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CLARIFICATION

A design error removed part of Wednesday's Greek housing story. The missing part should have read: Allen said that if houses were added or renovated, they would most likely be townhouse-style, not stand-alone units.

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Mental health screenings for pre-deployment soldiers reduce stress.



FORT WORTH

'Top Chef' competitor opens restaurant on 7th Street

By Bryn Zimmermann
Staff Reporter

It's not everyday that a former "Top Chef" competitor helps open an award-winning restaurant in TCU's backyard.

Brownstone Restaurant &

Lounge, located in the new West 7th Street development in Fort Worth, is one of the latest restaurants to be opened in the area. According to *Fort Worth Weekly*, Brownstone has been named "Best New Restaurant, 2010 critic's choice".

Casey Thompson, executive chef of the restaurant, was featured on the third season of Bravo's hit show "Top Chef". According to the restaurant's website, Thompson was not only a finalist on the show, but also voted as fan favorite, an award that came

with a \$10,000 prize.

Courtney Hughes, a hostess for Brownstone, said the restaurant has a laid-back atmosphere that makes it stand out.

"It's so much like a home," Hughes said. "You walk in and feel very comfortable. It's fine dining, but not so much that it's stuffy."

Hughes said her favorite dish was the seared sea scallops. She said other popular dishes include the chicken stuffed chicken, red wine braised pork shoulder, and the Kobe cheek pot roast.

She added that the southern-inspired dishes were creative and delicious at the same time.

"Chef Casey tends to take things that normally don't go together and bring them together and just make a flavor explosion in your mouth," she said. "We also use local fresh vegetables, herbs and ingredients, so everything you get is fresh from the market."

Sophomore strategic communication major Jenna Yosten said she is looking forward to trying out Brownstone.

"I'm really excited [to try it]. My aunt went there and said it was really good," she said. "I've heard it has good steaks, but I've also heard that its kind of more on the expensive side."

Hughes said that Brownstone's location makes it a great restaurant option in the Fort Worth area.

"We are right here in the middle of 7th Street, so we are five minutes from downtown, and we are five minutes away from TCU. We are right in the middle of everything," Hughes said. "And with Chef Casey being on "Top Chef," it



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An interior shot of the of the award-winning Brownstone restaurant on West 7th Street.



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Former "Top Chef" competitor Casey Thompson helped start a restaurant on West 7th Street that won *Fort Worth Weekly's* "Best New Restaurant, 2010 critic's choice."

really puts us out there making us even more of a popular restaurant. And of course the food is really, really good."

Chris Benkis, a server and bartender at the restaurant, said that Brownstone has a wonderful staff. He said that it makes a difference in the restaurant experience.

"We are a family restaurant, we enjoy everyone here," Benkis said. "It's a great business."

According to Brownstone's website, the 5,000-square-foot restaurant seats 140 people and features an open-air patio, dining room and intimate library and bar.

Hughes said that all the different aspects of Brownstone came together to make a top-notch dining experience.

"When you go here you get the full experience, awesome food and awesome service," she said. "It really just goes hand in hand here."

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LEGAL

Trial date set in university civil suit

By Libby Davis
Editor-in-Chief

The civil case filed by a former student against the university will go to trial May 2 pending additional motions to dismiss, according to a pretrial hearing held Wednesday.

The plaintiff, identified as K.S. in the suit, alleges that TCU fraudulently misrepresent-

ed campus safety. Susan Hutchison, one of the plaintiff's attorneys, said the trial would not begin immediately because TCU's defense attorneys had requested extra time to depose an expert on date-rape drugs.

According to documents filed by K.S., she was drugged and sexually assaulted in 2006 by three former university athletes:

Virgil Taylor, Lorenzo Jones and Shannon Behling. Criminal charges were dropped in 2008. K.S. filed her civil case in 2008.

At the time of publication, TCU attorneys had not replied for comment.

Check back at **DailySkiff.com** for updates as the trial progresses.

TECHNOLOGY

iClicker use can save time, paper

By Ashley Monismith

Staff Reporter

It is not a textbook and it does not use paper, yet students in various courses around campus are required to buy it for class.

At the university, the iClicker is used to test students' knowledge of subject matter as well as take attendance, Mark Dennis, assistant professor of religion, said.

Students register their devices online at the beginning of the semester, then use the five multiple choice buttons to respond to quiz questions, Dennis said. Professors then retrieve the information from a receiver, record the students' responses and then assign grades.

Dennis gave the example of how the iClicker can be used to reduce paper consumption. With a class of 40 students taking 20 quizzes throughout the semester, he estimated that he would save about 800 sheets of paper each semester because students could re-

spond electronically.

Jake Banglesdorf, a freshman communication studies major, said he felt the iClicker was a useful and efficient tool for both students and professors. However, despite the useful advancement in technology, he felt that the \$30-\$40 price range was too high, he said.

Having updated technology in the classrooms is an important aspect to do well at TCU, he said.

"It's just something you're going to have to do to stay up-to-date with classes," he said.

The TCU Bookstore offered the iClicker for \$40 this semester, while online stores, such as amazon.com, offered it for about \$35.

According to the iClicker website, the original device was first produced in 2003 and had exposed switches. However, the current model has its wires and circuits covered with plastic.

Rachel Spurrier, a junior writing major, said she had taken one of Dennis' classes

and had used the iClicker in almost every class.

However, because it was the first semester Dennis had used the devices, Spurrier said she was able to borrow one from him free of charge.

The Koehler Center for Teaching Excellence offered a semester-long free trial for Dennis and other professors who wanted to try out the technology for the first time, Dennis said.

Spurrier said she thought it would have been a waste of money if she had been required to buy it, rather than borrow it for the class.

"If I had to buy it I would have been more upset, because I didn't like the thought that I would have to buy a piece of technology that was just for clicking buttons," she said.

Starting this fall, the iClicker2 will be available with additional functions, such as the ability to answer fill in the blank and short answer questions with an LCD screen, according to its website.

CAMPUS

Free Scantron trial to start soon

By Christa Acuna

News Now

The morning frenzies some students encounter on test days could be erased now that 2,500 Scantrons will soon be en route to campus.

Student Government Association Vice President Brett Anderson said the Scantrons were scheduled to arrive in two to three weeks for a free trial in the Mary Coats Burnett Library, a place SGA saw as a convenient location for students. Anderson said the biggest issue for not getting the Scantrons in sooner was a drawn-out ordering process and the inability to communicate with other representatives over the holiday break.

Anderson, a junior marketing major, said the House of Student Representatives passed a bill allocating money to buy the Scantrons last November.

SGA made the decision to allocate the money toward something that students

would really use, he said.

Anderson said that prior to making the decision of putting the Scantrons in the library, SGA looked into several different options to provide the Scantrons. One of the ideas was a Scantron vending machine.

"Before I knew about the upcoming free Scantron trial, I never agreed with having to pay for our own Scantrons."

Laura Vilaro

Junior marketing and supply and value chain management double major

"We found that the easiest way to do it was just to buy in bulk, directly from Scantron," he said.

He said the cost of the 2,500 Scantrons was a little more than \$300.

Laura Vilaro, a junior

marketing and supply and value chain management double major, said four of the five classes she is taking require her to bring Scantrons on quiz and test days.

"Before I knew about the upcoming free Scantron trial, I never agreed with having to pay for our own Scantrons," she said. "I'm not only happy that the free Scantrons will be available to us, I'm happy that they are placing them in the center of where most of my classes are."

Anderson said the Scantrons will be available behind the information help desk in the library. Students can take up to three Scantrons per visit.

He said the decision of whether or not free Scantrons will be permanently provided to students will be based on the demand for Scantrons during the trial.

"We hope it's something that we can continue," he said. "We think it's something that students are going to be real excited about."

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

More profs should implement iClickers

It's an unassuming device to say the least. Its small, off-white shell and six buttons portrays a simple, elegant interface that everyone can understand.

This simplicity is making the iClicker more and more popular among professors on campus. From attendance to lectures to quizzes, these little devices are changing the way class is conducted.

Many professors now require students to purchase an iClicker as part of the materials for their classes, which leads to the question, why don't more professors use them?

iClickers offer instant, anonymous feedback to students in class so they can see where they need to ask questions, and since it also shows how many people answered and how they answered, it allows professors to instantly see how well the class understands — or doesn't understand — the material being discussed.

Granted, they are a little costly up front, but once students purchase one and register it, they will be able to keep the same iClicker for their entire careers at TCU. Better yet, they will only have to register it one time, because it registers to your student ID, meaning it will automatically follow the student from class to class.

With all of these benefits, it just seems logical that more and more professors should start to incorporate the iClicker into their curriculum, and we hope they do.

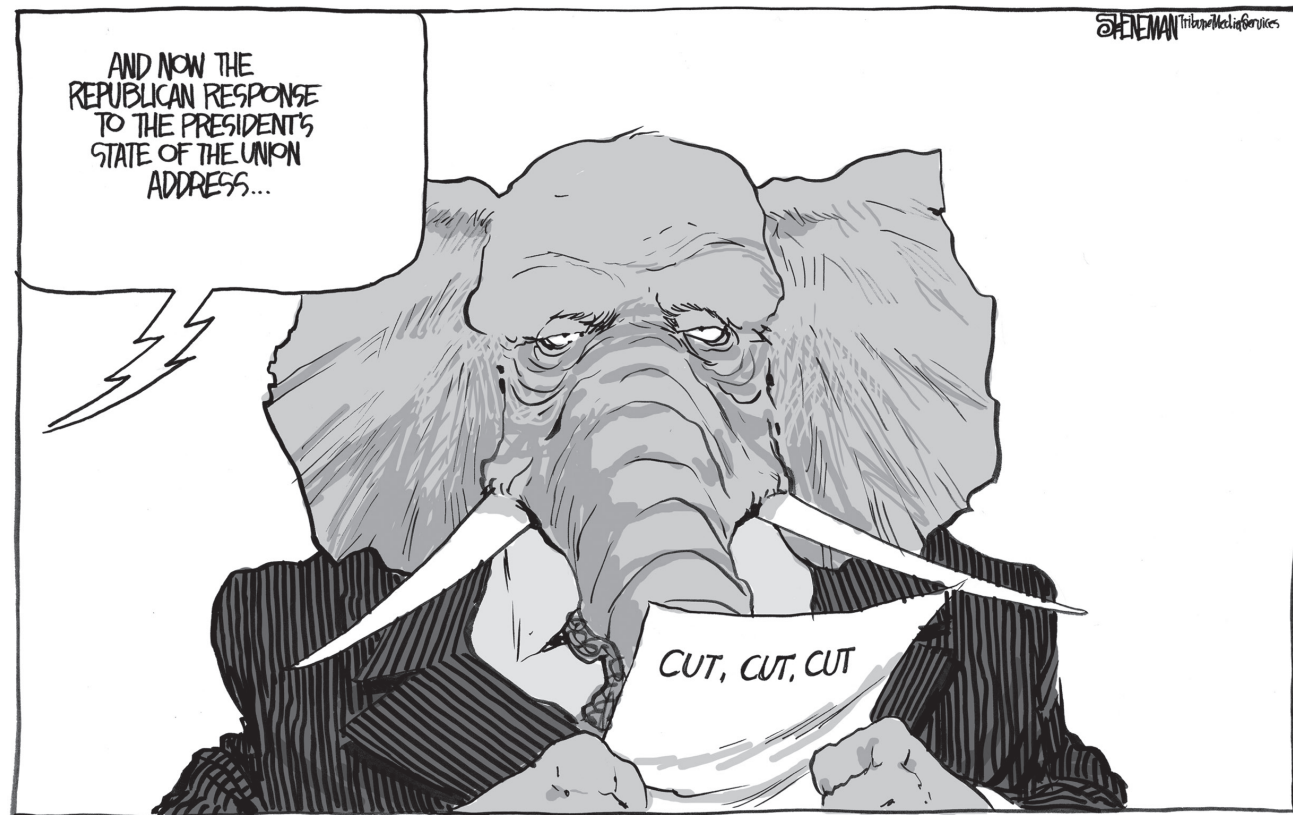
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Employers should be upfront about Facebook



KC Aransen

Facebook seemed to blow up as soon as it went live, becoming a popular site for college students and alumni alike. The original purpose of Facebook was for social networking and keeping in touch — allowing wall posts, pictures and status updates.

It has become so much more, however, and it may be being used by employers to keep tabs on employees. A major reason to maintain subtlety online is because employers could use social networking sites to see who their potential employee really is.

It seems as though one must keep this up even after attaining a job. Because managers are using Facebook as a means of keeping up with their employees' private lives, they are also able to use their findings as means of termination, according to a Jan. 21

article from *The Wall Street Journal*.

Such was the case not too long ago, when a school teacher in Georgia was pressured to resign after pictures of her holding a glass of wine were posted to her Facebook page, according to the article. Another case, set to go to trial next week, concerns a woman who criticized her boss on a social networking site and was later fired.

Employers going to Facebook to check out what their employees are posting seems to be a new means for employers to terminate someone for unreal reasons.

Both of these cases involve a direct violation of privacy in an area where rules and laws are fuzzy at best. Because social networking sites are fairly new, rules and laws pertaining to what's fine to post and what isn't haven't been set yet.

Employers going to Facebook to check out what their employees are posting seems to be a new means for employers to terminate someone for unreal reasons. This could even

extend to managers' personal feelings about the employee in question, not the employee's work effort or performance.

This use of social networking sites could allow employers to target those employees they may not like and find something on which to base a firing. These problems seem to stem from the lack of regulations about social networking in the workplace. It is one thing to ban it from use at work, but it's another thing to restrict the content an employee can post at home.

If employers would set regulations regarding social networking sites, such as not to badmouth your boss or the company publicly on them, then confusion of what's appropriate and what isn't would greatly diminish.

Without such standards, though, problems between employees and their managers over social networking sites continue to happen, though the employers' use of the sites may be violating the privacy of their employees and their right to freedom of speech. By having set rules, these problems can be avoided.

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Blocking features may cause change in digital ads



Varun Pramanik

Privacy buffs may soon have a reason to calm down a few notches about advertisers and corporations tracking their online moves.

Google and Mozilla recently announced they will bring features to their browsers, Chrome and Firefox, respectively, that should prevent advertisers from collecting private data about users and tracking users' actions on the Internet.

Google intends to do this through the use of a browser extension for Chrome named "Keep My Opt-Outs," and Mozilla intends to do this through a planned feature for

Firefox.

These features have been revealed ahead of the Federal Trade Commission's recommendation that users be given the ability to prevent advertisers from recording and tracking their private information, including, but not limited to, websites they visit, purchases they make, searches they conduct and links they click on.

The features announced by Google and Mozilla would work perfectly well in an ideal world. The reason they may not reach their privacy-protecting goal is because they take for granted that advertisers will choose to comply with do-not-track requests sent by the browser.

For advertisers, private data about users is essential in providing targeted advertisements that are more likely to match users' interests. Targeted advertisements increase chances that users will buy or use what the advertisement is

selling or promoting, and not many advertisers will be willing or comfortable to give up private data and user tracking.

Users have had the ability to take similar actions in the past by using tools such as AdBlock Plus, or, for more technologically advanced users, proxies and Tor networks. AdBlock Plus and similar tools, while helping users block advertisements completely and thereby protecting their privacy, have been largely decried by several organizations and individuals.

Advertisements help pay for several popular free services, such as Hulu and Facebook, and generate a source of income for websites, like *The New York Times*, and blogs. As the use of ad blockers has increased, websites and service providers have been forced to consider making users pay to access their content and services, something that might not be feasible for several

users and may not work for several entities, such as news blogs and websites.

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Advertisements presented on social networks, such as Facebook, are a primary example of targeted advertisements. Most of these advertisements are targeted using data, such as a user's "likes,"

age, location and educational institution or workplace.

Advertisements on services such as Facebook help college students discover events, like concerts, that may be taking place near them and help them discover services and businesses that may cater to their interests, and some even advertise offers that are valuable to cash-strapped students.

Preventing the publishers of such advertisements from presenting targeted advertisements would result in less relevant and interesting advertisements. An example of this may be an advertisement for an upcoming concert taking place in a city that's not convenient for you to travel to.

Blocking such advertisements would mean not knowing about events, businesses, services and offers at all, unless somebody chose to tell you or if you read about them or saw them in the news.

Advertisements have existed for a long time and have, throughout their existence, provided a means to boost sales, increase awareness and monetize services. With the increasing interest in and scrutiny of user tracking and user data collection, advertisers are being forced to slowly put an end to such practices or limit them in a manner that is generally deemed acceptable.

While this means advertisements will be less targeted and specific to users' interests, it also means the advertisers will be forced to innovate and create new means for reaching customers with ads that are both interesting and valuable to them. And, as a strategic communication major, I'm excited to see what the future holds.

Varun Pramanik is a sophomore strategic communication major from Mumbai, India.

Colleges must take active mental health role



Jack Enright

Last Friday, the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges voted to change the system's open-door admission policy, which would allow 58 colleges to refuse to admit prospective students who may present a significant threat.

The vote came almost two weeks after Jared Loughner allegedly killed six people and wounded 13 others in Tucson, Ariz. Loughner himself was expelled from his community college after reportedly displaying erratic behavior in class and shooting a video of himself in which he called the campus "my genocide school."

The motivation behind the board's decision came not from the Arizona shooting, but from the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007. In that incident, a student with a history of mental illness killed 32 others and then himself. It was the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history and brought awareness to the

lack of attention the mentally ill receive in being diagnosed and treated. It also made campuses and boards across the country like the one in North Carolina cognizant of the threat the mentally ill can pose and the necessity of colleges to use discretion when admitting candidates to protect the safety of other students.

Although the Virginia Tech shooting initiated the change, which had been in the works since last year, both incidents illustrate why colleges should not only be allowed to use discretion when admitting applicants, but also refer those not admitted under the measure to a psychiatrist or other professional. The Virginia Tech incident likely would have been avoided if there was a similar measure in place to the one proposed in North Carolina, and the Arizona shooting also would have likely been prevented if the community college that expelled Loughner had helped him seek treatment.

The vote received some opposition, primarily from the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina.

"It's very broad and very vague," said Sarah Preston, policy director for the state chapter of the ACLU. "You could have

58 different interpretations of the policy."

Indeed, the policy does not clearly define when a student should or shouldn't be admitted. But that is the point: It leaves it up to the college to decide which students should not attend based on their medical history. Students are then allowed to appeal if they feel the denial was an error. This allows for flexibility on the part of the college while also giving students the chance to be treated fairly.

Ultimately, the board's move is a good one, and the same discretion should be permitted at both public universities, like Virginia Tech, and private universities that are not subject to many of the rules public colleges and universities are in the first place. But to adequately ensure safe campuses, they should go a step further and train professors to better recognize students in distress and get them treatment. These precautions might have helped Jared Loughner and Virginia Tech shooter Seung-Hui Cho.

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Frog Feature

Getting to know Marilyn Davis, Market Square employee

By Kaileigh Kurtin
Staff Writer

Marilyn Davis, an employee at TCU, works at various stations in Market Square and happily converses with students on a day-to-day basis. Davis learned how to cook from her two grandmothers and is best-known for being a chef in the omelet line.

When did you first start with TCU?
"2009 [in] August."

What are your current responsibilities in Market Square?
"Oh, taking care of my students and making sure they have a wonderful day."

What do you enjoy most about your job?
"The students, the families, the excitement. I get up and I love coming here. I do. When I wake up I come and I'm, like, happy. I am taking care of y'all, you are all here to do your purpose, and I'm here to do my purpose and I want everybody happy."

What is something students do that really makes your day?
"Just come in, be happy. Speak and let me know what they are doing or if they've got this going on or they've got this going on. Oh, something, you know. If they are saying something that means that I am going to sit and listen to them and what they have to say, I don't have a problem listening when they have any complaints or a good day or a bad day."

Is there anything interesting about Market Square that students do not know?
"That is a new one to me, so if I find out I will let them know. That is what I say, if I know something then I do let them know. I say that this is going on or this is going on or we've got this going on. They've got different things, but I can't be for sure what it is."

What do you dislike?
"I try to like everything about my job. I try to love my likes and my dislikes, and just deal with it and keep flowing."

What is the most bizarre omelet request you have ever gotten?
"There are no weird omelets, nothing is weird. Whatever they want, it's an omelet...They want their chicken, they want their spinach, if they want oatmeal, I would put it in there. There is nothing weird about an omelet, [but] I have never had anything weird."

What would be in your perfect omelet?
"An egg white omelet with onions, tomatoes and mushrooms. That's healthy and good."



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ENVIRONMENT

Metroplex's EPA rating may move from moderate to serious

By Chris Blake

News Now Executive Producer

Nine counties make up the The Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and are under what is classified as a non-attainment zone for ozone, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA proposed to move DFW's rating from moderate to serious, where the Metroplex would join six other areas as serious offenders or higher.

Michael Slattery, director of the university's Institute for Environmental Studies, said the downgrade to serious did not surprise him.

"When it was inevitable that the standards were going to be strengthened even further, we knew pretty much that there was no chance that

the Metroplex would stay in attainment," he said. "In fact, it was also pretty obvious that we would go to another level."

But Chris Klaus, senior program manager for the North Central Texas Council of Governments, said the move to serious was misleading because the data used to make the classification was based on ozone levels from 2007 through 2009; not the summer of 2010, the target date the NCTCOG had in mind.

"What this reclassification means, is it moves our attainment date from 2010 to 2013," he said. "Then again, it's the summer of 2013, so that will rely on the summers of '12, '11 and '10."

To be in attainment, an area must limit the level of ozone,

the pollutant that causes smog, in its air to fewer than 85 parts per billion. Klaus said the Metroplex would be at 77 parts per billion by 2012 without deploying any new measures.

"The reality is that the Metroplex does in fact have some of the worst air."

Jeremy Culhane

Freshman theater major

"There are no new strategies. It's basically doing everything that we've been doing," he said. "We just have to maintain and continue to implement the things we've been implementing."

Those things include an attempt to minimize idling cars on the highway, local governments converting city vehicles to hybrids and getting more and more diesel trucks off the road each year, Klaussaid.

"The gloomy news is it's unlikely that we're going to hit those targets by 2012," Slattery said. "...There's got to be a much broader scale approach to it, in terms of industry and reducing our consumption."

Some students, like freshman Jeremy Culhane, did not find the level of ozone in the air overly concerning, but said they would if it became much worse.

"Unless the air quality is extremely hazardous to my health, not just mildly hazardous, that's probably when I would get up and go," Cul-

hane said.

Slattery said that although students should not lock themselves inside due to the ozone levels in Dallas-Fort Worth, they should be concerned.

"The reality is that the Metroplex does in fact have some of the worst air," he said. "Certainly not on the scale of Houston or the Los Angeles basin, but it's poor."

TCU has tried to do its part in reducing its carbon footprint in recent years, Slattery said. Chancellor Victor Boschini signed the Presidents' Climate Commitment and new campus buildings are LEED certified, which means they were built with the intention to reduce their impact on environment.

According to the Princeton

Review, the university is one of the three greenest campuses in Texas, along with Texas A&M and the University of Houston.

Ozone Classification

Extreme

Los Angeles South Coast Air Basin, Calif.

San Joaquin Valley, Calif.

Severe

Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas

Riverside County, Calif.

Sacramento Metro, Calif.

Serious

Ventura County, Calif.

Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas

MILITARY

Screenings may reduce behavioral issues

By Katie Terhune

Staff Reporter

Soldiers who are screened for mental health issues before they are deployed have a reduced risk for behavior and psychiatric issues, according to a new study by the American Psychiatric Association.

Major Christopher Warner and colleagues in the U.S. Army conducted the study that included over 20,000 soldiers deployed to Iraq during 2007 and 2008.

Texas Wesleyan University student Aaron Herrera, who is a member of TCU's Army ROTC program, said he felt the mental health screenings would be advantageous for soldiers preparing for deployment.

"Mental health always was and always will be an issue, and prescreenings will cut down on the incidents both in and out of the military," said Herrera, who is planning on serving overseas after graduation. "If it means safety of the troops, it's most definitely positive."

The article, which was published in the American Journal of Psychiatry, found that screenings could reduce mental health issues among soldiers serving in

Iraq by 78 percent.

According to the study, "The predeployment time frame can be stressful for both soldiers and commanders."

Warner concluded that the prescreenings would help minimize "occupationally impairing mental health problems, medical evacuations from Iraq for mental health reasons and suicide ideation."

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Aaron Herrera

Army ROTC

Liberty Bell, a senior in the TCU Army ROTC program, said she had already been deployed twice. As she was preparing to leave for Iraq in 2005 and Afghanistan in 2008, Bell was subjected to similar psychiatric screening.

"That's standard procedure to ensure that they're ready for combat," she said. "It's really the person; are

they willing to answer the questions truthfully?"

Bell said that similar types of mental health testing would be unnecessary at the student level and that ROTC did not require such intensive screening.

"We're not doing anything related to combat. We're not doing anything that's going to hurt someone's mental state," Bell said. "The mental pressure comes with just balancing the demands of ROTC with...academics."

Major Joel Coleman, a training officer for TCU's Army ROTC program, has also been deployed numerous times, beginning in 1989.

"I think it's a good thing that our military is doing things to communicate with soldiers," he said. "Studies have shown that a lot of soldiers...have gone overseas and experienced things overseas and they've had difficulty when [they're] returning back and dealing with that."

Coleman said the mental health screenings might be a good way to "find out if there's any tendencies that might lead someone to have more problems after combat and in doing so, they could help them out."

NATIONAL

Rep. Giffords leaves intensive care

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti

Associated Press

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords on Wednesday left intensive care for the first time since she was shot in the head in Arizona more than two weeks ago, the latest big step in the long road to recovery.

With her progress moving at "lightning speed," doctors had the Arizona lawmaker moved to TIRR Memorial Hermann hospital, where she immediately began therapy that could last several months.

Doctors said she will have a valve inserted into her breathing tube to help her talk.

When asked if the congresswoman was able to speak, neurosurgeon Dr. Dong Kim said, "we can say that her speech function, along with everything else, is improving" but declined to elaborate.

Giffords, 40, had been in intensive care since her arrival Friday from Tucson, where she was shot Jan. 8 while meeting with constituents. The gunman killed six people and injured 13 others in a rampage outside a supermarket.

Doctors had said she would remain in the ICU until they were able to remove a tube that had been

placed in her head to drain excess cerebrospinal fluid. A backup of the fluid can cause pressure and swelling within the brain.

Kim said the catheter was removed Monday after a scan showed there was no longer a dangerous buildup of fluid.

The three-term Democratic lawmaker's ability to swallow safely could mean she won't need a tube feeding her much longer, said Dr. Imoigele Aisiku, director of neurocritical care at Memorial Hermann.

Giffords began physical, occupational and speech therapy just hours after she was transferred, under heavy guard, in an ambulance from the ICU of a Texas Medical Center hospital to the rehab center.

"It's a busy afternoon al-

ready and I anticipate it will be more so in the coming days," Dr. Gerard Francisco, the head of her rehabilitation team, said at a news conference.

A breathing tube was placed in Giffords' neck after she was shot. Aisiku said while she can breathe independently and swallow safely, the tube cannot be immediately removed because of the length of time it has been in place.

Instead, doctors will lessen her dependence on it, a process that has already begun, until it can be safely removed.

Precise details on Giffords' recovery were scant out of respect for the family's wishes, doctors said, though Kim said Giffords was making progress at "lightning speed."



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Astronaut Mark Kelly sits in the passenger seat of the ambulance as it carries his wife, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Retired judge holds alleged thieves at gunpoint

DIXIE INN, La. (AP) — A retired Texas judge with a lifetime in law enforcement says he interrupted a copper theft and held two men at gunpoint until Webster Parish deputies arrived.

Ralph Yarborough, 73,

told the Minden Press-Herald that his neighbor called to tell him that a vehicle had dropped off two men at the vacant house where his wife was born. He said he got a gun and sneaked into the attic and yelled for them to come down.

The two men did not immediately obey Yarborough's command, which

prompted another demand that they exit the attic, where they had been stripping copper wiring. This time, he added if they didn't comply, he would start shooting holes in the ceiling.

After the men exited the attic, Yarborough took them outside at gunpoint and, in a prearranged plan with his neighbor, Dennis Laborde, fired a shot to signal he needed assistance.

"I kept a distance of eight to 10 feet," said Yarborough. "They were both armed with knives."

Someone leaves bag full of animal parts in Saginaw

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) — Police say they have no idea why someone left a bag full of animal hearts and chicken feet at the bottom of a fresh grave in Saginaw.

Detective Sgt. Joseph Dutoi tells The Saginaw News the gallon food storage bag contained spoiling hearts and other organs from various species of animals in something that appeared to

be barbecue sauce.

Dutoi says he can't explain "why people do some of the things they do."

Workers at Forest Lawn Cemetery made the discovery and reported it to Saginaw police on Tuesday afternoon.

5-foot Monitor lizard wanders Calif. neighborhood

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Animal services officers often get calls reporting "huge," monstrous reptiles,

only to arrive and find an itty-bitty garden snake.

The 5-foot Monitor lizard wandering around a condo complex in the city of Riverside was way bigger than animal control officer Jenny Selter could have imagined.

"She said she saw it and almost jumped back in her truck," said John Welsh, spokesman for Riverside County Animal Services. "The residents were freaking out because here's the Godzilla-like creature walking down the sidewalk."

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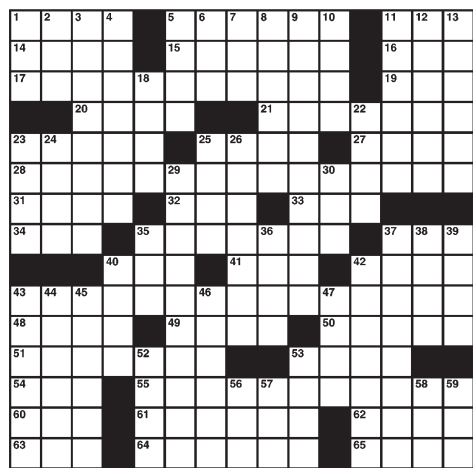
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By Dan Naddor & Doug Peterson

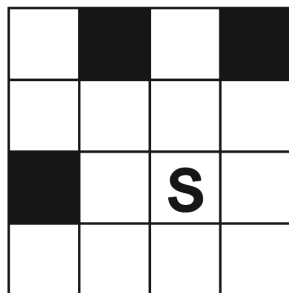
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- 10 Hit ___ spell
- 11 Engross
- 12 Sleuth played by Peter Lorre
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- 22 On one's guard
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- 39 "What's the big ___?"
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- 42 Sam Spade, e.g., slangily
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- 44 Astronaut Collins
- 45 Feeling of resentment associated with the last words of the starred answers
- 46 Dirty dishes
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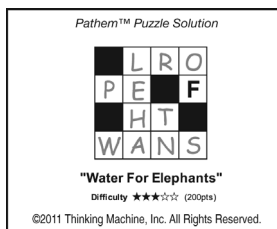
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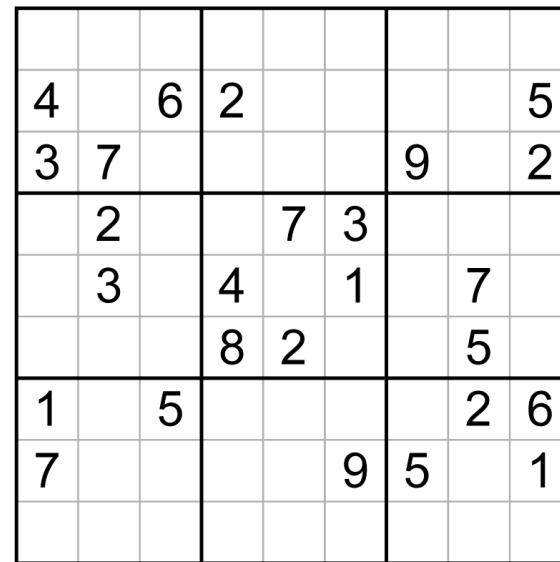


"Freeze"

Wednesday's Solution



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See Friday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Wednesday's Solution

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NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

About 26 million Americans have diabetes, up 9 percent

ATLANTA (AP) — U.S. health officials have raised their estimate of how many Americans have diabetes to nearly 26 million.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the new estimate Wednesday. It means about 1 in 12 Americans have diabetes, a disease in which the body has trouble processing sugar.

The new figure marks a 9 percent increase from the 2008 estimate of 23.6 million.

Health officials believe diabetes is becoming more common for two reasons — more people are developing obesity-related Type 2 diabetes, and people who have it are living longer.

But CDC officials say an additional blood sugar test that's now used more widely may be

responsible for as much as half of the increase.

Republicans back at work cutting spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving quickly on their own priorities, House Republicans pushed legislation to abolish partial public financing of presidential campaigns on Wednesday, one day after a State of the Union address in which President Barack Obama pronounced the country "poised for progress" and beckoned lawmakers of both parties to make job creation their common goal.

Majority Leader Eric Cantor said the program was a prime example of wasteful spending the nation cannot afford in an era of record federal deficits and mounting debt. "Eliminating this program would save taxpayers \$617 million over 10 years, and would require candidates and political parties to

rely on private contributions rather than tax dollars," he said.

But Democrats said its elimination would enhance the power of special interests, which are permitted to donate to candidates and the political parties.

"There is a bipartisan history of supporting this program," said Rep. David Price, D-N.C. "Under the cover of achieving fiscal responsibility to come in here and abolish one of the proudest and most successful of our reform efforts I think does a disservice."

The program dates to the post-Watergate era of the 1970s. Taxpayer participation is voluntary, through a check-off on income tax returns.

Given the GOP majority, the bill's passage in the House was not in doubt. Its ultimate fate was uncertain, however, given the Democratic-controlled Senate and a statement of opposition from the White House.

The bill was the first in a series of what GOP leaders promise will be weekly votes to cut spending.

As such, it underscored the eagerness of newly empowered Republicans to advance their own agenda while they simultaneously await Obama's official budget proposals in the next few weeks and go to work on their own plans to cut spending as they promised in last fall's campaigns.

Dow breaks through 12,000, first time since 2008

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average broke through 12,000 for the first time in two and half years Wednesday but edged lower in afternoon trading.

Investors were encouraged by President Barack Obama's call to overhaul taxes on businesses and a jump in new home sales in December. The gains were held back by weak profit



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Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011.

forecasts from Boeing Co., Xerox Corp. and other big names.

Obama said in his State of the Union address late Tuesday that he wanted to close corporate tax loopholes and use the additional revenue to lower tax rates on businesses for the first time in 25 years.

That change would be popular with business leaders from

both political parties. The U.S. has some of the highest corporate tax rates in the industrialized world.

"If he can take steps to simplify the tax codes, be it for individuals or corporations, I think it would be a lot easier to do business," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank.

TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

Fort Worth backs plans for JFK memorial

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Fort Worth city leaders have endorsed a plan to build a \$1.5 million memorial to former President John F. Kennedy to commemorate the hours he spent there before his 1963 assassination in Dallas.

The planned memorial, organized by the JFK Tribute Committee and unveiled Tuesday by a group called Downtown Fort Worth Inc., would include an 8-foot-tall bronze statue of Kennedy, a water wall and technology that will allow visitors to download speeches Kennedy made during his Fort Worth city.

The City Council in 2009 approved spending \$250,000 on preliminary plans for the memorial, and the tribute committee is spearheading a fundraising drive to help pay the rest of the costs. About \$500,000 has already been raised.

The committee said it hopes construction will begin on May 29, which would have been Kennedy's 94th birthday, and that the project will

be completed in May 2012.

Kennedy and the first lady flew to Fort Worth the evening of Nov. 21, 1963. They spent the night at the Hotel Texas, and JFK addressed a crowd outside the hotel the next morning. Kennedy went on to address the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce at a breakfast meeting. After about 12 hours in Fort Worth, the couple flew to Dallas, where Kennedy was assassinated.

The planned memorial will be located across the street from the hotel where the Kennedys stayed.

HISD leaders to review teacher bonus program

HOUSTON (AP) — Nearly all of the Houston Independent School District employees eligible for performance bonuses received them Wednesday in a program that may be in jeopardy because of the tough economic times.

Superintendent Terry Grier told the Houston Chronicle on Tuesday that the district must review the program's effectiveness. More than 16,000 workers benefited this year.

"We've got to take a hard look at that program, and

we've got to be willing to change it," said Grier. "When you have 92 percent of your employees receiving a bonus, you've got to ask yourself, 'Is it really a bonus program, or is it a program where you're spreading out \$42 million?'"

More than 11,000 teachers received bonuses Wednesday, and about 130 did not, according to the newspaper's analysis of the program, which began in January 2007. Teachers, on average, received bonuses topping \$3,000, while principals earned about \$5,000. Grier this term is getting \$18,000.

The bonuses are based on a formula including how well students do in the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, known as TAKS, and on the national Stanford exam.

Death sentence upheld over 2 Fort Worth killings

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has upheld the death sentence of a gang member convicted of gunning down a 5-year-old girl and her grandmother three years ago in Fort Worth.

Attorneys for 23-year-old

Erick Davila raised 14 points of error from his 2009 trial, including a claim the evidence didn't support his conviction. The state's highest criminal court Wednesday rejected all the arguments.

Davila was condemned for fatally shooting 48-year-old Annette Stevenson at her home. Her granddaughter, Queshawn, also was killed and four others were wounded at a birthday party for another of Stevenson's grandchildren. Neighbors say the woman was shot while trying to shield several children.

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SPORTS

NFL

Goodell: \$1 salary if work stoppage

Associated Press

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell will cut his salary to \$1 if there is a work stoppage after the collective bargaining agreement expires in March.

Goodell, who makes about \$10 million a year including bonuses, said in a memo to his staff Wednesday that chief negotiator Jeff Pash will do the same. Pash makes nearly \$5 million a year.

Goodell also has asked the league's compensation committee to delay any bonus payments to him until after a deal is reached with the NFL Players Association.

"Let me emphasize that we are fully committed to doing everything possible to reach a new collective bargaining agreement without any disruption to our business," Goodell said. "The entire senior leadership team stands with me in its commitment to resolving the CBA issues with



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NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell speaks before an NFL football game between the Minnesota Vikings and the Chicago Bears.

the player's union.

"While several other executives have also volunteered to make additional reductions to their compensation, I have asked them not to take that step at this time as we continue our negotiating efforts."

NFL owners opted out of the agreement in 2008.

Union chief DeMaurice

Smith has predicted the owners will lock out the players after the March 4 expiration of the contract with the league. Smith tweeted in reaction to Goodell's pledge: "NFL executives reducing salaries in the event of a lockout? If we have a deal by Super Bowl, I'll go down to 68 cents."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

James Cash's jersey to be retired

By Dalton Goodier and Emily Agee

Staff Writer and Staff Reporter

Dr. James Cash Jr. was the first African-American to be a full professor at the Harvard Business School, but his first impact on racial integration came on the hardwood at TCU. Cash, also the first African-American to play in the Southwest Conference in 1967, will have his No. 54 jersey retired on Jan. 29 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum during halftime of the TCU-Air Force game.

"I want people to understand this is a TCU event, this is a historical person," said head basketball coach Jim Christian. "It's the first African American athlete to ever walk on our campus. And what he's accomplished beyond basketball, beyond his athletic career at TCU, what he's accomplished in his career is something every TCU student should aspire to be."

Cash, who has already been inducted into the TCU Lettermen's Association Hall of Fame, received 92 scholarship offers before he chose TCU.

Cash said, "TCU was a strong participant in the social revolution of the '60s. My time at TCU was a transformative experience. I'm very honored to be recognized by my alma mater."

Cash became one of 30 Horned Frogs to tally 1,000 points over the course of his career while also averaging 11.6 rebounds. He's also in the top five in TCU career points and rebounds leaders. Cash lettered from 1967 through 1969 and led TCU to a SWC championship in 1967-68.

"Imagine what he had to endure being the first African-American athlete in the Southwest Conference, what he had to endure [at] home and on the road and the courage it took for him to do that," Christian said. "I just think there's a lesson to be learned for everybody in what he's done...[it] transcends basketball. It's TCU. He's the perfect representative of this university."

Off the court, Cash was an Academic All-American and graduated TCU with a bachelor's degree in math. He went on to earn a master's and

Ph.D. from Purdue before becoming the first African-American full professor at the Harvard Business School, where he helped build the school's computer-based technology curriculum. He served in various posts at Harvard until his retirement in 2003.

"On behalf of TCU we are really thrilled to be honoring a perfect example of a scholar athlete in Dr. Cash."

Victor Boschini
Chancellor

"On behalf of TCU we are really thrilled to be honoring a perfect example of a scholar athlete in Dr. Cash," said Chancellor Victor Boschini.

Cash is now a member of several boards of directors, including Wal-Mart, General Electric, and the Chubb Corporation. He has also served on the boards of Knight Ridder, Microsoft, Alcon Labs, and Tandy Corp, later renamed Radio Shack. He

also serves as a trustee of the Bert King Foundation, Massachusetts General Hospital, Partners Healthcare and the National Association of Basketball Coaches Foundation. Cash is also joint-owner of the Boston Celtics, having joined the group that purchased the team in 2003.

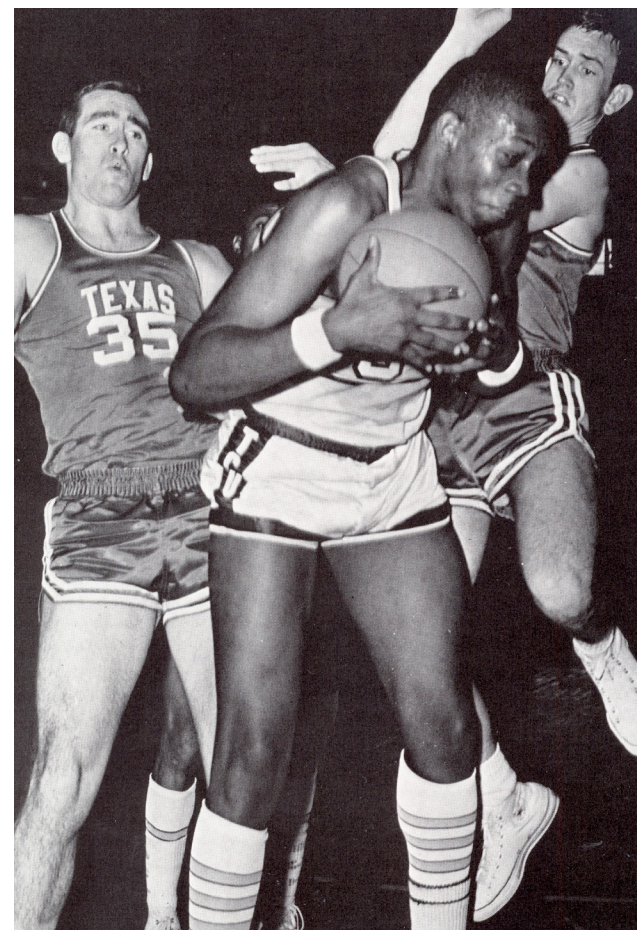
"He's that successful in life, he's everything TCU embodies and I just hope everybody understands and comes out and pays homage to this man for what he's actually done coming out of TCU," Christian said. "The basketball game just happens to be an event of a sport he played. For what he did here, I think every athlete needs to be at the game, I think every student should come pay homage to this man, not to support our basketball team but to support this guy."

James Cash Jr. jersey retirement ceremony

When: Saturday, Jan. 29, during halftime of the TCU-Air Force game.

Tip-off is at 5:00 p.m.

Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum



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James Cash pulls down a rebound against Texas in a 1967 match up.

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FOOTBALL

Three Frogs to play in Senior Bowl



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TCU receiver Jeremy Kerley catches the ball in front of Southern California defensive back Shareece Wright during the South squad's Senior Bowl practice in Mobile, Ala.

By Heather Noel

Staff Reporter

An award-winning trio of Horned Frogs that comprises quarterback Andy Dalton, center Jake Kirkpatrick and wide receiver Jeremy Kerley will play in the 2011 Under Armour Senior Bowl this Saturday.

The Senior Bowl is an annual game that showcases the nation's top senior collegiate players. It is one of the last chances for players to demonstrate their talents before the NFL draft in April.

Teams are defined regionally as players are chosen to represent the North or South teams, depending on their school's location. The three Frogs represented in this year's Senior Bowl will join other top collegiate players on the South team.

The game itself will be coached by staffs from two NFL teams. Personnel from all 32 NFL teams will also be in attendance at the game and all other events associated with it.

This year's game will be played in Mobile, Ala., at Ladd-Peebles Stadium. Kick-off is scheduled for 3 p.m. CST. The NFL Network will televise the game and all practices leading up to kickoff.

Coming off the celebration

of the Frogs' Rose Bowl victory, Dalton, Kirkpatrick and Kerley will all play for the last time in their college careers.

Dalton, the Rose Bowl Offensive Most Valuable Player, led the Frogs to winning seasons for the last four years. Dalton finished his collegiate career with a 42-7 record.

According to an article on sportsillustrated.com, NFL Network draft analyst Mike Mayock projects that Dalton could be among one of the second round draft picks.

Dalton finished the 2010 season with 209 pass completions for 2,857 total yards and only six interceptions. Dalton also was responsible for 33 total touchdowns for the Frogs this season.

Kirkpatrick was the recipient of the 2010 Rimington Trophy as the nation's top center, and named to six All-America teams. Kirkpatrick did not allow a single sack or commit any penalties for his entire senior season. He was also the only offensive player to be a finalist for the Rotary Lombardi Award.

Kerley was ranked nationally in the top 20 in punt returns and kickoff returns. This season he had a total of 388 yards in punt returns. He also was named to Sports Illustrated's All-America team as a punt

returner and was one of three finalists for the Paul Hornung Award as the nation's most versatile player. This season, he led the team with 56 receptions and 10 touchdown catches.

Playing in the Senior Bowl has launched professional careers for many former TCU players.

Former TCU running back LaDainian Tomlinson played in the 2001 Senior Bowl and was the 2001 Senior Bowl Overall Most Valuable Player. He was drafted in the 2001 NFL Draft by the San Diego Chargers. He now plays for the New York Jets.

Former TCU linebacker Daryl Washington played in the 2010 Senior Bowl and was chosen in the second round of the 2010 NFL Draft by the Arizona Cardinals.

Former TCU defensive end Jerry Hughes was selected to play in the 2010 Senior Bowl but was unable to play due to an injury. Hughes now plays for the Indianapolis Colts.

2011 Under Armour Senior Bowl

When: Saturday, Jan. 29

Where: Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala.

When: 3 p.m. CST

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RYNE'S REMARKS

Football schedule left in flux



Ryne Sulier

TCU's 2011 football schedule could have been killer, or at least hard to criticize by ESPN's College GameDay crew. Let's take a look at what could have been:

-Big 12 nonconference match-ups against Texas Tech and Baylor.

-Conference slugfests against perennial top 25 teams in BYU and Utah.

-A Fiesta Bowl rematch against a Boise State team that was a field goal chip shot from representing the non-automatic qualifiers in the Rose Bowl over TCU.

Now let's take a look at the scheduling situation on the ground as of January 2011:

-BYU bolted the Mountain West Conference and went independent in football while joining the Western Athletic Conference in all other sports.

-Utah couldn't resist moving to the Pac-10, with an automatic qualifying BCS bid included.

-The first and only TCU-

Boise State conference battle, originally scheduled as a home game for the Frogs, was approved to be rescheduled as a Boise State home game based on a recommendation from the MWC athletics directors. The Frogs will have a chance to say hello to the "Smurf Turf" just as they say goodbye to the Mountain West.

-Texas Tech tucked its tail under its legs and went running from the Frogs for the second year in a row, leaving a hole in TCU's nonconference schedule.

TCU's schedule now looks far from killer. Baylor and SMU will be trap games for a TCU team that will return only six on defense and five on offense. Winning both games won't do any harm, but a close win — or heaven forbid, a loss — and TCU hurts its chances for a third straight BCS bowl game.

TCU's marquee game will be at non-AQ pal and temporary conference foe Boise State. It's a losable game to say the least, especially as an away game. If the Frogs win, they'll certainly get a boost in the polls and voter confidence. But how long will it last, and will it matter by the end of the season?

Athletics Director Chris Del Conte said earlier in the week that TCU's replacement game

for the Tech match-up was all but complete and that it would continue its rivalry.

The comments would at minimum correlate with rumors circulating on spit-bloodtcu.com that BYU will be the team that replaces Tech. It also is rumored the game will be played at Cowboys Stadium — similar to last year's Oregon State game that replaced Tech on TCU's schedule in 2010.

If BYU ends up the team that fills the nonconference void, which is by no means a guarantee at this point, TCU Athletics did a good job at damage control. There's a strong chance BYU will be a desperately needed ranked opponent on what may be viewed as a powder puff schedule by national writers and pundits.

TCU still needs two other nonconference opponents to slot in its schedule even after Tech's bubble is penciled in. Those two opponents likely will consist of FCS opponents or FBS bottom-feeders.

The 2011 schedule won't be killer, and it won't have a marquee opponent turning heads across the nation — at least not an opponent who plays on green turf.

Ryne Sulier is a senior news-editorial journalism and political science double major.

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OPINION

It's damage control time for TCU's football schedule.

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James Cash will have No. 54 jersey retired Saturday.



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Senior guard Emily Carter goes for a layup against University of New Mexico Wednesday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

BASKETBALL

Lady Frogs drop first home game since Dec.

By Ryne Sulier

Sports Editor

The Lady Frogs made two shots in the first half, shooting 9.1 percent, and shot 27.3 percent for the game as TCU dropped its first conference game of the season 65-54 against New Mexico to snap an eight-game winning streak.

"This is maybe the first [game] that I've been thoroughly disgusted with our effort as a team approach," head basketball coach Jeff Mittie said. "I thought our entire group was very individual tonight."

Senior guard Emily Carter and senior guard/forward Helena Sverrisdottir both added nine points, but shot 5-for-20 combined.

"[Sverrisdottir has] gotta get herself going, [Carter has] gotta get herself going," Mittie said. "There's plenty of stuff there for both of them to get going, we have plenty of plays for them."

It was the first conference win for New Mexico (7-11, 1-5 MWC) as well as its first win in 2011. TCU (14-7, 6-1 MWC) had not lost a game in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum since Dec. 22 and was previously undefeated in 2011.

Sophomore forward Starr Crawford fouled out of the game with 4:00 left in the game. She still led TCU with 16 points, going 8-for-11 on the free-throw line.

New Mexico's victory snapped a five-game losing streak for the Lady Lobos, who had lost nine of 10 before Wednesday's game.

New Mexico freshman guard Jasmine Patterson and sophomore guard Caroline Durbin both had 14 points, while senior guard/forward Amanda Best tied Crawford for a game-high 16 points.

New Mexico freshman forward Morgan Toben had a game-high 13 rebounds.

"I just told [the team] it wasn't sustainable to continue to take shots we're taking, to be able to be outrebounded," Mittie said. "They needed to figure out if they were going to do something about this and correct it, or these types of games were gonna continue. We shot nine percent [in the first half]. It's

gotta be a record, doesn't it?"

The Lady Frogs didn't make a field goal until sophomore forward Delisa Gross sank a three-pointer to tie the game 9-9 with 12:06 remaining in the first half. The Lady Lobos' first half lead never reached more than eight points, mainly because TCU managed to reach the foul line, going 14-16 on free throws in the first half. New Mexico made a single free throw in the first half, keeping the Lady Frogs within six points, 25-19 at the end of the half.

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TCU started the second half flat, as the Lady Lobos built a 13-point lead in less than three minutes on a 3-pointer by Durbin.

The Lady Frogs cut the lead to 47-41 on a Carter 3-pointer with 11:23 to play, but New Mexico went on an 8-0 run to pad the lead back to 14 points. The Lady Frogs would not get the lead down to single digits for the rest of the night.

"...we seemed to want it to be real easy and not be willing to do all the little things, and not be willing to play together," Mittie said. "We're not that good."

Notes

New Mexico outrebounded TCU 46-39, scored six more points off turnovers, six more points in the paint and scored four more fast break points.

TCU's 9.1 percent first half field goal percentage was a record-low for the Lady Frogs.

Wednesday's game snapped a five-game losing streak for New Mexico while ending TCU's eight-game winning streak. It was also the Lady Lobos' first conference win of the season and TCU's first loss of 2011.

Up next: The Lady Frogs will travel to Colorado Springs, Colo., to face Air Force at 3 p.m. Saturday.