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## Speaker describes Holocaust experience

### Camp survivor shares her worst WWII memories

LARRY WOODS II  
Staff Reporter

No matter the color of a person's skin or his or her religious beliefs, no one should be discriminated against, a Holocaust survivor said Monday evening in the Student Center Ballroom.

Rosalie Schiff, a speaker for

the Dallas Holocaust Museum, addressed an audience of students, faculty and members of the Fort Worth community about her experiences during the Holocaust.

Schiff shared a number of events that she witnessed while in various concentration camps and ghettos during her imprisonment.

"A knife was put into a pregnant woman's stomach," Schiff said. "Children and babies

were thrown from the third floor of windows and held by their feet and slammed against the wall."

Schiff said she remembers the streets being covered with blood and dead bodies and having to sleep in bunk beds full of lice.

Schiff, the eldest of three siblings, was born in Krakow, Poland, and is the only surviving member of her family.

While in a concentration

camp, her mother discovered she had breast cancer and was forced to get her breast removed with no anesthesia, Schiff said.

Schiff said the most horrible night of her life was when the Nazis took her family away. Many nights she said she stayed awake thinking about how they killed her mother and wondered if they teased her because of her appearance.

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STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor

William Schiff of Dallas displays his prisoner identification number, 174248, to an audience in the Student Center Ballroom Monday night.

## TAKING IN A MOUTHFUL



### SGA dining committee helps to facilitate sale of granola in Frog Bytes, creator says

By TALIA SAMPSON  
Staff Reporter

Justin Avery Anderson wore a bright green shirt and a big smile as he handed out free samples of his Anderson Trail Inc. Moist Granola Monday afternoon in front of Frog Bytes.

Anderson may only be a freshman, but Frog Bytes began selling his soft-baked, moist granola Sunday.

The 19-year-old pre-business major from Houston said he approached TCU Dining Services in August on his own with no success, but approached the Student Government Association's dining services committee in February.

Anderson said the committee then helped him achieve the success he has today.

Committee chairwoman Alissa Garner said Anderson had to go through a process to receive permission to sell his product in Frog Bytes from Sodexho, the company that caters for TCU.

"We pointed Justin in the right direction," Garner said.

Legia Abato, marketing manager for TCU

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MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photographer

Freshman entrepreneurial management major Justin Avery Anderson and freshman pre-major Jessica Fong hand out free samples of moist granola produced by Anderson's company Anderson Trail in the Sadler Mall on Monday. The granola was available for the first time in Frogbytes on Monday. Sophomore radio-TV-film major Jack Woolnough samples moist granola from Anderson Trail.

## Convenience of computers to assist SGA voting process

By KATHLEEN THURBER  
Staff Reporter

Computer portals will be set up today in the Student Center Lounge to allow students to vote for Student Government Association representatives, a convenience that representatives said they hope will curb a history of low voter participation.

While SGA does not tabulate the exact percentage of students who vote, Sheldon Pearson, a member of the SGA Elections and Regulations Committee, said voter turnout has been "pathetic."

He estimated that less than 10 percent of students participated in the last election.

Amanda Edmiston, another member of the committee, said the computer portal increased voter turnout in February's election to fill vacancies in the House. She said SGA is hoping to have even more students vote today for representatives from their college and class to fill all 56 seats in the House.

"The House of Representatives makes decisions that affect the entire student body," Edmiston said. "We're here to represent the students so we'd really like them to vote."

Edmiston said SGA had a turnover rate of between 50 percent and 56 percent from fall 2005 to spring 2006, but said SGA is expecting lower turnover rates because the students who were elected to fill empty positions this semester have displayed a high level of dedication.

Pearson said representatives were previously elected in the fall for the upcoming semester but are now being elected in the spring so committees are in place when the school year begins.

In addition to returning candidates, Edmiston said, SGA expects this election to bring in several new students to the House.

Irene Wang, sophomore international economics major who previously has not been involved in SGA, said she is running to represent AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences because she would like to be more involved on campus.

"I think I need to be more aware of what's going on around me," Wang said.

She added that she is also interested in SGA because she thinks it will allow her to express her opinions and give her a chance to help other students.

TCU is not the only college with low voter participation in student elections.

The University of Texas at Austin had 17 percent of undergraduates vote in its last election, down 5 percent from the 2004 election, said Becky Carreon, an admin-

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## Model U.N. group takes high honors at conference

### Delegation receives second-highest ranking at national meeting

By LIZ CRAWFORD  
Staff Reporter

TCU's Model United Nations chapter took home the second highest ranking last week in a competition against 200 schools in New York City.

Model U.N. is a simulation of the United Nations that aims to help students learn how the United Nations actually works, said Lily Toner, head delegate for TCU's Model U.N. chapter.

At the National Model U.N. Conference, delegations from each school were assigned a different country, she said.

This year, TCU's chapter represented Egypt, said Kara Floyd Griffin, a senior psychology and criminal justice major who was a delegate.

The head delegate runs meetings, where speeches on pertinent topics are given and important issues are debated, said Toner, a junior political science major.

TCU's Model U.N. was awarded Distinguished Delegation, an award based on a delegation's ability to

represent their respective country by remaining in character, participating in committee in formal sessions and caucusing, and properly using the rules of procedure, said Eric Cox, director of Model U.N. at TCU.

This accomplishment is important because this is only the third year TCU has had a Model U.N. chapter, and it was the first time for many students to attend the conference, said Cox, a political science lecturer.

Cox said TCU competed with about 200 other schools, including the University of Texas at Aus-

tin and Austin College.

Many of the schools at the conference, including University of Texas at Austin and Austin College, have participated in the event for several years without winning an award, Toner said. TCU won this award after only three years of participation, she said.

The group was basically judged on how well they were able to get into character of their assigned country, she said.

Toner said she feels the 22 delegates that represented TCU won because they worked hard since

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TOMORROW: T-storms, 80/63

### FUN FACT

Firefighters dousing a blaze in a new house in Ohio were confused when the presumed owner suddenly fled — until they found \$700,000 worth of marijuana plants in the basement, officials said. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dining Services, said Frog Bytes sold two cases, about 24 packets, of the granola Sunday.

Abato said it is really hard to tell what will sell but that Anderson's product is coming out at a good time.

"The organic food market is a trendy market and doing well right now," Abato said.

Laura Crawley, assistant dean of campus life for health promotion, said the granola is good, simple and healthy.

"I'll eat Power Bars, but this has a lot less preservatives," Crawley said.

Amanda Randklev, a freshman news-editorial journalism major, bought eight bags of the granola Monday for herself and two friends. One friend, sophomore sociology major Jesse Gabel, said, "After a free taste we had to buy a bag or eight."

Megan Smith, a sophomore finance major from High Point, N.C., also had a positive reaction to the free sample. She said before she had only tried Nature's Valley Granola Bars, but Anderson Trail is better because of how moist it is.

"I think it's awesome he is a freshman and he already has a company," Smith said.

Anderson first began his company when he was 16, after tasting moist granola for the first time on a vacation to New Mexico.

Anderson's granola currently sells for \$6.99 at Central Market stores across Texas and \$6.59 in Frog Bytes.

He said plans for Anderson Trail Inc. include working on a business plan to present to investors and growing the company over the summer.

"I hope to turn it into a complete operation," Anderson said.

Anderson won the 2005 TCU Texas Youth Entrepreneur of the Year Award and received a scholarship that enables him to attend TCU for creating Anderson Trail Inc.

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istrative associate in the office of the dean of students at UT-Austin.

Students at UT-Austin also run to represent their college. Carreon said representatives advertise and the election is usually more competitive than elections she has seen at smaller schools.

Voter participation rates at Baylor University are also less than 20 percent, though David Jakubowski, Student Government Community Affairs chairman at Baylor, said that percentage is higher than it has been in previous years.

Jakubowski said some candidates advertise but many students do not take the time to vote because they are busy with their own activities.

At TCU, students campaign for student body officer positions, which are elected at the end of each fall semester, but usually do not advertise for representative positions.

Wang announced she was running at the beginning of her classes Monday and said some candidates advertise through Facebook, but that most simply tell their friends to vote.

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August and were well prepared.

"The delegates really did their research," Toner said. "They were very passionate this year."

Students who attended the conference gained valuable educational experience by discussing problems faced by the world today, Cox said. These include obstacles to economic development, responses to natural disasters and global debt, he said. "The multitude of view points makes finding agreement difficult, just as it is in the real United Nations," Cox said.

Model U.N. is a good program for students in the United States to see how countries interact from a different perspective, said Griffin. "The award reflects the ability of our students both to learn information about complex problems and to develop the diplomatic skills necessary to represent their assigned country's position on the issues," Cox said.

Groups lobby against water plan

By JIM VERTUNO  
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Landowners, environmentalists and timber industry executives are lining up to oppose a regional water plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth area that depends on the construction of two huge new reservoirs in Northeast Texas.

The Texas Water Development Board is set to vote Tuesday on whether to approve the water use plans, which include the construction of the \$2.1 billion Marvin Nichols Dam on the Sulphur River and the \$569 million Fastrill Dam on the Neches River, which would flood about 100,000 acres combined and require hundreds of thousands of more acres to be taken.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area should do more to conserve water and use existing water resources before the state builds two massive new reservoirs, opponents said Monday.

"These dams are not needed," said Janice Bezanson of the environmental group Texas Committee on Natural Resources. "The damage they would cause is not justified."

A 2001 statewide water

survey predicted Texas will struggle to keep up with water demand over the next 50 years as its population is expected to double to about 40 million.

State officials predict Texas will have to spend billions to refurbish existing water sources and transfer systems, or build new ones. The state was divided into 16 regions to tackle water issues facing different areas of the state.

The Marvin Nichols Dam project is at the center of a bitter dispute between the water planners for Dallas-Fort Worth and Northeast Texas.

The water plan for the Metroplex includes the two new reservoirs and 310 miles of pipeline to get the liquid to the cities.

The Marvin Nichols dam would flood about 72,000 acres and was initially agreed to by Northeast Texas planners, said Jim Thompson, chief financial officer for Ward Timber Co. and chairman of the Northeast planning group.

But it was later rejected when residents and businesses learned they could

lose hundreds of thousands of additional acres to mitigate the flood zone as required by the federal Clean Water Act, Thompson said.

"There's far greater damage here than just flooding," Thompson said.

The water board is left with two plans in which one region is counting on the construction of a reservoir local residents don't want.

But Bill Mullican, deputy executive administrator for the state water board's office of planning, said the two plans don't conflict.

He says the Sulphur River basin has plenty of water to satisfy long-term needs. Under state guidelines for the water plans, unless the Northeast Texas planners demonstrate a need to keep and use that water locally, the two plans are compatible.

Myron Hess of the National Wildlife Federation said the Dallas-Fort Worth area should first improve water conservation.

Greater use of low-flow toilets, faucets and lawn-watering programs could reduce consumption, Hess said.

HOLOCAUST

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Schiff said it is still hard to relive each story when she shares her experiences with an audience — something she has been doing for 19 years.

"Sometimes I feel guilty that I am the one that is still here to tell the story," Schiff said.

Schiff married her husband,

William, in 1942 in the Karkow ghetto, two weeks after her mother's death. Schiff and her husband have three children and four grandchildren.

Jacqueline Powell, a senior psychology major, said that someone persevering through such hardship and oppression is beyond incredible.

"Anyone who can survive something like this is like

an angel to me," Powell said. "And the fact that both her and her husband survived I think is a miracle."

Tiffany Bullock, a freshman history major, said the Holocaust shows people what hate can do to a group of people.

"It's remarkable how she is able to embrace mankind and not be bitter after what she went through," Bullock said.

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DISCRIMINATION RETALIATION...

Monday the Supreme Court heard the case of a female forklift officer who was suspended in 1997 after reporting sexual harassment by her supervisor.  
—Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

Sex video game goes too far

What better way to steer people away from playing video games wrought with violence than to invent one based on “making love”? With all the games out on the market revolving around war, boxing, gunfights and all those other activities in which men love to partake in a virtual world, some companies are developing a new choice: games where players meet other cartoon-like characters, flirt and have sex. In “Naughty America: The Game,” set to release this summer, players have their own apartments, but there are “public sex zones,” with rooms such as the cowboy room and the make-your-own porn room, according to a CNN.com article. And we are surprised when other countries say America is consumed with violence and sex? Although this game, and other online games similar to it already on the market, are “adult only,” the possibility of teenage boys gaining access is too great. Teenagers find ways of getting beer, cigarettes and even drugs these days. Do these companies really

think they won’t be able to score a sex-based video game online or from a specialty shop? A surefire way to promote premarital sex: develop a video game that teenagers will swoon over promoting “making love.” Many games already out for use have been single-player games, with no interaction with other players. The newer games coming out combine the online component of player interaction with the graphic sexuality of single-player games, according to a CNN.com article. What ever happened to more traditional forms of meeting people? Dating, maybe? One developer of a game set to release next year quoted in a CNN.com article said she hoped couples in long-distance relationships would be able to communicate through the use of the game. But what did people 20 years ago do to communicate? They talked on the phone or wrote letters. The technology craze in the present day is taking over and promoting unnecessary and pornographic means of communication.

Editor in chief Courtney Reese for the editorial board

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WHEN KENNEDY SAID WE'D  
“PAY ANY PRICE, BEAR ANY BURDEN,”  
WAS HE TALKING  
ABOUT GASOLINE?

“American Idol” creators must offer something fresh

Something my beloved high school physics teacher once said is ringing loudly in my ears. In the fall of 2002, he sarcastically mused about the then-fledgling reality TV show, “American Idol.” He commented that the competition would “obviously” be a litmus test of contestants’ wits and intelligence, and the winner would undoubtedly be the one with the most impressive base of knowledge in liberal arts, sciences and culture in general. Though his charming knack for sarcasm was duly noted, I couldn’t help but remember what he said now that the popularity of “American Idol” has exploded exponentially, plodding along through its fifth consecutive season. It really makes me question the nature of the moniker “American Idol.” “Idols” in the truest sense are supposed to be figures worthy of admiration, or at the very least, something significantly appreciated.



Rachel Gollay

Unfortunately, I can’t bring myself to idolize any of the contestants of this season’s American Idol. Sure, some of them can sing, but I’m infinitely more impressed with somebody who can write, play and sing his or her own songs rather than emulate something else. I find myself yawning and reaching for the remote before the show even begins. Perhaps it’s not the contestants that are lackluster, but the show’s monotonous concepts. Unfortunately for those of us who have grown weary of the initial charms of “American Idol,” the pop-star-making behemoth is far from dying off. The fact that ratings are increasing with each season clearly illustrates that “American Idol” will be far from giving up on its quest for a seemingly infinite number of American Idols. (Perhaps we’ll all personally know an Idol someday. And with any luck, we’ll be a country brimming with Idols.) What makes the show so tiresome to me is its concepts — the cutesy video montages, the “theme nights”, even Simon’s biting criti-

cism — it’s all been beaten to death far too many times for me to continue watching. Take, for instance, the show’s ritualistic first rounds of auditions. The first season’s batch of screwball auditions struck a unique chord with viewers —something about taking delight in others’ embarrassing antics fills us with some morbid delight. I admit that I found them very amusing at first. However, the horribly goofy renditions of hackneyed Stevie Wonder songs are now anything but silly and offbeat — and the oddball auditions are now a staple of the show, an overzealously emphasized selling point that I can now hardly stomach. The actual “talent” in the first few weeks of the “talent” competition is elusive to the point of ridiculousness. After the initial shoddy schtick, the show lumbers along its course of systematically culling the pop star wannabe herd. Here’s where the actual talent emerges. However, instead of continuing to reincarnate Kelly Clarkson and Clay Aiken year after year, one would assume that,

after all this time, the Idol producers would take a little liberty and experiment with the show’s format. Rather, we end up with Simon Cowell’s lovechild with ABC — a very strange, very painful to watch the spinoff, “American Inventor”. Here’s an idea. Perhaps producers should be developing “Idol” spinoffs that really promote the other qualities we apparently idolize in our American culture. For instance, in light of our country’s resurgence of staunch patriotism, I propose the pilot episode for a potential hit-reality series, “American American.” The winner, of course, will be well versed in all of the Articles of Confederation, know the intricacies of the Tet Offensive, and proudly display a half-dozen “Support Our Troops” magnets on his or her atmosphere-obliterating sport utility vehicle of choice. There can be no truer “American American!” As no such show exists, we are left to idolize those with the ability to sing. Forget current events, education and broadening whatev-

er horizons there be. Who needs that when you can be idolized by the American public as a product of media biz marketing with a great set of pipes? To prevent my “American Idol” critique from becoming a wry commentary on mass culture and TV viewership, I’d like to propose a viable new direction for American Idol: provide a format for other types of musical acts. It could take the form of a spinoff show or a sub-category of American Idol. Then bored viewers like me can have something different to look at and listen to, rather than Kelly Clarkson Wannabe #17. I’m desperately hoping “American Idol” will take advantage of its immense star-making power by taking risks and allowing for a refreshing type of competition — one that invites musicians and songwriters to catch their lucky breaks, rather than making pseudo-celebrities out of gawky, stiff-limbed college students struggling in vain to emulate Ricky Martin’s “She Bangs.”

Rachel Gollay is a junior radio-TV/film major from Rockwall.

Minimum salary for MLB would force small-market owners to spend money

Last Monday actor Michael Keaton — star of “Batman,” “Batman Returns” and, of course, “Jack Frost” — threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Pittsburgh Pirates’ home opener against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Keaton, a Pittsburgh native and lifelong Pirates fan, raised eyebrows by taking shots at the Pirates’ management, notorious for not spending any money on salary, after he threw out the first pitch. “I fear they will take advantage of the goodwill of the people who continue to show up,” said the Actor Formerly Known as Bruce Wayne. “For my money, it’s disrespectful. At some point, you have to either write the check or you have to do something and not assume, ‘Well, we’re OK, and ultimately (the franchise) is valuable, anyway.’” “Look, I’d do it (refuse to increase payroll), too, if I were a businessman,” Beetlejuice continued. “At some point, you’ve got to win. I think the fans have been gracious ... and maybe not vociferous enough with their displeasure.” Keaton’s comments strike at the heart of a problem festering throughout Major League Baseball: Owners of small-market teams adamantly refuse to increase payroll to make their teams competitive. Currently, baseball has a system of revenue sharing, whereby large-market teams with large TV contracts are taxed for their economic success, and the money from that tax is equally distributed to smaller-market teams



Joel Petersen

with less-profitable TV contracts. It’s baseball’s desire to create more than a mirage of economic parity. Small-market owners basically receive a free welfare check from MLB. Owners rarely take advantage of this money (which, sometimes, is between \$20 and \$50 million) by signing veteran free agents or investing in up-and-coming stars. Instead, they take the money, trade away young talent, blame the Yankees for “spending too much money,” and insult fans by charging ridiculous prices for teams that aren’t very good (cheapest Pirates ticket is \$12; the Texas Rangers charge \$6). Necessary for the success of a revenue-sharing program is the small-market owners’ obligation to use the money he receives to invest in the future, eliminate the misfortunes of his organization and make his team competitive. By not spending the money they receive, owners nullify the goals of revenue sharing. In effect, owners make revenue-sharing checks a no-obligation subsidy. Therefore, to ensure small-market owners spend revenue-sharing money to keep their organizations competitive, baseball must adopt a minimum salary. A minimum salary would force owners to spend a certain amount on salary. If the minimum is high enough, money received from the revenue-sharing fund would have to be used to cover the payroll bill. A minimum salary would ensure competitive balance by forcing owners to sign quality players (presuming quality players have higher salaries) to meet the minimum. Free agents, aware owners

must sign players, would be inclined to move to small markets knowing they will be financially rewarded and that their new owner is committed to winning. Opponents of the minimum salary say, “Deal with the market; life’s not fair.” I agree life isn’t fair. A minimum salary doesn’t hurt big-market teams; it forces small-market teams to be competitive. The Pirates have one of the league’s lowest payrolls, yet they receive some of the largest revenue-sharing checks. Without a minimum salary, they are not forced to spend any of that money. Refusing to spend money on salary has yielded discouraging results. Even with the aid of revenue sharing the Pirates haven’t had a winning season since 1992. Recently, the NHL adopted a minimum salary cap. The results give hope to fans of small-market baseball teams. With three games to go in this year’s season, twenty (66 percent) of the NHL’s thirty teams had a legitimate chance to make the playoffs. If the playoffs began last Wednesday, four teams who didn’t make the 2004 postseason would’ve made this year’s playoffs. The minimum cap has forced hockey organizations to spend money on salary, and it has lead to success. The NHL, for the first time ever, has a labor policy baseball should mirror. After ripping the Pirates’ organization, Keaton wondered aloud to reporters, “Is there light at the end of the tunnel (for Pittsburgh)?” Yes, Bruce Wayne, there is hope. It begins with a minimum salary.

Joel Petersen is a secondary education major from Lafayette, La.

OTHER VIEW

Walmart should stick to what works

Can you imagine buying fresh sushi and a \$500 bottle of wine from Wal-Mart? Well, if you live in Plano , you don’t have to imagine it because that is exactly what is being sold at a Plano Wal-Mart. According to The Associated Press, Wal-Mart wants to catch up with the much more “chic” Target stores. But why? Fortune magazine reported in the Fortune 500 that in 2005, Wal-Mart was ranked No. 1 among America’s largest corporations, while Target ranked far below at 27. Is it not enough to be the largest corporation and retailer in the world? Apparently not. In the documentary “Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price,” a scene is shown in which the opening of a Wal-Mart causes the local Mom and Pop shops, with specialties such as groceries and hardware, to shut down. And now Wal-Mart wants to expand its market even more and will probably close even more small businesses if its plan goes through. There goes the local winery and Japanese restaurant. Wal-Mart is just testing the waters in Plano to see if the “upscale shopper” — the people who aren’t the stereotypical Wal-Mart customers — will be shopping. But they won’t. Why not? Simply because people go to Wal-Mart for their toilet paper, not for a Starbucks-like cafe with Internet access. And if people can afford \$100-a-pound gourmet cheese imported from France, they would go to a gourmet cheese shop, not to a Wal-Mart Supercenter. So the “new” stores will be catering less to the lower- and middle-class shoppers. It doesn’t seem logical. Wal-Mart is where people go to get “stuff” cheap. According to MSN Money Specialist Liz Pulliam Weston, the Wal-Mart shopper’s income is lower than the national average income. Wal-Mart is trying to reach a new demographic; however, it might be sending away its best customers in bringing the Plano experiment to the rest of the world.

This staff editorial appeared in The Oracle at the University of South Florida. It was distributed by U-Wire.

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# Dallas Morning News wins Pulitzer for Katrina photos

By JULIA GLICK  
*Associated Press*

DALLAS — The Dallas Morning News photography staff received journalism's highest honor, the Pulitzer Prize, for pictures revealing New Orleans' suffering and devastation in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"We were so proud of the courage, resilience and skill of our photo staff who delivered magnificent images for our readers around the world every day after this storm," Editor Robert W. Mong Jr. said after the announcement Monday. "We couldn't be happier."

Associated Press photographer Eric Gay, based in San Antonio, was a finalist for the same award for Breaking News Photography, also for photos of Katrina's aftermath.

"We're extraordinarily proud that Eric's stellar, moving work has been recognized by the Pulitzer judges," said Kristin Gazlay, AP deputy managing editor for national news.

The Morning News photos included a striking aerial image of the clouded city submerged with highway interchanges and rooftops jutting out from the gray water. Another aerial shot showed a stranded family standing on a rooftop amid unfinished pleas for help scrawled with a last scrap of chalk.

Mong said photographers

worked long days, slogged through deep grimy water and went without food or drink for long periods to get the images.

This is the photography department's fourth Pulitzer and the first one to go its entire staff, said director of photography William Snyder.

The staff received \$10,000 in prize money the department has not yet decided how to divvy up, Snyder said.

Gay, among a team of AP photographers covering Katrina, submitted powerful photos of New Orleans refugees, including a woman weeping along a flooded street, the body of her husband wrapped up like a mummy on the ground behind her.

He said he was humbled at being a finalist.

"It is an incredible story in photos," Gay said.

The Pulitzer committee also awarded its History prize to David M. Oshinsky, a professor at the University of Texas at Austin, for his book, "Polio, An American Story."

Oshinsky chronicled the nation's race to find a cure for Polio, drawing from the newly available papers of scientists such as Jonas Salk.

Columbia University presents the awards based on recommendations from an 18-member Pulitzer board, which considers nominations from jurors in each category.



MICHAEL AINSWORTH / Dallas Morning News

A Dallas Morning News photo by Michael Ainsworth and released by the Pulitzer Prize committee shows Devon Fisher, 8, waiting with Cavel Fisher Clay, 33, and Alexis Fisher, 14, in a line for buses to the Astrodome, published Sept. 1.



TAYLOR HARNETT / Dallas Morning News

William Snyder, right, director of photography, celebrates with the staff of The Dallas Morning News after the paper won the Pulitzer prize in the breaking news photography category for its coverage of hurricane Katrina on Monday in Dallas.

# Overcrowded bus falls into ravine

*Police: Accident yields 67 deaths, cause unknown*

By MIGUEL HERNANDEZ  
*Associated Press*

VERACRUZ, Mexico — A vastly overcrowded passenger bus veered off a highway emergency ramp and crashed through a metal barrier Monday, plunging more than 650 feet into a ravine in western Mexico. At least 67 people were killed, including four children.

Four people — including an 8-year-old girl — were injured in the wreck that came as the bus traveled on steep mountainous roads. It was returning from a religious gathering in the western city of Guadalupe to the passengers' home state of Tabasco, on the Gulf Coast, following Easter week.

Rescuers ended their search for victims after recovering 63 bodies, State Attorney General official Rosa Elvira Gonzalez said. She said four passengers died at local hospitals.

Officials did not provide the ages of the children killed or say whether the driver was among the dead.

The bus, equipped to hold

46 seated passengers, was carrying 71, some of whom were standing up, said Federal Preventive Police Cmdr. Reinaldo Ascencio Cavazos. He said the owner of the bus was detained for questioning. Ascencio said the passengers belonged to a religious group known as The Light of the World.

Police did not immediately know what caused the crash, but said the driver had been trying to maneuver into a lane designed for vehicles that have brake or other mechanical failures as the bus descended one of the area's many winding roads. The bus fell between 650 and 820 feet before coming to rest at the bottom of a ravine, authorities said.

Federal Preventive Police official Arturo Corona told W Radio the bus was traveling at about 68-70 mph. Buses often are required to limit their speed to 60 mph.

Hundreds of thousands of Mexicans filled the highways Sunday and Monday as they returned from Easter week vacations. The holiday typically sees a large number of highway deaths.

The highway where the bus was traveling is considered to be one of the 15 most dangerous in the country, Corona said.

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# Suicide bombing in Israel kills nine

By LAURIE COPANS  
Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — A Palestinian suicide bomber struck a packed fast-food restaurant during Passover on Monday, killing nine people and wounding dozens in the deadliest bombing in more than a year.

In a sharp departure from the previous Palestinian government's condemnations of bombings, the Hamas-led administration defended the attack as a legitimate response to Israeli "aggression."

The bloodshed and the hard-line stance could set the stage for harsh Israeli reprisals and endanger Hamas' efforts to secure desperately needed international aid and acceptance.

Israel said it held Hamas responsible for the attack in Tel Aviv even though a separate group, Islamic Jihad, claimed responsibility. Islamic Jihad has close ties to Israel's archenemy, Iran.

Israel's security chiefs met Monday and were expected to recommend stepped-up operations against Islamic Jihad, security officials said. Israeli officials were to decide on a response Tuesday.

In an initial response, Israeli aircraft attacked an empty metal workshop in Gaza City early Tuesday, causing no injuries. The army said the workshop was used by the Popular Resistance Committee's militant group to manufacture homemade rockets to launch at Israel.

The Palestinian suicide attack took place just two hours before Israel's newly elected parliament was sworn into office, and Prime Minister-designate Ehud Olmert said Israel would react with appropriate means.

The moderate Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas of the rival Fatah party, condemned the suicide bombing and said he had ordered Palestinian security forces to prevent future attacks.

But Abbas is currently in a

power struggle with Hamas, and it remains unclear who is ultimately in charge of the Palestinians' security forces.

The European Union condemned the bombing unequivocally, and Russia called on the Palestinian Authority to stop future attacks. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan told the Palestinian government "to take a clear public stand" against such acts. And the United States warned of grave consequences for the Hamas-led government.

"Defense or sponsorship of terrorist acts by officials of the Palestinian Cabinet will have the gravest effects on relations between the Palestinian Authority and all states seeking peace in the Middle East," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

The bombing was the first inside Israel since the Hamas Cabinet took office 2 1/2 weeks ago. Militants from Islamic Jihad celebrated by handing out pastries on the streets of Gaza.

The attack came amid a sharp increase in fighting between Israel and the Palestinians across the Gaza border. Militants have fired barrages of homemade rockets at Israel, and Israel has responded with artillery fire. A 17-year-old Palestinian in the northern Gaza town of Beit Lahiya was killed Monday in the shelling, Palestinian officials said.

The suicide bombing took place about 1:40 p.m. when the attacker, carrying a bag stuffed with 10 pounds of explosives, approached "The Mayor's Falafel" in a busy neighborhood near Tel Aviv's central bus station. The restaurant, which had been the target of a January bombing, was packed with Israelis on vacation during the weeklong Passover holiday.

A guard outside was checking the bomber's bag when the device exploded, police and witnesses said.

"Suddenly there was a boom. The whole restaurant flew in the air," said Azi Otmazgo,



Israeli police inspect the site after an explosion near a fast food restaurant in Tel Aviv Monday. A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up near the restaurant in a bustling commercial area of Tel Aviv during the Jewish holiday of Passover on Monday, killing six people and wounding at least 35 others.

35, who was wounded on his hands, foot and head.

The bomb, laced with nails and other projectiles, shattered car windshields, smashed windows of nearby buildings and blew away the restaurant's sign. Glass shards and blood splattered the ground. Police said the guard was torn in half by the blast.

The explosion killed a woman standing near her husband and children, who were slightly wounded, said Israel Yaakov, another witness.

"The father was traumatized, he went into shock. He ran to the children to gather them up, and the children were screaming, 'Mom! Mom!' and she wasn't answering, she was dead already," he said.

The wounded were treated on sidewalks. One man was lying on his side, his shirt pushed up and his back covered by bandages. A bleeding woman was wheeled away on a stretcher.

Police said nine civilians and the bomber were killed and dozens of others were wounded.

The attack was the deadliest since a double suicide bombing on two buses in the southern city of Beersheba killed 16 people on Aug. 31, 2004. It was the second major Passover bombing in four years. An 2002 attack at a hotel in the coastal town of Netanya killed 29 people and triggered a major Israeli military offensive.

Hamas, responsible for dozens of suicide bombings in recent years, has largely observed a 16-month truce with Israel. But Hamas leaders defended Monday's bombing.

"We think that this operation ... is a direct result of the policy of the occupation and the brutal aggression and siege committed against our people," said Khaled Abu Helal, spokesman for the Hamas-led Interior Ministry.

Israeli President Moshe Katsav appealed to the Palestinians to reject violence.

"I call on the Palestinians not to show weakness of spirit in the struggle for peace. We want to believe that the politi-

cal path of the Hamas government is not the path of the Palestinians," he said.

Islamic Jihad identified the bomber as Samer Hammad, 21, from a village outside the West Bank town of Jenin.

In a video released by the group, Hammad said the bombing was dedicated to the thousands of Palestinians in Israeli jails.

The attack complicated the Hamas effort to raise money for the bankrupt Palestinian treasury. Hamas is two weeks late paying March salaries for the government's 140,000 workers.

The U.S. and European Union cut off aid to the government because Hamas refused their demands to renounce violence and recognize Israel's right to exist. Israel also stopped transferring tens of millions of tax dollars it collects on the Palestinians' behalf every month.

Hamas said it would turn to Muslim countries to make up the shortfall. Iran and Qatar each pledged \$50 million to the Palestinian Authority.

# Electricity too scarce to combat weather

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Unseasonably hot temperatures forced power utilities around Texas to conduct rolling blackouts on Monday.

As temperatures climbed into the upper 90s and above 100 for another day, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which runs Texas' electricity grid, declared an emergency situation and ordered the blackouts because of the lack of electricity around the state.

ERCOT said it declared the emergency after concluding there was insufficient generating capacity in the region to reliably serve the public's electricity demand.

As much as 15 percent of the state's power supply goes offline each spring so plants can perform seasonal maintenance before energy usage peaks in the summer, said Public Utility Commission spokesman Terry Hadley. He said maintenance is typically finished by mid-May.

But unusually high temperatures this spring have pushed demand for electricity, creating a shortage, he said.

The rollouts were limited to the ERCOT grid, which provides electricity to about 80 percent of Texas.

Traffic backed up at intersections in Grand Prairie, just west of Dallas, during the afternoon rush hour.

CenterPoint Energy spokeswoman Emily Mir Thompson said rolling blackouts every 15 minutes for the Houston area were ordered just after 4 p.m. Monday.

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WILLIAM B. PLOWMAN / Associated Press  
Kenyan Robert Kipkoech Cheruiyot passes the 25.4 mile marker on his way to winning the men's division of the 110th Boston Marathon in a course-record time of 2:07:14 in Boston Monday, April 17.

# Americans place in top 10 at Boston Marathon

By JIMMY GOLEN  
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The Kenyan national anthem got its annual air-play in the Back Bay on Monday after another Boston Marathon sweep.

It was the Americans, though, who were boasting of a breakthrough.

Robert Cheruiyot finished in 2 hours, 7 minutes, 14 seconds to nip the course record by a single second, and Rita Jeptoo won the women's race for Kenya's fourth sweep since 2000. With five American men in the top 10 — including Nos. 3, 4 and 5 — the United States had its best finish since the addition of prize money in 1986 helped bring back the top international fields.

"It's exciting to see a lot of American guys run well," said Olympic silver medalist Meb Keflezighi, who was third behind Cheruiyot and Kenya's Benjamin Maiyo. "The crowd was just phenomenal. When they were chanting, 'Go USA! Go Meb! Go USA!' I was like, 'I'm glad I'm here.'"

Keflezighi, a naturalized citizen from Eritrea who lives in San Diego, ran with the leaders until the 16th mile and then began falling behind. Brian Sell, from Rochester, Mich.,

was fourth, catching Alan Culpepper around the last turn before the Copley Square finish.

"When Brian went by me, I thought he was some guy that jumped on the course," Culpepper said, evoking memories of 1980 shortcut-taker Rosie Ruiz.

"We don't talk about this anymore here," moderator Frank Shorr joked.

Culpepper, from Lafayette, Colo., was fourth last year, a performance that matched the best U.S. finish since 1987. The last American to win in Boston was Lisa Larsen-Weidenbach in 1985; no American man has won since Greg Meyer in 1983, and 12 times since then there have been no Americans in the top 10.

"For those of us who are in it and make our profession, we're probably not as surprised as other people. We've seen this coming for a while. We've seen this building," Culpepper said. "I think it is a new day, for sure."

Cheruiyot and Jeptoo each claim an olive wreath, a bowl of beef stew and a \$100,000 first prize. Kenyan men have won 14 of the last 16 Boston titles and its women have won three in a row and six of seven.

"I think we'd given in to the fact that the East Africans are supposed to dominate the race," said Kevin Hanson, whose club in Rochester, Mich., trained seven of the top 22 men's finishers. "And we haven't come up with a reason why."

Four of Kenya's women's titles belong to Catherine Ndereba, who was not in the field this year. Defending men's champion Hailu Negussie dropped out just after the halfway point with stomach problems that usually indicate dehydration.

Cheruiyot had no such troubles. He let Maiyo set a blistering pace and ran off his shoulder before taking the lead going up one of the Newton Hills. He came onto Boylston Street — the last stretch — with almost a minute to break the record, then sprinted the last 50 yards as volunteers waved for him to hurry.

"I think, 'No,'" he said. "And then I see I can make it."

Cheruiyot was a second faster than fellow Kenyan Cosmas Ndeti was when he set the course record in 1994 and 66 seconds ahead of Maiyo. Jeptoo, who won in Stockholm and Milan in 2004, had never run a marathon on American soil and almost didn't make

this one because of a lost passport.

She didn't get to town until Friday and never had a chance to drive the course, let alone run it. But she out-kicked Latvia's Jelena Prokopcuka to finish in 2:23:38 and win by 10 seconds, the closest women's finish ever; Japan's Reiko Tosa was third, another 23 seconds back.

For the sixth straight year, Ernst Van Dyk, of South Africa, won the wheelchair division in 1:25:29. Edith Hun-keler, of Switzerland, won the woman's wheelchair race in 1:43:41.

The official field of 22,517 entrants is the second-largest in Boston Marathon history, representing 94 countries and all 50 states.

The winners also moved to the top of the standings of the new World Marathon Majors, a circuit that will hand out \$1 million in bonuses for top performances in five races over two years. Points are awarded for top five finishes, meaning three American men made the leaderboard.

"I think we're doing something right. Quite clearly," said New York City Marathon director Mary Wittenberg. "This is a monumental shift in where we've been, and a great precursor for the future."

# Franchise on deadline for move

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff said Monday that he is imposing a May 15 deadline for the Florida Marlins to commit to moving to San Antonio.

Wolff told the San Antonio Express-News in a story posted on the paper's online edition that he would fax a letter with the deadline to David Samson, president of the National League club.

"We have received the letter, but we have no comment," Marlins spokesman P.J. Loyello said Monday afternoon.

Wolff, point man in discussions on bringing the team to South Texas, tells the Marlins in the letter obtained by the newspaper, "We need to fish or cut bait by May 15."

San Antonio has been trying to lure the team, and county officials have offered to put up \$200 million toward an estimated \$300

million ballpark if voters approve extending a tax on hotel and car rentals.

If voters are to be asked in November to consider extending the tax, then Wolff says he needs the answer from the Marlins soon. He said he faces an Aug. 15 deadline to get the issue on the ballot Nov. 7. Details between the county and the team would have to be worked out before then.

Wolff said the Marlins have told him a baseball stadium in San Antonio would cost \$310 million.

"There are only a few moments in the life of a city when political will and leadership are coupled with the financial ability to forge a public-private partnership to build a major sports facility for a relocating team," his letter states. "That moment now exists in San Antonio. It would be in the 'best interest of baseball' for the Marlins to seize this moment."

# Pair of Duke athletes indicted

By TIM WHITMIRE  
Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — A grand jury issued sealed indictments Monday against two members of the Duke University lacrosse team in connection with allegations that a stripper was raped last month at a team party, a source close to the case told The Associated Press.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity because the grand jury proceedings are secret, said he did not know which players were indicted or what charges they faced.

The grand jury adjourned at about 2 p.m. Monday, handing up indictments a short time later to Superior Court Judge Ronald Stephens. A filing at the courthouse said the judge had sealed at least one indictment, citing a state law that allows an indictment to be "kept secret until the defendant is arrested or appears before the court."

A 27-year-old black woman told police she was

attacked March 13 by three white men in a bath-room at a party held by the lacrosse team.

The school canceled the highly ranked team's season and accepted the resignation of coach Mike Pressler after the release of a vulgar and graphic e-mail that was sent by a team member shortly after the alleged assault.

Defense attorneys have urged District Attorney Mike Nifong to drop the case, saying DNA tests failed to connect any of the 46 team members tested to the alleged victim.

Nifong has said 75 percent to 80 percent of rape prosecutions lack DNA evidence. According to court records, a medical examination of the woman found injuries consistent with rape.

There were numerous conferences involving defense lawyers and members of the district attorney's office Monday morning. At several points during the day, Nifong declined to comment when asked about the case.

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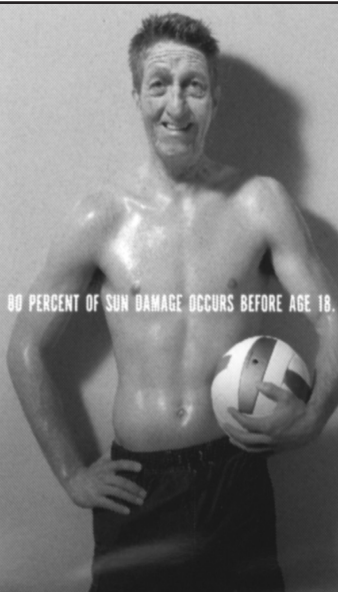
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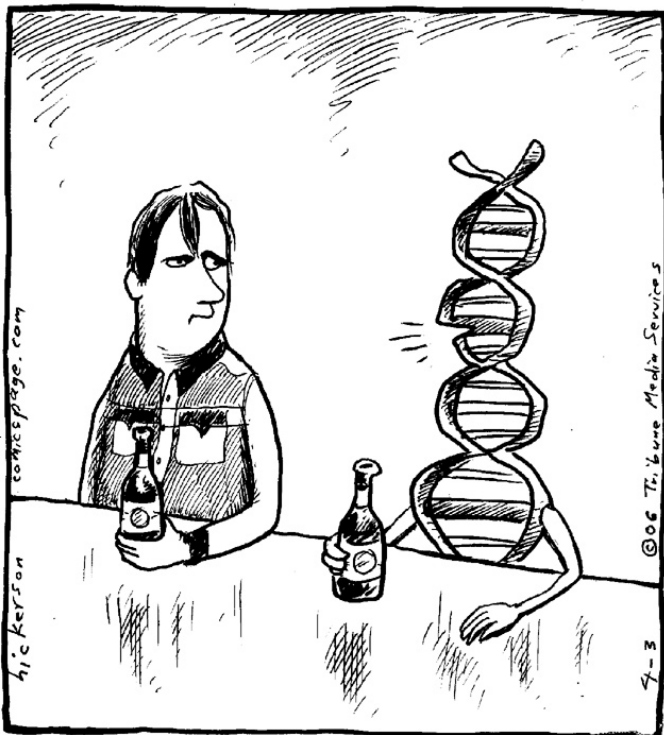
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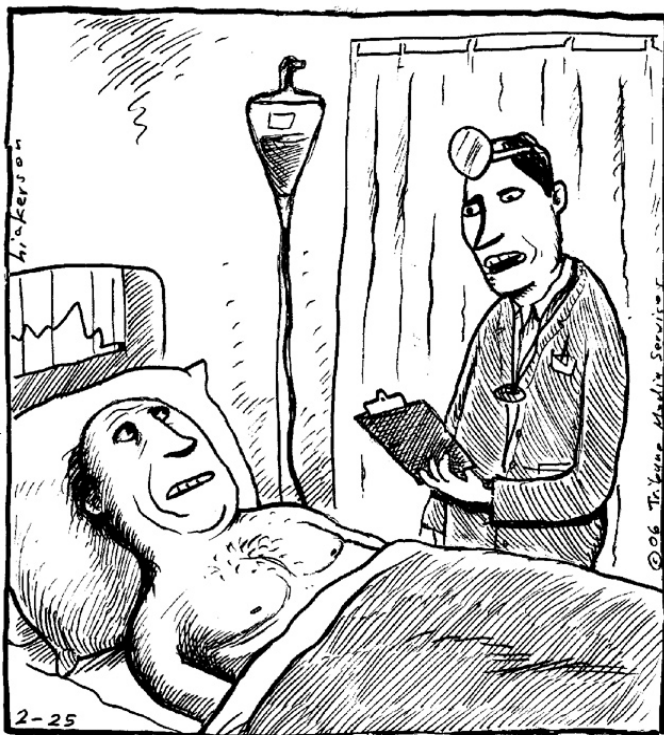
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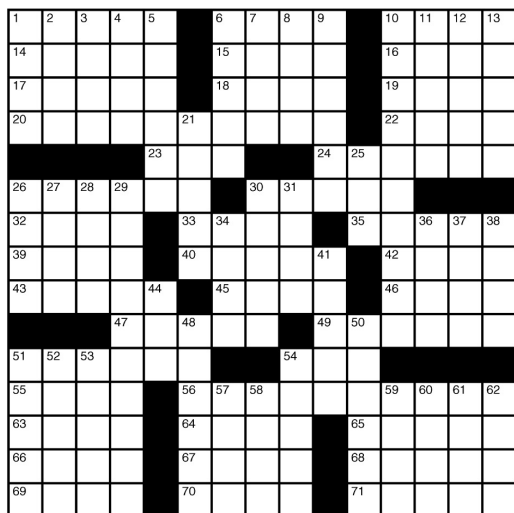
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Summerville, GA

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### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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See Wednesday's paper for answers to today's crossword.

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TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY
1966: Bill Russell became first black coach in NBA history (Boston Celtics)
1994: Cricketer Brian Lara hits a world record 375 runs on one day
1995: Quarterback Joe Montana announces his retirement from football

COMMENTARY

Mavericks forward having MVP year

Lately, I've been making an effort to shy away from national sports subjects, focusing instead on TCU teams and athletes worthy of commentary. It's gone pretty well, I think. But now the course of current events — plus the public outcry of my handful of readers — has forced me to offer my opinion on a much less local topic.



STEWART

And, as disgusting as I feel admitting it, even this has a homegrown theme: Mavericks fans, rejoice, because Dirk Nowitzki is my choice for the 2005-2006 season NBA Most Valuable Player.

If you know me, you know I'm a Rockets fan, and that I hate the Mavericks with an unprecedented passion. You know that the only thing I hate more than the Mavericks is their international leader, Nowitzki. And you know that this hurts me way worse than it hurts Kobe or LeBron.

But you can't fight the truth, and the fact of the matter is that the Big German has been the most indispensable player on the hardwood in every game he's been in. Kobe can drop 81, true, but no one is more impossible to guard than Dirk. He moves — albeit a little awkwardly — like a small forward instead of a 7-footer. He can drive the lane and, more importantly, finish despite contact. And his shot comes off very high and very quick, making him ungaurdable for even the most accomplished perimeter defenders.

Even the biggest knock against Dirk since day one, his defense, has improved dramatically. He's not only averaging nine rebounds a game, but a block, too. And the only thing worse than getting 30 points dropped on you at one end is having Dirk swat your shot into the front-row seats at the other one.

Yes, the Mavericks probably could have made the playoffs without Nowitzki because of their depth and athleticism, but don't fool yourself by thinking that Dirk hasn't been good for at least 10 wins this season. Even if Dallas could have hit the 60-win mark without him, San Antonio would have crushed them in the playoffs. Instead, I already have Dallas penciled in for the NBA finals.

And all because of the Big German.

Sports editor Travis Stewart is a junior broadcast journalism major from Sugar Land.



Junior Chad Huffman and sophomore Matt Carpenter celebrate after beating UNLV 3-2 on Sunday at Lupton Stadium.

WEEKEND RECAP

BASEBALL
April 14
UNLV
TCU
April 15
UNLV
TCU
April 16
UNLV
TCU
WOMEN'S TENNIS
April 14: No. 20 TCU def. No. 53 UNLV, 5-2
April 15: No. 20 TCU def. No. 33 SDSU, 7-0
MEN'S TENNIS
April 14: No. 33 TCU def. No. 56 Utah, 6-1
April 16: No. 33 TCU def. No. 58 UNLV, 6-1
April 17: No. 59 SDSU def. No. 33 TCU, 4-3
TRACK AND FIELD
1st place finishes from The Brooks/North Texas Spring Classic on April 15:
Name Event
Kishelle Paul 100-meter hurdles (W)
TCU 'A' 4 x 100 relay (W)
Justin Warner 100-meter dash (M)
Ore Chavez 200-meter dash (M)
Jackson Langat 800-meter run (M)
Name Event
Matt Manly 5000-meter run (M)
TCU 'A' 4 x 100 relay (M)
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