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Celebration will commemorate Rose Bowl win.

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TCU faculty members Yuan Xiong Lu, Misha Galaganov and John Owings stand for a photo in front of the Shanghai Symphony building.

Concert draws international attention

By **Jordan Daigle**
Staff Reporter

Three TCU School of Music faculty members attracted international interest in both music and the university following a special holiday performance in China.

Professors John Owings (piano), Misha Galaganov (viola) and Yuan Xiong Lu (double bass) led the annual New Year's Celebration Concert at the Shanghai Concert Hall on Dec. 26th.

More than 60 million listeners and viewers tuned into the concert, which was broadcast live to China and the United States through a live Internet stream, Owings said. Tickets to the performance sold out weeks in advance.

"It was a big event," he said. "[It had] a very impressive kind of atmosphere."

This was not the first time faculty mem-

bers had performed in China. In December 2009, Owings performed in Shanghai, Beijing and Shen Yun with five other faculty members.

The faculty members also taught in various conservatories, or schools focused on music.

"The opportunity for TCU to have some exposure [in 2009] was a kind of catalyst that brought about this most recent invitation," Owings said. "Since we had already been there and kind of laid the groundwork, people in China now know that TCU exists."

Galaganov felt TCU was well known in China and the university had a very good reputation, he said. During the four days the professors were in China, they held master classes specialized for each of their instruments, and gave lectures to students at The Shanghai Conservatory of Music.

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John Owings
Pianist

While lecturing, they spoke about the university and the university's music department.

"We will probably see more interest [in TCU] in a year," Galaganov said. "Hopefully during this year we will see more interest."

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Students sent to Ukraine to perform in student exchange program.



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CAMPUS

Workshop teaches math through art

By Natalie Smith
Staff Reporter

Local teachers will join a group of 10-year-olds to learn from Hungarian artist János Saxon for an on-campus arts and mathematics workshop.

The "Poly Universe" workshop, invented by Saxon, would demonstrate the relationship between art and math using Saxon's patent "Toy Family."

Amanda Allison, an assistant professor and art education coordinator in the School of Art, said the "Toy Family" was a collection of plastic geometric shapes that children could use to learn about math while playing.

"The way we've decided to use this workshop is as a professional development for

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Amanda Allison
Art education coordinator

local teachers," Allison said.

The teachers could sit in the audience and observe Saxon working with the kids, learning to teach math through art. The 15 students who would be participating would be students from White Settlement Fine Arts Academy and White Settlement ISD.

Allison added that Ronald Watson, director of the School of Art, helped bring Saxon to the university through their friendship. Saxon was introduced to the TCU community by Watson who had taken a group of TCU students to Budapest every summer.

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"Poly Universe" Workshop with János Saxon
When: 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15
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ATHLETICS

Rose Bowl celebration Sunday

By Jenn Lazear
Staff Reporter

The university will host a Rose Bowl celebration on Sunday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The event will honor the football team's Rose Bowl win January 1, and their first undefeated season since 1938.

Although the celebration will take place two weeks after the Rose Bowl game, Athletics Media Relations Director Mark Cohen said the celebration will be for the TCU community after everyone has returned from Christmas break.

"If you are going to do some type of celebration you obviously want your student body to be a big part of it," Cohen said.

There will be 10,000 commemorative posters to be handed out to early arrivers and the concession and merchandise stands will be open, according to the press release.

Football coach Gary Patterson, Chancellor Victor Boschini, athletic director Chris Del Conte and Mayor Mike Moncrief are scheduled to speak. Rose Bowl representatives will also be on campus to make a formal presentation of the trophy to Patterson at the end of the program, Cohen said.

The 2010 football team, band and spirit team will be in attendance. WFAA, the local ABC affiliate will televise cel-

bration in its entirety.

Cohen recommended for people to come early as the event was expected to be full.

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Chris Del Conte
Athletic Director

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. and the celebration will begin at 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Del Conte will leave championship debate for another day

While Del Conte said he recognizes the current college football postseason system is imperfect, he also knows a playoff system would also face heavy scrutiny. The playoff debate should be left for another day, he said.

"If we start to cheapen (the Rose Bowl victory), that doesn't do us any good, we won from the very few institutions outside of the Pac-10

[and] Big Ten to be apart of (the Rose Bowl)," Del Conte said. "And that what I'm trying to get my message to focus on. Everyone's talking about, 'well this just diminished that feat by not playing for the national championship.'"

Del Conte said pundits who argued for a playoff believed Wisconsin could be in the national championship because they were the hottest team in America finishing the regular season. After TCU defeated the Badgers 21-19, the focus should be the school's accomplishments, regardless of an imperfect 13-0 season, he said.

"Let's celebrate the fact that we won the Rose Bowl, because all the debate right now isn't about winning the Rose Bowl, it's been about how we got screwed," Del Conte said. "We've won something that hasn't been attainable to too many schools ever in the United States. We're Rose Bowl champions, and that's what we're trying to focus on right now."

"Let's embrace what we just went through and have a debate after we've went through that, we've enjoyed it and we'll have our ceremony on Sunday."

Rose Bowl Celebration
When: 4 p.m. Sunday
Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

INTERNATIONAL

Rio flood claims hundreds of lives

By Juliana Barbassa
Associated Press

The power was out, but lightning flashes illuminated the horror as villagers watched neighbors' homes vanish under a wall of mud and water, turning neighborhoods into graveyards. Survivors dug at the earth barehanded Thursday, but all they found were bodies.

It was a scene of muddy destruction in mountain towns north of Rio, where at least 464 people were killed when torrential rains unleashed mudslides in the pre-dawn hours Wednesday, burying people alive as they slept. Officials would not venture guesses on how many people were missing — but fears were high that the death toll could sharply rise.

In the remote Campo Grande neighborhood of Teresopolis, now accessible only by a perilous five-mile (eight-kilometer) hike through mud-slicked jungle, family members pulled the lifeless bodies of loved ones from the muck. They carefully laid the corpses on dry ground, covering them with blankets.

Flooding and mudslides are common in Brazil when the summer rains come, but this week's slides were among the worst in recent memory. The disasters unduly punish the poor, who often live in rickety shacks perched perilously on steep hillsides with little or no foundations. But even the rich did not escape the damage in Teresopolis, where large homes were washed away.

The hundreds of homes washed away in the neighborhood were turned inside out, their plumbing and electrical wires exposed. An eerie quiet prevailed as people searched for life. The sounds of digging, with sticks and hands, were occasionally punctuated by shouts as another corpse was located.

Rio state's Civil Defense department said on its website that 210 people were killed in Teresopolis, 214 in nearby Nova Friburgo and 40 in neighboring Petropolis. It said about 14,000 people had been driven from their homes.

Another 37 people have died in floods and mudslides since Christmas in other parts of southeastern Brazil — 16 in Minas Gerais state north of Rio and 21 in Sao Paulo state.

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FINE ARTS

Composers head to Ukraine

By **Brittany Rainville**

Staff Reporter

The National Musical Academy of Ukraine has teamed up with the TCU School of Music to create a new student exchange program for this spring.

Music theory and composition professor Gerald Gabel said three School of Music student composers, Kyle Roderick, Scott Adams and Rodrigo Diaz, will attend a seminar April 1-5 in Kiev, Ukraine.

During the seminar, they will conduct lectures about their music and have the chance to hear their works performed in concert. The students may also have the opportunity to be published in a compilation of the conference, he said.

Gabel said he became involved in the exchange program when he visited Ukraine to write an article about the university's music program in 2006. By the fall of 2008, the program was created.

Roderick, a senior theory and composition major, will be one of the students attending the seminar. He said he was most excited

about presenting his music at a conference in Europe because he has never been there.

"Internationally going overseas to present my music at such a young age — it's a very, very prestigious thing," Roderick said. "I'm very excited to be able to have that honor."

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Kyle Roderick

Senior theory and composition major

Adams, a graduate student working toward his doctorate in composition, and Diaz, a junior violin performance and composition double major from Peru, will join Roderick at the seminar. Gabel said Adams was the first composition doctorate student

ever at the university.

Adams said he was still preparing for the lecture, but spent all of last semester composing his piece that he will bring to the conference. He said he was looking forward to adapting to a new culture, both socially and musically.

"The classical music culture [in Ukraine] is a lot different than it is in America, so I'm excited to witness that firsthand," Adams said.

Gabel said Diaz was one of the program's best international students since enrolling at the School of Music.

"He's sort of mixing western classical traditions with ethnic Peruvian traditions in music, and it's a wonderful style," Gabel said. Diaz could not be reached for comment by the time of publication.

The experience will be a great career-booster for the students, Gabel said.

"They will be able to indicate on their résumés that they had performances and delivered lectures at this seminar in Ukraine," Gabel said. "It will be a good cultural experience for them and for me as well."

ready has a handful of international students," sophomore Elizabeth Kirkendoll, a music performance major said. "But even more, [the concert] showed that we are a great program and we can compete with bigger schools."

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Elizabeth Kirkendoll

Sophomore music performance major

"It was a really big opportunity for the whole School of Music," Kirkendoll said, "It really put us out there internationally."

Sophomore Steven Beatrice, a music education major said, "Between the bands traveling to New York and Cuba, [China] is just one more thing to get the school

out nationally and worldwide, and if anything it will bring more students from the country to TCU, expand our school, and get it more nationally recognized."

School of Music

Upcoming events:

Guest Artist Series

Elisa Williams Bickers, organ
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Where: Ed Landreth Auditorium

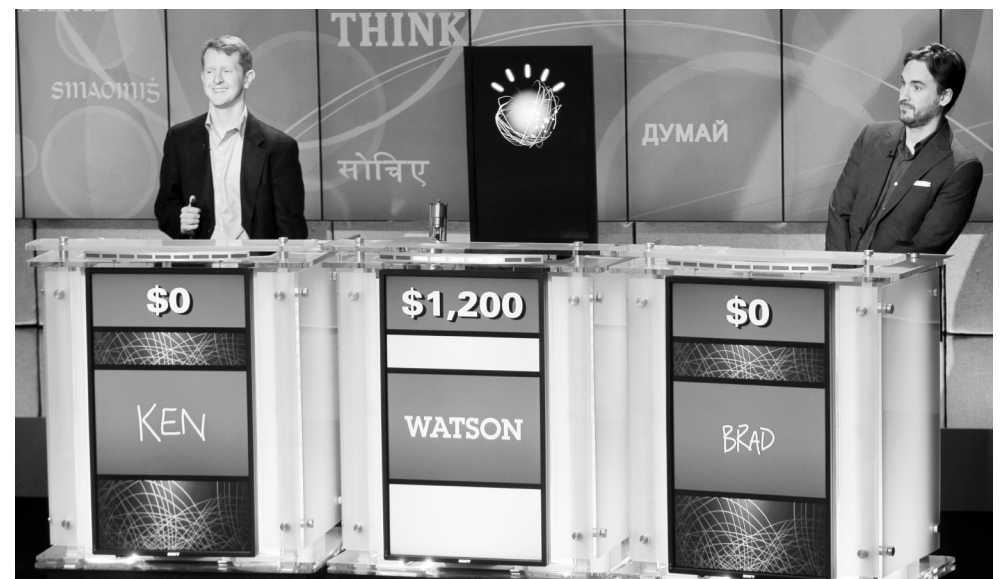
Ensemble Concert Series

Celebration of the International Day of Collaborative Music
When: 7:00 p.m. - Saturday, Jan. 22
Where: PepsiCo Recital Hall

Guest Artist Series

Douglas Pummill, tenor assisted by Janet Pummill and Sallie Pummill Pollack, piano, Misha Galaganov, viola, Xiaolai Zhou, cello
When: 3:00 p.m. - Sunday, Jan. 23
Where: PepsiCo Recital Hall

TELEVISION



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"Jeopardy!" champions Ken Jennings, left, and Brad Rutter, right, look on as an IBM computer called "Watson" beats them to the buzzer to answer a question during a practice round of the "Jeopardy!" quiz show in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011.

Man versus computer on 'Jeopardy'

By **David R. Martin** and **Jim Fitzgerald**

Associated Press

The clue: It's the size of 10 refrigerators, has access to the equivalent of 200 million pages of information and knows how to answer in the form of a question.

The correct response: "What is the computer IBM developed to become a 'Jeopardy!' whiz?"

Watson, which IBM claims it as a profound advance in artificial intelligence, edged out game-show champions Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter on Thursday in its first public test, a short practice round ahead of a million-dollar tournament that will be televised next month.

Later, the human contestants made jokes about the "Terminator" movies and robots from the future. Indeed, four questions into the round you had to wonder if the rise of the machines was already upon us — in a trivial sense at least.

Watson tore through a category about female archaeologists, repeatedly activating a mechanical button before either Ken Jennings or Brad Rutter could buzz in, then nailing the questions: "What is Jericho?" "What is Crete?" Its gentle male voice even scored a laugh when it said, "Let's finish 'Chicks Dig Me.'"

Jennings, who won a record 74 consecutive "Jeopardy!" games in 2004-05, then salvaged the category, winning \$1,000 by identifying the prehistoric human skeleton Dorothy Garrod found in Israel: "What is Neanderthal?"

He and Rutter, who won a record of nearly \$3.3 million in prize money, had more success on questions about children's books and the initials "M.C.," though Watson knew about "Harold and the Purple Crayon" and that it was Maurice Chevalier who sang "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" in the film "Gigi." The computer pulled in \$4,400 in the practice round, compared with \$3,400 for Jennings and \$1,200 for Rutter.

Watson is powered by 10 racks of IBM servers running the Linux operating system. It's not connected to the Internet but has digested encyclopedias, dictionaries, books, news, movie scripts and more.

The system is the result of four years of work by IBM researchers around the globe, and although it was designed to compete on "Jeopardy!" the technology has applications well beyond the game, said John Kelly III, IBM director of research. He said the technology could help doctors sift through massive amounts of information to draw conclusions for patient care, and could aid professionals in a wide array of other fields.

"What Watson does and has demonstrated is the ability to advance the field of artificial intelligence by miles," he said.

Watson, named for IBM founder Thomas J. Watson, is reminiscent of IBM's famous Deep Blue computer, which defeated chess champion Garry Kasparov in 1997. But while chess is well-defined and mathematical, "Jeopardy!" presents a more open-ended challenge involving troves of information and complexities of human language that would confound a normal computer.

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CHINA

With 211 undergraduate students in the music department, 51 are international students. After this recent trip, Owings said there had already been some immediate results and inquiries from students in Shanghai, as well as other parts of China.

"You plant the seeds and then the results might show up in the future," Owings said.

Galaganov said newspapers and tabloids all over Shanghai wrote about their New Year's performance. Although the professors openly admitted to being unable to fully read the articles, the one thing they could understand was multiple references to TCU.

The performance not only gained international attention, but sparked attention within the School of Music as well.

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Radio hosts save Arizona families from additional grief

Burying a child is tough. Burying a child while protesters say she was killed because God is punishing the U.S. is probably close to impossible.

That would have been the case during the Thursday funeral of 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green, who was killed in the attack on Rep. Gabrielle Giffords last Saturday in Tucson, Ariz. But radio stations in Arizona and Canada offered airtime for Westboro Baptist Church so the church would not picket the funeral, according to a story by the AP.

While the church can picket funerals and say what it pleases under the First Amendment, it's disheartening to think the church would picket the funeral of a child.

Thankfully, though, radio hosts like Mike Gallagher stepped in to trade airtime for the church not picketing the funeral.

"I don't like the idea of giving them the satisfaction of this, but I believe my radio airwaves are less important than them hurting families," Gallagher said to the AP.

Gallagher said it will be the third time he has given the church radio time to prevent them from picketing funerals.

It is unfortunate that radio stations have to hand over the microphone to Westboro Baptist Church so it can broadcast its message of hate. But the stations are doing the families of Green and U.S. District Judge John Roll, whose funeral the church also planned to picket, a tremendous service by sparing them more heartache and shielding them from the stress the church's picketing would bring.

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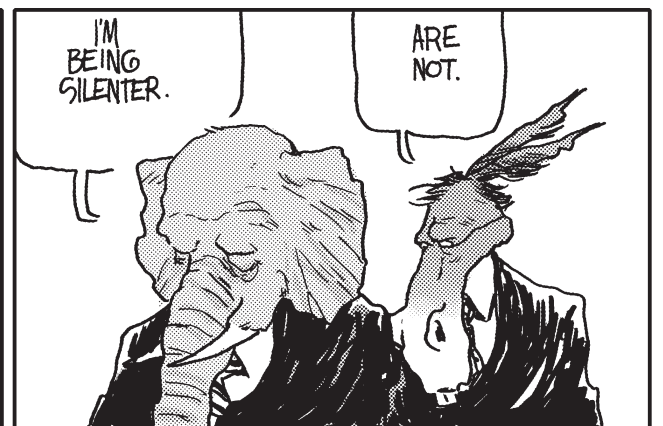
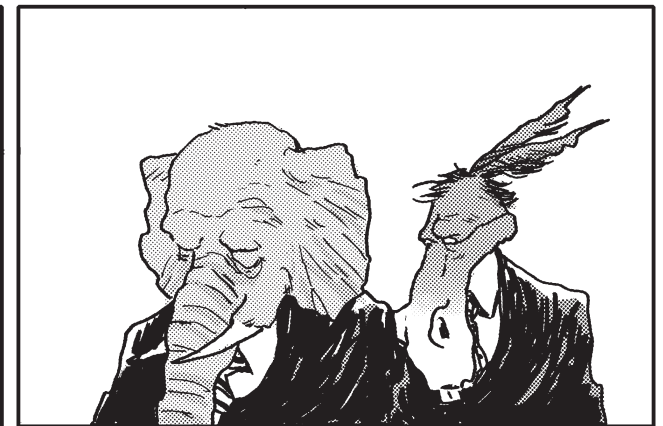
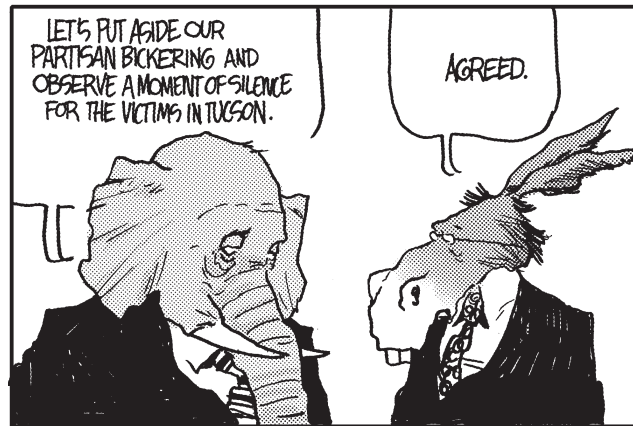
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Republican analysis of health care exaggerates studies



Andrew Mabry

When asked at his inaugural press conference to comment on the Congressional Budget Office's prediction that repealing the health care overhaul would expand the deficit by \$230 billion, Speaker of the House John Boehner curtly replied, "[The] CBO is entitled to their opinion."

With this suggestion that the CBO's guess is as good as any, Boehner went on to discuss the Republicans' own predictions from their report entitled, "Obamacare: A Budget-Busting, Job-Killing Health Care Law." It appears now that arguing the economic effects of Obamacare is just a matter of which think-tank political parties obtain their information from.

Among the sources cited in that report commissioned by Republicans to counter the CBO analysis is the National Federation of Independent Business, which projects that 1.6 million jobs could be lost between 2009 and 2014 as a result of health care overhaul. This study, however, was based on a hypothetical employer mandate that bears little resemblance to what was actually passed, as a recent article entitled "A Job-Killing Law?" on FactCheck.org points out.

Furthermore, the NFIB is not a neutral source. The federation co-sponsored an ad with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce criticizing health care legislation in 2009 and is currently backing repeal of the new law.

Another independent study was done by The Lewin Group, a national health care and human services consulting firm. Their analysis shows 150,000 to 300,000 jobs lost, all minimum-wage or near minimum-wage positions. This does not account for

increases in jobs in other sectors, though.

While Republicans are also entitled to their opinion, these "Budget-Busting, Job Killing" claims raise suspicion.

All in all, senior vice president and health care expert John Sheils told factcheck.org that he estimates a "small net job loss." This study is not mentioned in the Republicans report. In fact, factcheck.org asked Sheils if he knew of any other nonpartisan figures on the law's impact on jobs besides the CBO's estimate, and he said he did not.

While Republicans are also entitled to their opinion, these "Budget-Busting, Job Killing" claims raise suspicion. What is striking about Boehner's response noted at the beginning of this article is that he is dismissing the very institution that Republican

National Committee Chairman Michael Steele cited favorably eight times in his speech arguing against health care just last July.

Now that the CBO's re-evaluation of health care contains unfavorable information for the Republicans, the CBO itself has apparently become an unfavorable source.

Given how serious Republicans say they are about cutting the deficit and fixing the economy, the misleading claims made in their report suggest that the health care debate has little to do with what effect it will have on the economy. This does not surprise me as many Republican politicians disagree with universal health care on principle alone.

Many might also point out that misleading claims regarding health care are not unique to just one party and rightly so. But this only strengthens the point.

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PERSPECTIVES

Tax code needs revision for average American to understand



Jordan Rubio

Benjamin Franklin, one of America's greatest minds and Founding Fathers, once declared, "In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes." Yet sometimes, taxes are far more painful and far more despised than death.

Every year on April 15, there are the same grumblings that come with taxes — how much taxes one has to pay and how confusing the whole process seems.

The complications are no

joke. The United States Code is almost 17,000 pages in length, according to gpoaccess.gov. Of that, about 3,400 of these pages are regarding the Internal Revenue Code.

Title 26, the Internal Revenue Code of the U.S. Code, which was retooled by Congress in 1954, is 3,387 pages long and contains 9,833 sections. The sheer length of this code, as well as the difficult language in which it is written, likely allows only skilled accountants to understand it. Since the majority of people in the U.S. are not skilled accountants, they either make mistakes filing their taxes or hire somebody to make sure their taxes are done correctly.

The tax code, riddled with special exemptions and loopholes according to a 2005 report from the President's

Advisory Panel for Federal Tax Reform, signifies the deep, institutionalized corruption that is at the heart of American politics.

To put it bluntly, the U.S. is in dire straits financially. Both the budget deficit and the debt owed by the federal government increase with each passing year, and the majority of states are in an even worse financial situation.

Despite this gloomy financial outlook with both the government and many Americans being in debt, the tax code remains as complicated and confusing as ever. And it's not just ordinary Americans who think the tax code is deeply in need of reform.

According to the same President's Advisory Panel for Federal Tax Reform 2005 report, the code "requires

detailed record-keeping," and contains "lengthy instructions, complicated schedules, worksheets and forms." The panel also stated that it "penalizes work, discourages saving and investment and hinders the competitiveness of American business."

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Another complaint of this panel was that the tax code is riddled with provisions

that treat similarly situated taxpayers differently and create perceptions of unfairness. At a time in which the U.S. needs to change its attitude from one of consumption to one of investment, reform of the tax code is highly necessary.

Among the various ideas that might come with any sort of reform, let alone a herculean one such as tax reform, the most pressing idea has to be simplifying federal tax laws so ordinary citizens are able to better understand them and reducing the costs and administrative burdens that come with enforcing such complicated laws. Much time and stress would be saved for all groups involved if federal tax laws were simplified.

Another reform suggested by the panel was to share both the benefits and the burdens

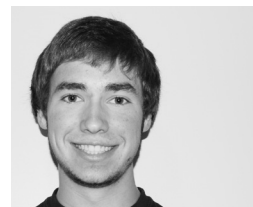
of the federal tax code in a fair and progressive manner. This, in essence, means that people would do their fair share in paying taxes while enjoying the benefits that taxation can bring, such as new roads and schools.

To do this, several of the special interest exemptions and loopholes that are prevalent in the current code must be done away with or closed.

At its very core, Title 26 of the U.S. Code is a bureaucratic nightmare that is highly representative of the institutionalized corruption that is at the heart of American politics. Yet it can be reformed in such a way that would be both understandable and beneficial. It is a truly daunting task, but it is one that can and must be done.

Jordan Rubio is a broadcast journalism major from San Antonio.

Shooting reaction shows US relations need work



Pearce Edwards

While the United States reels from the terrible and soul-searching questions following the shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and John Roll, a U.S. district court judge, a deeper and more terrible soul-searching occurs on the other side of the globe.

In Pakistan, the governor of Punjab province fell by the gun of his own bodyguard, who opposed the governor's progressive views on eliminating religious blasphemy laws.

More shocking than the assassination was the reaction among the Pakistani public. Unlike the American public, which in every corner rained condemnation upon Jared Lee Loughner, the man accused of shooting Giffords, Roll and 18 others in Tucson, Ariz. on Jan. 8, Pakistani people were fractured between supporting the assassination and demanding a Western concept of justice for the killer.

The U.S. cannot afford to support those who condone the killing and must increase its support for the current progressive civilian government in Pakistan. This is important for ground-up and top-down change in Pakistan, as well as for the security of the international community.

On a local level in Pakistan, American support for the civilian government would improve the rule of law. According to a *New York Times* report, one of the killer's most vociferously supportive groups is young Pakistani lawyers. These lawyers' support reflects the curriculum of Islamic law taught sporadically in Pakistani schools.

A parallel system of justice is forming that endorses the killing of public officials in the name of religious cause. Yet a theocracy is not desirable for social order. With the backing of young lawyers and radical political parties like Dawat-e-Islami, Pakistan could move in the same direction as Iran.

American support will also help on the local level by promoting a free and open media. The assassinated governor held a portion of the Punjabi media market, which came under

fire of extremists. Therefore, a free and open society in Pakistan depends on the government's ability to protect the press.

On the national level, support for the civilian government will bring political stability. The current president recently lost several important members of his ruling coalition. If the government collapses in the wake of the assassination, chaos would result.

A significant contributing factor to this chaos would be the strength of Pakistan's military. Pakistan would not be able to afford regression into the hands of a powerful institution with a history of aggressive tactics and rough international temperament.

The international community would also benefit from a strong Pakistani civilian government. When Pakistan becomes isolated and suspicious of its security, it tends

to aid radical Islamic militias to undermine perceived enemies. Cooperation would allay this concern.

A cooperative Pakistan would be more willing to put down radical militias in its border regions, which would reduce the necessity of controversial American drone strikes. A firm government could also improve Pakistan's relations with India, as President Asif Ali Zardari has expressed inter-

est in cooperation despite flame-feeding by conservative politicians.

Increased American aid to the current Pakistani government is critical to the success of the country's society, government and foreign relations, as well as the furtherance of global peace.

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FORT WORTH

Ridglea Theater closer to official historical designation

By Brett Anderson
Staff Reporter

Fort Worth honored the Ridglea Theater on Camp Bowie with its highest historical designation on Monday by the Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission, despite the theater being closed for renovation.

Owner Jerry Shults said the designation was the first step toward being named an official historical landmark.

The building has experienced three different owners since a bankruptcy in October 2009, according to a *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* article. Two months before Shults bought the building in December, Bank of America backed out of a deal to buy the property. The bank had intended to tear down parts of the structure and rebuild it as a branch location. The plans attracted the attention of the preservation organization Historic Fort Worth. The non-profit organization has been a major supporter of protecting the building over the past several months, according to the article.

Landmarks Commission Chairman Ames Fender said the designation would show how much Fort Worth

residents care about their past.

"We value it and realize that it's a resource, and when it's gone it cannot be replaced," Fender said.

In addition to the historical and cultural value, Shults expected the complex to hold a greater business value than in recent years, he said. The theater has been undergoing a major internal restoration, and Shults said he expected the venue to reopen in September.

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Ames Fender
Landmarks Commission
Chairman

According to the theater's website, it has showcased many notable musical acts such as Willie Nelson, Death Cab for Cutie, Rise Against, Modest Mouse, and The Flaming Lips.

In addition to concerts, fraternities and sororities on campus have regularly rented out the building to

host social events.

Junior Sigma Chi Social Chair Jon Sanfelippo said his fraternity has conducted several events each year at the theater, and now must find an alternative location.

He said there weren't many venues that can hold over 2,000 people like the Ridglea Theater.

Shults said he was greatly moved by the people that banded together to save the theater.

"It ensures for generations to come that this wonderful building will still be here," Shults said.

Historic Preservation Officer Jamie Zwolak said the designation will guarantee that any exterior alterations to the building will now have to be approved by the Landmarks Commission.

Shults said costs to use the building would likely increase after renovation, but he would like to continue working with members of the TCU community. The designation applies not only to the Ridglea Theater, but also to the attached shopping center and office complex.

"Making TCU part of this is very important to me," Shults said, adding that the theme of the theater would be purple neon.



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The Ridglea Theater is currently closed for renovation but will reopen in early February.

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POLITICS

Hutchison to retire when term expires in 2012

By Henry C. Jackson
Associated Press

Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican who was the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate from Texas and has held the seat for nearly two decades, announced Thursday she will retire next year when her current term ends.



Hutchison

In a letter addressed to her Texas constituents and also sent to members in the media, Hutchison said she would not seek re-election in 2012. She had previously signaled she might retire but changed her mind several times in the last few years. In 2010, she chal-

lenged Gov. Rick Perry in the GOP primary for governor, but lost.

In her letter, the state's senior senator said she had intended to leave office sooner but was persuaded to stay on to "avoid disadvantage to our state."

"The last two years have been particularly difficult, especially for my family, but I felt it would be wrong to leave the Senate during such a critical period," Hutchison said. "Instead of putting my seat into a special election, I felt it was my duty to use my experience to fight the massive spending that has increased our national debt; the government takeover of the our health care system; and the growth of the federal bureaucracy, which threatens our economy."

Hutchison said she would

"continue that fight" until the end of her term. She is the first senator to announce their retirement ahead of the 2012 election.

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Kay Bailey Hutchison
Senator

Her decision closes one of the more remarkable and eventful political careers in a state full of them. It is also likely to prompt a bruising

race to replace her.

First elected to the Senate in 1993, Hutchison won a special election to replace then-Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, who left his seat to serve as President Bill Clinton's treasury secretary. She was elected to a full term in 1994 and comfortably won reelection in 2000 and 2006.

Hutchison's career in Texas politics stretches back more than 30 years, beginning when she was elected as a state representative in 1972. It was while serving in the Texas statehouse that she met her husband, Ray Hutchison.

Republicans and Democrats both expect a competitive race to replace Hutchison, who will have represented Texas for 19 years in the Senate when her term expires.

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WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Man calls police alleging robbery by prostitute

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — A Mankato man landed in jail after calling 911 and telling police a prostitute failed to deliver on his \$200 payment.

Authorities say the 26-year-old man called po-

lice from the Super 8 motel in Mankato Wednesday and told officers he agreed to pay the woman for sex, but that she took his cash without holding up her end of the deal.

Officers tracked down the woman after the man gave police a description of her vehicle. Both the man and woman found themselves behind bars in the Blue Earth

County Jail.

The Free Press says that besides prostitution and disorderly conduct citations, police issued a third misdemeanor charge of doing business without a peddler's permit.

Suburban NY mayor vetoes bedbug bill

NEW YORK (AP) — The mayor of Yonkers has vetoed a bedbug-control bill that would have required old mattresses to be wrapped in

plastic bags.

Mayor Phil Amicone says the legislation made "a mountain out of a mole hill."

He questioned whether people would buy large plastic bags for the mattresses and whether they would instead wind up "in empty lots all over the city."

The City Council adopted the ordinance last month to protect the city's sanitation workers from taking bedbugs home in their uniforms. It does not have the votes to override Amicone's veto.

Ohio mayor's water turned off for nonpayment

LORAIN, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio mayor has had his water shut off at home because of an unpaid bill.

Mayor Tony Krasienko (kruh-SHING'-koh) in Lorain in northeast Ohio says it's "something that slipped through the cracks."

He tells The Chronicle-Telegram of Elyria (eh-LEER'-ee-uh) he got a call from home on Tuesday that

the water was off. He says service was restored the same day after he paid the city \$200 toward the outstanding balance of more than \$260.

Krasienko says he'll pay the rest by Friday.

The Morning Journal of Lorain reports the mayor's salary last year was more than \$96,500. The newspaper says utility records show he has paid \$96 in penalties for late water payments in the last two years.

Krasienko says he needs to pay closer attention.

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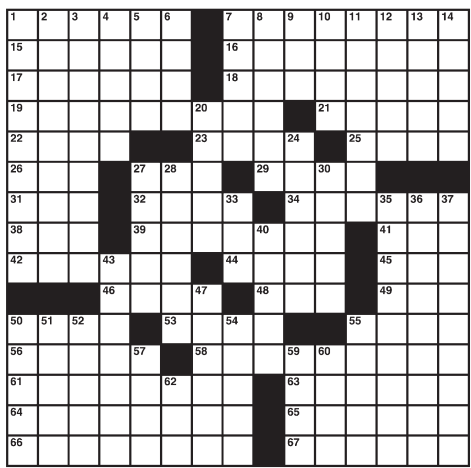
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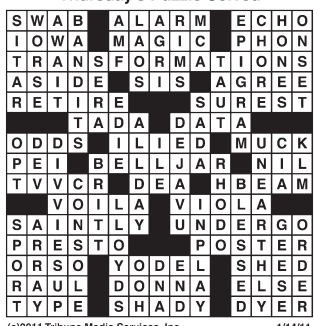


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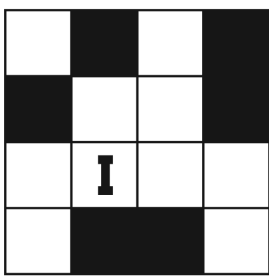
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved



- 35 Employee using a word processor?
- 36 Auspicious
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- 50 Family nicknames
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- 52 Battery acronym
- 54 Magnalium, e.g.
- 55 Paper-__
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"Jersey Shore: Miami"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (180pts)

How to play:

Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once. The correct solution will spell the complete phrase along a single continuous spelling path that moves horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Fill the grid from square to square - revisiting letters as needed to complete the spelling path in order. Each letter will appear only once in the grid.

Thursday's Solution



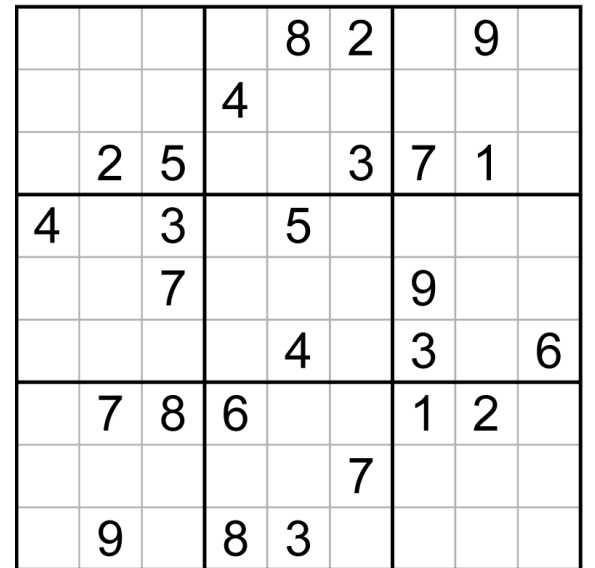
"Justin Bieber Fever"

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Sample



"Freeze"



Directions

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

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Thursday's Solution

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4	7	1	3	2	5	9	8	6

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TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

Lt. Gov. says 8,000 state jobs cut in draft budget

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The first draft of Texas' new budget will eliminate an estimated 8,000 state jobs and stay within available revenue, which is almost \$8 billion lower than the last budget, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said Thursday.

The initial "bill is not going to be pretty, it never is," he said. The Texas House is expected to make the bill public on Tuesday.

Dewhurst added that he opposed across-the-board reductions and said lawmakers would go through the budget agency by agency to find cuts to nonessential services in order to make up for the drop in revenue.

The lieutenant governor said state jobs will be eliminated as agencies are combined to become more efficient. But he added that most of those positions are currently empty and will not result in more people unemployed.

Dewhurst left open the possibility of tapping the state's \$9 billion Rainy Day Fund, but he said the baseline budget proposals will stay within the \$72.2 billion the state expects to collect in

taxes and fees. He ruled out any new taxes.

"We must live within our means," Dewhurst said. But he added that he is hopeful that an improving economy will make additional funds available before lawmakers are expected to pass a final budget in May.

Mark Cuban sues UFL, says \$5 million loan unpaid

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban has filed a lawsuit against the United Football League claiming the league has failed to repay \$5 million he loaned it last year.

The federal lawsuit says the league missed the initial deadline for repayment in October and another on Dec. 1.

The suit, filed Monday, names as defendants league co-founder William Hambrecht and his revocable trust, which guaranteed the loan.

Calls to the league's legal and public relations offices by The Associated Press Thursday weren't immediately returned.

Cuban declined additional comment when contacted by the AP.

Cuban's loan coincided with an announcement by the league last April that he would be an investor.

The five-team league completed its second season in November when the Las Vegas Locomotives defeated the Florida Tuskers for the championship.

DFW airport official in scholarship flap resigns

DALLAS (AP) — The head of minority contracting at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport has resigned in the aftermath of ethical questions over scholarships awarded by U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson.

Don O'Bannon was placed on paid leave from his position as vice president over minority-owned businesses at the airport in October. The Dallas Morning News reports he resigned Wednesday "to pursue other opportunities."

O'Bannon's daughter, Danielle, was one of several people Johnson chose to receive \$1,000 in college aid from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

The congresswoman also drew criticism for awarding scholarships to her relatives and children of an aide against the foundation's rules.

Johnson has since repaid the foundation more than \$31,000. She is part owner of two newspaper stands at the airport.

NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

NASA names backup for Giffords' husband on shuttle

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA announced Thursday a backup commander, if necessary, to take the place of the astronaut-husband of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who was wounded in a mass slaying and recovering in a Tucson, Ariz., hospital.

Officially, Capt. Mark Kelly, who is Giffords' husband of more than three years, is still the commander for the final scheduled flight of the space

shuttle program, NASA said. The shuttle Endeavour is scheduled to launch on April 19 on a trip to the International Space Station.

Kelly was named commander of the final shuttle flight in 2009 and has been in training for 17 months. Being chosen to lead the final shuttle flight is a big honor, NASA spokesman Michael Curie said.

Just in case Kelly can't fly as he helps his wife recover from a gunshot to the head, his spot will be taken by veteran shuttle commander Rick Sturckow (STUR'-koh) who is the agency's deputy chief astronaut.

JFK library opens 1st online presidential archive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Caroline Kennedy unveiled the nation's first online presidential archive Thursday, a \$10 million project to digitize the most important papers, photographs and recordings of President John F. Kennedy's days in office.

Users can sort through the drafts of Kennedy's "Ask not what your country can do for you," speech and see how he tinkered with the words of that most famous line from his inauguration. Or they can listen to his personal phone calls and read his letters.

In advance of the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's inauguration Jan. 20, Caroline Kennedy visited the National Archives, saying it reminded her the nation was built on words and ideas — and that her father's call to service was more relevant than ever.

"His time is becoming part of history, not living memory, and we need to reach across the generations in new ways," Caroline Kennedy said, noting many young people are disillusioned with politics. "He inspired a generation who inspired their children. They transformed America, and that's why 50 years later, his legacy still resonates."



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Space shuttle Discovery commander Mark Kelly, husband of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, right, gestures as he walks with his twin brother astronaut Scott Kelly, left, and mission specialist Ron Garan, after arrival at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

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BASKETBALL

Lady Frogs face CSU Saturday

By Seth Dahle
Staff Reporter

The last time the Lady Frogs started 4-0 in conference play was in 2005 when they were still in Conference USA. Six years later, TCU hopes to reach that feat in Mountain West Conference play when the Lady Frogs take on Colorado State at noon Saturday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

TCU is coming off a 68-47 win over the Wyoming Cowgirls in Laramie, Wyo., on Wednesday. The win gave head coach Jeff Mittie his 400th career victory.

Sophomore forward Delisa Gross led the offensive attack with 11 points, including three three-pointers. Sophomore forward Starr Crawford also came up with 10 points and nine rebounds.

The Lady Frogs (11-6, 3-0 MWC) held a 24-4 advantage in bench points and held Hillary Carlson, Wyoming's leading scorer, to just six points and five rebounds. Mittie said both things were the real keys to the win.

"The bench played fantastic," Mittie said. "I thought our centers played very well. Coming in the game, Carlson was averaging 18.5 points per game,

and we really challenged Starr Crawford, [senior center] Micah Garoutte, and [freshman center] Latricia Lovings to defend her and get out on the perimeter and defend her, and they did a fantastic job."

After leading 27-24 half-time, the Lady Frogs burst out of the locker room with an 11-2 run capped by a three-pointer from senior forward Rachel Rentschler to go up 38-26 with 15:56 remaining.

"Offensively, a lot of players played well," Mittie said. "Rachel Rentschler hit some big shots. Micah [Garoutte] hit some big shots. Delisa Gross was another one who played well. We had a lot of players do good things for us."

Freshman guard Briesha Wynn nailed a three-pointer to extend the lead to 44-30 with 13:01 left to play. The Lady Frogs never looked back, extending their lead to 20 with 3:33 left after baskets by Wynn and Gross.

Colorado State (8-7, 1-1 MWC) is on the heels of a 71-60 win over New Mexico on Wednesday night.

Junior guard Kim Mestdagh led the Rams with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Junior forward Chatilla van Grinsven added 14 points and eight re-

bounds off the bench. Colorado State won the rebounding battle 38-32 and held the Lobos to just 34.6 percent shooting.

Besides the big win over New Mexico, it has been an up and down year for Colorado State. The Rams lost their conference opener at Wyoming, 83-43, on Jan. 5. Despite a few other lopsided losses, Mittie labeled Colorado State as a team on the rise.

"It's a big win for them," Mittie said. "It's a team that has been on the rise the last year and a half. They would fall into that category though they took some pretty heavy lumps in the non-conference. To get a win over a team like New Mexico, who has such a post-season history, is big for them. So they'll come in feeling good about themselves."


Mestdagh leads Colorado State with 17.1 points per game, including shooting 40 percent from three-point range. Freshman forward Sam Martin has also been a nice surprise, scoring 12.3 points per game and grabbing 6.5 rebounds.

Should the Lady Frogs win, it will be their sixth win in a row since losing six of nine games before Christmas.



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TCU guard Antoinette Thompson right, looks to pass as Wyoming's Hillary Carlson defends during a basketball game Wednesday.



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BASKETBALL

Frogs go for second-straight win

By Ryne Sulier
Sports Editor

TCU will look to score back-to-back wins for the first time in 2011 when the team travels to Colorado State Saturday for an 8 p.m. tip off.

The Frogs (10-8, 1-2 MWC) defeated Wyoming on

Wednesday, 78-60, to snap a four-game losing streak.

Junior guard Ronnie Moss should build on his strong 27-point, 10-rebound performance against the Cowboys on Wednesday.

Colorado State (11-5, 1-1 MWC) enters the contest after losing to the University of

New Mexico, 68-61, Wednesday.

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Junior guard Hank Thorns drives to the net against Wyoming on Wednesday night. The Frogs would win the game 78-60.

SPORTS

BASEBALL

Lupton Stadium undergoes expansion to upper deck after CWS berth

By Katie Terhune
Staff Reporter

While Amon G. Carter Stadium's renovations have garnered the bulk of attention regarding university athletic complexes recently, construction is also under way to add about 700 new seats to TCU baseball's Lupton Stadium. The construction is part of a renovation project that is scheduled to be completed before the start of the new season.

"I'm excited about TCU's great baseball season," athletics director Chris Del Conte said. "We have to continue to build and expand."

In addition to increased seating, the stadium infrastructure itself will be reworked. An architect will be brought in to improve the locker room, training room, weight room and offices.

The stadium renovations were funded by a private donor who approached TCU

after the 2010 College World Series. Del Conte said the TCU community was lucky to have great donors willing to improve lives on campus, and athletics was a part of that.

Associate Athletics Director for Operations T. Ross Bailey wrote in an e-mail that the increase in seating was a much-needed change from last year.

"The facility has [about] 2,400 permanent seats and we averaged over 3,100 [people] last year."

T. Ross Bailey
Associate Director of Athletics

"The facility has [about] 2,400 permanent seats, and we averaged over 3,100 [people] last year," Bailey wrote. "The demand for additional

seating was warranted."

Daniel-Meyer Coliseum may be next for renovations

There has also been speculation that Daniel-Meyer Coliseum also will be renovated in preparation for TCU's move to the Big East in 2012. Del Conte said speculation on renovations is premature.

"I think that we are going to have to address Daniel-Meyer at some point in time," he said. "But it's not imminent, as in tomorrow."

Del Conte acknowledged that Daniel-Meyer will have to be updated before TCU's move to the Big East.

"We'll take care of baseball and football right now," Del Conte said. "We are going to have a very good look at Daniel-Meyer, and address that facility...in the not-too-distant future."

Sports editor Ryne Sulier contributed to this article.



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

An interior shot of the Lupton Stadium. The stadium is currently undergoing an expansion and is planned to be completed for opening day.

ATHLETICS

Rifle team aims for 19-straight wins

By Jordan Daigle
and Natalie Smith
Staff Reporters

The TCU women's rifle team hopes to extend its 18-game winning streak when it competes against Air Force Sunday at the USAFA Cadet Rifle Range.

"We were ranked number one based upon the scores that were fired in the fall," head rifle coach Karen Monez said. "Now there's still a lot of shooting ahead of us in the next month, but we finished in a good spot at the end of the fall semester."

While many students were enjoying winter break, members of the rifle team were practicing their shooting technique and keeping up their skills.

"A couple of the girls are on the national team, and they were shooting different events, state and Junior Olympic matches," Monez said. "The girls were keeping their skills up, but with our sports it's really muscle memory."

Monez said they were driven to succeed. "They set some high goals and they are willing to work to achieve those goals," Monez said.

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Karen Monez
Head Rifle Coach

Air Force's rifle team lost to the University of Alaska Nanooks 4,653-4,616 on Dec. 2. Prior to that loss, Air Force competed against the University of Nevada-Reno and lost 4,622-4,617.

As for the Frogs, going undefeated is a very big accomplishment for the rifle team, sophomore Caitlin Morrissey said.

"I know last year we were really excited to win the championship and then come in this year and

keep on winning," Morrissey said. "It's not the winning for us; it's about shooting good scores."

While TCU's rifle team is all-female, the Air Force squad is coed. Monez and Morrissey didn't think it would make a competitive difference in the match.

"No, I think the females are more focused and that has a lot to do with how well you shoot," Monez said.

Morrissey said, "We've all been shooting so long we've shot with everyone throughout the years, so really it's like going to see your friends and shooting at the same time. But the coed thing doesn't really matter to us. Everyone shoots the same (type of rifle), you just go out there pull the trigger and shoot 10's and hopefully walk away with a win."

TCU's next home match will be also be against Air Force on Feb. 10.

Sports editor Ryne Sulier contributed to this article.

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ATHLETICS

Swim team aims to stay in MWC title chase

By Ryne Sulier

Sports Editor

The swimming & diving team members know they still have an outside shot at a Mountain West Conference co-championship, but they must defeat Utah on Saturday at noon in the University Recreation Center Natatorium to give themselves a chance.

After dropping a dual meet at UNLV for the first time in nearly two years Friday, the Frogs must hope UNLV slips up against Wyoming or Air Force in its remaining conference meets.

“The biggest part is we still feel like we have a shot at being co-champions.”

Richard Sybesma

Head coach

“The biggest part is we still feel like we have a shot at being co-champions,” head coach Richard Sybesma said. “UNLV is going up this weekend to swim in (high) altitude against Wyoming and Air Force, and it’s very difficult to win at (high) altitude in back-to-back meets.”

The TCU men’s team (2-1, 2-1 MWC) may be without junior Edgar Crespo, the Frogs’ win leader. His 100-breaststroke is ranked 25th in the NCAA.

“I’m hurt right now, I have an infection in my ankle,” Crespo said. “There’s an 80 percent chance I’ll go, I want to support my team.”

Players and coaches agreed that there will be a huge advantage swimming at home against Utah, whose women’s team will come into the match with a 5-4 record, 2-1 in the Mountain West, and men’s team posts a record of 2-1, 2-1 MWC.

“The good thing about swimming at home for us is we usually have pretty good crowds if it’s a good team coming in, we probably put the best meets of anybody. We get real good support from our media relations and marketing department,” Sybesma said.

“Our scoreboard enables us to put pictures and things like that up, so it’s not necessarily just swimming, it’s kind of a sporting event.”

Depth will be the key to a Frogs’ victory, which means other swimmers will have to fill a big void if Crespo cannot get in the water Saturday.

“Edgar (Crespo) does help out our team a lot, and if he isn’t able to swim we’re going to have to find a way to get those points without him,” senior Ben Iannacone said. “It will make a difference emotionally (if he doesn’t swim), but he’ll be there to cheer us on, and that will make a difference too.”

Iannacone said, “Make sure you beat the guy next to you. You’re always next to some one from the other team. So to get depth points, you always have to try and race that person next to you.”

Last year the Utes, a much improved program, took the men’s team down to the wire.

“We talked to our team about Utah, their men’s team took us down to the last two events last year and we had to really scramble. We were fortunate to win against them last year,” Sybesma said. “We think it’s going to be an exciting meet. It comes down to who is the best on that day.”

The women’s team will look to sophomore Sabine Rasch, who picked up two wins at UNLV on the night, bringing her total to eight for the year. Rasch is the TCU record-holder in the 50-freestyle and 100-freestyle.

“Sabine Rasch has had a really great year; Maria Alvarez, Parris Schoppa, we have a lot that are ready,” Sybesma said. “Michelle Fleming, she was a double-event winner (at UNLV).”

Crespo and Fleming were named TCU’s Athletes of the Week, while Utah junior Hannah Caron earned MWC Swimmer of the Week honors.

TCU Swimming & Diving vs. Utah

When: Noon - Saturday

Where: The University Recreation Center Natatorium



TCU men’s swimming & diving team competes with the Air Force men’s swimming & diving team in its first Mountain West Conference meet of the year.

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