

Southwest's offer is valid through Jan. 7, while American's and Delta's offers are good through Sept. 15, 2004.

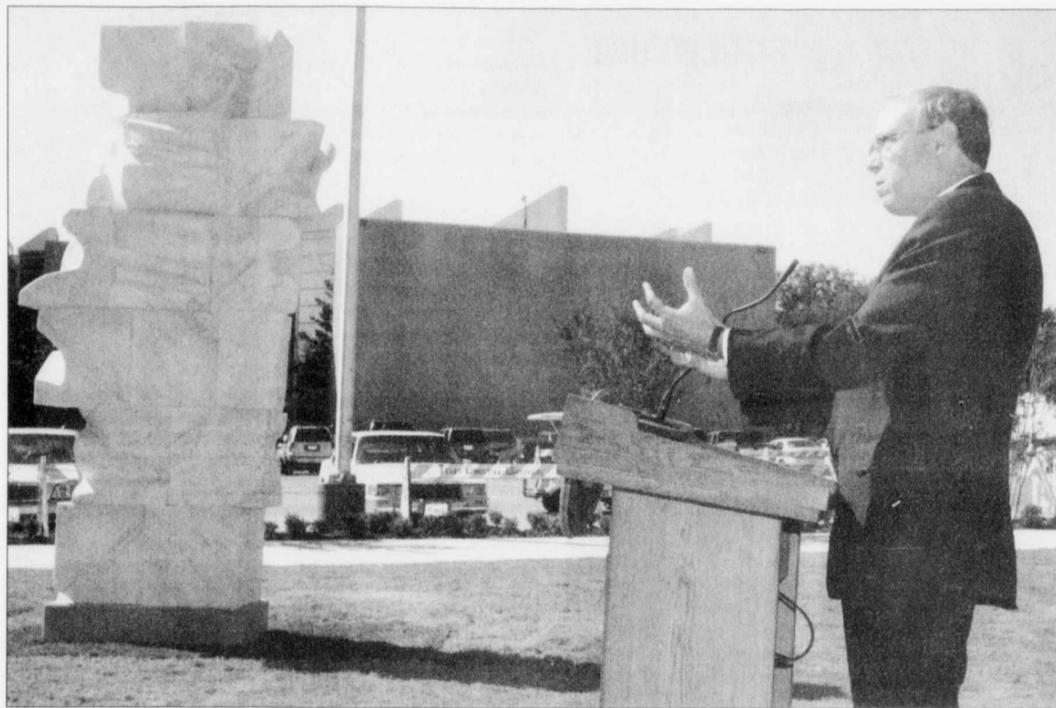
Aware of the minor stir caused among soldiers facing high-priced, last-minute fares,

the Army said it could have done a better job informing carriers before the R&R program went into effect.

"One thing the Army might not have done well was coordinate with commercial airlines," Army spokesman Joe Burlas said Monday. "We're glad they're getting the word now and offering these discounts."

Burlas said more than 700 soldiers a day would be flying in and out of the country under the home leave program. He said that in addition to Baltimore, the government will eventually begin flying soldiers to Atlanta, Dallas-Fort Worth and Los Angeles.

# Sculpture celebrates risk



Robert Lusch, dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business, speaks at the presenting of Márton Váró's sculpture, "15 cubes." Varo also designed the angels on the exterior of Bass Hall in downtown Fort Worth.

BY AARON KOKORUZ  
Staff Reporter

Business and art collided Monday afternoon in front of the Steve and Sarah Smith Entrepreneurs Hall.

Artist Márton Váró, faculty and administrators dedicated a marble sculpture entitled "15 Cubes."

Váró, the artist who created the sculpture, said he is happy to have his sculpture

displayed at TCU and that it was his first time to see the sculpture fully assembled and on display.

"It's an abstract work of art that can engage people in critical thinking, especially at a university that advocates critical thinking," said Mark Thistlethwaite, Kimbell chairman of art history.

Robert Lusch, dean of the M.J. Neeley School of

Business, said the sculpture will be a great asset to TCU because it will celebrate the union of art and entrepreneurship. Business entrepreneurs and artists are both risk-takers, he said.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said the sculpture is important because it exposes TCU students to things they might not otherwise be exposed to and builds bridges between the colleges at TCU.

"We're branching out and bringing some art to this side of campus," said Jessica Walters, a sophomore business major. "It gives the campus some variety and makes you think of what it represents while you are walking through that part of campus."

The sculpture was funded by Frost Bank and commissioned

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# Author to speak about Sept. 11

BY CRYSTAL FORESTER  
Staff Reporter

America is part of the world of horror, and it is not separated from anyplace else by oceans, author Gail Sheehy said Monday.



SHEEHY

"There is a 'new normal' for Americans after the post 9/11 world," Sheehy said. "After the worst happens, people have to put their lives back together to find hope again."

Sheehy will be the guest speaker at the Fogelson Honors Forum at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Ed Landreth Hall, said Peggy Watson, Honors Program director. The lecture is free, but space will be limited.

Sheehy's book, "Middletown, America: One Town's Passage from Trauma to Hope," is about the journey people made through life after Sept. 11. She said she lived with, observed and interviewed over 900 people in Middletown, N.J., for her book.

Heath Coffman, Fogelson Honors Forum coordinator, said the

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# New play provokes controversy

BY CATHERINE PILLSBURY  
Staff Reporter

Three women, connected by pregnancies, secrets and Catholicism, are at the center of an ethical debate that makes them question their faith in the theater department's season-opening production, "Agnes of God."

Faith is the foundation of this play, not religion, said director Jennifer Engler, assistant professor of theater.

A pregnant nun, accused of killing her baby, is pulled between the mother superior who wants to protect her and the psychiatrist who is desperate for the truth.

"I think that when we talk about faith it can be in very general terms," Engler said. "It doesn't have to be used in religious terms, just accepting something that we can't see and touch and feel."

"Agnes of God" includes a three-member cast of theater majors, juniors Jessica McClendon and Leah Jeffers, and senior Monique Lara. The play opens Wednesday at 8 p.m. and will run through Saturday.

Though the play takes place within the Catholic Church and deals with heavy topics, the focus is not meant to be controversial, Jeffers said.

"It makes it more interesting since it's a pregnant nun, so it will have more

controversy, but it wouldn't be good if it didn't," she said.

Jeffers said it's the kind of theater she likes to do because it's different and not just a play to attract the masses.

"People don't go out on a limb anymore," she said.

McClendon said the production is really something that each person will see differently.

"This play can be controversial, but it just depends on what people want to take offense at, like a pregnant nun or dirty language," she said. "It's just people's perception."

All three actresses agreed that it is a challenging play.

Engler said dealing with heavy topics night after night has been tough.

"It's the constant need to be so emotionally involved," she said. "It's a roller coaster for our actors, so keeping them from getting bogged down is a challenge at times."

McClendon, who has to cry on cue and go into labor, said it's demanding because if she doesn't get into it, then she won't cry and the play won't work.

Lara said she looked at the play's theme as how Catholicism, as a faith,

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Robyn Kriel/Staff reporter (from left) Junior Leah Jeffers, senior Monique Lara and junior Jessica McClendon, all theater majors, prepare for TCU's production of "Agnes of God" starting Wednesday.

### "Agnes of God" show times

**When:** Wednesday through Saturday  
**Where:** Hays Theatre, located in the Walsh Center for the Performing Arts  
**Tickets:** Free for the TCU community with ID, \$10 reserved and \$5 for senior citizens and visiting students

# Do-not-call bill may do little good

BY DEB RIECHMANN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's decision to sign a bill setting up a national do-not-call registry will do little to keep telemarketers off the phone lines, thanks to a continuing legal fight.

Court actions in Oklahoma and Colorado mean telemarketers can keep dialing even after Bush signs legislation to ratify the Federal Trade Commission's authority to establish the no-call list, which has swelled to more than 50 million home and cellular numbers.

After a bewildering week of court reversals and breakneck congressional action, the FTC said its anti-telemarketing service scheduled to take effect Wednesday has been placed on hold.

"We'll ultimately have a national do-not-call registry," FTC Commissioner Timothy Muris said Sunday on CNN. He urged

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Your bulletin board for campus events

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■ **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 Tuesday.

■ **TCU Handheld Devices Users Group** will meet noon to 1 p.m. today in Library Conference, Room B29. The meeting is open to all TCU faculty, staff and students. For more information e-mail r.seal@tcu.edu.

■ **Honors Program** will present the Fogelson Honors Forum with Gail Sheehy speaking on "Passage to New Normal" at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Based on the research of her latest work, "Middletown, America," Sheehy relates the story of one community that lost nearly fifty people on Sept. 11. The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. For reservations or more information, call (817) 257-6488.

■ **Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and Le Cercle Francais** will present the second lecture in their series of Faculty Talks in Modern Literature and Critical Theory at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Student Center, Room 202. Bonnie Frederick will deliver a paper entitled "The Captive Bird: Architecture, Poetry and Women's Writing in the Spanish-Speaking tradition." Discussion and refreshments will follow the lecture. E-mail p.hadlock@tcu.edu for more information.

■ **TCU Semester in Florence program and TCU London Centre** are accepting applications, due Oct. 15, but recommended to be submitted by Oct. 1. For more information, contact the International Education office at (817) 257-7473 or in Sadler Hall, Room 16.

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## SHEEHY

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Honors Program wanted students to understand the aftermath of Sept. 11.

"Through a small town, we can find out how 9/11 affected the whole country," Coffman said.

It was a good time to bring Sheehy to campus because Sept. 11 recently had its two-year anniversary, Coffman said.

"(Sept. 11) translates into all our lives because it affected all of us whether we're in Fort Worth or Middletown, N. J.," he said.

Sheehy's publicity agent told the Honors Program she would have a book coming out this year and would be a good speaker, said Alison Trinkle, assistant to the Honors Program director.

"We're excited she is taking the time out of her schedule to come to our campus," Coffman said. "We've had her booked to come talk for almost a year."

Sheehy made history with "Passages," because it remained on The New York Times Bests Seller List for more than three years and appeared in 28 languages. "Passages" was also named one of the 10 most influential books of our time by a Library of Congress survey.

Sheehy has won the New York Newswomen's Club Front Page Award for distinguished journalism seven times and also received awards, including the National Magazine Award, the Penny-Missouri Journalism Award and the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award in Race Relations.

She helped found the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children and also directs the Sheehy Writing Scholars Community for nontraditional students at the University of California, Berkeley.

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## AGNES

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affected Agnes, mother superior and the doctor.

More than anything, it plays on the human aspect of religion in general, she said.

Engler said the play does not force any certain conclusion.

"It raises essential questions but doesn't answer any," Engler said. "I hope people will show up and want to be provoked to think about some things."

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## DO-NOT-CALL

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patience from Americans eager for the service, which is intended to block about 80 percent of telemarketing calls.

The best hope for an immediate decline in telephone sales pitches may rest with the telemarketers. The industry's largest association is urging its members not to call the more than 50 million home and cellular numbers on the list.

## SCULPTURE

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by the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

Váro was born in Hungary and is known for using both classical and modern influences in his sculptures, according to Váro's Web site. After moving to the United States, one of his accomplishments was sculpting the angels on Bass Performance Hall in downtown Fort Worth, according to the site.

Thistlethwaite said the sculpture comes to TCU at an interesting time in the art community because Fort Worth is implementing a public art program. The program will integrate art and design in public places throughout the area, he said.

"It's my ultimate hope that it will become a sight of both resonance and wonder," Thistlethwaite said.

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## The Skiff View RULES

### NFL should not lower requirements

Maurice Clarett is taking a stand against the NFL before he even runs his first professional play. Should he emerge triumphant, the consequences for what might be America's favorite sport could be extreme.

Maurice Clarett is Ohio State's sophomore stud running back from its national championship season last year. This year, he's been suspended for the season for lying about thousands of dollars worth of merchandise in his borrowed car.

Clarett, of course, believes this is a mighty injustice and has vowed to forgo his last two college seasons and jump directly to the NFL.

In most sports, this wouldn't be a problem. However, the NFL has a rule requiring players to be three years removed from high school before entering the draft. It's been less than two years since Clarett played in high school. So Clarett is suing for eligibility and trying to declare that rule unconstitutional.

First of all, the NFL is on rock-solid ground. The rule was agreed upon during collective bargaining by the NFL player's association, and it applies to future players, too.

But let's say Clarett gets a sympathetic judge who lets the floodgates open for Clarett and all put-upon underclassmen in the nation. This would be nothing short of disaster for pro football.

Take the NBA as an example. In the last five years, the number of high school and underclassmen entering the draft has soared. A star player who earns his degree is a rarity now. Coincidentally, the quality of play has plummeted.

It would be a shame to see another sport spoiled by upstart kids without the experience to use their skills properly. If Clarett wins his case, you can be almost certain that raw talent will replace actual skill on the field and on rosters.

## Your Views

Letters to the editor

### Crossing University Drive needs to be safer

Is it just me, or has anyone else noticed an epidemic of bad behavior?

And I'm not talking about lying, cheating and stealing. Politicians and corporate executives seem to have a lock on that. No, what I'm talking about is the little stuff that, while seemingly random and unimportant, when taken as a whole makes up what is generally known as "civilized society."

Things like picking your nose in the computer lab. Eee-yeeew! Anybody got a can of Lysol?

And putting out your cigarettes on the library steps. Two ashtrays are conveniently placed by the front door not five steps away from where you left your stinky mess.

Students aren't the only offenders. Why, oh why, do people with faculty/staff parking stickers insist on taking up one of the increasingly rare commuter spots? Especially when the offender is parked adjacent to faculty/staff lot less than half full? This was before 8 a.m. I know that staff can park in those spots but, hey, why bother with second-class

accommodations when the world is your oyster?

But the behavior that I find truly appalling — criminal, in fact — is perpetrated by motorists on University Drive. I know I'm preaching to the choir: Who hasn't felt like a target when trying to cross the street? We have a speed zone and crosswalks. State law mandates that motorists stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk and common courtesy demands stopping when a pedestrian is trying to get in the crosswalk.

The solution is simple. Existing laws need to be enforced.

But let's take it one more step. How about crossing guards? Traffic officers control the crowds for home football games. Shouldn't the day-to-day safety of the TCU community warrant similar action?

This is my appeal to the administration, student government and the TCU and Fort Worth Police Departments. Do what it takes to slow things down and get motorists to stop for those of us in the crosswalk.

— Frances Grimes, graduate student, master of liberal arts

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## Forget the lobbyists

It's been an interesting few weeks for special interests in politics. The recent pandering in Texas and California was no surprise, given how much power lobbyists have these days.

Apparently the months of bickering weren't preventing the Texas Legislature from taking care of any particularly important business. When the Legislature finally reconvened, one of its first priorities was to go after vicious criminals and their license plate frames.

Those devils. Obscuring tiny bits of their license plates in a malicious attempt to support their favorite universities.

Actually, I can think of quite a few things I'd rather have police working on than license plate frames. Texas citizens are already rallying against the law. After all, this was a bill specially requested by toll collectors, not police or public safety agencies.

Police around the state are already taking advantage of the law to go after any license plate frames, regardless of how little they actually obscure the license plate. It is one thing to go after drivers who are deliberately trying to obscure their license plates for malicious purposes. It's another thing entirely to persecute drivers who just want to support TCU or advertise their car dealer.

The situation is even worse in California. One year ago, Governor Gray Davis vetoed a bill that would have allowed illegal immigrants to apply for drivers' licenses. Davis signed a nearly identical bill a few weeks ago. Apparently a recall election

that may hinge on Hispanic voters can make a difference in government processes.

Regardless of the worthiness of the bill, the timing of its passage could not be more suspect. To make the recall election even more ugly, nearly all of the front-running candidates have been exposed for taking money from groups like Indian casinos and big business. No one is surprised about these special interest donations, but they are getting more and more despicable. Americans are growing increasingly frustrated with the increasing pollution of government by special interests.

Last week, however, Congress showed that it is still capable of acting on behalf of the American people. After a judge in Colorado ruled that the Federal Trade Commission did not have the authority to enforce the "do-not-call" list, Washington kicked into high gear. Congress had a bill drawn up and passed almost immediately with only eight representatives voting against the action.

With national tension over everything from wars to tax cuts, the 50-million-number strong "do-not-call" list finally brought the country together. Congress finally did something purely because the people asked for it. It's sad how shocking it is to say that.

Government is not fated to be dominated by special interests. We have to find and elect politicians who are willing to work for the public rather than lobbyists. Forget the fight between donkeys and elephants; it's time to kick out the special interests.

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Josh Deitz

## New presidential candidate's politics seem wishy-washy

Wesley Clark, the newest addition to a long list of Democratic presidential hopefuls, has pollsters buzzing.

Clark, with his impressive military career behind him, is bursting into the scene, gaining equal and sometimes more support than other candidates in recent polls.

However, the support for Clark's late-starting campaign can be nothing more than a fluke.

Clark is still attempting to bring together his main policy points under the harsh lights of the national stage. Other candidates have been rehearsing theirs for months.

But perhaps the most difficult hurdle for Clark is his ambiguous position on the war with Iraq. While other candidates such as Howard Dean have voiced criticism of President Bush's preemptive policies, Clark seems to be somewhat undecided. He has stated his disapproval for what he called "a major blunder" on the part of Bush, but he's also said he would have voted to support the war.

The somewhat soft position has surprised Clark's supporters and has confused the heck out of me. Democrats today need to buckle down and take a stand against Bush's preemptive attack on Iraq and make no apologies for it. In the last presidential election, it was extremely difficult to find real differences between the candidates, but now there is an obvious issue that should be taken advantage of. Clark seems to be missing it.

There are more reasons to think twice about Clark. History has shown that former generals rarely make good presidents.

While there are some exceptions, most notably the ever-deified George Washington, Ulysses S. Grant stands out as a president who knew less about politics than he did about how to minimize casualties in combat. And the heavy-handed reign of Dwight D. Eisenhower was marked by militarization and never-ending competition with the Soviet Union.

The most recent projections show the leading democratic candidates are close to Bush in a head-on confrontation with Dean, John Kerry and Joe Lieberman tying, and with Wesley Clark actually beating the incumbent.

Clark has even more going for him. He has the backing of the former first family and him being a four-star general proves that he can use force when necessary. Also, with Dick Gephardt and Kerry trying their best to show themselves as coming from middle-class America, Clark can — and probably goes out of his way to — remind people that he's a soldier who's "laid on the battlefield bleeding."

Clark has also taken the position of leaving in place tax cuts for middle-income Americans and, like other leading candidates, supports the rights of gun owners while supporting a proposed ban on assault weapons.

The whole song and dance of the democratic candidates seems to be aiming at finding the middle road and using it to beat Bush over the head. Kerry is trying to find it. Most people don't think Dean can find it, but it appears that Clark has found it and is in a position to use it well.

He must take advantage of last week's polls that show rising disapproval of Bush, especially after weapons of mass destruction have yet to be found in Iraq, terrorism is alive and well and the economy is going nowhere.

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Jeff Brubaker

## Blame game must stop

I hear it all too often. In fact, I rarely go even a few days without hearing someone sort of excuse or justification in one of my classes. Whether it is because

of a bad test grade or an uncompleted homework assignment, there is always somebody who is quick to deny responsibility and push the blame off to someone else. I mean, who hasn't heard someone complain about a professor who is "out to get them" or about that "unfair" exam?

At the same time, students often fail to acknowledge that the problem is not with a professor but with themselves. If they had studied just a little bit harder or started that paper a few days earlier, the end result would have been far more rewarding.

As we all know, excuses are not limited to the classroom. Working as a resident assistant, I have heard more than my share of excuses. Even if residents are clearly in the wrong, an RA is sure to hear more than a few reasons on why they should not be held accountable for their actions. I have had the great pleasure of being an RA for a few years now, but it never ceases to amaze me how some people simply will not take responsibility for their choices.

If I sound arrogant or self-righteous, I only need to say that I am not better than any other student when it comes to this issue. For example, just last week I took an exam and quickly discovered numerous questions dealt with information I had not come across during my time studying. My first reaction was to mentally blame my professor for putting questions on the test that were never discussed in class. In reality though, I probably just overlooked the information while preparing for the exam.

To be honest, the overwhelming presence of pathetic excuses and the general absence of responsibility on this campus are starting to annoy me. I don't know why our campus and society have such a tough time stepping up and accepting ownership for our actions. Maybe it's the way we were raised. Maybe we are just following the example of the adults who surround us. Either way, I believe it is time we as a student body grow up and start acting like responsible adults.

In just a few years, we will be entering a harsh and often unforgiving world. Our future employers do not want to hear our lame excuses as to why we were late or why our work has not been completed. We will simply find ourselves out of a job.

Therefore, we need to take advantage of our college years while the stakes are still relatively low. Now is the time to stop blaming others for our struggles and downfalls and to accept ownership for our lives. If we aren't able to learn this lesson now, we are going to have a more difficult time with it later in life.

I think John Stone summed it up well when he said, "You grow up by taking responsibility; you do not grow up to take responsibility."



Dale Smith

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# NEWS DIGEST

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## National/State Roundup

### Marijuana evidence disappears from case

PHARR (AP)—Police say 59 pounds of marijuana disappeared from a police evidence room and may have been inadvertently burned, forcing prosecutors to drop charges against three Houston men.

Defendants Josue Macias, 24; Jerry Sanchez, 21; and Abel Vela, 22, were awaiting trial on possession charges when Vela's attorney asked to have the marijuana brought into the courtroom.

Police were unable to find the marijuana. Asst. Chief Ruben Villescias told The McAllen Monitor in Monday's editions that an internal investigation pointed to an accidental burning of the drug.

Local police join federal agents several times annually to burn narcotic evidence in completed cases. Since January, Pharr has had three burns and destroyed 3.5 tons of marijuana.

Jimmy Leo, assistant district attorney for the case, said he

could not try the case without the evidence.

### Perry supports funding of medical program

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—A South Texas medical center with funding needs that have been mentioned during political debate over the series of legislative special sessions remains without enough money to adequately fund its future student programs.

Gov. Rick Perry, who helped welcome the first class of medical students to the Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen in 2002, renewed his support earlier this year and, in recent months, said he might let lawmakers consider earmarking extra money for it.

In June, the Republican governor said he would consider putting the issue before legislators when they finished work on a GOP-driven congressional redistricting plan. But, with the Legislature meeting in its third

special session this year, Perry has yet to add the issue to any special session agenda, which he controls.

If the RAHC doesn't get funding beyond the nearly \$9 million in the current two-year budget, officials might have to look at changes in the center's medical student program, said Armando Diaz, vice president of governmental relations for the University of Texas Health Science Center, which oversees the RAHC.

### A dozen dogs wolfed down in 10 minutes

DALLAS (AP)—Rich "The Locust" LeFevre is living up to his nickname.

The Nevada man ate virtually every corn dog in front of him, winning the first World Corny Dog Eating Championship on Sunday at the State Fair of Texas.

He managed to wolf down a dozen dogs in just 10 minutes. That was the best in the field of 15 big eaters.

The International Federation of Competitive Eating says it's also the world's first corny-dog-eating record.

Along with a trophy, LeFevre wins a pair of round-trip tickets on Southwest Airlines and \$500. LeFevre is best known for eating 1.5 gallons of chili in 10 minutes.

### Riot at the University of Washington causes stir

SEATTLE (AP)—Hundreds of people along Fraternity Row near the University of Washington built a huge bonfire, overturned a car and threw rocks and bottles before police in riot gear used pepper spray to break up the crowd, authorities said.

One person was hit in the head with a bottle, but no serious injuries were reported from early Sunday's disturbance.

One person was arrested for investigation of damaging a police car, and more arrests were likely after investigators interviewed witnesses and reviewed videotapes made by residents and cameras mounted on patrol cars, police said.

Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske blamed the disorder on partying on the last weekend before classes. He estimated property damage at about \$6,000.

Classes began as scheduled Monday morning.

### Two officers shot at campground site

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP)—Police surrounded a trailer Monday at a campground where two officers were shot when they went to investigate a

fatal bar shooting, officials said.

The two officers were wounded when they approached the home of Gary Highland, according to Township Manager Tom Henshaw. Authorities said Highland was the prime suspect in Monday's shooting.

Officer Joseph McFadden was in critical condition when he was taken from the scene, Henshaw said. Officer Kenneth Buck was treated at a hospital and released.

Authorities did not provide details on the officers' injuries.

The two were investigating a shooting Sunday at Kennedy's Bar, about a half mile from the trailer. Two people were shot at the bar, one fatally. The other was in critical condition.

William Smith, 60, who lives nearby, said he heard a shot at about 7:10 a.m., followed by sirens.

### Plane lands safely after fire light comes on

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—A plane carrying 50 people made an emergency landing at the Dayton airport Monday after a fire indicator light came on and the pilot reported possible smoke in the cockpit.

US Airways Flight 2830, which had taken off from the airport bound for Pittsburgh, landed safely, said airport spokeswoman Sharon Sears.

Sears said the passengers got off the plane through the emergency exits and were taken to the terminal.

Three passengers suffered minor injuries exiting the plane but refused treatment, she said.

Maintenance crews were

examining the plane to try to determine the cause of the problem, Sears said.

### SUV overturns, killing four people, injuring 17

EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP)—An SUV believed to be carrying illegal immigrants overturned on a desert highway as it was being followed by U.S. Border Patrol agents, killing four people and injuring 17 others, authorities said.

Helicopters airlifted the injured to three hospitals and the highway briefly was closed after Sunday's crash.

The Chevrolet Suburban rolled over about 5:30 p.m. in Imperial County, about 20 miles north of the border, said Border Patrol spokesman William Robbins.

The driver, who was pinned behind the wheel, was taken to a hospital and may face smuggling and endangerment charges, Robbins said.

Robbins said agents had signaled the sport utility vehicle with their lights and tried to stop it with a spike strip. But the Suburban swerved around the tire deflation device.

After agents saw the driver continue, they stopped their close pursuit, but followed the SUV at a distance in case it dropped off passengers, Robbins said.

Mexican officials in the past have criticized U.S. enforcement agencies for high-speed pursuits of suspected illegal immigrants. In March, two men died and 20 people were injured when a truck swerved to miss a spike strip and crashed on Interstate 8.

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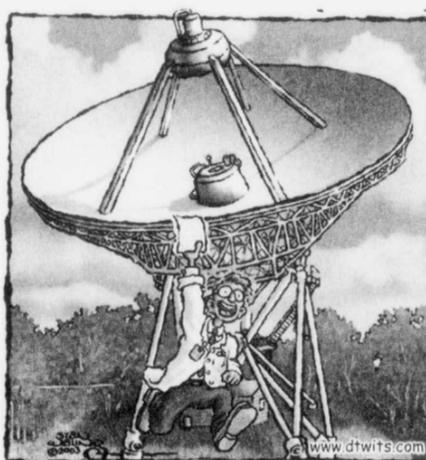


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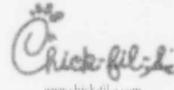
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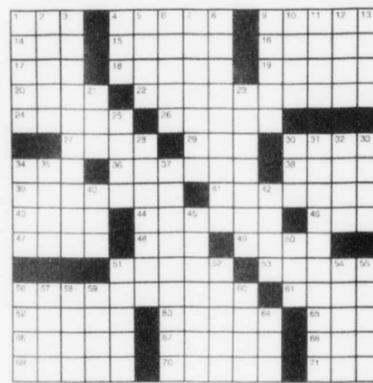
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## The Sideline

### Szabo awarded C-USA Player of the Week

Dominika Szabo was named Conference USA Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 28. This marks the first time a TCU volleyball player has received the honor.

Szabo, a junior outside hitter, helped the team to a 3-1 record last week and earned All-Tournament honors at the TCU Molten Invitational. She had 12 kills and two errors in 23 attempts, preceded by a .632 performance against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, with 13 kills and one error in 29 attempts. Against Grambling State, Szabo broke the school hitting percentage record with a whopping .842 average, killing 17 balls with a mere one error in 19 attempts. The previous record was set by Allison Lynch against Villanova in 1999, which stood at .813. Szabo picked up 55 kills, 30 digs and 62.5 points, along with six service aces and three blocks.

This season, Szabo has earned All-Tournament team honors three out of four tournaments. Last year, Szabo earned All-Conference accolades when she received third-team All-Conference after also being named to all four preseason tournament teams.

The Frogs' record stands at 13-4, the best start in school history, already more wins than last year's 12-18 total.

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### Menichini, Gallman defeated by Baylor

Senior tennis player Alex Menichini, ranked 47th nationally, had a daunting task in front of him Sunday in the semifinals of the gold singles flight of the HEB Baylor Intercollegiate in Waco when he faced No. 1-rated Benedikt Dorsch from Baylor. Although the Calabasas, Calif., native could not pull off the upset, he gave Dorsch more than he bargained for, falling by a 6-4, 7-6(6) count. TCU freshman Robert Gallman was also in action in the quarterfinals of the gold flight consolation draw. He was also downed by a top-25 contender in No. 17 Benjamin Becker, also from Baylor, by scores of 6-1, 7-6(5).

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### Tennis players fall in finals of Invitational

Jennifer Chay and Paige Brown of the TCU women's tennis team cruised into the finals of their respective flights of singles in the consolation draw of the Adidas Invitational in Peachtree City, Ga., Sunday. Chay dispatched Michelle Spiess of Louisville, 6-2, 6-1, in flight one, while Brown took out Wisconsin's Nicole Beck, 6-4, 6-0, in the second flight. The run came to an end for both players in the finals, as Chay lost a tough three-setter to No. 42 Jessica Rush of Northwestern, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4, and Brown fell to Parker Goyer of Duke, 6-3, 6-1. Earlier in the day, TCU's Paty Aburto, ranked 70th, fell in three sets to Rush in the semifinals, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.

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## Looking Back

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# Making the Grade

## Individual successes overshadow team letdowns



Chris Coduto/Arizona Daily Wildcat  
Redshirt freshman running back Robert Merrill takes the ball down the field on one of his 31 carries at the Arizona game in Tucson. TCU beat Arizona in overtime, 13-10.

### Quarterback: B

Junior Brandon Hassell took much better care of the ball in his first career road start than he did two weeks ago against Vanderbilt. Despite being sacked five times, Hassell managed to still throw for 246 yards and run for 58 more yards. He finished the game 12-24, including a 98-yard touchdown completion to junior wide receiver Reggie Harrell. The touchdown reception was the Frogs' longest play from scrimmage this year.

### Running Backs: A

Redshirt freshman Robert Merrill excelled in his first career start for the Frogs. He ran by Wildcat defenders all game for 156 yards on 31 carries, averaging 4.8 yards a carry. His numbers would have been better if it were not for a penalty that erased his 80-yard touchdown run. With only two games of action, Merrill continues to prove he can help open up the passing game and keep the Frogs' offense operating in the absence of Lonta Hobbs, Corey Connally and Ricky Madison.

### Wide Receivers: B

The receiving core continues to improve with each game. As usual, Harrell was the go-to-guy against the Wildcats. Harrell, who was on the receiving end of the 98-yard touchdown play, finished the game with four receptions for 127 yards. Seven different Frogs caught at least one pass from Hassell. Junior tight end Cody McCarty and senior tight end Stanley Moss combined for three receptions for 64 yards.

### Offensive Line: B

Even though the offensive line allowed five Arizona sacks, it was able to pave the way for a powerful Frogs' rushing attack. Between Merrill, Hassell and senior Kenny Hayter, the Frogs rushed for 241 yards on 56 carries. The offensive line did a great job anchoring the offense, other than the five sacks it gave up, as the 452 total yards of offense suggest.

### Defensive Line: A

The defensive line continues to dominate for the Frogs. It helped hold Arizona to 57 total yards rushing, and seniors Chad Pugh and Bo Schobel each had two tackles for a loss, including one sack each. It is becoming a common occurrence for opposing teams to abandon the run in favor of the pass, and as long as this trend continues, the line is doing its job tremendously.

### Linebackers: B+

Martin Patterson seems to improve with every game he plays, and Josh Goolsby continues to be a force in the middle. Devon Davis missed a tackle that led to the Cats' only touchdown in the game, but fortunately the Frogs were able to overcome it. When Goolsby and Patterson are together, they are almost impossible to get by.

### Secondary: A-

For the third time this year, a quarterback threw for at least 250 yards against the Frogs. But also for the third time, the Frogs held a quarterback to under 50 percent completion. The group had four interceptions in the game, including two from Mark Walker, and Jeremy Modkins' pick in overtime was crucial. However, if Marvin Godbolt's injury to left knee is serious, the Frogs could be in big trouble.

### Special Teams: D

What happened? Senior Nick Browne missed two field goals from inside 40 yards, and Cory Rodgers looked like it was his first time to return punts. Junior John Brazier averaged just 36.3 yards a punt but was forced to punt nine times, landing two of them inside the 20 yard line. Browne atoned for his misses by getting the Frogs into overtime and eventually made the game winner, but the Frogs will probably not survive another special teams meltdown as bad as this against any of their remaining opponents.

### Overall: C+

It's hard to give anything lower than a C when the Frogs won the game and are now 4-0 for only the second time since World War II. However, the Frogs have an amazing ability to play down to the level of their competition, and if they continue that trend, getting past a winless Army team could be a difficult feat. Individually, the Frogs are playing well at every position and putting up good statistics, but they must start playing better as a team. The Frogs have the talent, and we expect them to show it against Army.

Compiled by Braden Howell and Brent Yarina

## Multiple injuries plague Frogs

BY BRADEN HOWELL AND BRENT YARINA  
Sports Editors

From the outside looking in, it appears as though the Frogs are destined for disaster.

After losing their top three offensive weapons, the Frogs managed to defeat Vanderbilt two weeks ago and arrived in Arizona for a showdown with the Wildcats. They barely survived and came away with a 13-10 victory in overtime. The victory proved to be a costly one as two more key players, safety Marvin Godbolt and receiver Quentily Harmon, suffered injuries.

With injuries mounting every week, the team's training room is full, and it looks as though the Frogs will be limping into Saturday's game against Army.

"Actually, we're getting healthier," Chris Hall, director of sports medicine, said. "The guys have been making great advances and have started working on the functional aspects of their rehab."

Sophomore quarterback Tye Gunn has missed two games because of a separated shoulder, and running backs Lonta Hobbs and Corey Connally missed the Arizona game with ankle sprains. Godbolt and Harmon both left the game against Arizona with knee and shoulder injuries, respectively, and defensive end Robert Pollard aggravated his previously injured knee in the game.

Hall said the functional aspects of the rehabilitation process include checking the mechanics specific to each player's position. He said trainers observe Gunn's throwing motion to make sure he isn't dropping his elbow, which would put more strain on his injured shoulder. The running backs are being tested to make sure they can make cuts, while Pollard's speed out of his stance is the main factor of his rehab process, Hall said.

Despite the injuries, head coach Gary Patterson is optimistic.

"Tye could have played last week, but I have a lot of confidence in our backups," Patterson said. "It's a long season."

It's no wonder Patterson has confidence in the backups.

Junior quarterback Brandon Hassell completed 50 percent of his passes for the second straight week, and redshirt freshman tailback Robert Merrill, who started the season third on the depth chart, ran for 156 yards, his second consecutive game with more than 100 yards. Overall, the Frogs racked up 452 yards of total offense. Not bad for backups.

The Frogs' woes came by way of penalties (12 for 94 yards) and poor special teams play. Lou Groza candidate Nick Browne missed his first two field goals of the year, both from inside 40 yards, and the punt and punt return teams had unfavorable performances. The special teams unit was able to come through in the clutch with Browne kicking the game-winning field goal in overtime.

Of the six key players with injuries, Hall said only Harmon should be out for longer than two weeks. He said the players go through a four-stage process of rehabilitation, and that most of the injured players are entering the latter stages.

Hall said there is no guarantee the players will play, even if they feel ready Saturday.

"The question is, is it worth playing these guys against Army?" Hall said.

Patterson said it is too early in the week to know what players will be available against Army, but that if they were healthy, they would play. He said it does not matter who the opponent is because all the games are of equal importance.

"It's a big game," Patterson said. "Every game counts as one."

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## Home sweep home



Stephen Spillman/Photo Editor

TCU sophomore midfielder Bara Gunnarsdottir tries to keep the ball away from Saint Louis junior defender Kara Kornfeld in the Frogs' 3-2 victory over the Billikens Sunday at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium. The Frogs defeated Marquette 1-0 Friday and with two weekend wins pushed their record to 5-4-1 overall, and 3-1-0 in Conference USA.

Junior Jessi Moore and Freshmen Karissa Hill and Kim Thompson each scored a goal against Saint Louis, while junior Amy Van Zandt had the lone goal against Marquette. Next the Frogs travel to Palo-Alto, Calif. for a pair of non-conference matches. TCU will face Loyola-Marymount Friday at 7 p.m. and Santa Clara Sunday at 3 p.m.

### Team Leaders

GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
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Jessi Moore-2	Jenny Swanson-2	Jessi Moore-7
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