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Coach charged with DUI Attacks prompt hall meeting

Associated Press

Women's basketball coach Jeff Mittie has been charged in Newton, Kan., with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Newton city prosecutor David Yoder said in filing the charge that Mittie had a blood alcohol level of .121 when he was arrested at 3:50 a.m. March 17, The Dallas Morning News reported in its online edition Wednesday. The legal limit in Kansas is .08.

Mittie was arrested while on a three-day recruiting trip when an officer saw Mittie's vehicle swerving in the road and Mittie turning the vehicle's headlights on and off.

Mittie's attorney, Gregory Nye, did not immediately return a telephone

call from The Associated Press seeking comment Wednesday night.

The coach was released on \$1,000 bond after his arrest. TCU reprimanded Mittie and ordered him to seek an alcohol evaluation and perform community service.

An April 8 court date has been set for Mittie. He faces a maximum sentence of 90 days in jail and a fine of \$1,000 if convicted.

Athletics director Eric Hyman declined to comment on the charges, said athletics media relations director Steve Fink.

Mittie will attend a state-approved alcohol awareness program and a victims panel presentation after the university reprimanded him.

Mittie will also face undisclosed financial consequences.

Mittie, in his fifth year at TCU, was not suspended because his professional and personal conduct were deemed exemplary before his arrest, according to a statement released last week by the university.

Sixth-seeded TCU lost to third-seeded Georgia on Monday in the second round of the women's NCAA Tournament. The seed was the highest the TCU women have received.

It was the fourth-straight season Mittie has coached the Lady Frogs to the second round.

Assistant Sports Editor John Ashley Menzies contributed to this report.

SGA and ISA presidents convened to promote awareness after two students were assaulted at Eagle Mountain Lake.

By John Anderson and Julia Mae Jorgensen
Staff Reporters

Two students were assaulted last weekend while camping at Eagle Mountain Lake in an attack that may have been racially motivated, university officials said.

Five TCU students, two traditional and three international, were camping next to a group of young adults they had befriended, said Mike Russel, associate dean of Campus Life. In the course of the night, however, Russel said "something went south."

"These five students who thought they were

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Karls Campbell/Staff Photographer
Sophomore physics major Clement Ogujior spoke in favor of a mentorship program for international students.

Divided we stand?

Pledge comes under scrutiny

The Supreme Court debates whether Pledge of Allegiance should continue to use the phrase 'under God.'

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Not long after the Supreme Court came to order Wednesday with the invocation, "God save the United States and this honorable court," the justices were deep in a wrenching argument over whether millions of public schoolchildren may continue pledging allegiance to one nation "under God."

The religious reference in the Pledge of Allegiance, a California atheist argued, is an unconstitutional government promotion of religion in his daughter's third-grade classroom.

"I am an atheist. I don't believe in God," Michael Newdow told the justices and a rapt, packed courtroom, arguing with passion and personal asides — unusual for the dry, cerebral high court. "Every school morning, my child is asked to stand up, face that flag, put her hand over her heart and say that her father is wrong."

On the other side, Bush administration lawyer Theodore Olson said the pledge reflects America's religious heritage.

"It is an acknowledgment of the religious basis of the framers of the Constitution, who believed not only that the right to revolt, but that the right to vest power in the people to create a government ... came as a result of religious principles," Olson said.

That view was loudly represented outside the

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Testimony varies on priorities

Terrorism was not an urgent issue for Bush administration before Sept. 11, a former adviser testifies.

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government's former top counterterrorism adviser testified Wednesday that the Clinton administration had "no higher priority" than combating terrorists while the Bush administration made it "an important issue but not an urgent issue."

Richard Clarke told a bipartisan commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that "although I continued to say it (terrorism) was an urgent problem I don't think it was ever treated that way" by the current administration in advance of the strikes two and a half years ago.

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KRT Campus
Central Intelligence Agency Director George Tenet testifies before the 9-11 Commission.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

illustration by KRT/Brian Wooddell

University reacts to Supreme Court proceedings

TCU students and professors share their views on whether "under God" should be taken out of the Pledge of Allegiance.

By Lori Russell
Staff Reporter

Experts in religion and politics at TCU agree: there needs to be separation between church and state.

"I think there does need to be a separation of church and state, because it has been proven in several cases throughout history that without separation of the church and state the main-line religions begin to suppress the minority religions," said Vicky Sprinkle, a graduate religion student.

The Supreme Court began hearing testimony Wednesday from Michael Newdow, a 50-year-old atheist from California, who first brought his case

against his 9-year-old daughter's school and won.

In February 2003, Judge Alfred T. Goodwin of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the recitation of the pledge with the words "under God" in public schools violates the establishment clause of the First Amendment.

"I think this is another example of our society's struggle to balance respect for religion in society and the individual's right to choose," said Robert Thompson, a doctoral student in pastoral theology and pastoral care.

Newdow told the Supreme Court yesterday the words "under God" are unconstitutional and offensive to people who don't believe there is a God.

The hearings Wednesday morning dealt primarily

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QUICK FACTS

History of the Pledge of Allegiance

- Baptist minister and socialist Francis Bellamy (1855 - 1931) wrote the original pledge in August 1892.
- The pledge was first published in the Sept. 8 issue of The Youth's Companion, the Reader's Digest of its day.
- In 1923 - 1924, the National Flag Conference changed the pledge's words 'my flag' to 'the Flag of the United States of America.'
- In 1954, after a campaign by the Knights of Columbus, Congress added the words 'under God' to the pledge.

Vision in Action panel weighs resource needs

Facilitators said they hoped for more student input during the meeting.

By Lacey Krause
Staff Reporter

Campus needs such as computer software and musical recording technology were discussed at a meeting Wednesday to help map TCU's future.

Approximately 40 people, including faculty and staff and students, met to discuss the need for additional learning tools such as technology, faculty and materials.

The meeting was the second of six town hall meetings organized by Chancellor Victor Boschini's Vision in Action group. Boschini developed the VIA group to design a three- to five-year plan

for TCU's future.

The panel was overseen by four members: Sue Anderson, professor of education; Ernest Couch, professor of biology; Larry Kitchens, director of the Center for Instructional Services; and Catherine Wehlburg, director of the Center for Teaching Excellence.

Only one student, senior journalism major Monique Bhimani, commented at the meeting. TCU needs a greater variety of software on all university computers, as well as more Iomega Zip disk drives, Bhimani said.

"There are various classes that require you to use certain programs," she said.

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Sarah Greene/Staff Photographer
Bob Seal, university librarian, suggests improvements for the Mary Coats Burnett Library.

New curriculum inches toward final approval

University officials say the new core curriculum requirements will accurately represent the mission statement.

By Marco Lopez
Staff Reporter

Faculty committee members are still working to select courses that would meet the objectives of the new core curriculum and better reflect TCU's mission statement of cultural and global awareness.

The new curriculum is scheduled to take effect in August 2005.

Melissa Canady, director of assessment, said one of the reasons for creating the new core was that the current curriculum does not do a good job of representing TCU's mission statement. She said there is no way to measure its effectiveness in developing a student's career.

"We want to formalize the university assessment committee to make sure students will learn under the new core," Canady said.

More than 30 faculty members recently attended a forum to discuss several sections of the new core. Nadia Lahutsky, who chairs the Faculty Senate, told faculty members to think about

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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.

■**Brown Lupton Student Center** announces that effective April 1 reservations for student organizations and departmental concerns for the academic year 2004-2005 will be accepted at the Information Desk in the Student Center. Please turn in your reservations by April 30 to maintain your priority status. You can get a reservation request form in the "Policies and Reservations" section at www.sc.tcu.edu or stop at the Student Center Information Desk to pick one up.

■**The Inclusiveness Task Force** will host a forum which will examine the citizenship dynamics and expanding responsibilities within the global society of the future. More specifically, the forum will bring focused attention to the principles of inclusiveness, equality and our active role as citizens within the global society. The luncheon is at noon Thursday in the Woodson Room in the Student Center. The lunch is free, but attendees must RSVP to Glenda Clausen by Tuesday morning at (817) 257-7796 or e-mail g.clausen@tcu.edu.

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■**Want to spend the fall strolling the streets** of a beautiful Tuscan city, eating gelato and visiting art museums? The TCU in Florence program has extended its deadline to Thursday for the fall 2004 program. Courses include Italian language (all levels), art history, political science, and history (all taught in English). Applications and information are on our Web site, www.ied.tcu.edu, at the International Education Office in Sadler Room 16, or e-mail Tracy Williams at t.williams@tcu.edu.

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with Newdow's standing to sue.

There has been argument over Newdow's right to bring his case, suggesting the court may rule against him without reaching the church-state issue. Newdow must prove he has standing to sue which is proof of sufficient interest to bring the suit. This is an issue because Newdow does not have custody of his daughter.

Newdow says he has sufficient interest because he is an atheist and his custodial ex-wife is a born-again Christian, said Don Jackson, a political science professor.

"The standing to sue issue is something the court could use to tactically avoid the substantive issue," Jackson said.

He said it may be weeks before the court makes a decision on the standing to sue issue. If the Supreme Court determines he does not have sufficient interest, it would not have to rule on the pledge issue, Jackson said.

Justice Antonin Scalia removed himself from the case after being quoted by the media criticizing the 9th Circuit decision. This left the nation's highest court with an even number of Justices, meaning the case could end in a tie vote and no decision.

"Most of us in the field of religion feel this is a pretty clear case," said Daryl Schmidt, chairman of the religion department. "The government has no business requiring anyone to recite a pledge to God anytime, anywhere under any circumstances."

"That's why my ancestors came to this country, to get away from governments controlling religious practice," Schmidt said.

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court, with scores of demonstrators reciting the pledge and carrying signs that read, "In God We Trust."

The high court is expected to rule by summer.

Newdow, a lawyer, made the rare and usually foolhardy decision to argue his own case before the court. He withstood the justices' vigorous questions, and based on their

smiles and glances, it seemed he had won their respect.

Newdow had prevailed in one respect before Wednesday's argument began. He had asked Justice Antonin Scalia to step aside because of remarks that seemed to prejudice the case. Scalia complied.

If the rest of the court agrees with Newdow now, it could declare that the phrase "under God" breaches the figurative wall separating church and state. That would mean

an end to the Pledge of Allegiance as generations of American schoolchildren have known it.

Or, as several justices indicated during arguments, the court could rule that the words are a benign and ceremonial part of a traditional, patriotic exercise.

"We have so many references to God in our daily lives today," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor told Newdow, including the court's own, familiar opening call.

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friendly with these people were attacked," Russel said.

Russel said the students were targeted because they are minorities and international students that attend TCU. Russel said the suspects knew they were TCU international students from earlier conversations.

"I am very sad that anyone got hurt and I am concerned about the well-being of the students," Russel said. "We have responded to the students that were hurt and we hope that they feel our support." Two men were hurt in the process of getting the sole woman of the group to safety inside a car, Russel said.

Marlin Gusman, 19, and Rajvikram Singh Deo, 20, sustained physical injuries during the assault, according to a Tarrant County Sheriff Department incident report. Singh Deo said he received facial fractures from the attack and that his group of friends was outnumbered in the fight.

"It started off as a social gathering and de-escalated into violence within a few seconds," Singh Deo said.

In response to the incident, Jay Zeidman, Student Government Association president and Ugur Sener, International Student Association president, held a town hall meeting Wednesday night to discuss the issue.

"After some recent events and the growing global tension, it is vital that we strive to work closer with one another," Zeidman said in an

e-mail to student leaders, "and we hope this meeting will be the beginning of that relationship."

At the meeting Russel explained to the audience that the events that occurred early Saturday morning at an unnamed campground at Eagle Mountain Lake. Zeidman facilitated the meeting with Sener; Russel; Carol Thompson, chairwoman of the sociology, criminal justice and anthropology departments; and John Singleton, director of International Student Services.

Thompson said that things have changed in a negative way since Sept. 11 and people now live in a culture of fear.

"I think we have to take action quickly," Thompson said.

Sener said not just Americans but also international students should be educated in diversity.

"I hope people learned a few things about what it is like to be a minority on this campus," Sener said of the meeting.

Panelists proposed a mentor program to help international students adjust to life in America.

"The second you step off a plane there would be someone there committed to making your experience easier," Zeidman said.

Susan Quaye, a sophomore psychology major, said a meeting like Wednesday's was long overdue.

"It is better that we have it now than never," Quaye said. "It was good to open topics that are hard to talk about, we need less talk and more action."

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TESTIMONY

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Clarke took the witness chair for widely anticipated testimony days after publishing a book that criticized President Bush for his response to the threat of terrorism. The White House has sharply criticized the book and mounted a counteroffensive against its author.

The former government official spoke after the commission released a written report saying that confusion about the scope of the CIA's authority to kill Osama bin Laden had hampered efforts to eliminate the man who heads al-Qaida. The result was a continued reliance on local forces in Afghanistan that had scant chance of success, the commission said.

"The commission needs to ask why that strategy remained largely unchanged throughout the period leading up to 9/11," it said.

But Clarke drew sharp questioning from Republican commissioners, who said his pointed criticism of Bush officials in his book contradicted his praise for the administration's policies as late as fall 2002.

"I hope you resolve that credibility problem, because I hate to see you shoved aside in the presidential campaign as an active partisan trying to shove out a book," said John Lehman, the former Navy secretary who is now chairman of J.F. Lehman & Co., a private equity firm.

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The Skiff View

Loan request for TV station rightly tabled

CEO TV a good idea, but needs a little more thought

The time is ... well, not now. The Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization asked the House of Student Representatives Tuesday to table their \$38,000 loan request to start a student-run television station, citing confusion and a lack of support. In a statement, club members Michael Hennig and Jason Ruth said they would only feel comfortable moving forward with the station with the "evident and comprehensive support of TCU's students, faculty and student government." We commend members of the CEO Club for realizing that no such comprehensive support exists. At the same time, we also commend the group for taking the initiative to propose such a television station. It's a great idea.

The task, however, is a giant undertaking. A television station, or even a newspaper, is not a vehicle created solely for the purpose of the advertising dollar. The time and expertise necessary to run a television station cannot be underestimated, especially by a group asking the House for nearly \$40,000.

Before Spring Break, Michael Hennig told the House there would be two students selling advertising for every one person producing programming. While the CEO Club intended to hire radio-TV-film and journalism majors, we're not sure they would have been capable of running a professional station without professional guidance.

We think that if a student-run television station were to be feasible, it would need to be funded and overseen by the university. That would provide the stable financing and expertise necessary for the station to succeed.

The station would need the cooperation of both the radio-TV-film and journalism departments and a university authority to settle conflicts and funding questions that would inevitably arise between parties.

Give the CEO Club credit for dreaming big. But we'd like to see the university get behind a student TV station.



Neocons' agenda is questionable

You may have been hearing various news reports about how the Bush administration was itching to get at Iraq, even before the World Trade Center attacks. Unfortunately, it's partially true. The people doing the plotting even have a name: neoconservatives. What's a neo-conservative, or neocon? A neocon is generally a person who left the Democratic Party (good idea) and joined with the Republicans to espouse a doctrine of pre-emption when dealing with foreign threats (so-so idea).

All righty, that doesn't sound too awful. Certainly the terrorist threat can be interpreted as a need for more pro-active foreign policy as opposed to a reactive policy. But the devil is in the details, readers. Step backward a moment. The Bush administration was formed with several proud neocons in the ranks. Those people include Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, and a slew of speechwriters. There were enough to make their foreign policy line up with American foreign policy. That's why you hear about so much Iraq plotting. I suggest reading the cover story in the current edition of

"The American Conservative" by Pat Buchanan. The article touches on many of the points I make in this column and fully exposes the neocons for what they are. Moving forward again, look at the details. The neocons love Israel. I mean, really love those guys. The list of international threats to squash, both pre- and post-9/11, reads like a Jewish hit list. Syria, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, Libya, Lebanon and more are penciled into the "enemies" column. It's a process of aligning American interests exactly with present Israeli interests, regardless of what others (Europe) feel.

I'm as Pro-Israel as any sane gentile can be, but even I can see the folly of these actions. As much as I support a sovereign Israeli state, it's not worth it for America to fight all of their battles. Safety for Israel and safety for America are not one in the same. There is some overlap, of course, but Israel can protect itself.

The neocons would have us fight a string of "wars," deport the Palestinians and create an American empire. Those are actually their words, not the Democrats'. Our resources are stretched thin as is with two big fights in Iraq and Afghanistan combined with various smaller actions in Kosovo, Haiti, et al.

And what happens if we don't follow the advice of the neocons? According to them, the terrorists

win, America is destroyed and we're all praying toward Mecca five times a day. We must stop all evil everywhere, or be consumed by it. Terrorism is the chief evil in the current world and all who support it and use it must be eliminated forever.

Yes, it is as crazy as it sounds. Most Americans won't even get up for church every Sunday, so I doubt they'll go for religious rituals five times a day. And you won't be able to eliminate evil until you can engineer a better human, something that's a long way off. Still, the neocons hold firm to the belief that the ultimate goal of the Islamists is to make the entire world a Muslim theocracy. This is in the Koran, but the Muslims really haven't been able to do any conquering for a few hundred years.

Fortunately, the neocons are on the way out. Bush will survive, don't worry, but the agenda is as dead as a doornail. The Bush inner circle (sans Rummy) has realized fighting wars across the Arab world is somewhere between idiotic and impossible. The neocons have been proud to bear their ideology and will soon bear the blame for what went wrong in Iraq.

The GOP is on its way back to traditional conservatism and sane foreign policy, and not a moment too soon.

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COMMENTARY



Patrick Jennings

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

New reality show is offensive

A new reality series is in the works from UPN, and it sets the bar at a new low. Tentatively titled "Amish in the City," the show's gimmick places Amish teenagers in an urban setting and follows them around through their culture shock.

Representatives for Amish groups are up in arms, as well they should be.

This show represents exploitation and discrimination. It wants to hold up a people who are different from those who'll be consuming the show for ridicule. The hook of the show is seeing people in a fish-out-of-water situation, which can be funny, but not when it is done in a spirit of mockery.

The Amish choose to live the way they do because, to them, it is right and proper that they do so. They are not unsophisticated hayseeds for the rest of society to laugh at. Their way of life has served them for centuries.

They are motivated by their particular interpretation of the Bible, so this show amounts to laughing at those who have chosen a different religion. Would a show that followed observant Jews around at a pork barbecue make it to television?

The Amish have isolated themselves from the rest of society — they call non-Amish people "English" — to keep free of what

they see as English impiety, and as a result, they don't face a lot of the same problems. This show wants to take people out of their sacred enclave and throw them to the wolves for cheap laughs at their expense.

The teens who participate in the show will surely face family and community repercussions. The Old Order Amish avoid being photographed as an interpretation of the Biblical proscription against making graven images. Surely these teens being videotaped and exhibited for the enjoyment of the English will draw the ire of some of their older peers.

Of course, the participants in the show had to have agreed to do it, but how could they know what they were in for? The Amish don't use electricity and probably haven't caught the last season of "The Simple Life" and "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?" They probably don't realize what a vapid and demeaning genre reality television is.

It will be nothing short of miraculous if this show indeed depicts the Amish with the "utmost respect and decency," as a release from UPN claimed — let alone if the show is even remotely good.

This is a staff editorial from The Pitt News at the University of Pittsburgh. It was distributed by U-Wire.

Creativity catches employer's eye

The frigid winter months have passed and spring is finally here. For seniors, however, graduation is approaching, and it's time to brush up that resume, dust off those business suits and prepare for "The Great Job Hunt."

Programs like Junior Jumpstart and Senior Seminar are designed to help prepare college graduates for job-hunting after graduation. I recently attended Junior Jumpstart, where the agenda included seminars on the rules of resume writing, interviewing, internship searching and networking, as well as lunch with professionals from a variety of fields.

However, as we boarded the bus back to TCU after six hours of being inundated with advice on the "right" way to write a resume (chronological or functional format) and dress for an interview (conservatively with dark colors), I could not help asking myself what we all look like from the employers' side. If thousands of college graduates across the country are following these same "rules," as a collective we must appear to be some drone army of job-seekers, offering the same resumes and many of the same answers in interviews. I wondered if those who interview candidates ever get tired of seeing the same type of potential employee parade through what must seem a revolving door of business suits and skirts.

Granted, many jobs in today's job market do not require formal business dress every day of the week, especially those in the more flexible fields of medicine, social work and the fine arts. Nevertheless, to get these jobs, candidates will have to endure the same application and review process as students entering the more business-oriented fields of advertising, finance and education.

I have often wondered why the job-search process has become so rigid that it allows little to no room for creativity. Is it really so wrong to have a resume that is different, or to wear something more chic than a business suit? Bradley Richardson, author of "Jobsmarts for Twentysomethings," writes that, "Being creative and off the wall takes guts and a special personality,

but often that may be exactly what is needed to push you over the top, and ahead of the competition."

As an example, Richardson cites the story of a woman applying for a marketing position with a vineyard. The woman created her resume on a wine label, placed it on a bottle, and sent it to the company. Another young woman, a recent college graduate, knew her interviewers were concerned about her lack of experience. After her interview, she sent the company's executives a Kermit the frog doll with a note reading, "I'm green, but I'm good." Cheesy? Yes. However, these stories are examples of applicants who took a more daring, creative route and benefited from the decision.

Now, I am not saying everyone should send stuffed animals or alcohol to potential employees, and certainly the way you choose to express your creativity should fit the job you are applying for. However, the idea that using your imagination in the process of job hunting is a disadvantage is wrong. Candidates who use subtle creativity to market themselves may, in fact, put themselves ahead of the competition, simply because their resume may stand out from other standard, formatted, black-and-white resumes in the stack.

To put this differently, imagine going to the movie theater to catch a flick. Only, when you arrive, all the movies are the same. Perhaps they have different actors, but the script, plot and settings are exactly alike. Those movies would start to look pretty bland after awhile. Now, imagine the movie on the last screen comes with 3-D glasses. This movie, though it contains the same story as the other movies, is now more interesting because it's just a bit different. This same concept can be applied to job hunting.

To all the seniors, and anyone beginning the job hunt, have the gumption to try something different this time. Remember, if it does not work, it's not the end of the world, and you can always visit Career Services to pick up a packet on writing a traditional resume.

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Ashcroft is threat to our liberties

When I compose my list of the top five scariest people I can think of, here's how it looks: 1) Dracula; 2) Boogeyman; 3)

Gilbert Gofried; 4) Jason; 5) John Ashcroft.

Ashcroft came to fame in 2000 when he lost a senate race to a dead guy — Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, who died in a plane crash before election day. He remained on the ballot, and his widow, Jean Carnahan, took his spot in the Senate. When Bush was elected in 2000, Ashcroft was selected as the new attorney general.

One of his first actions as attorney general was to nullify Oregon's assisted suicide law. Holy cow! The attorney general can nullify state laws at his leisure? Thankfully, Oregon sued the Department of Justice, and a federal court told Ashcroft that he overstepped his bounds: "To allow an attorney general ... to determine the legitimacy of a particular medical practice without a specific congressional grant of such authority would be unprecedented."

With nothing else to do, the DOJ prepared lawsuits against pornographers and companies that produced pornography. Then Sept. 11 happened, and the DOJ had to abandon frivolous lawsuits in favor of finding terrorists — the latter being an admirable goal (no, I'm not kidding this time; I want them to find terrorists).

To that end, the Justice Department wrote the USA-PATRIOT Act and rammed it through Congress. Who is against patriotism? Very few members of Congress, it appeared. While they weren't against patriotism, they seemed to dislike civil liberties, giving the government broader domestic surveillance powers. The FBI and police could now obtain a wiretap or a search warrant not by probable cause, but by showing that the information obtained through a wiretap or search warrant "is relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation." So, even if you haven't committed a crime, your library records can be investigated if the government thinks that you might commit a crime or if you're being investigated — for something.

In February, the DOJ continued to show contempt for civil liberties when it subpoenaed hundreds of medical records of women who had had partial-birth abortions as part of its defense in lawsuits regarding the Partial-Birth Abortion Act. The DOJ claimed, "Federal law does not recognize a physician-patient privilege," and "patients no longer possess a reasonable expectation that their histories will remain completely confidential." That's a pretty scary prospect for the millions of Americans who believed that their medical histories would remain confidential. Then those doggone

"activist judges" totally and unabashedly reinterpreted the Constitution on March 6 when a federal judge said that those women didn't have to turn over their medical records. Damn their liberal, leftist, Hollywood celebrity agendas! They're with the terrorists!

When November rolls around, think about who will be legally able to see your private records for the next four years.

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QUICK FACTS



Election update

The latest news from the campaign trail

Kerry accepts union endorsement

KETCHUM, Idaho (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry wrapped up his nearly week-long vacation in Sun Valley on Wednesday and was flying back to Washington to accept a key union endorsement and rally former rival Howard Dean and other party leaders behind his candidacy.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees will endorse Kerry on Thursday in a meeting of the union's executive council, Democratic officials said. AFSCME, with 1.3 million members, is the second-largest union in the AFL-CIO.

Kerry is meeting privately Thursday with members of the Democratic National Committee, then speaking to the National Newspaper Publishers Association. He has a private meeting with Dean's congressional supporters and donors, then plans to accept Dean's endorsement during a rally at George Washington University, followed by the AFSCME endorsement.

The Democratic chiefs come together Thursday night to recognize Kerry as the new leader of the party and raise more than \$10 million for the DNC's effort to defeat President Bush. Kerry will be joined by former Presidents Carter and Clinton, 2000 Democratic nominee Al Gore, Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe and all his primary rivals except Dennis Kucinich and Carol Moseley Braun.

In a message posted on the Web site for his new organization, Democracy

For America, Dean urged his supporters to back Kerry's campaign. "The primary goal throughout my campaign was to send George Bush back to Texas," Dean wrote. "John Kerry shares this goal and is the only person with a chance of doing just that."

Dean also tried to persuade his supporters not to back a third-party candidate who might siphon votes away from Kerry. "The future of our country depends on defeating this president, so this election is much too important to support any effort by any third candidate," he said.

AFSCME had endorsed Dean last fall and helped propel his candidacy to front-runner status for a while. AFSCME President Gerald McEntee yanked the endorsement last month after Dean had failed to win any of the first 11 Democratic primaries.

AFSCME, which spends more on politics than any other union, wanted to immediately stem the bleeding of manpower and campaign coffers to a losing campaign. Its political action committee spent \$847,120, including \$583,366 in independent expenditures in support of Dean in February, according to a Federal Election Commission report.

McEntee is a major player in Democratic Party politics, and his early endorsement of Bill Clinton helped propel the former Arkansas governor to the presidency. He had flirted with backing Kerry and Wesley Clark before jumping on Dean's bandwagon when the former Vermont governor was leading in polls and fund raising.

National Roundup

Woman's death ruled homicide

FARMERSVILLE (AP) — The death of a missing 20-year-old woman has been ruled a homicide, authorities said Wednesday.

Farmersville Police Chief Wayne Pickett declined to say how the woman, whose body was found in a creek bed, was killed. Law officers found signs of a struggle in her home.

The remains were found near a rural road Tuesday and identified as those of Rachelle O'Neil Tolleson, according to Collin County Sheriff's dispatcher Cela Womble.

A hunter discovered the Tolleson's body in an area not far from where search parties had been just days earlier.

Tolleson had not been seen since she drove her mother home March 17. Her 6-month-old daughter Avery was found home alone and her car was in the driveway the next day.

Victor Muller, Tolleson's uncle, said family members don't believe Tolleson would leave her home willingly, abandoning her baby.

Tolleson's mother had found the back door of the house open and her daughter's car in the driveway.

About 150 people, including friends and family, gathered for a prayer service Tuesday night at a church before learning that Tolleson was the victim.

Two abducted women found in car

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two women were found alive in a car trunk Wednesday morning after calling police from their cell phone and talking to authorities more than an hour as the phone signal was traced to their location on a boat ramp.

The women said they were abducted by two men, tied up and forced into the trunk, said Lt. Dean Sullivan, a Fort Worth police spokesman. He said he did not know what the women were doing or where they were when they were abducted.

They were in the trunk several hours but were able to describe the car's model, color and year to help authorities in the search. As they talked on the phone, police listened for sirens of cruisers sent to the area to determine how close they were to the car.

One of the women was disoriented

when police rescued them after finding the car parked at the bottom of a boat ramp in northwest Fort Worth, Sullivan said. They were taken to Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital, where their conditions were not being released.

Sullivan said he did not know if the women had been sexually assaulted. Their names and ages were not immediately released.

No one had been arrested in connection with the incident as of Wednesday afternoon.

Unarmed driver shot by trooper

MARKSVILLE, La. (AP) — A state trooper shot and killed a Texas man because he thought the man was reaching for a weapon after being pulled over Wednesday morning, a state police spokesman said.

No weapon was found, Sgt. Howard McKee said.

McKee said the driver was stopped about 4:30 a.m. four miles north of Marksville on Louisiana Highway 1 in Avoyelles Parish. The man repeatedly refused to comply with the trooper's commands and at some point made an "erratic movement" as though he was about to pull a weapon, McKee said.

The trooper, whose name was not released, shot the man once, killing him.

The man is from Texas. His identity was being withheld while relatives were located, McKee said.

McKee said state police were investigating the shooting along with the Avoyelles Parish sheriff and the district attorney.

Phone cards presented in Nichols' trial

MCALISTER, Okla. (AP) — Prosecutors on Wednesday tried to link Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols to prepaid phone cards allegedly used to contact Timothy McVeigh.

The cards were purchased from the Spotlight, a right-wing newspaper, and were renewed by someone using the name Daryl Bridges, according to William Sweet, the magazine's former marketing director.

Prosecutors say Bridges was one of the aliases Nichols used in his attempt to help McVeigh, the man executed for

the blast that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995. The attack killed 168 people.

Sweet said letters containing renewal payments for the phone cards had a return address of Decker, Mich., which proved to be the home of Nichols' brother, James Nichols. The envelopes had upside-down American flag postage stamps, Sweet said.

Nichols also is accused of using the alias Mike Havens to buy 2,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate fertilizer a little more than six months before the bombing. The fertilizer was a key ingredient in the bomb.

Nichols is on trial on 161 state counts of murder. He is already serving a life sentence on federal charges for the deaths of eight federal law officers.

The state charges are for the 160 other victims and one victim's fetus. Prosecutors hope to send Nichols to the death chamber for his role in what was once the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

The defense argued that Nichols, who was home in Kansas when the bomb went off, was the fall guy for a shadowy group of conspirators, possibly including members of a white supremacist, anti-government group.

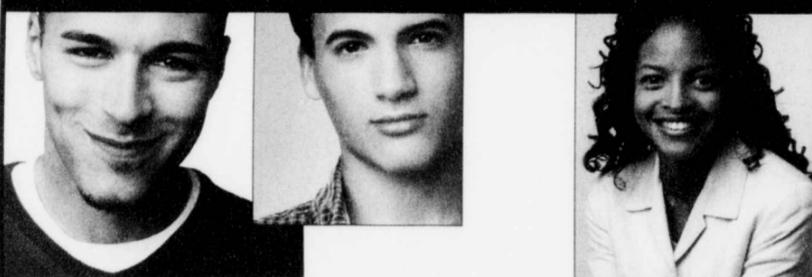
Judge asked to review testimony

NEW YORK (AP) — Jurors in the trial of two former Tyco executives accused of looting the company asked the judge Wednesday to review one defendant's testimony on \$84 million in bonuses he and Tyco's former chief executive received.

The jurors also asked for documents on the bonuses paid to ex-Tyco chief financial officer Mark Swartz and ex-CEO L. Dennis Kozlowski, who are accused of bilking Tyco of \$600 million. Prosecutors say Swartz and Kozlowski took unauthorized bonuses and abused company loan programs.

Swartz testified during the nearly six-month trial that he did not do anything he believed was illegal. He said he and Kozlowski received bonuses and had their loans forgiven at many informal company board meetings at which no minutes were kept.

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4 found dead may be from copter crash

The Coast Guard continues to look for passengers.

By Pam Easton
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Four bodies believed to be from a helicopter carrying 10 people that vanished in the Gulf of Mexico were found late Wednesday afternoon about 60 miles south of Galveston, where the helicopter departed a day earlier.

An offshore supply vessel assisting in the search discovered two bodies about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. Thirty minutes later, a separate debris field and two additional bodies were located nearby. A lifejacket has also been found with the words "Property of Era" on it.

The helicopter was owned by Alaska-based Era Aviation, Inc.

The search continued for the helicopter passengers.

"We are focused on searching and recovering these victims," Coast

Guard spokesman Chad Saylor said. "The Coast Guard cutter Manta is en route to the scene to assist in the recovery."

Saylor said the search, which had concentrated on an oil slick about 100 miles south of Galveston, was moving north toward the debris field.

"We hope to find somebody out there alive," Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Adam Wine said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the family members."

The helicopter last made radio contact Tuesday night about 90 miles south of Galveston. The Discoverer Spirit, located about 130 miles east of South Padre Island, is owned by offshore drilling company Transocean, Inc.

Wine said no bad weather was reported at the time of the helicopter's last call from its pilot shortly after 7 p.m.

Hamas targets Sharon for retaliatory strike

New leader says the militant group is not targeting America.

By Lara Sukhtian
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The new Hamas leader in Gaza said Wednesday the militant group had no plans to attack U.S. targets, while another top official in the organization said it has targeted Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for death.

The Islamic group had made veiled threats it would retaliate against the United States for Israel's assassination of Hamas spiritual leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin on Monday, but it has rarely attacked American targets during the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Israel has gone on high alert since Yassin's death, and troops south of the West Bank city of Nablus stopped a Palestinian boy wearing a suicide bomb belt from crossing through a checkpoint. Soldiers removed the explosives-packed belt from the boy, Husam Abdo, and sappers later detonated it, the army said.

It was unclear whether the boy was being sent as a suicide bomber or was a courier trying to smuggle the bomb belt through the checkpoint. The boy was in his mid-teens, according to his neighbors in Nablus. They identified him as a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation

of Palestine militant group.

Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a hard-liner named Tuesday as Hamas' new Gaza chief, said the group's militant activities were aimed solely at Israel.

"We are inside Palestinian land and acting only inside Palestinian land. We are resisting the occupation, nothing else," Rantisi told reporters in Gaza. "Our resistance will continue just inside our border, here inside our country."

Rantisi denied reports that Hamas would join with al Qaeda, calling the claims "Zionist propaganda."

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Wednesday he opposed "any attack on civilians, whether they were Israel or Palestinian."

The State Department on Tuesday repeated a long-standing warning urging Americans not to travel to the Gaza Strip.

On Wednesday, overall Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal, who is based in Damascus, Syria, said the group's military wing would assess its abilities to kill Sharon.

"I hope that the holy warriors can retaliate against this awful crime by targeting the most prominent Zionist leaders ... including Sharon," Mashaal said in an interview posted on a Hamas Web site. "I hope they can succeed."

Microsoft monopoly fined

The European Union issues the software giant a \$613 million penalty and orders that changes be made to Windows.

By Paul Geitner
Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union slapped Microsoft Corp. with a \$613 million fine Wednesday for abusively wielding its Windows software monopoly and ordered sanctions that go well beyond the U.S. antitrust settlement — setting up what could be another lengthy court battle.

Microsoft called the EU's decision "unwarranted and ill-considered," and said it would ask a judge to suspend the order pending appeal.

The EU antitrust office said it sought to alter Microsoft's behavior because its five-year investigation found that the software giant tried to squeeze competitors out of Windows-related markets and "the illegal behavior is still ongoing."

It gave the company 90 days to offer European computer manufacturers a version of Windows stripped of the company's digital media player, software for viewing video and listening to music that is expected to become pivotal in the industry as multimedia content becomes more pervasive.

The EU also gave Microsoft 120 days to release "complete and accurate" information to rivals in the office server market so their products can work more smoothly with desktop computers running Windows.

"Microsoft has abused its virtual monopoly power over the PC desktop in Europe," EU antitrust chief Mario Monti said. "We are simply ensuring that anyone who develops new software has a fair opportunity to compete in the marketplace."

Monti said he limited the order to Europe in deference to regulators in the United States

and other countries, but that doing so "will not unduly undermine the effectiveness," given the size of the European market. Microsoft does about 20 percent of its business in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Microsoft's general counsel, Brad Smith, said he would ask the presiding judge at the European Court of First Instance to stay the order pending appeal — a process that could take years.

"The European Commission has the first word, but the European courts have the final word," he said.

Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, announcing a new speech server product in San Francisco on Wednesday, did not mention the EU case.

The fine would automatically be suspended upon appeal, but antitrust experts were divided on the company's chances for winning emergency relief from the rest of the order.

"It will be up to Microsoft to show that this prohibition causes irreparable harm, which is not an easy thing to do," said Jacques Bourgeois, a former commission legal adviser now in private practice.

Others noted, however, that the commission would have to show that further delay could result in irreparable harm to competitors, such as the danger they could go out of business.

"If it's later ruled that the commission was wrong" to make Microsoft disclose information to rivals, "how do they put the genie back into the bottle?" said Stephen Kinsella, an international business expert with the Herbert Smith law firm in Brussels.

Settlement talks broke down last week over the EU's insistence on just such a precedent-setting element: preventing Microsoft from adding features such as Google-like search to future versions of Windows.

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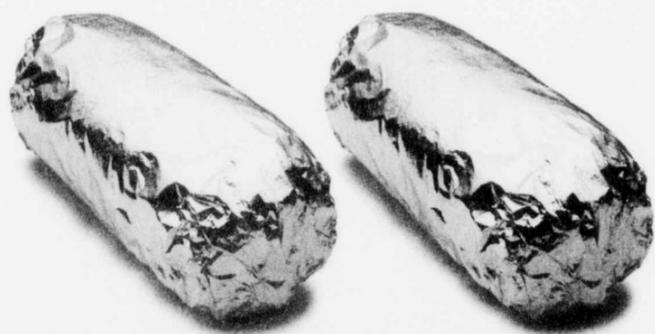
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A gene that shrunk our jaws could have increased the size of our brains

Scientists say they have found the gene mutation that separated man from apelike creatures.

By Joseph B. Verrengia
Associated Press

Touching off a scientific furor, researchers say they may have discovered the mutation that caused the earliest humans to branch off from their apelike ancestors — a gene that led to smaller, weaker jaws and, ultimately, bigger brains.

Structure of the skull, they contend, by eliminating thick muscles that worked like bungee cords to anchor a huge jaw to the crown of the head. The change

would have allowed the cranium to grow larger and led to the development of a bigger brain capable of tool-making and language.

The mutation is reported in the latest issue of the journal *Nature*, not by anthropologists, but by a team of biologists and plastic surgeons at the University of Pennsylvania and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

The report provoked strong reactions throughout the hotly contested field of human origins with one scientist declaring it "counter to the fundamentals of evolution" and another pronouncing it "super." The Pennsylvania researchers said their

estimate of when this mutation first occurred — about 2.4 million years ago, in the grasslands of East Africa, the cradle of humanity — generally overlaps with the first fossils of prehistoric humans featuring rounder skulls, flatter faces, smaller teeth and weaker jaws.

Nonhuman primates — including our closest animal relative, the chimpanzee — still carry the original big-jaw gene and the apparatus enabling them to bite and grind the toughest foods.

"We're not suggesting this mutation alone defines us as *Homo sapiens*," said Dr. Hansell Stedman of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. "But evolutionary events are

extraordinarily rare. Over 2 million years since the mutation, the brain has nearly tripled in size. It's a very intriguing possibility."

University of Michigan biological anthropologist Milford Wolpoff called the research "just super."

"The other thing that was happening 2 1/4 million years ago is that people were beginning to make tools, which enabled them to prepare food outside their mouths," he said. "This is a confluence of genetic and fossil evidence."

Other researchers strenuously disagreed that human evolution could literally hinge on a single mutation affecting jaw muscles, and that once

those muscles were reduced, the brain suddenly could grow unfettered.

"Such a claim is counter to the fundamentals of evolution," said C. Owen Lovejoy of Kent State University. "These kinds of mutations probably are of little consequence."

University and commercial laboratories rapidly are comparing the human genome with that of chimpanzees to determine what makes people human, and how the earliest transitional creatures known as hominids split from Old World apes and monkeys some 6 million years ago.

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Kitchens said he had hoped for more student input. "It's their university too," he said. Topics discussed at Wednesday's meeting are more relevant to students than issues discussed at the other town hall meetings, Anderson said. "They're the learners," she said. "We'd like to know what they feel they need." Many faculty members offered their views on what resources the university needs to provide or improve. The university needs to envision "the library of the future," said Bob Seal, university librarian. Library improvements could include group study rooms, better collections and electronic resources, wireless Internet access, ample Internet bandwidth and more comfortable learning areas, he said. "The library is the heart of the academic enterprise," Seal said.

Gerald Gabel and Jose Feghali, professors of music, said the music department needs new technology. "We've been plagued for many years with sub-par recording technology," Gabel said. Other faculty members emphasized the need for student-faculty interaction. "The learning resource is really us, and the technology is just the facilitator," said Bob Lusch, dean of the business school. Wehlburg agreed TCU should not have "technology for technology's sake." "We're also talking about people," she said. "It's not just the technology or classroom seats." Students do not have to attend the meetings to express an opinion, Anderson said. Students who have something to say about the distribution of resources at TCU can e-mail Anderson at s.anderson@tcu.edu or call her at (817) 257-6572. The Learning Resources committee may also send an e-mail questionnaire to students.

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CORE
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issues that come from the new core, such as how to give credit to transfer students. Faculty Senators recently approved a recommendation to give permanent status to an existent assessment committee and charge it with the evaluation of the new core beginning in the 2007-2008 academic year. The university's current curriculum has three sections; foundations, explorations and physical education. The new core has three sections as well, but with new names with the purpose of educating students to be ethical leaders, Canady said. Foundations will be called Essential Competencies. According to Senate documents, committees designed the competencies section to let students learn how to reason mathematically, express thoughts clearly and write efficiently. Students will be required to take three hours of math, three hours of oral communication and 12 hours of writing emphasis and written communication. "The new core puts more emphasis on what students want to learn in the classroom about a subject," Canady said. "Instead of putting all the pressure on the professor to teach something to students." The Explorations will become the Human Experiences and Endeavors. This section has 27 hours distributed among humanities, social and natural sciences, and fine arts.

Catherine Wehlburg, director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, said the new core combines professionals from several areas to teach one course and give students different points of view about a subject. "The new TCU core is unique if you compare its structure with the ones of other institutions," Wehlburg said. "It combines faculty from different areas of human development." The Heritage, Mission, Vision and Values section of the new core will expose students to 18 hours divided among religious, historical and literary traditions, as well as citizenship and social values to develop a cultural and global awareness. "This section is the embodiment of TCU's mission statement," Canady said. "It's important because when students graduate, they will be able to say that they were exposed to all these areas that are essential in our society." In April the Faculty Senate will review all core-related policies as the next step toward establishing the new core. The process of developing a new curriculum began in 1999 when former Chancellor Michael Ferrari asked administrators and faculty members to design a new core that would reaffirm TCU's mission of educating individuals "to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community."

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Sun never sets on prof's PR text book

By Angelica Rosas
Staff Reporter

Doug Newsom's best-selling public relations book has been translated into so many different languages she has lost track. Newsom, a public relations professor at TCU for over 30 years, recently found out that her co-authored book "PR Writing Form & Style" has been translated into Chinese. She received her book in the mail and turned to the first page. She couldn't read her own book. "I have no idea how many languages my books are in," Newsom said. "I haven't bothered to ask." Two of her five texts have been translated into languages from almost every continent and are in libraries worldwide. They are often the only instructional books available for international students to learn about American public relations practices. Tommy Thomason, chairman of the journalism department, said Newsom is one of the foremost public relations educators in the nation. "She is a real benefit to our program," Thomason said. "Obviously Doug is one of the reasons we have been recognized nationally and internationally as a top journalism school." The journalism department was listed as one of the top 23 "premier programs" in the U.S. in a 1999 edition of PR Educator magazine.

Jack Raskopf, a colleague of Newsom's for 31 years, calls her the "energizer bunny" because she never stops. "She would probably feel underemployed if she only had one project going on at once," Raskopf said. Newsom agreed that her life is complicated but said setting priorities is the key to keeping stress down. Family is what is most important and deadlines for projects and books are second, said Newsom, who has a stack of projects on her desk in order of their occurrence. "I am driven in that I believe in fairness in all aspects of life," Newsom said. "I want to be sure people have the opportunity to be the best they can be." Lucy Cifuentes, a senior advertising/public relations major is one of the many students Newsom mentors. She said she has known Newsom for four years not only as an adviser, but as a role model.



Sarah Chacko/Photo Editor
Though professor Doug Newsom's books have made it around the world, this is her first to be translated into Chinese.

"She takes the time to get to know students," Cifuentes said. "She knows a lot about life and she puts you first. I walk into her office feeling blue and walk out feeling happy." Newsom is an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America and has won the Texas Public Relations Golden Spur Award for personal achievement in the field. She was a Fulbright lecturer in India in 1998 and has done workshops in South Africa, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Poland and Vanuatu.

Newsom also won the PRSA's Educator of the Year Award in 1982, which was the first given to a woman. Additionally, she was the second woman president of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

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Riptides blamed in Florida deaths

Beachgoers warned to stay away from currents that killed at least four people last week.

By Jill Barton
Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Treacherous rip currents along the Florida coast in the past week have killed at least four beachgoers, led to dozens of rescues and forced lifeguards to issue an unpopular warning in the middle of spring break: Stay out of the water. One current was so overpowering that an 83-year-old woman, Madeline Roberts,

was dragged away north of Palm Beach after a wave knocked her down as she took a stroll along the water's edge Sunday. Rescuers pulled her out along with an 82-year-old woman who had jumped in to save her. Roberts survived; the friend died hours later. "It was very frightening for them. This is something they do often and they were just powerless," said Sharon Martinelli, Roberts' daughter. "My mom's walked on the ocean all her life." This week's deaths were all blamed on rip currents, which are rushing channels of water that can carry away even the best

swimmers. Although the currents do not drag swimmers under water, many people panic, become tired and drown as they try to swim back to shore. The four deaths in Florida in one weekend have made the past week a particularly deadly one, considering the currents on average kill about 19 people in the state during the entire year. Rip currents also occur along the Pacific Coast and the Great Lakes. They pose more danger to swimmers than either sharks or hurricanes do and were responsible for 16,300 rescues in 2003, according to the U.S. Lifesaving Association.

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Pop star may face jail time

CANTON, Mass. (AP) — A family court judge ordered R&B singer Bobby Brown jailed for 90 days or until he pays \$63,500 in child support he owes the mother of two children he fathered.

Brown, released from a Georgia jail early so he could attend the contempt hearing, cried as he was led from the courtroom. He was to be jailed in the Norfolk County House of Correction.

Judge Paula Carey issued the ruling after Brown, husband of singer Whitney Houston, testified that he was unable to pay support he owes for children, now 12 and 14, that he fathered with Kim Ward, of Stoughton.

released Monday, three days early, from the Georgia jail where he had been serving a 60-day sentence on a probation violation stemming from a drunk driving charge.

Brown, 35, also is charged with misdemeanor battery after he allegedly hit Houston, leaving her with a bruised cheek and a cut lip. He is scheduled to appear May 5 in a Fulton County, Ga., court on that charge.

Brown, who was more than four hours late for the hearing, testified in a hushed voice, telling the judge that he was unable to pay because he had no job and no income.

"I never wanted this to happen," he said.

Soldiers' suicide rate high in middle east

The Army sees no crisis although 24 soldiers have committed suicide in Iraq.

By Robert Burns Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The suicide rate among American soldiers in Iraq is much higher than for the Army as a whole, but officials said Wednesday that mental health experts have concluded there is no crisis.

A team of mental health experts visited soldiers in Iraq and Kuwait last year, following an alarming jump in suicides in July, and after months of deliberation have presented Army leaders with a series of recommendations on ways that mental stress among soldiers can be handled better.

The Army planned to publicly announce the team's findings and recommendations as early as Thursday.

There were at least 24 suicides among U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Kuwait last year, according to the Army's count. That number may increase because the circumstances of some other deaths are still in doubt.

That equates to a suicide rate of 17.3 per 100,000 soldiers, compared with a rate of 12.8 for the Army as a whole in 2003 and an average rate of 11.9 for the Army during the 1995-2002 period, according to officials familiar with the mental health study. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

The 24 suicides do not include soldiers who killed themselves after returning to the United States.

The overall U.S. civilian suicide rate during 2001 was 10.7 per 100,000, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The U.S. civilian rate for the 18-34 age group, which is the age range of most soldiers, is 21.5 per 100,000.

The common threads that investigators found in the circumstances of the 24 soldiers who committed suicide were personal financial problems, failed personal relationships and legal problems, officials said.

They also found — as have previous Army probes of increases in the suicide rate during the 1990s — that soldiers tend to avoid seeking help with stress or other mental health problems for fear of being stigmatized.

The team of Army mental health specialists surveyed about 750 soldiers in Iraq and Kuwait between August and October and found that while stress was an issue, as might be expected in a combat zone, 77 percent described their stress as mild or minimal. Seven percent reported severe stress.

About 80 percent of those surveyed had been engaged in combat since their arrival in Iraq.

It is highly unusual for the Army to send a mental health assessment group to a war zone, but it acted after five soldiers committed suicide in July alone. That turned out to be a statistical spike because the number of suicides after July leveled off at about two per month.

July was a particularly difficult month for soldiers in Iraq. The combat phase of the war had ended in May and many soldiers thought

the conflict was ending, but then an Iraqi insurgency took hold in June and July. Soldiers were being killed almost daily by roadside bombs and snipers.

The summer heat, combined with sometimes primitive living conditions for soldiers, added to the stress level.

Among the mental health assessment team's recommendations:

—Refocus soldier training to improve the "buddy" system in which soldiers watch out for each other's well-being. The training would be aimed at allowing soldiers to more readily recognize signs of severe stress in their "buddy."

—Place more psychiatrists and other mental health professionals in Iraq and Kuwait. That would make help more accessible and prevent soldiers in the early stages of mental crisis from becoming suicidal.

Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, told reporters in January that of more than 10,000 troops medically evacuated from Iraq, between 300 and 400 were sent outside the country for treatment of mental health problems.

The military prefers to treat mental health problems such as depression by keeping troops in their regular duties while they get counseling and possibly medication, Winkenwerder said. Less than one percent of the troops in Iraq are treated for mental issues during an average week, he said.

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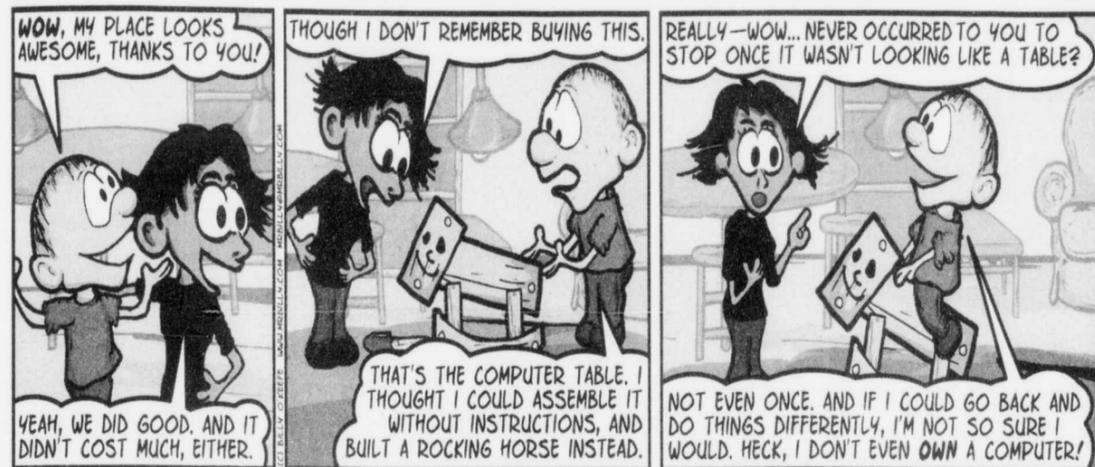
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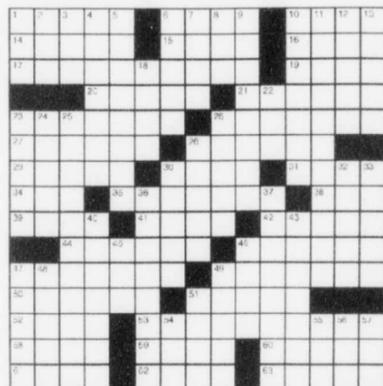
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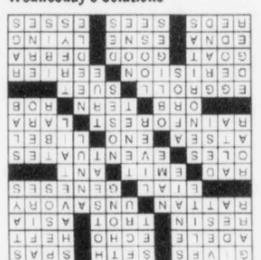
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football spring practices

Let the controversy begin

Quarterback position remains wide open until August play

Players contend with health issues and practice schedule in hope of gaining key role.

By John Ashley Menzies
Assistant Sports Editor

It is 161 days until kickoff for the next Horned Frog football season.

OK, so kickoff isn't exactly right around the corner, but spring practices are in full swing.

Which begs the question, who is the quarterback?

Three names come up as possible suitors for the position: senior Brandon Hassell, junior Tye Gunn and redshirt freshman James Battle.

Is a quarterback controversy brewing on the campus of Texas Christian University?

"No," said head football coach Gary Patterson. "Right now, we're just trying to get our quarterbacks healthy."

Patterson said the position is open and that the team is trying to find someone who can run the offense.

"The quarterbacks in our system are here to manage the offense," Patterson said.

Health, it seems, is the reason this whole situation has come about.

Last season, Gunn entered the season as the starter but had trouble staying healthy. Gunn only played five games and was knocked out of the final six games with a pulled groin muscle.

Hassell took over for Gunn and led TCU to a 7-2 record as a starter.

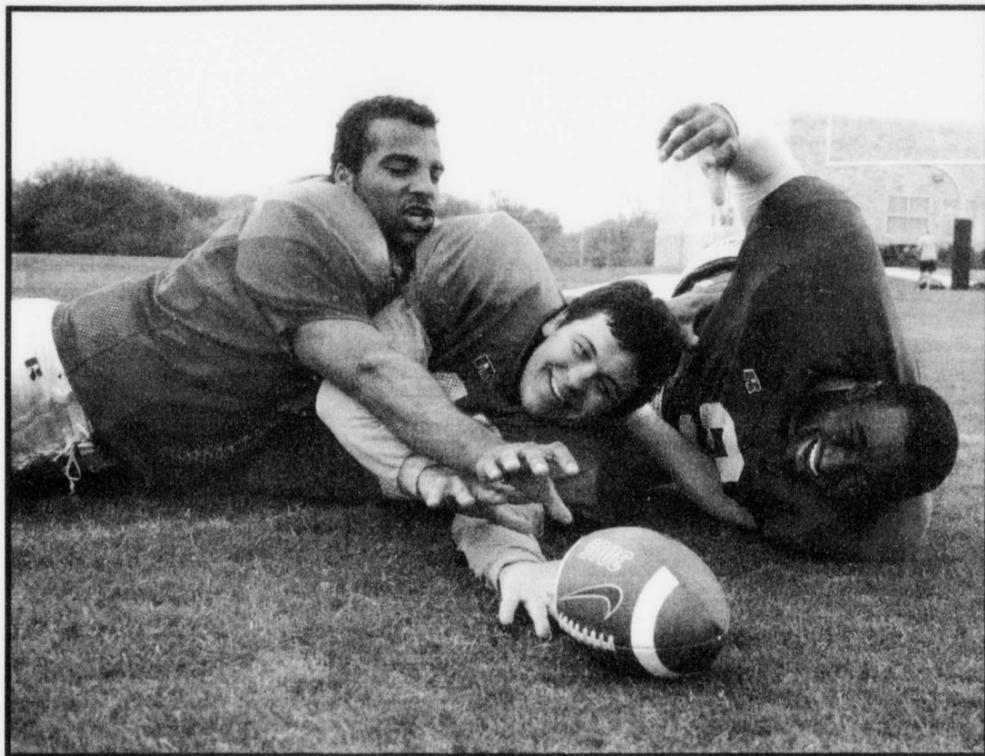
Gunn said he is getting healthy again and has been knocking some of the rust off in practice. He said he feels ready for the upcoming season.

"I just need to take a little better care of my body," Gunn said. "I'll need to go to more treatment. Go three or four times a day, rather than just one."

Gunn said some of the injuries have been freak injuries and hopes to avoid them this time around.

Hassell isn't safe from injury either. He has a bone spur in his foot which was sustained last season, and has limited him to passing drills and kept him from taking part in full drills for the rest of the spring, he said.

Hassell said the quarterbacks are all competitive and that they know they can play. Injuries are definitely holding the quarter-



(From left to right) Senior quarterback Brandon Hassell, junior quarterback Tye Gunn and redshirt freshman quarterback James Battle will be scrambling for more than the ball this fall as they compete for the starting quarterback position.

Sarah Chacko/Photo Editor

backs back and before anything can be decided they all need to get healthy, he said.

"It's still early in the spring," Hassell said. "It will take a lot of time. It will just take that person stepping up."

Battle is the new guy. A highly touted prospect out of Denton Ryan High School, Battle was redshirted last season.

"Coach told everyone that anyone could start," Battle said. "I like that they put my name in there. It makes me feel good. I just have to come out here and do what I have to do."

Patterson said that there is no leading candidate right now but that both Gunn and Hassell deserve a shot along with any other quarterback on the roster.

"Tye [Gunn] is there and Brandon [Hassell] had the season he had last season and he definitely should receive a shot," Patterson said.

Gunn said that in any controversy, you just have to block out what everyone says and just go out and play.

"There are people out there who know what they're talking about," Gunn said. "But there are those who don't and you just have to block them out."

Patterson said the decision won't be made by the end of spring and will continue until two-a-day practices begin in August.

Patterson said: "Tye [Gunn] isn't getting the reps. Brandon's foot. Right now we're just trying to give our younger quarterbacks a chance to develop."

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QUICK FACTS

The three candidates

No. 7 Brandon Hassell

Year of eligibility: Senior
Height/Weight: 6-1/199 pounds
Games played: 10
Career stats: 136-240 for 2,039 yards, 10 TD, 8 INT
Strength: Hassell moves well in the pocket and can hurt opposing defenses with his ability to either find the open man or tuck the ball and run for big yards.
Weakness: Prone to fumbling and turning over the ball.



No. 15 Tye Gunn

Year of eligibility: Junior
Height/Weight: 6-3/214 pounds
Games played: 11
Career stats: 118-193 for 1,420 yards, 8 TD, 5 INT
Strength: Gunn is a dual-threat quarterback who has great accuracy on his passes.
Weakness: Has not proven he can be a consistent starter or avoid injury.



No. 9 James Battle

Year of eligibility: Redshirt freshman
Height/Weight: 6-1/200 pounds
Games played: 0
Strength: Fits the mold of a TCU quarterback with a great combination of speed and an accurate arm. Played in a similar offensive scheme in high school at Denton Ryan.
Weakness: Inexperience at leading a college offense.



Freshmen trio has the Frogs' bats on fire

Three freshmen have made a name for themselves on the baseball diamond with their bats this season, and they plan to keep it that way.

By Brent Yarina
Sports Editor

Entering the 2004 season, head coach Jim Schlossnagle was searching for a new collection of hitters he could pencil into his lineup card every game.

Gone were the Frogs' top six statistical hitters from the year before, who combined to hit .346, leaving Schlossnagle weighing his options this spring.

Well, just a little over a month and a half into his first season with the Frogs, it's safe to say his search is over.

In freshmen Chad Huffman, Shelby Ford and German Duran, Schlossnagle has found much more than a group of hitters capable of replacing last season's departed starters.

He has found the cornerstone of his program.

"They're the core of our program," Schlossnagle said. "We're building our program around those guys. As long as they continue to do what they are supposed to in the classroom and on the field, they'll be names that TCU fans will follow for a long, long time."

Based on their performances this

spring, Schlossnagle shouldn't worry too much about their on-field performance.

Through the season's first 22 games, Huffman, Ford and Duran have been nothing less than excellent. In fact, the three freshmen have played so well they comprise the top-third of the Frogs' batting order.

Huffman leads the team in hitting with a .448 average, while Ford leads the team with seven home runs and Duran owns a 16-game hitting streak, bringing his average to .402. Aside from junior Bo Cogbill, who is hitting .403, the three freshmen represent the Frogs' top hitters.

And Schlossnagle understands what these freshmen bring to his team.

"We wouldn't have much of a baseball program without them, right now," he said. "Pretty much how they go we have gone. They're all as good of freshmen as there is in the country."

Duran isn't at all surprised by his play

or the performance of the other two freshmen, though.

"We knew we were real good," the shortstop said. "I'm doing a little better than I thought I would be doing, but I'm not surprised. We came in here as three freshmen starting and we knew we had to put up big numbers so we could produce."

Schlossnagle admits the freshmen have exceeded his expectations.

"After fall practice I knew they were pretty special," he said. "I never expected them to perform at the level they are performing at currently as freshman, especially with the schedule we have played. But I knew they were great players and would eventually be this good."

Much of their successes this season stem from Duran, the leadoff hitter, who owns a .469 on base percentage, the second highest on the team behind Huffman's .564.

"I try everything I can to get on base and get the guys behind me some RBI opportunities," Duran said. "It makes for more runs for us and keeps us in the game and gives us some wins."

Ford said he enjoys batting at the top of the order behind Duran but that his high school relationship with

the two other freshmen provides the most benefits.

"It's great, we try to set the tone for the rest of the game with our first three batters," the third baseman said. "We came in as a great group of freshmen. Everyone had played together for a while and we had known each other, which helps out a lot."

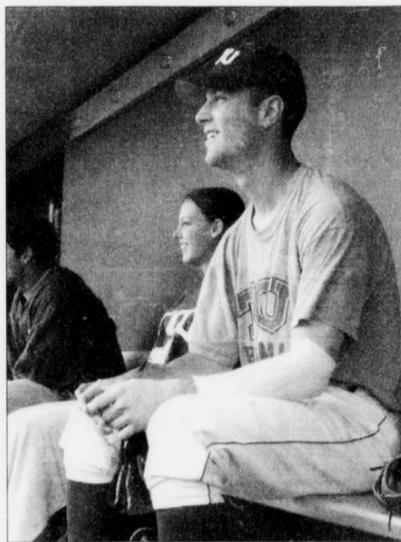
Schlossnagle said he hopes to recruit some big bats in the future in order to give his strong nucleus of freshmen some protection in the lineup.

"We need to get some more bats around them, specifically in the outfield," Schlossnagle said. "Then if we can sign some new pitchers to replace these ones, everything should be in place."

Ford can't wait for his next few years in a Frogs' uniform. And he can only hope it will include the other two freshmen.

"I'm really excited," he said. "We'll have a chance to put together even better numbers and have the younger guys grow and develop. We want to be together for the rest of our careers here, but whatever happens, whether some of us get drafted or not, I know we all want to stay together and have a great team here."

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Sarah Greene/Staff Photographer
Freshman third baseman Shelby Ford takes a break from practice to cheer on his teammates at Lupton Stadium.

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Freshmen stars	AVG.	AB	H	R	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	OB%
German Duran	.402	87	35	25	2	9	47	.540	.469
Shelby Ford	.337	92	31	30	7	22	58	.630	.455
Chad Huffman	.448	87	39	30	6	22	66	.759	.564

Men's tennis team prepares for biggest challenge of the season thus far

The team's recent loss to Tulsa has them refocused and regrouped heading into a contest against nationally-ranked Rice.

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The TCU men's tennis team will take their No. 11 ranking into a battle against No. 6 Rice today, in a match that has become the season's biggest following last week's loss to Tulsa.

This will be the team's second

match of the season against an opponent ranked higher than Frogs and in the nation's top 10. A victory against the Owls wouldn't just help the Frogs avenge their only loss of the season, but it should also help them regain their position in the national rankings.

Over Spring Break, the team began the process of rebounding from the Tulsa loss with victories over Miami and Boise State.

Assistant coach Cory Hubbard said he is pleased with how well

the team has bounced back from its only loss of the season and that they seem to have their confidence back.

"After the Tulsa match the team rededicated themselves and has really been working hard," Hubbard said. "We had a good match against Miami, we beat them 7-0, and a good Boise State team, 4-3. So we are feeling confident again and really looking forward to this match."

Head coach Joey Rive attributed

the Tulsa loss to the team not being as fired up as usual. He said the team felt out of their element against the Golden Hurricanes, as it was the team's first away match.

"It basically served as a reminder to us that we are a good team when we're hungry for a win and that we're okay when we're not," Rive said. "Since that time we've been able to really use it to get fired up for these matches and now we are getting to the end of the season so it's a good time for us."

Junior Jacob Martin said the team has been playing much better and is feeling better physically.

"The team really regrouped and came together to get two more victories against pretty good teams," he said. "We are really looking forward to playing Rice; it is a really good chance for us to get back where we belong."

The Frogs will have that chance to get back to where they belong at 2 p.m. today at Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

Fans are urged to come out and support the Frogs as they take on one of their toughest opponents of the season. Any TCU supporter who attends the match will receive free pizza on a first come basis. There will also be a sorority/fraternity competition, where the most supportive fraternity will receive free pizza and the most supportive sorority will earn a free tennis clinic mixer.

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