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# COUNTDOWN IN COWTOWN

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Workers install a sculpture in Sundance Square earlier this week in preparation for the Super Bowl.  
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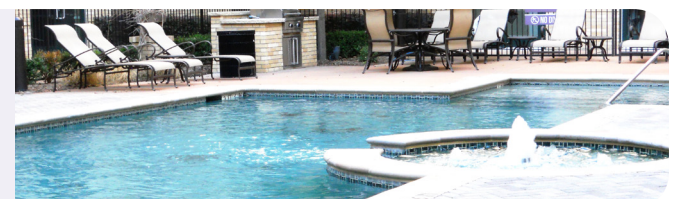
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FORT WORTH

# 'Super Week' brings events, traffic, road closures to downtown

By Katie Terhune  
Staff Reporter

Streets in downtown Fort Worth will be closed during "Super Week," a string of planned events from Jan. 31 to Feb. 6 leading up to Super Bowl XLV.

According to information on Fort Worth's official website, sections of 4th, 12th, 14th and 15th streets will be temporarily closed, as well as parts of Houston Street and Main Street.

Sagar Bathija, a senior finance and accounting major, works downtown at Q Investments. The street closures near his workplace will make his commute to work more stressful, he said.

"[The closure] definitely does have an impact. It might make it more inconvenient," Bathija said. "I guess it's worth it because you do have the Super Bowl in your own city. It's a sacrifice you have to make."

Bathija said the inconvenience was lessened because he only worked two days a week.

"It doesn't really affect me that much," he said. "If I did come every day of the week, I guess it would be annoying."

Wesley Cooper, a junior

communications major, said parking may be an issue for visitors to the downtown area.

"A lot of people downtown do rely on public parking," Cooper said. "We don't have a huge influx of people coming in from 8 to 5. You can always find a spot downtown, but with the extra...people that would be here, that's going to be an issue."

Cooper works downtown a few blocks from Sundance Square, but said his workplace already had a procedure set up to deal with the closure.

According to a press release from the City of Fort Worth, heavy traffic is expected around TCU as well as the Stockyards and the Cultural District. The release urged drivers and pedestrians to use caution when attending "Super Week" events or traveling in the downtown area.

Andra Bennett, senior director of communications at Fort Worth's Chamber of Commerce, said the closures should not present too much of a problem for traffic.

"There's been a lot of planning that's gone into the re-routing of the streets," she said.

"I think people are saying, 'Oh, I'm just going to avoid downtown because it's just going to be a madhouse.' And

the fact is, it's not," Bennett said. "It's going to be fun, and it's going to be crowded. And there's going to be a lot of energy downtown, but the police, and the businesses and Sundance Square have made all the preparations necessary for somebody to have a great time down here."

Bennett said that although some streets will be closed for cars, they would still be open to pedestrians to walk around in the downtown area.

"We want people walking around down there, and the businesses want that foot traffic. They're all counting on that," she said. "The retailers are anticipating...thousands of people downtown looking for souvenirs from their stay."

Yesenia Perez, a manager at the Mi Cocina restaurant on Main Street, said she was optimistic despite being on the part of the street scheduled for closure.

"I believe we will have more customers, or [an] equal amount of the same business we've always had," she said. "It's not going to be a regular customer that usually comes in for business, it's just people staying in downtown Fort Worth."

Perez also said that Mi Cocina would open earlier for breakfast in order to accom-

modate the extra visitors staying in the downtown area.

Darlin Inkelaar, the manager of the fashion retailer Retro Cowboy, echoed Perez's confidence.

"We're not too worried about the street closures, to be honest," she said. "There's going to be 150,000 people down

here. They're going to find a way to get down here."

Inkelaar said that although the closures may pose a problem for her and her employees getting to work, everyone was planning ahead to make sure they could get to the store.

"It's going to be a hassle," she said. "People are aware.

They know, everybody's going to carpool. All our employees are going to get dropped off or kind of work together."

Ultimately, Inkelaar said the street closures were not going to deter the store from its objective.

"The plan is to be open and make some money," she said.



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A logo for NFL football's Super Bowl XLV between the Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers on Feb. 6 stands on the outside of Cowboys Stadium.

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## CAMPUS

# Visiting Steelers should cause little disruption to campus traffic

By Chelsea Katz

Staff Reporter

When the Pittsburgh Steelers practice on campus next week, Sgt. Alvin Allcon of TCU Police said he hoped there would not be an increase of traffic.

Allcon said there might be more traffic if the Steelers host a press conference on campus, but he expected most traffic to be in downtown Fort Worth and Sundance Square.

"There's a lot of activity that's been planned downtown," he said. "The ESPN folks have actually already moved or are in the process of moving in downtown at Sundance Square and will be setting up there."

Allcon said the Fort Worth Police Department and Landmark Security would be on campus, specifically around the athletic facilities to secure the closed practices.

This would ensure that people who come to campus to see players or coaches will not be able to do so, he said.

He added that TCU Police would play a support role to the Fort Worth Police Department.

"One of the Fort Worth captains has been given like

the overall umbrella for the Fort Worth things that take place," he said.

"There's a lot of activity that's been planned downtown. The ESPN folks have actually already moved or are in the process of moving in downtown at Sundance Square and will be setting up there."

**Sgt. Alvin Allcon**  
TCU Police

Allcon said the traffic division of the Fort Worth Police Department would provide an escort for the buses transporting the team to campus. The escort and buses might cause some disruption at a few intersections so that the buses can reach the secured drop-off area. Allcon said these disruptions would be similar to TCU game days, when the visiting team is brought on buses to the stadium from its hotel.

"It'd be a very short period of time that traffic may be just held up at an intersection or

something while those buses go through," he said.

If the Steelers hold a press conference on campus, Allcon said buses would bring the media to campus and those buses would be parked in Frog Alley. He said if this happens, the only disruption would be a possible re-routing of the shuttle buses from lots 3, 5 and possibly 4 to avoid Frog Alley while the buses are being unloaded.

Allcon said there are no plans to take away any parking from students.

"We've been pretty adamant that we're not letting them have any of our parking lots," he said. "Parking is already a concern for our community, with the construction and things that have gone on there. We're not going to displace any of the students' parking."

He said the TCU Police is trying to direct Super Bowl and Steelers vehicles and buses to areas that will not affect any parking.

Allcon said there are no plans for any streets to be closed around the TCU campus. However, he said some streets in the downtown and Sundance Square area will be or are already closed.



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Cars drive down University Drive Thursday afternoon. Sgt. Alvin Allcon of TCU Police said there are no plans for any street closures around the campus due to Super Bowl events.

## FINE ARTS

## Band to play ESPN Super Bowl events

By Crystal Galvan

Staff Reporter

The TCU band will perform at Sundance Square Monday for ESPN's Mike and Mike in the Morning radio program.

The performance was set after Ed Bass called the athletic office wanting the band to participate in the show, associate director of bands Brian Youngblood, said.

"The group will be staged and possibly get on national TV and be heard nationally on the radio," Youngblood said.

Bobby R. Francis, director of bands, said the show will broadcast at 5:00 a.m. and the band will take about 45 students to the event. This will begin ESPN's broadcast coverage from Sundance Square for the Super Bowl and Super Bowl-related events, he said.

"It's a nice opportunity, and it sounds like a lot of fun," Francis said.

Senior trombone player Matt Williams said the band rehearsed Wednesday night in preparation for the performance. He said it is important to be flexible because of the last-minute arrangements that are made for this event.

"Our goal when we go to something like that is to add value to the event."

**Spencer Heath**  
Drum Major

Drum major Spencer Heath said the band's approach to an event like this to provide entertainment to the audience. Heath said that the band hopes to hype up the crowd early in the morning.

"Our goal when we go to something like that is to add value to the event," he said.

Francis said in addition to the performance for Mike and



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The TCU band performs at the official TCU Rose Bowl pep rally on New Year's Eve.

Mike in the Morning the band will also perform at the ESPN Magazine Next party on Feb. 5. The party will take place in the Stockyards and will be open to the public, he said.

Youngblood said the band

will perform to a crowd anywhere between 5,000 to 6,000 people.

Williams said the performances are great publicity for the band and the TCU community.

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## PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

## Senate misses chance to return to civility

Disagreement is part of the political process. Check the Constitution if you don't believe me. There's a series of checks and balances that is supposed to allow for civil discourse and the overturning of laws if the majority agrees that changes are needed.

Early Thursday, Senate leaders could have reached an agreement of historical proportions. A piece of legislation would have had Democrats granting more chances to offer amendments to passed laws. Republicans would have agreed to filibuster fewer bills and nominations, according to an *Associated Press* article.

This cease-fire would have been a refreshing alternative to the vitriol that has become the definition of political disagreement. Instead, what passed is no better than a handshake.

Both sides agreed to play nicely with each other, with the only gain of the day being a deal forbidding a single lawmaker from anonymously holding up legislation. Any other filibuster, polite or otherwise, is fair game.

A great insult to your political opponent might get you a four-minute clip on "Saturday Night Live," but the democratic process of thoughtful and reasonable discussion needs to be adhered to.

Politicians could have learned a lot from the reading of the Constitution on the House floor — if only they had been listening to the words and not the rhetoric surrounding the action. This agreement was a missed opportunity. With it, America could have finally resumed the road of civil and intelligent debate.

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## MTV show sets poor example for viewers



Michelle Altenberg

Sex, drugs and homework — all just a day in the life of the characters of MTV's scandalous new show, "Skins."

When these high school teens aren't scribbling notes in class or munching on some tater tots in the cafeteria, they're busy "getting busy," popping pills and partying into the morning. This depiction of reckless teen behavior by MTV is morally irresponsible and cause for controversy.

The raunchy storyline of "Skins" depicts the antics of nine teenagers as they lead supremely hedonistic lifestyles and indulge in countless vices. The content is borderline

pornographic, and the 16- and 17-year-olds live life seemingly without consequences.

The show debuted last week to an audience of 3.3 million viewers, 1.2 million of whom are under 18, according to the Nielsen Co.. Since then, MTV has faced its share of controversy. Parents Television Council President Tim Winter openly criticized the show's content and warned advertisers to stay away.

"Every single advertiser who sponsored the premiere episode of 'Skins' is not only endorsing but glorifying teen drug and alcohol use," he said in a statement to Fox News.

As a result, Schick, Subway, H&R Block, Taco Bell, Wrigley and General Motors all have pulled their ads from the show, according to an article by CBS News.

MTV executives have raised concerns about the amount of explicit content in the show and fear scenes in upcoming

episodes may violate the federal child pornography statutes, according to *The New York Times*. These same executives have since ordered producers to modify some of the show's most provocative scenes. The decision came after the network executives realized criminal prosecution was a possibility if changes were not made, according to the article.

Apart from this move, MTV has remained largely defensive of its new series. MTV spokesperson Jeannie Kedas said in an article in *The Baltimore Sun* the show "addresses real-world issues confronting teens in a frank way."

"We are confident that the episodes of 'Skins' will not only comply with all applicable legal requirements, but also with our responsibilities to our viewers," the network presented in a statement.

Their "responsibilities to viewers" must be very loosely

defined.

The first two episodes of this series are morally reprehensible, especially with regard to the promotion of sex. Not only are the underage actors scantily clad and participating in destructive sexual behavior, they also collect pornography and refer to virginity as an embarrassment.

Teenagers look to popular media sources like MTV for both entertainment and guidance. These impressionable adolescents observe the behaviors and mentalities of their favorite television characters, like those on "Skins," and often begin to emulate these behaviors in real life. MTV should consider how the promotion of immoral acts and unrealistic ideals will affect its eager young audience to which it has such a "responsibility."

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PERSPECTIVES

Exciting possibilities come with potential resurrection of woolly mammoth



Katie Terhune

More and more these days, I feel like I am living in the future. OK, flying cars have yet to materialize, and we're still waiting on the hostile robot takeover, but nonetheless, the revels of modern science are starting to feel more like science fiction.

For example, according to a Jan. 17 Yahoo! News article, a group of Japanese scientists announced a plan to resurrect the extinct woolly mammoth. The scientists, led by Akira

Iritani of Kyoto University,, plan to use cloning technology and DNA samples from a mammoth carcass to bring the Ice Age creature into modern times. The team estimates that within five years, it will be able to implant the carefully doctored embryo into a living elephant, which it hopes will result in the birth of the first living woolly mammoth in thousands of years.

The breakthroughs in cloning technology don't end with the resurrection of an eons-dead pachyderm, however. A different team of researchers in Japan has managed to create "sing-ing mice," according to a Dec. 2010 Discovery News article. These odd creatures are genetically modified to tweet like birds to communicate. The scientists plan to study the mutated mice in the hopes of tracing the origins of human language.

The ethics of cloning have been discussed and re-discussed too many times to count. Some contest that using science to create or manipulate life constitutes "playing God," and will result in horrifying consequences.

I, however, find it hard to imagine that even the most contentious of cloning technology detractors can view these newest developments without reaching the same conclusion as I did. This is pretty cool.

I realize these breakthroughs in cloning technology and genetic manipulation can come across as unusual or even threatening. Woolly mammoths crashing through down-town Tokyo would be a PR nightmare for the scientific community. And I can't think of anything more horrifying than being serenaded by a creepy huddle of musical mice running free

in my apartment walls.

It's easy to get caught up in this type of popcorn panic. So stock up on mouse traps if you must. Buy a spear — it worked well for our cave-dwelling predecessors. But in the midst of our grim predictions, it also is important to recognize what a huge step forward this is for the scientific community.

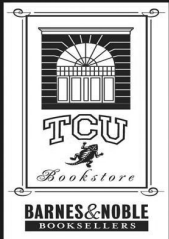
Nothing like this has been even been attempted before, and the idea that these discoveries are occurring in such an immediate timetable is incredible.

As students and as citizens of the global community, we are living in a pretty exciting time. Subjects that were previously relegated to the B-movie horror flicks now loom as very real possibilities. But it's not enough to sit back and gleefully hope that my next visit to the Fort Worth Zoo will include a stop at the woolly mammoth exhibit.

News like this should encourage stu-dents to get in on the innovation that is being conducted in the scientific field. We have to capitalize on the oppor-tunities afforded us by the constantly expanding field of science.







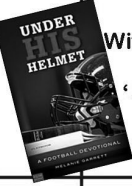
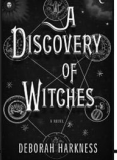




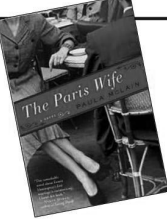

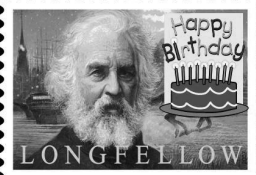

So fine, be a little scared. Create a "woolly mammoth stampede escape plan." But it is important to understand the far-reaching impact this will have on our worldview. As students, we are the ones who will ultimately assume responsibility for creating the next cavalcade of biological experiments. TCU only requires six hours of natural science for non-majors. Take them se-riously, make them count, and maybe one of us will be the first to create a giant singing horned frog.

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## GREEK LIFE

# Trustees approve addition of three new fraternities

By Crystal Galvan  
Staff Reporter

The TCU Board of Trustees approved the addition of three new fraternities to the Interfraternity Council within the next three years, Keith Becklin, an IFC adviser, said.

IFC made the decision to add more organizations after noticing about 400 men were without a fraternity to join at the end of the recruitment process, he said.

Becklin said that once IFC received information from interested fraternities, it will begin discussing which fraternities should be added to the campus.

"We have contacted organizations that are out there, and we are waiting to receive information back from them," Becklin said.

Shannon Sumerlin, director of fraternity and sorority life, said the fraternities that made the final cut would visit the campus to be evaluated by students and faculty.

Sumerlin said the organizations will need to

meet certain criteria to be accepted. The council will look at how successful they have been at other campuses, she said.

"We want to know what their national organization provides as far as leadership training and development," Sumerlin said.

**"We'd like to get to a point where past leaders will return and be facilitators for the retreat."**

**Shannon Sumerlin**  
Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life

She said she felt leadership development was important because Greek organizations and their leaders had an impact on such a large part of the student body. Existing fraternities, as well as sororities, worked on leadership training in an early January leadership retreat, she said.

Matthew Handy, president of the Beta Beta Mu

Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma, attended the retreat for the first time. The program focused on discovering individual leadership strengths as well as helping members understand their roles within a group, he said.

Handy said the retreat was for the presidents of all the Greek organizations on campus as well as the executive board members of the IFC, the National Panhellenic Council, the Panhellenic Council and the Multicultural Greek Council.

The retreat allowed leaders from different organizations to share their personal experiences through big and small group activities, he said.

"The whole point of the thing was to outline what kind of leader you were," Handy said.

Sumerlin said the model was successful and that it will evolve based on the feedback they receive.

"We'd like to get to a point where past leaders will return and be facilitators for the retreat," Sumerlin said.

## WHITE HOUSE

# Obama names new press secretary

By Ben Feller  
Associated Press

Jay Carney, who built a career covering politics and presidents before joining the White House himself, on Thursday became President Barack Obama's choice as his next press secretary and chief defender. A broad, weeks-long shakeup of the administration settled into place as Obama sought to rejuvenate and reshape his staff for the rest of his term.

The naming of a new press secretary means Americans will be seeing a new face all over TV coverage and in newspapers on behalf of Obama: Carney, 45, who looks the part but has never done a stint behind any briefing room podium. He spent two decades as a journalist for Time magazine, including as a White House correspondent and Washington bureau chief, before changing career paths to become Vice President Joe Biden's communications director in 2008.

Sometime in the next few weeks, Carney will replace Robert Gibbs, who served as Obama's spokesman, friend and trusted counselor in the White House. Gibbs is quit-



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Vice President Joe Biden walks from the Eisenhower Executive Office Building to the West Wing of the White House in Washington with his Communications Director Jay Carney.

ting for a lighter schedule and a more lucrative career in the private sector after a grueling, years-long run at Obama's side, but he will remain an adviser and will serve on the president's reelection campaign.

Carney has known Obama over the last two years and is not expected to have the influence that Gibbs did. But White House aides assured

that Carney would have all the access he needed to speak with credibility on Obama's behalf, and his fast rise to the top of Obama's press operation reflects how well he is regarded by the president.

Obama chose Carney over several candidates whom he gave serious consideration, including ones who know the president better and also work inside the West Wing.



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## CAMPUS

# Passport processing available in Reed Hall

By Brett Anderson  
Staff Reporter

Students, faculty, staff and community members looking to travel out of the country can receive passport processing services from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 2 in Reed Hall, Room 214.

The Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad is sponsoring the event by bringing a post office representative to campus, Study Abroad Coordinator Alexis Branaman said.

Branaman said the passport service coincides with the study abroad fair so students can learn about studying overseas and apply for a passport at the same time. However, the service isn't strictly for those interested in a study abroad program.

"Whether or not you go abroad, it's a good thing to have a passport so you have options when it's time to travel," Branaman said.

Branaman said that the service is intended to make the process easier so people don't need to travel off campus to a post office to apply for or renew a passport.

"[The purpose is] convenience for students, faculty, staff and community members," Branaman said.

**"Whether or not you go abroad, it's a good thing to have a passport so you have options when it's time to travel."**

**Alexis Branaman**  
Study Abroad Coordinator

Junior entrepreneurial management major Caroline Wiersgalla said she had planned to ride the public bus to the post office this week, but will now have her application processed

on campus. Wiersgalla said she may travel out of the country for spring break, and this service will make her travel plans easier.

Branaman said the process would be the same as at the post office, but probably quicker. The post office provides a representative at no cost to the university, she added.

Branaman said it is important for people to come prepared with the items needed to process an application, including proof of U.S. citizenship, a valid driver's license and two separate checks.

According to a passport application instructional sheet provided by the Tarrant County District Clerk, an application for a passport book requires a \$35 District Clerk fee plus a \$110 application fee. The District Clerk fee includes a \$10 photo charge. Branaman said the post office representative will be taking pictures on site.

The passport book is valid for international travel by air, land or sea, according to the District Clerk instructions.

According to the sheet, applicants looking for a cheaper alternative can apply for a passport card. The card only allows for land or sea travel to Mexico, Canada, Bermuda and the Caribbean. The passport card requires a \$30 application fee, plus the \$35 District Clerk charge.

These fees reflect approximately six weeks processing. Three weeks processing is available with additional charges, according to the instructional sheet.

## Campus passport processing services

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## CAMPUS

# GrandMarc residents to take on 'Polar Bear Plunge' Friday

By Jenn Lazear  
Staff Reporter

The GrandMarc's north tower pool will be an unfriendly 40 degrees for Friday's Polar Bear Plunge, an event where participants compete to see who can stay in the pool the longest.

Residence Hall Association Senator DJ Walsted said the event will be raising money for the Samaritan House by accepting donations from the contest's participants. Fifty cent hot chocolate and free s'mores will be provided at the event.

"We are trying to build a community and awareness that the GrandMarc is holding events and has fun stuff to do for TCU," Walsted said.

According to its website, the Samaritan House is a community that provides housing and resources to people living with HIV/

AIDS and other special needs.

The Samaritan House opened in 1993 with the capacity for 32 people. Over the years it has grown and has a current capacity of 350 people, according to the website.

Walsted said students who plan on taking the plunge need to arrive by 3:45 p.m. to be ready to jump in at 4 p.m.

## Polar Bear Plunge

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# WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

## Ohio school deploys breathalyzers at dances

MEDINA, Ohio (AP) — Students may have to blow into a breathalyzer before they're admitted to dances at one Ohio high school. School district Superintendent Randy Stepp says the devices will screen ran-

dom students showing up for Medina (meh-DY'-nuh) High School dances and those who appear to have been drinking. Stepp says the policy posted on the school's website this week comes after two intoxicated students were disruptive at the fall homecoming dance. He says if a breathalyzer shows any indication of al-

cohol use, the student will be barred from the dance and could be subject to law enforcement action. The new rules taking effect for the Feb. 5 "Sweet-heart Dance" at the school south of Cleveland also include a dance dress code and a ban on sexually suggestive dancing. **Video: Drug smugglers use catapult to fling pot** HERMOSILLO, Mexico (AP) — Surveillance video shows drug smugglers us-

ing an old invention as a new way to move marijuana across the border from Mexico to Arizona. National Guard troops operating a remote surveillance system at the Naco Border Patrol Station say they observed several people preparing a catapult and launching packages over the fence late last week. A Mexican army officer says the 3-yard tall catapult was found about 20 yards from the U.S. border on a flatbed towed by a sports utility vehicle.

The officer says the catapult was capable of launching 4.4 pounds of marijuana at a time. He says soldiers seized 35 pounds of pot, the vehicle and the catapult. The smugglers left before they could be captured. **Ohio home sale snarled by 6-cent water bill** CLEVELAND (AP) — Mere pennies are holding up an Ohio home sale, frustrating a couple in their 70s who are trying to move on. Arthur and Beverly Bar-

ton say a 6-cent balance on a water bill is keeping the title company from completing the sale of their house in North Royalton, a suburb south of Cleveland. The Bartons have already relocated to Carey, N.C. Arthur Barton says they've tried to resolve the issue through some 20 calls to the Cleveland Division of Water, which provided their service. He tells The Plain Dealer of Cleveland his wife is so upset over their lingering Ohio home that she goes to tears.

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By Don Gagliardo 1/28/11

**Thursday's Puzzle Solved**

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### "Cleopatra: A Life"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (70pts)

**How to play:**

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

**Sample**

"Freeze"

**Thursday's Solution**

### Directions

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

See Tuesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

### Thursday's Solution

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# TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

## NFL expects record crowd for Super Bowl

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The NFL is expecting a record crowd for the first Super Bowl at \$1.3 billion Cowboys Stadium.

League spokesman Brian McCarthy said Thursday an estimated total of 105,000 will attend the Feb. 6 game in Arlington, Texas.

McCarthy said about 95,000 fans will be in the seats and suites inside the stadium, along with about 5,000 media members and staff. Approximately 5,000

people also paid \$200 apiece to be in an area outside the stadium watching on big-screen TVs.

The record of 103,985 was set in the 1980 Super Bowl at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., when the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Los Angeles Rams. This time, the Steelers are playing the Green Bay Packers.

A record could exceed the population of Green Bay, which is about 104,000.

## Texas voter ID bill passes Senate, heads to House

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Republican leaders

have scored their first major legislative victory of the 2011 session with Senate passage of a bill requiring most residents to present photo identification before being allowed to vote.

The legislation, which exempts certain disabled people and those 70 and older, passed the Senate along partisan lines after majority Republicans shot down one Democratic amendment after another. One last-minute change both sides could agree on in the pro-gun Texas Legislature: a provision adding a concealed weapons permit as a valid form of identification.



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A worker puts up a logo outside Cowboys Stadium, Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011 in Arlington, Texas, in preparation of NFL football Super Bowl XLIV.

# NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

## First lady: Army health initiative may be a model

FORT JACKSON, S.C. (AP) — First lady Michelle Obama said Thursday that the military's push to turn recruits into health-conscious warriors could be a model for making people across the U.S. more focused on fitness and nutrition.

Obama, who has made battling childhood obesity one of her signature causes as first lady, visited the Army's largest training post at Fort Jackson outside Columbia to see what the Army has done, from more rigorous training drills to fat-free milk in its mess halls.

"I'm very excited," Obama told Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, who has worked to overhaul both the soldiers' diets and exercise programs. "I am fascinated by what you're doing."

A lack of fitness is "not just a health issue but a national security issue," she said, and the military's health initiatives could be a model for youngsters elsewhere.

Hertling gave the first lady a military-style briefing, accompanied by colorful slides beamed on three large screens hung on the walls, that detailed how the na-

tion's obesity problems create problems for the Army.

Kids are spending too much time in front of TV and computer screens, not getting enough exercise and drinking too many sugary soft drinks, Hertling said. He said that makes their bones too fragile for military lifestyles.

New soldiers are given exercises for core body strength and stamina. Mess halls now feature more dark greens, whole grains and no-fat milk, he said. Obama got to see what foods were offered in one of the chow lines at the post and chatted with drill sergeants about the challenges of getting recruits into shape.

Fort Jackson's commander, Maj. Gen. James Milano, said the first lady's visit would be a big boost for military families, particularly those who have endured years of deployments and separations.

"It's a huge benefit for us, to have her come here and visit. This is a great day, a chance for her to come and talk directly to Army soldiers and their families," Milano said.

## Mystery solved: Teen put piano on Miami sandbar

MIAMI (AP) — The rumors can stop swirling: The baby grand piano that turned

up on a Miami sandbar was burned to tatters by New Year's revelers, then brought to its new home by a television designer's teenage son who said Thursday he hoped the idea might help him get into a prestigious art school.

Theories of the instrument's origin had abounded, with some saying they saw helicopters and television crews hovering around the piano. Others tried to claim responsibility, but Nicholas Harrington, 16, had his endeavor on videotape.

Harrington said he wanted to leave his artistic mark on Miami's seascape as the artist Christo did in the early 1980s when he draped 11 small islands in Biscayne Bay with hot pink fabric. And if it helped the high school junior get into Manhattan's Cooper Union college, that would be OK, too.

"I wanted to create a whimsical, surreal experience. It's out of the everyday for the boater," Harrington told The Associated Press.

On Jan. 2, Harrington, his older brother Andrew and two neighbors lifted the instrument, which had been trashed during a holiday party, onto the family's 22-foot boat and took it out on Biscayne Bay. There, they left it on the highest spot along a sandbar.

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## SPORTS

## OPINION

## Don't call Cutler a quitter



Patrick Burns

When Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler came out of the NFC Championship Game in the third quarter last Sunday against the Green Bay Packers after a putrid first half because of a sprained knee, the reaction among active NFL players, as well as members in the media, was universally negative. Maurice Jones-Drew, a star running back for the Jacksonville Jaguars, tweeted during the game, "the urban meyer rule is in effect right now... When the going gets tough.....QUIT!"

Nationally syndicated sports columnists, like Jason Whitlock of FOXSports.com, echoed Jones-Drew's thoughts. "In the biggest game of his career, shortly after playing 30 minutes of awful football, Cutler laid down on the Bears and the city of Chicago," Whitlock wrote Monday.

The idea that Cutler is a quitter is insane. In 2010, Cutler was sacked 52 times, a league high. In Week 4, the New York Giants sacked Cutler

10 times, two short of the NFL record. He's taken brutal hit after brutal hit in his time at Chicago and has missed only one game in two seasons, due to a concussion. He played with the worst offensive line in football, a mediocre receiving group, and a good, but not great running back, and still led the Bears to 11 wins and to two home playoff games.

Considering the low expectations for Chicago — trust me, I've followed this team for almost 15 years — coming in to this season, the citizens of Midway should practically throw him a parade for getting them one game away from a trip to Arlington. Instead, people label him a quitter. Hearing that from the national columnists and other journalists is understandable.

Cutler is well known for not being a big fan of the sports media as a whole and typically gives short, terse answers to questions from reporters, ones that don't lend themselves to that "money quote" for which sports journalists constantly strive. Rick Reilly noted in a recent column that when a reporter asked Cutler a question about what happened when he threw an interception in a game, Cutler said, "I threw the ball."

Sports writers just hate that.

So it's no surprise to see them unleash on Cutler when they had the opportunity to criticize him. What was truly shocking was the treatment Cutler received from his fellow players — people like future Hall of Fame cornerback Deion Sanders, the same player who missed several football games as a Dallas Cowboy because of a toe injury, or future Hall of Famer Derrick Brooks, widely considered to be one of the best linebackers to have ever played the game.

The most disappointing part of this character assassination of Cutler? The public did it before we even knew the whole story. Turns out that Cutler ended up with a sprained MCL, which would have sidelined him for up to a month, but this was essentially ignored by others. If you want to criticize Cutler about the incident, talk about how he offered little if any show of support for Caleb Hanie, the third-string quarterback who almost led the Bears to one of the greatest comebacks in playoff history.

Talk about how he was awful in the most important game of his career. But don't call him a quitter.

*News editor Patrick Burns is a senior news-editorial major from Plano.*

## SWIMMING &amp; DIVING

## Team will host home dual meet



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Junior diver Theo Trotman dives for a three-meter dive event earlier this season during the meet against Utah.

**By Ryne Sulier**  
Sports Editor

TCU's swimming & diving team will compete in a dual meet against New Mexico and BYU at 6 p.m. Friday at the TCU University Recreation Center Natatorium.

The men's team enters the meet at 3-1 (3-1 MWC), while the women's team is 3-3 (3-3 MWC).

It's TCU's second-to-last home meet of the season before the Mountain West Conference championships are held in Oklahoma City, Okla.

TCU coach Richard Sybesma said he hoped the sweep against Utah would build the team's confidence as the Frogs head into the final stretch of meets before the conference championships. While Sybesma has previously talked about tailoring practices and training to set up the Frogs to peak during the MWC Championships, Friday's conference meet still has plenty of significance regarding the standings.

The Frogs are seventh in the MWC standings while the Lobos are in eighth place. BYU is second in the stand-

ings with an overall record of 6-1 (4-1 MWC).

The Frogs swept Utah in their last meet as the men tallied a 171-123 win and the women's team scored a 166-131 victory against the Lady Utes.

"They're going to be very hard to beat at home. They put a lot of stock into this meet and are very competitive, but we are preparing for that and will be ready to compete when we get there."

**Tim Powers**  
BYU Head Coach

Senior diver Kyle Callens broke his own school record in the 1-meter springboard with a score of 360.98, and freshman Amanda Vincent swam a 2:02.69 in the 200-butterfly — the fifth-fastest time in TCU history.

The Frogs won 12 of the 16 events, while junior Edgar

Crespo, who practiced out of water last week because of a lower leg infection, added two more wins against Utah in the 100- and 200-breaststroke.

"TCU is a tough place to win at," BYU head coach Tim Powers said in a Cougars' news release. "They're going to be very hard to beat at home. They put a lot of stock into this meet and are very competitive, but we are preparing for that and will be ready to compete when we get there."

The Frogs should expect strong showings from BYU's Jake Taylor, Brandon Watson and Dayna Christensen — all of whom were Mountain West Conference Swimmer and Diver of the Week award recipients.

As for New Mexico, the Lobos' diving squad hasn't competed since the Arizona Diving Invitational in November.

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## SPORTS

## OPINION

## Basketball has bright future, needs support from fans, athletics



Ryan Osborne

Head men's basketball coach Jim Christian's goal at the beginning of the season was to get 17 wins.

But after losing 71-46 to New Mexico on the road Wednesday, that goal might be unrealistic, and Christian knows it.

"At this point I can't [look at 17 wins as a goal]. At this point, it's what can I do to get through to guys as individuals to get them to play better as a team, and as a whole, to win the game that night. That's what it's really about now," Christian said.

Taking the game-by-

game approach has to be the only method of operation for a Horned Frog team that has lost eight of nine and dropped two games below .500. The Frogs will have to win seven of their last nine games and beat either San Diego State, BYU, UNLV or Utah once in addition to winning the rest of their conference games to get to 17 wins.

But after Saturday's loss to Utah at home, which put the Frogs under .500 for the first time all season, 17 wins might as well be 27. Losing by 13 points to a Utes team with a losing record is one thing, but losing to that team at home is another.

TCU couldn't defend Utah's perimeter shooters and couldn't rebound against their post players. The Utes cooled off in the second half and still shot

a ridiculously high 54 percent from the field for the game.

*The team has endured a decade of losing, but for the first time in those 10 years, the Frogs' coach, and perhaps a few optimistic supporters, expected TCU to win consistently.*

The look on Christian's face as he talked to the media outside TCU's locker room Saturday night said it all.

He's running out of options.

"Sometimes as a coach your hands are tied in an effort to try to get out of it," Christian said. "We've tried a lot of different things...to

get them to play the way we want them to play. They've got to dig down and commit to doing it themselves."

But through the Frogs' recent swoon, it's easy to forget, as clichéd as it sounds, that the program is on the rise.

The team has endured a decade of losing, but for the first time in those 10 years, the Frogs' coach, and perhaps a few optimistic supporters, expected TCU to win consistently.

Christian is the right man for the job. The third-year coach has won everywhere he has been, and after cleaning up former Frogs' head coach Neil Dougherty's mess, Christian has built a small nucleus of players that should at least have what it takes to win 17 games.

They have a scorer in junior guard Ronnie Moss,

a passer in junior guard Hank Thorns and young talent in players like freshman forward Amric Fields and sophomore forward Garlon Green. They don't have much size — the team's tallest starter is only 6-foot-9 — but what they lack most is support from the student body and the administration.

On game days, there is little to no promotion for that night's game. This usually leads to the Frogs playing in front of a crowd that rarely fills the lower bowl of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. And for the rare students who do show up, they're forced to sit down the majority of the game, as there isn't a designated student section like at football games.

As an incoming freshman, the first two things you hear from students and

faculty is how good the football team is and how bad the basketball team is. Football gets the majority of the attention, and deservedly so. But the basketball team, as bad as they may have been, deserves some attention, too, and they haven't gotten it.

Upgrade Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, make a student section and promote game days. Do something to support the men's basketball program before the Frogs enter the most competitive conference in the nation. Just because TCU is in the Big East doesn't mean the DMC will be packed with fans unless those fans feel accommodated and have a reason to be excited.

*Ryan Osborne is a freshman journalism major from Lawton, Okla.*

## WEEKEND RECAP

## Men's tennis vs.

## Texas A&amp;M-Corpus Christi

Men's tennis will play Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at home on Saturday after the Frogs defeated both the University of Texas at Arlington and University of Texas-Pan American 6-1 last weekend. The Islanders dropped their last match at New Mexico 7-0. The Islanders will face Baylor in Waco on Friday before arriving in Fort Worth to play TCU Saturday.

When: 10 a.m. Saturday

Where: Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center

## Women's basketball at Air Force

The Lady Frogs (14-7, 6-1 MWC) travel to Air Force Academy (6-13, 1-5 MWC) after dropping their first game in 2011 to New Mexico, 65-54, Wednesday night. It was TCU's first MWC loss and first loss at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum since Dec. 22. TCU leads the all-time series 15-1.

When: 3 p.m. Saturday

Where: U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.

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## Women's tennis at St. Mary's

The women's tennis team will compete against St. Mary's College of California in the opening-round match-up of the ITA Kickoff Weekend. TCU enters the weekend as the No. 3 seed while St. Mary's is slotted No. 2. The winner of Friday's match will meet either California or North Texas in the championship match Saturday. The losing teams will play a consolation match.

When: 4 p.m. Friday

Where: Berkeley, Calif.

## Rifle at UTEP

TCU's rifle team is riding a 19-match winning streak going into Sunday's match at the University of Texas at El Paso. The Frogs scored a 4,662-4,610 victory over the Air Force Academy last Sunday. The Miners posted a 4,584 score at Murray State. A win-loss decision was unavailable after UTEP's last match.

When: Sunday

Where: El Paso

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Junior guard J.R. Cadot runs the ball up court as senior guard Greg Hill follows closely behind against Utah.

## BASKETBALL

Frogs will play for  
2nd conference win

By Ryne Sulier

Sports Editor

TCU's Saturday conference game against Air Force at 5:00 p.m. at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum will be more than just an opportunity for TCU to snap its four-game losing streak.

"I feel great. We'll be prepared for Air Force (when we get home)."

Hank Thorns

Junior guard

TCU will retire James Cash Jr.'s No. 54 jersey at halftime. Cash was the first African-American to play in the Southwest Conference from 1967-69 and also became the first full-time African-American professor at the Harvard Business School.

Cash also led TCU to a SWC championship in the 1967-68 season and is in the top-five all-time for TCU career points and rebounds.

"The (players) are well aware of his significance to this university," Head basketball coach Jim Christian said. "They're well aware of the night and what the cause of the night is. He came in early to talk to our team, which shows you a lot about him. It's an exciting time."

TCU (10-12, 1-6 MWC) dropped its last game to New Mexico 71-46 at The Pit in Albuquerque, N.M. The Frogs played without junior guard and leading scorer Ronnie Moss, who missed the game for personal reasons.

While junior guard Hank Thorns scored a team-high 11 points and game-high nine assists, the Frogs shot 33.9 percent from the field compared to the Lobos' 48.2 percent.

"I feel great. We'll be prepared for Air Force (when

we get home)," Thorns said, before the team left for Albuquerque.

Sophomore forward Garlon Green also scored 10 points and grabbed five rebounds in the Frogs' loss, but a 9-0 run in the second half of the game extended New Mexico's lead to 20.

Air Force (11-8, 2-4 MWC) will enter Saturday's game after a 69-66 loss to Colorado State. Falcons' sophomore guard Michael Lyons scored 14 points in the loss and junior guard/forward Taylor Stewart scored 11 points.

Air Force has dropped four of five, with its lone win in the five-game span coming at home against Wyoming.

The Falcons are 1-6 on the road this season, while the Frogs have dropped two of their last three at home.

Right now when you go through tough stretches, it's hard to feel good about yourself because everything you try to do gets beaten down," Christian said. "You gotta rise above that. So that's what we're hoping to get — when we leave the court after that game, that we've played the right way. We've played hard; we've gotten better. That's what you have to do at this point."

The game will be televised on CBS College Sports and broadcast on 88.7 FM (KTCU) and 820 AM (WBAP).

## Men's Basketball

## TCU vs. Air Force Academy

When: 5:00 p.m. Saturday

Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Note: James Cash Jr.'s jersey will be retired at halftime.

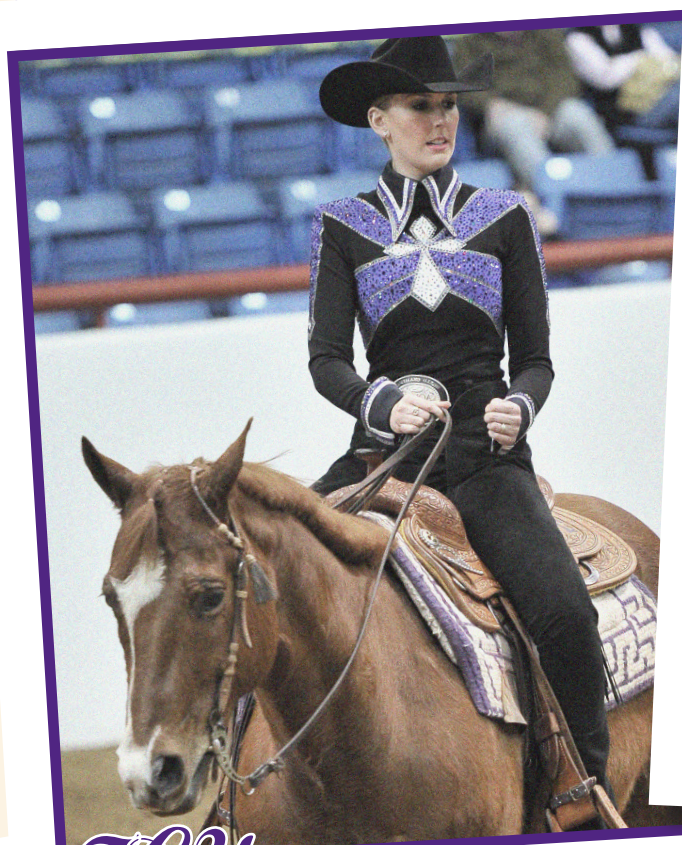
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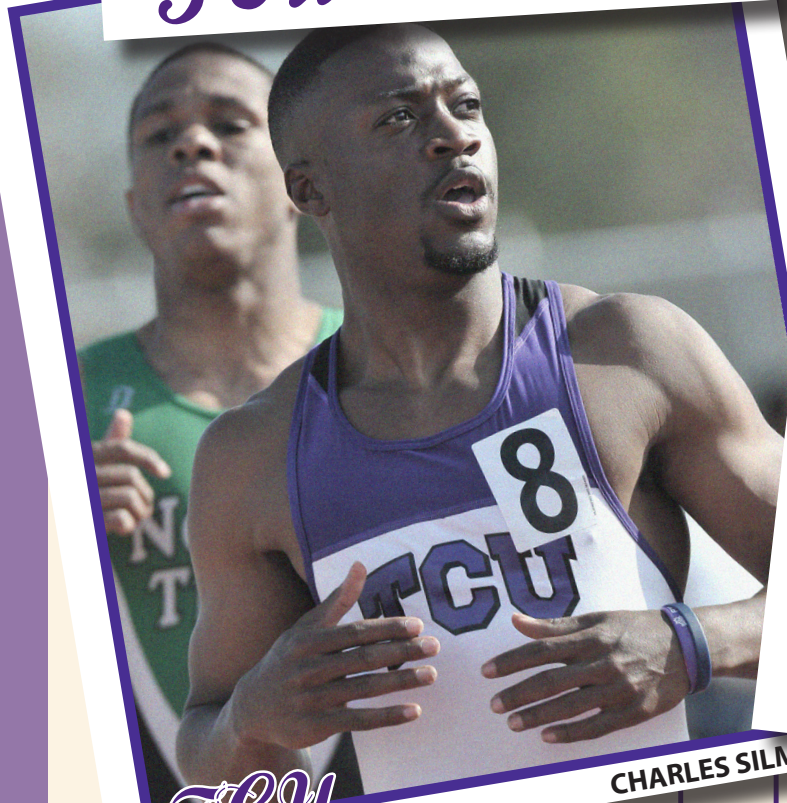
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Jason Coats sidesteps Sam Houston State's Braeden Riley while stealing second base during NCAA college baseball action at Lupton Stadium.

## BASEBALL

## Veteran outfield a team strength

By Brittany Rainville  
Staff Reporter

When analyzing the statistics, the strength of the Horned Frogs' baseball lineup for the 2011 season resides in the outfield.

Junior right fielder Brance Rivera said the team is focused on playing the game the same way it always has.

Rivera appeared in 60 games and made 48 starts during the 2010 season. He finished the season with a batting average of .342 and an overall fielding percentage of .989.

Rivera, who was a First-Team All-Mountain West Conference outfielder this past year, said the experience the team gained from the 2010 College World Series has helped it understand how it needs to play and what it has to get through to get to the top.

"It takes a load off your back just knowing that," Rivera said. "[Having] the No. 1 ranking, I have no doubt that we'll be back and win it all."

Junior left fielder Jason Coats started 66 of 67 games and ranked second on the team with a .361 batting average.

Coats set a school record with 99 hits last season, and he also holds some career honors from previous years.

Coats was named the 2009 NCAA Fort Worth Regional

MVP, 2010 First-team All-Mountain West Conference, 2010 NCAA Fort Worth Regional All-Tournament team and MWC Hitter of the Week.

He said the opportunity to play in front of 24,000 people last year in Omaha, Neb., helped pump up the team for this season.

**"It's a veteran group of guys that have had a significant amount of success on the college level, and we just need them to keep improving."**

**Jim Schlossnagle**  
Head Coach

"I think it's just really going to help everybody with the experience and the confidence we're going to need going into this season," Coats said.

Returning players also expected to play in the outfield this season include junior Aaron Schultz, sophomore Kyle Von Tungeln and junior Zac Jordan.

Schultz was named to the 2010 Houston College Classic All-Tournament team and 2010 NCAA Fort Worth Regional All-Tournament team

and hit .293 with 65 hits last season.

Von Tungeln scored 25 runs and drove in 16 runs while being walked 18 times. Jordan hit .273 with 10 runs scored, four RBIs and three doubles.

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle said Schultz, Von Tungeln and Jordan could be expected to see playing time because of their high level of play. Schlossnagle said he was confident about all of the returning outfielders from this past year.

"It's a veteran group of guys that have had a significant amount of success on the college level, and we just need them to keep improving," he said.

The team also welcomes a handful of freshmen to the team this year. Coats said the freshmen are getting along with everyone on the team.

"We try to make it easy for them to fit in here, so I think they're enjoying their time here and looking forward to the season," Coats said.

Rivera said assistant coach Tony Vitello, who is in his first year with the team, is doing a great job working with the hitters and infielders. Schlossnagle also continues to prepare the team on a day-to-day basis, Rivera said.

"We're not going to be surprised when opening day comes," he said.

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## BASEBALL

## Infield brings experience

By Landon Haaf

Staff Reporter

The preseason No. 1 Horned Frogs baseball team has an experienced nucleus of infielders going into the 2011 season.

The Frogs could have experienced starters at every position with two seniors, a junior and a redshirt sophomore coming back. Every member of the infield played in last year's College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Shortstop Taylor Featherston said the experience was a big advantage. The infield is as confident as ever, and the lineup looks strong for 2011, he said.

Second baseman Jerome Pena commented on how the infield operates as a unit.

"We're really fast-paced moving," Pena said. "We're always backing up plays, we're everywhere."

The 2010 Horned Frogs posted a .971 fielding percentage compared to the .953 mark put up by their opponents. Here is a look at how the infield stacks up for the coming season.

**Catcher**

The Frogs have two viable options as catcher for 2011. Both senior Jimmie Pharr and sophomore Josh Elander have catching experience.

Elander posted a .356 batting average in 59 games last season with a lot of his action coming in the outfield as a freshman in 2010.

Pharr started 19 games, batting .363 with seven home runs. Featherston said the team had confidence in either player to shoulder the load behind the plate.

The nonstarter at catcher could see at-bats as the designated hitter. Johnny Bench Award-winner Bryan Holaday was the starting catcher last season before being drafted by the Detroit Tigers in the sixth round of the 2010 MLB draft.

**First base**

Senior Joe Weik will likely be the opening day starter. Weik hit .357 in 40 games last year as a junior transfer from Weatherford Junior College.

The Frogs hope to find a replacement for Matt Curry's big bat at first base from last season. Curry hit .339 with a team-high 18 home runs before being drafted in the 16th round of the 2010 draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"You never know who will get a majority of the innings, but Weik is currently the favorite," Featherston said.

Weik was named team offensive Most Valuable Player both seasons he played at Weatherford and was named to the Fort Worth All-Region team for his work in 2010.

Redshirt junior Relly Mercurio also has some experience at first base.

**Second base**

Senior Jerome Pena returns to the middle infield where he made 63 starts in 2010, batting .313 with 11 home runs and 52 RBIs.

Pena was a first team all-Mountain West Conference selection in 2010. Pena said his goals were more oriented toward the team than himself.

"I'm just going to go ahead and stick to the team goals, and that will allow me to reach my own personal goals," Pena said.

**Third base**

Redshirt sophomore Jantzen Witte returns to third base after making 45 starts in 2010.

Witte batted .374 with 15 doubles in his second year of eligibility out of Martin High School in Arlington.

Witte can make even more of an impact this season if he remains healthy. He missed the first 10 games of the 2010 campaign with a broken wrist.

**Shortstop**

Junior Taylor Featherston again will be the starting shortstop after a strong season in 2010 in which he received 2010 First-team All-Mountain West Conference honors.

Featherston posted a .338 batting average and 52 RBIs last season, finishing off the year by making the College World Series All-Tournament team.

As a junior, Featherston is considered the most seasoned infielder on the TCU roster. He made 60 starts in 2010 and 58 in 2009 as a freshman.

**Utility**

Redshirt sophomore Davy Wright made 26 appearances in 2010, starting games at both second base and third base.

Aaron Schultz likely will see some action on the infield as a redshirt junior. Schultz started 63 games last year, 27 of them in the infield. Schultz batted .293 and drove in 53 RBI's as a redshirt sophomore.

## BASEBALL

## Pitching staff has high expectations

By Emily Agee

Staff Reporter

With one of the strongest pitching programs in the nation, the Horned Frogs are poised to get back to Omaha, Neb., after their first College World Series berth last season.

TCU has five pitchers returning this year who made appearances in the CWS in June. Returning pitchers include seniors Trent Appleby and Steven Maxwell, junior Erik Miller, sophomore Matt Purke and junior Kyle Winkler.

Purke, the 2010 Consensus Freshman of the Year, will headline TCU's starting rotation after he posted a 16-0 record in 2010 and won all his decisions in the 2010 post-season. Purke said he didn't feel the pressure to carry the Frogs on his back, however.

"We don't really have [a leader]," Purke said. "It's a group, between me, Wink and Maxwell. We handle all issues on the staff; it's just a group effort. There's always pressure; people are always looking for you to do well, but we take it as a group effort, and we put all our individual efforts into a team goal."

Junior Kaleb Merck would have been the sixth returning pitcher, but he is out for the season to recover from Tommy John surgery. Merck made three appearances in the CWS and had an overall record of 17-5 in games he has pitched.

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle said Merck was expected to be the program's closer this season, but Miller will most likely inherit the closing position.

"It certainly creates a question mark as to who [will be the closer] if we're going to

have a closer, which you don't always have to," Schlossnagle said. "But if we're going to have one, it creates a question for an opening or an opportunity for somebody else to do that, so right now we're planning on Erik Miller pitching in that role for us. We'll get into the season and see how he does, but he's pitching a lot of big games for us over his career and he's very talented."

"We hate the loss of Kaleb, but we're fired up about the opportunity for Erik."

Although he graduated in December, Maxwell opted to return for his last year of eligibility. He was medically redshirted during the 2008 season after suffering a season-ending elbow injury and undergoing Tommy John surgery.

Maxwell said he expects a lot from himself as well as his teammates this year.

**"We don't really have [a leader]... It's a group, between me, Wink and Maxwell. We handle all issues on the staff; it's just a group effort."**

**Matt Purke**

Pitcher

"I want to win it all," Maxwell said. "I turned down different opportunities to come back for another shot with this group of guys that I've really grown close to."

In the 2010 Major League Baseball draft, Maxwell was selected by the Minnesota Twins in the 12th round. He



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Pitcher Steven Maxwell works against California State Bakersfield during game action at Lupton Stadium.

turned down the offer to return to TCU.

"I want to go ahead and finish what we started," Maxwell said.

As a senior, Maxwell has embraced his role as a leader on the team, and he said he felt he had been a leader for a long time.

"I'll do whatever I can do, whatever these guys ask of me to get everybody ready for this season," Maxwell said.

Maxwell said his biggest challenge for the season would be holding himself and his teammates accountable.

"We just need to take it day by day, and we'll get to where we need to go," Maxwell said.

With a strong group of veterans and a handful of new additions to the program, Winkler said he had no doubt the team would make another run in Omaha on the national stage.

"You can never teach experience, and that's what all of us have," Winkler said.

As a team, Winkler said he felt the Horned Frogs' biggest challenge would be taking it day by day and game by game.

"We're going to be a lot more talented than a lot of teams that we're going to play, but we have to understand that you can't just throw your glove out there or hat out there and win every day," Winkler said. "You've gotta go out there and play the game."

After some tough CWS appearances last year, Winkler said he had to learn to overcome failure. Winkler was charged with both of TCU's losses in the CWS.

"I've really grown from that and learned how to fail, and what I have to do to come back from that," Winkler said. "No game is bigger than any other game."

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## TRACK &amp; FIELD

# Horned Frogs kick off 2011 competition at Razorback Invitational

By Myka Williams  
Staff Writer

Every season, there's a challenge. And this season the TCU track & field is up for the challenge, laced up and ready to compete like never before.

All-Americans Festus Kigan, Mychal Dungey and Mark Barnes will play key roles for the men, ranked 30th this season. Jessica Young returns for the women, ranked 22nd, along with All-Americans Kristal Juarez and Whitney Gipson.

"Our expectations from year-to-year don't change," Head coach Darryl Anderson said. "We want to do well at the Mountain West Conference Championships during the indoor season and late February. We want to do well at the NCAA Championships and have All-Americans. It's our objective to put ourselves in a position to be in the top 20 nationally. That's what our objectives are indoors and outdoors year-in-and-year-out."

Anderson said Dungey is looking to close out his collegiate and conference careers on a high note.

"He's a guy that's had a good career," Anderson said. "He's won conference championships and has been an All-American at the NCAA Championships. I think he can put us in a position where we can make a run at a possible Mountain West Conference title as a team."

Dungey qualified for the 2010 USA Track and Field Championships last summer. The senior finished the 4x400 that erupted to a MWC championship and a seasonal-best time of 3:06.27 at the NCAA Qualifier in Ames, Iowa.

Kigan earned All-American honors after finishing sixth in the 5,000 meters at the 2010 NCAA Indoor Championships. The senior from Kenya also won gold at the MWC Championships in the 5,000 meters.

Barnes embraced All-American honors as a member of the men's 4x100 in 2009. The junior sprinter brings his talents back to TCU, after a successful sophomore season in which he concluded third overall in the 60 meters at the 2010 Razorback Invitational.

The women's squad will have plenty of experience to rely on, Anderson said. He said that Young continues to be the promising role model the coach expects her to be.

"Jessica redshirted last year after finishing second place in the NCAA meet and winning the Mountain West Championships," Anderson said. "After a year off, she opened up in December with a school record of 60 meters, which is the second-fastest time in the country. She also anchored the mile relay team that has the fastest time in the country. She is obviously off to a really good start."

Anderson said defending

MWC champions Brigham Young University and the rest of the conference will give TCU a run for its money this year.

"At the conference level, BYU has always done a great job," Anderson said. "San Diego State looks like they're up-and-coming with a bunch of young ladies on their team. All in all, the conference does a good job, but obviously with BYU being the defending champs, to win a conference title you have to go through them."

TCU will travel to Fayetteville, Arkansas to compete in the Randal Tyson Track Center Friday and Saturday at the Razorback Invitational, one of the year's marquee events.

The women will match up with three top-25 ranked teams in No. 16 Baylor, No. 17 Arkansas and No. 21 Oklahoma. The men will also face some of the nation's top teams in No. 5 Arkansas, No. 6 Oklahoma, No. 11 Baylor and No. 21 Oklahoma State.

Anderson said that with a strong supporting cast, attitude and goals, each member will be critical to lead the Frogs in the right direction.

"It's everyone's responsibility to lead this team," Anderson said. "We want to make sure this is a team environment and that everyone knows what their role is. Track can be looked at as an individual sport, but here at TCU we're not looking at it as an individual sport, we're looking at it as a team sport."



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Senior Kristal Juarez competes at the Bobby Lane Invitational at Maverick Stadium on the UTA campus in Arlington on March 27, 2010.

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## EQUESTRIAN

# Team vying for perfect record in spring

By Clay York  
Staff Reporter

The fifth-ranked TCU women's equestrian team will compete against Delaware State University on Sunday for an opportunity to stay undefeated on the season.

The meet is scheduled to take place all day at October Hills Farm in Hudson Oaks, Texas.

Although Delaware State (3-5) is unranked, the match is significant, TCU head coach Gary Reynolds said.

"We don't worry about whether a team's ranked or not," he said. "The biggest thing that we just focus on is execution."

The Frogs (3-0) have not trotted on home soil, or any soil, since they defeated No. 3 Auburn University (6-2, 2-0 SEC) 11-7 in November. The victory bumped the Frogs up one spot in the Varsity Equestrian Coaches Poll, the NCAA's official equestrian affiliate.

To Reynolds, the break was not detrimental.

"It gives the girls some time off [and] let's them be fresh,"

Reynolds said. "They usually come back off of a break like that really hungry and really ready to win, so it's all for a good thing."

Reynolds also said the team worked hard to get both the horses and riders in shape for not only Delaware State, but also for Baylor, Fresno State and beyond.

"Basically, we're about 32 days away from our national championship," Reynolds said. "...Del State should be a good chance for us to just, like I said, just execute."

Reynolds' words were echoed by junior hunt seat rider Taylor Frederick.

"As a team we aren't preparing to just win a game, we are preparing to win nationals," Frederick said.

Hurdling fences against Delaware State in the hunt seat competition are Frederick, Alicia Turner, Victoria Lee, Callie Selchau and Caitlin Ader. Haley Jacobi will be the alternate and Courtney Motz will ride the exhibition.

Representing TCU's hunt seat team on the flat will be Vic-

toria Giachino, Tassie Munroe, Milana Trimino, Jacobi and Jessica Hagen with Melinda Peters as the alternate. Both Peters and Emily Maloof will perform the demo.

In western horsemanship, Ashley Aikman, Courtney Chown, Alexi Estrada, Lyndsi Hardin and Taylor Prince will ride for the Horned Frogs with Carrie Schimpff as alternate and Taylor Gillette riding the demo. Riding for TCU in equitation in reigning will be Kelsey Huffman, Kirstie Frydenlund, Kelly Morris, Kolby Simonson and Devin wSpencer. Alison Winspear will be the alternate.

## Notes:

The last time TCU won a national championship in equestrian was in 2008. The Frogs' western team is perfect on the season, 15-0. The western team defeated Georgia to win the Western National Championship.

Last year, the Frogs finished the season at the No. 4 spot on the Varsity Equestrian National Championships' final standings.



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Senior Tassie Munroe competes during the fall. The Frogs are undefeated on the season.

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## BASEBALL

# Purke motivated by CWS defeat

By Ryne Sulier

Sports Editor

There's still a bitter taste that lingers in sophomore pitcher Matt Purke's mouth after the 2010 season.

The taste of losing for a pitcher who went 16-0 his freshman season might be indescribable. That's why he and his team take things 200 feet at a time after TCU's first 2010 College World Series berth; they certainly don't count the days, either, Purke said.

"Just the bitter taste of getting third instead of first [in the CWS]," Purke said. "We were one game away from the final series, so we're looking to make it to that final series [in 2011] and win the whole thing."

Purke has repeatedly said he never doubted his decision to sign with TCU instead of signing with the Texas Rangers out of Klein High School. He has the hardware to back up his claim: Consensus Freshman of the Year, Louisville Slugger and NCBWA Freshman

Pitcher of the Year and Mountain West Conference Freshman of the Year. Purke also led the nation for wins in a season and posted the second-highest strikeout total in school history with 142 Ks.

**"He is light years ahead of where he was this time last year just mainly because of experience. I think he would tell you the same thing, I know he would."**

**Jim Schlossnagle**  
Head Coach

Purke didn't lose a decision in 2010 NCAA postseason play. While senior pitcher Steven Maxwell and junior Kyle Winkler struggled in the CWS, Purke kept the Frogs' championship hopes alive with wins over Florida State and UCLA.

Head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle sees where Purke is going into the 2011 season and where Purke was entering last season. The biggest jump in a college players career is not from freshman to senior, but freshman to sophomore, Schlossnagle said.

"He is light years ahead of where he was this time last year just mainly because of experience. I think he would tell you the same thing, I know he would," Schlossnagle said. "And this time next year he'll be even that much further along."

That doesn't mean Purke won't have his struggles his sophomore season, nor will he be expected to have a perfect record, Schlossnagle added.

"I don't expect him to go undefeated this season," he said. "He's a big part of our team, but he's no bigger than any other part to be honest with you. He's our top starting pitcher at this point, but baseball is a really tough game to play, and he's going to face adversity, he's going to have bad days. It's all about



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Pitcher Matt Purke reacts after striking out an Arizona batter in the third inning of a Fort Worth Regional baseball game at Lupton Stadium on June 5, 2010.

how you handle it, and that's the biggest adjustment that he's made."

Purke said the pressure is no different this year after TCU's first CWS berth, but the experience helps the entire team.

"There's always pressure, people are always looking for you to do well, but we take it as a group effort, and we put all our individual efforts into

a team goal," Purke said. "For everyone to be in that [CWS] atmosphere and be around it, will be beneficial to us, and be beneficial to the young guys."

"We'll be able to kinda guide them in and show them, 'Hey, this is what we've been through. We've seen this situation before and this is how we handled it.'"

2011 could be Purke's last season as a Horned Frog —

he'll be eligible to enter the MLB Draft after he completes his second year of NCAA eligibility.

"Just have a lot of fun, enjoy being with these guys, we're a big family, and enjoy being here and being apart of this program," said Purke, referring to what could be his last season at TCU. "Just bring a trophy back to the city of Fort Worth."



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