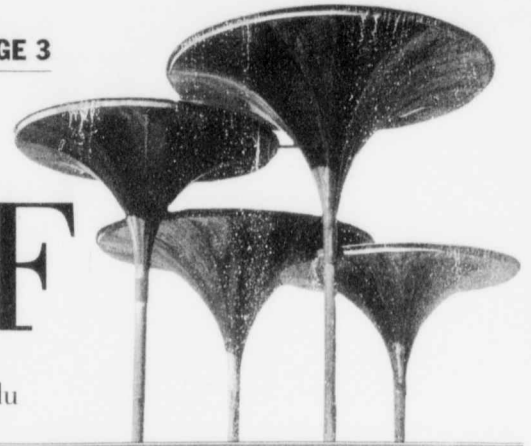


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Today's News

STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

BROWNSVILLE — Heavy rains in South Texas have flooded out families, forcing them to evacuate from their homes as flash flood warnings continued early Monday from storms that have been blamed on at least one death.

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NEW YORK — The world's largest media company will officially drop "AOL" from its name on Thursday, returning to the name "Time Warner Inc."

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SAN FRANCISCO — The Navy has agreed to limit its peacetime use of a new sonar system designed to detect enemy submarines, but which may also harm marine mammals and fish, an environmentalist group said.

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OnCampus

Congress could review early-decision policies

NORMAN, Okla. — A proposal that would limit colleges' use of early-decision admission policies may soon take flight in Congressional affairs.

Although there has been no official proposal from Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., the idea has been floated around Capitol Hill by a member of Kennedy's office, according to David Hawkins, director of public policy for the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

The proposal would be one revision made to the Higher Education Act. It would reduce federal support for colleges that utilize early-decision policies or give extra consideration to children of alumni or that have a lower graduation rate for minority students.

Although NACAC does not have a position on whether Sen. Kennedy's proposal is good or bad, the organization is concerned that this proposal would only be counterproductive.

"Colleges must have the flexibility to conduct admission in a way that enables them to assemble the student body [needed] to serve their mission, their community or their state," Hawkins says.

— Oklahoma Daily

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The Weather

TODAY

High: 76; Low: 50;
Mostly Sunny

WEDNESDAY

High: 75; Low: 56;
Mostly Sunny

THURSDAY

High: 77; Low: 58;
Partly Cloudy

Looking Back

1964 — African American civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent resistance to racial prejudice in America. At 35 years of age, the Georgia-born minister was the youngest person ever to receive the award.

Redistricting plan approved

BY NATALIE GOTT
Associated Press

AUSTIN — After six months, two walkouts and three special legislative sessions, lawmakers have signed off on a new congressional redistricting map that likely will send more Texas Republicans to Washington.

The Texas Senate approved the bill Sunday, sending it to Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who

Democrats could contest new map in court

was expected to sign it.

Republicans have said they could pick up as many as six additional seats in Texas' 32-member delegation, which is ruled 17-15 by

Democrats. Democrats said the map would add seven Republicans.

After the vote Sunday, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said the new plan better reflects voting trends in the state.

"I think this map will lend, will create, new members of Congress being elected in the 2004 elections," Dewhurst said.

Democrats have opposed every attempt by Republicans to pass a new plan, saying the current

congressional boundaries drawn by a court in 2001 should remain in place.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, a Democrat, said the map was crafted with one objective in mind and "that was to increase the maximum number of Republican congressmen and women in the state of Texas."

"In doing so, it ripped apart communities of interest, it tore at the heart of rural Texas and it

violated the voting rights (of) millions of African-Americans and Hispanics," Van de Putte said.

Dewhurst said the map will "elect more minority members to Congress."

Although the bill was approved, Democrats twice held up the redistricting effort by staging boycotts of the Legislature.

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THE NEXT GENERATION



Sophomore neuroscience major Samantha Forck, a member of the TCU Student Foundation, points out the finer parts of campus to prospective students and their parents Monday afternoon on University Drive.

By Halasz/Staff Photographer

Club devotes time to children

BY CATHERINE PILLSBURY
Staff Reporter

As a small group of TCU students arrives at the Marine Park apartment complex children rush to let them in so they can immediately start playing with their grown-up playmates.

The group plays volleyball, jumps rope and listens to the story of Noah's Ark as some of the children look over the reader's shoulder to see the pictures.

The TCU students and the children meet every Tuesday as part of Kids' Club, which is organized through Baptist Student Ministries. The goal is to share the word of God with children who might otherwise not hear it, said Jason Monarch, a senior finance major and Kids' Club leader.

"We share the story of Christ, but more than that, we show them love, which they don't all get at home," he said. "I'm taking the

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Fines for illegal parking now more expensive

BY EMILY TURNER
Skiff Staff

Shannon Flood said she knows she and other students will have to find another place to park other than the public streets surrounding campus.

Flood, a senior international marketing major, said she is just one of the many commuter students affected by the recent cost increase in parking citations issued by the Fort Worth Police Department. City Council approved the increase in September and it went into effect Oct. 1.

"Now that I know tickets will be more, I am going to leave my house earlier or have to park in a

parking lot that is a long walk from my class," Flood said. "I know a lot of people who purposely park illegally off campus to avoid paying the more expensive fine for parking illegally on campus."

Fort Worth police officer Jamie Johnson patrols the neighborhoods surrounding campus and said the TCU parking fines have been higher than the cost of the city's citations for as long as he can remember. In the past, parking in an illegal zone on the street has been the cheaper option for students, he said.

"Before the increase, students were making the conscious decision to take a \$15 fine over a TCU fine that might be \$50,"

Johnson said. "Now that the city fine has gone up and there is the possibility of being towed, I would think that this would have a dramatic effect on people and where they park."

Even though each fine varies in cost depending on the violation, Johnson said the cost of all Fort Worth tickets has increased. He said the \$100 tow-away zone and the disabled parking zone are the most expensive violations.

Fort Worth Municipal Court Director Elsa Paniagua helped instigate the fine increase and said the city increased the fine amount for two reasons.

"We were having problems

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Fort Worth police officer Jamie Johnson said more than 200 parking citations for public street parking violations have been issued around campus from the beginning of the semester to September. The city increased parking ticket fines to combat illegal parking.

File photo

NewsBrief

Web portal to combine many student services

Starting Monday, the campus Web portal (my.tcu.edu) will combine many services currently provided by FrogNet and TCU Web site links.

According to an e-mail Information Services sent to all students Monday, the site will allow one-stop access to up-to-date information.

As of next week, the Web site will include class registration, academic audits, financial aid applications and

tuition payments. Students will also be able to use the Web site to change housing or health insurance plan options.

"I think the change is cool because it puts all the things I need in one place," said Elizabeth Cook, a sophomore kinesiology major. "I customized mine last year, so it gives me all the things I want, like the temperature, but sometimes the e-mail doesn't work."

Dave Edmondson, assistant provost for Information Services, said (my.tcu.edu)

was started in January and took over the TCU Announce services. Along with TCU Announce, students can customize the weather option, a calendar of events, have discussion forums, view their class schedules and access e-mail.

Campus demonstrations for students will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge. Information Services' staff will be available to answer questions.

— Monique Bhimani

Separation a success

BY JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press

DALLAS — Two-year-old Egyptian twins whose fused heads were surgically separated over the weekend were doing remarkably well Monday, but were still not out of the danger zone, a doctor said.

Doctors warned that the risks include stroke and infection, and said there are also concerns about how the wounds heal and long-term questions about brain damage.

The 34-hour operation to separate Ahmed and Mohamed Ibrahim began Saturday morning

and ended Sunday afternoon, after which they spent their first-ever night apart. They had been born joined at the top of their heads.

"After coming back from the operating room last night, the twins have had a remarkably stable course," said Dr. James Thomas, chief of critical care at Children's Medical Center Dallas. "They have really thrown us no surprises in the process."

As for the possibility of brain damage, brain scans Monday found no bleeding and little brain

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THE PULSE

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

■ **TCU Semester in Florence** program and TCU London Centre are accepting applications, due Wednesday. For more information, contact the International Education office at (817) 257-7473 or in Sadler Hall, Room 16.

■ **The Center for Writing** is located on the top floor of the Rickel Academic Wing of the University Recreation Center, across from Moncrief Hall. Students who want to discuss some of their writing can stop by the Center for Writing or call (817) 257-7221 for an appointment.

■ **TCU Symphony Orchestra** will have a concert at 7:30 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information, go to (www.music.tcu.edu) or call (817) 257-7602.

■ **University Career Services** presents Sophomore Spotlight from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center Banquet Hall. The event is intended to help sophomores decide on majors, find careers and more. For more information, call (817) 257-7860.

■ **TCU Scuba Diving Club** will have its second meeting at 3:30 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 165. Anyone with any level of interest in the world of scuba diving should attend this informative meeting. The club will discuss upcoming trips and events, goals of the new club and past diving experiences. Certification and equipment will also be available at a discounted rate through the club. For more information, contact Mike Stewart at (979) 229-6082 or m.d.stewart2@tcu.edu or Dr. Whillock at (817) 257-5918.

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with people parking in illegal zones, and we need to find some way to prevent this from happening," Paniagua said. "We also realized that our fine amounts had not increased in several years."

Fort Worth Public Information Officer Pat Svacina said that not only will parking fines be more expensive but that students should also expect more enforcement in the areas around campus. He also said TCU police have no control over the surrounding neighborhoods.

Svacina said that although the fines were not about raising money, increasing them should encourage drivers to comply with parking regulations.

"Some of the fines were increased significantly because drivers will not obey the regulations unless the fines are steep," Svacina said. "The higher fines will result in an estimated \$350,000 increase in city revenue. This is a very small amount compared to the city \$700 million operating budget."

Johnson said one of the reasons illegal parking needs to be eliminated near TCU is that extra vehicles make it difficult for emergency vehicles to drive down a residential street. Police are going to concentrate on enforcing tow-away zone violations, he said.

Johnson said he gets the impression that students knowingly park illegally on the streets to avoid receiving a more expensive fine from the TCU police.

"I think there is adequate parking on campus, but some students think that they are not as close to the school as they would like to be," Johnson said. "I can't imagine parking remaining a problem with the new fines and the possibility of being towed."

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Parking fine amounts

Fine amounts for TCU parking violations:

Parking in Fire Lane.....	\$75
Parking in Handicap Space/Access Space.....	\$100
Improper Permit for Space Used.....	\$50
Marked "No Parking".....	\$50
Double Parking.....	\$50

Fine amounts for Fort Worth parking violations

Fire Zone.....	\$100
Disabled Parking.....	\$100
Loading Zone.....	\$25
Parking in Tow Away Zone.....	\$100
No Parking Anytime.....	\$25
Double Parking.....	\$25

PLAN

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House Democrats broke a quorum in their chamber, killing the redistricting effort, when they fled to Ardmore, Okla., in May. Senate Democrats held their own quorum bust when they fled to Albuquerque, N.M., for the full second special legislative session.

The Senate Democrats returned reluctantly after one of their group decided to go back to Texas.

Because the Legislature took so long to approve the plan, it also was forced to vote to push back the Texas primary election by one week to March 9 to allow for the new congressional districts to be incorporated on the ballot.

Although the legislative battle is over, Democrats have pledged to fight the new map in court.

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responsibility to say I'll be there each week for these kids."

On any given week, two to eight volunteers play with up to 20 children, between the ages of 2 and 16, said Marna Jane Williams, a senior biology major.

Some parents encourage their children to participate and others don't care, said Williams, last year's leader.

"I'm able to be something

stable in their lives when some children don't have that," Williams said.

She said it is a great experience to build relationships with the children. Williams said the children call the TCU students the "church people" and look forward to their visits.

"It's really neat to go and have them run out because they know we're coming," Williams said.

When the TCU students arrive at the complex, they play with the children and talk to them about what's going on in their lives — everything from crushes

on boys to troubles in school. The playtime is followed by a Bible story that the children are asked questions about afterwards.

"The kids are usually receptive to the Bible story and sometimes ask questions, but more than anything, they just enjoy spending time with us," sophomore pre-major Allison Stevens said.

She said the children are very open-minded and trusting.

"These kids are so open to anyone around them and so open to listen to what we have to say," Stevens said.

Kids' Club started in the spring of 2002 after Baptist Student Ministries students did a missions project for Arlington children, said Emily Quesenberry, director of Baptist Student Ministries. They realized they could do this on a weekly basis, she said.

"It makes you step back and realize how much you take for granted," Stevens said. "There is so much I have that doesn't even matter to them; they're just so happy with what they have."

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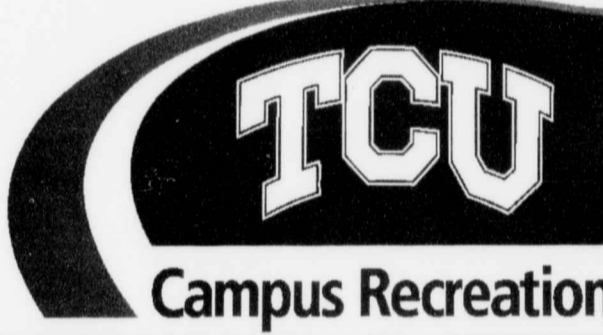
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Soccer entries due next Tuesday
(enter online)

Bowling sign-ups begin Wednesday
(enter online)

8-ball pool tournament entries due next Wednesday
(enter at campus rec office)

Saturday:
Rec center
buildings will
close at 6pm for
Homecoming

FREE Rippit classes October 20-25

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:30		Pilates		Pilates Cycle		
Noon	Deep Water Strength, <small>Faculty/Staff Only</small>	Yoga Butt & Thigh-30 min	Deep Water Strength, <small>Faculty/Staff Only</small>	Pilates	Deep Water Cycle	10:00AM Instructor's Cardio Pick
4:00	Step Circuit	Boot Camp	Cycle Power Yoga	Cycle Cardio Kick		
5:00	Abs - 20min	Abs-20min	Abs-20min	Abs-20min		
5:30	Yogailates Aeroculpt, <small>Faculty/Staff ONLY</small>	Deep Water Cycle Pilates	Cardio Combo	Just Step Deep Water Beg. Yoga		
6:30	Cycle	Body Sculpt		Yogafusion		
7:30			Pilates Deep Water	Cycle		
8:00		Pilates				
8:30	Kickboxing		Kickboxing Abundio			

SEND HOME IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL PROGRAMS

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swelling. "The team is quite pleased with what they see," Thomas said.

The boys, who had shared an intricate web of blood vessels but had separate brains, were in adjacent rooms and remained in critical but stable condition Monday. They were in drug-induced comas to minimize the risk of brain swelling.

"The longer that you go without the appearance of complications, that's always taken as a positive sign," Thomas said.

The boys' father, Ibrahim Mohammed Ibrahim, fainted when told his sons had been separated.

AFTERNOON CHAT



Lori Russell/Staff Photographer
Tino Chitsinde, a junior economics major from Zimbabwe, (left), and Chris Kotze, a sophomore kinesiology major from South Africa, (right), enjoy a quick conversation between classes Monday.

China finalizes space plans

BY JOE McDONALD
Associated Press

BEIJING — The three final candidates to be China's first astronaut in space have arrived at the spacecraft's desert launch pad, the government said Monday, and suggested that only one will make the trip.

XinhuaNet, the Web site of the government's official news agency, said in a brief dispatch that the three finalists had arrived at northwestern China's Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center. Xinhua cited "informed sources."

It said the "No. 1 astronaut" among them would make the flight — the firmest indication yet that the Shenzhou 5 capsule will carry only one passenger.

China has scheduled its landmark first manned spaceflight for sometime between Wednesday and Friday, though many state-controlled newspapers have said it would be Wednesday. The craft is expected to orbit the Earth 14 times before returning.

The Xinhua report said the three finalists arrived at Jiuquan on Sunday, the day the space center was featured in Chinese media. Xinhua said they were to undergo final testing Tuesday to determine who makes the flight.

The Shenzhou is based on the three-seat Russian Soyuz capsule, which had prompted suggestions that China might send up as many as three astronauts. But outside experts and Chinese news reports say the first flight is likely to carry only one.

Chinese media has stepped up publicity for the space flight, filling newspapers and Web sites with pictures of the launch base and student model-rocket builders.

After months of official silence, the government confirmed Friday that it would make the flight and that the capsule would circle the planet 14 times.

A photo by the official Xinhua News Agency used Monday by newspapers and Web sites showed what Xinhua said was the Long March rocket for the flight on its pad in Jiuquan. The rocket itself wasn't visible behind the launch tower.

Photos in Beijing newspapers showed teenagers launching model rockets at a weekend event to mark the Chinese capital's 21st annual Junior High School Love Science Month.

The coverage is a sharp departure for the secretive, military-linked program, whose silence forced Chinese newspapers to pass along unconfirmed, sometimes conflicting reports.

The outpouring of information fueled the enthusiasm of China's public for the launch and its pioneering, though still anonymous, pilot.

"Of course he'll be a hero. He'll be as famous as Lei Feng," said Luo Yongjun, a Beijing resident, referring to a Chinese soldier who was lionized by the Communist Party's propaganda machine in the 1960s as a model of selfless revolutionary virtue.

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The Skiff View

PARKING

Lower ticket prices back to \$15

If everyone on campus had to name the No. 1 problem at TCU in order to win a million dollars, parking would be the ticket. Literally.

In lieu of students voluntarily parking in "Fort-Worth illegal" as opposed to "TCU illegal" (approximate face value: \$15 vs. \$50), the Fort Worth police are attempting to raise fines and increase towing in illegal parking spots. The fines for parking in the illegal spots across from the Moudy Building have risen from \$15 to \$100.

While TCU police officers and city officials alike state that the TCU student body has more than enough room to find a parking spot in neighborhoods surrounding campus, it's obvious they have never left for class 45 minutes early just to secure a spot less than a mile away from their class. They have never circled around side-streets aimlessly and shown up to class late, despite early efforts.

This is not a state university, where a lack of parking spaces is expected. This is a small (and private) university, yet we have to walk across more area than our campus covers to get from a parking spot to a class.

It is hard enough sometimes on a college student to pay the \$15 ticket within seven days. When you miss the deadline, the ticket rises to \$20. With the initial fine rising to \$100, will any college student in the world pay it on time? What will the late fine become? If \$5 is added to \$15, will \$33 be added to \$100? What college student can pay this at all?

Granted, no matter what the parking situation, even if we had to walk 10 miles, we should not park in illegal spots. They violate fire and safety codes and who even knows what else. Obviously, the "no parking" signs are there for a reason.

But everyone has those days when they're dressed in their Sunday best for a huge presentation or are stressing about a 10-page essay test and need to get to class before they're late. Giving them an unreasonably high fine for trying to get to their classes will only cause them more emotional and financial stress.

Other View

Funds for rebuilding should be used wisely

President Bush is asking Congress for \$87 billion to help the rebuilding efforts in Iraq and parts of Afghanistan, but the Bush administration is making wasteful requests in the funding package. Members of Congress have recognized flaws in the spending plans of the \$87 billion request.

Money does need to be spent to help rebuild Iraq because the United States did destroy some of Iraq's infrastructure but care should be taken in how the money is spent to rebuild Iraq. Only expenditures vital to the rebuilding of the nation need to have money given to their cause.

While the debate is still open about the merits of the \$66 billion allocated for the military operations in Iraq, there are glaring flaws in the plan to spend \$20 billion to rebuild the civilian portions of the country.

The administration is asking for \$20 million for new guns for Iraqi police. This is a great idea to arm the Iraqi police to help restore order to the streets of Baghdad and other cities, but

coalition troops are confiscating guns from the police daily.

The Bush administration is also asking for money to train Iraqi policemen, something the British and German governments have offered to do for free. It makes no sense to spend money on something other countries are offering to do, especially when the United States is seeking help in Iraq and complaining about not getting it.

Perhaps the most frivolous spending is actually away from the efforts to restore order. In addition to helping troops and the Iraqi police, the administration is setting aside millions of dollars for programs that will not benefit the people already suffering in Iraq.

One such program will install a set of ZIP codes in Iraq for a cost of \$9 million. There is another request for \$1 million to build a museum chronicling the atrocities of Saddam Hussein. There are more immediate issues the money needs to be used for.

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Bans make no sense

As a journalist, I believe my mission in life is to inform the public of the plain, complete and naked

COMMENTARY



Emily Baker

truth. As the assault-style weapons ban is set to expire next year, the uproar caused by anti-gun supporters has made it obvious that we journalists have not done our jobs to tell the complete truth.

So, here is the truth about why banning assault-style weapons is illogical.

All of this information was taken from the Web sites of the Department of Justice, the FBI and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

First, to clear up a common misconception, an assault-style weapon isn't a machine gun, which is a fully automatic gun. A fully automatic gun will continue to fire bullets as long as the trigger is pressed. Ownership of fully automatic

weapons by civilians has been banned in the United States since the 1930s. Since that time, one homicide has been committed by a civilian with a fully automatic gun. And the culprit was a police officer.

Assault-style weapons are either semi-automatic (which means a shooter can continue to fire bullets without stopping to cock the gun) or they have two or more features like folding stock, a silencer, a flash suppressor, a pistol grip or a large-capacity magazine.

Banning these weapons makes no sense, and here's why. Unfortunately due to space, I can't go into the dozens of reasons why banning these weapons is unreasonable, so here are the high points.

Semi-automatic weapons can be fired quickly, so they are banned. Double-action revolvers can be fired just as quickly because the shooter doesn't have to cock the hammer before shooting again. Double-action revolvers aren't banned. Why not? Nobody knows.

Anti-gun supporters claim a pistol grip allows the shooter to fire the gun from the hip. I suppose that is true. But if the shooter can't see through the sights to aim the gun, i.e. the gun is not at the shooter's shoulder or shoulder-height, there is no accuracy aside from dumb luck.

A high-capacity magazine holds 10 or more cartridges. Banning these makes no sense because some rifles hold up to 20 cartridges in the barrel. These rifles aren't banned. Why not? Again, nobody knows.

People who wish to ban these weapons in the name of safety have their hearts in the right place, but considering only 1 percent of all homicides are committed with assault-style weapons (the exact same amount of homicides were committed with assault-style weapons prior to the ban taking effect in 1994), banning these weapons in the name of safety just doesn't make sense.

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Vacations should offer less pressure, more fun

I just got back from my nice, relaxing three-day vacation from school, tests and, supposedly, stress.

I am exhausted.

The weekend is over, but its effects remain.

This week's homework is beckoning. There are books to read, assignments to be done and tests to be studied for.

So, not surprisingly, all I want to do is climb into bed and not wake up until Friday.

Like many students coming off this long weekend, I am suffering from too much vacation.

We leave school Thursday, ready for exciting trips to fantastic places with friends, family or alone. It doesn't matter where the destination is, as long as it is away from school.

Vacation is wonderful. You can go see all the sights, eat out for every meal and party all night. It always seems impossible to fit in every single thing you want to do. But that doesn't mean we don't try.

Catch a plane, arrive in a city and let the speed vacationing begin. You rush from place to place, trying to cram 30 experiences into one day. You probably have great memories, great pictures and a great sunburn.

But we spend so much time trying to fit it all in that we end up completely stressed and tired. In the end, people often arrive home from their vacations more exhausted than when they left.

There are always going to be those whirlwind experiences, but not every vacation has to be a marathon.

You can relieve some of the stress of vacationing and still have some of the best times of your life if you remember a few tips that I was very rudely reminded of this weekend:

- Book a hotel in advance. Traveling around a strange city at night can be dangerous and often leaves a big dent in your wallet when you get tired of looking for a place and settle on the next one available.
 - Don't go somewhere with the "I might never be here again" mentality. This keeps people running ragged because they might never get back to the city. You end up missing out on some fascinating aspects of a city and you become exhausted from all the rushing around.
 - Pick the "must do" things you want to see and do and just leave some time for a few "want to do" things. You won't get burned out as easily and you get to explore places more thoroughly.
 - Be flexible. If you want to stay at a place longer, then do it. Itineraries are great for planning, but they shouldn't rule your vacation.
 - Get a map. You can often find free or cheap ones at hotels, visitor centers, gas stations, etc. This way, you can avoid accidentally ending up at the Mexico border and having to make a very embarrassing U-turn, which actually happened to me.
- Traveling is a wonderful experience. So let's try to take some of the drama out of vacationing and take at least a few minutes to just sit back and enjoy it.

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Political biases a problem for gays

It seems Arnold Schwarzenegger and President Bush have the new political game plan. Get a popular name on the ballot, then surround that person with party officials to make decisions and avoid any defining statements while staying generally likable but loyal to the party.

This is a dangerous practice, because the brains surrounding the elected official answer only to the party, as the policy makers are not the officials but their advisors.

This reduces an elected official to a figurehead position and allows unelected and possibly unknown persons to set government policy.

This will happen if both parties try to play the popularity contest of big names saying nothing except what party's flag they fly. And don't think I'm just bashing Republicans. I promise you both sides have done it before, and will continue to do it, but it's coming into fashion again.

This is just one outrage out of many political outrages. I wish just one day I could listen to the radio and not get upset. This week's outrage isn't California's new governor, but rather Bush's declaration of "Marriage Protection Week" during Oct. 12 to 18. Way to kowtow to the "Religious Right" Bush, which ironically encompasses National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11.

This is just one of many slaps to the face that Bush has dealt to the gay, bisexual, lesbian and transvestite community, knowing full well he can oppress them with the full support of his party and not lose any votes.

I'm sure a lot of people ask, "Why should we have a National Coming Out Day?" Well, to be honest it's a lot like Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, except the gay and lesbian movement, while having its memorable dates, including the Stonewall Riots, and various leaders' birthdays, has no specific day celebrating its achievements and leaders.

Harvey Milk, the first openly gay elected official, knew the problem with being gay in America was invisibility. Until Milk, gays and lesbians were invisible, with no representation other than a listing as a mental illness in the psychological community. His election to public office as a member of the San Francisco board of supervisors gave hope to gays and lesbians whom, until then, faced a life of secrecy and shame.

But like most minority heroes, he will remain undistinguished — just a footnote outside any course not dedicated to a minority study.

So what does Coming Out Day mean? It means on that day, a person gives up his or her invisibility and safety as just another straight member of society. When you come out, you make a political statement, that invisibility is no longer an option. Those who come out will stake their life on the whole of the gay and lesbian movement, upping the stakes a little but adding to the numbers behind it.

Paul Saleeba is a columnist for The Daily Cougar at the University of Houston. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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National/State Roundup

Grants provide funding for treatment research

HOUSTON — The National Cancer Institute has awarded The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center more than \$34 million in grants for endometrial and pancreatic cancers and leukemia research, the school announced Monday.

M.D. Anderson president John Mendelsohn said the grants will allow the center to continue research and treatment with an emphasis on taking findings to patients.

"Federal support is paramount to M.D. Anderson achieving its mission to eradicate cancer by funding the necessary infrastructure to sustain research in the laboratory, and by funding numerous research projects," Mendelsohn said. "Through our research, we are developing new approaches in clinical practice that we hope, in the near future, will greatly improve treatments impacting survival and quality of life for many patients with cancer."

More than \$12 million will go toward leukemia research. About \$10.4 million will go toward endometrial cancer research and \$4.7 will be dedicated to pancreatic cancer research. In addition, M.D. Anderson received \$6.5 million in renewed lung cancer research grants.

People abandon homes as water doesn't recede

BROWNSVILLE — Heavy rains in South Texas have flooded out families, forcing them to

evacuate from their homes as flash flood warnings continued early Monday from storms that have been blamed for at least one death.

The precipitation was generated from upper-level disturbances moving in from Baja California. State highway officials said U.S. 281 and other roads were closed.

Felipe Padron, standing barefoot in knee-deep waters, scooped up debris from the floodwaters as they slowly spiraled down a storm drain.

"It's going down really slowly," Padron told The Brownsville Herald in Monday's editions. "If we don't do it, we'll drown."

Padron and his neighbors spent hours trying to keep streets draining and flood waters from seeping into their homes. Cars elsewhere in Brownsville stalled in the middle of city streets and their drivers were left stranded or were rescued from low-lying areas.

The heavy rains were blamed for at least one death. A woman died Sunday from injuries suffered in a traffic accident Saturday afternoon on a rain-slickened highway in New Braunfels. Two other women were critically injured.

Baylor to renovate its live bear mascot facility

WACO — Baylor University has changed a decades-old practice of having a live mascot, a black bear, at home football games after veterinarians said crowd noise could agitate the animal.

The decision follows a protest

that began last year by members of Chicago-based Showing Animals Respect and Kindness, or SHARK, who claimed the bears were driven into a state of psychosis because they were kept in a mostly concrete environment.

The facility on the Waco campus houses two female North American black bears: Joy, almost 2 years old, and Lady, almost 3.

School officials denied that the bears were being harmed and cited satisfactory inspections by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

But the school plans to start an \$800,000 fund-raising drive this fall to upgrade the facility built in 1976, said Larry Brumley, a Baylor spokesman. The "bear pit" will extend along Waco Creek with trees and more grass.

It's not the first time changes have been made in the bear program, which is more than 70 years old. In recent years, trainers stopped feeding the bears Dr Pepper when veterinarians advised against it. Dr Pepper was created in Waco in 1885 and is the official Baylor soft drink.

Colleen Gardner, a SHARK member from Salt Lake City, praised Baylor's recent actions.

"A lot of people walked by the bears every day and just didn't look," Gardner said. "I think it took someone from the outside looking in and saying, 'Wait a minute.'"

Navy will limit its use of tracking sonar systems

SAN FRANCISCO — The

Navy has agreed to limit its peacetime use of a new sonar system designed to detect enemy submarines, but which may also harm marine mammals and fish, an environmentalist group said.

The Navy and the Natural Resources Defense Council, which sued the military on the issue, reached a legal settlement last week in which the Navy agreed to use the new system only in specific areas along the eastern seaboard of Asia, according to documents provided by the environmental group.

The agreement must be approved by a federal magistrate to become permanent, but if implemented the deal would greatly restrict the Navy's original plan for the sonar system, which once was slated to be tested in most of the world's oceans.

Navy officials familiar with the case could not immediately be reached for comment.

Environmentalists say sonar systems endanger marine mammals and fish, especially whales. They point to a different system the Navy used in 2000, when at least 16 whales and two dolphins beached themselves on islands in the Bahamas. Eight whales died and scientists found hemorrhaging around their brains and ear bones, which could have been caused by exposure to loud noise.

Last year the Natural Resources Defense Council and other environmental groups sued the Navy over the new system, seeking to restrict its use.

U.S. Magistrate Elizabeth Laporte later issued a preliminary injunction restricting use of the system, and in a separate ruling ordered the environmentalists and the Navy to negotiate a final settlement.

The new deal, which is the result of those negotiations, largely mirrors the restrictions imposed by Laporte's earlier injunction.

In addition to restricting the system to the eastern seaboard of Asia, the Navy also agreed to seasonal restrictions designed to protect whale migrations, and to avoid using the system near the coast.

Time Warner to drop AOL from official name

NEW YORK — The world's largest media company will officially drop "AOL" from its name on Thursday, returning to the name "Time Warner Inc."

The company's shares will resume trading under their former ticker symbol of "TWX" on the New York Stock Exchange Thursday, instead of the current "AOL." The company will also change its Web site to www.time-warner.com from www.aoltime-warner.com.

"AOL" was added to the name after American Online merged with Time Warner at the height of the Internet boom in early 2000.

The company said the changes would end confusion between "AOL" the online service and "AOL" as shorthand for the entire corporation, whose vast media holdings include CNN, HBO, Time

magazine and Warner Bros.

Slaying victim stockpiled weapons inside his home

SANFORD, Fla. — Police investigating the slaying of a firearms dealer found hundreds of military weapons and live bombs inside his house, prompting the evacuation of several homes.

Scott Quinn, 37, was found dead by his girlfriend about 4:30 a.m. Sunday in his home in this small central Florida city. Investigators said Quinn was murdered but did not release details.

Police found the stockpile of weapons, including live bombs, neatly stacked in the bedroom. Several of the more dangerous pieces were taken to a landfill to be detonated.

About 10 homes remained evacuated Monday because of fears the bombs might explode, and Army weapons experts were being brought in to analyze the weapons and explosives, police Lt. Ron Daugherty said.

There were probably more than 400 pieces of weaponry in his home, including rocket-propelled grenades and 40-mm rounds, Seminole County sheriff's Sgt. Ralph Wilson said.

The stash also included Czech grenades and live "Bouncing Betties," bombs that bounce on the ground and explode in the air. Investigators also found two World War II-era .30-caliber machine guns that could sell for as much as \$30,000 each, Wilson said.

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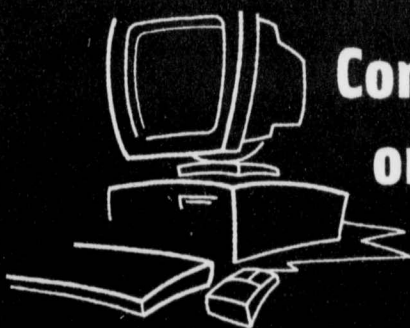
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Senator begins campaign by promising tax reform

BY RON FOURNIER
Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H.— Democrat Joe Lieberman, hoping to jump-start his presidential campaign with a fresh attack on White House policy, is promising to ensure that upper-income Americans pay more taxes than they did before President Bush's record-breaking tax cuts.

As part of what the Connecticut senator calls a major tax reform package, he also would adjust income tax rates to lower the burden on middle-class Americans, many of whom already received cuts under Bush's policies.

Lieberman is trying to give a lift to his campaign after languishing near the bottom in key state polls and fund raising. He is being urged by supporters and staff to abandon Iowa's caucuses and focus his resources on a handful of states that hold elections afterward. A major shift in strategy is likely soon, campaign officials say.

By reducing spending and raising taxes on the wealthy, Lieberman believes he can cut the deficit every year he's in office and balance the budget by the end of his second term.

The details were provided by senior campaign officials who spoke on condition of anonymity about Lieberman's weeklong critique of Bush's policies and character.

Calling his five-day tour "Leading With Integrity," Lieberman is contrasting his reputation for moral certitude with what he says is Bush's failure to keep promises.

Lieberman began the tour Monday in Hartford, Conn., then traveled to New Hampshire to outline his case against Bush in a way he hopes distinguishes himself from eight Democratic rivals.

"My friends, next November, integrity is on the ballot. I know that is one we can win," he told about 200 supporters at a riverfront park in Hartford.

"I'm proposing a cease-fire. By leading with integrity, we can restore fairness to the tax code and give some real help to struggling American families."

— Joe Lieberman
presidential candidate

In Keene, N.H., Lieberman shook hands on his way into Timoleon's restaurant, and told the crowd, "I've never seen people in America more worried about the future than they are today." He accused President Bush of "taking care of a small group of people."

In a text of his address planned for delivery in Manchester, N.H., Lieberman said Bush has been less than honest with Americans about Iraq, the environment, the federal deficit, education and the economy. A supporter of Bush's war resolution, Lieberman said Iraq is now "teetering on the brink."

On the first day of his tour, Lieberman focused on his economic plan. He argued that

the administration has shifted tax burdens from the wealthy to middle-income earners.

"That's class warfare," Lieberman said. "I'm proposing a cease-fire. By leading with integrity, we can restore fairness to the tax code and give some real help to struggling American families."

Under his plan, a married couple earning \$50,000 annually would save up to \$1,000, he said.

Lieberman would do that by changing income tax brackets.

He also would reverse Bush-backed tax breaks given to people earning more than \$200,000 annually. The surtax would ensure that the wealthy do not benefit from the rate changes.

Lieberman's rivals want to repeal Bush's tax cuts for wealthy Americans, with most setting the bar at people exceeding \$200,000. Two candidates, Howard Dean and Dick Gephardt, want to repeal all of Bush's tax cuts, including those benefiting middle-class Americans.

From Connecticut and New Hampshire, the tour is taking Lieberman to Oklahoma, South Carolina, Florida and Michigan. Iowa is absent from the list, a sign that his campaign is shifting resources from the early caucuses because of his dismal showing there thus far.

All but Florida are key early voting states in the primary fight. Florida is the site of the 2000 election recount, where the Gore-Lieberman ticket narrowly lost to Republicans George W. Bush and Dick Cheney after a Supreme Court appeal.

Soldiers praised

President Bush honors those slain in service

BY SCOTT LINDLAW
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On a day when two U.S. soldiers were killed in Iraq, President Bush used a Columbus Day speech Monday to pay tribute to soldiers who have died in that war and others.

"That's what's happening today: People are willing to sacrifice for the country they love," Bush said at the White House. "They remember the lessons of Sept. 11, 2001, and so do I."

"It's something we should never forget, especially the lessons of those who sacrificed, for lives lost," Bush said.

The president singled out Italian Americans who have sacrificed in battle: John Basilone, killed in 1945 during the invasion of Iwo Jima, and Rocky Versace, a Green Beret who defied his Viet Cong captors and was executed in 1965. And he cited New York City Fire Chief Peter Ganci, who died at the World Trade Center.

"He ordered all out of the area. He refused to go, and his statement was: 'I'm not leaving my men,'" Bush said. "One brave guy who embodies the best of the

sons and daughters of Italy."

One soldier was killed and two were wounded Monday when attackers fired a rocket-propelled grenade at their patrol in Tikrit. A second soldier was killed and another wounded when their vehicle struck a land mine in Beiji, 120 miles north of Baghdad.

The two deaths brought to 96 the number of U.S. soldiers known to have been killed in hostile action since May 1, when Bush declared major combat over.

Bush rarely speaks publicly about the deaths of American service members in Iraq, beyond saying that the nation mourns the losses.

Monday, he did not make reference to any specific casualties. Rather, he used the Columbus Day address to praise Italian Americans for their contributions, especially in wartime.

"You can take deep special pride in the deep traditions of service to this country," Bush told an invited audience that included several members of his administration who trace their ancestry back to Italy.

At his side was Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi. In the audience were Dr. Anthony Fauci, infectious disease chief at the National Institutes of Health; Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo.; and National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Dana Gioia.

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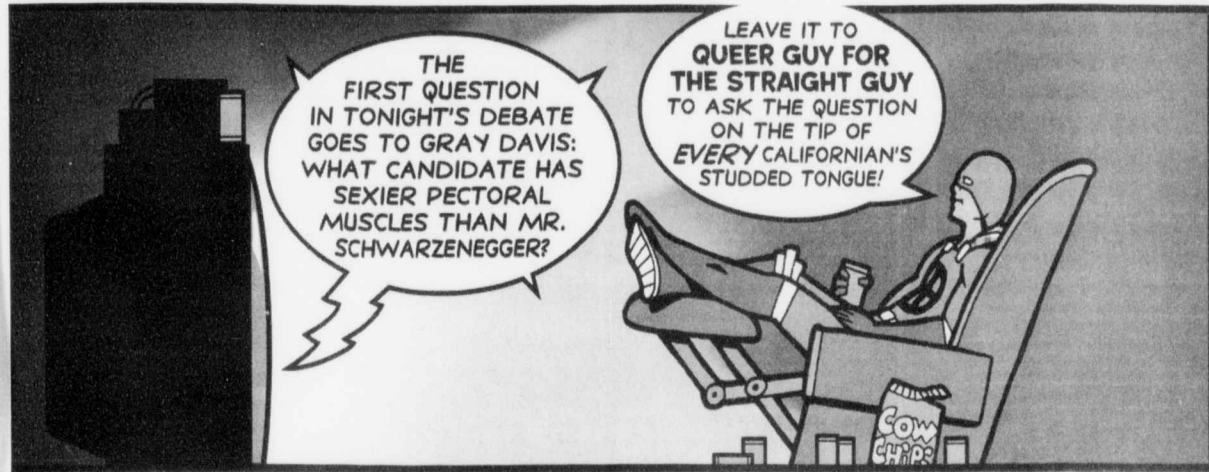
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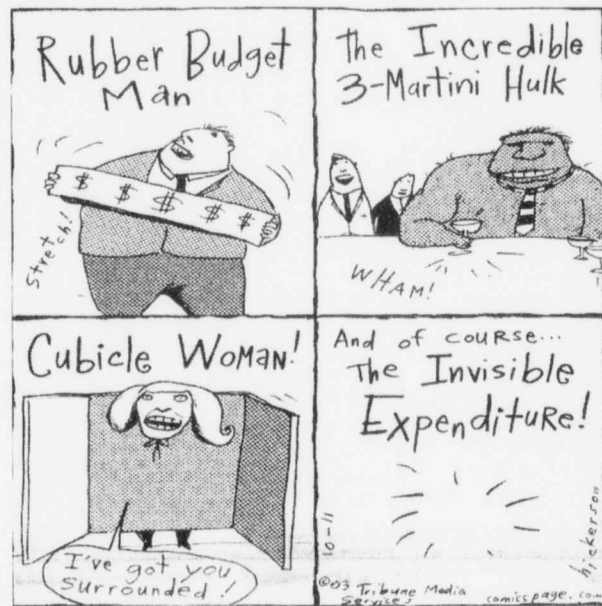


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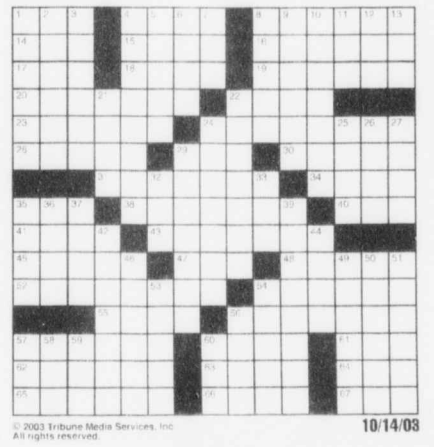
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The Sideline

Frogs named C-USA players of the week

Defensive end Bo Schobel and place-kicker Nick Browne have been selected as the Conference USA Defensive and Special Teams Player of the Week respectively for the week of October 11.

Schobel, a senior from Columbus, Texas, led a TCU defense that registered 10 sacks, notching 2 1/2 on his own and accounting for 20 yards in losses in the Frogs' 13-10 win at USF Friday.

For the season, the 6-5, 268-pounder leads the league with 9.5 sacks (eight solo and three assisted) and sits atop the conference leaders in tackles for loss with 15 (12 solo and three assisted).

Browne, a senior from Garland, Texas, earned Player of the Week honors for the third time in the last four weeks and for the seventh time in his career. He accounted for seven of TCU's 13 points at USF, hitting an extra point, a 37-yard field goal as time expired in the first half, and a 17-yard field goal in the third quarter.

For the season, Browne has hit on 11-of-13 field goal attempts and all 15 of his extra point opportunities. He is averaging 8 points a game, second in the league among kickers.

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Women's soccer team defeats Houston 3-2

Amy Van Zandt scored a goal with 51 seconds remaining in the game Saturday, giving the Frogs their fourth Conference USA win and placing them in a two-way tie for first place in the conference. In a physical game that saw a combined four yellow cards and one red card, the women's soccer team defeated the Houston Cougars Saturday 3-2.

With the game tied at 2-2, Cougar forward Meghan Moreo picked up a red card in the 86th minute, forcing the Cougars to play a man down the rest of the way. The Frogs took advantage of the Cougars situation, and Van Zandt scored the game-winning goal with just under a minute remaining in the game.

With the victory, the Frogs even their record at 6-6-1 and push their C-USA record to 4-1. TCU will return to Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium Friday as it takes on C-USA foe Southern Miss. Game time is set for 3 p.m.

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Volleyball team wins 16th match of season

The 2003 volleyball team reached a milestone no other squad in program history has managed. Saturday night, the Horned Frogs won their 16th match of the season, the most ever.

The win did not come easy. Saint Louis was the unlucky victim of the Frogs' triumph, and the Billikens did not go down without a fight. Both teams scrapped it out to the end of the fourth game. The first game went to the Frogs, 30-25. Dominika Szabo paced the Frogs, hitting .667 in the first game with seven kills and one error in nine attempts.

The second game did not go TCU's way. The Billikens managed to steal the game away, 30-21. TCU recovered to slip past the Billikens the next two games, 30-28, 30-28.

Four Horned Frogs tallied double-doubles: Tori Barlow had 49 assists and 16 digs; Dominika Szabo had 16 kills and 17 digs; Ellen Rehme had 14 kills and 11 digs; Jenna Miller had 13 kills and 15 digs. Anna Vaughn also swung successfully 12 times with six digs and four blocks. Jessica Fleming scooped up 26 digs for the Frogs.

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Making The Grade

Defense carries Frogs to road victory in Tampa

Quarterback: C

Sophomore Tye Gunn took all the snaps in this game and showed some rust but managed to throw many nice passes, including a brilliant pass to a streaking freshman Cory Rodgers for the team's only touchdown. Gunn was able to convert a high number of obvious passing situations on third downs, but he was unable to do it consistently enough to loosen up the South Florida defense enough for the running game to get going. He finished 10-19 for 133 yards and one touchdown. The offense is struggling, but Gunn did enough to get TCU the win. The most important statistic of the night was that there were no interceptions thrown.

Running Back: C

Yards on the ground were hard to come by for the Frogs Friday. They had previously run rampant over all of their opponents, but 100 yards on 45 carries illustrates how poor a night this unit put together. It was good to see sophomore Lonta Hobbs back in the mix of things. He was stifled by the USF run defense, but he made some good, solid cuts that showed he is on the positive side of his injury. The running game is crucial to this team's offensive success, and it needs to average more than 2.2 yards a game to get things going.

Wide Receivers: C

Freshman Cory Rodgers made a big catch early by taking advantage of the one-on-one coverage afforded TCU's receivers because of USF's lack of respect for the TCU passing game. He had a good game in his first start and shows much potential. Junior Reggie Harrell made another big catch at the end of the half that allowed senior Nick Browne to make a crucial kick. As a whole, this unit needs to get open against the one-on-one coverage and force opposing team's safeties to back off the line, so the Frogs can get more consistent yards on the ground. They also must block better on the option. Many of their blocks were ineffective, allowing their defender to make a play.



Wide receiver Brian Fisher, a junior for South Florida, is taken down by senior strong safety Brandon Williams, junior nose tackle Brandon Johnson (left) and senior linebacker Devon Davis (right) at Raymond James Stadium Friday night.

Offensive Line: C-

There is not much that can be done when you have fewer blockers than there are defenders. The USF safeties came up hard and fast to prevent any big runs. Nine-man fronts are never easy to run on, but the line didn't seem to get the consistent push they are used to delivering. The line seemed a little fazed by USF's quickness, which led to the clipping penalty that stalled an early drive. The pass protection was inconsistent at best, and Gunn was sacked four times in the game. The line needs to prove it can create running lanes against an athletic defense.

Defensive Line: A+

It was hard for USF to get anything going on the ground or in the air; the line was always in on a big play. Quarterback Ronnie Banks never looked comfortable in the pocket, and he did not have much

time to throw as senior Bo Schobel and company made him pay for the time he took to make his decision. The starting four finished with a combined 14 tackles, including six sacks. Every member of this unit plays relentless football: hustling, attacking, stuffing the run, making plays behind the line and making plays down the field.

Linebackers: A+

It was another day at the office for the TCU linebackers. Junior Martin Patterson played smart, hard-nosed football, often blitzing late to fluster the USF passing game. Patterson led the team with 13 tackles, including two behind the line of scrimmage. The linebackers do everything that head coach Gary Patterson asks of them: run support, blitz and pass coverage. Against USF, the linebackers dominated against the run.

Secondary: A+

Huey Whittaker was another big, physical receiver that was manhandled by the smaller, tougher TCU cornerbacks. Junior Mark Walker and senior Tyrone Sanders jammed the USF receivers on the line and didn't allow them to get into any rhythm, forcing the entire USF offense to struggle. This was a prime reason for many of the defensive line's sacks. Senior Brandon Williams is the unsung hero of this group. He excels in run support, coverage and blitzing. Although both USF quarterbacks completed over 50 percent of their passes, they combined for only 104 yards in the air. Junior Chris Peoples continues to play smart football in junior Marvin Godbolt's absence because of injury.

Special Teams: C-

Senior Nick Browne went 2-2 Friday, and junior John Braziel put two punts inside the USF 5-yard line. For the most part, Brian Fisher was kept in check. However, it was Fisher's late game return that almost cost TCU the game. The coverage and return units put the Frogs in bad situations, and TCU lost the battle of field position. The punt return team could not get anything going thanks to the excellent kicks made by USF punter Brandon Baker. The penalties continue, including an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty that contributed to a 13-yard net punt. With the offense struggling, the special teams unit cannot make any errors because those errors could cost TCU victories.

Overall: C

The defense is carrying the team while the offense struggles. After holding the USF offense to 126 total yards, there is no doubt the Frogs can handle any opponent left on the schedule. A win is a win but concerns that the offense will be able to carry the team should the defense ever falter are growing. TCU just hasn't found a way to put it all together. The penalties are a disturbing trend that must be kept to a minimum, although breaking the nation's second longest home winning streak is something to celebrate.

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Frogs net sixth win, move up in ranking

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And then there were five.

In a weekend of college football where 10 teams came into play undefeated, only half made it through Saturday with a perfect record still intact.

After defeating South Florida 13-10 Friday night, the Frogs are now 6-0 and one of just five undefeated teams in the nation.

The Frogs also share the nation's longest current winning streak of eight games with Oklahoma, dating back to last season.

"This is a testament to the kind of kids we have here," head coach Gary Patterson said. "We've got a bunch of players who are showing a lot of guts and who love to play football. They come to play."

Patterson said the team played great Friday against a talented and physical South Florida team. He said he was also impressed with how well the Frogs overcame a rowdy crowd.

"That was a tough place to play, but our kids fed off those fans," he said.

The victory over the Bulls ended South Florida's 21 game home winning streak at Raymond James Stadium.

Patterson said the kickoff and punt teams played a big role in the game's outcome but both the return teams need to improve before Saturday's game.

Despite the team's record, Patterson said he stresses to his players that they cannot allow their national ranking (No. 13 in *The Associated Press* Poll)

Team among five in nation still undefeated

to become a distraction. Instead, he said the Frogs must focus on their next opponent, or they will not be the team they all want to be.

"You've got to enjoy it (winning) while you can," he said. "You can't get too drunk off the highs or lows. The only satisfaction is when you know you're playing decent. That's all we're worried about."

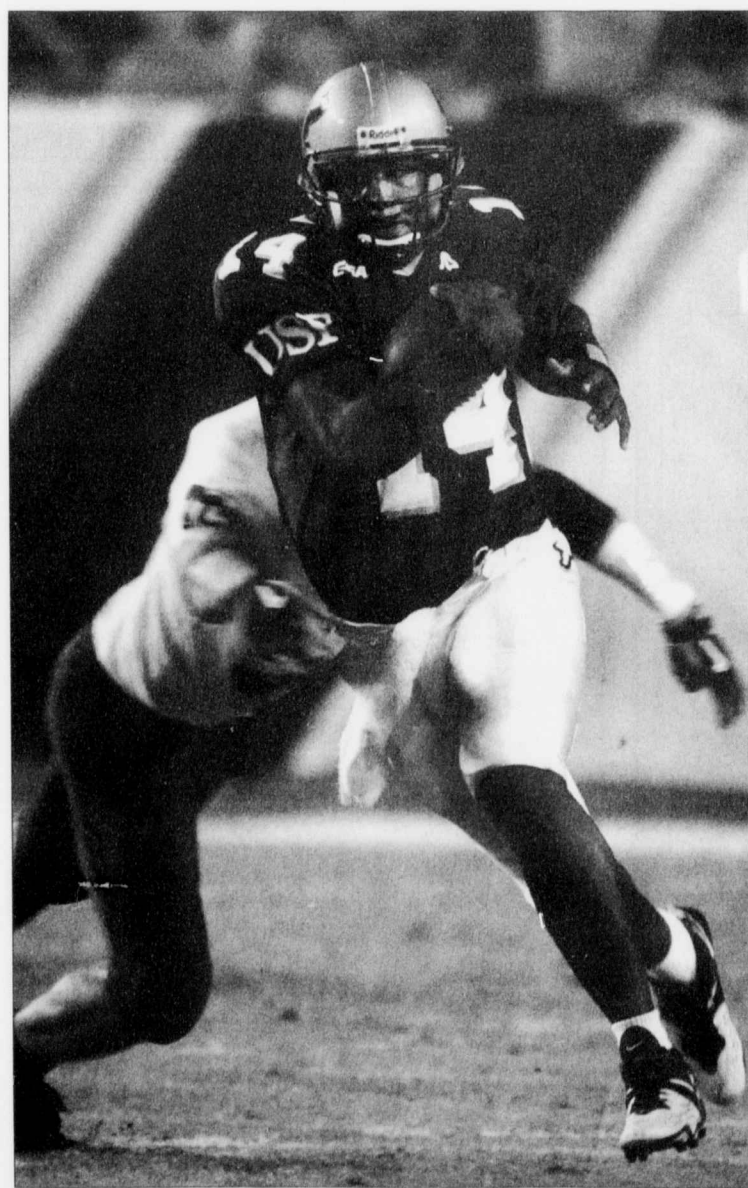
Patterson said the Frogs have to be prepared to play down the stretch because they have a demanding schedule the rest of the way. He said he expects each of the next five games to be more difficult than the previous one.

"You better just play, especially in our league," he said. "You better just play."

Patterson said although the team has not played great this season, it has been able to find ways to win. He said TCU will need to continue that trend against a physical Alabama-Birmingham team Saturday.

"We've got to come ready and play because it's going to be a men's game this week," he said. "They are physical, and it will be a war."

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Junior South Florida quarterback Ronnie Banks tries to get past a TCU player Friday night at Raymond James Stadium. TCU beat USF 13-10 to grab its sixth victory of the season. The Frogs are currently ranked No. 13 in *The Associated Press* poll.