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Students find entertainment, exercise in rollerblading

By KRISTI WRIGHT
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Rollerblade enthusiasts are jumping off the steps of Sadler Hall, speeding down the Trinity River Trail and practicing in empty parking lots.

For many students, this popular sport has become their favorite outdoor activity.

Alan Taha, a sophomore English major, began rollerblading after being an avid skateboarder, he said.

Taha switched from performing skateboard stunts to attempting rollerblading tricks, he said.

"The campus is a perfect place to do

tricks," Taha said. "You can catch some great air jumping off of those cement blocks behind Sherley Hall."

Students also buckle-up their rollerblades and go skating for a workout.

"Rollerblading is a little less punishing than jogging and more thrilling than walking," said Amy Jablonski, a sophomore communications graphics major. "It is a great workout because you are always moving, but it doesn't pound your knee and ankle joints like jogging."

Rollerblades are in-line skates with a stiff upper boot that stabilizes the ankle, said Mike Crockett, sales associate at Herman's Sporting Goods on Hulen Avenue.

Learning to rollerblade requires the same coordination as ice skating, but the stiff boot helps to keep the ankle from wobbling, Crockett said.

"Successful rollerblading is merely a matter of getting your balance and getting used to it," he said.

Almost anyone can learn to rollerblade, but the activity appears to be the most popular among people under the age of 30, Crockett said.

A pair of rollerblades usually costs from \$80 to \$280, Crockett said.

The more expensive rollerblades have softer wheels for smoother skating, better ball bearings for faster speeds and lighter-

weight materials, Crockett said.

Beginners can usually purchase a good pair for \$120, he said.

Once beginners buy a pair of rollerblades, Crockett recommends they also purchase protective gear, he said.

Rollerbladers usually need to wear hard-shell knee and elbow pads and wrist guards, he said. Wearing a helmet is also recommended, especially for children.

Purchasing protective gear adds \$20 to \$60 to the cost of rollerblading.

After getting all of the equipment, the best place to learn how to rollerblade and to stop is in an empty parking lot with soft grassy banks along the perimeter, Jablonski

said.

"Any attempt to stop is really futile," she said. "The rollerblades have these useless little plastic blocks at the back of the wheels that are supposedly breaks, but it's better if you just look for a grassy bank and attempt to hit it."

But surviving a few nicks and bruises is all a part of the challenges and risks required to learn something new, Jablonski said.

Rollerblading is something everyone should try, she said.

"Gliding along can give you a real adrenaline rush," she said.

Marriott working to make menus healthier

By CHRISTINA BARNES
TCU Daily Skiff

Marriott food service is revising its menu and promoting dietician services to encourage students to eat healthier, said Eileen Goldstein, the food service's dietician.

Marriott provides a variety of services to students, Goldstein said. The services offer students information about eating healthy, she said.

A Food Committee, sponsored by Marriott, meets once a month. The committee includes students who offer input and advice concerning food and service. Students interested can contact the Marriott office for place and times for the meetings. There is also a suggestion box near the tray drop off in the Main cafeteria for any comments.

Goldstein has a hot line with an answering machine in order to address questions and concerns. She offers consultations for students wanting to analyze their diets, and she talks to students in the residence halls about proper nutrition. She also writes "Nutrition Notes," a flyer on nutrition information, once a month.

Marriott promoted "National Nutrition Month" in March. It placed cardboard pyramids on cafeteria tables to educate students about the

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University links hands to increase awareness, stop racism

By R. BRIAN SASSER
TCU Daily Skiff

The campus community will join hands today to raise awareness of multiculturalism and to fight the problems of racism, said Isabel Casas-I-Klett, vice president of the TCU chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

"Hands Across Campus" will begin at 11:45 a.m. in front of Frog Fountain. The human chain will wind through the Student Center and continue through the mall area as people join the chain.

The event was organized by the public relations society to encourage racial and cultural understanding, Casas-I-Klett said.

"Building friendships with different people opens one's mind to new ideas and new realities of the world around them," she said.

Last spring, five PRSSA chapters around the nation held "Hands Across Campus" at different universities, she said.

"The purpose was to make every-

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Members of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity build a bridge into their house in preparation for the fraternity's annual Islander party.

Investigators comb complex

Authorities say about 40 bodies found in Waco cult remains

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press

WACO, Texas (AP) — The bodies of about 40 people have been found throughout the burned-out rubble of the Branch Davidian compound, but it could be Thursday before any are removed.

At least three of the people had suffered gunshot wounds, said Carl Stern, a spokesman for the Justice Department. It hadn't been determined if the three were victims of suicide or homicide, he said.

One person had been shot in the forehead and the head of another victim was "virtually blown away," he said.

The people had died recently, ruling out the possibility that they were victims of a shootout that erupted Feb. 28 after a botched raid by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, he said.

Stern left open the possibility that exploding ammunition from what was believed to be part of a \$200,000 cache of illegal weapons could have killed the three.

None of the bodies had been identified.

"It's a very gruesome scene. We're talking charred bodies," said Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, which has taken control of the cult's burned complex.

Cox said between 30 and 40 bodies had been found, "closer to the 40 end."

Chuck McDonald, a spokesman for the DPS, said bodies are being found "generally distributed throughout the rubble," showing no signs of the group being huddled together as the fire spread.

He said at least two bodies have been found in a cinderblock-lined room where Koresh and top lieutenants are believed to have sought cover from tear gas and flames.

The blaze at the Branch Davidians' sprawling rural complex broke out after agents used armored vehicles to punch holes in the walls and pump in tear gas. Nine cultists sur-

vived.

Cult leader David Koresh and 85 others, including 17 children 10 or under, were believed to have died in the blaze.

Cox said bodies would be removed late Wednesday or early Thursday.

One body removed Tuesday and taken to the Tarrant County Medical Examiners office still had not been identified, McDonald said. The body was removed because it was outside the compound, he said.

Cox also said it's "way too early to speculate" on authorities' claims that the Branch Davidians' started the fire.

The FBI says there is no question that Koresh started the blaze, but at least two survivors claim the fire started when a tank knocked over a lantern containing flammable fuel.

Stern said Wednesday that a surveillance helicopter with an infrared detection device spotted simultaneous heat in three separate parts of the building when the fire erupted.

"You can't knock over a lantern in three parts of a building at once," Stern said.

Cult member Rita Riddle, 34, shouted to reporters as she left the federal courthouse Wednesday that "there was no suicide pact."

Ms. Riddle was charged with conspiracy to murder federal agents. She is one of five women aiming a rifle during the Feb. 28 raid, according to court documents.

Sister-in-law Ruth Utman Riddle, 29, was released from the hospital where she had been treated for first- and second-degree burns and ankle surgery. She was taken by wheelchair into court Wednesday for an initial appearance and was ordered held without bond as a material witness until a detention hearing next week.

Cox said investigators "are now convinced that the scene is reasonably safe for our officers ... but still this many days later I understand

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'The Balancing Act'

Ballet and modern dance department to present annual spring concert

By SHANNON SILL
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU ballet and modern dance department will present its annual spring concert today through April 24.

The free program, titled "The Balancing Act," will be held at 8 p.m. each night in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Audience members are invited to remain after Friday's performance to talk with choreographers Li Chou Cheng, Elizabeth Gillaspay, Peggy Brightman, Dian West, Sharon Garber and Susan Douglas Roberts, all members of the dance faculty.

"There are a variety of different pieces which will appeal to many types of people," said freshman ballet major Kami Sturdivant.

Sturdivant and senior ballet major Eric Salisbury will perform the pas de deux "Prayer." The piece was choreographed by ballet master-in-residence Cheng to Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Pie Jesus."

"In 'Prayer,' we basically represent two different aspects of the same person," Salisbury said. "It is a religious piece, but it is more about spiritualism than a specific religion."

Cheng, a native of Shanghai, also choreographed "4th of June" as his response to the Tiananmen Square incident almost four years ago.

"Frühlingsabend," or "Spring Evening," was choreographed by Gillaspay to the music of Chopin, Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and Dvorak.

"Signs from Earth" is a contemporary modern dance staged by Bright-

man. The piece incorporates American Sign Language interpretations of an ancient Buddhist prayer, said senior modern dance major Christa Marek. Marek said portions of the dance were improvised by the performers.

"We had to make up our own movements at all different levels, and then Peggy incorporated them into the piece," Marek said.

West created a jazz work for the concert to the music of Doc's Rhythm Cats and Manhattan Transfer. She described the dance as "aerobically challenging."

"Full Circle Memories" was choreographed by Garber in memory of three Roberts — a teacher, a ballet master and a friend. She said that by creating the piece she came to terms with the future by learning

from the past.

Roberts choreographed the modern piece "Vertigo" to an original score, "Red Light Returning," by Jim Kerkhoff of Austin.

"Vertigo" is reflective of the concert title, "Balancing Act," Salisbury said. "In the fear of heights, you have to balance your fears to succeed. It's about being out there on the edge and taking risks."

The final piece of the concert will be "Go on and Cry," a solo performed and choreographed by senior modern dance major Andrew Parkhurst.

Parkhurst's solo and Roberts' "Vertigo" were selected for the gala performance at the American Collegiate Dance Festival in Little Rock, Ark. last weekend.

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METROPLEX

Today will be sunny with a high temperature of 76 degrees.
Friday will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 81 degrees.

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CAMPUSlines

Gay and Lesbian student network meets every Sunday night off-campus. For more information call 924-7385.

Sculpture show Fort Worth sculptor Paul Lucke will present his Master of Fine Arts showing in the Moudy Building's Exhibition Space until April 23. Showing hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. For more information call 921-7643.

TCU Army ROTC is hosting its sixth annual Frog Trot at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 24. T-shirts will be given to entrants, and trophies will be awarded to top three male and female entrants. Pre-registration is this week at the Student Center for \$12, or register the day of the race for \$15. For more information, call 560-2614.

Golden Key National Honor Society will be hosting mock job interviews on April 25. Call Sara Turman at 927-7458 to sign up.

Studio art show The Bachelor of Fine Arts studio show will be held April 26-30. Twelve graduating seniors will display their work. A reception will be held April 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. Showing hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. For more information call 921-7643.

Piano recital Tamas Ungar will perform romantic music on April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Free. For more information call 921-7810.

Wind Ensemble will perform April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Free. For more information call 921-7640.

Social Work Association Raffle for prizes including Billy Bob's concert tickets continues through May 1. Tickets are available in the Student Center April 27-30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds go to Tarrant County Women's Center and Rape Crisis program. For more information call Kristie at 346-2650 or Janie at 926-8807.

Video screening Television I and II and Electronic Field Production students will be showing their video productions from 7 to 10 p.m. on April 30 in Moudy Room 164S. For more information call 921-7630.

Internship Applications for the Houston JC Internship are due May 1. Only graduating seniors or graduate students may apply. Send a one to two page biographic summary, statement of career goals, an official cumulative transcript and two letters of recommendation from faculty members to: Institute of International Education Southern Regional Office, 515 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 150, Houston, TX 77027-9407. For more information call James Falk at (713) 621-6300.

Opportunities for volunteers The Council for International Educational Exchange is looking for people for this summer's International Workcamp Program. Cost is \$135 plus transportation. For more information write CIEE, International Workcamp Department, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017 or call (212) 661-1414, ext. 1139.

Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
CREATOR'S SYNDICATE
TAURUS(April 20-May 20). You have extra money-making power; make the most of it. It's easy to fall off your diet today. Take care with possessions; some details of routine go awry. Long-distance caller passes on unfounded rumor.

GEMINI(May 21-June 21). Making progress in goals leaves you smiling. Take a chance on a new relationship; it may work out. Friend who needs you may hesitate to call due to misunderstanding. Enjoy an evening at home.

CANCER(June 22-July 22). Family life is strong; mate needs a listener. Do you have room for one more? That new information should be followed up immediately. Give a chance to a newcomer. Neighborhood projects are favored.

LEO(July 23-Aug. 22). Teach children how to handle money. Your influence is particularly strong at the workplace; be diplomatic with friends and show love to family, even if they don't understand. Aries has love for you.

VIRGO(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Spectacular results come from a friend's suggestion. Write letters to those far away. In-laws may complicate matters, but they're well-intentioned. That big future plan awaits only your courage to begin.

LIBRA(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). True love is waiting. Leave credit cards carefully put away. Soon, a relative's health changes for the better. Pushing away from the dinner table is more difficult than usual;

stick to healthy snacks.
SCORPIO(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Co-worker relations are key. Communications go awry; put off detail work and signing legal documents until next week. New romance may suddenly leave town. Unsatisfied customer or boss is mistaken.

SAGITTARIUS(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Confusion at work brings out your leadership ability. Understanding of nagging health worry comes at last. Strong friendship with a Virgo makes the difference; be practical with money.

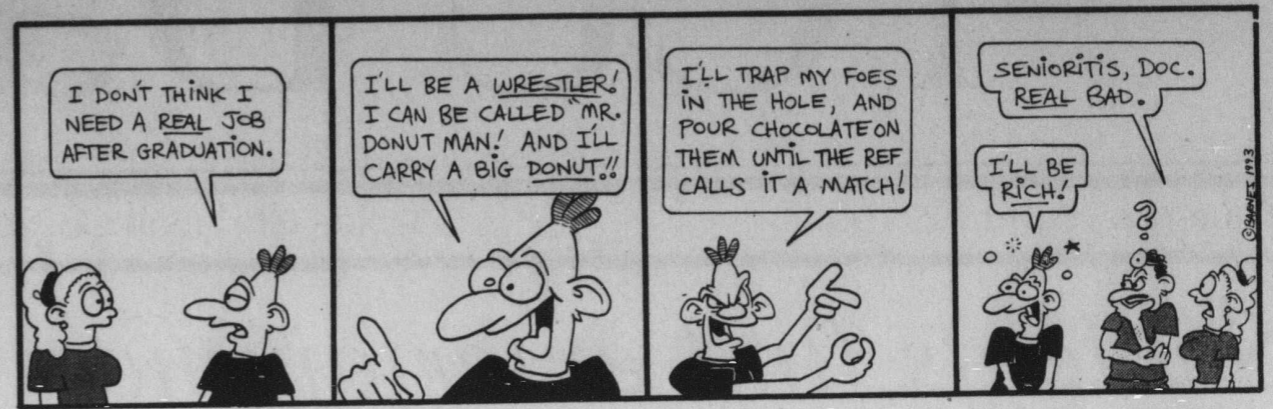
CAPRICORN(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Improved relations with family will set doubts and fears to rest soon. Go over the ideas, and suggest improvements. Admitting a mistake set those around you at ease, bringing new enthusiasm.

AQUARIUS(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love isn't easy when you really feel it, but it's worth all the trouble in the end. Boss gives confused instructions. Keep smiling and find time for being along with personal thoughts. Aries helps.

PISCES(Feb. 19-March 20). Ask for directions, or give clear ones if asked. In love, a waiting game is best; it won't take long. Surprise gift is on the way. Be thorough. Others learn forgiveness from you. A Gemini is a handy pal.

ARIES(March 21-April 19). New friends hold the key to important chances ahead. Keep a loving heart. Invest in a new tool. Job follow-ups are favored, but wait until tomorrow to pursue new leads. Invent a special dish tonight.

Insanity Fair



Hemlock



Calvin and Hobbes



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there are some still some hot spots in the debris."

Two eruptions were reported Tuesday, including one that shot debris 5 to 6 feet high, Cox said.

Authorities also found a state-of-the-art automatic machine gun that investigators did not know was in the cult's arsenal, Stern said.

The Houston Fire Department's chief arson investigator, Paul Gray, said Tuesday night he saw "lots of dead people in there," including children, as well as "a very large number of guns of various calibers, an enormous stockpile of ammunition and food."

The FBI said Wednesday they had offered Koresh the opportunity to continue preaching to followers in jail if he surrendered.

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one pledge to make a stand against racism and xenophobia," she said.

Members of PRSSA will lead the human chain, and The Word of Truth Gospel Choir will sing at the event.

"Hands Across Campus" will emphasize the different qualities of people of different cultures, Casas-I-Klett said.

"Cultural diversity is the greatest asset of living in the United States, since there is the opportunity to meet people with different cross-cultural experience due to the different social, ethnic and cultural backgrounds," she said.

Another purpose of "Hands Across Campus" is to bring faculty, staff and students together, she said.

"It signifies that campuses are banding together to fight a cause," Casas-I-Klett said.

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Opinion

Recruiting minority students begins with nurturing, retainment

So how do we recruit more African-American students? The statistics are troubling. There are roughly 235 African-American students, and almost 85 percent of them are athletes.

It looks like it is time for the recruitment of non-athlete African-American students to match or even better exceed the recruitment of African-American athletes.

I believe that the key to recruitment is retainment. We must learn to nurture the culture of students that are already here. Individuals feel more comfortable where their culture is embraced — not simply tolerated.

I've learned that schools should have an environment conducive to learning. All the extra things that we deal with have a significant impact on their performance in school and studies in general.

All of these issues should not be something a student has to spend time thinking about. After all, do our parents pay tuition



MICHELLE SMITH

for us to have us trailblaze on a day to day basis?

Should we have had to march for a holiday that the nation was already recognizing long before TCU decided to?

Should we have to defend the rationale behind having a measly month to celebrate our heritage, which usually gets swept under the rug in textbooks that celebrate eurocentric male views?

Should we have to petition administrators and staffers to remove a poster whose images went out with tap shoes and watermelon? Should we have to argue about

why we need more than one Ph.D.ed African-American professors for role models?

These are the pressures that the average white student does not have to give a second thought.

Why should our culture, like any other non-white culture here at TCU, be nurtured? It's because the mainstream culture is, and they're getting their money's worth... why shouldn't we?

Take weekends, for instance. If we want to party like we want to, we have to go to UTA, SMU, and sometimes all the way to UNT to find one to satisfy our party pallet. It's hard to have a party on TCU's campus, and our greeks don't have houses. TCU's reputation in the local African-American community is eye-opening.

For one, they don't even think that African-Americans exist here (not real ones anyway); they think that TCU is boring and that if the number of historically

African-American greeks were added together it would probably add up to the number of phalanges on a one legged man.

It is also difficult for African-American athletes and non-athletes to see eye to eye on some issues.

Understanding comes through communication, and it is very difficult to talk with those you can't see. Most of the athletes eat and live in separate facilities; their practices keep them too tired to participate in functions they may want to attend; meets, tournaments, and games keep them out of town and out of touch with the pulse of the campus. The ramifications of this pulse affect them too.

How can African-American students form a strong sense of family when the men are expected to spend long hours away from the home breadwinning for TCU and the bulk of the women are left to baby-sit age-old ignorance from colleagues and bust political suds in a kitchen that gets too

hot for many of them and they eventually get out. We can only be expected to self-assert when given the opportunity to bond.

How can we convince more African-American students to come to TCU when there are places like Dartmouth and Georgetown that recognize a need and have taken action in their curriculums and in housing?

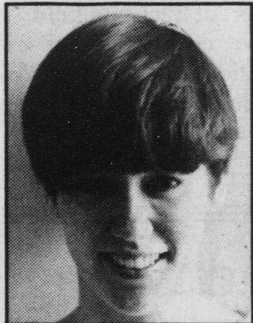
George Langford of Dartmouth (an African-American professor of biology) said that an institution of higher learning should provide academic, financial and cultural support to all of its students. Until TCU begins to fix these problems, African-American enrollment will continue to drop and recruitment efforts will be futile.

The harvest is ripe... but where are the laborers?

Michelle Smith is a senior English major from Dallas.

Authoring a column presents chance to share one's thoughts and experiences

They were dancing on the Berlin Wall. It was three and a half years ago and the Wall had fallen in Berlin. I wrote my first column in recognition of the event.



ELIZABETH LUNDAY

Oh, how everyone else must hate seniors! We wax sentimental on almost any occasion — at the drop of the proverbial hat. I could hardly write an ordinary, everyday column for this, my last one.

The first column, as I said, was on the falling Wall in Berlin. I wrote it in the fall of my freshman year, for then-opinion editor Brett Ballantini. I wrote more columns that spring, and then launched into regularly scheduled columnizing my sophomore year. I continued through more editors, opinion

editors, editorial boards and editorial policies than I care to remember.

I can never regret the experience, although I have often complained about it. True, the weekly or biweekly grind of finding something to say about something is wearing. At least half of my columns should never have been written at all, much less read by anyone.

Once thought that I would plan out my topics, research them thoroughly and then present my opinions in an organized and convincing manner. That lasted about a week.

What I did instead was share with anyone who cared to read what was going on in my life. My feelings. My thoughts. My opinions. My big moments.

It's a strange thing, telling a whole bunch of people you don't even know the intimate details of your existence. I would highly recommend it.

Because what I learned in the process was important. I learned, for one thing, the discipline of making myself write and the skill to write something. But more than that, I learned that what I thought and felt and experienced was important — that expressing these things was important.

Not important to anyone else. I learned very quickly that no one else really cares what I think — and why should they?

But expressing myself is important to me. Somewhere along the line I quit thinking, why should I say this? Why should anyone read this? What do I know? What does my opinion matter?

I began to think, this is my experience and it counts. It may only count to me, but it still counts. What I feel is important. Expressing this opinion matters.

And I learned a few other things. Fence-straddling is as uncomfortable as it is uninteresting. Holding back so not to offend anyone only offends yourself. People will read their own experience into your opinions. Most people won't read your opinions at all.

But those who do — you are the ones I am speaking to now. I have shared with you so many experiences — losing my grandfather. Hurting for my grandmother. Getting married. Getting my car towed. Looking for a parking space. Looking for peace. Growing old. Growing up. Watching Bush. Watching Clinton. Watching the Berlin Wall fall down and the people dance upon it.

Thank you for sharing all of this with me. And thank you, also, for every time you have said, "Hey, I read your column today. I really liked it." You don't know how those words make me tingle all over with pride and satisfaction.

And for the others of you — the ones who have written me angry letters and called me (as I'm told you do in Milton Daniel) "that femi-Nazi bitch"... well, I'm not offended. I'm actually surprised and honored that anyone would care enough to dislike me.

I will refrain from bursting into tears at this point, because really I'm glad that I am moving on to a new life. But I have enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to be a columnist.

Thanks for reading.

Elizabeth Lunday is a senior advertising/public relations and English major from Fort Worth.



EDITORIAL

Drugs

Deadly epidemic necessitates cooperative action

The results of a recent survey have cast a dark shadow on the this country's so-called "war on drugs." The study revealed that more school age children say they are doing drugs before reaching high school age, and LSD is on the rise among 12th-graders. So as the government fights to keep drugs off the streets, they're sadly spilling into our nation's schools.

Although the survey fortunately showed some improvements in drug use among seniors, the alarming evidence that younger kids are experimenting more often should trigger concern and action from the government, schools and parents. And as the three fight to shuffle the blame for the current situation, they are only victimizing the children.

It's time for less talk and more action — especially cooperative action. The "real world" is hitting kids hard, while some parents and schools

continue to use textbook solutions to fight this deadly epidemic. Politicians, administrators, teachers and parents too often hide behind the shield of naivete and ignorance when dealing with drugs in schools, but kids need real answers for real-life situations.

Unless concerned citizens and groups work together, this problem will plague our schools and our children. Programs that offer practical advice and mentors who know the need for urgent action on the drug front are badly needed in schools. A chapter or two on drugs read in a health course won't do the trick.

The "just say no" approach hasn't been highly effective, and throwing money at this problem won't make it go away. Real dedication from the government, parents and schools is the only way to ensure that our kids arm themselves with the proper weapons in this war against drugs.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Riots

In response to Michelle Smith's article in last Wednesday's *Skiff*, I have a few "conjectures" of my own. I have only to stay that you, by your own standards, Ms. Smith, know absolutely nothing about your subject. You haven't seen ONE positive portrayal of the community where the riots occurred? Perhaps that is because that neighborhood is gone. Gone. GONE.

The rioters stole most of it and, and burned what was left! Excuse me, but I do not see one single, solitary positive aspect about a riot or where it occurred for that matter. Correct me if I am wrong, but rioters aren't a positive crowd; therefore they should not be portrayed as such. Not every member of the community took part, but as a whole, the community sure didn't show itself in the most positive light while they were looting.

That's like saying that Nazi Germany wasn't a bad thing because not everyone agreed. And you have the gall to "guesstimate" that the South Central residents do not trust the media? Where did you decide that — did you see it on TV? Surely, you must have heard this first hand while you were visiting

L.A. recently, or, according to your own logic, you are a "parrot" reiterating what you've see in the headlines' hype. Hype. HYPE.

As for the media's capitalizing on this issue, can you say "free enterprise?" You ought to learn since you will probably utilize it in your future career. And by the way, while you mentioned the community choosing an African American managed television station, did I detect a bit of racism in that choice? For a neighborhood crying racism at the LAPD, that sure is a hypocritical thing to do. According to yourself, the neighborhood has Asians, and Caucasians, too, so why not an Asian to represent them truly and positively on the air? It doesn't seem to me that their choice will do for the reverse racism displayed so far in this issue and your column.

Like you said, "The key to this lies in the question of whether the producer (black, white or Asian) is sensible enough to weigh the deep responsibility that (he or she) has to produce hard news, not sensationalism." So, give up the hype yourself, Michelle.

Jennifer Fontana
Freshman
Pre-med

'Obituary' recounts David Koresh's life and his fiery death

Let me preface my remarks today by saying that the deaths of the numerous children who were in the Branch Davidian compound is a tragedy that should have never happened and that I believe God will take care of their souls, no matter what screwed-up cult their parents forced upon them.

Now on to the item that I have been dying to read, the "obituary" of the Branch Davidians' fallen leader:

Vernon Howell, also known as David Koresh, died suddenly in a freak accident sometime between noon and 12:30 Monday. He is survived by his parents, a couple of grandparents and an unknown number of offspring scattered throughout trailer parks all over the nation. The tally from his (I don't feel the need to capitalize the pronoun in the case of this screwball) Australian expedition was also unavailable at press time.

David was a magnetic character, and it is said that the very special group of people who were his flock would endure the fires of Hell to be near the man they called, with his prompting, "Messiah." In fact, many of them turned over the discipline and sex education of their children to him, knowing that their shepherd, himself the father of many, would be the one best able to put their kids back on the straight and narrow.

David was a fine marksman and was always ready to share his skill and weapons with others who expressed the desire to learn his hobby. His contributions to this particular field will be felt by law enforcement agencies and extremist groups throughout the world for years to come. A scholarship fund for east Texas high school drop outs who want to attend college to double major in self-destructive religions and combat ballistics has been set up in the name of David Koresh. Inquiries can be made in the new Branch Davidian restaurant on the former site of the compound.

David was a religious man, and some, including David himself, even believed that he was the son of God. He led a very devout religious sect that claimed to be an offshoot of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, but the church has denied any affiliation.

His sermons were different than most, and he reportedly employed visual aids for effect, such as beating his followers' children and making passes at the females. Revelation was, of course, his favorite book of the Bible. It is sadly ironic that it was a major contributor to his final demise.

Ever the ladies' man, David was accompanied to that great beyond about which he often preached by many of the women he entertained. Sadly, he was also a little girls' man and many of the girls he molested were with him in the end, too. There is no word on whether or not the men who died with him were sleeping with him or not, and were probably just donating their wives and daughters for the betterment of Christianity as only David Koresh could see it.

Good old Vern became very reclusive late in life and didn't really leave the house in those last couple of months. Perhaps all of those sniper scopes and heavy artillery focused on him contributed to that.

Okay, now back to reality.

Some talk of this as an unparalleled tragedy and that law enforcement heads should roll from the attorney general down to the youngest deputy on the scene. Aside from the children, I don't find this to be true at all. Those "believers" made conscious decisions to shoot at federal officers, hold children hostage, and set their own compound on fire while sitting in the middle of it.

At any rate, it is now three days later, and there has been no sign of this savior. My suggestion is that he'd better get used to the flames.

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Sports

Frog wins crucial for playoffs

By THOMAS MANNING
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU baseball team will play its final road series of the season this weekend as TCU travels to Waco to face the Baylor Bears for three critical Southwest Conference games.

With only six games remaining on its SWC schedule, the Frogs will have to finish the season with a bang if they hope to continue playing after the regular season is over.

TCU (32-18 overall) enters the series with Baylor with a conference record of 3-9, leaving them three full games behind the 6-6 Bears in the battle for the fourth position in the SWC standings. Only the top four teams in the conference receive tournament bids.

Therefore, it is easy to see that the Frogs will have to make some noise both this weekend and next weekend at home against Texas Tech if they hope to remain in the hunt for a spot in the tournament.

"If we win all six of our remaining games, we'll go (to the tournament)," said TCU assistant coach Glen Pierce. "If we win five of six, we'll still have an outside shot, because we will have the tie-breakers over both Baylor and Tech. But we have to win a minimum of five games if we expect to get in."

While making the SWC Tournament is always the chief goal for the season, a spot in the tourney this year may not be vital.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jenny Putschinski

The TCU baseball team will travel to Waco this weekend for a critical SWC series with the Baylor Bears.

New NCAA regulations which went into effect this year say that a team does not have to finish in the top four of its conference to receive an invitation to the regionals of the NCAA Tournament. This means that the Frogs may receive serious consideration for a regional NCAA bid, even if they don't make the SWC Tournament.

"We've got to win as many games as we can, but it's not critical that we win them all," said TCU head coach Lance Brown. "If we play strong and win both of the series we're going to be considered for a regional bid. It really isn't critical that we make the (SWC) tournament."

"Everyone is aware of us and what we've done this season," he said. "We've played a strong schedule and

beaten some pretty good teams, and that will help us. That may put us ahead of some teams that may even be ahead of us in the standings."

But if the Frogs expect to receive any sort of bid into any tournament, they have to play well the next two weekends against Baylor and Texas Tech, teams that will also be fighting for tournament bids.

"We are going to have to be at our best," Pierce said. "Baylor has a good team, and so does Tech. We will have to stay focused and play tough if we want to win."

"We're playing good ball again, and when we do that we can play with anyone," Brown said. "All we can do is go down there and play our best, and we'll see where we stand after that."

Frogs set sights on relay titles

By WANDA MOSLEY
TCU Daily Skiff

Twenty-five members of the TCU track team will compete in one of the most prestigious track meets in the country this weekend when they travel to Philadelphia, Pa. to compete in the Penn Relays.

TCU head coach Bubba Thornton said this is a chance of a lifetime for his athlete's, and hopes, "they're as excited as I am" about the opportunity.

"This is a very elite meet," he said. "The competitors must meet certain qualifying standards in each event to be entered."

Because Penn is primarily a relay meet, the majority of the TCU squad will compete in relay events.

Those competing in individual events include Sonja Franklin and Beverly McDonald in the 100-meter dash and Stevanie Wadsworth in the shot put on the women's side and Glenn Le Gros in the 5,000-meters, Eddie Crowe in the 1,500-meters and Ron Dennis in the 10,000-meter run on the men's side.

The women will also compete in the 4x100-meter and 4x800-meter relay races. Thornton said he is changing the order in which the athletes run in hopes that their time will improve.

Yolanda Holliday will move from the first leg to the third, and McDonald, the fastest member on the team, will move from anchor leg to first leg.

"By moving Beverly to the first leg, we're using her speed to get the clock to work for us," Thornton said. "This will also allow Yolanda to run her part of the relay faster."

The relay team of Franklin, McDonald, Holliday and Ann Moon currently has the eleventh fastest

time in the nation, Thornton said.

The men's team will compete in the 4x100, 4x200, 4x800 and distance medley relays.

Dallas Cowan will replace Doyle Jones on both the sprint relays because of an injured hamstring that has hampered Jones. Thornton said the injury will keep Jones sidelined for at least two weeks.

"The only disappointment going into this meet (Penn Relays) is the injury to Doyle," Thornton said. "He hasn't responded to the treatment like we thought he would. We don't think the hamstring has torn away from the bone, but it's really tight and we've got to get that thing relaxed before he can run with the confidence needed to compete at this level."

The only other injury reported by Thornton is Jimmy Oliver's strained quadriceps muscle. Oliver's injury is not severe enough to keep him out of action, Thornton said.

"Jimmy had a good work out on Monday," Thornton said. "I feel like he'll rise to the occasion."

Most of the sprinters skipped the Frontier Fiesta Invitational last Saturday in Houston to prepare for the Penn Relays, Thornton said.

"We kept all the sprinters here," he said. "We ran some of the people in off events last week. Some responded well, some did not."

Le Gros won the 1500-meter run in a time of 3:53.4. In the same race Rodney Wellman and John Nichols finished sixth and seventh respectively.

"Glenn Le Gros ran well in the 1500-meters and Eddie did pretty good in the half (mile)," Thornton said.

Crowe finished in second place in the 800-meters behind Paul Lupi of the University of Houston. Crowe's second place time was 1:53.51.

Andrew Beckman was third with a time of 1:54.11, Casey Schultz was fourth with a time of 1:55.5 and Chad Voss finished fifth in 1:55.7.

Other top finishers in Houston included Wadsworth's 55-foot-4 and one-half inch winning throw in the shot put, and the second and fourth place performances turned in by Charles Gardiner in the men's 100 and 200-meter races respectively.

Thornton said he has not placed any expectations on his athlete's in terms of times they are expected to run or places they are expected to finish at the Penn Relays.

But he does hope that everyone will compete consistently throughout the meet.

"Right now we want to make sure that everybody makes it to the finals," Thornton said. "In years past, we've had the number one time in several events after the prelims, but we only won one event. Whatever it is we do in the prelims, we have to be able to turn it up in the finals."

Thornton said that the Penn Relays will differ from any other meet his athletes have ever competed in before because the meet will be broadcast live on ESPN and also internationally.

"One of the most exciting things that happened this week was the phone call from Eddie Crowe's father saying he will be able to watch his son compete on television in New Zealand," Thornton said.

The daily crowds of over 40,000 people are also a potential factor in the athlete's ability to perform, Thornton said.

"The fans are very knowledgeable about the sport of track and field," he said. "We've developed our own cheering section over the years. Bill Cosby even makes a point to wish us luck each year."

Cardinals sign Beuerlein

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
Associated Press

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Unrestricted free agent quarterback Steve Beuerlein's defection to NFC East division rival Phoenix came as no surprise to the Dallas Cowboys, who now have Detroit's Erik Kramer under strong consideration as a backup quarterback to Troy Aikman, owner Jerry Jones said on Wednesday.

"It was no surprise that Steve went to another team because he had wanted to get out of his backup status," Jones said. "We appreciate what he contributed to our team. He certainly gained our respect."

"We wish him all the luck in the world except twice a year."

Jones said Kramer headed a list of veteran quarterbacks who could understand their role with the Cowboys. Kramer beat Dallas in the playoffs two years ago.

"We've talked to Erik but we've also talked to other quarterbacks," said Jones.

The Cowboys originally had their eyes on Minnesota quarterback Wade Wilson, who signed with New Orleans.

"We want a veteran backup quarterback," Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said. "We learned how important that was two years ago when Troy got hurt. It's difficult

for a young quarterback to handle the situation."

Beuerlein led Dallas to come-from-behind victories in the fourth quarter of each of the last three 1992 regular season games.

He also quarterbacked the Cowboys to a victory over the Chicago Bears in the first round of the NFL playoffs before Dallas was knocked out by Kramer and the Lions.

"Steve was very consistent," said Johnson. "He's a good one. He's a winner."

"We would have preferred another team besides one in our division got Steve. But that's the way it goes," Jones said.

Golf team eyes SWC Tournament

By KRISTIN KORTE
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU men's golf team finished in ninth place last weekend in the Arizona State Thunderbird-Sun Devil Invitational.

The tournament took place April 16-17 with 12 teams attending.

"We played great," said TCU men's golf coach Bill Montigel. "There were Top 10 teams there, and we felt good about our performance against them."

TCU's final overall team score of 875 was not far behind SMU's sev-

enth place score of 867. The winner of the tournaments was Arizona with a score of 850.

"People don't understand that ninth place is a good finish especially when playing against teams that are ranked nationally in the Top 10," Montigel said.

Low shooters for TCU were freshmen, Slade Adams, who took 27th place with an overall score of 218, and Wade White, who placed 31st with a score of 219.

The Horned Frog linkster's next tournament will be the Southwest Conference Tournament Friday and

Saturday, played at Texas A&M on Pebble Creek Course.

"We will have the youngest team there, so it should be a good learning experience for us," Montigel said.

The team will consist of one sophomore, Doug Roeker, and four freshmen, Deron Zinnecker, Brent Wolf, White and Adams.

"It's hard to say what we will come in," Montigel said. "It could be first or it could be last. Who knows? But I do know that we will go out and do the best we can and take one shot at a time."

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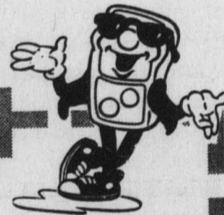
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FBI caused cult death, theologians say

By JAIME ARON
Associated Press

WACO, Texas (AP)— The FBI pushed doomsday prophet David Koresh to his fiery death by treating him like a common criminal rather than trying to understand his biblical world, two theologians respected by the cult leader said Wednesday.

"I think they were convinced from the start that he was evil, horrible and wicked," said James Tabor, a professor of religious studies at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

"They didn't take his religion seriously enough," added Phillip Arnold, executive director of Reunion Institute, a Houston religious think tank. "They needed to have input from people who are trained in biblical symbols, experts."

Koresh turned to Tabor and Arnold late in the siege, saying in a message sent out through attorney Dick DeGuerin that he wanted the pair to review a manuscript he was preparing on the Bible's seven seals, which allude to a vengeful end to the world.

Koresh told DeGuerin he would surrender after the manuscript was finished and reviewed. How-

ever, FBI agents scoffed at the promise and said they did not believe he had ever begun work.

The stalemate ended Monday when Koresh's prairie was destroyed by a fire officials say was set by Branch Davidians. Nine cultists survived the blaze that is believed to have killed Koresh and 85 followers.

"They used the tactics you would use with a criminal hostage situation, not what you would use on a group that is identifying with a biblical influence," Tabor said. "They would see all of those negative actions as reinforcement of their beliefs."

They were shocked by Monday's events, beginning with a dawn assault by tear-gas spraying tanks and ending with the fire.

"It was a terrible mistake to even go in there," Tabor said.

Arnold agreed, adding he was convinced Koresh would come out when he finished his writings.

The FBI may have concluded Koresh was lying about the manuscript by monitoring conversations via listening devices reportedly snuck into the compound.

But Arnold said if agents had heard Koresh say

things as "this will go on for eternity," such a statement would have different meanings for the cult leader and authorities.

"There's no telling how many clues were missed or misinterpreted," Arnold said. "We need to know what was said that made them think he was not genuine."

Arnold described the root of the problem as a language barrier.

"(Koresh's) vocabulary was not formed by high school, college or television. It's formed by the King James Version of the Bible, which he had memorized," Arnold said.

"It would take those of us who are similarly familiar or trained in its constant usage to be able to understand him on a depth level where the subtleties of the language come through," he said.

Tabor was critical of the FBI's treatment of Koresh.

Both men said if it's proved the Davidians set the fire, then they did so as a sacrifice — not suicide.

"I think they saw their deaths as a burnt offering," Tabor said.

"Suicide is done out of despair," Arnold said. "To Koresh, this was martyrdom."

Court overturns Russian election rules



MOSCOW (AP)— A court handed President Boris Yeltsin a political victory Wednesday, ruling that he needs to secure only a simple majority in this weekend's referendum to win a vote of confidence in his leadership. The 8-5 ruling by Russia's Constitutional Court overturned election rules set up by the Communist-dominated Congress of People's Deputies for Sunday's plebiscite

that would have made it nearly impossible for Yeltsin to win. The ruling made a mixed result at the polls more likely, which would give both the president and his foes in parliament the ability to interpret the results to their advantage. More than 20,000 youths who jammed a free heavy metal rock concert next to St. Basil's Cathedral on Wednesday night rang bells and marched through the streets of Moscow chanting "Yeltsin! Russia!" The president's opponents in the Congress had toughened the rules by requiring the president win the support of a majority of Russia's 106 million registered voters on the referendum questions.

Health care plan may cover illegal immigrants



WASHINGTON (AP)— President Clinton's health-care task force is trying to decide whether its plan for all Americans should include the nation's 5 million illegal aliens. Clinton is expected to introduce his health care package next month, possibly in a May 25 joint speech to Congress. Congressional aides and Hispanic advocates, speaking on condition

of anonymity, say the task force staff favors extending health care coverage to undocumented immigrants, largely for public health reasons. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala told USA Today last week that illegal aliens now are helped through the country's public health care system, and the policy should be continued. But Hillary Rodham Clinton, who heads the task force, told a group of Hispanic women last week that illegal aliens would not be protected under the president's plan, at least initially, according to one person who attended and Hispanic advocates who spoke with others at the meeting.

Bill could raise topless dancing age



AUSTIN (AP)— Texans would have to be at least 21 to work nude or topless under a bill given preliminary approval Wednesday by the Texas House. The current age requirement is 17. Before approving the measure, the House voted 141-1 against an amendment that would have

raised the age limit to only 18. The limit applies to nude or topless work, or employment with a sexually oriented massage parlor or similar business. Rep. Eddie De La Garza, D-Edinburg, was the only lawmaker favoring the 18-year-old limit. He said he did so on principle and that he believed the higher age limit is unconstitutional. Rep. Sue Schechter said the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that states can regulate nude dancing if they have a compelling reason to do so. If approved by the House in another vote, the bill goes to the Senate for consideration.

Tanning has a dark side, medical officials say

By CHARLIE MAYS
TCU Daily Skiff

Tanning can be a relaxing pastime but it can also be a health hazard, Health Center officials said.

Both tanning from the sun and from a tanning bed can cause skin cancer, said P.A. Geiger, a medical assistant at the Health Center.

"It (tanning) may not cause cancer right away, but over a period of several years it can," Geiger said.

Sunscreen with a high rating should be worn in the sun to protect

against the ultraviolet rays which damage the skin, Geiger said.

Skin can be ruined by tanning, he said. "I'm an occasional tanner," said Shannon Allen, a freshman advertising/public relations major. "I think it's better to tan naturally."

A new danger to natural tanning is "Lime Disease." This is a disease that causes second-degree burns on any part of the body which has been saturated by lime juice, Dr. Kenneth S. Resnik, an intern at Hahnemann University Hospital, told the Medical Tribune News Service.

Besides limes — lemons, oranges, celery, dill, figs, parsley, parsnip and some wild plants can cause the skin to become overly sensitive to light, Resnik said.

Juice from one lime can cause this reaction if skin is exposed to bright sunlight, he said. The reaction can be avoided by washing with soap and water before the juice has a chance to saturate the skin.

"I tan because it makes me feel healthy but I heard tanning booths can be dangerous," said Jennifer Hill, a freshman speech pathology major.

The salons can be hazardous, Geiger said. They pose the same threat to skin as the ultraviolet rays of the sun, if not properly controlled, he said.

"There's nothing wrong with tanning if you're careful and not excessive," Hill said.

One myth students point to is that tanning salons effect female internal organs, such as ovaries.

"No, that's not true," Geiger said. "The only major hazard with tanning salons is the possibility of getting skin cancer, he said."

Food/ from page 1

U.S. Department of Agriculture's food pyramid. Goldstein also has written a "Nutrition Notes" on the new food guide.

The USDA last year released the food pyramid as the basis for proper nutrition. The pyramid is a replacement to the traditional four food groups. Instead, the USDA arranged the food groups in order of the number of recommended daily servings.

The pyramid base is the bread group, which has six to 11 servings daily. Two to four servings from the fruit group and three to five servings from the vegetable group divide the second level. These groups provide vitamins, minerals and fiber.

The USDA recommends two to three servings a day from the meat and dairy groups, which supply the body with protein, calcium, iron and zinc.

Fats, oils and sweets form the top of the pyramid and should be eaten sparingly. These types of foods, such as butter, salad dressings and soft drinks, give the body calories and little nutrition.

"The whole message of the pyramid is to lighten up on fats and sweets," Goldstein said.

Marriott has modified its menu and added some things to encourage healthy eating, Goldstein said.

Marriott does not add extra butter or fats to its vegetables, unless a specific recipe calls for it, she said. Cooks steam most of the vegetables to preserve more of the water soluble nutrients, such as vitamin B and C, she said.

Susan Clay, a university instructor of nutrition, said students lack vegetables most in their diets.

"All studies show that Americans don't get enough vegetables," Clay said. "Although the figures have decreased in recent years, Americans are still eating too much fat."

Marriott offers a daily vegetable plate to help students fulfill their dietary needs, Goldstein said.

New vegetarian meals are offered for those who want to eat more than salad, while staying away from meats.

"I'm happy that the food services have acknowledged that there are students with special needs and that they are providing vegetarian meals," said Ramsee Anderson, a sophomore social work major who has been a vegetarian for four years.

Students can find the new vegetarian line during the lunch period. The entire choices may include burritos or a broccoli casserole. There are also other new meatless menu items — the Garden Burger and the Vegetarian Submarine sandwich.

The Garden Burger is made of a variety of ingredients including mushrooms, low fat cheeses, walnuts and rolled oats. The burger has only five grams of fat, while a regular hamburger has around 18 grams of fat.

Bruce Merkle, a senior management major, said he found the burger different from most other foods.

"It's good," he said. "It's got the texture of oatmeal, and the taste is indescribable."

Merkle said that he likes the alternative choice of the Garden Burger.

"I don't like to eat red meat," he said, "but I still get the craving for it. The Garden Burger resembles a hamburger without the fat."

The Garden Burger and the Vegetarian Submarine both have a following on campus, Goldstein said.

The Vegetarian Sub has alfalfa sprouts, lettuce, tomato and humus — a mixture of chick peas, olive oil, lemon, parsley and a lot of garlic. Students can also have optional avocado.

Trisha Worlow, a junior social work major, said she tried the Vegetarian sub and likes it.

"It has a variety of vegetables that provide you with a lot of different nutrients," she said.

Marriott has also added changes to its traditional offerings. Students asked for more pastas, so Marriott responded with



dishes like pasta salads. Fat-free dressing substitutes are also offered in flavors like Ranch, Golden Italian and Zesty Tomato.

But not all students like the new choices.

Julie Musgrove, a sophomore environmental science major, said she does not like the fat-free dressings.

"My opinion is that they should offer both the regular dressings and the fat-free ones," she said. "Not everyone at TCU is on a diet. I hate the taste of the fat-free ranch."

Anderson said that the food service should research vegetarian meals. If it did, the vegetarian menu and choices might be more popular, she said.

Clay said that ways to eat healthy

concern many students.

"A lot of people want to know how much fat they can have in their diet," she said.

Goldstein offered some suggestions for eating less fat.

Switching to the fat free dressings and drinking skim milk are easy starters, she said. People enjoy eating baked potatoes, but putting cheese sauce or sour cream on them boosts the fat content, she said. Instead, they should try salsa, barbecue sauce or the nonfat dressings, she said.

She also said students should look at labels for nonfat products. Many times low or nonfat products taste as good as the regular ones, she said.

"If you can't taste the fat,"

she said.

Goldstein said that people don't have to stop eating all the things they enjoy. If someone wants to have cheese sauce on their potato, he or she can lighten up the rest of the day, she said.

"If you were to consume an extra teaspoon of fat every day for the next year, at the end of the one year, you would gain five pounds of body fat," she said.

Clay said that the food pyramid is the best guide to healthy eating and avoiding fats.

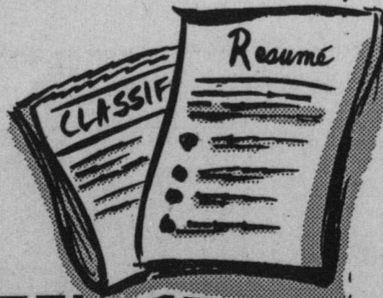
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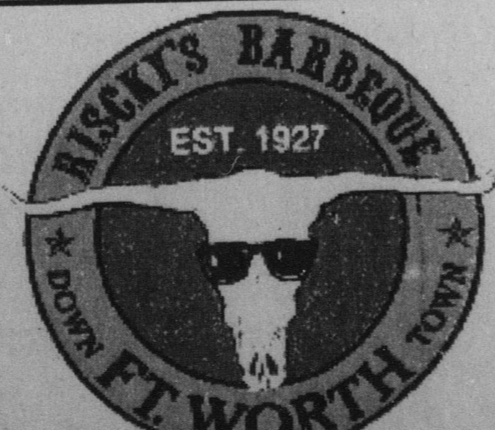


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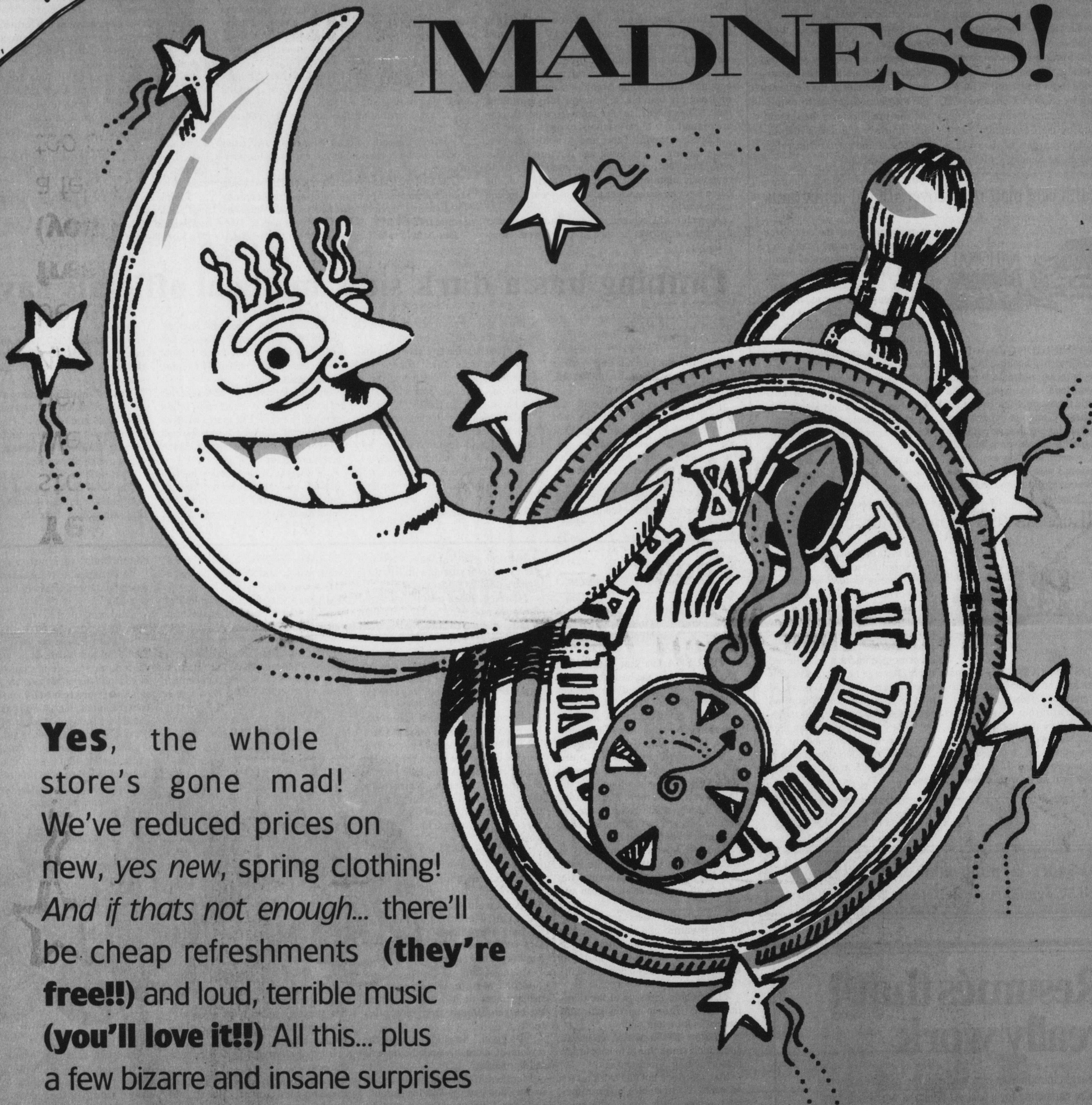
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