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Stage West's latest production, "Man of the Moment," has you holding back hysterics so you won't miss any of the sly, subtle comments.

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## Housing sign up expected to be online by 2001

By Jeff Anderson  
STAFF REPORTER

On-campus housing reservations could be online by Spring 2001 to make the current sign-up process more convenient, Residential Services officials said earlier this week. Nancy Grieser, coordinator of housing assignments, said Residential Services is at the forefront of the online reservation process. The idea of online room reservation developed last year. Grieser said online registration will happen because it is a way of using tech-

### Residential Services officials say process will be more efficient

nology to simplify the process. "We anticipate we will have online (room) reservation by this time next year," Grieser said. "(Online reservation) is using technology to its greatest limits. I think it will be convenient for students."

Online room reservation would do away with students standing in line to sign up for a room.

Megan Burst, a junior management major, said online housing reservation would help students save time.

"You wouldn't have to stand in line for an hour and a half and then find out you didn't get in," Burst said. "You might as well find out that you didn't get in (your room) by the click of a mouse."

But Melissa McLemore, a junior speech pathology major, said online housing reservation could cause more frustration than the current room reservation process. Online reservation would take away the face-to-face interaction with the housing

staff, she said.

"At least when you stand in line, (students) can talk with someone if a problem arises," McLemore said. "Online room reservation could be easier but will still cause frustration (for students)."

Grieser said online room reservation will be advantageous for students because they will find out right away if they got the room they wanted.

"The reservation would be confirmed immediately for the student,"

Grieser said.

Skye Stoulig, a junior accounting and finance major, said online room reservation will make better use of students' time.

"I see online room reservation helping (housing) the same way as online registration helped registering for classes," Stoulig said.

Stoulig said students will not have problems with sign-up sheets if online reservation is used. The online system will be more efficient, she said.

Details of the online reservation system still need to be worked out, Grieser said. The priority system for sign up should follow the same basic schedule in place now, she said.

Stoulig said online housing reservation should cause less stress for housing officials.

"The entire sign-up process should run smoother with online room sign up," Stoulig said.

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## PULSE

### BRIEFS

#### IFC to vote on granting member status to Sig Eps

The Interfraternity Council will vote Monday whether to recognize the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity as an associate member to the council, IFC President Walker Moody said.

The Sig Eps were recognized by the Student Organizations Committee early last week. However, SOC will uphold whatever decision IFC makes Monday, Moody said.

As an associate member, the Sig Eps would receive a voice on the council but not a vote, Moody said. In order to gain full membership, the group must fulfill additional requirements after becoming an associate member.

An affirmative vote must come from three-fourths of the council, which consists of 28 voting members. Eight executive members and two delegates from each fraternity chapter make up the council, said Tom Sullivan, director of fraternity and sorority affairs.

In addition to the normal requirements for a group to be recognized on campus, IFC proposed six additional requirements to the group, including a raised grade point average, a philanthropy event and a Greek education program, said Royce Carvalho, Sig Ep president.

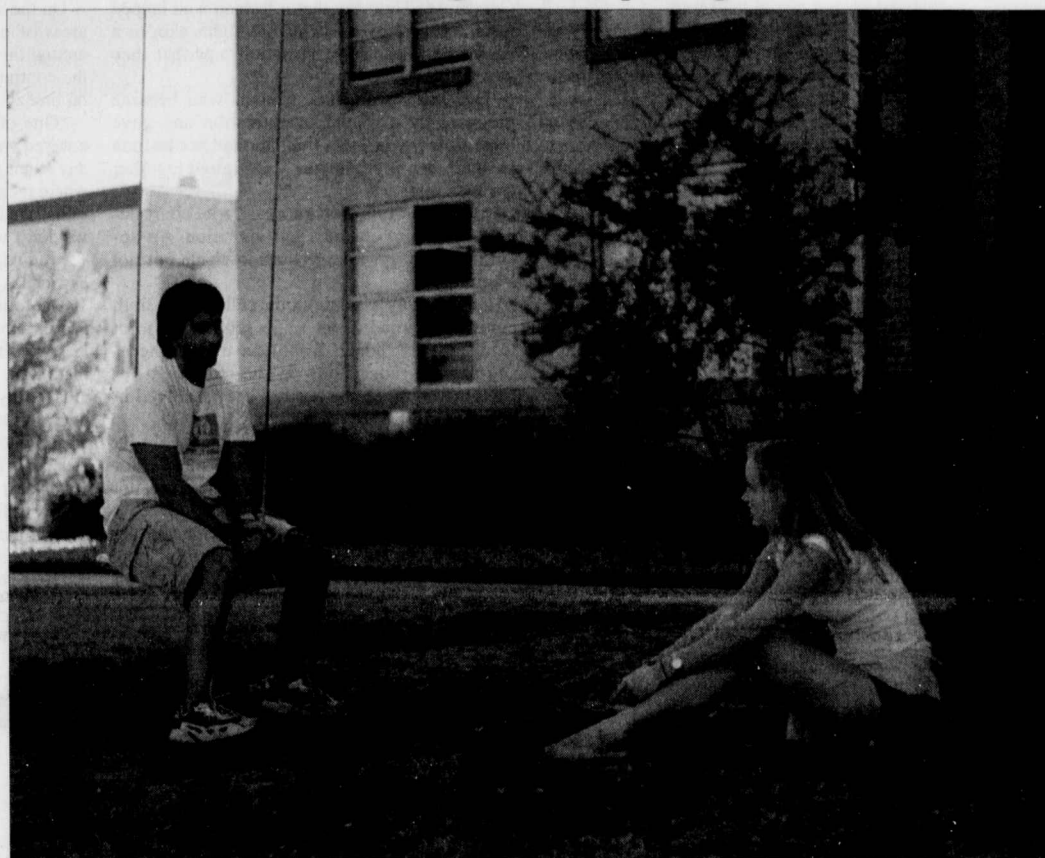
"(The requirements) are to help foster our relationship with the Sig Eps," Moody said. "They are a clear explanation of where we want them to be. They could ignore (the requirements), but they are not. It shows how much they want to be on the council."

Carvalho said three of the six requirements have already been met.

After almost two years of work, the Sig Eps officially received a charter from their national organization on Nov. 14, 1999, making them eligible for fraternity status on campus.

The Sig Eps joined TCU as a colony in Spring 1997 but have not been recognized as an official fraternity.

## Swing into spring



Andrew Delatorre, a junior advertising/public relations major, and Merideth Moore, a freshman graphic design major, enjoy the nice weather Wednesday in front of Jarvis Hall.

## Task force to assess Neeley status

\$60 million to \$70 million needed over next 10 years to improve school

Editor's note: This is the 11th in a series of articles profiling the 17 task forces that make up the Commission on the Future of TCU.

By Natascha Terc  
STAFF REPORTER

The M.J. Neeley School of Business is lacking in technology, faculty and deans, but task force members are confident it can take TCU to a higher level, said William Moncrief, interim dean of the business school.

In the fall, five faculty members visited 11 universities to compare those business schools to TCU's. Among the schools were Southern Methodist, Rice, Texas A&M, Baylor universities and the University of Texas at Austin. All the universities' business schools were ranked among the top 50 in the country, except Baylor. TCU is ranked in the top 70.

"If we're going to move to the next level, we have to compete with the other business schools," Moncrief said.

Stuart Youngblood, a management professor, said he is in the process of drafting a report from the data collected by faculty and task force members.

Youngblood said the process was designed to allow for faculty and staff input, in addition to that of the student, graduate student, employers and trustees on the task force.

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## Jazz fest to feature high school competition

Proceeds to benefit ensemble's appearance at European festivals

### All that Jazz

■ **Who:** TCU Jazz ensembles and local high school jazz bands

■ **What:** 23rd Annual Jazz Festival

■ **When:** 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday

■ **Where:** PepsiCo Recital Hall today, Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium on Saturday

■ **Cost:** Free for students

By Omar Villafranca  
STAFF REPORTER

The sound of jazz will be pouring out of PepsiCo Recital Hall and Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium today and Saturday when TCU's 23rd Annual Jazz Festival comes to campus.

The festival will feature a competition between 30 high school jazz bands and a performance by the TCU Monday/Wednesday/Friday Jazz Ensemble and a special guest appearance by Chris Vadala. Proceeds from the festival will help the M/W/F Jazz Ensemble's appearance at the Montreux, Switzerland, and Vienna, Austria, jazz festivals.

Curt Wilson, director of TCU's jazz studies program and a professor of music, said high schools' participation in the event has increased be-

cause of changes on campus.

"Last year, we had 15 (high school) bands," Wilson said. "We will have 30 this year because we have the space to hold them in the PepsiCo Hall."

Donny Pinson, a senior music education major and member of the M/W/F Jazz Ensemble, said he remembers when his high school in San Antonio came to the Jazz Festival. Pinson related his memories to what this year's students will be seeing.

"It's a great experience for them," Pinson said. "The benefit for the students is not the competition but that they get to hear other bands and the guest artists, and it's good for our recruitment."

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The TCU Monday/Wednesday/Friday Jazz Ensemble rehearses for the 23rd Annual Jazz Festival held in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium Saturday and PepsiCo Recital Hall today. Money raised from the festival will go toward the TCU Jazz Ensemble's appearance at the Montreux and Vienna jazz festivals.

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### PITCHERS KEY



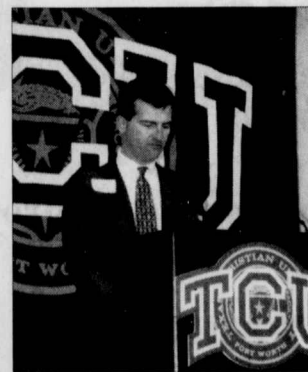
Pitching will be the key element for TCU against Fresno State.

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James A. Ryffel announces his \$6 million donation to the M.J. Neeley School of Business during a March 22 press conference.

## Ryffel appointed to Board of Trustees

Entrepreneur extended invitation because of character, dedication to TCU, Ferrari says

By Yonina Robinson  
STAFF REPORTER

One of TCU's recent benefactors is a multimillionaire and a new Board of Trustees member, but the 40-year-old alumnus doesn't really know what he does for a living.

"Someone recently asked me what I did, and I couldn't really describe my job," James A. Ryffel said. "My friend said, 'Go ahead. Tell him what you do. You're a deal junkie.' That probably best describes me."

Ryffel and his wife, Linda, donated \$6 million to the M.J. Neeley School of Business on March 22. The James

A. Ryffel Entrepreneurial Center will receive \$5 million, and venture capital will receive the other \$1 million. In the entrepreneurial center, students will learn the pre-startup procedures of businesses and how to gather resources to make a business grow.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said this gift was not the dominant factor in appointing Ryffel to the Board of Trustees. Instead, the Committee on Trusteeship, composed of seven of the 15 Board of Trustees members, extended Ryffel this invitation "because of his character, his interest in ensuring the ongoing strength of the

board, his dedication to work hard for TCU and because they wanted to encourage the involvement of younger alumni, Ferrari said.

Ryffel, known to friends and business partners as Jim, is much more than an entrepreneur. Ryffel, who has bachelor's and master's degrees and a ranch management certificate from TCU, is a founder and chairman of the board of directors for Hispanic Television Network Inc. He has been the president of Woodcrest Enterprises Inc., a real estate firm, for the past 18 years. Ryffel was the founding investor and former director of

FlashNet Communications Inc. and a founding investor in Data Tailor Corporation. He is also director of Worth National Bank in Lake Worth.

"I don't know what sacrifices I've made to be successful," Ryffel said. "I wouldn't change anything about my life. I spend time with my family. I think if you manage your time well, you don't have to sacrifice your time. Working 18 hours a day doesn't make a business successful. Working smart makes a business successful. I tell people you should spend 20 percent

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**PULSE**  
CAMPUS LINES

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 available space.

■ **Class of 2000 members.** The deadline to purchase Senior Bricks is Monday. If you would like to participate, call Karen at 257-7800.

■ **A Sigma Kappa golf tournament** will be from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday at The Golf Club at Fossil Creek. The tournament will raise money for Alzheimer's disease research.

■ **Attention freshmen business students** - Got questions about what to take during the summer and fall? Attend one of the M.J. Neeley School of Business freshmen advising workshops which are 5 p.m. Wednesday in Dan Rogers Hall and 5 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center, Room 222. For more information, call 257-NSRC.

■ **The Women in Film/Dallas 2000 project grant and tuition scholarship program** is offering scholarships to female students from Texas whose major is film. For more information, e-mail (wifdal@nkn.net).

■ **"Grease" tickets** for the April 18 performance at Bass Performance Hall are available in the PC office for \$20 each. For more information, call 257-5233.

■ **TCU Army ROTC is accepting scholarship applications** for freshmen and sophomores. Army ROTC scholarships pay 100 percent tuition and fees and provide a stipend for book expenses along with monthly spending money. Contact Capt. Lynch at 257-7455 or (i.lynch@tcu.edu) for more information.

■ **Apply now for the 2000 Environmental Journalism Academy**, which will be from June 27 to July 2 in the Washington, D.C., area. Deadline is April 22. For more information, call 1-202-234-5993 or e-mail (eja@envirocitizen.org).

■ **The M.J. Neeley School of Business** will not accept any change-of-major forms declaring business as a major until Monday.

■ **Volunteers** are needed to join the Meals on Wheels delivery team. Meals are delivered to homebound elderly between 10 and 11:30 a.m. each Thursday. For more information, call Bea Nealy at 257-7830.

**NEWS**  
ROUNDUP

**WORLD**

**U.S. and British planes storm southern Iraq, resulting in high number of civilian casualties**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. and British warplanes carried out bombing raids in southern Iraq on Thursday, and the Iraqi military said 14 civilians had been killed and 19 injured, the highest casualty claim made by Iraq in months.

"The American and British criminals added another crime to their barbaric acts ... when their ravens bombed residential areas and civil installations," said the official Iraqi News Agency.

In the United States, a spokesman at U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., confirmed U.S. planes had carried out air strikes in southern Iraq. Lt. Col. Rick Thomas said the strikes followed attacks by Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery.

"They fired at us today. We struck in response to that," Thomas said. He said the strikes were aimed at Iraqi military targets, adding that U.S. pilots attempted to minimize the risk of civilian casualties.

Thomas said there was no immediate indication of Iraqi casualties but that battle damage was still being assessed.

The Iraqi News Agency said 18 waves of planes carried out 24 bombing missions, according to Iraq's Air Defense.

The number of deaths reported Thursday was the highest since Aug. 17, when Iraq said 19 civilians were killed and 11 injured during attacks in northern and southern Iraq. On Tuesday, Iraqi authorities said strikes had killed two people and injured two in the south.

The Iraqi agency's report did not specify the nature of targets hit Thursday or their location, but said the jets flew over six provinces in the southern no-fly zone.

Iraq does not recognize the no-fly zones set up after the 1991 Gulf War to provide aerial protection from government forces for Shiite Muslims in the south and Kurds in the north.

**NATION**

**Advisory commission urges lawmakers not to block Internet growth through taxation**

WASHINGTON — House Republicans rushed Thursday to embrace a federal commission's report urging that taxes not block growth of the Internet and that lawmakers repeal the 102-year-old telephone tax while extending a moratorium on new Internet taxes.

Republicans on a House Commerce subcommittee praised the chairman of the 19-member Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce, Gov. Jim Gilmore, R-Va., for achieving a majority view even though its report largely fell short of the two-thirds vote needed for a

formal recommendation to Congress.

"I heartily endorse the majority proposals," said Rep. Tom Bliley, R-Va., chairman of the full Commerce Committee. "If there's one recurring theme in that record, it is that taxation and regulation could kill the goose that's laid the golden egg."

Added Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif.: "We cannot apply the tax policies developed for a smokestack industry to the new economy."

The commission's six business members and those with a clear anti-tax position, including Gilmore, approved a majority report asking that Congress:

■ Permanently ban any tax on Internet access and repeal a handful of state taxes already on the books.

■ Repeal the 3 percent telephone excise tax enacted in 1898 to finance the Spanish-American War.

■ Extend for five more years the moratorium on new or discriminatory Internet taxes, which expires in October 2001.

■ Encourage state and local governments to streamline sales tax systems so that eventually one rate would apply in every state.

■ Define in law when a business has physical presence, or "nexus," in a state for sales tax purposes.

Gilmore told lawmakers the proposals would cut taxes for millions of middle-class people, preserve an economic boom driven by the Internet and enable more people to gain access to the Internet.

Gilmore called the report "a lasting legacy, a new way of thinking for a new century."

**New Jersey Supreme Court rules lesbian partner has rights of visitation akin to a parent's**

TRENTON, N.J. — The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled Thursday that a lesbian who helped raise her then-lover's twins has rights akin to a parent's and can have visitation now that they have split up.

The case involved a woman who became pregnant by artificial insemination and gave birth to twins in 1994 that she and her lesbian partner, identified only as V.C., raised together for two years.

After their 1996 separation, a trial court denied V.C. joint custody and visitation. An appellate court gave her visitation rights but not joint custody.

In Thursday's unanimous ruling, the high court also turned down V.C.'s request for joint legal custody, which would have given her a say regarding decisions on the children's upbringing, because she has not been involved in their lives for four years.

"To interject her into the decisional realm at this point would be unnecessarily disruptive for all involved," Long said. "We will, therefore, not order joint legal custody in this case."

Associate Justice Virginia Long, writing for the full court, said V.C. carries the status of a "psychological parent" to the children and has a right

to share parenting duties, despite the objections of the birth mother, identified only as M.J.B.

V.C. should have regular visitation with the children, as is typical for many divorced parents, the court said.

"Under the statute, V.C. and M.J.B. are essentially equal," Long wrote. "Each appears to be a fully capable, loving parent committed to the safety and welfare of the twins."

The New York-based Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, which litigates for the rights of gays and lesbians, joined in the New Jersey case.

Lambda legal director Beatrice Dohrn hailed the decision as among the first "to recognize this important need to recognize the importance of lesbian or gay parents when both parents are not directly related to the child."

The court heard arguments in the case last October. V.C.'s lawyers argued that she is like a mother to the twins, a boy and a girl, even though they have no biological bonds.

**STATE**

**Downtown Fort Worth faces long road to recovery in wake of recent tornado**

FORT WORTH — The office towers with busted windows — many now covered by plywood or patched with tape — dominate the downtown Fort Worth skyline.

That less than picture-perfect scene likely will remain for at least several more months in the wake of the March 28 tornado that pummeled the downtown area.

While workers may be able to begin returning to Bank One and UPR Plaza as early as next week, the process of replacing and repairing broken window panes on two of the most heavily damaged towers will take several months.

On the streets below, access to two nine-block areas of downtown remain restricted. They are around the Bank One and UPR Plaza because of the continuing danger of falling glass, primarily on breezy spring days like Thursday.

"One of our fire chiefs was standing under a covered walkway doing a visual survey the other day when glass crashed above him. He's not sure where it came from," city spokesman Pat Svacina said. "We haven't had anybody hurt by glass, and we don't want any now."

Svacina said it was too early to say when the barricades around those areas could be removed.

The tornado that went through downtown Fort Worth about 6 p.m. on March 28 was one of at least two that touched down in Tarrant County that night. Four people were killed, two of them crushed by debris in an area just west of downtown. Another person was swept away by rising waters in the Trinity River and is presumed dead. Her body has not been found.

At least one other tornado swept through the nearby cities of Arlington and Grand Prairie, heavily damaging about 1,000 houses.

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## STAFF editorial

### A BETTER LIFE?

#### Elian belongs in Cuba with father

Elian is finally going home — probably. It's about time.

Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, has come to the United States to take the boy back to his Cuban home. The 6-year-old was rescued on an inner tube Thanksgiving Day, but his mother died on the journey from Cuba to the United States.

When Elian's Miami relatives claimed custody of the boy, a clear-cut case of returning the boy to his father became an international circus, umm, event.

One of the arguments for keeping Elian in the United States reveals American arrogance.

Some of Elian's Miami relatives said he would be better off in the United States than in Cuba. They hinted he would have more toys and a better life.

Yup, that is what a better life is. More toys. Not your father. Not being able to grow up in your own country. Not growing up with your friends, in your culture.

"Of course the little boy would be better off here, this is AMERICA."

Is that the same America where little children kill each other with guns?

The point is not that Cuba doesn't have problems. It does. But America is not the promised land either. And it is arrogant to think so.

If the situation were reversed, and an American mother perished, and her son ended up in Cuba, would we even think about whether the boy should be returned to his American father?

No. Americans would be outraged. "How dare those commies keep a young American tot hostage?"

Let's not be hypocritical.

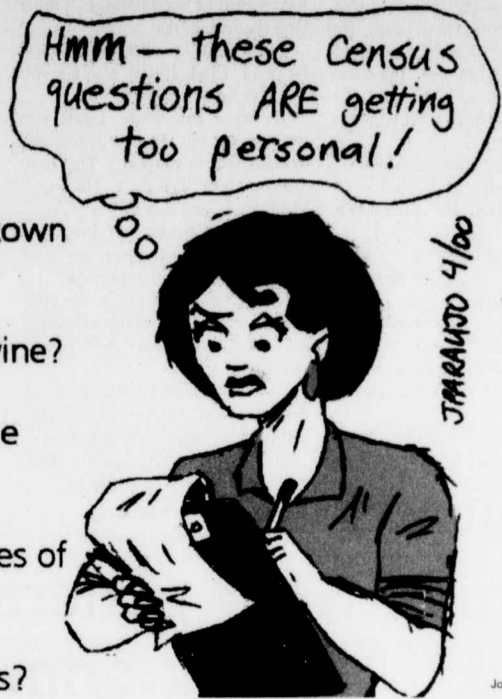
Elian belongs with his father.

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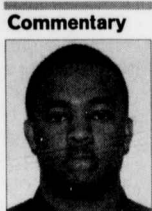
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- 22.) Are you alone right now?
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- 24.) Do you prefer white or red wine?
- 25.) What is the best time to come over?
- 26.) Do you have any nude pictures of yourself?
- 27.) What are your secret turn-ons?



## Count not race census-tive

A cursory glance at the U.S. Census 2000 gives clear insight into what is important to America and its citizens. Didn't you know?

The Trail of Tears. The Civil War. Radical Reconstruction. Japanese internment camps in response to America's paranoia during World War II. The Civil Rights Movement. The impetus behind the rapid construction of suburban areas. The reason American public schools are statistically more segregated today than during the days of Jim Crow.



**JOEL ANDERSON**

It's race, of course.

Almost 20 options to "indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be" are available on this decade's version of the American head count. It's pretty clear cut for most people, including myself.

I know what box to check. You can look at my mug shot and figure it out for yourself. But the question remains: Why would I want to identify myself in such a manner?

I understand that by filling out the Census, the state receives so

many representatives for Congress; the community in which I reside receives government money for schools, employment services, housing assistance, child services and other supposed benefits.

But did you know that being black, African American or Negro (the categories offered by the Census) has never been an asset in America?

Yes, it's hard to believe, but true.

Did you know that when you are black, African American or Negro, armed with only a wallet in New York City, that six policemen can fire 41 bullets at you — 19 of which hit their mark — and not one of the cops can be found guilty? Well, who is guilty then?

Did you know that if you are black, African American or Negro and driving in Los Angeles that you must beware of the police at all times, lest you end up like Rodney Glen King, caught forever on the medium of videotape being savagely beaten by four cops, while 23 other officers watch in ... amusement? The beating includes 56 strikes with three-foot aluminum batons, kicks about the head, face and body and electrical shocks from Taser lines.

Did you also know that those same cops can be found not guilty by a "jury of their peers," in Simi Valley, the largely, white enclave outside of Los Angeles? Let's assume the officers were not guilty. Perhaps King could have pre-

vented the beating by being less black, African American or Negro.

Did you know that if you are black, African American or Negro, and your name is O.J. Simpson, that you can be found not guilty in a criminal trial for the first-degree murders of your ex-wife and a friend on the strength of evidence that Los Angeles police officers planted and tampered with evidence? The verdict is roundly booed and hissed at, mostly by people who aren't black, African American or Negro.

Almost five years later, riveting testimony is produced that certain Los Angeles police officers could have tampered with evidence in upwards of 4,000 criminal cases. Forty criminal convictions are overturned. Twenty officers have been relieved of their duties. Nary a peep is heard from the same people who so loudly scoffed at the notion of such a thing happening five years ago.

Did you know that if you are black, African American or Negro and a resident in South Carolina, that a flag currently flies over the state capitol that once was the symbol for a country willing to sacrifice hundreds of thousands of men to fight for the enslavement of your ancestors?

Did you know that if you are black, African American or Negro, American society prefers that you develop your jump shot or tackling ability, rather than your ability to read or start your own business?

Did you know that if you are black, African American or Negro, your parents, grandparents and other relatives can all remember a time when you or your kin could be killed just for looking sideways at someone who wasn't black, African American or Negro?

Did you know that if you are black, African American or Negro, you are a little more than 30 years removed from legally segregated schools, shopping centers, even water fountains, and some people claim that discrimination has completely been eliminated from American society and that affirmative action is no longer needed?

So I stare at my Census and wonder not which box to check, but why I should check anything.

Perhaps I should wait for a Census, or a time in history, when the English language can come up with a system of identifying myself by a color truer to the hue of my skin, or a time in history when being black, African American or Negro is an asset.

So I'll keep waiting. I can see clearly what is and isn't important in America.

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## Thou shalt not misuse amendments

When Moses descended Mount Sinai, he carried with him two plates of stone with 10 items carved into them. They read as the following:

Number One: Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Number Two: Thou shalt own guns. For I, the Lord your God, who has brought you up from Israel, decree that thou must own a weapon designed only for killing.

Ask a Biblical scholar (we have several on campus), and you will be told the above are not the actual first two of the Ten Commandments. But there are some in America who beg to differ.

The Second Amendment to the Constitution reads, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

There are those in America who read the Second Amendment and take it as the second COMMAND-



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MENT. They are wrong. They are wrong because that which they believe in is wrong. The Second Amendment has been taken out of context and has been bastardized from the intent of the founding fathers.

Do not get me wrong. The Constitution of the United States of America is the basis for the greatest nation in the history of the world. The Bill of Rights guarantees American citizens more freedoms than anyone in the world and have become the basis for nations around the world. Unfortunately, the Bill also guarantees the United States the highest murder rate among the G-7 nations.

Look at the wording of the Second Amendment. It was not intended for every Joe Bob to own a gun. "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state." A well regulated militia, not a well-armed society packing heat. In 1791, there was no standing army in the United States. Americans won their freedom from England with militiamen. George Washington put down the Whiskey Rebellion with militia troops because he had no army on which to call. The founders had foresight to see this. They did not foresee that guns would be the second-leading

cause of death among children in the year 2000. Today, he would need an army of militia to put down all the violence created with guns.

People rant about how guns protect Americans from "Big Brother" dominating their lives. England and France and a host of other industrialized nations have outlawed guns. Not only do they have the near-zero murder rates, but their citizens are free. Their governments do not seem to charge in and deny liberties on weekly basis.

People talk about how guns save lives. I do not doubt many a father has saved the lives of his wife and children. But would he have needed to save them were it not for criminals who had guns in the first place?

If James Madison could have foreseen what the Second Amendment has wrought and how it has been misinterpreted, he surely would not have allowed it. The Second Amendment was a mistake, written by fallible men. Guns serve no purpose but death and mutilation. Destroy them all.

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## QUOTE unquote

Quote/Unquote is a collection of quotes that appeared in the Skiff during the past week.

- “I want any high school student in the country to be able to go to his or her guidance counselor and say, ‘Where can I get the best science education?’ and hear TCU in the top three answers.”
- Walker Moody, College of Science and Engineering task force member, on the state of TCU's science departments.
- “The only way to be positive you're HIV-negative is to get tested.”
- Harlan Cohen, advice columnist, on unprotected sex.

## Marriage is an ever-changing world of love, honesty and intimacy

After talking to a few of my friends about marriage, I've been astonished at the various ideas and, more specifically, ideals that young people have. I suppose first and foremost that people need to be in love. What kind of love, though, is a different issue. There are different kinds of love which surface throughout a marriage. The way peo-



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ple love each other in their first few years should be visibly altered in a good way after 20 years.

Love, like many other things, must undergo a lifelong process of change and development. If love remains stagnant, the partners will surely find a quick death or divorce, in this case. It's important that students find love as something to be worked with, something that isn't perfect but has to often be fought for to make work.

A second element which kept resurfacing in conversation is honesty. What amazes me is the naive opinion that people's level of honesty changes drastically after a marriage, as if everyone becomes a saint the day they slip on a ring.

Honesty is very important, but that sharing in all aspects of a marriage overshadows the general idea of simply being honest. Sharing keeps people interesting and keeps relationships fresh. Introversion with a spouse not only builds pressure between people but can eventually have the effect of a dishonest and boring relationship. If couples aren't always challenging each other, then the motivation to share is lost.

There are other aspects of marriage that often go unspoken. Sexual compatibility plays an important role in a successful marriage, but it takes more than sex. Sex includes intimacies which people must share with each

other and reinvent over many years. People must be attracted to each other and want to have sex but also want to share intimate experiences and ideas, which can be described as sensual rather than sexual.

As a single student, I find there to be mostly two kinds of people out there. There are those who are in relationships or looking to form long-term ones, and there are others who would rather see sexuality, and even sex, as a drug. The problem is, there aren't too many level-headed people in between. It seems true — especially in the South — that being single is a crime or a blemish of sorts.

In order to share intimacies and

truths in a marriage, a person must first collect these in knowledge and experience.

College is about having these experiences and gaining knowledge in a soulful way. Part of our education should be learning how to relate to people in both intimate and platonic ways where both are meaningful. Not all girls are girlfriend prospects, while others might be. Before people marry, it is essential to learn that having friends of all kinds is important.

There is then the question of divorce. What are the grounds for a divorce? Is it falling out of love with that particular person? Is cheating a reason to get a divorce?

Many times the solution is simply a matter of teaching yourself how to change the way you love somebody, not leaving them.

While our ideas are evolving here, and our sense of self becomes more fully realized, we can prepare to share more openly who we are with other people. If this leads to a marriage, then the couple will find happiness in the fact that life is a process, that love and honesty and intimacy must change with time.

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## RYFFEL

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of your day thinking."

Ash Huzenlaub, a graduate of TCU and one of Ryffel's business partners at Woodcrest, said he searched around after he graduated from TCU looking for someone who could serve as a mentor. He said Ryffel fit right in with what he was looking for.

"Jim is the ultimate visionary," Huzenlaub said. "He looks at every single thing. He's just a big brainstormer."

Huzenlaub said Ryffel is exciting and always keeps the office in those same spirits.

"You will never get bored here, and that's because of Jim," Huzenlaub said. "A flash comes in his head and, eureka, we're all going to jump on it."

Huzenlaub said Ryffel serves as a great role model to everyone in the office.

"Jim proves to anyone it's possible to be a strong Christian and success-

ful businessman," Huzenlaub said. Ryffel is a member of McKinney Memorial Bible Church on South Hulén Street.

"He has the heart to give not just money but time as well," Linda Ryffel said of her husband. "I think God made him that way."

The Ryffels have been married for 14 years. Linda Ryffel also has two TCU bachelor's degrees.

The two met while Linda was working on her second degree and working at a travel agency. They have four children: Travis, 9, Hunter, 7, Madison, 6, and Elektra, 2.

Linda Ryffel said her husband's drive and determination are what made him into an entrepreneur.

"He's always looking at the positive and ways to overcome adversity," she said. "I think that's why he's so successful."

Linda Ryffel said publicly giving the \$6 million to TCU was out of the norm for her and her husband.

"TCU was a very public statement," she said. "That's not us."

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## Confederate flag rustles up debate

### South Carolina Senate to take up issue after march on Statehouse

By Jim Davenport  
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COLUMBIA, S.C. — With the Confederate flag fluttering from the dome, hundreds of demonstrators demanding its removal converged on the Statehouse on Thursday after a five-day, 120-mile march from Charleston.

"We must, as South Carolinians, move forward and get this issue resolved, and we must move the flag from the dome," Gov. Jim Hodges told a crowd of 2,000 people.

On the Capitol's opposite side, flag supporters, who see the banner as a symbol of Southern heritage that honors Confederate war dead, sang "Dixie" and demanded that it stay.

Led by Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. and under heavy security, flag opponents — who see the banner as a vestige of hatred and slavery — began their march Sunday with

about 600 people. The group fell to just a few during the week, but swelled to more than 400 Thursday morning.

Hundreds more met the marchers at the Statehouse.

Riley told the crowd that an anonymous letter writer threatened that if he marched with blacks through Calhoun County south of Columbia, "I will put you in my gun sights."

That was not about heritage, Riley said: "That is his hate."

Hodges, a first-term Democrat who proposes moving the flag to a monument on Statehouse grounds, said he is tired of hearing legislators argue.

The Senate has now set debate on a bill for Wednesday — the first time this session the Legislature officially will take up the issue.

While he and Riley spoke on the

south steps, roughly 300 flag supporters gathered on the north steps with signs that said "Let My People Go" and "God Save the South."

"They want a nice, multi-ethnic society and they know they can't have it," said Lake High, former chairman of the South Carolina League of the South.

Some chanted, "We want to vote" — a reference to the position by state Attorney General Charlie Condon that the matter should be put to a referendum.

Some people carrying Confederate flags tried to break into the anti-flag rally but were turned away by police. At the pro-flag rally, Edward McClendon, who is black, got into a shouting match with flag supporters.

"They were fighting to keep slavery!" he shouted. "I don't care if black people had slaves. Slavery is oppression."

Among those joining the march Thursday was former Republican Gov. David Beasley, whom Hodges defeated two years ago. Beasley's attempt to lower the flag in 1996 was rebuffed by fellow Republicans who control the state House. A year earlier they passed legislation giving the General Assembly sole power to take the flag down.

The flag, which flies under the U.S. and state flags, was raised during the Civil War centennial in the 1960s, though critics have suggested it also was in defiance of the civil rights movement.

"I'm ashamed of the Legislature," said NAACP national field director Nelson Rivers, who joined Riley at the head of the march today. He called the General Assembly "an embarrassment" for its handling of the flag issue and failed attempts to create a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

## Bosnian Serb general testifies before U.N. war crimes tribunal

By Anthony Deutsch  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — A Dutch peacekeeper whose battalion was overrun as Serb forces stormed the Bosnian Muslim enclave of Srebrenica in 1995 told a U.N. court on Thursday of the horrors that followed: mass executions, a truck filled with corpses, and roads littered with victims' clothing.

The grim testimony came in the trial of Serb Gen. Radislav Krstic, the highest-ranking Bosnian Serb commander before the U.N. war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

"It's a smell I won't forget," said the U.N. peacekeeper, Pvt. Andre Stoelinga, describing a vehicle filled with victims. "The container of the truck was probably full of bodies ... I think they were getting rid of them."

Around 40,000 Muslims fled to Srebrenica, a U.N.-declared "safe haven," as Serb forces closed in on the enclave in northeast Bosnia during the 1992-95 Bosnian war.

In July 1995, Serbs broke through the weak U.N. defense posts and slaughtered at least 7,500 Muslim men and boys, prosecutors say. The remaining refugees escaped or were deported to Muslim-held territory.

Krstic's indictment says he headed the Bosnian Serb army's Drina corps, which allegedly carried out the bloodshed.

Stoelinga told the three judges that his battalion's defense post was shelled by Serb troops, who confiscated their weapons and held them hostage for almost three days.

They were driven north of Srebrenica near the town of Bratunac, where Stoelinga saw bulldozers, excavating equipment and a half-naked corpse in the middle of the road. He said he believes the Serbs were trying to cover up the massacre.

After passing the truck — which was overflowing with "blue and bloated" corpses — Stoelinga saw neat piles of clothing and shoes laid by the roadside.

"There was a pile every meter (yard) for about 200 to 300 meters (yards)," he said. "I believe these were the bodies of the people who had been forced to strip."

Another Dutch peacekeeper, Cpl. Paul Groenewegen, testified that while being detained at another Serb holding center he heard repeated gunshots for a whole day.

"There were about 20-40 shots per hour," he said. "They were single shots ... I believe they were being executed."

Prosecutors intend to prove that Krstic's men committed wide-scale war crimes as part of a plan to rid the enclave of its Muslim population.

The commander is charged with every crime in the tribunal's jurisdiction: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions.

If found guilty of any of the charges, Krstic faces a maximum life imprisonment. He has pleaded innocent.

## Russia called to cease fire

Council of Europe threatens suspension, urges open talks in Chechnya

By Constant Brand  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Legislators in the Council of Europe, the continent's top human rights watchdog, Thursday recommended suspending Russia if it does not call a cease-fire in Chechnya and open talks with rebels.

Suspension from the 41-member Council would be unprecedented in the body's 51-year history and would represent a serious blow to Russian aspirations for closer ties with European institutions.

After a 5 1/2-hour debate, the council's Parliamentary Assembly in Strasbourg, France, approved by a large majority a recommendation that member governments start proceedings to suspend Russia unless there is "substantial, accelerating and demonstrable progress... made immediately."

Suspension would require unanimous agreement by the member governments and European officials said it could be several

months before a final decision is taken. Some governments and human rights groups oppose removing Russia since it would release Moscow from its obligations under the Council's European Human Rights Convention.

An earlier draft of the recommendation had given Russia a deadline of May 31 to meet the demands for progress toward a cease-fire and talks with the rebels, but that was changed to "immediately" at the last minute.

The recommendation also urges Council of Europe member nations to take Moscow to the European Court of Human Rights over alleged abuses in Chechnya.

Moscow has warned that relations with Europe would suffer if the Council went through with the move.

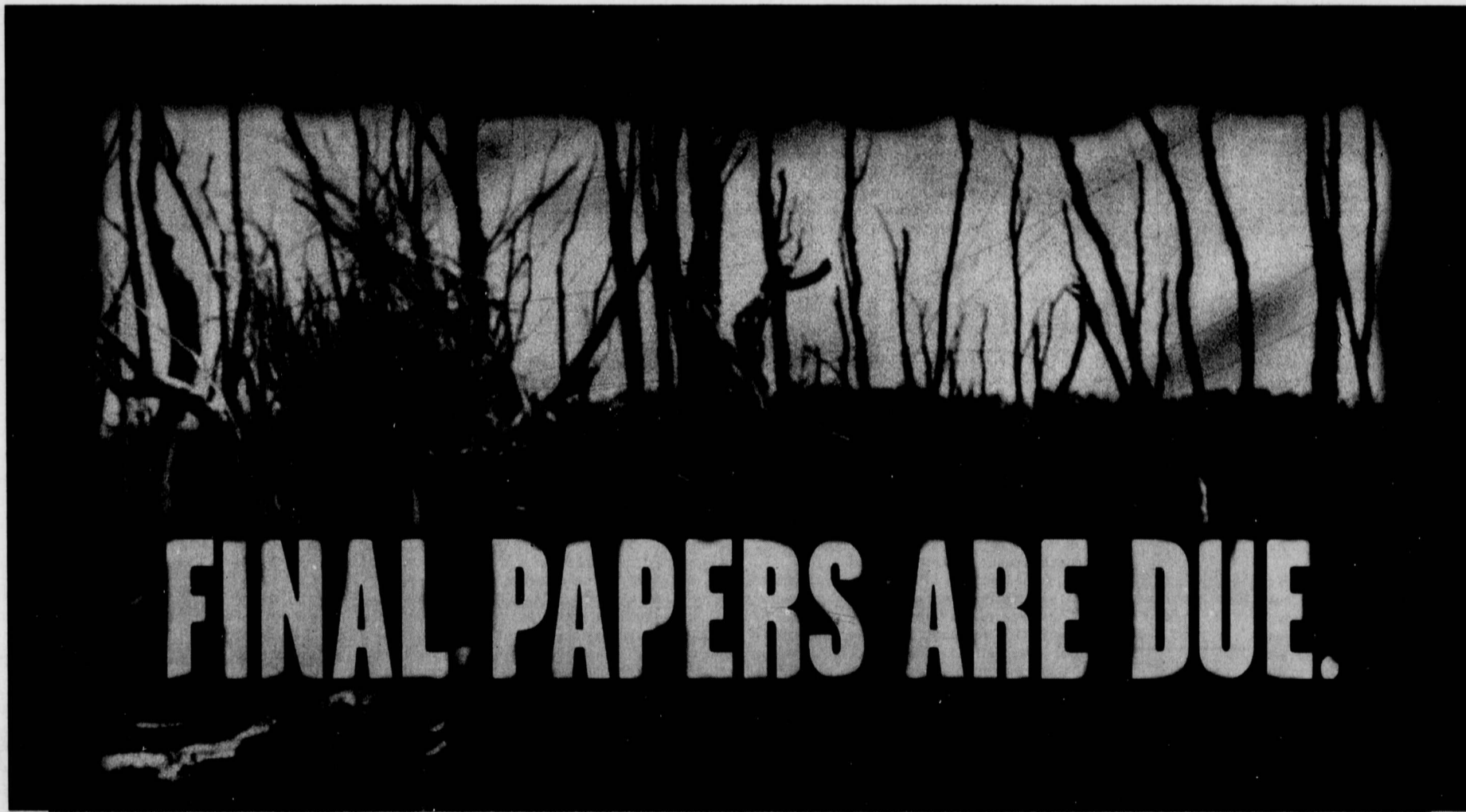
"I don't think the Council of Europe will suspend Russia's membership, or exclude Russia from the Council of Europe," said Russian Human Rights Commissioner Oleg Mironov before the vote.

"It would not be very farsighted, because then Europe would be hanging up an iron curtain separating Russia from Europe," he said.

Russian former prime minister Sergei Stepashin said suspension "would be a serious blow to the prestige of the country, because inclusion means we are working by Europe's rules."

The Council last moved to suspend a member in 1960 after a military coup in Greece, but the regime in Athens pulled out before the council's final decision. Turkey was suspended from the Parliamentary Assembly from 1981 to 1984 after a military takeover, but was not thrown out of the council.

The Council of Europe was set up in 1949 to promote human rights, democracy and cooperation in postwar Europe. Soviet bloc nations membership after the fall of communism was widely seen as an important step toward integration with the mainstream of western democracy.



# FINAL PAPERS ARE DUE.



# 2000 census already sparking controversy

By Walter R. Mears  
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WASHINGTON — Politicians have complained about the results of every census since the first one, but disputes about the 2000 count began before the counting started and aren't over yet.

The latest, conservative complaints about questions some people consider too snoopy to answer may be one reason for a lagging rate of return of the mailed forms that are the first phase of the head count.

Past complaints, dating from George Washington's dissatisfaction with the 1790 census, usually came after the numbers were reported, on grounds that the population had been undercounted.

In this census, the controversy started early. A partisan dispute over how to conduct it led to a veto, prompted the GOP Congress to ration its funds, and stirred a bitter political argument in which Vice President Al Gore accused the Republicans two

## Conservatives complain about count's 'intrusive questions'

years ago of trying to leave black Americans uncounted. It all wound up in the Supreme Court, which settled one phase of the dispute.

President Clinton decided in 1996 to have the 2000 census based in part on statistical sampling, to avoid the missing persons problem that skipped an estimated 4 million people in the 1990 count.

Republicans fought the idea, although the National Academy of Science recommended it after President George Bush and a Democratic Congress sought advice on avoiding another undercount this time.

The Constitution requires an "actual enumeration" every 10th year for the population-based apportionment of the 435 House seats among the states. The Republicans insisted that it means what it says. The Supreme Court agreed to require a head count for apportionment pur-

poses but leave room for sampling for other purposes — including the allocation of about \$185 billion a year in federal aid to cities and states and the drawing of political district lines within the states.

So this census is doing it both ways.

The political argument behind all that is that undercounts tend to be concentrated in lower income and minority areas where people are hardest to reach in person. Add to those populations through sampling-based adjustments and it could cost the Republicans seats in the House and in legislatures.

That hassle will not end with the end of the 2000 census, in which about 2.4 million workers will begin

door-to-door counting later this month to cover households that did not return mail-in census forms. When the population count, nationally and by state, is reported on or about Dec. 31, the usual griping about undercounting is inevitable.

The last census drew more than 30 court challenges from cities and states contending that they had been undercounted and seeking adjustments so they would get more federal money. The Supreme Court finally settled it all by upholding the 1990 census six years after it was taken.

This time, while the Census Bureau was urging Americans to answer the forms that were mailed to 115 million households, conservatives com-

plained about the extensive questionnaire that went to one in six, asking about income, plumbing, commuting time, utility costs and other lifestyle questions.

There are 53 questions in all. Those on income and other points have been asked in every census since 1940. The 1990 long form had 57 questions. The current one was made available to Congress two years ago. And Census Director Kenneth Prewitt said all the questions were prompted or required by Congress.

Sen. Trent Lott, the Republican leader, had his staff advising constituents who complained about the long form questions to skip the details if they found them intrusive, and answer the questions everybody got, on the number of people in their households. Lott has since urged cooperation with the census.

Gov. George W. Bush has, too, af-

ter saying he could understand why people did not want to give personal data to the government, and wasn't sure he would do it himself if he got the long form. He got the short one.

"The widespread attack on the long form could have serious consequences," Prewitt told a congressional hearing. He said fewer of them are being mailed back than of the eight-question short form. The data sought in the more detailed questionnaire guides federal programs and is a basis for economic statistics, including those on inflation and unemployment.

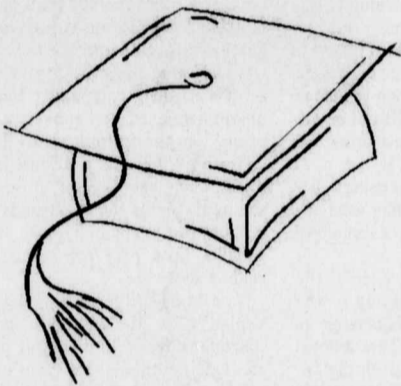
"We are now putting at risk the way we collect our basic economic statistics in this country," Prewitt said.

One way out for the 2010 census would be to scrap the long form in the 10th year head count, and get the detailed data in annual surveys of about 3 million households. The Census Bureau has been testing that system.

—Kenneth Prewitt,  
census director

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## TASK FORCE

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"It is a very inclusive process," Youngblood said. "I credit a tremendous amount of its success to Chancellor Ferrari's vision of TCU's future and the process Bill Moncrief designed that enabled us to gather the data."

The task force is one of 17 on the Commission on the Future of TCU, which was established by Ferrari to determine how the university can move to the next level of academic distinction.

A finalized plan will be presented to Ferrari, faculty and staff July 1, the deadline for all 17 task forces, Youngblood said.

Ronald Smith, chairman for the business school task force and president of the Harris Methodist Health System, said if a top business school produces quality students, more money can be raised to keep it at a successful level.

"To attract the best students, we

must have building endowments and the best faculty," Smith said. "To attract the best faculty, we have to pay them competitive salaries."

Smith said increased salaries for faculty members would come from endowments.

"Fund raising will focus on alumni, businesses that recruit from TCU and others who have an interest in TCU," Smith said. "It won't be limited to a certain area, but we hope alumni are excited and become a key target."

Smith said achieving the optimum level of funds will take between five to 10 years, and improvements will not be focused on a particular area.

"We have to work on faculty, staff, facility and program improvement concurrently," Smith said. "It will be a balanced approach and not just one piece at a time."

Brandon Hunt, a senior electronic business major, said he is glad the task force is working to improve the quality of the business school.

"They did the right thing by com-

paring the business school to schools of the same caliber," Hunt said. "If TCU comes up short, the school needs to take whatever steps are necessary to bring it up to standard with the other schools."

"It's not like TCU isn't offering quality facilities as compared to many universities, but (it) needs to be as good or better as the schools (it) is competing with."

Moncrief said the business school estimates the need for an additional \$40 to \$75 million within the next decade to put it at a desirable level.

"It will take the low-end amount just to stay at the level we are now and between \$60 and \$70 million to go beyond our present level," Moncrief said.

Moncrief said the money will come from endowments, and the task force is pleased to have raised almost \$11 million in new outside money since July.

Increased scholarships for graduate students are among the priorities of the task force, Moncrief said.

"You've got to buy new students," Moncrief said. "The goal is not necessarily to increase the size of the graduate class but to increase the quality of students."

Moncrief said there is also a need to promote the business school more.

"We need a lot more money for advertising," he said. "We have started to target that now with the introduction of the Neeley School Magazine in January."

Smith said he is ready to see the business school move to the next level of performance.

"Over the years, (Harris Methodist Health System) has hired many undergraduates from the business school, and we think it's important that the business program remains strong," Smith said. "TCU is a very exciting place to be now whether you're a student, faculty member or volunteer."

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# Man's DNA completely decoded

Private company completes gene sequence ahead of Human Genome Project

By Paul Rezer  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A private company mapping the human genetic blueprint said Thursday it has completed a major step: decoding all of the DNA pieces that make up the genetic pattern of a single human being.

The milestone puts the company, Celera Genomics of Rockville, Md., far ahead of an international government effort to map the human genome using a different method.

"We've now completed the gene sequence plan of one human being," said Craig Venter, chief scientist for the company. He said that human being was an unidentified male, adding, "By the end of next week, we will have finished the gene sequence for a female."

There are about 3 billion DNA subunits in virtually every human cell. This DNA contains about 100,000 genes. The gene sequencing done thus far lines up small segments of the DNA. Assembly of the entire genome will involve putting these segments in proper order.

This process, said Venter, will take several weeks. But he said the Celera work is far ahead of a similar effort by the government-funded Human Genome Project.

"We don't want to declare absolute victory yet, but call me in three or four weeks when it is all assembled," said Venter.

Dr. Francis Collins, the Human Genome Project's chief, said, "I'm happy to hear that Celera has completed this part of their business plan. We look forward to hearing how the assembly process goes and ultimately seeing the sequence made available" to the public.

Venter said the ordered sequence of the human genes will not be released to the public until it has been completely assembled.

"I don't believe a genome is done until there is an attempt to identify the genes and the linear sequence along all of the chromosomes," he said. "We will not have that completed until later this year."

The announcement by Celera drew a quick response from Wall Street investors. Shares of PE Corp., Celera's parent company,

rose 26 7/8 points to 139 7/8 by midafternoon.

President Clinton's press secretary, Joe Lockhart, said the Celera announcement "marks a ... significant point in what the president has talked about extensively as ... one of the most important scientific developments of our time."

The Human Genome Project is expected to complete a "rough draft" of the human gene sequence this spring, but this will not be assembled into a finished order for several more years.

The federal project is using a different method than that used by Celera, which is using a technique developed by Venter.

But, in contrast to Celera, the federal project is releasing to the public the genetic sequences as they are identified. The federal project thus far has put on the Internet the codes for about 2.3 billion subunits of the DNA.

Clinton recently announced that the United States and Britain have agreed to share data from their efforts to decode the human genetic pattern. A U.S.-British statement

urged private companies to follow the lead of government laboratories in sharing data. Some companies have shared data, while others have not.

In testimony before Congress, Venter said Thursday that his company will make the entire genome available on the Internet but will provide special services for analyzing the massive amount of data to drug companies and to universities for a subscription price. Subscriptions for drug companies, he said, will cost millions, while the rate for universities will be in the thousands of dollars and not much more than what is now paid for some advanced software.

To decode the genetic sequence, Venter said his company drew specimens from 30 different people. One specimen was then used to draw up the completed sequence. A male was chosen because only males have at least one copy of all the chromosomes, including the X and Y sex chromosomes. Females have two Xs and no Ys.

# Negotiations break down in Elian case

Father says he is 'truly impatient' to reclaim his son

By George Gedda  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — On U.S. soil, Juan Miguel Gonzalez said Thursday he was "truly impatient" to reclaim his son Elian, but his hopes for an orderly transfer of custody were dimmed when government negotiations with the 5-year-old Cuban boy's Miami relatives broke down.

The father declared his love for son Elian and chastised those who are trying "to obtain political advantage" from the custody battle over the shipwreck survivor.

He received immediate assurances that the U.S. government is eager to reunite him with his son. "It is simply the right thing to do," said Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder. "The father and his son need to be together."

But Jose Garcia-Pedrosa, the attorney for the relatives with whom Elian has been staying since November, said the negotiations with the government were over, primarily be-

cause the government refused to promise that they wouldn't "take Elian away in the middle of the night." He also said immigration officials refused to agree to a psychological evaluation determining whether Elian should be handed over to his father.

"He has not had his day in court," Garcia-Pedrosa said. "This is a very, very sad day."

A Justice Department official stopped short of saying the talks were over.

"We are disappointed that the attorneys for the Miami relatives insisted on relitigating the issue of whether Elian should be returned to his father as opposed to how to carry that transfer out in the most appropriate manner," said one official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said Justice lawyers were drafting a letter to lawyers for the Miami relatives "providing additional guidance explaining what future steps could be taken."

Gonzalez planned to meet Friday morning at the Justice Department with Attorney General Janet Reno, Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meissner and other officials.

In Miami, Elian seemed unaware of the new phase in the struggle over his future. He played on a slide outside his great-uncle's home and fired a toy gun as the usual horde of reporters and photographers took note.

Relatives said he learned of his father's trip only hours before it took place.

It was an unsmiling Juan Miguel Gonzalez who disembarked from a small chartered plane at Dulles International Airport at dawn Thursday, accompanied by his wife, Nancy Carmenate Castillo, and their infant son, Hianny. "This is Elian's true family and we love him very much," he said.

"It's been an agonizing experience to see my son submitted to cruel psychological pressures aimed at influencing his personality," Gonzalez said, speaking through an interpreter. "Worse still, Elian's been paraded and exhibited in public rallies and by the media with a clear intent to obtain political advantage" from the tragedy that befell him last November, when his mother died while en route with Elian to South Florida from Cuba. Elian survived the shipwreck.

"As if his mother's disappearance before his eyes and the miracle of his arrival have not inflicted enough damage on a 5-year-old boy, he has had to spend time under the temporary custody of some distant relatives who had never seen him before," he said.

President Clinton, interviewed on CBS, said, "The fact that the father has come here, and will be in a position to show his concern for, and desire to be reunited with, his son, should be a big help."

But the Miami relatives were not swayed by Gonzalez's arrival in the United States.

Lazaro Gonzalez, the great-uncle who has cared for Elian for the past four months, "was almost in tears" when he heard the father's statement, said Armando Gutierrez, a spokesman for the Miami relatives. "He felt that that is not his nephew. He felt that was not the person he knows."

Juan Miguel Gonzalez spent the day resting at the suburban Washington home of Cuba's chief diplomat in Washington. He had a late afternoon appointment with his American lawyer, Gregory Craig, who flew to Cuba on Tuesday to help arrange the father's visit.

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## CD reviews

### THE GETAWAY PEOPLE "Turnpike Diaries"

"Turnpike Diaries," the sophomore effort by the Norwegian-born and New York-based Getaway People, is an impressive record that showcases its brand of roots and funk. Snagging its moniker from a long-forgotten advertising campaign for British Petroleum, the Getaway People have made dents here and there in the mainstream rock radio landscape and have also opened for the Dave Matthews Band, Semisonic and the Barenaked Ladies. These musicians are in the vein of these artists but are distinctly different with their use of loops and samples. "Turnpike Diaries" is upbeat with simplistic song writing that complements the funk vibe of the music. The album features guest performances by Rahzel from the Roots, Daryl Jenifer from Bad Brains and Boyd Tinsley of the Dave Matthews Band.

**RANKING: ★★★**  
—Angie Chang



### OASIS "Standing on the Shoulder of Giants"

The latest release from Brit-rock band Oasis shows that these musicians are still not ready to reinvent themselves as the Gallagher brothers cling to their guitar-driven sound led by the brash vocals of Liam. Despite their unchanging ways, a maturity in song writing is evident, and the music has more progression. "Standing on the Shoulder of Giants," Oasis' fourth album, is more mellow compared to their other albums, such as "What's the Story Morning Glory?" and promises a couple of sweeping ballads. The verdict: not a super-sonic album but one that will provide fans comfort through familiarity.

**RANKING:★★ 1/2**  
—Angie Chang

### The Top Five By The Associated Press

#### Television

1. "Who Wants to be a Millionaire-Tuesday," ABC.
  2. "Who Wants to be a Millionaire-Thursday," ABC.
  3. "Who Wants to be a Millionaire-Sunday," ABC.
  4. "The Practice," ABC.
  5. "60 Minutes," CBS.
- (From Nielsen Media Research)

#### Films

1. "Erin Brockovich," Universal.
  2. "The Road to El Dorado," DreamWorks.
  3. "The Skulls," Universal.
  4. "Romeo Must Die," Warner Bros.
  5. "High Fidelity," Disney.
- (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

#### Hot Five

1. "Maria Maria," Santana (feat. The Product G&B). Arista. (Platinum)
  2. "Say My Name," Destiny's Child. Columbia. (Gold)
  3. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Nashville)
  4. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA. (Gold)
  5. "Bye Bye Bye," 'N Sync. Jive.
- (From Billboard magazine)



Vic (Mark Waltz) constant criticism of Sharon (TCU alumna Lara Maerz) leads to her attempted suicide in the villa pool.

## MOMENT OF SCANDAL

'Man of the Moment' combines physical, highbrow comedy to mock scandal-filled talk shows

By Reagan Duplisea  
STAFF REPORTER

British humor is traditionally of two extremes — the ridiculous physical comedy of "Monty Python" and the highbrow wit of "Shakespeare in Love." Stage West's latest production, "Man of the Moment," combines the two with such finesse that it has you holding back hysterics so you won't miss any of the sly, subtle comments.

### Want to go?

- **What:** "Man of the Moment"
- **When:** 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays through April 22
- **Where:** Stage West, 3055 S. University Drive
- **Cost:** \$5 student tickets 30 minutes before curtain, \$15 to \$20 reserved, non-student tickets

British playwright Alan Ayckbourn structures the plot around the filming of a sleazy talk show, "Their Paths Crossed," a crossing of "Ricki Lake" and "Hard Copy."

Although the play is titled "Man of the Moment," Nicole Case, who plays talk-show hostess Jill Rillington, enjoys her moment in the spotlight. Most of the other characters dim in comparison when she is on the stage. Whether the cameras are rolling or not determines her personality.

But she also poignantly reminds us of one of the most negative aspects of the media today: She looks for scandal when there isn't any.

While there was a scandal 17 years ago (which will remain a secret because it's part of Ayckbourn's magic to give the audience pieces until the whole enigma is solved), Jill cannot elicit any more juicy secrets or hidden resentments from the scandal's two key players, Vic and Douglas.

It is entertaining to watch Jill become increasingly frustrated with Douglas, who is as agreeable as they come. As Jill says, "He smothers you with approval. It's like interviewing a fire blanket."

But as she pries, the audience cannot help but become curious, too. While Ayckbourn is obviously poking fun at sleazy news magazines, he has the audience become part of the phenomenon. The audience feels almost squeamish because its members want to know more, but they realize they are falling into Ayckbourn's trap. They become part of what is being critiqued.

Stage West's artistic director Jim Covault plays Douglas with a Mr. Magoo-like awkwardness and bumbling mannerisms. He had the audience in laughing fits with a simple facial expression when he was trying to "act natural" and not watch the cameras. However meek, he turns into the unlikely hero of the television program and

the play itself.

The many other characters are smoothly introduced so that they do not confuse the audience. Look for TCU alumna Lara Maerz as Sharon.

The actors make full use of the round stage, ensuring that all audience members get the full benefit of dialogue, gestures and facial expressions. The entire play is set on the patio of Vic's Spanish villa overlooking the Mediterranean. Lawn chairs, potted plants and crickets chirping in the background add effective, believable atmosphere.

One of the main elements of "Man of the Moment" that provides an outlet for much physical comedy is a swimming pool, built into a corner of the stage. While every seat is a good seat in the small theater, those sitting near the pool may find themselves with a wet seat.

And, while I say good seat, I don't necessarily mean comfortable seat — the seats from an old movie theater add charm to the theater, but you can feel the springs no matter how many times you adjust your position. There is



Vic (Mark Waltz) uses his agent (Ashley Wood) as a coaster while discussing the art of being interviewed.

good news, however: The theater will soon be installing 200 new plush seats to replace the old.

Overall, the best thing about the play is the entertaining comedy, but the play is also thought-provoking. You laugh at the actors, but you also laugh at yourself because you have become part of the show.

There is no excuse to miss "Man of the Moment" since it brings such great comedy as close as the TCU Bookstore.

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## Despite tornado, MAIN ST. Festival will go on 'Junkman' will use debris to make interactive art, monument

By Missi Christensen  
ASSISTANT PRODUCTION COORDINATOR

For the first time in its 15-year existence, the MAIN ST. Fort Worth Arts Festival will not line the red-bricked streets of Main Street in downtown Fort Worth.

Because of damage to the downtown area from the recent tornado, the greenery of the Fort Worth Cultural District will provide the backdrop for the annual festival April 13 through 16.

Ceramics, paintings, photography, woodcarvings, glassworks, jewelry and multimedia compositions will be displayed from 11 a.m. April 13 through 8 p.m. April 16 on Lancaster Boulevard between South University Drive and Montgomery Street in front of the Will Rogers Memorial Complex.

Donna VanNess, general manager of Downtown Fort Worth, Inc., said she expects attendance to remain the same as previous years, which is around 430,000.

"I think there will be a lot of interest just to see what it looks like in a different setting," she said. "The festival was chosen as the seventh-best fine-art event in the nation. We just hope for good weather."

The tornado damage will be transformed into a major highlight, VanNess said. Donald Naack, known as the Junkman, will arrive Sunday in Fort Worth to collect debris from downtown to create a sculpture that is not only a monument, but a percussion instrument as well.

"He finds things with tones and gets the audience to play them," she said. "It's a collective, engaging ex-

perience."

Naack will be a strolling performer throughout the festival. The finished piece will be donated to Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. VanNess said there are no final plans for the sculpture.

Artists, including Kurt Schmedel and Dan Reznikoff of Fort Worth, will be in their booths to describe their work to festival patrons.

"It's different (from) buying a piece at a gallery," VanNess said. "You can learn how they made it, where the creative energy came from."

Schmedel and Reznikoff, whose work is self-described as functional, creative furniture, have been showing their work at MAIN ST. for five years.

"Our work isn't something people buy on a whim, but we let peo-

ple know that we're here," Schmedel said.

Reznikoff said he and Schmedel enjoy being some of the only local artists among the exhibitors.

"Every year, there's always one or two days of real weather," Reznikoff said. "It's fun to take them under your arm and tease them a little."

A local television news reporter was the first to tell the men the festival was changing location, but Schmedel said they weren't concerned.

"(The Cultural District) is a beautiful area," he said. "It's a change in dynamics, but I think it's going to be an excellent show."

Marcel Maitland, a sophomore studio art and radio-TV-film major, attended the festival last year.

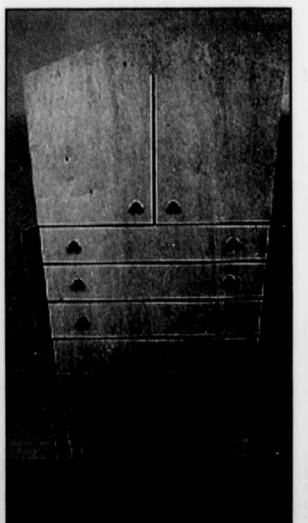
"There's a little bit of everything: sculpture, painting, drawing," he said. "You'll find something that interests you. That's guaranteed."

Along with display booths and the Junkman, three stages will host live entertainment, including Big Nazo, a comedy routine. The actors wear large puppet-like heads and perform skits. VanNess said Big Nazo will be the first act of its kind in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

"It's a whole experience," VanNess said. "It is educational and a lot of fun."

For a complete schedule of events, see the festival's Web site at (www.msffw.org).

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Piece by Schebel and Reznikoff

# Gore heads fund-raising campaign in Florida

By Sandra Sobiera  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Vice President Al Gore set his fund-raising sights Thursday on south Florida, venturing near the scene of the political maelstrom over Elian Gonzalez — and trying to change the subject.

As Gore courted Democratic contributors in Palm Beach, just north of Miami where Cuban-Americans are battling to keep the 6-year-old Elian in the United States, the vice president continued to draw criticism from some quarters for endorsing special legislation last week to give the Cuban boy and his father residency status.

"He had no business to ever step there ... I think he is doing this to get votes," said Kitty Strauss as she watched the hubbub in her Bethesda,

## Vice president runs into problems with Elian issue

Md., neighborhood where Elian's father was staying at the home of a Cuban diplomat.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Gore's Republican rival for the presidency, agrees with Gore on U.S. residency, but he has accused the vice president of playing politics with the family drama. Gore has also said the father should be allowed to take the boy home to Cuba if that's what a family court decides and if the father is speaking "free of intimidation of Fidel Castro."

"The vice president seems to have had several positions on this issue," Bush said Thursday on a campaign trip to Sacramento, Calif.

Asked if both he and Gore were

making the case a political issue, he said, "You subscribe politics to it. I subscribe freedom to it."

President Clinton, in an interview with CBS, defended Gore even though the two disagree on how to resolve the case. "I know the conventional wisdom is that the vice president's position was purely political but he talked to me ... a day or two after Elian Gonzalez's case became public — weeks and weeks ago — and said, 'You know, I'm very worried about this process. I'm afraid we're going to have a lot of problems with this process. I'm just not sure it's adequate,'" Clinton said.

Gore, meanwhile, was intent on

talking about Medicare — an issue dear to Florida's sizable population of retirees.

Having nixed the first half of his Thursday campaign schedule to visit a sick friend, Gore headlined for the Democratic National Committee a \$650,000 dinner at the massive, waterside villa of Palm Beach trial lawyer Bob Montgomery.

After a public hearing this morning to discuss making Medicare coverage for prescription drugs part of the Democrats' official platform, a \$400,000 lunch of lamb chops today in Fort Lauderdale would round out the vice president's week-long fund-raising sprint with a total estimated take of \$3.5 million for the Democ-

cratic National Committee.

On Monday, Gore was returning to South Florida for yet another party fund-raiser — this one meant to highlight party unity because it will feature Jacksonville attorney Steve Pajcic, the Florida Democrats' 1986 gubernatorial nominee and a supporter of Bill Bradley, Gore's vanquished primary rival.

"I don't know whether it's because polls show us statistically even with Bush in the state, or not, but these fund-raisers have been particularly easy to do," said Mitchell Berger, a fund-raiser for Gore.

Florida has 25 electoral votes in November, fourth most in the country. Although the state has usually

gone to the Republicans in the past two decades, the Clinton-Gore ticket carried Florida in 1996 with 48 percent of the vote in a three-way race.

But Gore has some repair work to do outside the Cuban-American community, said Susan MacManus, political scientist at the University of South Florida, Tampa, especially considering that low turnout by black voters was widely viewed as a factor in Republican Gov. Jeb Bush's 1998 election. Jeb Bush is George W. Bush's younger brother.

Rep. Alcee L. Hastings, a black Democrat from South Florida, introduced legislation this week that would give residency to a motherless Haitian girl in his district, and he framed it as his way of "demanding an end to disparate treatment between immigrants from Cuba and other nations."

# Bush decides not to abandon California to Gore

By Scott Lindlaw  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — George W. Bush sought to reassure Californians on Thursday that his presidential campaign will not abandon the state as unwinnable — as his father did eight years ago.

But he acknowledged that he faces a challenge in winning over Hispanics, a rapidly growing voter bloc making up nearly 15 percent of California's electorate.

The presumptive Republican presidential nominee highlighted education in his campaign appearances Thursday. But when he faced reporters between events, Bush stressed his commitment to winning the nation's most populous

## Candidate acknowledges challenge in winning Hispanic votes

state in November.

"I know there's a rumor going around the press in California that somehow I'm not going to compete in California," Bush said. "That's wishful thinking on the part of Al Gore."

President Bush all but conceded California to Bill Clinton in his 1992 re-election effort, and lost both the state and the White House. The Texas governor, who was deeply involved in that campaign, said he learned from the experience.

"His decision was, he made a head fake and he didn't run," Bush

said. "You can't win the state unless you compete."

At the same time, Bush acknowledged that courting the fastest-growing ethnic group will be difficult in a state where many Hispanics remain alienated from the GOP. Former Gov. Pete Wilson led campaigns against illegal immigration, affirmative action and bilingual education during the 1990s.

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—George W. Bush,  
presidential candidate

Elian Gonzalez.

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Sen. John McCain. Jones spokeswoman Beth Miller said he had always planned to support the Republican presidential nominee.

Meanwhile, Gore's campaign tapped state Democrats to criticize Bush's education proposals.

"Al Gore has big ideas that will help the children of this nation in very big ways," said state schools superintendent Delaine Eastin. "George Bush, on the other hand, has small, tired bromides that will not help America's children compete in the 21st century economy."

In his remarks on education, Bush put special emphasis on reading as he addressed some 75 community leaders, students and lawmakers in a public school gymnasium.

# American held in Moscow on spying charges

By Nick Wadhams  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — An American citizen being held in a Moscow prison after he was detained on spying charges appeared to be in good health and said he was being treated well, a U.S. embassy official said Thursday.

The American was detained Wednesday in an operation by Russia's Federal Security Service. Russian officials alleged he had developed contacts with Russian scientists in efforts to steal state secrets.

An official at the American Embassy, who refused to comment on the spying charges, said the detained man had been vis-

ited by a U.S. consular officer at the Lefortovo prison in Moscow.

"He appeared to be in good health and made no complaints about his treatment of any kind," said the official, who asked not to be named.

A second official at the embassy said Russian authorities hadn't filed any formal charges, but were investigating the American under an article of the Russian criminal code concerning espionage and had appointed him a Russian lawyer.

The American has not authorized the release of his name, the official said.

ABC News reported Wednesday that the American is Ed-

mond Pope, a retired U.S. Navy captain. It said he was in his mid-fifties, spent much of his career working in naval intelligence, and traveled often to Russia to carry out work for Pennsylvania State University's Applied Research Laboratory.

Russian security officials said the man now worked for a private firm in Moscow but had once worked for American intelligence services.

The American Chamber of Commerce in Moscow, which represents American businesses in Russia, said Thursday that it hadn't heard of the man mentioned in the ABC report.

"We don't know of anyone by

that name, and we haven't heard of any company he's associated with," said Scott Blacklin, the chamber's president. "We're as hungry for information about this as anyone else."

The incident was the latest in a string of spying arrests in Russia and the United States, and seemed likely to further strain already tense relations between the two.

An American diplomat, Cheri Leberknight, left Russia late last year after she was detained and accused of being a CIA agent. Shortly afterward, Washington expelled a Russian diplomat allegedly caught picking up transmissions from a bugging device discovered at the U.S. State Department.

## JAZZ

From Page 1

The festival kicks off today at 7:30 p.m. in the PepsiCo Recital Hall with a concert by the Jazz Combo with Vadala. The festival continues Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. with the high school jazz band competition. The festival closes with an awards concert of three big bands and Vadala at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

The high school bands will be judged by a panel of six judges: Tim Ishi of Texas Wesleyan University; Cal Lewiston, a professional trumpeter; Tom

Burchill, jazz director at Weatherford Community College; Bill Snodgrass, director of jazz at the University of Texas at Arlington; Sparky Koerner, director of jazz at the College of the Mainland in Galveston; and Rick Stitzel, a professor at Tarrant County College south campus.

Brian Standridge, director of bands at Paschal High School, is taking his Panther Jazz Band to the Festival after a fourth-place finish at last year's event. Standridge said the festival is not just about competing.

"The festival gives us a broader sense of what jazz education is doing in other

school districts and other schools," Standridge said. Standridge said his students leave with more than a tune in their head.

"We leave with an overriding sense of pride at whatever we've played," Standridge said. "Plus, I like our chances this year because this is the strongest band I've had," he said.

Admission to the Jazz Festival is free for anyone with a TCU ID. Admission for those without a TCU ID is \$3 for today's activities and \$8 for Saturday's competition. For more information, call 257-7640.

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# Pump prices will decline for summer, officials say

Motorists will still pay 25 percent more than last year

By H. Josef Hebert  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Gasoline prices should peak this month and decline to an average of \$1.46 a gallon for the summer, the government said Thursday, revising dramatically its previous expectations of soaring fuel prices going into the vacation

season.

While the forecast dampened the prospect of \$2 per gallon of regular grade gasoline even in high-price areas, as once feared, motorists still will be paying about 25 percent more for gasoline this summer than last year, the forecast said.

It said the average family, traveling 12,000 miles from April through September, is likely to pay \$170 more for fuel this year than last vacation season.

The Energy Department said Thursday its revised forecast, taking into account the additional oil production announced by world producers last month, shows the average price

nationwide peaking at \$1.52 a gallon this month and then declining.

Gasoline prices already have dropped a bit in some places. The forecast estimates prices averaging \$1.39 a gallon after Labor Day. Still, officials warned that the estimates are national averages and in some areas prices are likely to be higher.

Average gasoline prices in California in March, for example, have been 26 cents a gallon higher than the national average, with the disparity expected to continue into the summer, the report said.

The latest analysis by the Energy Information Administration was in sharp contrast to

its forecast a month ago when the agency said that even with increased oil production, gasoline prices were expected to soar to a national average of \$1.80 a gallon. That prompted widespread fear of \$2 per gallon gas just when millions of Americans hit the road for summer vacations.

The turn of events was welcomed by motorists.

"Isn't that thrilling," said Sandy Cohen, 51, of Virginia, when told of the latest price predictions as he browsed through maps at the American Automobile Association office near the White House. Cohen said he planned a 500-mile summer trip in the family minivan

that "gets horrible mileage" and every penny saved at the pumps helps.

But Joe McNearney, 21, a congressional intern from Minnesota, said he viewed the forecast with skepticism. "I'm going to wait and see if the prices really go down," he said.

On Capitol Hill, meanwhile, the enthusiasm for giving motorists relief from high gasoline prices seemed to lose momentum. The Senate approved by a 66-34 vote a non-binding resolution opposing a federal gas tax rollback of 4.3 cents per gallon. Rollback critics said it would give little help to consumers while depriving the government of billions of dollars needed for road projects.

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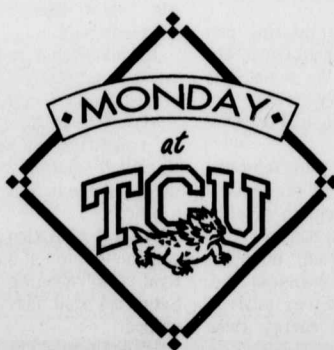
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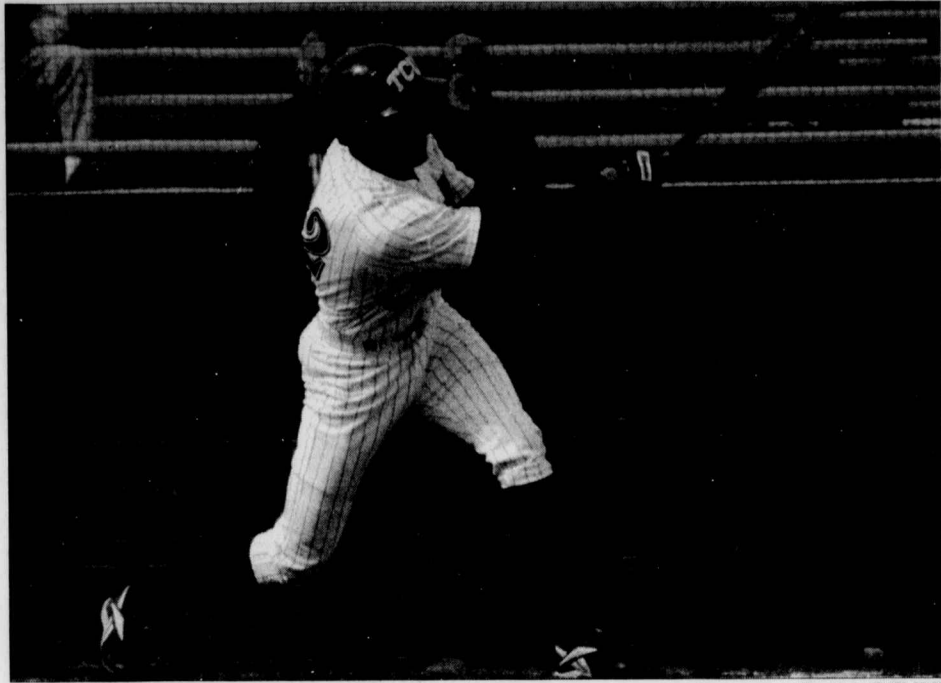
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## Pitching will be key to winning series

### An early lead would give the Frogs a boost over Bulldogs, players say



Sophomore infielder Erick Macha swings through a pitch in a game earlier this season. The Frogs lost two games to the Oklahoma Sooners Tuesday, 16-13 and 5-2.

By Danny Horne  
STAFF REPORTER

In games against Baylor, University of Texas, Oklahoma and Texas Tech, the TCU baseball team faced some of the nation's best competition. But senior pitcher and first baseman Mark Hamilton said none of those compare to the importance of this weekend's three-game series against Fresno State.

"Games against Texas and Texas Tech outside of conference are much different because we've got nothing to lose," Hamilton said. "But against a team like Fresno or Rice, the games mean more and have more riding on them. The level of play and intensity definitely goes up."

Fresno (25-9, 8-4 Western Athletic Conference) comes in ranked No. 19 in the latest Baseball America poll.

"The whole series comes down to pitching," Hamilton said. "We don't

really expect to get a lot from our offense, but we know we must play very well defensively and match them pitch for pitch."

Matching the Fresno pitching staff pitch for pitch may not be that easy. The Bulldogs have the best team earned run average (3.71) in the conference, have walked just 86 batters in more than 300 innings and have allowed a .256 opponent's batting average.

"They are built around that pitching staff," junior pitcher Chris Bradshaw said. "It would definitely be great if we came out and scored five or six runs, but if we don't, we (pitchers) know that we have to work harder to keep us in the game."

Hamilton said the Horned Frogs would much rather jump out early instead of trying to come from behind.

"We haven't been very good when playing from behind," Hamilton said. "If we got out early on their

staff, I think it would give all of us, pitching and hitting, a big boost."

Both teams have a .293 batting average which is good enough to lead the WAC. However, the Horned Frogs' 4.97 team ERA is better than only Hawaii-Hilo.

TCU plays 12 of the final 18 WAC games at home, and Bradshaw said playing well this weekend could set the stage for the rest of the season.

"If we can pull off a sweep or take two out of three, it would be a major plus," Bradshaw said. "We know we have a lot of games left, and most of them are at home, so a good series this weekend should set us up for a strong finish."

Game one of the series is 2:35 p.m. today at the TCU Diamond. The Frogs play again at 1:05 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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## PULSE SIDELINES

### Men's tennis team stays No. 15, women drop to No. 25

The men's tennis team stayed at No. 15 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll, and the women dropped one spot to No. 25.

The men are 13-3 on the season and play again at 1:30 p.m. Saturday against Rice at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. All three losses have come against ranked opponents.

The women are 14-4 on the season, and their recent seven-match winning streak was snapped when the No. 40-ranked Golden Hurricane defeated the Lady Frogs. The women travel to New Orleans to take on the Tulane Green Wave Saturday.

### Menard resigns as head coach for the Brahmas

After two seasons as head coach for the Fort Worth Brahmas, Terry Menard announced Thursday his resignation from the team.

The team did not make the playoffs this season, the first time in its three-year history. The Brahmas do not currently have any candidates for a replacement.

### Jones says Gailey's offense might have been a mistake

DALLAS (AP) — Jerry Jones acknowledged he made a mistake by allowing Chan Gailey to install a Dallas Cowboys offense that failed to get the most out of Troy Aikman and other Super Bowl holdovers.

"It was not my best move," the team's owner told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions.

Jones tempered his comments, saying he will always regret that Gailey didn't coach the Cowboys longer and adding that he believes one day Gailey will lead a team to the Super Bowl as head coach.

Gailey, now the offensive coordinator for the Miami Dolphins, said in response to Jones' remarks: "I always thought Jerry wanted to win and do the best for the team."

Jones fired Gailey in January, two days after his second season ended just like the first: with a one-sided loss in the first round of the playoffs.

The Cowboys scored 30 or more points in seven of the team's first 12 games under Gailey.

But injuries, poor execution and the reluctance of key players to embrace the new philosophy tainted the plan. Dallas broke the 30-point barrier just once in Gailey's final 19 regular-season games. The team scraped together a total of 17 points in its two playoff losses.

## Positives show through sports world when negatives thrive

Sometimes reading, let alone writing, opinion columns is a tiring task.

There is usually no pleasure in scanning the op-ed pages, as eyes and the senses usually become numb after registering the beatings.

But then again, most people have some tendencies toward cynicism, and some strains of sadomasochism, so the op-ed page usually remains a popular page.

Because there are so many things wrong with the world and its inhabitants, it's easy to point out the flaws in your line of sight.

But I once read that the best examples of writing are those taken from life. The lessons within these stories are usually subtle, which isn't true in opinion columns. The moral of those stories are spread-eagled on the page in neon, visible enough for even the densest of minds to see.

So what do I see in the world, specifically the sports world? I see spectacular Michigan State seniors Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson and A.J. Granger celebrating a job well done. A job that took four hard, but ultimately rewarding, years when most college hoop stars usually bolt after one or two seasons.

I see Andres Galarraga overcome a year recuperating from prostate cancer to claim a position as the Atlanta Braves' starting first baseman. In case you were wondering, he's an infinitely more interesting and redeeming human being than teammate John Rocker appears to be.

I see Sean Elliott overcome a year of recuperating from a debilitating kidney disease to reclaim a spot on the roster of the NBA's defending world champions, the San Antonio Spurs. In case you were wondering, he's an infinitely more interesting and redeeming human being than an NBA-mate, the recently waived Isaiah Rider, who once threatened to have a teammate killed for tattling about his marijuana usage, appears to be.

I see Duke men's basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski, who's never been accused of choking one of his players but still finds ways to motivate his players to graduate at an impressive rate, empathetically

hugging senior forward Chris Carrawell in the waning minutes of Duke's tournament loss to Florida.

I see Tiger Woods dominate professional golf like no other golfer since ... Byron Nelson? Ben Hogan? No one? He's also managed to stay magnanimous in victory and the rare defeat. He's also bringing more "Cabinasians" and other minorities to the courses in numbers never seen before. Tiger's impact according to Nike chairman Phil Knight: "Everybody was looking for the next Michael (Jordan), and they were always looking on the basketball court. He was walking down the fairway."

I see the good in Allen Iverson when all anyone ever seems to see are his cornrows.

I see the humanity in Mike Tyson, Darryl Strawberry and even Bobby Knight, when all anyone ever seems to see are their well-publicized failures.

I once drove past a playground where kids who looked no older than 12 years old were shooting at a basketball goal with a chain-link net amidst a neighborhood that sometimes resembles post-nuclear Hiroshima. They appeared to be having fun, although they didn't appear to have shoe deals with Nike, nor television cameras recording their every crossover dribble.

I see Amon Carter Stadium, one of the best venues to observe a college football game in Texas, and realize it could possibly play host to TCU's fifth undefeated football team in school history, along with possible Heisman Trophy winner LaDainian Tomlinson. Have you ever stood on the sideline of Amon Carter and watched the sun set and the sky turn purple? Not even George Lucas can create a better special effect.

So, I sometimes get out enough to see more than the ugly side of the world and the games people play.

But I still have the "power of the pen" on occasion, and I can't let this slide: This was the most boring Final Four in recent memory. Apparently, everyone with a television set agreed with me because it was the lowest-rated championship game since Howdy Doody had his own show.

Hey, I never said I was tired of being narrow-minded.

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### Smart Bombs



JOEL ANDERSON

## Average baseball salary almost reaches \$2 million

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NEW YORK — A \$2 million salary makes you only an average baseball player these days.

Only eight years after the average salary broke the million-dollar mark, it nearly reached \$2 million on opening day, falling just short at \$1,988,034, according to a study of all major league contracts by The Associated Press.

"I don't know if it is negative or positive for the game," New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza said. "It rewards guys with talent who have worked hard all their lives, rode the buses in the minors and now are getting paid very well for what they do."

When Piazza first came up to the major leagues in 1993, he made \$126,000. This year, he's making \$12,071,429, and that only puts him sixth.

Dodgers pitcher Kevin Brown is No. 1 at \$15,714,286, only slightly less than the \$16,519,500 the Minnesota Twins are paying their entire roster.

Arizona pitcher Randy Johnson is second at \$13.35 million, followed by Baltimore outfielder Albert Belle (\$12,868,670). New

York Yankees outfielder Bernie Williams (\$12,357,143) and Colorado outfielder Larry Walker (\$12,142,857).

Belle had been No. 1 the previous three seasons.

Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. is only 19th at \$9,329,700, which includes \$7 million in salary, \$625,000 as the remaining share of the signing bonus from his Seattle contract and \$1,704,700, which represents the 2000 value of \$5.5 million in deferred payments. While Cincinnati gave Griffey a \$116.5 million, nine-year contract, \$57.5 million is deferred and won't even start earning interest until 2009.

"If the salaries continue to escalate and you don't have revenues that come close to staying even, then you're in trouble, and that's where we are," said Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo, who pays Johnson every two weeks. "I don't think anyone could say it's a healthy sign. There needs to be a change in the economic system. That's just clear and distinct."

The average went up 15.6 percent from \$1,720,050, nearly as much as the 19.3 percent increase last season.

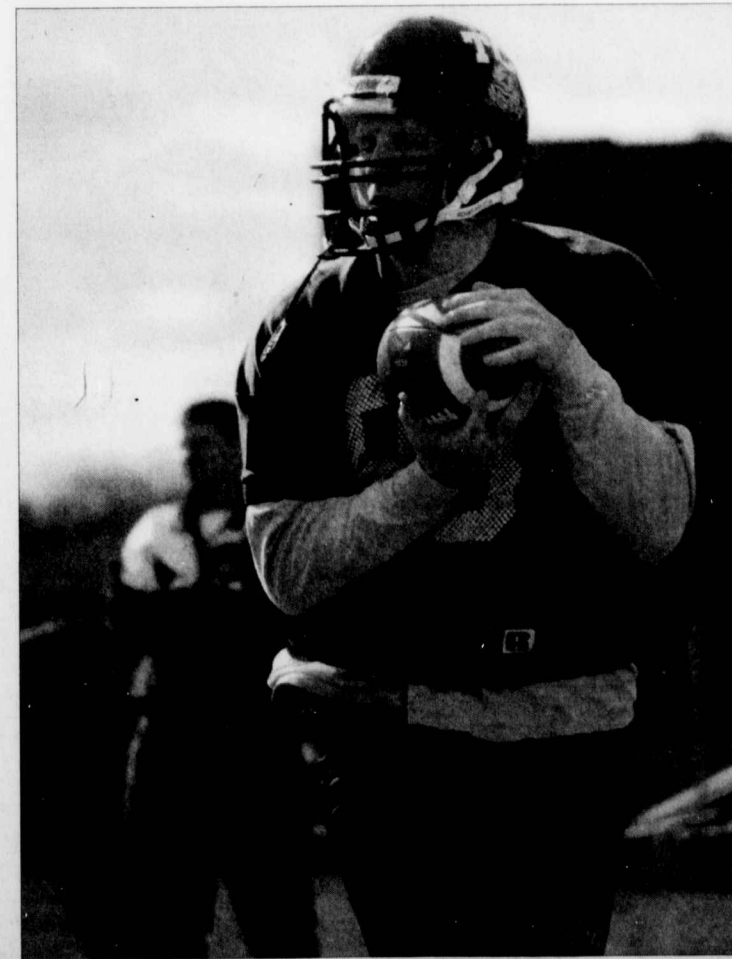
Salaries have increased 85.6 percent from the end of the 1994-95, when the average was \$1,071,029 on opening day. The NBA average is \$3.5 million this season, and the NHL average was \$1,297,000 in 1998-99, the last season for which figures are available. In the recently completed season, NFL players averaged \$1,043,000.

"When a business is doing well, the numbers tend to go up. Salaries are part of it. Baseball is doing well," Mets outfielder Darryl Hamilton said. "Ticket prices are going up, too. There are a lot of new ballparks around the majors, and they're more fan friendly, built with the fans in mind. That's part of the price, I guess."

The New York Yankees, at \$92,538,260, have the highest payroll for the second straight year, followed by Los Angeles (\$88.1 million), Atlanta (\$84.5 million), Baltimore (\$81.4 million) and Arizona (\$81.0 million).

Last year, all eight playoff teams were among the top 10 spenders. If that holds this year, the cutoff would be Tampa Bay, 10th at \$62.7 million.

## See the ball, be the ball



James Applebury/SKIFF STAFF

Sophomore tight end Troy Kunkel catches a pass in spring drills. The Frogs conclude spring practice with the annual Purple-White Scrimmage 1 p.m. Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium.

## TELL me about it

Everyone should grow up, be friends; future father-in-law a factor in proposal

Dear Carolyn:

My husband's longtime friends from college have an 8-month-old. On one of their "boys-only" outings, "New Father" told my husband how fatherhood really is — challenging and difficult but wondrous at the same time. When my husband returned, he told me he doesn't want kids for a long time based on how his friend's life is now consumed with his new child.

Later, at a gathering that included "New Parents," my husband bet this person that we won't have children for at least a year. I resent being the object of a bet, and I have told this to my husband. I replied, based on "New Father's" comments, it would be a while before we had children.

I've come to find out that "New Parents" perceived my reply as malicious and a slight on their ability as parents. I was only trying to say that we weren't ready for a drastic life change, and now he says he's afraid to tell me anything since he doesn't know if he can trust me.

— Big Mouth

Given the time your little group spends overreacting, I think future babies are a moot point. The other couple: Any parents who take "Whoie, little kids consume your life!" as a slam about their child-rearing skills need his-and-hers humor implants.

Your husband: A guy who chooses sides against his wife during an innocent misunderstanding needs to fall on his knees and apologize and promise never to get his loyalties crossed or be an immature whiny-pants again.

You: Anyone who takes umbrage at a harmless little bet needs more important things to do with her time.

Each one of you has taken a situation with many possible interpretations and rushed to believe the worst. Quit the harumphing, and start assuming the best of each other until you have facts that suggest otherwise. It's just not that hard.

Carolyn:

I am in love with my girlfriend of two years. When I am ready to propose, is it crazy to ask for permission from her father first? Her

parents are not fond of me. I look at this as more of a courtesy than anything else. Even if he were to say no, I would still propose. Am I too much of a traditionalist? Or do some things never go out of style?

— Virginia Beach

I think the idea of two men deciding a woman's future for her went out of style before you were born.

That said, the permission-getting ritual does have its symbolic charm. Two ways to adapt the ritual for use among Homo sapiens is to propose to her then ask both parents for their blessing.

Write to "Tell Me About It" at (tellme@washpost.com). (c) 2000, Washington Post Writers Group

## TODAY'S menu

### THE MAIN Lunch

- Pepperoni calzones
- Fried catfish
- Cyberwraps
- Baked potato bar

### Dinner

- Baked cod
- Grilled pork chops
- Deli bar

## WORTH HILLS

### Lunch

- Baked cajun catfish
- Classic chef salad
- Grilled reuben

### Dinner

Closed

## EDEN'S GREENS

### Lunch

- Sicilian chicken
- Fresh baked salmon with lemon

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by Carolyn Hax

by Aaron Brown

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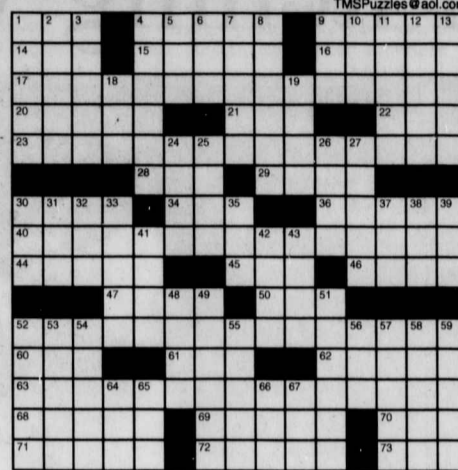
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### ACROSS

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- Beer choice
- Old stringed instrument
- Cleaning tool
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- Duchess of York
- Homeowner's problem, perhaps
- Uncanny
- FDR group
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- One element of 17A
- Smidgen
- Yarn
- Oriental nanny
- Silent assent
- Marine starter?
- Another element of 17A
- Liquid with solid potential?
- Zedong
- Uh-uh!
- Half of MMMCCII
- Dolphin Marino
- Another element of 17A
- Ruckus
- Buddhist Thai
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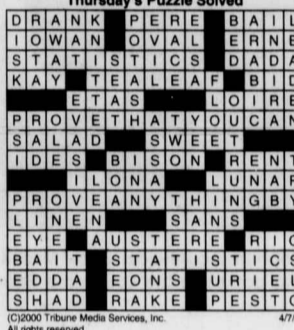
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- Squirrel or rat
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- Auditory organ
- Interwoven locks
- Two under par
- Mirth
- Connection
- Festive affair
- Warbled
- Sacred image
- College grad
- Actor Alain
- French sculptor
- POW possibly
- Commercial pieces
- Blackjack player's request
- Fort Peck or Grand Coulee
- A couple
- House member, briefly
- Exist
- Beatty and Buntline
- Rolls of bills
- Ark builder
- Composed
- Dazed and confused



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### Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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Q. DO YOU THINK HOUSING SIGN UP SHOULD BE ONLINE? A. YES 79 NO 21

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