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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE INVESTIGATION

Financial officer: University taxes in order

By Justin White
Staff Reporter

The Internal Revenue Service's recent investigation of colleges and universities should not have an effect on TCU, a university official said.

Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration, wrote in an e-mail that the university is always careful about tax compliance in case an inquiry is received and has not been contacted about its tax return.

Clay Sanford, the IRS media relations agent for North Texas, said the IRS is determining whether colleges and universities

are correctly paying federal taxes owed on transactions that are not related to their main nonprofit activities, also known as unrelated business income.

Unrelated business income is any income not connected to the educational basis of the organization's exemption, Sanford said. He said an organization would jeopardize its tax-exempt status if it ceased to be operated for its nonprofit purposes.

Sanford said that if a local grocery store were to pay TCU for the use of a university parking lot, it would qualify as unrelated business income for the university.

The IRS sent out detailed questionnaires to both private and public universities re-

garding their compensation policies, Sanford said.

Gutierrez wrote in an e-mail that the university was previously contacted about compensation in August 2005 with questions regarding a bond issue related to construction. Gutierrez said the IRS wanted to make sure that the money allotted for construction was being used only for construction and not other university activities. The IRS did not find any problems that required financial adjustments to the school's tax return or records, he said.

"The questions were all very routine having to do with how the funds were spent," Gutierrez wrote. "We supplied all the in-

formation they asked for and do not expect further questions."

Sanford said the two largest tax-exempt sectors of the economy are health care and education. He said the IRS released similar questionnaires to hospitals in 2006 focusing on community benefit and executive compensation.

"Even though an organization is recognized as tax-exempt, it still may be liable for tax on its unrelated business income," Sanford said.

The IRS began investigating universities last October, Sanford said. He declined to comment on any universities' involvement with the investigation, including TCU's.

EASY LISTENING



Freshmen nutrition major Abrey Weidman, neuroscience science major Jessica Polasek and psychology major Hannah Knipp listen to music Thursday while watching the sunset at the Campus Commons.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Campus familiarity goal of program

By Libby Davis
Staff Reporter

Students admitted to TCU will now have another chance to get familiar with campus before the 2009 academic year begins, a university official said.

Lauren Nixon, an admissions counselor, said Horned Frog Friday will begin Feb. 6 and will provide admitted students and their families with another opportunity to take a campus tour, participate in an information session and have lunch with a student ambassador.

The program is similar to Experience TCU, an all-day campus visit that occurs three times in the spring semester, Nixon said. But the new program will add the personal touches that Experience TCU lacks, she said.

The admissions office realizes admitted students want different information than prospective students and the new program will be tailored to the questions that face admitted students, Nixon said.

Because there are students who cannot at-

tend Experience TCU, Horned Frog Friday was created to answer questions about what campus life is like and what can be expected in the transition from high school to college, Nixon said.

In addition to updated information, the new program differs from Experience TCU because it is less of a time commitment, Nixon said.

"I think it personalizes the campus visit. Usually when you come here, it's a general info session and a tour planned in advance."

Michael Marshall
assistant director of admissions

Students will meet at 9 a.m. for an information session with an admission counselor, followed by a campus tour at 10 a.m. with

the members of the Student Foundation, a student-run organization that handles alumni relations and gives campus tours, Nixon said. At 11:30 a.m., the groups will meet at Market Square for lunch with members of TCU Ambassadors, a student organization that handles relations between prospective students and current students, she said.

Alexis Ludwig, assistant director of admissions, said the program will give admitted students the opportunity to meet with current students in a more personal setting.

Michael Marshall, assistant director of admissions, said the new program has touches other sessions do not have.

"I think it personalizes the campus visit," Marshall said. "Usually when you come here, it's a general info session and a tour planned in advance. There's not a lot of room for ad-libbing."

The new program will be much more flexible since the groups will contain about 40 to 50 students and parents, Marshall said. Most Experience TCU groups are around 150 to 300 students and parents, Marshall said.

RADIO-TV-FILM

Sports broadcast major may be added

By Maricruz Salinas
Staff Reporter

A proposed sports broadcasting major in the radio-TV-film department stands a chance to become part of the fall 2009 class lineup, a university instructor said.

The major will teach students sports video production in coordination with the athletic department, said Charles LaMendola, an instructor in the RTVF department and the main professor behind the sports broadcasting movement.

Although the sports production major remains unofficial, the department expects notification from the University Council by the end of the semester, he said.

The members of the University Council include all deans in the university, and a variety of faculty and students.

The proposal, which has already received approval by the college curriculum committee, will now go before the University Council, which meets sometime before May, he said. If the council approves the proposal, it will be added to the school catalog as a new major, he said.

Sports broadcasting classes currently featured in the catalog will create the basis of the new major where students will receive hands-on training in video production, LaMendola said.

It will also include journalism and communication classes, he said.

Richard Allen, head of the RTVF department, said the sports broadcasting classes that were offered gave students hands-on experience, but with the creation of the sports broadcasting major, students can present their portfolio in a visual and auditory manner.

If added to the curriculum, TCU will become one of the few colleges in the nation to offer an emphasis in sports media, LaMendola said.

Sports television experienced more than a 400 percent growth in the television business in the last 10 years, LaMendola said.

The presence of the TCU alumni currently working in the sports business will increase the amount of internships available for prospective students, Allen said.

"We hope the alumni already in sports broadcasting business are just the beginning in a long line of students coming out of this program," he said.

The addition of Mike Martin, liaison between the athletic and RTVF department, solidified the development behind the major, said Allen.

Mike Martin, instructor of the remote sports production class in the RTVF department, said the new major will give students the chance to enter the growing sports media business with confidence.

"I think there's a lot of opportunities for students to want to pursue a career in sports broadcasting, whether it's in front or especially behind the camera in production," Martin said.

The remote sports production class enables students to produce and direct

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SMARTPHONES



PETE SOUZA / Chicago Tribune via MCT
President Barack Obama, pictured during his first year as an Illinois senator, listens to Sen. Ken Salazar (D-Colo.) as he grabs for his BlackBerry as they head to the U.S. Capitol in November 2005.

Obama to be first e-mailing president

By Jeffry Bartash
MarketWatch

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, a known BlackBerry addict, doesn't have to surrender his smartphone after all.

The new president has worked out a deal with unspecified security personnel to keep his BlackBerry for limited professional and personal use, chief spokesman Robert Gibbs said Thursday. Obama will become the first president to use e-mail on a regular basis.

Past presidents have eschewed e-mail because of security concerns and U.S. laws that require such communications to be preserved as part of White House record keeping. E-mails of lower government officials have sometimes been subpoenaed by judges or Congress in legal disputes or politically sensitive issues.

Gibbs said Obama's BlackBerry would be "enhanced" with additional security measures.

Obama plans to use his BlackBerry to communicate with "senior staff and a small group of personal friends." It's a pretty small group of people," Gibbs said in the first White House press briefing held by the new administration. He declined to say who would be allowed to e-mail the president.

Although e-mails sent by Obama for official government business would be part of the official White House record, Gibbs pointed out that U.S. law allows limited exemptions for strictly personal communications.

During his presidential campaign, Obama relied heavily on his BlackBerry to communicate with staff and family members. "(H)e believes it's a way of keeping in touch with folks, a way of doing it outside of getting stuck in a bubble," Gibbs said.

The BlackBerry, a highly popular device used by executives and lawmakers, is made by Research In Motion Ltd.

HAIRSTYLES

Dominican niche finds home in U.S.

By Samantha Thompson
Smith
McClatchy Newspapers

RALEIGH, N.C. — When you think of the best in the hair business, you think Frederic Fekkai or Sally Hershberger.

But when it comes to straight-as-a-board, silky-soft hair, more women with unruly hair — from blacks to Caucasians — are finding that few tame it better than a Dominican stylist.

"We know hair," says Haydee Suarez, who works at her mother Ana Suarez's salon, Sunny's, in Raleigh, N.C. "We know all different types of hair."

Curly hair, frizzy hair, coarse or kinky hair. Dominicans say they can straighten it all. Just give them a good conditioner, a set of rollers, a blow dryer and a round brush. The end result is what's called a Dominican blowout, a process that can sometimes take up to two hours but turns the unmanageable into smooth Michelle Obama-like results.

In Manhattan, north of 96th Street, you'll find a salon specializing in the service on every corner, says Nina Ramirez, who started the Web site www.dominicanblowout.com in late summer to teach others how to do a blowout at home.

And it's not just Dominicans in the salons, either, she says. "It's blacks, it's Asians. It's everybody."

In places like the Raleigh-Durham, N.C., Triangle, Dominican stylists are harder to come by. But thanks to the influx of people from New York and Miami who are regulars of the Dominican blowout, there are more stylists than there used to be, especially as word gets out about the service.

That's how Sunny's came to be

known as one of the go-to Dominican salons in the area. In 2005, Ana Suarez got a call from a friend living in Raleigh who told her that black women in the area might like a little of the Dominican touch.

Suarez, who had been doing blowouts in New Jersey, decided to take a chance on the area. She moved down with her family and bought Sunny's Salon, a salon which, at that point, catered mostly to white customers.

Word of mouth got out about their Dominican magic.

Today, the blowout is the salon's most asked-for service, Haydee Suarez says. Most of the customers are black.

At most salons, including Sunny's, blowouts start at around \$35 and go up depending on the hair type. Customers often have to pay more if they have thicker, coarser hair or the hair has been chemically processed.

A big part of the blowout's appeal is that no harsh chemicals are used to straighten the hair. It's an all-natural process that many consider to be healthier than other straightening methods.

What makes the Dominican stylist so good? Part of the reason is culture in the Dominican Republic. Women there are known to pay special attention to their hair, especially since one sign of beauty in the culture is straight hair.

But that's often no easy task. With their blended island heritage, which often includes African blood, they sometimes have difficult hair to straighten. Also, the island's humid, tropical climate can often make hair fuller, curlier and harder to flatten.

Miguelina Soriano, a Dominican who owns Pro-Hair Salon off New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, has



JULI LEONARD / Raleigh News & Observer via MCT
Christin Hammond, right, has a Dominican blowout done by Miguelina Soriano, a hair stylist at Pro-Hair Dominican Salon in Raleigh, N.C., on Jan. 14. Hammond has the blowout done every month.

been at it for 31 years.

One afternoon last week, it took her less than an hour to wash and straighten Christin Hammond's long, naturally curly hair.

"That's why I love it," says Hammond, 26, who typically comes in once a month for a blowout. "I'm in and out in an hour."

How to do it

The key to a successful blowout is heat, a round brush, and strong wrists and hands to pull the hair tight.

Sounds a lot like what happens during a blowout in a traditionally white salon, right?

The process is similar: Pull the hair with a brush, apply heat. Repeat. But Dominicans sometimes take a few extra steps.

First, the hair is washed. Sometimes, depending on the hair type, customers are put under a hood dryer to let a conditioner soften the hair, and then the conditioner is rinsed out. Again, depending

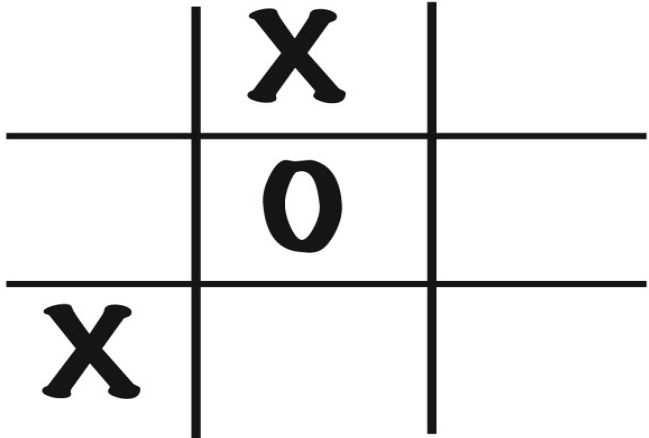
on the hair texture and if the hair has been chemically straightened, the hair is often set in rollers, dried completely under a drier and then straightened with round brush and hair dryer.

The rollers are a good option for hair that has been chemically treated because it reduces the amount of heat the hair is exposed to, helping to keep the hair healthy and shiny, Suarez says.

Most people can get at least a week out of their blowout. If it's wrapped at night with a scarf, some get up to two weeks, assuming, of course, the hair doesn't get wet. Others say they can get even longer if they sleep with a satin pillow case.

"You get bouncy, silky hair with a lot of body," Encarnacion says.

You also get no-fuss hair for at least week, part of what keeps Hammond coming back. "It's silky and smooth," Hammond says. "And I have to do nothing to it."



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SPORTS MAJOR

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live broadcasts of TCU sports events, as well as operating the video board. LaMendola said at least two new classes will serve to expand Martin's remote sports production class as part of the sports broadcasting major.

LaMendola said he hopes to create new classes and expand faculty as the major progresses.

The sports broadcasting major will offer a much more comprehensive emphasis to the sports media than the classes currently offered, LaMendola said.

With the sports broadcasting major, students will eventu-

ally receive the opportunity of producing sports shows for the MountainWest Sports Network, a DirecTV network specializing in college division sports, LaMendola said.

Martin said he hopes the major will provide more content to the MountainWest Sports Network.

Projects will air nationally and give students a real-world experience, he said.

Constance Fullerton, a sophomore RTVF major, said she thinks the new major will interest many students, especially those entering the college population.

"I think it would be amazing, we'd bring a lot to Texas schools," Fullerton said. "With this, may-

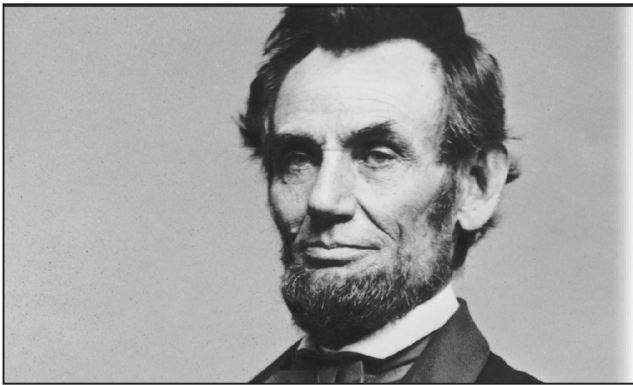
be smaller schools could look to TCU as an example."

Kimberly Little, a junior RTVF major, said she enjoys sports and would have seriously considered majoring in sports broadcasting if had become available earlier.

"[Sports broadcasting] is something that will never get old," Little said. "People watch sports all the time. It's something that is in high demand."

LaMendola anticipates 20 to 50 students majoring in the new program due to demand.

"The ultimate goal is to make it an interdisciplinary degree," LaMendola said. "But the first thing we want to do is get it on the books."



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The Skiff View

Team’s success calls for more support

Congratulations to the men’s basketball team and head coach Jim Christian for their successful season so far.

With Wednesday night’s win over the University of Wyoming, the Horned Frogs now sit alone atop the Mountain West Conference. Christian has quickly turned his team into a winner. The Horned Frogs are off to a 13-6 record and have gone 4-1 in conference play, their best conference start ever.

No one expected much from this year’s team, coming off a 14-16 season that culminated with the firing of former head coach Neil Dougherty.

Only four players from last season’s squad returned to play this season. This year’s team is full of newcomers that not only play, but contribute.

Freshman guard Ronnie Moss, junior center Zvonko Buljan and junior forward Edvinas Ruzgas are just a few of the players who, while new to the team, have made a significant impact.

The team’s performance this season is no fluke. They know how to play winning basketball.

Christian deserves a lot of the credit, as does the university for recognizing the need to take the basketball program in a new direction. There is no doubt the move has paid off so far.

Students, teachers, alumni and all fans of the school should put their support behind the team during this exciting time.

Having an entertaining, winning basketball team has taken a lot of people by surprise. The team’s quick rise to prominence should only give people more of an incentive to come out and support the team. Every effort should be made to fill the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum as much as possible.

Men’s basketball worth rooting for has returned to our school.

Sports editor Michael Carroll for the editorial board.

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

Free trade should remain priority during recession

Trade protectionism was on the rise in the world even before recession hit last year. Now economic hardship is raising the stakes. The parallels to events in the early years of the Great Depression are downright scary.

Then, a period of speculative boom had ended badly and the economy was shrinking. Credit dried up. Banks failed. The ranks of the jobless grew as companies slashed payrolls and closed factories. Sen. Reed Smoot and Rep. Willis Hawley tried to protect American farm jobs from “unfair” foreign competition.

The Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930 raised tariffs on much more than agriculture, sparking a furious round of tit-for-tat protectionist retaliation among our trading partners. World trade dropped by half — and stayed down for the rest of the decade.

Retaliatory protectionism deepened and lengthened the economic misery. After World War II, the U.S. and the world worked to rebuild trade flows by creating global organizations that fostered trade. Political leaders vowed to never again make that mistake.

Fast forward to 2009. A tremendous speculative boom has ended very badly. Credit is scarce, jobs are disappearing and global markets. For a while, U.S. exports were a bright spot keeping the economy afloat. But now they’re dropping and protectionism is back in.

Democrats in Congress have blocked approval of free trade agreements with Co-

lombia, South Korea and Panama that have been signed by the Bush administration. The Doha round of World Trade Organization talks has collapsed. Negotiators couldn’t reach agreement on how to dismantle protectionist policies that allow wealthy countries to block the import of farm goods from poor countries.

The momentum to reduce trade barriers and promote international flow of tariff-free goods has halted.

As the recession deepens and spreads around the world, protectionism becomes “a huge danger,” said Dan Griswold, director of the Cato Institute’s Center for Trade Policy Studies.

Organized labor and the steel and textile industries are “pushing to include strong ‘Buy America’ provisions” in any economic stimulus package, according to the Wall Street Journal. The story noted that India had already raised its tariffs on imported steel, Mexico is threatening to bar some U.S. meat imports and Indonesia is forcing importers of clothing, shoes and electronics to buy special licenses.

“Other countries will follow our lead,” said Griswold, just as they did in the ‘30s.

During the 2008 campaign, President Barack Obama gave mixed signals about his faith in free trade. He needs to be its champion now.

This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Wednesday. It was distributed by the McClatchy-Tribune News Service.



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Ceremony about U.S., not Obama



Tuesday was not all about President Barack Obama, not even close.

It was not about the end of the reign of Bush the Terrible, a hymn sung by many liberals.

It was not about the approximately \$170 million spent, nor the president interrupting Chief Justice Roberts, nor the chief justice completely fumbling the oath of office.

It was about something much greater than all the players involved. Regardless of whether the inauguration cost \$170 million or \$17, it was a celebration of American democracy above all else.

It was, simply put, about freedom.

A peaceful transfer of power is underappreciated and often overlooked today. Stories of violence and blood-

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shed dominate the news in countries with totalitarian governments, as well as in much of the third world.

America has secured its place in history with this peaceful transfer of power. Only in America can citizens



TRAVIS HEYING / Wichita Eagle

watch on television as power in the government is transferred, not only from one man to another, but from one party and mentality to the other. It is done without violence, and is celebrated around the world.

This is what freedom is all about. The people have a choice. They can choose a black person to lead them and whether Democrats or Republicans will have control, among other things. And it does not have to stay the same. Many Americans died to preserve this right, and what a beautiful right it is.

The inauguration is simply the culmination of these rights, where a face is attached to this precious freedom. This deserves nothing less than a celebration.

Tuesday, the 56th presidential inauguration in United States history took place and, like all previous Inaugurations, had an underlying theme that must not be forgotten. Although America is a young nation, it is a wise nation and I have to believe we got it right this time.

The American democracy, while imperfect, is the greatest illustration of freedom for the rest of the world, regardless of who is running it.

Tuesday was not just about Obama. It was about something timeless and precious to Americans.

It was about freedom.

Shane Rainey is a sophomore chemistry major from Fort Worth.

Campus Voices

Have you given up anything because of the recession?

A new weekly feature is making its debut on the opinion page today. “Campus Voices” represents a variety of student reactions and opinions on current events and will appear in Friday editions of the Skiff. Respondents are chosen at random from the university community.



“I gave up Starbucks and I’m learning how to cook from all of my relatives so I don’t have to eat out. I don’t have any cable TV anymore.”

Sarah Dombrowsky
junior writing major from Grand Prairie



“On my minutes for my cell phone, I’ve cut back just because I don’t have that much money to spend anymore.”

Janell Denton
freshman business and strategic communications major from Grand Prairie



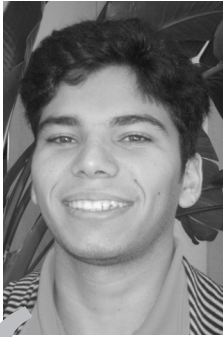
“I stopped shopping at grocery stores. I started shopping at Wal-Mart, because it’s actually cheaper. I’ve been more cautious of driving around. I’ll get all my errands done in one day so I don’t waste as much gas.”

Crystal Johnson
senior fashion merchandising major from Southlake



“This summer, shopping for school clothes — I won’t do that. I need to save money for gas. Tuition went up; the economy went down, so my family is reallocating money to put more toward my school.”

Liz Arellano
sophomore biology major from Carrollton



“I haven’t given up anything. Absolutely nothing. My life has not changed at all. I still go to the same gas station, I still drive the same car, I still go to TCU, I still study pre-med.”

Samim Giotis
junior biology major from Fort Worth

FEATURES



The wait list to get married at Robert Carr Chapel keeps growing.
Tuesday

6 Ways to land the dream job

By Chance Welch
Features Editor

There's a reason why they call it job hunting. You compete with countless other equally qualified candidates for that dream job. The layoffs and challenges that employers face in a recession seem to only complicate your search further.

LaTanya Johns, director of the graduate career service center, works to improve the job process for MBA graduates from the Neeley School of Business. Johns said former MBA graduates are returning to her office following recent layoffs. John Thompson executive director for career services, helps students write better resumes

and improve interviewing skills every day. By Thompson's estimation, he has counseled more than 7,000 students in 29 years, keeping in touch with some them. Thompson admits there could be a hundred things to consider when job hunting. Here are some tips to keep in mind when you start looking for your next job.



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1 Plan your attack

Thompson said searching for a job opening and competing for that coveted interview can be like a war. You have to start with a hit list of targets, the jobs you think would make you the happiest.

Your next move is to build your resume. Thompson said that every job applicant should list the leadership positions they had in their previ-

ous jobs. This shows what prepared them for their next positions, rather than merely listing their day-to-day duties.

"Were you responsible for putting together a schedule? Did you have to do inventory on your shift?" Johns said. "Those are what we call 'professional skills.' They transfer very nicely into other occupations."

2 Follow up

Don't get discouraged if your phone isn't ringing off the hook with replies. Thompson said you shouldn't rest on your laurels.

"I'm telling seniors that you plan on three letters a week to companies you want to work for," Thompson said.

Johns suggested that students should go to job fairs, corporate seminars and other company gatherings to get your name out and build a network of connections.

"We do stress that as busy as you are looking for job postings, you need to be just as busy networking," Johns said.

3 Make up for a bad gig

Here's the scenario: You turn in your application and you second-guess yourself over a name in your contact list. Your boss-to-be looks at your list of former employers and you keep your fingers crossed that he or she won't call your old company where you are persona non grata.

Take a deep breath. Thompson said there are legal limits when it comes to what your past and future bosses can talk about.

"All a former employer can say about a former employee is that you worked there," Thompson said.

They can talk about your past performance only if they have your permission, but Thompson said even this treads some murky legal waters. Even the code questions that were used in the past to get around this law like, "Would you hire this person again?" have been discouraged.

You might have even thought about leaving that former boss off your resume. Thompson said that this can be a mistake that could cost you the job if it is offered to you.

"The application is a legal document if you lie or leave some out, they can fire you after you get the job," Thompson said.

The best way to avoid this problem is to stop it at its root. He reminds you to always try to leave your employers on the best terms possible. Whether that means leaving a note thanking your boss for the opportunity to work there or just avoiding getting fired in the first place, Thompson said that you must perform at your best so you won't have to worry about this step.

"In golf, you get a mulligan," Thompson said. "You don't get a mulligan here."

4 Dress the part

When the phone finally rings and the interview is scheduled, you have to figure out how to make the best possible impression on your potential boss. Even if the dress code for the job itself seems relaxed, Thompson advised that you don't dress down for an interview.

"Casual can mean not wearing a suit but a sport coat instead," Thompson said. "Maybe it will be the only time you will ever wear a tie in front of that person, but you will be remiss if you wear shorts and a hoodie."

6 Capitalize on layoffs

Thompson suggested a source for employment many might not have considered in the wake of the U.S. economic downturn: companies who have recently made massive layoffs.

As older, more skilled and higher-paid employees are laid off, Thompson said the backdoor of opportunity is open for younger and less experienced workers. What does it come down to? Less wages and cheaper labor are the bottom line.

5 Get the experience

Thompson said there are 45,000 students in Texas who get college degrees every year. That's 45,000 people armed with the same tools as you. The edge that Thompson said will give an advantage over other applicants who may have the same college pedigree and grade point average is experience.

"Whatever you can do to get an internship or part-time job with experience, that's the thing that's going to separate you," Thompson said.

Johns suggested internships, career programs or other opportunities that have you working at a company and receiving the skill set required for a full-time job so employers looking for their next employee won't have too far to look.

"For a lot of companies, they can 'try before they buy.' A lot of companies use their internship program as a pipeline to their full-time job," Johns said.

Preview Dennen's a natural with 'Hope for the Hopeless'



By Chance Welch
Features Editor

Just five years ago, singer-songwriter Brett Dennen was a camp counselor who played his songs in front of the fire. With his new album, "Hope For The Hopeless," Dennen still retains that sense of intimacy.

Dennen's sound calls to mind his contemporaries, like Jason Mraz and former tour mate John Mayer, who make wistful, easygoing pop.

Producer John Alagia, who has worked the boards for acts like Mayer and the Dave Matthews Band, gives the songs a stripped-down feel, showcasing the substance of Dennen's songwriting over style.

Recently, Dennen's friends in the industry have given him increasing exposure to the masses. Even singer-actress Mandy Moore makes an appearance in the music video for his new single "Make You Crazy." The song itself is infectious, the kind of radio-friendly music that sounds like it was made for beaches and bare feet.

It's a wonder why Dennen isn't up there in the charts with Jack Johnson, Mayer and Mraz. Only time will tell if he will be elevated from getting songs played on TV shows like "Grey's Anatomy," to making headlining appearances at larger concerts rather than supporting other acts.

It seems like Dennen has been at the cusp of breaking through for a while now. With "Hope" as his third album, here's hoping that third time's the charm. He has plenty of hit-worthy songs, including the sweet and soulful "Closer to You" and "Ain't Gonna Lose You."

Dennen's ties to other artists are worth noting, but his music makes him more than just the sum of the contacts in his cell phone address book. Brett Dennen will play at the Loft in Dallas tomorrow night with up-and-coming Erin McCarley as the supporting act.

MCT

Review For author Diaz, it's a weird and wonderful 'Life'

By Maricruz Salinas
Staff Reporter

Junot Diaz's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel centers on Oscar, an overweight nerd who dreams of becoming the Dominican J.R.R. Tolkien.

Within the first five pages, "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" references "The Lord of the Rings," "Star Trek" and "DC Comics". Such references enable Diaz's novel to capture the attention of nerds and Dominicans alike, although it also caters to those who have ever dealt with low self-esteem issues, weight problems and thought their family arose from the depths of hell.

According to the narrator, Oscar "wore his nerdiness like a Jedi wore his lightsaber or a Lensman her lens." That's Star Wars and the "Lensman" series by E.E. Smith, in case you didn't know.

Initially the narrator, whose asides range from the television show "Land of the Lost" to rapper Jay-Z, tells Oscar's story and then later moves on to account the lives of Oscar's sister, Lola, a rebellious goth-track star, and their mother, Beli, the original rebel in the family.

Oscar's and Lola's college experiences in the U.S. decorate the second half of the book, but essentially the book is written as a biography of a cursed family. Although Oscar and his sister grow

“Oscar wore his nerdiness like a Jedi wore his light saber or a Lensman her lens.”

From "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao," By Junot Diaz

up in New Jersey, their family still feels the echo of their Dominican homeland. Each of these stories finds a way of making you burst out laughing before creating sudden emotional shifts, juxtaposing the narrator's humorous observations with the character's mortality.

Throughout the novel the reader learns who the big science fiction authors of the 1950s were and how violent the Dominican Republic became under the reign of Rafael Trujillo.

"The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" compiles their stories into a crude and sentimental bilingual narrative, complete with pop culture references and history lessons via footnotes. Read it for the laughs and for the quirky storytelling.

On the other hand, read it to remind yourself that life may not be perfect. In fact, sometimes your life makes Peter Parker's circumstances before Spider-Man look great. It's enough to be alive.

ACADEMY AWARDS

‘Benjamin Button’ leads nominations list with 13

By Roger Moore
The Orlando Sentinel

“The Curious Case of Benjamin Button,” the curiously “Gump”-like adaptation of an F. Scott Fitzgerald story, was the big winner when the 81st Academy Award nominations were announced on Thursday. Director David Fincher’s sweetly melancholy musing on age and love took in 13 nominations, including ones for Fincher; his star, Brad Pitt; supporting actress Taraji P. Henson; and screenwriter Eric Roth, who also adapted the Oscar-winning “Forrest Gump” more than a decade ago.

“Slumdog Millionaire,” the uplifting comedy-drama about an orphaned boy of the streets whose life lessons pay off on a game show, landed 10 nominations, but none for its actors. While not nearly the box-office hit “Button” is, “Slumdog” has been the critics’ darling this entire awards’ season and has to be the favorite for best picture.

Those two films will vie for best picture against “Frost/Nixon,” “Milk” and “The Reader,” which earned a best director nomination for Stephen Daldry and a best actress nomination for its star, Kate Winslet. Winslet won’t have the chance to duplicate her Golden Globes feat of winning both actress and best supporting actress honors — the Academy’s 5,810 members didn’t buy that her lead role in “The Reader” was a supporting performance, and didn’t nominate her at all for “Revolutionary Road.”

Surprises? Nine months of critical acclaim paid off for Richard Jenkins, nominated for best actor for “The Visitor,” about a sad man given purpose in life when he allows himself to get involved with an illegal alien’s plight. Melissa Leo’s career-making turn in the indie drama about immigrant smuggling, “Frozen River,” didn’t pay off with pre-Oscars awards. But the Academy remembered her and writer-director Courtney Hunt’s riveting, gritty script. Michael Shannon’s searing, brief performance as a mental patient who tells an unhappy, repressed married couple the harsh truth about their lives in “Revolutionary Road” earned him a best supporting actor nomination.

An unpleasant surprise, at least

2009  nominations		
<i>The 81st annual Academy Awards will be presented Feb. 22 at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, Calif. Nominees in major categories:</i>		
Best actor Richard Jenkins “The Visitor”	Best actress Melissa Leo “Frozen River”	Best director Danny Boyle “Slumdog Millionaire”
Brad Pitt “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button”	Anne Hathaway “Rachel Getting Married”	David Fincher “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button”
Frank Langella “Frost/Nixon”	Angelina Jolie “Changeling”	Ron Howard “Frost/Nixon”
Sean Penn “Milk”	Meryl Streep “Doubt”	Stephen Daldry “The Reader”
Mickey Rourke “The Wrestler”	Kate Winslet “The Reader”	Gus Van Sant “Milk”

Best supporting actor Josh Brolin “Milk” Robert Downey Jr. “Tropic Thunder”	Best supporting actress Amy Adams “Doubt” Penelope Cruz “Vicky Cristina Barcelona” Viola Davis “Doubt” Taraji P. Henson “The Curious Case...” Marisa Tomei “The Wrestler”	Best foreign language film “Waltz With Bashir” Israel “Revanche” Austria “Departures” Japan “The Baader Meinhof Complex” Germany “The Class” France
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Best picture “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button” “Frost/Nixon”	“The Reader” “Slumdog Millionaire” “Milk”	Best animated film “WALL-E” “Bolt” “Kung Fu Panda”
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for fans and online campaigners at darkcampaign.com, was “The Dark Knight’s” being shut out of best picture or best director nominations. The billion-dollar smash, a hit with critics as well, earned a nomination for the late Heath Ledger’s performance as The Joker, and for makeup, editing, sound mixing, sound editing, and visual effects.

The best actress field is Meryl Streep, playing a nun in “Doubt”; Anne Hathaway’s breakout turn in “Rachel Getting Married”; Winslet, Leo and Angelina Jolie, playing a mother battling bureaucracy in search of her missing son in Clint Eastwood’s “Changeling.”

Best actor pits Jenkins against Frank Langella’s ferocious but wounded Richard Nixon in “Frost/

Nixon,” Sean Penn’s vivid impersonation of Harvey Milk in “Milk,” Mickey Rourke’s comeback as an aged pro wrestler in “The Wrestler” and Pitt in “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.”

Best supporting actor shapes up as heavy sentimental favorite Heath Ledger versus Josh Brolin (“Milk”), Robert Downey Jr. for his hilarious blackface turn in “Tropic Thunder,” Philip Seymour Hoffman in “Doubt” and Shannon. Best supporting actress will see Amy Adams and Viola Davis from “Doubt” vying with Henson from “Benjamin Button,” Penelope Cruz in Woody Allen’s “Vicky Cristina Barcelona” and Marisa Tomei in “The Wrestler.”

The 81st edition of the Academy Awards will be handed out Feb. 22 and televised on ABC.

HIGHER ED

Phone jacks disappearing quickly at universities throughout country

By Mara Rose Williams
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — What’s that ringing? If you’re in a college dorm room, it’s probably not a landline telephone.

Most university residence halls simply don’t have them anymore. Some may still have a phone jack in the walls, but in many cases the jack is not activated.

Officials at campuses in the Kansas City area said that, for the most part, landline phones in campus housing have gone the way of typewriters.

“We cannot guarantee every student will arrive with a cell phone or want to use it for every call. The landlines do get used.”

Jill Jess
Kansas University spokeswoman

It is another sign of more people cutting the cord to traditional phones and relying strictly on cell phones and the Internet.

Roughly one in six — 17.5 percent — of U.S. households in 2008 didn’t have a landline, according to the National Center

for Health Statistics.

Some colleges aren’t stopping at dorm rooms, either. About 75 employees of Georgia Gwinnett College in Lawrenceville, Ga., went wireless earlier this month, the school’s chief information officer recently told USA Today.

It is another way colleges and universities facing a difficult economy can cut costs.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City disconnected the landlines in its residence halls in 2007, a savings of \$75,000 a year.

For the second year, Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., is not providing landline phones in all its dorm rooms. They do have hookups, “although very few are utilized,” said Heidi Templeton, a university spokeswoman.

Like Truman, the University of Missouri in Columbia and many other campuses have kept at least one landline phone in a hallway or main lobby for emergencies.

Last year, UMKC opened new student housing that included landline connections. Out of 850 students with residence hall rooms, only four hooked up landlines.

Darby Peoples, the dean of students at Avila University in Kansas City, Mo., said that at a conference last year many campus housing officials said that if they were building new residence halls they were not including landline hookups.

One of the exceptions may be

the University of Kansas, which still offers active landline jacks in each residence hall room.

“We cannot guarantee every student will arrive with a cell phone or want to use it for every call,” said Jill Jess, a KU spokeswoman. “The landlines do get used.”

But not much, students said. Libby Johnson, a KU sophomore from Lawrence, said that when she lived in Oliver Hall she didn’t know of anyone who had a landline.

“We all had cell phones,” Johnson said. “I got used to putting my cell number down for all my professors.”

A survey earlier this year by College Parents of America found that of the 900 parents who responded online, only 25 percent said they use landline phones to communicate with their child away at school.

Campus officials rely more on cell phones to communicate with students, too.

After the deadly shootings in 2007 at Virginia Tech, colleges and universities across the country began installing emergency e-mail and text-messaging systems to alert their campus populations of breaches in security.

School officials concluded that e-mail and text messaging were the best ways to reach students anywhere at any time because colleges know that for nearly every student on campus a cell phone is practically a body appendage.

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JASON FOCHTMAN / Staff Photographer
Members of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity offer food and drinks to students Thursday between Sadler and Reed halls.

ENVIRONMENT

Rising seas a growing threat

By Wade Rawlins
McClatchy Newspapers

RALEIGH, N.C. — A new federal report concludes that Florida and Louisiana are the states most vulnerable to sea-level rise, followed by North Carolina and Texas.

The new report focuses on the coastal states from North Carolina to New York where the rates of sea-level rise are moderately high. The region has extensive coastal development, a high population and is likely to be at increased risk.

“You’re vulnerable,” said Jim Titus, project manager for sea-level rise for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and lead author of the report, “Coastal Sensitivity to Sea Level Rise: A Focus on the Mid-Atlantic Region.” “The people whose land could be permanently submerged aren’t even flooded today.”

A rise in sea level increases the vulnerability of development in coastal floodplains and diminishes the rate at which low-lying areas drain. It will result in a loss of wetlands in the mid-Atlantic.

Rising temperatures cause ocean waters to warm and expand, like water heated in a tea kettle. In addition, rising temperatures near the poles cause massive ice sheets to melt, adding to the volume of water.

The report predicts that coastal erosion will occur at higher rates

as sea level rises. Particularly in the sandy shore of the mid-Atlantic coast, the report says, it is nearly certain that barrier islands, spits and coastal headlands will erode faster due to sea-level rise. The Outer Banks are particularly vulnerable.

The report, produced by a collaboration among agencies including the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Department of Transportation, offers three scenarios for sea-level rise by 2100: A rise of about 16 inches; of about 2 feet, and of about 3 feet.

In 2007, an international scientific panel projected that sea level would likely rise between 7 inches and 2 feet by 2100. Those estimates do not take into account any contribution from rapid changes in ice flow from Antarctica or Greenland.

Rising sea levels might be especially disastrous to North Carolina, as some sections of the coast are slowly sinking, magnifying the effects of rising seas.

Tide-gauge readings in the mid-Atlantic indicate that relative sea level rise (the combination of rising waters and sinking land) was generally higher — by about a foot — than the global average during the 20th century.

If sea level should rise more than three feet during the 21st century, the report says, “it is likely that

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Greg Rudolph
shore protection officer for Carteret County, N.C.

some barrier islands in this region will cross a threshold” destabilizing and breaking apart.

As sea level rises, the most basic decision that states and beach communities must wrestle with is whether to try to hold back the sea or let nature take its course. Both have costs. Replenishing sand on eroding beaches allows houses and businesses to remain in place for a period of time, but is expensive to maintain. Retreating from the rising sea avoids the costs but concedes a loss of land and, in a worse case, entire communities, the report notes.

Greg Rudolph, shore protection officer for Carteret County, N.C., said people generally accept that sea level is rising. But planning for something that is occurring over decades is difficult.

“Let’s face it, we live on four-year cycles when people are elected,” Rudolph said. “Not many people are going to plan out 14 years or 21 years in advance.”

TELEVISION

Transition from analog era should be smooth, analysts say

By Louis R. Carlozo
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — If you don’t like the program on the television, you can always change it. But when television itself changes for good in a few weeks, it could leave you trudging through a blizzard of snowy channels if you don’t prepare yourself and your set.

On Feb. 17, all TV stations switch from analog to digital broadcasts. It’s a move meant to clear the airwaves for public safety services and wireless, while improving your picture and sound.

“Unlike any other change that has ever taken place in television, this one is incompatible with the past,” says Anne Elliot, vice president of communications for The Nielsen Co. “When TV went color, your old black-and-white set still worked. But this really is quite different.”

Still, close to one in 10 households wasn’t ready for the conversion by December. According to data released by Nielsen at the end of December, about 7.8 million U.S. TV households — almost 7 percent of the national total — were completely unprepared for the digital switch, with no sets able to see the new signals.

First things first: Digital TV

does not equal luxury TV.

“It doesn’t have to be a megathousand-dollar flat-screen TV that you hang on the wall,” Elliot says. “It can be a \$200 TV with a digital tuner that allows you to get the new signal.”

Since you still have time to tweak, drop that remote and fire up your laptop. The Federal

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Communications Commission has a Web site, dtv2009.gov, that explains the switch and everything you need to know to make your sets digitally compatible. That Web site guides you to a smooth conversion.

If you have cable or satellite service, you don’t have to do anything. Your service providers will handle the conversion on their end. If you have any doubts, contact your cable or dish company.

You also may not have to do anything if your TV was made after 2004. Most of those sets can read digital signals. Contact the manufacturer to see if your TV is analog or digital.

If you have an analog TV and no cable or satellite service, you have some options:

1. Get cable or satellite service. This is one way to solve the problem, provided you’re ready to make that jump and incur the monthly costs that go with it.

2. Buy a digital-analog converter box. The boxes cost between \$40 and \$60 and can be found at major electronics stores. The government was distributing \$40 coupons for the boxes, but has run out. You can still visit dtv2009.gov to get on the waiting list. As unused coupons expire, new ones get sent out. If buying boxes online, many retailers will require you to order at least three days before the coupon expires.

Installing the converter box is easy. Just plug an antenna (indoor or outdoor) into the box, and plug the box into the TV’s antenna port. Done.

3. Go cold turkey from broadcast TV. Analog TVs will still work with your DVD player, VCR and gaming consoles. If all that video diversion can keep you happy, maybe jumping off the televised grid isn’t such a bad option.

PGA TOUR

Woods might return to green in time for Florida tourneys

By Randall Mell
Sun Sentinel

Will Tiger Woods make his comeback at the CA Championship at Doral?

Does the Honda Classic have a shot at hosting Woods for the first time as a pro?

With the PGA Tour's Florida Swing less than six weeks away, the possibility that Woods will tee it up in South Florida for the first time since he limped away from last summer's U.S. Open victory looms among the Florida swing's most compelling story lines. Woods had reconstructive knee surgery seven months ago and is still uncertain when he'll make his return.

The old notion that the PGA Tour doesn't really begin until the Florida Swing will ring true again if Woods makes his comeback in South Florida. There's always a buzz when Woods plays, but the first test of his repaired knee promises to be intensely hyped.

The PGA Tour season opened in Hawaii with little fanfare. Little more is expected in this week's mostly starless opening of the West Coast Swing at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic in Palm Springs, Calif.

The top four players in the world rankings were all missing at the Mercedes-Benz Championship in Hawaii last week. Geoff Ogilvy,

who jumped to No. 6 in the world with his victory there, was the highest ranked player in the Sony Open in Honolulu. Anthony Kim is the only top-10 player scheduled to compete at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Woods usually makes his season debut at the Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines outside San Diego, but the first round there is less than three weeks away. Given the history of cold, wet weather there, a return seems unlikely. In a report on his Web site this past week, Woods said he has only played a few holes of practice rounds since beginning rehabilitation from surgery.

"As I had hoped, after Jan. 1, I started hitting longer irons and my driver," Woods said. "I'm not swinging as hard as I can, but I'm working toward that goal ... So far my knee has held up well, but I don't know when I'll be able to return to competition."

"Whenever he plays the first week, it will be the biggest story of the year, at the time, until something bigger happens," said Ogilvy, who will be the defending champ at the CA Championship March 12-15.

Ogilvy thinks Doral makes the most sense as the place Woods returns. The weather should be warmer than the West Coast offers, Doral's Blue Monster is flat and easy to walk and Woods has



Tiger Woods follows his ball during a playoff in the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines Golf Course in La Jolla, Calif., in June 2008.

a great record there, with victories three of the last four times he played the Blue Monster.

"We are hopeful Tiger will play the CA Championship," said Eddie Carbone, the tournament director. "We have no indication either way,

but we are hopeful."

Woods' wife, Elin, is due with the couple's second child in February. That also will be a factor in his return.

PGA Tour rules do not require players to commit to events until

the Friday before play begins.

The Honda Classic (March 5-8) hasn't been host to Woods since he played the event as a 17-year-old amateur in 1993, but the fact that Woods is building an estate on Jupiter Island near PGA National

bodes well.

"Tiger has a history of supporting events where he lives," Honda Classic Executive Director Ken Kennerly said. "We look forward to Tiger participating when he moves to town, if not sooner.



JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor
Junior center Zvonko Buljan, left, and junior forward Edvinas Ruzgas are both from Eastern Europe, but basketball led them to their new home at TCU.

BASKETBALL

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Not only are the two players a dynamic force on the court, they also happen to be roommates off of it.

"We're good friends," Ruzgas said. "We get along really well. We talk a lot and he tries to teach me some Croatian language."

And though he's been in the U.S. for a few years, Buljan said his new surroundings in Fort Worth suit him just fine.

"I love it," he said. "It's a nice campus and I like the weather — it's hot like home is."

The Horned Frogs' success this season is largely due in part to the two junior Europeans. Buljan has recorded five double-doubles this season and leads the team in rebounding, grabbing 7.6 per game. Ruzgas hit Wednesday night's game winning shot against conference foe Wyoming and leads the team in minutes played at 33.1 per game.

Christian said Buljan and Ruzgas have been important to his team this season.

"They came in with some experience," Christian said. "They're two very skilled players. They've had a real positive contribution to what we've done."

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Jim Christian
head basketball coach

NFL

Big Ben, defense key to Super Bowl win

By Mark Whicker
The Orange County Register

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger goes to his second Super Bowl surrounded by a strange entourage. It's not just friends and family he likes to keep close to his jersey. It's defensive tackles, linebackers, safeties, too.

"This is my advice for the Arizona Cardinals," said Baltimore's Trevor Pryce, after a fruitless night of almost getting Roethlisberger within his grasp. "Don't rush anybody."

What?
"If you chase him, he just gets to play sandlot football," Pryce said. "That's what he likes. He wants you to rush him so he can run around and make plays. Their whole team wants to rush him, because their offensive linemen, uh, really aren't that hard to beat. And that's when they get you in trouble."

"Just back off and keep him in the pocket and make him play regular football," Pryce said. "Not recess. You'll have a better chance."

The Ravens hit Roethlisberger seven times in this AFC Championship Game and sacked him four times. He isn't a real hard target. He's 6-foot-5 and weighs 241, and he gets banged around so much that he could wear the Ravens' bruise-colored jersey with no problem.

Instead, he's pure Steeler. There might be better quarterbacks, but there is no one so perfectly yoked to the town in which he plays.

Please note that there might not be better quarterbacks, either.

Roethlisberger is like an overgrown Fran Tarkenton with a much better fastball. He dances in and out of the traffic, always waiting for re-

ceivers to do something, and he often sees the plays before they do.

It was difficult to know just how he sensed Santonio Holmes was going to pop open, there in the second quarter, when the malicious Ravens were bearing down, but he did, and Holmes spurred 60 yards with the touchdown that put the Steelers up, 13-0.

They won, 23-14, and Roethlisberger will take on the Cardinals in Tampa on Feb. 1.

The Arizona coach, Ken Whisenhunt, coordinated Pittsburgh's offense in the Super Bowl year of 2005 and presumably knows Dancing Ben better than most.

Maybe he'll listen to Pryce.

"I guess I could be successful if they made me stay in the pocket," Roethlisberger said, "but why put the reins on? I like playing backyard football."

And when the backyard is frozen he's even better. Roethlisberger is 7-2 in the postseason and has 14 touchdown passes and 11 interceptions in those games.

Tom Brady has more rings, Peyton Manning has more numbers, and Eli Manning and Philip Rivers were both drafted higher than Roethlisberger in 2004. Kurt Warner is more clinical and polished.

But none can deal with pressure better than Roethlisberger, although he is the one quarterback who never has to deal with the Steelers defense.

"We're the worldwide security force," said safety Ryan Clark, after Pittsburgh had three takeaways (to Baltimore's none) and drove Joe Flacco's quarterback rating down to 18.2 in this game.

"Because everyone has talked

about how great Flacco is, I think I'll just say that we were fortunate to beat him and the Lord blessed us," Clark said acidly. "Was I getting tired of hearing it? Yeah, a little bit."

"We didn't play against their offense," Clark said. "We played against their defense. Whoever was better was going to win."

Safety Troy Polamalu was tipping away passes and hunting down ball-carriers all night. He held tight end Todd Heap to three short catches. And then he honed in on Flacco's pressurized pass, intercepted it and ran 40 yards for the game-icing touchdown.

"It was man-to-man with Heap and he was in the backfield, protecting," Polamalu said. "It allowed me to free up and just read Flacco's eyes."

Pryce had seen enough, after three Pittsburgh victories over Baltimore.

"We thought we saw the light at the end of the tunnel but it was just a train," he said.

And sometimes trains wreck. This was a bitterly violent game from kickoff to horn, culminating in Clark's shoulder shot that snapped Willis McGahee's head back. He was strapped down on a cart and hauled out of the stadium, although he could move his arms and legs.

"It had an effect on me, to see him (McGahee) lying there," Pryce said. "This is a game. It's not fight club."

No. In the recesses of Roethlisberger's mind, it's recess, even when he takes a hard shot in the back from rookie Haruki Nakamura and gets checked out by the doctors between series.

"To get me out of the game, they're going to have to put me on a cart," he said.

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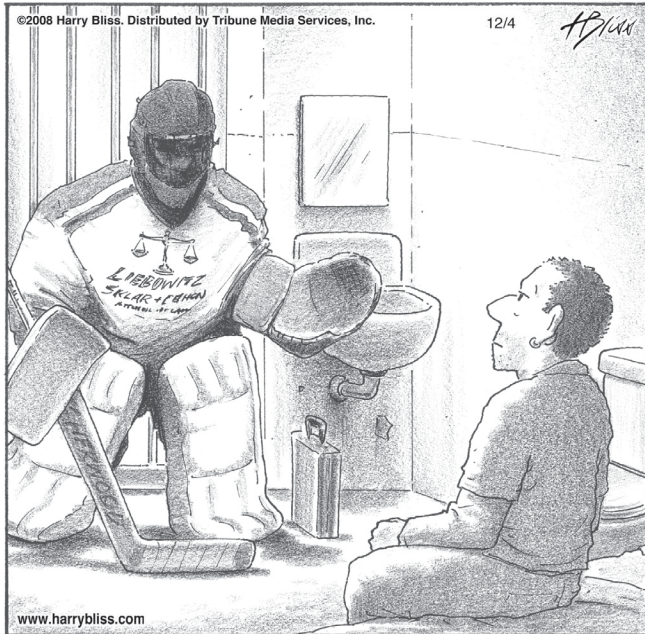
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— The History Channel

Joke of the Day

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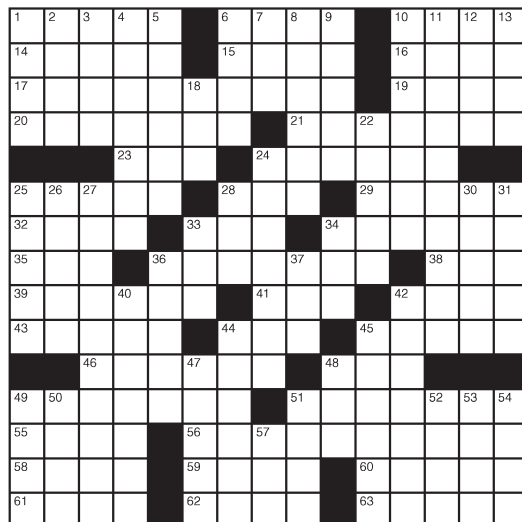
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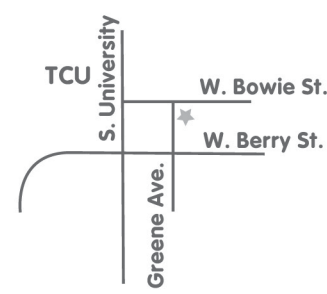
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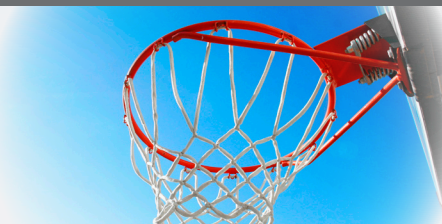
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Euro duo helps lead team to top

By Michael Carroll
Sports Editor

Zvonko Buljan and Edvinas Ruzgas aren't your typical Horned Frog basketball players. They both grew up more than 5,000 miles away in different parts of Eastern Europe. But their lives have at last intertwined at TCU, and it couldn't have come at a better time for the men's basketball team.

The two juniors, both new additions to this year's team, currently rank second and third in scoring on the team. Their presence in the lineup is a big reason why the team has found so much success this season. With a conference record of 4-1, the team is off to its best start ever in the Mountain West.

The routes they took to Texas are

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Zvonko Buljan
junior center

vastly different, but what's important is that they eventually made their way here, thanks to new head coach Jim Christian.

Buljan, a 6-foot-9 center, hails from Split, Croatia. A former member of the Croatian Junior National Team, Buljan played at Vincennes University in Indiana until he joined the Horned Frogs for the 2008-09

season.

Buljan, who grew up idolizing former NBA player and fellow Croatian Toni Kukoc, said it means a lot to him that he and his teammate are from the same region.

"It means a lot because we're both here from Europe and we kind of have the same mentality," Buljan said.

Ruzgas is a native of Vilnius, Lithuania and a lifelong Kobe Bryant fan. He had most recently been playing at nearby Weatherford College. Then coach Christian came calling.

Ruzgas said that playing overseas has been a great opportunity for him.

"It's really special because that was my goal the whole time — to go to school over here and get an education and play college basket-

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ball," he said.

Ruzgas said both players have adjusted well to the American style of basketball, but the two of them also see things differently on the court because of their similar backgrounds.

"It's a little bit different because in Europe we play a lot more as a team," Ruzgas said. "Here's it's more individual play. But I think we got used to that and we're doing a pretty good job."

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WOMEN'S TENNIS



SKIFF ARCHIVES

TCU's Anna Sydorska hits the ball during a match against Fresno State last year.

Coach: Top players to provide leadership

By Justin White
Staff Reporter

The women's tennis team is set to return to action Saturday against the University of Virginia.

The No. 25-ranked Horned Frogs will face off against the No. 41-Cavaliers in Charlottesville, Va. Last March, the Horned Frogs topped the Cavaliers by a score of 6-1.

This time around it will be a little more difficult, head coach Jefferson Hammond said.

"It will definitely be a tough battle this year, much tougher than last year," Hammond said. "We're a better team this year, but they are as well."

The team will lean heavily on two of its nationally-ranked players, junior Nina Munch-Soegaard and senior Macall Harkins, Hammond said. Munch-Soegaard will en-

ter Saturday's match ranked as the No. 12 singles player in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional rankings. Joining her is No. 49-ranked senior Macall Harkins.

Harkins and teammate Anna Sydorska make up the No. 16-ranked doubles team. They are joined by the duo of Munch-Soegaard and sophomore Maria Babanova, Hammond said.

The team will have to fight to be victorious this season, coach Hammond said.

"It's kind of like NFL football," Hammond said. "Any given Sunday, teams can win."

The Horned Frogs will follow up Saturday's match against Virginia with a match Sunday against the No. 22-ranked College of William & Mary. The Horned Frogs' next home match will be Feb. 8 against No. 27-ranked Auburn University.

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