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Court report: Bush authorized leak of intelligence facts

By PETE YOST
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney's former top aide told prosecutors that President Bush authorized a leak of sensitive intelligence information about Iraq, according to court papers filed by prosecutors in the CIA leak case.

The filing by Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald also describes Cheney involvement in I. Lewis Libby's communications with the press.

There was no indication in the filing that either Bush or Cheney authorized Libby to disclose Valerie Plame's CIA identity. But it points to Cheney as one of the originators of the idea that Plame could be used to discredit her husband, Bush administration critic Joseph Wilson.

Before his indictment, Libby testified to the grand jury investigating the CIA leak that Cheney told him to pass on prewar intelligence on Iraq and that it was Bush who autho-

ized the disclosure, the court papers say. According to the documents, the authorization led to the July 8, 2003, conversation between Libby and The New York Times reporter Judith Miller. In that meeting, Libby made reference to the fact that Wilson's wife worked for the CIA.

According to Fitzgerald's court filing, Cheney, in conversation with Libby, raised the question of whether a CIA-sponsored trip by Wilson "was legitimate or whether it was in effect a

junket set up by Mr. Wilson's wife." The disclosure in documents filed Wednesday means that the president and the vice president put Libby in play as a secret provider of information to reporters about prewar intelligence on Iraq.

Presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said Thursday the White House would have no comment on the ongoing investigation. At a congressional hearing, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said the

president has the "inherent authority to decide who should have classified information."

Libby is asking for voluminous amounts of classified information from the government in order to defend himself against five counts of perjury, obstruction and lying to the FBI in the Plame affair.

He is accused of making false statements about how he learned of Plame's CIA employment and what

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ON WITH THE SHOW



TCU Showgirls Lorena Capellan and Lindsay Nemecek perform their competition routine during a dress rehearsal Tuesday night. The group will compete today in the finals of the National Dance Alliance Collegiate Championship in Daytona Beach, Fla.

LEAPS volunteers to attempt second shot at service projects

Spring community outreach to pick up where fall left off

By JESSICA ST. JOHN
Staff Reporter

More than 200 students will venture out to community centers and YMCAs Saturday to volunteer as part of TCU LEAPS spring 2006, a campuswide day of community service.

Students will perform various tasks including sorting clothes, painting, landscaping and interacting with children.

TCU has held LEAPS in the fall since 2000, but LEAPS was canceled last fall because of the threat of Hurricane Rita entering the area.

Peter Thompson, program coordinator of Student Development Services, said he did not want to see a whole year go by without LEAPS, so SDS organized a special spring event.

Thompson said LEAPS provides a good opportunity for TCU students to get out and volunteer in the community.

Kelly O'Fallon, a senior fashion merchandising major and director of LEAPS, has participated in the service project since her freshman year.

O'Fallon said LEAPS is a way for the

TCU community to make a difference in the area on a continual basis.

"It's basically just a way to give back a little something to the wonderful city of Fort Worth, even if it's just for a few hours," O'Fallon said.

Indi Jones is the director of membership for the downtown YMCA, one of the locations where students will volunteer.

Jones said the volunteers will be working on improving the YMCA's parking lots to make them nicer for YMCA activities.

"We use our parking lots for more than just cars," Jones said. "We use them for space for our community and children's activities."

Jones said this type of community service is important because it builds future community leaders.

"Anytime we can partner with TCU students, we do, because we know we are preparing them for the future," Jones said.

Other locations where students will be sent are the Salvation Army, Tarrant Area Food Bank, Fort Worth Botanic Gardens and the Boys and Girls Club.

LEAPS kicks off at 9 a.m. at Frog Fountain. Students can still sign up by contacting Student Development Services.

Varied denominations to gather, raise funds

By LESLIE HONEY
Staff Reporter

Praise Fest 2006, "Boasting in Christ," will be held Saturday to promote unity among different denominations and to support the Invisible Children campaign, its coordinator said.

Feleceia Benton, a senior advertising/public relations and theater major, said the main goal of Praise Fest is to support Christ by bringing together people of different faiths to celebrate him.

The Invisible Children campaign is a movement to raise awareness and funds for the children of northern Uganda who are being abducted by a

rebellion army, the Lord's Resistance Army, and being forced to fight, said Kelly Krammer, a sophomore social work major and committee member for Praise Fest.

Krammer said the event is open to anyone and begins at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast at University Christian Church.

After breakfast, Sean Reed will lead worship. Praise Fest will continue with "Digging Deep" conferences led by various ministers speaking on different aspects of the "Boasting in Christ" theme.

The afternoon will include a forum for local ministries to gather and share information that Krammer said she hopes will promote cooperation among believers in the area. A screening of the Invisible Children documentary will be shown in the Sid Richardson Building at 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The festival will end Saturday evening with an appearance by Rickie Rush, pastor of the Inspiring Body of Christ Church in Dallas, and a concert featuring various Dallas/Fort Worth artists.

Although Praise Fest is not sponsored by any cer-

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Run/Walk proceeds to benefit charity groups

By RYAN WILCOX
Staff Reporter

The first Gary Patterson 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium in an effort to help the children of the community and introduce them to TCU, said the secretary treasurer of the Gary Patterson Foundation.

Kelsey Patterson, wife of head football coach Gary Patterson and secretary treasurer of the foundation, said the Gary Patterson Foundation was founded in 2005 benefiting children's organizations that include life skills programs, health and family services, and

educational programs.

"We are looking for synergies with the foundation and with TCU," Patterson said. "The foundation benefits children. Children are really the future, and we want to promote higher education."

"It's great that we award the children. It's also great to get them involved here on campus and for them to see higher-education opportunities."

Patterson said the proceeds and donations from the run/walk will go to the foundation for grants to be given to under-terminated needy organizations.

"We are just in the beginning

stages," Patterson said. "The run is really our first event. Once we get some cash we will be able to award grants."

Patterson said Coaching Charities, a national organization that has worked with other schools in the Mountain West Conference, had success with the run/walk at other schools, and the foundation wanted to bring it to TCU.

Matt Holland, director of development for Coaching Charities, said he hopes his organization's relationship with TCU is a lasting one.

"Since we are a new foundation we have been taking baby

People interested in participating in the Gary Patterson 5K Run/Walk on Saturday can go to www.coachpatterson.com for sign-up information. Adults can register on-site for \$30 and children for \$20. The Purple and White Game intrasquad football scrimmage will follow at 11 a.m.

steps, but we hope to make this an annual event," Holland said.

Patterson said she is unsure how many runners will be participating in the run/walk, but she hopes to have at least 200 and wants the event to grow in the future.

Allen Barham, a junior engineering major, said he swims and rides his bike regularly as part of a training regiment for

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Creager set to perform Sunday

By JACQUILEE KILLEEN
Staff Reporter

Although alcoholic beverages will not be served, the student body will get a free taste of "Everclear" as Texas-country singer Roger Creager performs after the baseball game Sunday against Air Force.

Creager, who is known for his laid-back music, puts a distinctive twist on traditional country as demonstrated in some of his most popular songs such as "The Everclear Song," "I Got the Guns" and "Love."

The Diamond Day concert, which will be hosted by Frog Aides, a new leadership organization, and the Programming Council, will be held at the intramural fields at 4:30 p.m. or immediately fol-

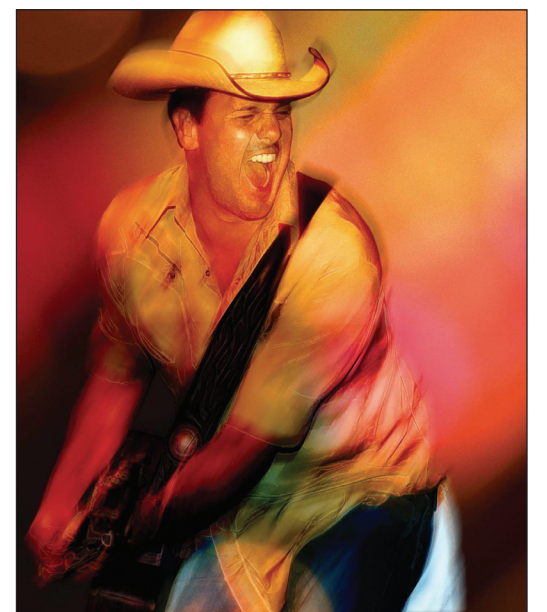
lowing the baseball game. The event, which is free for students, will also be sponsored by the athletic department and the Greek community.

Kim Appel, activities coordinator for Student Government and adviser for Frog Aides, said Frog Aides is a new leadership program on campus that is not only open to SGA members but for any student who wants to be a leader or study different leadership topics.

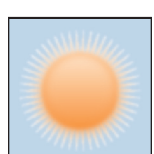
Kit Lipscomb, a freshman Frog Aides and Programming Council member said, "We hope that this event will bring people together and let everyone know who the Frog Aides are."

In addition to introducing students

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Courtesy of Roger Creager



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he told reporters about it.

"The fact that the president was willing to reveal classified information for political gain and put the interests of his political party ahead of America's security shows that he can no longer be trusted to keep America safe," Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean said.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said, "The more we hear, the more it is clear this goes way beyond Scooter Libby. At the very least, President Bush and Vice President Cheney should fully inform the American people of any role in allowing classified information to be leaked."

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tain organization, Angela Kaufman, minister to the university, said the event is being supported by several organizations including University Ministries, International and Inclusiveness Services and the chancellor's office.

Kaufman said she has acted as a mentor to the Praise Fest central committee, a role that has included supporting planning, fundraising, and finding resources throughout the community.

University Ministries helped spread the word about Praise Fest by sending e-mails, making phone calls and visiting

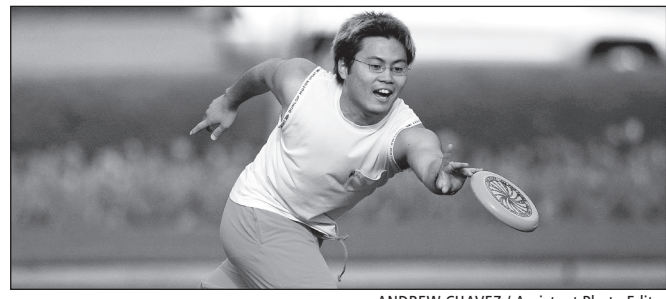
local churches.

Kaufman said University Ministries tries to save the Praise Fest committee as much time as possible.

"Every student's first job here is to be a student, and part of our job is to be whatever resource we can for student leaders," Kaufman said.

Kaufman said although events in the past have brought together Christians from TCU and the Fort Worth community together, Praise Fest is unique because there will be a chance to make discoveries about the Christian faith through conferences during the day.

Benton said she "wants people to get out of themselves." "I want people to get out of their preconceived notions of what they think something is or should be," Benton said. "I believe people can find unity in their differences and I hope this event will bring light to our commonalities."



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Assistant Photo Editor

Fumihiro Yamada plays frisbee Tuesday near Stadium Drive.

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to Frog Aides, Jeff Crane, director of athletic marketing, said the Diamond Day concert should encourage a large turnout for the baseball game.

Appel said, "This is Frog Aides' first big project, and we expect a lot of students to come because the event is free and it will be a time for everyone to get together."

Students around campus are also anticipating the Creager concert.

"It's evident that Texas country is a big trend at TCU," said Jenna Potter, a senior communication studies major. "I think that it is really great that Roger Creager is coming here, especially since we are in Fort Worth and we are surrounded by country music."

Erin Donovan, a junior communication studies major said, "I think the concert will attract people from all over campus because Roger Creager is a big name, and the fact that the concert is free is just more of an incentive to come."

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a triathlon.

"I am training for the Benbrook triathlon, and I figured the Gary Patterson (Run/Walk) would be a good way to train for it," Barham said.

Barham, who is also volunteering for the event, said he will be looking to participate in more opportunities similar to the charity run.

"I would like to keep track of events like that to stay in shape," Barham said.

The run/walk will begin at the stadium at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning and travel through the neighborhood around campus before returning to the stadium. It will precede the annual Purple and White intrasquad football game.

Mark Becker, junior accounting and finance major, said he is participating in the run/walk because he wanted to help the foundation.

"All the proceeds go to a good cause and it benefits TCU and the TCU community," Becker said.

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RITA DOES NOT DESTROY RANKINGS...

Texas schools won't receive bad ratings based on test grades if classes were disrupted by Hurricane Rita and it affects their scores.

—Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

Is Couric good fit for hard news?

Just like that, on the very day journalism legend Bob Schieffer came to the TCU campus to talk, he was replaced.

But maybe even more alarming than the timing of the announcement of Schieffer's successor on the "CBS Evening News" was the person selected — Katie Couric.

Few would question Couric's substantial popularity; even those who don't find her work interesting have to admit that she has a substantial following. But the debate here is not over whether CBS chose a journalist with appropriate notoriety, but whether they even chose a hard-news journalist at all.

Yes, recent trends have led America away from traditional news-oriented national anchors, but this may have been a step too far. Replacing legendary figures such as Schieffer, Tom Brokaw and Peter Jennings is obviously a tall order, but placing Couric in this role is anything but a credit to journalism.

Yes, Couric has faithfully served early-rising Americans for 15 years on the "Today" show, and yes, there were undoubtedly

some harrowing moments during that long tenure that truly tested her ability to face the nation. But compared to past heavyweights like Walter Cronkite, Couric has been made popular more by a million-dollar smile than by a reputation for hard-nosed journalism.

Will the national populace really be able to take her seriously? Too many mornings have drowsy-eyed adults starting their mornings with Couric's feature stories and oftentimes soft-news angles; will they now be able to find equal value in her as they watch a program that often focuses more on news' harder side?

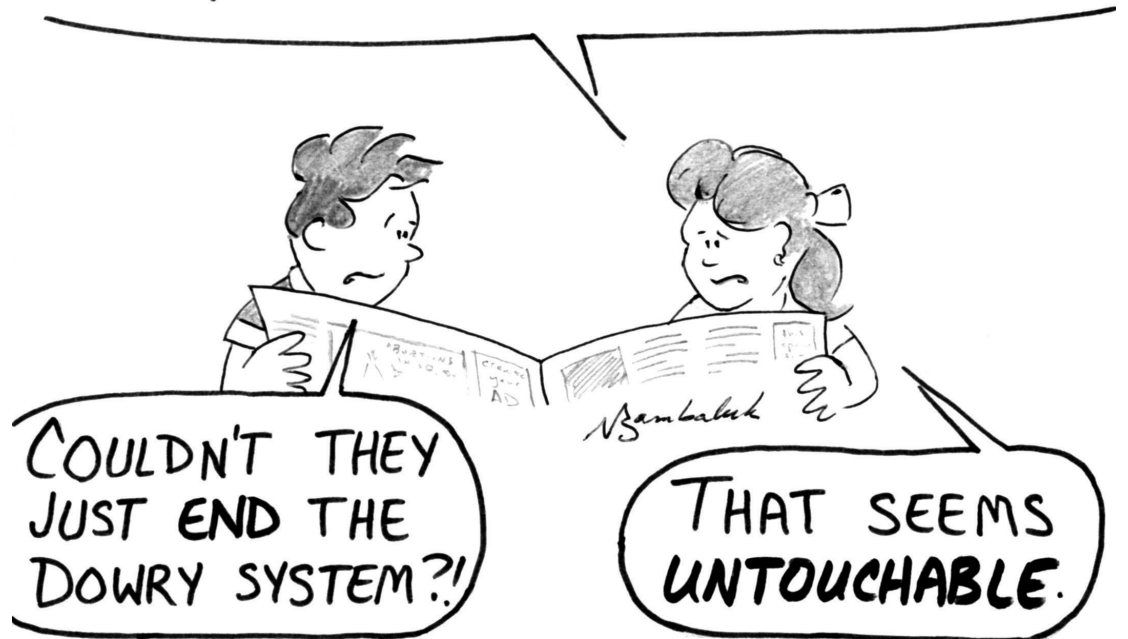
This has nothing to do with having a woman as a primetime news anchor; indeed, she should feel pride for being selected as the first female to ever host a solo major evening newscast.

But with many equally talented, hard-news-oriented women scattered across the television landscape, has this step forward for Couric resulted in a step back for journalism?

Sports editor Travis Stewart for the editorial board

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GIRLS IN INDIA ARE ABORTED BECAUSE IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE TO PROVIDE THEM WITH DOWRIES.



We need more western movies

Once upon a time in the 1950s and 1960s, the western film ruled the silver screen.

The best westerns of all time were released in the these two decades, each decade having its own distinct style. The 1950s were characterized by the good-versus-bad, noble John Wayne films. The 1960s westerns were defined by the more violent, less-polarized "spaghetti westerns," known as such because they were written, directed and produced by Italians.

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John-Laurent Tronche

Starting in the early 1970s, however, the production of western films dropped consistently until stopping almost completely in the mid-1980s.

Don Graham, an American and English literature professor at the University of Texas at Austin, said in his essay, "Western Movies Since 1960," the demise of the western film can be attributed to several factors, including the rise in western interpretation films.

"The moral dichotomy and some of the special features of the Western have been easily absorbed by other genres such as science fiction," Graham said.

The Star Wars series and "Serenity" have been the best examples of these out-of-the-west westerns. They capture the essence of the western film (isolation and surviving in a sometimes lawless society) while changing the scenery and props. The trusty steed has been replaced by the workhorse spaceship; the empty desert has been replaced by a vast outer space; and any variant of some futuristic laser-gun has replaced the Colt revolver.

Graham also cites "the quick cross-cutting and dime-store surrealism of MTV" as a cause for the disappearance of the western film.

A whole generation of teens and young-adults would find the narrative pace of a western too slow and the image of a man riding a horse silly, Graham said.

Call me old-fashioned, but I like when it takes time to watch a movie — when the movie is so long it becomes an experience.

"The Good, The Bad and The Ugly," the best western film of all time, clocks in at more than three hours without ever dragging its feet. It also features no dialogue for the first ten and a half minutes of the film.

I can count all the westerns released in the past 20 years on one hand, and I cringe when I think of the most recent examples. "The Quick and the Dead" and "American Outlaws" aren't westerns; they're too pretty and polished.

A real western has one-armed gunslingers and drunks and men whose faces look no different than the craggy rocks they walk on.

In the past two decades, there have been a few highlights, like "Open Range" and "Tombstone," but it's been nearly 15 years since the last great western: "Unforgiven."

I love a good western. I love the hold-ups, the over-the-top music, the lone heroes and the despicable bad guys.

No other genre of movie can offer that perfect combination of substance and style.

But gone are the John Waynes and Clint Eastwoods. You'll find no filmmaker today with an eye for cinematography as sharp as Sergio Leone's nor a filmmaker with a thirst for blood as insatiable as Sam Peckinpah's.

Wild West cinema is as dead as the Wild West itself.

John-Laurent Tronche is a senior news-editorial major from Fort Worth.

SKIFF COLUMNIST

Polluted people support filthy show

I turned on the tube the other day to catch the start of my favorite television show: Jerry Springer. For some reason, the volume was too low to hear

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Dan Plate

the words, but I could very easily imagine what was being said.

"Today, on Jerry Springer: Watch as we throw a bunch of people with ridiculous prob-

lems in a room together, provide an extremely annoying catalyst and watch them verbally, and possibly physically, assault each other." Now that, my friends, is entertainment.

Actually, to tell the truth, I don't remember the last time I watched Jerry Springer for more than 60 seconds. It's not because I have something better to do than watch trash like that, oh wait, it is because I have something better to do than watch trash like that.

If you're reading this, and you're a fan of Jerry Springer, please know that I have asked God to have mercy on your soul. Although I will admit, the episode "It's Your Baby, and

I'm Proving it on National Television Through DNA Testing" was riveting.

There are many reasons I don't watch Jerry Springer or any other talk shows, such as a new favorite, Tyra. If you haven't heard of this new show, allow me to fill you in. Tyra Banks, the incredibly attractive model, has a new show, where she attacks such all-important topics as the MySpace craze and unusual phobias. When I discovered this about a week ago, she immediately became less attractive.

Shows like this are everywhere, and I blame Jerry Springer and his garbage. I never thought I'd see a day when Maury ran a whole series on DNA testing to show fathers if a baby a woman was carrying was theirs. Seems unbelievable, but it happened.

These shows are annoying, the situations are absurd, and the people are just plain stupid. When combined with a host who is half man, half annoying, the result is a show that is so far out in left field it is impossible for one to take it seriously.

The most aggravating thing

about the shows is how incredibly unintelligent the characters are. These people actually believe they are being taken seriously by someone other than the show's equally dense host. I haven't seen the application forms for participants, but I wouldn't doubt if stupidity is a prerequisite.

What pains me about the situation is that the producers of the show have to be given some credit. They figured out a way to exploit stupid people in totally ridiculous, usually unrealistic situations and make serious money doing it. In much the same way, Mr. Springer himself has gotten rich by basically starting fights between raving idiots.

Usually, Jerry starts off a conversation with a participant by saying something like, "So, you're upset at your husband because he has been sneaking around behind your back with your boss, your sister, your cousin and your mother? Little do you know, he is in the next room, and I have a chair here. Why don't you go beat him with it?"

The ironic thing is that after he gets everyone fired up, he acts like he wants to help get

things sorted out. "Alright, everyone just calm down. We're going to get this figured out. We have employees backstage to help you cope with the emotional trauma." I can't wait to hear a semi-intelligent person respond by saying, "Hey man, five minutes ago you were telling me I should choke my neighbor because he's been stealing my power tools."

This might seem ridiculous, but it's not that far off. According to the Web site, a current situation involves one man who is cheating on his pregnant girlfriend with another woman. He claims he broke up with the second woman, but she claims the affair continues and that she is now pregnant with his baby.

The rest of the story can be read in short at www.jerryspringertv.com, but I wouldn't recommend it. Everything about the show screams stupidity, and it really makes one wonder: Who are the people in our society who support this filth enough to keep it on the air?

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OTHER VIEW

Men, women should fight gender inequality

A funny thing happens to girls in junior high schools across America. It doesn't happen to every girl, and it doesn't happen all at once. But it is

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Kellie Powell

widespread and well-documented. Girls change.

They change from passionate, playful, competitive and intelligent girls into uncertain, self-loathing, depressed adolescents.

To put it another way: Girls start acting dumb. They trade their math books for "Seventeen," starve themselves and quit the basketball team to become cheerleaders.

Some of them do it enthusiastically, but others enter adolescence reluctantly, longing for the days when they could be ... well, themselves.

And while almost everyone accepts this as just a way of life, some people see it as a tragedy.

This phenomenon is discussed in several articles and books — the most prominent of which is probably "Reviving Ophelia" by Mary Pipher, Ph.D.

It has no single cause; it is a byproduct of patriarchal culture just like unequal pay, double standards, stereotypes,

sexist assumptions and contradictory rules for females.

A young woman once told me she'd never be a feminist because she'd never experienced sexism.

But sexism is still present in America — in fact, it's everywhere. If anything, it's just become more subtle. My bet is that every woman (and probably every man) has experienced at least a few, and probably hundreds, of gender-based injustices.

And anyone who opposes an injustice based on gender — whether they're male or female — is a feminist, or at least, they can be said to hold some feminist views.

Despite what backlash has claimed, feminism is nothing more than the powerful notion that women and men deserve to be treated equally.

If you're tired of being defined by whom you date and having your accomplishments marginalized or ignored, if you're sick of being "the woman behind the man," you might be a feminist.

If you got angry because your health teacher told you, "A guy who has sex has nothing to lose, but a girl has her repu-

tation," you might be a feminist. (I didn't make that up — a teacher really told my eighth-grade class that. It was 1998.)

If you've ever been legitimately angry and been accused of "just PMSing," you might be a feminist.

If you think it's unfair for a rape victim to be asked whether she's a virgin at her rapist's trial, you might be a feminist.

If you got mad when you realized your guidance counselor was discouraging all the girls in your school from taking upper-level science courses, regardless of their skill levels, you might be a feminist.

If you've noticed a female sports star has to be an Anna-Kournikova-type sex symbol to get on a Wheaties box while plenty of famous male athletes who are about as appealing as John Kruk get on there, you might be a feminist.

If you want to be paid the same wage as a man who does the same work as you... Who are you kidding? You're a feminist.

If you want to be offered an opportunity for career advancement instead of having your boss assume you'll be leaving in

three years to have a baby, then face it — you're a feminist.

If you are pro-contraception, wake up — you're a feminist.

If you would like to see the wealthy nations of the world fight against global female genocide and female genital mutilation, honor killings, bride burnings and other atrocities against women, you might as well be a card-carrying feminist.

If you are not a feminist, at least in this most broad definition of the word, you're either a chauvinist, a misogynist or a doormat.

If you think I'm misrepresenting feminism, you can look it up in any dictionary or encyclopedia. You can do research on the Web sites of feminist organizations like the Feminist Majority Foundation or National Organization for Women (NOW).

It's important to note that not all feminists are activists. Feminism is both a frame of mind and a movement.

But if you are a member of America's 'Silent Majority,' the rest of us could really use your help.

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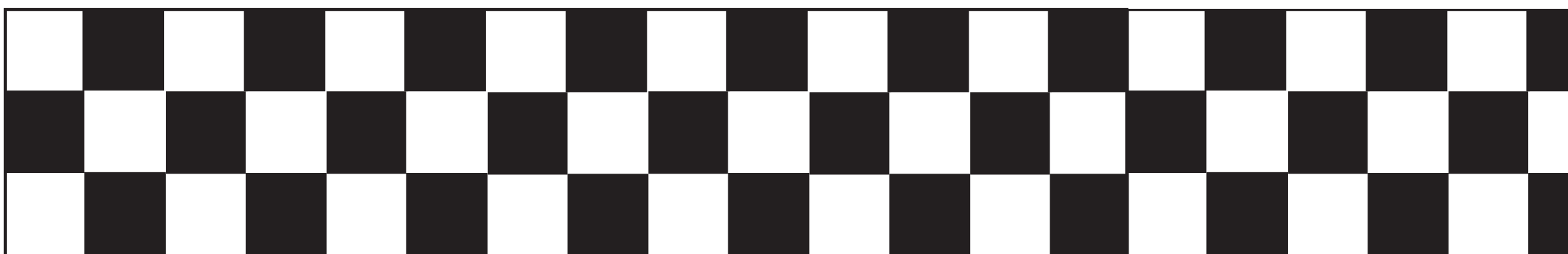
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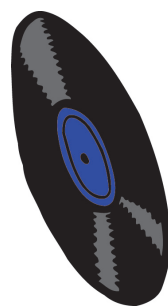
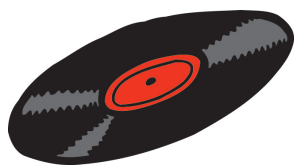
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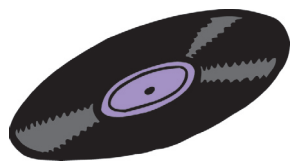
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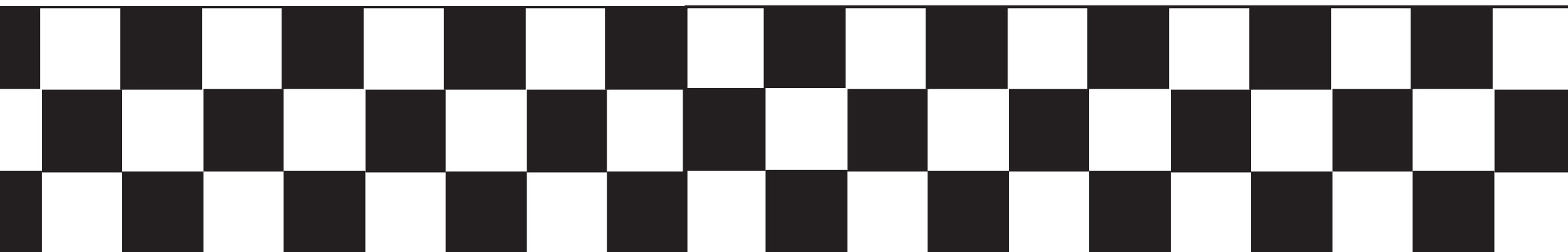
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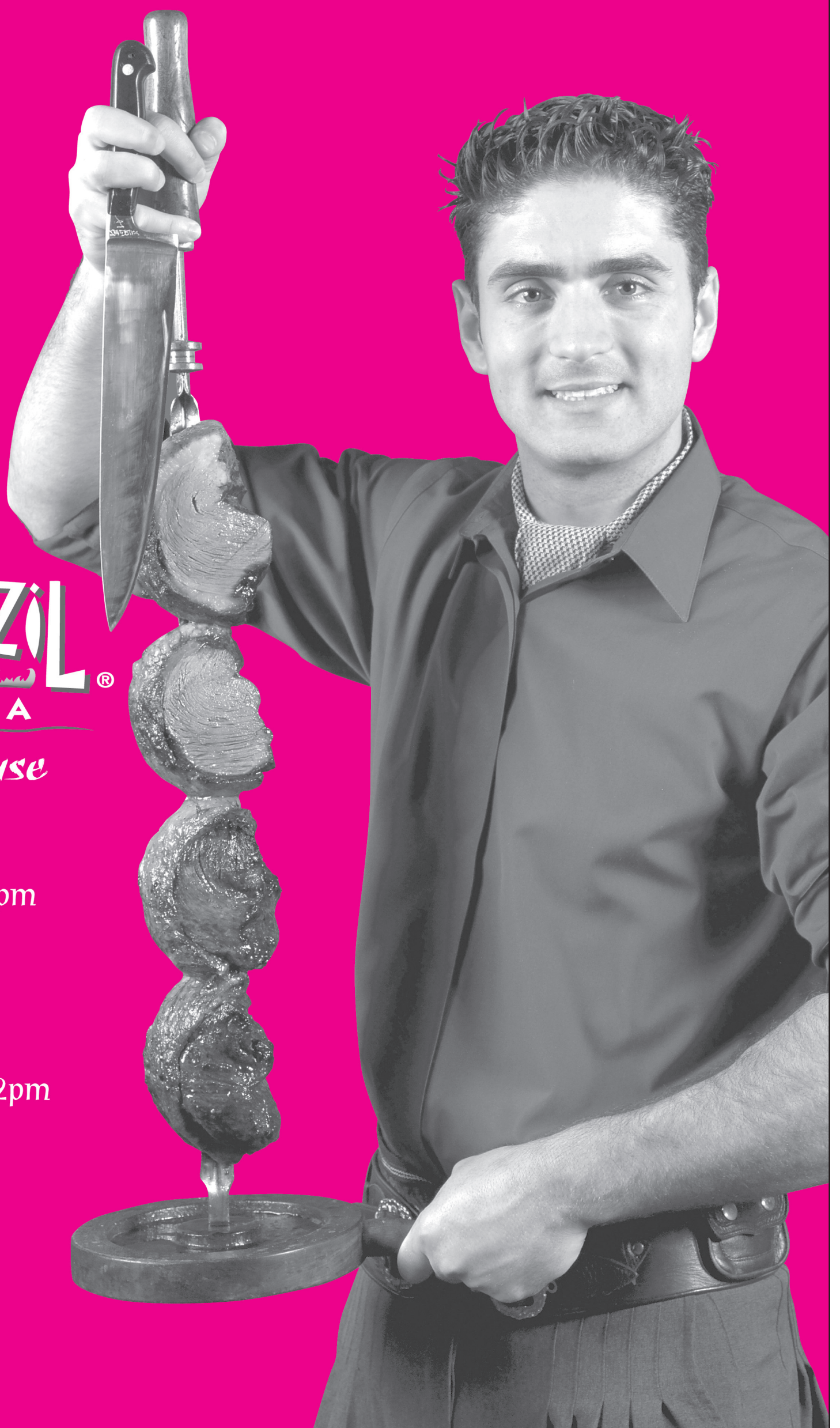
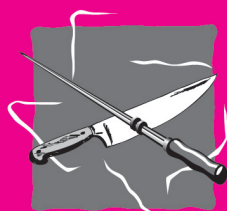
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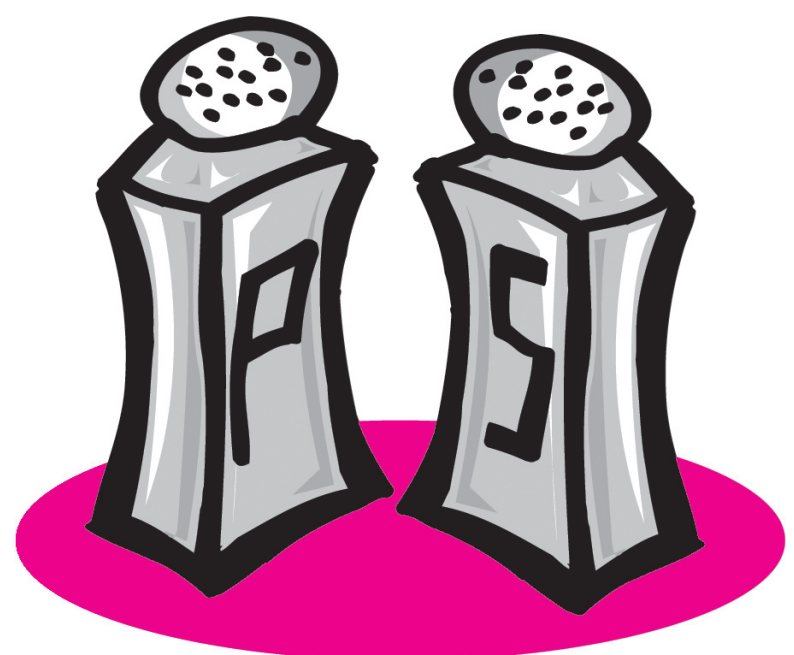
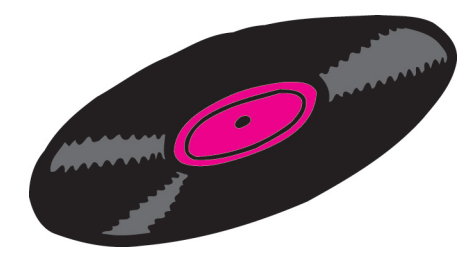
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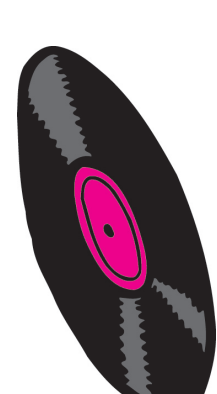
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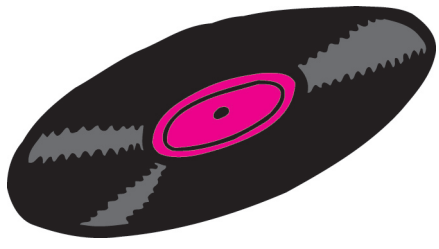
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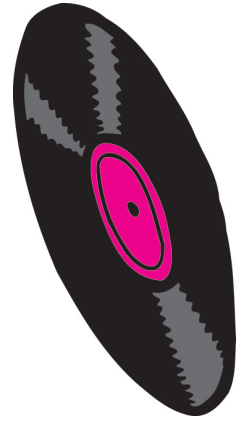
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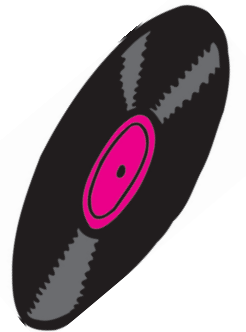
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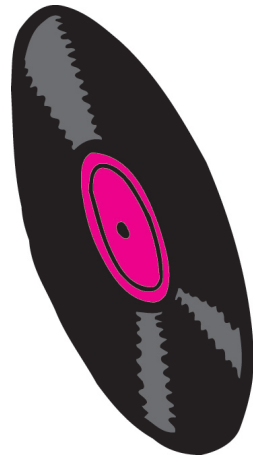
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MAKING THE JUMP

Young athletes are changing their game to reach college

By TRAVIS STEWART
Sports Editor

Everyone knows college basketball players can jump.

So much of hoops is played in the air. Rebounds, dunks, fadeaways, shot blocking — the list goes on. And for the most part, leaping ability seems to be one thing that most Division I ball players have got figured out.

But there's jumping ... and then there's the Jump. And for all the complexities inherent in the game of basketball, nothing may be more difficult for young men and women to understand than that one Jump: moving from high school to college ball.

Mind over muscle

Allen Taylor, freshman center on the men's basketball team, said switching to NCAA hoops isn't as much about talent as it is attitude.

"If you don't have a strong mind ... some people don't even make it," Taylor said. "But you got to come in with the

right mindset, knowing that you're not the best, knowing that these people are here to teach you, and you got a lot to learn if you're going to be a good player."

But while such an approach is admittedly to an incoming player's benefit, Taylor said, that perspective is not all that common.

"I thought I was ready to play (in high school)," Taylor said. "But I really didn't have to do anything. That's what I realize now. I thought I was doing a lot, but when I got here, it's much harder to score, much harder to get a rebound. All these guys are in good shape. I realize that now."

Men's basketball head coach Neil Dougherty said some young players learn quickly they have been relying on abilities that are not as unique in higher levels of basketball.

"What you find is the most athletic kids in high school are going to find ways to get the jobs done," Dougherty said, "but maybe it didn't include a

basketball skill. Instead of handling the ball right, I just ran by you. Now, when you have athleticism becoming much more equal at the collegiate level, and you don't handle the ball well, then you're not going to be able to take it with you where you want to go."

Leveling the score

This significant increase in parity results in an equally obvious drop in statistical performance as well, Dougherty said. While some athletes' high school numbers look great on paper, they are usually put into perspective when tested against collegiate competition.

"I nicely say it with our players — they've heard me say this before — 'You averaged 30-some points a game, 17 rebounds and 10 assists against really good girls,'" Dougherty said. "Because most of the time you take the floor, whether you're from New York City or ... from a small town in the Midwest, there's a better than 85 percent chance that you're the best player on the court. You don't really get the resistance that you're going to get everyday in practice (at college.)"

Freshman 15 ... or 50

That same necessary level of competition can put a significant amount of wear and tear on young, inexperienced players, however. Taylor said this year forced him to not only change his game, but his look as well.

"It's way different; you got to be in college shape over high school shape," Taylor said. "It took me a while. I lost 50 pounds, but I'm still actually getting in shape. Eventually I

think I'll be ready to go."

Dougherty said having an older, more mature frame is a large advantage for young men trying to reach Division I, and since even a single year of development can result in drastic physical change, players who spend a year either red-shirted or in a preparatory school are sometimes more ready to make an instant impact.

"When you talk about just the basketball side of it," Dougherty said, "the first thing you notice in most times — not all the times, but most times — is a much more physically capable body, either in terms of whether it be in the weight room or on the court."

Making the jump — twice

But an extra year between high school and college basketball has other, less physically oriented positives. Dougherty said basketball players who live at another location before committing to Division I schools have also already been exposed to the mental rigors of competitive hoops.

"It seems that the further that you get away from — and this may not be the best example — the parental influence, kids can be pushed more, and they grow and mature more," Dougherty said. "They have decided that they're pretty serious about it; it's not that 'I'm just playing high school basketball because three of my buddies are.' You've eliminated that element, so they're stronger and they've been pushed."

Some players end up further from "parental influence" than others. TCU's Femi Ibikunle, a junior forward from Nigeria, said the transition to American basketball was just as difficult



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as the Division I jump.

"There is a difference between the skill levels here because most of the kids that start basketball here start at age 3, 4, 5," Ibikunle said. "But back home, we start at maybe like 14, 15, 16, so you have to go over, and your coach wants you to learn how to dribble, how to play post ... you have to learn how to do everything in like a month."

Great expectations

Sometimes, however, young men and women — both foreign and domestic — excel so much at lower-level programs that they build a reputation of greatness that can lead to unfair expectations. Taylor said even he felt the heat as an incoming scholarship freshman.

"I know when I was here it was a big pressure," Taylor said. "I didn't know if I was going to be ready to play at this level. It got hard and I wanted to quit at the beginning, but I talked to (my teammates) and they said 'you'll make it through this, and once you get through this, it'll be better.'"

But even Dougherty said some of his colleagues may be part of the problem.

"Everyone is guilty of doing it," Dougherty said, "whether you're the media, family member, a high school coach or a coach that's trying to win a kid over in a recruiting battle. And then when those things are said ... and they go into print, there's only one person who has to live up to it."



Junior Femi Ibikunle (left) and freshman Allen Taylor (right) are two TCU players who say they have had to make adjustments to Division I college basketball.

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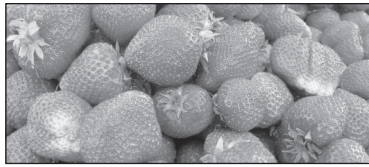
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BY KIM TESAREK, STAFF REPORTER

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Lienemann has discovered that just by a click of the mouse, he can save \$100 to \$300 a semester on his books.

"I began buying my books online because I noticed the cost-saving was paramount," he said.

David Yee, an assistant manager in charge of textbook sales at the bookstore, said up to 95 percent of TCU's undergraduates purchase their books on campus.

Lienemann explained why he thought this was the case.

"Many students don't buy their books online because they are unaware of the alternative," he said. "They think that because the books at the bookstore are on send-home, it doesn't matter."

But, Lienemann said, he is sure many parents would be appreciative if their sons or daughters took the initiative to save them a couple hundred dollars each semester.

For students unaware of the alternative of buying textbooks online, or who have yet to try it out, Lienemann recommended sites such as www.Amazon.com and www.Half.com. With just an ISBN number on the back of the book, a student can look up the book new and used at different prices — usually much lower than those offered at the bookstore.

Lienemann said that while textbooks online are usually a much better deal than at the bookstore, it's still important to notice the price difference. He said that when the savings

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are less than \$20 a book, he saves the trouble and buys it at the bookstore instead.

He said planning ahead is vital because books ordered online usually take a week or two to arrive, depending on the type of shipping. Because he is a resident assistant, Lienemann said, he is usually on campus at least a week before school starts and heads to the bookstore to copy down the ISBN numbers of the books required by his professors and order them.

But, he said, he knows some students don't come back to campus that early, and then books ordered online may not arrive until after classes start. For such students, the option may not be as convenient.

Lienemann said students buying books online can also encounter other difficulties, such as receiving a wrong book, or not receiving an ordered book at all.

"Both these problems have happened to me," he said. "But you've already saved so much money online that it's not much of a loss if you have to go to the bookstore for a book you already bought online."



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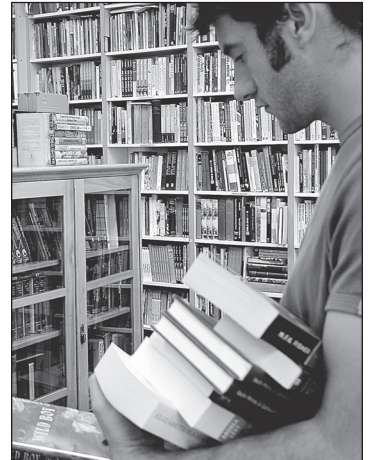
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Q: Can I sell back my books bought online at the bookstore?

A: "Most books bought online can be sold back at the bookstore," said David Yee, assistant manager at the bookstore. He said that when buying online, look out for things like international editions, which are often of cheaper quality and the bookstore will not take back. Also, he said, a paperback book usually cannot be sold back if the bookstore sells the hardcover version.

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Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Tuesday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

Thursday's Solutions

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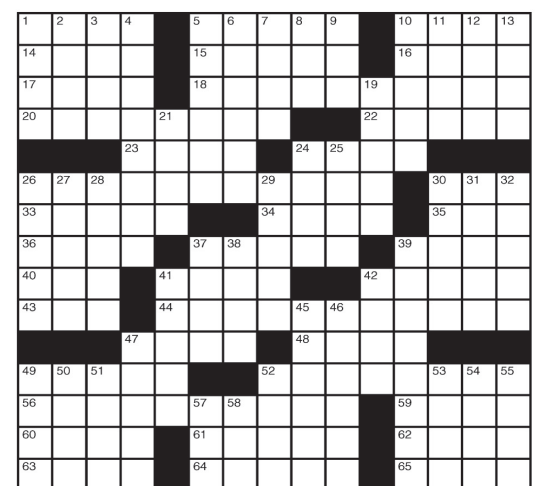
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 - Eye problem
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 - One of The Donald's exes
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 - Gets the better of



By Alison Donald
Hartsdale, NY

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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CLUB SPORTS

Paintball team prepares for tourney

By CLAIRE CURRY
Staff Reporter

The TCU paintball club team is preparing to outshoot its opponents in the National Collegiate Paintball Association Championship this weekend at Xdrenalin Zone, located on Lake Grapevine.

There are no qualifying rules for this tournament; however, only about 30 teams are allowed to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis. TCU will be playing in a division of 28 teams, with the possibility of playing 15-20 games if it wins the tournament.

Paintball at the college level is played with five players from each team on the field at a time. There are currently nine members on TCU's official roster.

Most people around campus do not know of the new club sport, but it was started by a message sent to TCU Announce asking if people were interested in playing.

Captain Alex Boase said he had started a paintball club in high school and came to college with the intention of starting one as well.

"Getting the club up and

running wasn't very tough at all," Boase said. "It's finding tournament level players. That's the hard part. We're always looking."

The team's strategies and game plans vary from field to field, Boase said.

"Generally, we try to identify a key bunker and lock it down," Boase said. "We try to keep (the other team) out of spots that would give them an advantage. Game strategy also changes as bodies start dropping on either side and people start moving around."

Boase said it is rare that

things will go as planned, however.

"It's a ridiculously fast-paced game; strategy is tough to execute," Boase said. "At our level, strategy is more improvised than planned anyway. Even if we plan out the perfect game plan, I can almost guarantee the game will never turn out how we try to predict."

The club team finds time to practice at Fun on the Run on the weekends. The team is also working toward purchasing its own inflatable bunkers as well as rubber-simulated, reusable paintballs to use inside



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Sophomore engineering major James Anderlitch and sophomore business major Alex Boase demonstrate a paintball sliding technique behind Pond Street Grill.

the Special Events Room at the University Recreation Center.

Boase said it allows the team more convenience in practicing during the week and ensuring

the longevity of the team.

"It would cost a lot at first, but in the long run it will actually save us a ton of money," he said.

BASEBALL

Frogs to play Falcons in first MWC series

By MIKE DWYER
News Editor

TCU's bats have started booming — and the surge of offensive production couldn't have come at a better time for a Frog baseball team set to host its first Mountain West Conference series this weekend against Air Force.

In its last five games — a span that included four wins — TCU plated 53 runs, including 12 in the opening frame of an 18-8 victory at home Tuesday over No. 22 Baylor.

Sophomore infielder Matt Carpenter said the team has been taking a better approach at the plate as of late, driving the ball to the opposite field and making the proper two-strike adjustments.

"From the team standpoint, hitting's contagious," said the

.309-hitting Carpenter, who has started all 31 Frog games this season. "You get a couple guys going — it's like a snowball effect. You saw it in the first inning against Baylor the other day: A couple of hits and then all of sudden the whole team explodes."

Junior utility player Chad Huffman and sophomore catcher Andrew Walker have been two of TCU's hottest hitters, combining to go 11-for-18 with three home runs and 10 RBIs in the Frogs' last two games.

Huffman has surged recently to lead to all healthy Frogs in batting by more than 50 points at .376. He's driven in 17 runs with two home runs and 10 doubles in 26 games.

Carpenter said winning has helped the Frogs relax at the plate.

"The team's not pressing right now," he said. "Everything's starting to fall into place. We've got some guys in some positions that are starting to come out."

The Frogs are 16-15 and began conference play last weekend in San Diego by going 3-1 in the MWC Preseason Tournament, where they defeated Air Force 12-6 Sunday.

Junior left-handed relief pitcher Omar Arif held the 10-16 Falcons scoreless for two innings in the TCU win.

"They're a scrappy team — they play hard," Arif said. "They're a military team so they're obviously well disciplined. They're going to come out and play hard regardless of the score, regardless of how many times we beat them. They're going to show up

every day and play us hard."

Arif has been TCU's most consistent arm out of the bullpen, tying for the team lead in appearances with 17 and compiling a 3.65 ERA in 24 2/3 innings.

The preseason tournament gave the Frogs a chance to see all the MWC teams in action and play four of them. Carpenter said he wasn't surprised by the quality of baseball in the Frogs' new conference.

"We knew going in that the Mountain West Conference is a lot more competitive than people give it credit for," he said. "Everybody competed to the level that we thought they would."

Arif said the Frogs, who MWC coaches picked to finish first in the league in the preseason poll, are poised to meet those expectations.



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor

Freshman catcher Matt Vern takes a swing against Baylor on Tuesday evening. TCU will play a three-game series against Air Force at Lupton Stadium this weekend. The weekend games will mark the first in-conference series of the year.

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