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## Construction delays keep buses parked

### Apartment project pushed back to 2006

Perrotti's Pizza reached an agreement with developers to move into the new complex.

By Erin Baethge and Allison Goertz  
Staff Reporters

Construction on a student apartment and retail complex on a commuter parking lot near Berry Street has been delayed until December so developers will have time to complete the entire development at

once, officials said.

Phoenix Property Co., who will be in charge of construction on the new structures, didn't want to open the property in the middle of the school year for fear that the apartments would be left vacant.

"Contractors couldn't complete it in 16 months, and it was too much risk not to make it on time," said

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An artist's rendering gives a glimpse of one part of the student apartment and retail complex, which will eventually fill the lot across from the Tucker Technology Center.

Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

### TRAC shuttle system faces delay, will start in August

Three new parking lots will be built over the summer to help alleviate traffic headaches.

By Erin Baethge  
Staff Reporter

The construction delay of a new apartment complex near Perrotti's Pizza has created a bottleneck that will cause the debut of a parking shuttle to be late and hurt Five Star Coaches fi-

nancially, a company official said.

Five Star Coaches purchased five buses for \$300,000 to use on the TRAC shuttle system, said Harry Noble III, the company's operations manager.

The lot, located south of the Tucker Technology Center, will lose 307 commuter parking

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## All that jazz



Sarah Chacko/Photo Editor

The TCU Tuesday/Thursday Jazz Ensemble sends students off to Spring Break in the most swingin' of ways with several big band arrangements during a Brown Bag Jazz Concert at noon Thursday in the Student Center Lounge.

## House approves large hike in indecency fines

The bill would raise the maximum fine for a broadcast license-holder to \$500,000.

By Jonathan D. Salant  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House overwhelmingly passed legislation Thursday substantially increasing the maximum fine for radio and TV indecency.

The vote was 391-22. Similar legislation is pending in the Senate.

"I am tired of hearing parents tell me how they have to cover their children's ears," Rep. Joseph Pitts, R-Pa., said during debate on the measure. "Today, we're saying enough is enough."

The bill would raise the maximum fine for a broadcast license-holder from \$27,500 to

\$500,000. The fine for a performer would jump from \$11,000 to \$500,000.

Edward O. Fritts, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, noted that the industry has already scheduled an indecency summit for March 31.

"Voluntary industry initiatives are far preferable to government regulation when dealing with programming issues," Fritts said. "NAB does not support the bill as written, but we hear the call of legislators and are committed to taking voluntary action to address this issue."

And Clear Channel Communications, the nation's largest radio station chain, touted its own actions to address indecency.

The company bought equipment to provide

for up to a 20-second delay for live broadcasts, announced new standards for its programs, suspended its broadcasts of the Howard Stern show and fired the disc jockey known as "Bubba the Love Sponge," whose programs brought the chain a record \$755,000 fine for indecency.

"We hope never to face these higher fines because of the strong policy we've put in place," executive vice president Andrew Levin said. "To the extent it provides an incentive for other broadcasters who have not adopted voluntary guidelines to comply with the law, it may be a good thing."

The measure picked up momentum after the

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## Nursing students will train on-site

Nursing anesthesia graduate students can train at large hospitals thanks to recent TCU affiliations with clinical sites around the country.

By Angelica Rosas  
Staff Reporter

The TCU Harris School of Nursing has added the Sacred Heart Health System to its growing list of affiliated hospitals which will serve as clinical training sites for the first batch of graduate students aiming for a nurse anesthetists certification.

The CRNA program requires students to train on-site at a hospital for 16 months. Training sites are vital and TCU has found affiliations with ease, said Kay Sanders, director of the School of Nurse Anesthesia.

"We are actively seeking clinical sites through networking and mutual acquaintances," Sanders said. "We look at hospitals for our students to work at whose anesthesiologists perform a variety of cases."

Tim Gollaher, associate

CRNA director said he hopes that the 63 students, the first group of the CRNA program to complete the 40 hours of graduate work at TCU, will be trained in a variety of ways at these carefully chosen hospitals.

Students will work with certified registered nurse anesthetists under the medical direction of an anesthesiologist. Gollaher said he hopes students will gain adequate hands-on experience.

"The adjunct clinical faculty, the anesthesiologist and nurses, will train students with a variety of cases so students have a good case mix," Gollaher said.

Students will administer general and regional anesthesia in different medical cases. Variety is essential in training, which is why the university needs to be joined with hospitals whose anesthetists work on a variety of cases, Sanders said.

"We choose hospitals with specific criteria because our graduates need to have an excellent backing," Sanders said. "If

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## Choreographer ends stay with performance

Internationally known choreographer, Miguel Mancillas, has been teaching the dance department for the last two weeks.

By Lauren Lea  
Staff Reporter

Miguel Mancillas, the Cecil H. and Ida Green Honors Chair for the ballet and modern dance department, ended his two week residency at TCU Thursday night with a performance of a selection of his works by the dance department.

"It's beautiful to see the transformations in students and to see where they are," Mancillas said. "With dance, I can learn about myself and dive into this huge world, which is scary to do."

Ellen Shelton, chair of the ballet and modern dance department, said the department was looking for a Latin American Green Chair because of the upcoming Latin American Arts festival, which will be held in April. She said the Thursday perform-

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## Gospel Choir postpones Mexico Spring Break ministry

Students are heading out for a fun-filled Spring Break, but the Word of Truth Gospel Choir will have to stay behind.

By Erica Parker  
Staff Reporter

Plans were already made for the gospel choir to head out of the country to Juarez, Mexico, for spring break to share their Christian faith through singing, but they now have to wait until next year.

The choir was supposed to go with a local church in Fort Worth that is connected with a church in Waco, said Felecia Benton, presi-

"There is so much more to living a life for Christ and ministering to people that goes beyond our little Fort Worth shell."

Felecia Benton

Word of Truth Gospel Choir

dent of Word of Truth Gospel Choir. The Waco church required participants to attend two training sessions at the church, she said.

"We made plans to attend the first session the second weekend of February, but this happened to be the same day it snowed," she said.

The choir took the safe route and avoided driving in the snow, which prohibited the choir from making their trip to Juarez, Benton said.

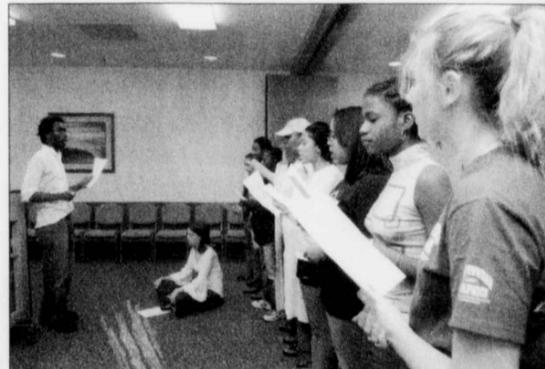
"This trip would be a great opportunity to strengthen their faith as Christians and share their belief with people who might have not heard the message before," Benton said.

She said they have ministered to

people in Fort Worth, but it was time to move their ministry to a country where inhabitants might not have heard gospel music before.

"There is so much more to living a life for Christ and ministering to people that goes beyond our little Fort Worth shell," Benton said. "I want the choir to see that Christ is everywhere, and that people all over the world need to see the love of Jesus in all aspects of our lives."

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Sandhya Espitia/Staff Photographer

Though its Spring Break plans were dispelled, the Word of Truth Gospel Choir continues to practice its singing and its faith.

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## Campus Lines

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.

■ **The TCU in Florence fall 2004 program** is now accepting applications. Courses include Italian language (all levels), art history, political science and history (all taught in English). The application deadline is today.

■ **Student teacher applications for fall 2004** are now available on the TCU Web site. The application deadline is today.

■ **Did you attend Howdy Week last year?** Do you think you can do better? Programming Council is now accepting applications for this year's Howdy Week project director. Pick up an application at the Student Center Information Desk or go online to [www.pc.tcu.edu](http://www.pc.tcu.edu). The deadline is today.

■ **The TCU London Centre applications for fall 2004 study** are due Monday. Applications are available in Sadler Hall, Room 16, or by calling (817) 257-7120.

## Correction

The chancellor does not appoint students to the Student Organizations Committee. Three are appointed by the Student Government Association, and the vice presidents of the House of Student Representatives and Programming Council have automatic seats.

Greg Tomlin is director of public relations at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. The seminary was misidentified in Thursday's Skiff.

## GOSPEL

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Bolu Odelusi, a junior criminal justice major, said she was disappointed by the church's decision not to let the choir go to Juarez, but she trusts the Lord's decision and knows that not going on the trip is a blessing.

"That was God's way of telling us he needed us to continue working on ourselves," Odelusi said. "We can't share the gospel if it isn't fully embedded in us. We need to go to a higher spiritual level than we are right now."

Seven to 10 members were expected to go and only pay for food expenses because the choir saved enough money to pay for those who wanted to go, Benton said.

Some of the choir members will spend their spring break ministering in Little Rock, Ark., at a leadership conference.

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## NURSING

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you were having this done, you would want your anesthesiologist to perform perfectly."

Program graduates are awarded the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia and become eligible to take the national certifying exam to become a nurse anesthetist.

"The nursing program is able to improve because we are a well-oiled machine here," Gollaher said. "We have common goals and values in our teaching — we want to fully prepare our students."

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## MANCILLAS

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ance was a hook to their spring concerts.

"His dances have a beautiful flow and quality," Shelton said. "He addresses social issues and subjects which are important to him."

Mancillas has been teaching various classes during his stay. Shelton said he is an excellent teacher and students have responded positively to him.

"He really inspires students by example," she said. "He has interesting ways of connecting movement with aspects of real life."

Mancillas is an internationally known choreographer who said he loves teaching because he enjoys sharing his passion for dancing with others.

"I enjoy pushing people to realize that there isn't much time and for them to realize their desires and fears and to be aware of them," Mancillas said.

Shelton said Mancillas first came to TCU many years ago when his company performed during the Mid-American Arts Alliance.

Born in Hermosillo, Mexico, Mancillas studied a variety of classical and contemporary dance styles. He is the artistic

director of "Antares," which has been called one of the most outstanding modern dance companies in Mexico. The company tours internationally and incorporates drama, humor and music in their performances. A significant amount of their repertoire reflects today's Latin American life.

Mancillas said he researches all of his ideas for performance pieces.

"I try to enrich the first idea that comes to mind and I try to incorporate symbolism," he said.

Junior modern dance major Lindsey Smith said she enjoyed having Mancillas as her teacher.

"I was impressed with Miguel's understanding of the world around us and how he related it to us," Smith said.

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Dance instructor Susan Douglas Roberts watches as freshman ballet major Domingo Estrada and junior ballet major Suzanne Garrison dance to the choreography of Miguel Mancillas, a visiting instructor from Mexico.

## SHUTTLE

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spaces when the shuttle system starts operation in August, police chief Steven McGee said.

The TRAC shuttle system is designed to alleviate traffic headaches for commuters, and will operate from the freshmen overflow parking lot, located north of Amon Carter Stadium's north end zone.

Five Star Coaches, a company that also runs shuttle systems for Southwest Airlines and area hospitals, was contacted by the TCU police department about 60 days ago to run the system, Noble said.

"We are not involved in the construction process. We were told to have a shuttle system ready for March 1, and then it was pushed back to March 22. Now we don't know when to have it ready," McGee said.

The company is waiting to see if TCU officials will reimburse it for a part of the cost of the buses since there is a delay, Noble said.

Mills said he is disappointed in the delay and doesn't expect Five Star Coaches to "swallow all of the cost of the buses because that

would be bad business practice."

Five Star Coaches was planning on moving seven of its current employees to be drivers on the shuttle system and had not hired any new employees before hearing of the delay, Noble said.

Five Star Coaches will still run the shuttle system when it begins next semester, Noble said.

Noble declined to comment on how much money TCU officials are paying the company to run the transportation system.

Once the system begins, five shuttle buses will begin two routes from the freshmen overflow parking lot and will continue to either the Student Center or to the east side of campus.

The overflow lot has 800 parking spaces, Mills said.

The routes will run from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on school days and depart every 10 minutes, McGee said.

"We want to provide continuous service," McGee said. "We want to have 10-minute departures so students, faculty and staff don't have to wait forever."

Unlike the Worth Hills routes, which are published public routes that are difficult to change, the

TRAC routes are flexible and can easily be adjusted because Five Star Coaches is a private company, assistant police chief J.C. Williams said.

Besides the shuttle system, three additional parking lots will be constructed over the summer to provide extra parking space for commuters, Mills said.

One 400-space lot will be located where the Bellaire Condominiums stand today, another 80-spot lot will be located across from Dan Rogers Hall on Lubbock and another lot will be constructed behind the police station, Mills said.

The Bellaire Condominiums and the five rental homes TCU currently owns on Lubbock will be demolished to build the lots, Mills said.

Mills said these parking lots will not necessarily be permanent.

"When you look long-term, there will be new buildings at TCU," he said. "These buildings will likely be built on parking lots. That's why it's important to get the shuttle system going."

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## APARTMENT

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Jason Runnels, a senior partner of the company.

The 18-month project will break ground in December, which means the two buildings and parking garage are scheduled to be completed in July 2006, Runnels said at a neighborhood meeting Wednesday night.

The commuter lot, which is located between Berry and Bowie streets, south of the Tucker Technology Center, will close in August to allow for preconstruction activities, he said at the meeting in the Kelly Alumni Center.

Construction was slated to begin March 1, but that date was pushed back to March 22 because the contractors could not guarantee completion by fall 2005, Runnels said.

The complex, which will have a six-story building facing Berry Street and a five-story building facing the TCU campus, will have 247 apartment units and house 600 students. Rent will range from \$600 to \$900 per month, depending on the number of bedrooms, Runnels said. This includes furniture, cable, Internet and phone service, all utilities except electric and a reserved parking spot. The two buildings will be con-

nected by a parking garage with ample parking space for residents and shoppers, said Jeffery Povero, a Robert A. M. Stern architect who helped design the building.

The design of the complex was created specifically for TCU, and it will mirror the style of other campus buildings as well as Fort Worth architecture in an effort to revitalize Berry Street, Povero said.

"Our whole practice is built upon the idea that every place you go has an identity," Povero said. "We are committed to this kind of work."

Perrotti's Pizza has reached a long-term agreement with Phoenix to move into the new complex in exchange for a discounted rent rate. Before construction begins, Phoenix will also pay for Perrotti's to relocate into a strip center across the street from their current location on Greene Avenue.

"They only got a little bit of cash in their pocket," Runnels said of the agreement. "But we wanted them to stay."

Runnels declined to comment on the exact financial details of the agreement that was reached with Perrotti's Pizza.

The new facility will incorporate red tiles on the roof and the bricks will match the other buildings on campus, said Don Mills,

vice chancellor for student affairs. The tower on the building will also be similar to the university church tower, he said.

The ground floor of the complex will have retail space for national chains and local businesses, Runnels said.

The names of retailers who will rent space on the bottom floor of the building are not known, but a restaurant and a beauty salon have inquired about the space, Mills said.

Retailers will pay between \$25 and \$35 per square foot, Runnels said.

Mills said the complex fits into the university's long-term plans to make the campus more pedestrian friendly because students can walk to class and have access to restaurants and shops. It will have all the advantages of off- and on-campus living, he said.

"The long-term solution is to get people to not have to drive to school in the morning," Mills said.

The project will be a catalyst for other kinds of development on Berry Street and will bring the city one step closer to its goal of creating an urban village, Mills said.

"We are committed to taking places like Berry Street that have lost their luster and bringing them back to something special," Povero said.

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## FINES

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now-infamous Feb. 1 Super Bowl halftime show during which singer Justin Timberlake exposed Janet Jackson's breast to 90 million viewers.

Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., said the bill will give the Federal Communications Commission "the ammunition it needs" to enforce indecency standards.

The Bush administration strongly endorsed the bill in a memo to lawmakers Thursday.

"We're moving in a direction of undermining the First Amendment," said Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas.

The Senate also has a bill that would raise fines to \$500,000. That measure goes further, ordering the FCC to look at ways to protect children from violence on television

and putting on hold sweeping media ownership changes adopted by the FCC last year.

Federal law and FCC rules prohibit over-the-air radio and TV stations from airing material that refers to sexual and excretory functions between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., when children may be tuned in. There are no such restrictions for cable and satellite TV and satellite radio.

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## The Skiff View

### TCU shouldn't bar student drinking

Of-age students should be able to follow law

In Europe the legal drinking age is 18. In the United States it's 21. Yet, the limits that separate legal from illegal and responsible from irresponsible will no longer matter at TCU.

Next fall, students older than age of 21 may have their right to drink suppressed on school-sponsored trips. Seems that while the university advertises its ability to mold us into ethical leaders, it doesn't trust us enough to prove that outside the TCU bubble.

Understandably, the university wants to avoid disaster. However, this solution is more of a cop out and ignores the bigger issue.

Most students spend their entire lives, up until they come to college, under the watchful eyes of their guardians. College is supposed to be the training course for the real world. If we needed nannies or chauffeurs off campus, why don't we start recruiting parents to come along too?

The university sponsors students for conferences and seminars to better equip them for what's out there. These students are usually chosen by faculty or staff who know their abilities and believe they show promise to gain from the experience. If someone can't make it without being monitored, he or she shouldn't be wasting the university's money in the first place.

Perhaps campus officials should put more effort into explaining school pride and responsible behavior instead of taking away student freedoms. Telling students they can't drink is not alcohol education. If the university wants to avoid a bad reputation, maybe it shouldn't make its students seem like uncontrollable drunks.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

### Bush stiff 9/11 Commission

The 9/11 Commission is consistently getting a political straight-arm from the Bush administration. President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney are presently limiting their audience to the commission chairman, New Jersey Republican Tom Kean, and Vice Chairman Lee Hamilton, an Indiana Democrat.

Bush also limited his testimony to one hour. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice is refusing to testify publicly. Bush and Cheney must give sufficient access to the entire commission and Rice has a duty to publicly testify.

A relevant comparison is commission access to Clinton administration officials. Former President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore had given the commission whatever access it requested. Samuel Berger, Clinton's national security adviser, will testify publicly.

Former officials do not carry the same political risks or time constraints of sitting officials, but Clinton officials' opening their decisions to more scrutiny requires the Bush administration to justify its refusal to be candid.

The administration refuses to explain its hermit-like behavior. The probable reasons for Bush's time limitation are his duties and schedule, which

are taxing. The commission's extended deadline of July 26, however, allows sufficient time to get testimony from Bush in multiple sessions.

Bush and Cheney's refusal to testify to the entire commission, ostensibly based on a fear of leaks, is baseless. If the commission members cannot keep the interviews confidential, they should not be on the commission at all. Still, the administration's point is well taken — no information should come from the commission until it issues its report in July.

The White House mistakenly claims that Rice refuses to publicly testify because it would set poor legal precedent. John Poindexter, national security adviser to President Ronald Reagan during the Iran-Contra affair, testified publicly during those hearings. There is one small difference: Poindexter testified about his own criminal wrongdoing, which is not the case with Rice. As such, the legal precedent the administration claims to protect is so narrow that the interests of preventing history from repeating itself clearly outweigh it.

And that is the point Bush and company seem to miss: National security trumps both their personal convenience and political goals.

*This staff editorial from the Minnesota Daily University of Minnesota was distributed by U-Wire.*



### John Butler challenges us to think, teaches us to respect others' beliefs

I was asked two weeks ago to prepare something to say about John Butler. For the past two weeks I have struggled with what to say. Finally I came to the realization this morning, that my first impression was correct.

There are no words to describe John, and there are no means to say how important he is. The only way that I can really tell you how important John is, would be to ask you to take a deeper look into yourself. Dig down into your mind, your soul, your heart and look. John is there. You are here because of John, because John has touched you, because John has helped make you who you are today.

Every lesson that John teaches us is done through great discussions. These lessons are not curriculum based, but rather changing with each individual person and situation. Learning from him is a special gift that many people are fortunate to have. His teaching style is unique. He would never tell us what to do, and at times that proved frustrating for many students who just wanted an answer. Rather, John would ask you to think of why you wanted to do it and challenge your thoughts and actions. He never gave us an easy out. He made us

think, and that was no option. From a student's point of view John was a refreshing member of the faculty. We all knew that he respected us and knowing that, we were empowered.

As you begin to know John, you realize that John doesn't speak English, John speaks metaphor, but the greatest lesson that John taught me never required a metaphor. John taught me that nothing in life happens without respect. We do not have

"From a student's point of view John was a refreshing member of the faculty. We all knew that he respected us and knowing that, we were empowered."

to cooperate with others because we agree with them or because we are like them. Rather we work with others because we have a deeper understanding of God that calls us to do so. We understand that we are different. We look different. We sound different. We have different thoughts. We have different beliefs. John taught me to unite with others because we are alike in many ways and we can celebrate our differences, not by being tolerant of each other.

For John, tolerance is not enough. John taught me that only when we respect each other do we make manifest the Glory of God. Only when we respect each other do we allow others to shine. Only when we respect each other are we a liberating force.

John, your light shines bright in this world, and it is a beacon to all of us. You have taught many things to each one of us. You have challenged our very beings. You offer us a better way to live in this global community. Today and each day, I do my best. There are no words to express who you are or what you have given to each one of us. I hope that it is by our actions that you can see the differences you have made in our lives. I leave you with this quote by Marianne Williamson. If there is a way to describe who you are, what you do and what you believe, this quote would be it.

"We were born to manifest the Glory of God, within us. It is not just in some of us, it is in every one of us, and as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

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### Ignorance of Arabs common

Jihad — for the western mind this word conjures up images of clandestine, turban clad Arab men with shifty eyes pining away in

COMMENTARY  
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caves in a mountainous Middle Eastern desert cave, on a plan to kill as many Americans as possible. This image of Arabs and Muslims is severely distorted, and the understanding of the word "Jihad" is greatly misunderstood. Just because someone is Arab does not mean that they are Muslim or alternately, if someone is Muslim they are not an Arab.

In fact, there are only about 100 million Arab Muslims and more than 900 million non-Arab Muslims. A lot of people assume there are only Arab Muslims because they heard that the origin of Islam is Arabia. What about Christianity? Where did it begin?

The Arabic word "jihad" means literally "struggle" and Islamic scholars have long been divided on how it should be interpreted.

For most Muslims, its primary meaning is ridding the soul of impurities by means of careful self-analysis, introspection and service for the betterment of humanity. Jihad in this aspect is a central duty of every Muslim. For some, it means the struggle to defend one's faith and ideals against harmful outside influences. For others, it refers to defending the faith from critics, supporting its growth financially, even migrating

to non-Muslim lands for the purpose of spreading Islam, not at all unlike the Christendom's notion of proselytizing. In fact most of the Americas' native populace was proselytized by the doctrine of manifest destiny. This doctrine, allowed for the justification of the extermination and relocation of the Native Americans. They were heathenized by the colonialists and were more often than not converted to Christianity by

"The Arabic word 'jihad' means literally 'struggle' and Islamic scholars have long been divided on how it should be interpreted."

means of violence and coercion.

This situation is not at all unlike the current standoff between the nation state of Israel and the indigenous Palestinian peoples. Recently, Jihad has been turned into a rallying call by both sides of the battle of East vs. West. Rather than a spiritual diktat or credence it has been turned into a political construct. While many Muslim's wish to rid their lands of Western influence, corruption and despotic leaders they have not taken Jihad to mean a call to arms. Alternately, extreme Islamists, like Osama Bin Laden and the al Qaeda network have modified the concept of Jihad, to suit their skewed religious

views and support their political needs. This modification was done in an effort to recruit disenfranchised Muslims to fight in a physical sense a war against the "enemy (non Muslim or different Muslim)" for the purposes of creating a worldwide nation of Islam. Sadly, the mass media would have us believe that this extreme view is that of the majority of Muslims. Rather, the entirety of all Muslims is opposed to these extreme views and does not agree with these violent methods.

Just as some powerful individuals in the East have adulterated the meaning of words and concepts for political gain, so has the West. Christian and Jewish extremists have adulterated the meaning of Jihad in order to cultivate a culture of fear, amongst their given populace, so as to be better able carry out a political and religious crusade against the East.

Heartening is the notion that one day people will look beyond the stereotypes and artificiality of television spin and egregious portrayals and begin to reach out to one another. There is something inexpressible that can be derived from one on one interaction. In that interaction we will find a common ground and a basis for a heartfelt understanding of the purpose of life and understanding of the soul.

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### Liberals lead the better way

When you turn on the TV, turn on the radio or simply walk around campus, someone is using the dreaded "L" word ... Liberal. This is really quite amusing because if it weren't for liberals, we wouldn't live in the society everyone claims to love today.

This country was founded by liberals. They believed that everyone human had basic rights that

could not be infringed upon by government. They believed that individual choice would lead people to what is right, and that government should protect the right to make those choices.

Now, those who would uphold our rights are called liberal as though it is a bad thing. Even I prefer calling myself progressive rather than liberal. Everyone seems to buy into the belief that liberals will raise taxes for no reason and endanger the American way of life.

This is my understanding of the liberal position. Liberals want the government to provide basic services. While individuals do not come from equal backgrounds, the government should provide the same opportunities to every person. Liberals would stop government from dictating how people live. When it is unclear whether or not a law is constitutional, a liberal would allow the individual to decide for themselves.

Liberals see that in many cases, the market will not address problems. In these extreme cases, government must step in and regulate the industries. If fuel consumption is high, and our car companies continue to put out gas-guzzling SUVs, a liberal might say that car companies must increase fuel efficiency or find renewable fuels.

Liberals would also give aid to these companies in developing new technologies. This has a more tangible benefit than drilling for unknown amounts of oil in Alaska. While a liberal might raise taxes, the money will make it back to people in the form of education, healthcare, roads, housing assistance loans, and other programs. Liberals would ultimately lower taxes after cutting waste and ensuring that there was a consistent, balanced budget that funded necessary government programs.

Liberals would seek a legal remedy when a company engages in anti-competitive practices. All of this is done for the sake of promoting competition and bringing as many people as possible into the market.

It is ludicrous to think liberals would be soft on terrorism. Liberals would ensure law doesn't infringe upon the rights that we are trying to defend. Liberals would ensure that Homeland Security programs were given sufficient funding, instead of claiming measures would be implemented with no money to back it up. Liberals would ensure that troops are given everything they need, and only endanger their lives when every possible diplomatic solution had failed. Liberals would foster good relations with as many countries as possible to ensure cooperation in the fight against terrorism, instead of alienating a sizable number of our allies.

A liberal is a someone who understands that our country faces problems from outside and from within. A liberal seeks remedies while maintaining the maximum amount of freedom possible. Liberals are mindful of the present, and are comfortable with spending money today to save tomorrow. So the next time someone says you're a liberal, thank them.

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# NEWS DIGEST

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Friday, March 12, 2004

## National Roundup

### Eight charged in fraud scheme

AUSTIN (AP) — Federal and state authorities arrested eight people Thursday in the Texarkana area on charges that they participated in a scheme to defraud government insurance programs by charging for illegal foot treatments.

A federal grand jury indictment unsealed Thursday named six podiatrists and three of their employees associated with New Boston General Hospital Inc. in New Boston, according to a news release from the Texas Attorney General's Office.

Charges include conspiracy to operate a racketeer-influenced and corrupt organization, aiding and abetting, obstructing justice, destruction of records, bribery

and perjury.

The suspects allegedly allowed members of the hospital's residency program to perform unsupervised foot treatments, which is prohibited, the news release said. The podiatrists would then collect Medicaid reimbursements for the treatments, even though the doctors were sometimes out of town when the treatments were administered.

### Verdict upheld in Exxon case

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A judge considering whether to uphold a record \$11.9 billion verdict against Exxon Mobil Corp. said Thursday that it made no difference that the jury heard the case while Alabama was going through budget cutbacks.

Lawyers for the oil giant argued that jurors who ruled against Exxon Mobil last November were biased by the state's financial problems, presenting hundreds of media reports published about the issue during that time.

Last year, a jury ordered Exxon Mobil to pay \$11.9 billion in damages after finding the oil giant had cheated the state out of natural gas royalties.

The jury awarded \$63.6 million in compensatory damages and \$11.8 billion in punitive damages. It was the largest verdict in Alabama and the biggest in the United States for 2003.

McCooney plans to decide by March 22 whether to reduce the verdict or throw it out.

## QUICK FACTS



### Election update

The latest news from the campaign trail

### Terrorist, jobs main focus of Bush campaign

BAY SHORE, N.Y. (AP) — Touching on issues of jobs and terrorism, two themes of his re-election campaign, President Bush called "economic isolationism" bad policy and planned to break ground on a memorial for victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"People are saying we'll stop jobs from going overseas by making sure we put up walls and barriers between the United States and the rest of the world. That's lousy policy," Bush said in a veiled reference to rival John Kerry.

The presumptive Democratic nominee has supported international trade pacts but considering the U.S. jobs migrating overseas, favors a review to ensure their fairness. The president spoke at USA Industries, a Long Island, N.Y., automotive parts plant that has increased its numbers of jobs from eight to 221 workers during the past 18 years.

"Consumer prices will go up if we wall ourselves from the rest of the world," he said. "Economic isolationism is bad economic policy and it will cost people jobs."

The focus of the president's trip to New York, however, was on terrorism.

Bush used images from the World Trade Center's smoldering wreckage in his first re-election TV commercial last week, and refused to retreat when critics called them crass exploitation of those killed in the attacks.

In the second wave of campaign ads, Bush on Thursday unleashed negative attacks against Kerry, criticizing the Democrat on taxes and defense.

### Democrats aim for equal position in Senate

DENVER (AP) — The year was 1987, a very good time for Colorado Democrats. Former Sen. Gary Hart was a presidential

contender, former Rep. Pat Schroeder was weighing her own White House bid, and the party held three of the four statewide elective offices and made up half the state's congressional delegation.

Jump ahead nearly two decades and the political landscape is almost unrecognizable. The Republicans are still in charge of the Legislature, as they were in 1987, and they also hold three of the four statewide offices and seven of the state's nine congressional seats.

Nevertheless, the Democrats see opportunity this year, particularly with GOP Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell's abrupt decision last week to retire.

His announcement and Republican Gov. Bill Owens' decision not to run have boosted Democrats' hopes of making up lost ground in Colorado as they try to retake control of the U.S. Senate, where Republicans hold a 51-48 majority with one Democrat-leaning independent.

Along with Alaska, Illinois and Oklahoma, Colorado is considered one of the Democrats' best hopes for taking away a Senate seat from the GOP. With no announced Republican candidate, Democrats have been jockeying for a position all week. Rep. Mark Udall was in and then out when Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar announced his campaign. Three other Democrats also are in the race.

### Kerry to involve minorities in campaign plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black members of Congress expect to confer regularly with Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry and help him plan campaign strategy and involve minorities in his effort to unseat President Bush, an official of the Congressional Black Caucus said Thursday.

Kerry met privately for 45 minutes with caucus members as he spent the day on Capitol Hill shoring up his support among congressional Democrats. Following meetings with other members of the House and his colleagues in the Senate, the presumptive nominee to challenge Bush in November was to meet with former rival John Edwards.

Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, D-Md., chair of the caucus, said after the meeting with Kerry, caucus members were encouraged. "This will be an ongoing relationship ... It is clear we are all about the business of building America."

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## Are you being watched?

commentary by Jessica Fleming

I'm sure most students noticed a change from the routine over the past few months. Among the normal influx of messages from friends and university announcements, there have been a series of e-mails detailing recent thefts and threats to student safety. Many of these e-mails include a list of helpful safety tips, such as locking your doors and not leaving valuables in plain sight. These tips are valuable; but by now, they should be common sense.

Safety concerns are not new to the campus. Previous accounts of campus rapists have come and gone, but still reflect a reason to be safe. But the break-ins present a criminal sect of the campus society previously unthinkable to many students. The idea of an intruder being able to sneak into the dormitories and lurk in the hallways searching for an unlocked dorm room to burglarize or students to assault is undoubtedly frightening — and it is a viable threat.

"As is any large school, TCU is a microcosm of the society in which it exists," TCU police sergeant Chris Drake said. "Given the atmosphere of trust generated by like-minded individuals with common goals, in close social contact, and with the youthful experience of the population, crimes of opportunity occur."

In addition to the danger of these rising criminal threats, there also seems to be a fairly common lack of awareness shown throughout much of the student body. It is important to remain instinctive even within the TCU bubble, which is now being penetrated by crime.

It is easy to be overcome by this false sense of security and fall victim to crimes that could have been prevented. So take the tips and heed the warnings, but even more importantly, you should learn to be aware of your surroundings and possible dangers.

"Diligent practice of personal safety techniques can make a difference in our fight against victimization," Drake said. "The safety tips given, however, can only 'harden the target'."

This town is more than just a college town, and there is a rather undesirable underbelly, as most trips far enough down Berry Street and beyond would tell you. It is time to pop the so-called TCU bubble and recognize some essence of the real world that is already here. There are thieves, perpetrators and criminals among us, and the only way to truly protect yourself or your property is to be aware of risks.

I am not advising wide-scale paranoia. Most of the people you probably encounter every day are students and faculty of the university and pose no real threat outside the spread of communicable diseases. This, however, is not always the case, and making a casual assumption can be dangerous.

Just because you may leave your belongings at a vacant table before you go to the bathroom doesn't necessarily mean that they will still be there when you get back, even if you've done these same actions a thousand times before without incident.

"Keeping one's residence hall (and vehicle) doors and

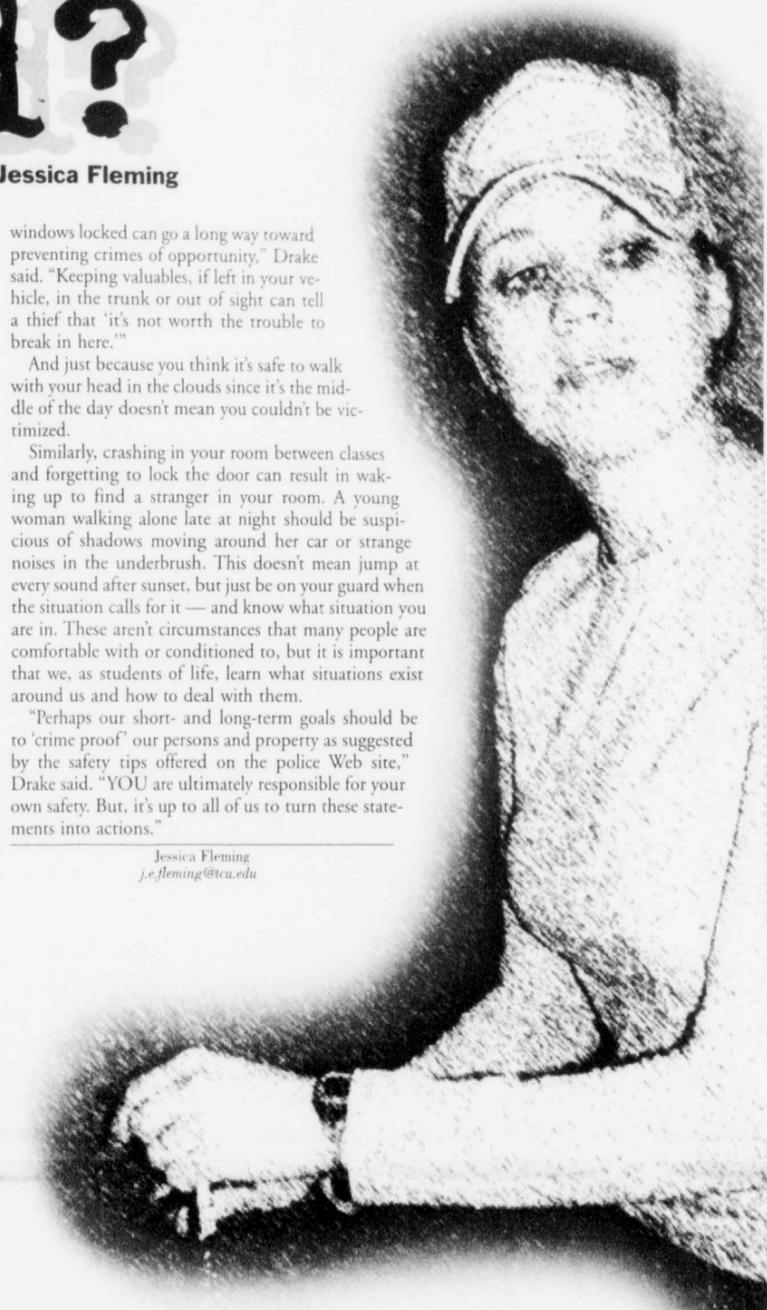
windows locked can go a long way toward preventing crimes of opportunity," Drake said. "Keeping valuables, if left in your vehicle, in the trunk or out of sight can tell a thief that 'it's not worth the trouble to break in here.'"

And just because you think it's safe to walk with your head in the clouds since it's the middle of the day doesn't mean you couldn't be victimized.

Similarly, crashing in your room between classes and forgetting to lock the door can result in waking up to find a stranger in your room. A young woman walking alone late at night should be suspicious of shadows moving around her car or strange noises in the underbrush. This doesn't mean jump at every sound after sunset, but just be on your guard when the situation calls for it — and know what situation you are in. These aren't circumstances that many people are comfortable with or conditioned to, but it is important that we, as students of life, learn what situations exist around us and how to deal with them.

"Perhaps our short- and long-term goals should be to 'crime proof' our persons and property as suggested by the safety tips offered on the police Web site," Drake said. "YOU are ultimately responsible for your own safety. But, it's up to all of us to turn these statements into actions."

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### QUICK FACTS

#### Crime prevention and safety tips

- To report a fire, medical emergency or a crime in progress, dial 911 from any campus telephone (except blue light phones.)
- Use the "buddy" system at night. There is safety in numbers. If you find that you must go somewhere on campus by yourself, call the police department for an escort.
- At night, walk along lighted pathways. These designated sidewalks are well lighted and patrolled frequently by members of the police department.
- Alarm your vehicle to discourage would-be thieves from breaking into your automobile.
- If you live in residence halls, do not bring valuable jewelry to campus. Police recommend you bring inexpensive costume jewelry to wear instead of the expensive kind.
- Lock the door to your dorm room, even if you're only going to be out of the room for a few minutes. Keep your room door locked while you're inside and asleep.
- Mark all of your valuable items with an electric engraver to discourage theft. Because the items are marked, they are easily identifiable.
- When you see something suspicious, get the university police involved by calling Ext. 7777 on campus or 257-7777 off campus. Tell them what you saw or heard. If possible, be able to describe the person that is suspicious and what activity they were doing which caused you to become concerned.
- If you are a faculty or staff member, keep your purse or wallet out of sight, preferably locked in a desk drawer.

— Courtesy of the TCU Police Web site

## Netflix offers new way to rent movies

By Catherine Pillsbury  
Features Editor

Imagine an alternative life where you don't have to leave home to be entertained by movies. No lines, no due dates, no hassling with people.

They call that the movie channel. But for those, who for some reason or another have yet to embrace the idea of satellite dishes and 821 channels, the Internet has made chronic movie watching cheaper.

Netflix, an online movie rental service, has made the idea of never entering another video store an indulgent reality by charging a flat-rate fee of \$19.95 a month for as many movies as you want — no due dates, no late charges!

Such cable options as DirecTV are \$39.99 a month, plus the cost of the extra movie packages; but according to the Web site, it has additional options available such as new movie premieres every Saturday night.

According to the Web site, "DirecTV Pay Per View Movies brings the best selection of films straight into your home each week."

Netflix, like Blockbuster, offers the newest released videos.

The Netflix subscriber receives three DVDs via first-class mail within one or two business days and can keep them as long as they want. When ready for a new video — any of the 15,000 titles — the subscriber sends the movie back to the company.

After the company receives the returned video, it immediately sends the subscriber a new one from its list of personal selected movies. According to the Web site, it's like a revolving library.

The subscriber sends the video back in the same envelope it came in with free shipping and postage. Members receive their movies in a postage paid envelope, which, when opened, becomes the pre-paid return envelope.

In 2003, 278 million customers rented movies from an online service. All walk-in video stores, including Blockbuster, had more than 8 billion customers, Blockbuster spokeswoman Karen Raskopf said.

"Around 1982, videos exploded in a



new way that was previously only able to be seen in theaters or when TV got the movie," said Anthony Montesano, director of marketing and custom publishing for United Entertainment Media. Renting movies "has grown faster than anyone expected it to."

Online rental services and video stores will be able to co-exist, said Larry Jaffee, editor of The Media Line.

"Some people won't be able to get used to getting movies online," he said.

But Blockbuster is realizing that some people prefer to use flat-rate rental services and, therefore, Blockbuster is planning to have an in-store subscription for \$24.99 a month where customers can rent as many movies as they want, Raskopf said. Customers must go into the store to rent movies, but no due dates or late charges are imposed.

By the end of the year, Blockbuster also plans to have an online movie rental service where the movies would be mailed, she said. The shipping and postage, like with Netflix, will be included in the flat-rate fee.

The problem, Raskopf said, is that most people don't plan ahead and end up waiting by the mailbox for the video and don't want to be tied to flat-rate

fees. "However, ever people want to get their movies, Blockbuster wants to be there," Raskopf said.

Sometime in the future, Blockbuster will integrate the two services, Raskopf said. One day you can order a movie off the Web site and the next day you can get a movie in-store, all for a flat-rate fee, she said.

"Most people rent more movies in-store than online," Raskopf said.

Blockbuster is also integrating the flat-rate fee program of \$19.99 for games.

Netflix representatives were not available for comment.

With over 20 distribution centers in the United States, one in the Fort Worth-Dallas area, Netflix links over 1 million subscribers to its Internet service, according to the Web site, www.netflix.com.

"We have virtually every DVD published — everything from classics to new releases," according to the Web site.

While the instant gratification of in-store movies cater to our desire for quick fixes and speedy desires, the Internet is slowly catching up with our years to be lazy.

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## Terrorists attack Spain

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Ten terrorist bombs tore through trains and stations along a commuter line at the height of Madrid's morning rush hour Thursday, killing more than 180 people and wounding 900 others. Officials blamed Basque separatists for the terrorist attack.

"This is mass murder," said a somber Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar following an emergency cabinet meeting, vowing to hunt down the attackers and ruling out negotiations with the ETA separatist group.

The explosives used in the blasts were a type of dynamite that the ETA Basque separatist group normally uses, the Interior Ministry said following tests. A U.S. intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "It's too early to tell. We're not ruling

anything out."

Panicked commuters abandoned bags and their shoes as they trampled each other to escape the Atocha terminal, where bombs struck two trains. Some fled into darkened, dangerous tunnels at the station, a bustling hub for subway, commuter and long-distance trains just south of Madrid's famed Prado Museum.

The bodies of the dead were carried away by rescue workers. The wounded, faces bloodied, sat on curbs as buses were pressed into service as ambulances.

One firefighter said he saw 70 bodies along a platform at El Pozo station, just east of downtown Madrid. One corpse had been blown onto the roof.

A total of 10 bombs exploded in a 10-minute span along nine miles

of the commuter line — running from Santa Eugenia to the Madrid hub of Atocha — killing 182 people and injuring more than 900, Interior Minister Angel Acebes said.

Police found and detonated three other bombs.

The blasts began about 7:50 a.m., tearing through trains or platforms on the commuter line running to the Atocha station. At least two of the bombs went off in trains at that station.

Worst hit was a double-decker train at the El Pozo station, where two bombs killed 70 people, fire department inspector Juan Redondo said. El Pozo is about six miles from Atocha.

"ETA had been looking for a massacre in Spain," Acebes said. "Unfortunately, today it achieved its goal."

## Ex-press sec. accused of espionage

A former journalist was arrested on suspicion of conspiring to act as a spy for the Iraqi Intelligence Service.

By Larry Neumeister  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A former journalist and one-time press secretary for four members of Congress was arrested Thursday on charges she served as a paid agent for the Iraqi Intelligence Service before and after the U.S. invasion.

Susan Lindauer, 41, was arrested in her hometown of Takoma Park, Md., and was to appear in court later in the day in Baltimore, authorities in New York said.

She was accused of conspiring to act as a spy for the Iraqi Intelligence Service and engaging in prohibited financial transactions involving the government of Iraq under dictator Saddam Hussein. Prosecutors say she accepted \$10,000 for her work.

"I'm an anti-war activist and I'm innocent," Lindauer told WBAL-TV as she was led to a car outside the Baltimore FBI office. "I did more to stop terrorism in this country than anybody else. I have done good things for this country. I worked to get weapons inspectors back to Iraq when everyone else said it was impossible. I'm very proud and I'll stand by my achievements."

Lindauer worked at Fortune, U.S. News & World Report and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer before beginning her career as a political publicist.

She worked for Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore. in 1993 and then Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., in 1994 before joining the office of former Illinois Sen. Carol Mosley Braun as press secretary in 1996. From March to May 2002, she worked for Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif.

"Her position was eliminated in the downsizing following the 1994 elections," said Josh Kardon, chief of staff for now-Sen. Wyden. "She worked for us a short period of time."

Braun's current spokesperson, Loretta Kane, said the former senator does not remember Lindauer.

According to an indictment filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, Lindauer made multiple visits from October 1999 through March 2002 to the Iraqi Mission to the United Nations in Manhattan. The indictment makes no mention of her congressional staff work.

There, she met with several members of the Iraqi Intelligence Service, the foreign intelligence arm of the government of Iraq that allegedly has played a role in terrorist operations, including an attempted assassination of former President George H.W. Bush, the indictment alleged.

The government said she accepted payments from the Iraqis for her services and expenses amounting to a total of \$10,000, including \$5,000 she received during a trip to Baghdad in February and March 2002.

Her acceptance of the money and her willingness to bring it home from Iraq violated a law prohibiting transactions with a government that sponsors international terrorism, the government said. The indictment did not specify a motive.

The charges against Lindauer were included in an expanded indictment in the case against Raed Rokan Al-Anbuge, 28, and Wisam Noman Al-Anbuke, the sons of Iraq's former liaison with United Nations weapons inspectors.

The brothers were charged last year with acting as Iraqi government agents and conspiring to do so, prosecutors said. The indictment said Lindauer conspired with the brothers.

On Jan. 8, 2003, prosecutors said, Lindauer tried to influence U.S. foreign policy by delivering to the home of a U.S. government official a letter in which she conveyed her access to and contacts with members of Saddam's regime. The official was not identified in the indictment.

The United States invaded Iraq in March of last year, and the government fell the following month.

The indictment said she met on two occasions in Baltimore in June and July with an undercover FBI agent who posed as a Libyan intelligence representative who was seeking to support resistance groups in postwar Iraq. It said she discussed the need for plans and foreign resources to support these groups.

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Friday, March 12, 2004



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## Question Claire

Claire Voyance is a weekly advice column that will run every Friday. To submit a question to Claire e-mail [clairevoyance@wouldillie.com](mailto:clairevoyance@wouldillie.com). Remember, Claire is not a psychologist so take her advice at your own risk. Enjoy.

**Dear Claire,**  
My boyfriend and I broke up about a month ago, but have continued to have casual sex. He told me the other day that he thinks that we should stop having sex because it is just going to complicate things. I don't see why it is such a big deal, I mean it's just casual. What are your views on the subject? Is it OK to sleep with an ex as long as that's as far as things goes, or is it best to call it quits ASAP?

Sincerely,  
No Strings Attached

**Dear No Strings,**  
Casual sex is meant to be just that, casual. Having sex with an ex is anything but casual. I think that your boyfriend, or might I say ex-boyfriend, is probably right. Continuing to have sex with him is easy because you already know what you are going to get. But the only thing good about continuing relations after a relationship has ended is the immediate satisfaction. In your mind, you probably don't see anything wrong with getting some action while you scope out

your next victim, but let me tell you, your plan is not foolproof. You claim that there are "no strings attached," but I believe that to be furthest from the truth. Once a relationship is over, the emotional ties between partners are still intact, and it takes time to sever these ties. You may believe that feelings are not involved, but let me tell you, they certainly are. If you aren't continuing to have sex with your ex because you don't want to let go, then why are you doing it? You are young. You are in college. It's not hard to find someone to have casual sex with. If it is just about sex, and nothing else, then why your ex? Why aren't you hooking up with someone else? The reason is because it is not just about sex. I think that you aren't ready to let go, so you are milking it for all its worth. Stopping now will save you a lot of drama and pain in the future. It's kinda like Baskin Robbin's ice cream. Let's say that your favorite ice cream is chocolate. First of all, in order to know you like chocolate the best, you had to

have tried other flavors that you didn't like as much. If you don't try a variety of something, you can never quite be sure you are getting the best deal. Since your boyfriend and you broke things off, it is obvious that things weren't working out for one reason or another. Holding on is like continuing to eat chocolate ice cream, even though you are severely allergic to chocolate, just because you like the way it tastes. Before long, all the chocolate would kill you. It's hard to give up things that you enjoy, but life is all about sacrifice. I mean life without chocolate might not be as sweet as it was with it, but at least you'll be alive. Plus, there are 38 more flavors out there begging you to try them. All right, so I got a little carried away with the ice cream analogy, but I hope you get the point. Move on. Don't settle for less than you know is great. Think about it.

Best of Luck,  
Claire Voyance

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**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Today is a 7 — You may notice a growing tendency to worry about your finances. This doesn't mean money is a problem for you, so don't work yourself into a tizzy. Stay cool.  
**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** Today is a 6 — Don't walk away from a steady job, even if it's not quite what you want. Changes are coming, some not of your making, so don't gamble with a sure thing.  
**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** Today is an 8 — Enough of the fun and games. Work is stacking up. Tell a friend that you can't come and visit now because you're up against a deadline. If you're not, you soon

will be.  
**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Today is a 7 — A loved one needs your attention now, and perhaps a shoulder to cry on. A bitter disappointment can be turned into a valuable lesson. That's the assignment.  
**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Today is an 8 — You should focus more attention on hidden resources over the next few weeks. By trading and by shopping the sales, you can find some perfect things for your home, cheap.  
**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Today is a 7 — Your curiosity knows no bounds today. However, don't ask so many questions that you offend somebody important. Be respectful.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Today is a 7 — Don't race off and spend your paycheck without consulting the people at home. You may need to buy something that you don't know about yet.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Today is a 6 — You should be feeling more confident and ready to take on the world. Somebody out there will be glad to hear that, because he or she wants to join you. This weekend should be good for romance.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Today is a 7 — A person dear to you, possibly someone at home, needs more of your attention. Schedule time over the next few days to listen and give wise advice.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Today is a 6 — A friend cheers you up, brings you good news and teaches you a new skill. And your work goes on, even if drudgingly. You may not get as far as you'd like, but you're still making progress.  
**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** Today is an 8 — It's OK to ask for your due if it isn't offered. The person who signs the checks may simply have forgotten. Don't put a chip on your shoulder. Be decisive and fair.

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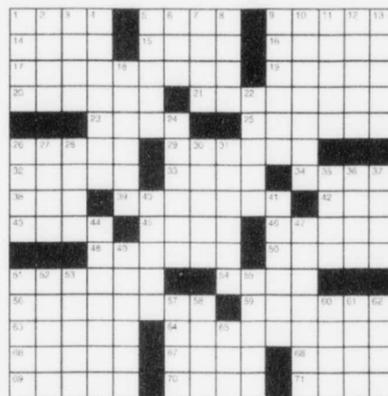


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64 Hero of Sherwood Forest  
66 Ravi Shankar's instrument  
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# SPORTS

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## Sideline

### Cowboys sign new player

IRVING (AP) — It's not like Jerry Jones to sit quietly while others are making headlines, especially when the newsmakers are division rivals.

Yet Jones said Thursday the slow, steady pace the Dallas Cowboys have taken in free agency is exactly what they wanted.

"The plan was for it to come to us," Jones said after announcing his first big move, the signing of defensive end Marcellus Wiley to a \$16 million, four-year deal that includes a \$4.5 million bonus. "We kind of felt there were some real high numbers out there that didn't make sense to us."

Several players the Cowboys pursued signed elsewhere. Others they were interested in — from cornerbacks to punters — also found new teams.

Then there's the pending deal for receiver Keyshawn Johnson. A \$20 million, four-year contract is ready to be signed once Tampa Bay either trades him to Dallas or cuts him. Something is expected by April 1 because he's owed a \$1 million bonus that day.

"We want him here," Jones said, "and he wants to be here."

The Cowboys are willing to give up receiver Joey Galloway, but he's not interested in Tampa Bay's offer of \$1 million for one year. His agent, Leigh Steinberg, said talks were "mildly resurrected" by Buccaneers general manager Bruce Allen on Wednesday night.

Jones said he's also looking at quarterbacks, but only as backups to Quincy Carter.

"We're not out of business at quarterback, but that's not to be read into as Quincy being out of business," Jones said. "He's still the starter."

## Frogs out and feeling blue

DePaul sends the Horned Frogs packing in the Conference USA Tournament quarterfinals.

By Lew Freedman  
Chicago Tribune

CINCINNATI — Andre Brown might as well have held up a flashing neon sign reading, "Give me the ball!"

Not that Sammy Mejia needed much prodding. From the opening tip, the freshman point guard fed the ball into the low post over and over again.

Brown dunked, powered in lay-ups or shot short jumpers, accumulating 21 points as DePaul overcame periodic resistance to squash TCU, 89-65, Thursday afternoon at U.S. Bank Arena.

"Game in and game out teams are double-teaming me, or triple-teaming," said Brown, who also had 11 rebounds. "When I saw it was one-on-one, my teammates got me the ball."

The victory propelled the 20-8 Blue Demons into the semifinals of the Conference USA postseason tournament Friday afternoon against the University of Al-

abama-Birmingham. It is the first time No. 1 seed DePaul has won 20 games in a season or won a conference tournament game since the 1999-2000 season.

On this day, DePaul coach Dave Leitao said Brown couldn't be stopped or defended.

Mejia, who had 10 assists, said there were holes to exploit in TCU's defense.

"We started off and we pretty much got whatever we wanted," Mejia said. "I'm always probing and looking for Andre."

The Frogs (12-17), who moved into the second round by besting Marquette, couldn't stop any of the Blue Demons. DePaul exploded to a 20-point lead in the first half, then weathered TCU runs that ultimately cut the lead to eight points twice.

"I think we started to look at the scoreboard a little bit," said DePaul forward Delonte Holland, who scored 19 points. "Coach pulled us aside and talked about being mature."

DePaul shot 53.8 percent from the field and dominated the boards, 40-24. TCU's guards Nucleus Smith (17 points),

Corey Santee (16) and Marcus Shropshire (14) did all of the damage and Smith, who disrupted a critical offensive foul, was certain the Frogs would win.

"I thought we were going to come back," he said. "Once we came back today those guys on DePaul hit some big shots."

TCU did not score a basket in the game's final 4 minutes, 20 seconds, and a flashy one-hander by Brown and two 3-pointers by guard Drake Diener (15 points) quickly raised the margin.

"We defended them when we needed to," said Leitao.

Although DePaul had a first-round bye, Leitao substituted freely, and back up guard LeVar Seals played a pivotal role on the slippery Santee, holding him to a 7-for-22 shooting night.

Leitao acknowledged that winning three games in three days to capture the tournament title is "a difficult chore" and said he expects UAB to be a serious challenge.

"Hopefully, we'll be OK if we maintain our poise," Leitao said. "I kind of think it's gonna be a great game."

## FDA: Prove andro is safe

A steroid precursor may be taken off the market.

By Lauran Neergaard  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government will crack down on the steroidlike supplement taken by Mark McGwire, telling companies Thursday to quit selling androstenedione unless they can prove it's not dangerous.

Commonly called andro, the product is a steroid precursor — the body uses it to make testosterone.

That means it poses the same health risks as directly using an anabolic steroid, the Food and Drug Administration says in warnings telling 23 manufacturers to cease their production.

The FDA's newest crackdown comes as it is facing a legal challenge to its pending ban on another dietary supplement, ephedra. That herbal stimulant, widely used for weight loss, has been linked to 155 deaths, including Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler during spring training last year.

Anabolic steroids, which build muscle, are controlled substances. But andro — because it

is a precursor, not the steroid itself — has long been marketed as a dietary supplement and been sold over the counter. U.S. law lets dietary supplements sell with little oversight to ensure they're safe.

The FDA expects its action to at least temporarily halt andro sales. Meanwhile, Congress is considering legislation sponsored by Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., that would permanently end over-the-counter sales of andro, as well as the newly unmasked steroid THG, and subject them to the same prescription restrictions as apply to anabolic steroids.

Medical studies show andro raises testosterone above normal levels. Side effects of elevated testosterone include acne, baldness and a drop in the so-called good cholesterol that could lead to heart disease.

Federal health officials are particularly concerned about children who use andro, especially if they're still in puberty. While they didn't have statistics on preteen use, federal drug-monitoring surveys suggest one out of 40 high school seniors and one out of 50 10th-graders were using andro in 2001, the latest data available.

## NHL smacks Bertuzzi with fine, suspension

By John Wawrow  
Associated Press

TORONTO — Todd Bertuzzi's season is over, suspended Thursday by an NHL intent on sending the message that it won't tolerate premeditated attacks on the ice.

The Vancouver Canucks' All-Star forward will lose at least \$500,000 in salary and could miss more time next season for the vicious punch that sent Colorado's Steve Moore to the hospital with a broken neck, concussion and other injuries.

The Canucks were fined

\$250,000 for the attack, which is being investigated by police.

"This is not a part of our game, it has no place in our game, and it will not be tolerated in our game," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said.

He called the punishment "stern, harsh and quick." And he hopes the severity will stem the criticism leveled at the league since Bertuzzi slugged and jumped Moore from behind, driving him headfirst into the ice late in a 9-2 loss to Colorado on Monday.

The attack appeared to be payback for Moore's Feb. 16 hit on Canucks captain Markus Naslund, who got a concussion and missed three games. Both teams were warned by the league not to retaliate.

Bertuzzi's punch was replayed on TV stations across the United States and Canada, and he and the league were condemned in newspapers in both countries, including a headline in The Toronto Star on Thursday that read: "Does someone have to die?"

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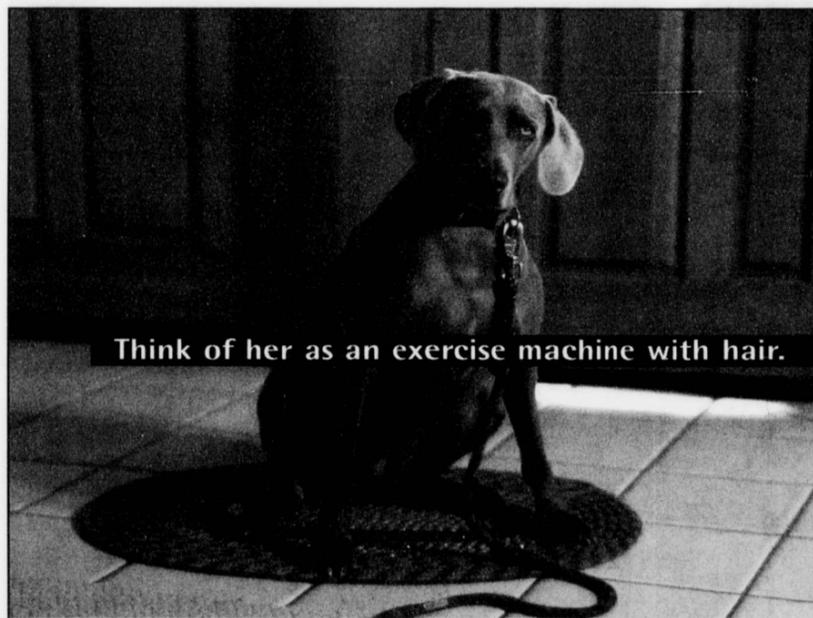
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