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In a study conducted with children ages 8 to 18, chances are if they are awake, they are on the Internet.

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PECULIAR FACT

CENTRAL, S.C. – The bleachers will be barren today at a high school basketball doubleheader between two rivals in northwestern South Carolina. School officials say no fans will be allowed in because of safety concerns.

—The Associated Press

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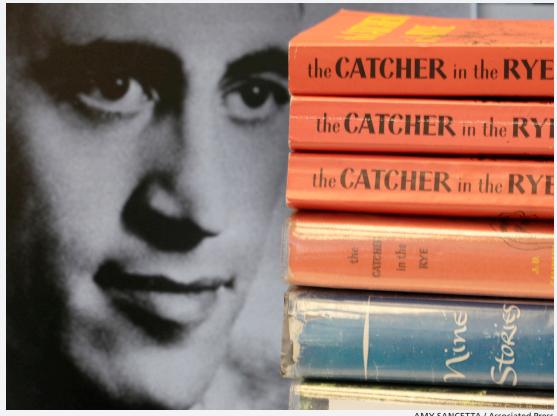
Former university athletes to raise funds on campus to raise funds for Kinderfrogs. Tuesday



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LITERATURE IMMORTAL



Copies of J.D. Salinger's classic novel "The Catcher in the Rye" as well as his volume of short stories called "Nine Stories" are seen at the Orange Public Library in Orange Village, Ohio on Thursday. At left is a 1951 photo of the author, who died Wednesday at age 91.

Prof: Novel reveals generation gap

By Wyatt Kanyer Staff Reporter

The death of the creator of iconic teenager Holden Caulfield may have a greater effect on faculty than on students, a university professor said.

J.D. Salinger, renowned Ameri-Rye," died Thursday at the age of 91. Rye." His death revealed a distinct generation gap between modern young by it because of the types of thing adults and their World War II pre- (Holden) was experiencing in the

lish professor, said the generation depicted in the novel's postwar setting was more invested in social issues than the modern generation is.

change (today)," Vanderwerken said. "Coming out of World War II and having victory over Fascism made Holden more socially con-

Vanderwerken called Salinger "the last of the old crowd of Jewish writers." He said he was particularly can author of "The Catcher in the impressed by "The Catcher in the

"I was pretty much blown away 1940s and early 1950s," Vander-David Vanderwerken, an Eng- werken said. "The whole sense of imagination was not just stifled, but pretty much discouraged by the school system."

Popular literature of Salinger's "I don't see the kind of social time dealt with different issues commitment to that kind of social than the popular literature of to-

NUMBERS

60 million

Number of "The Catcher in the Rye" copies sold worldwide

3,879

Number of times the novel was checked out at the Fort Worth Public Library system over the past five years

day, Vanderwerken said. Much like Chuck Palahniuk's "Fight Club" res-

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STUDENT AFFAIRS

No report on Colo. incident, police say

By Katie Vance

Staff Reporter

Two Colorado law enforcement agencies said Thursday afternoon that they do not have an incident report concerning an alleged assault of a Kappa Sigma fraternity member more than two weeks



Carter

Amon "Chance" Carter IV, a sophomore pre-business major and greatgrandson of Fort Worth icon Amon G. Carter, said he consented to being branded on his left buttock with a fraternity symbol on Jan. 9, the last night of a ski trip in Breckenridge, Colo. Carter said he sustained second- and thirddegree burns from the incident, adding that he plans to receive at least six laser treatments to reduce scarring.

Kim Green, public information officer for the Breckenridge Police Department, said no official police report has been filed at the department. She said there has been no contact from Carter's family or their attorney. Police cannot launch an investigation until it's determined whether the incident occurred in the department's jurisdiction and who was involved, Green said. The incident could have occurred in the jurisdiction of Summit County Sheriff's Office, she

Tracy LeClair, public information officer for the Summit County Sheriff's Department, said she could find no re-

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HAITI

Groups raise funds and in-kind help

By Ashley Freel

Staff Reporter

Want to help Haiti? Look under

Colby Hall has joined Haiti relief efforts by collecting spare change to donate to Week of Compassion, a Disciples of Christ refugee and development mission fund in the United States and Canada.

school education major and resident assistant in Colby, said the idea is an easy way to get the residents ty-based charity because so many family in Haiti or are from Haiti involved in helping Haiti.

Students can bring spare change to Colby's office or contact Peters at w.l.peters@tcu.edu to donate. Peters said the hall doesn't have a dollar count yet, but it expects to raise more than \$100.

Associate Chaplain Jake Hofmeister said the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life has set up a Facebook group where students and faculty alike can post how they are providing aid and ask questions about what else they can do to help.

Hofmeister said students have donated money and several aid kits to the Church World Service, a group that has worked with the Disciples of Christ. According to the CWS Web site, the group focuses its efforts on relieving hunger and poverty around the world, but also assists in disaster of Chi Upsilon Sigma's Alpha Zeta relief, as is the case with Haiti.

"(Students) can just go ahead and buy supplies to make the kits, drop them off (at the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life) and we'll mail sisterhood conference in Denton, available for comment.

them off," Hofmeister said.

In coordination with Hofmeister's office, the Residence Hall Association will host a hygiene package assembly event tonight with free food, games, movies and music available to the students for enter-

Eric Russell, a sophomore psychology major and president of the along with the money raised by RHA, said students should attend Whitney Peters, a junior middle the kit-making event and have a little fun in the process.

> "We wanted to host a communipeople in Haiti need help right now," Russell said.

According to the Helping Haiti a hand towel, washcloth, wide-The kits will be assembled to fit the needs of the CWS cause and a donation bucket will be available the kits or be sent electronically through an RHA account, pending further discussion, Russel said.

The Chi Upsilon Sigma Sorority is also raising money through donations to send to Haiti, a chapter official said.

that have been collected at the university will be sent off at Saturday's

TBPW Haiti Aid Kit-Making Event

When: 6 p.m. Where: Tom Brown-Pete Wright lobbies

other chapters.

"We're small for a sorority, so I know most of my sisters (are) from other states, several of whom have themselves," Kruse said. "It really hit home for us."

Alumni are also doing their part to Facebook group, kits can include help Haiti. Dr. Ric Bonnell and wife Dr. Wendy Heger Bonnell, both alumtooth comb, nail clipper, bar of ni, have volunteered their services to soap, toothbrush and Band-Aids. an organization called Project Help Haiti for the past four or five years, said Jon Bonnel, Ric Bonnell's brother.

Both Ric and Wendy Bonnell reat the event with all funds going to- cruited and organized the first mediward the relief effort in Haiti. The cal quake assistance team from the money will either be shipped with organization, which arrived Saturday, Jan. 16, according to the Project Help Haiti blog.

Jon Bonnell said that when the earthquake hit Haiti his brother felt that he had to get down there.

'Ric called me on Thursday (Jan. 14), and had a team ready to go on Amanda Kruse, vice president Saturday (Jan. 16)," Jon Bonnell said. "(Ric) said, 'I've got to get down Chapter, said the group has raised there...I've talked to our people on the \$1,500 nationally and the funds ground, they are alive and I need to go help them."

Ric and Wendy Bonnell were not

Ryan: **Profitable** teams still possible

By Nathan Wall Staff Writer

NEELEY

This wasn't his Hall of Fame induction ceremony but nevertheless Nolan Ryan entered the banquet room at the InterContinental Dallas hotel on Thursday morning to loud applause.



Ryan took the stage after the lunch session and answered questions ranging from his baseball-playing days to his recent involvement in the purchase of the Texas Rangers. He also spoke about how the down economy was affecting the way owners run their baseball teams.

Every team is run differently, but it's possible to make a profit in the current market, he said.

"If (the teams) are run properly and they're competitive on the field, then they can be profitable," Ryan said.

He said he didn't know if the recession forced some owners to sell their teams, but said there are many different motives beside the economy that drive the sale of teams.

Ryan said the Rangers have not been

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NEWS

SALINGER

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Catcher in the Rye" related to the experiences of the post-World War II youth, he said.

Ammie Harrison, art and humanities librarian at the socially refine Mary Couts Burnett Library, said Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye" changed her perspective on many social is- that they attacked sues.

"I think what's important is that we do have his literature," Harrison said. "He does fit nicely in the tradition of the literary style, especially when Ammie Harrison you come to writings during art and humanties librarian periods where such dramatic changes were occurring.

at a time when society was acters are two-dimensional," trying to establish formality, Harrison said.

"There's a sense of modern-ness to him, but there's also this sort of underbelly of America," Harrison said. "People were trying to soattacked the structure that people were trying to make normal."

by which Salinger defined masculinity was unconven- and say, 'You're the problem make me more cynical," Wiltional, particularly in the case of Caulfield.

"(Salinger's) male characters are very interesting be-

"There's a sense of modern-ness to him, onates with youth of today, "The but there's also this sort of underbelly of America. People were trying to and restructure things so rigidly the structure that people were trying

to make normal."

The novelist's writings came cause a lot of times male char-Harrison said. "They're either extremely, extremely masculine or they're dandies, or they're completely feminized."

> Caulfield fit neither mold, she said. Salinger's works also

cially refine and restructure played a role in revealing the things so rigidly that they internal flaws to which people fall victim, Harrison said.

"It's kind of like (people like Holden are) the innards Harrison said the manner of everybody else," she said. "People can point at them with society, but the problem of society is within (the piece, and it's so powerfully people pointing)."

on multiple genres, Harrison said. For instance, she said Salinger's writing was in between modern and postmodern literature, but did not present a relativistic or nihilistic perspective.

"Modernist literature can be plain," Harrison said. "It can be wonderful, but it can be plain."

Michael Scott Wilson, a senior political science major, said he was able to relate to Salinger's characters.

"The way you were able to become immersed in his character, you were almost able to become the psychoanalyst yourself," he said.

Wilson said he was drawn to "The Catcher in the Rye" because it was in stark contrast to his modern-day ex-

"I enjoyed it just because (Caulfield) was such a different character from how I really am," Wilson said. "It was a chance to see a different lifestyle in a completely different setting from how I've grown up and was raised."

Wilson said Caulfield's personality in "The Catcher in the Rye" had an effect on his own outlook on life.

"At least for a while, it did son said. "It's a very cynical written that it does kind of af-His writing style also took fect your life for a while."

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without their share of financial restrictions. One of the most recent restrictions on the Rangers came after the 2009 Major League Draft when the team failed to sign left-handed pitcher Matt Purke out of high school because of the team's finances.

Ryan said he looks forward to watching Purke, a freshman, while he plays at TCU.

Ryan said he doesn't think the economy will force a salary cap. The current MLB salary don't have as high of payrolls, he said. According to MLB rules, teams that exceed payroll limitations for a particular season must pay a penalty that teams who finish in the bottom five of TV ratings.

manager for the Neeley School of Business, said Ryan's presence helped set a new attendance record for events hosted by the TCU Business Network of Dallas. She said 315 people showed up at the Intercontinental Dallas to listen to Ryan

turnout.

speak.

enjoyed hearing Ryan's stories about baseball and that he brought a unique perspecrules actually help teams that tive on the business side of the

the kinds of...decisions he has different challenges people on course."

Elanie Cole, public relations face in the industry."

Bob Lilly Jr., 1986 graduate and son of TCU alumnus and pro-football Hall of Fame player Bob Lilly, said he was happy that Ryan was able to give a speech and talk about his experiences.

"He's incredible, just a class act," Lilly said. "(I'm) grateful O. Homer Erekson, dean of for his affiliation with TCU the Neeley School of Business, and excited about what he's said he was impressed with the going to do with the Rangers."

Ryan said he thinks the Erekson said that people Rangers are ready to compete but changes could be made in the near future to improve the ball park.

"I think we'll spend this year trying to decide what we might "If you listened behind (his need to do as far the stadium speech) he really talked about is concerned to help improve the business of baseball (and) the fan experience," Ryan said. "I feel like we're headed in the is then divided up among the to make as an owner," Erekson right direction with the ball said. "(Ryan talked) about the club, and we plan on staying

CARTER

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cords of a report relating to the incident.

Kathryn Craven, said the family doesn't have enough information to decide if they will file a complaint, but investigations are under way.

Craven sent a letter to numerous officials and organizations, including the Summit County District Attorney's office, this week requesting an investigation into the incident. Attempts to contact the Sumon Thursday were unsuccess-

Thursday he will most likely pursue criminal charges.

the Jan. 9 gathering, including himself, had been drinking. Carter said he consented to the branding after his friends talked him into being doing, and then I blacked out, report.

pa Sigma, which had already been branded on him during a spring break trip in 2009. symbols.

Carter said he blacked out, morning, he noticed his shirt was ripped and he had bruises on his body. Carter said he did not remember the incident but had consented to the extra was told by a friend that he branding, his fraternity broth-"flipped out" after the branding. The bruises and rips were from the fraternity members fellow fraternity members had mit County District Attorney trying to hold him down, he practically betrayed him and said.

"It doesn't all make very However, Carter said much sense because I would Carter said the people at it's literally about four times as the incident. big as the original one," Carter said. "The bottom line is they talked me into consenting to McDougle and Lawrence that, and I knew what I was Embry contributed to this

branded with the last line of and they probably talked me the Sigma symbol in the Kap- into the rest of that, which I don't remember whatsoever agreeing to or anything."

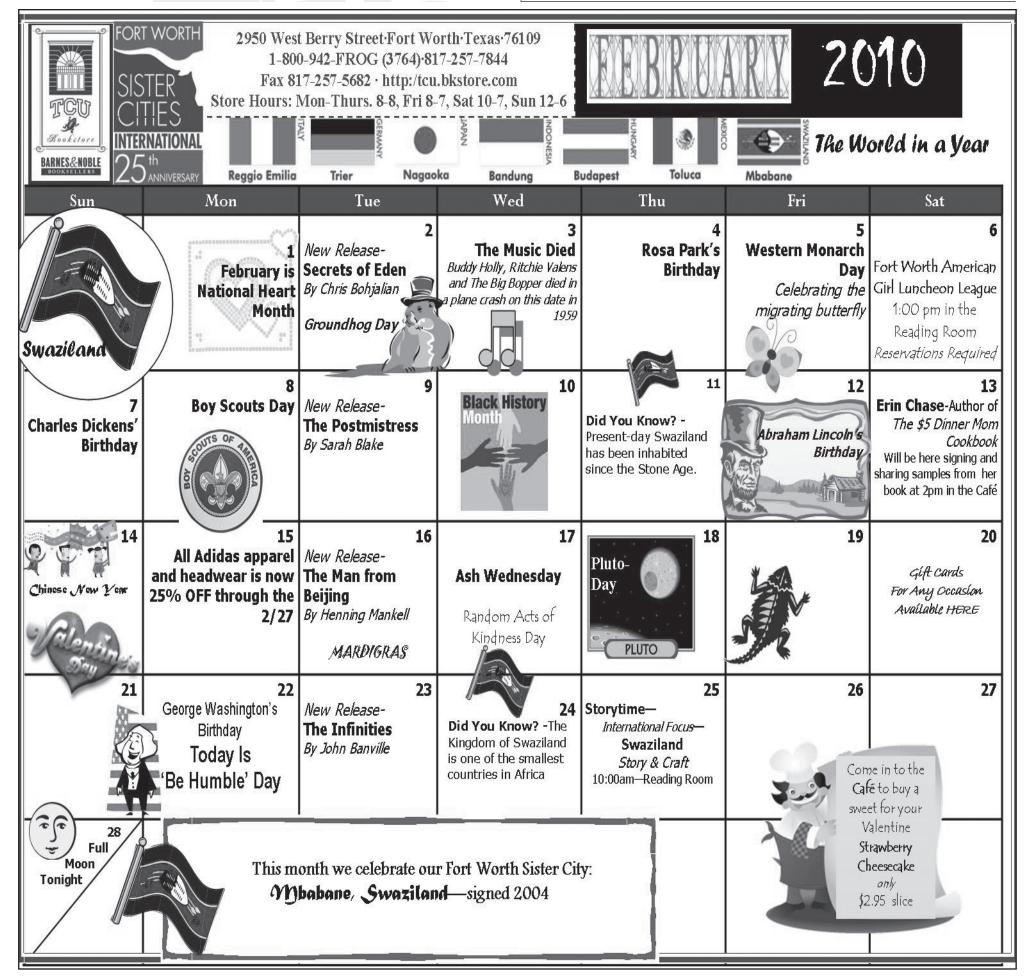
Earlier news reports of-The Carter family's attorney, He said he was not supposed fered conflicting versions to be branded with any other about the incident. In one version, Carter was passed out during the branding, and and when he woke up the next in another version, Carter put up a struggle during the branding.

Carter said that even if he ers knew that what they were doing was wrong. He said his that no one had apologized for the incident.

University and Kappa Signever consent to having a ma officials said Wednesday brand on my other side done; that they were investigating

Staff reporters Bethany







Today in History

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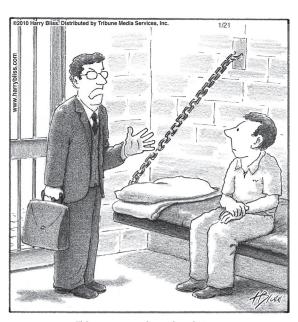
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By Don Gagliardo

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The Skiff View

Salinger's death may lead to new material

.D. Salinger's death signals another loss to the world of American literature. Salinger's most famous book, "The Catcher in the Rye," is a staple of high school reading lists all over the country. It is arguably one of the most beloved books published in the 20th century, but it is also one of the most challenged books of the century. The book quickly became an icon in American culture, solidifying itself as the ultimate insight into teenage angst. Holden Caulfield was the figure adolescent, youth and adult alike could identify with.

Even though it was written in the 1950s, Holden Caulfield is a character that stays relevant no matter what the generation. The post-World War II generation confided the alienation they might have felt in a booming post-war economy. The 60s identified with the sexual appeal of the novel, while the 70s and 80s found refuge in Holden's isolated and rebellious nature. Just like Homer Simpson is the everyman character of the 90s, Holden is the "every teenager" of every generation since his creation.

Ultimately, Salinger's death is tragic, but there may be silver lining. According to reports from CNN and the Associated Press, a neighbor said Salinger, a well-known recluse who fiercely guarded his privacy, had at least 15 unpublished novels hidden in a safe. If the Salinger safe is real and the new owners allow publication, then it is hoped that the public will have a new set of classics to relish.

Web editor Maricruz Salinas for the editorial board.

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

Kept under control, media saturation not detrimental



My nephew asked for a cell phone for his last birthday. He said he needed it and that he would be the only one of his friends without one. Exactly why an 8-year-old would need a cell phone I may never understand, but according to a Kaiser Family Foundation study, parents seem to agree that their children should live media-saturated lives.

According to the study conducted in 2008, Americans age eight to 18 spend an average of nearly seven hours and 40 minutes in contact with various forms of media, up an entire hour from the study conducted in 2003. This means that of the nine hours of time when young Americans are awake and not in school, only one hour and 20 minutes are spent not absorbing media content. Of course, when you include time talking on the phone, listening to music and reading books, newspapers or magazines, the number is bound to go up.

One problem many parents have with so much media and technology use is concern for their child's health and development. This is a valid concern because the study showed that those who spent the most time absorbing media performed worst in academic settings. However, the average time spent doing physical activity was actually up 20 minutes from the

Though I agree parents should monitor the access their children have to various media (especially the Internet), I honestly see no harm in allowing their children to spend the time not spent on school work in contact with media content. If we include books and newspapers in this category, media content can often do a great deal of good.

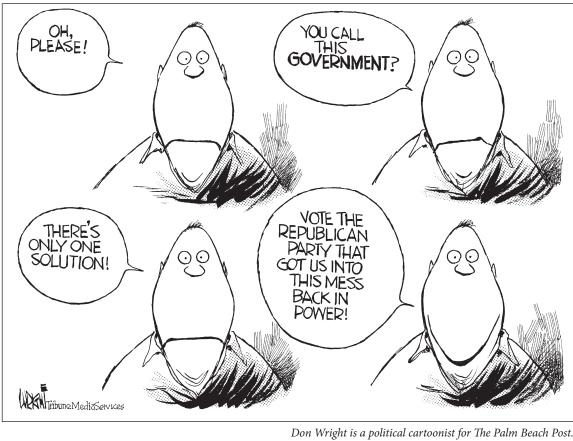
As a college student, I am constantly using my phone or computer, reading a book or listening to music. I listened to music as I typed this on a computer, and I'm the last person who will advise limiting media con-

The fact is, people will be left behind if they do not allow themselves to connect with the world, and the best way to do so is through computers, phones, TVs, audio devices and print media. Perhaps that is upsetting, but it's the world we live in. We've all become media multitaskers because there are precious few other options.

Obviously we should not allow our children, whether we have them now or in the future, to run amok when it comes to technology. We should make our children turn off the TV while doing schoolwork and leave the cell phone off during family time (and we should have family time), but they should also be allowed to spend time connecting with the rest of the world.

As long as we keep it under control, there's no problem with spending many hours in contact with media and technology.

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Hair took precedence over school



Imagine this scenario: You get pulled out of class midday to be told that you are indefinitely suspended from school until further notice. Later on, you are told that you are prohibited from coming back to class because you violated school dress code — your hair is too long. Furthermore, you are a 4-year-old

After weeks of private tutoring, seclusion from classmates and being banned from the classroom during the ABCs, nap time or Play-Doh fun, Taylor Pugh was finally admitted back to his pre-K class at Floyd Elementary School in Mesquite.

His admittance pass? Two French braids that the school board found acceptable for both the dress code and the little boy.

The Mesquite school board defined its hair length dress code for boys to extend no longer than the bottom of the earlobes or over the collar of a dress shirt and must be kept out of the eyes. A ponytail would not suffice.

In response, Pugh's parents (both decked out in tattoo arm sleeves and gauged ears) refused to cut their son's hair, claiming that he loved his long hair and that they would not take away his individualism by making him conform to the school's opinion of what is appropriate for school and what is not.

Nothing makes you more individual than being the only 4-yearold boy in school going through paparazzi spurts and court dates.

It is difficult to find a good guy versus bad guy scenario when you just cannot help hating both sides, all the while feeling sorry for this

On one side, according to the

Dallas Morning News, Floyd Elementary School had been notorious for a strict dress code and harsh punishments for violation. Grooming and appearance takes on vital importance later in life for occasions such as collegiate events, job interviews and internships, but for pre-kindergarten children, simply

The fact is both sides are more concerned about his hair rather than his education.

preventing them from eating glue should be enough for a thumbs up at the end of the day.

On the other side, Pugh's parents have taken a silly situation and turned it into a legal uproar, putting him through hours of court deliberation and further isolation from the very thing that he is eager to get back to. Maybe there is some unfairness to the rule and room for disagreement, but if they are teaching their son anything, it is to fight

against every rule and pay thousands of dollars for lawsuits instead of a \$15 haircut.

"The school district is more concerned about his hair than his education," said Taylor's father, Delton Pugh.

The fact is both sides are more concerned about his hair rather than his education. It is villain versus villain, yet the only one suffering is the good guy who just wants to go back to class and see his friends.

To clear the air and make everyone happy for the time being, Taylor's hair will remain in pigtail style French braids. "Thanks, Mom and Dad, for the public embarrassment and dissolved college fund for the unnecessary lawsuits to prove that being stubborn and ignorant not only may win you press coverage but also turn manhood into a Princess Leia look-alike.

> Kerri Feczko is a sophomore broadcast journalism and political science major from Flower Mound.



Taylor Pugh, 4, of Balch Springs, Texas, may love his long hair, but Mesquite ISD officials do not. His brothers and best friend have short hair that meets the district's dress code.

Senate rejects near-freeze on spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just days after President Barack Obama endorsed a partial freeze on domestic spending, his Democratic allies in the Senate have rejected a plan attempting to do pretty much the same thing.

Old-school Democrats were the legislation, sponsored by Alabama Republican Jeff Sessions and Missouri Democrat Claire McCaskill. The plan was a slightly modified version of Obama's that would have permitted domestic agencies an increase of just boosts for the Pentagon.

A 56-strong majority of senators peacefully." supported the plan but it failed bewould exceed a domestic spending support.

Afghanistan conference agrees on exit timetable

LONDON (AP) - World leaders meeting in London on Thursday agreed on a timetable for the handover of security duties in Afghan provinces starting in late 2010 or

driving force in killing the bipartisan leaders also pledged funds for a plan expected. And orders for big-ticket aimed at persuading Taliban fighters to renounce violence — but offered no specific figures.

The meeting backed Afghan President Hamid Karzai's plan to reintegrate Taliban willing to "cut ties with about 1 percent, with slightly higher al-Qaida and other terrorist groups and pursue their political goals

The conference was called to help cause 60 votes were required. The world powers chart a roadmap out vote came the morning after Obama of Afghanistan amid rising U.S. and it contain help for small businesses threatened to veto spending bills that NATO casualties and falling public

Jobless claims, durable goods point to weak growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Evidence that the economic rebound remains pects cleared in the death of a black sluggish emerged from reports Thursday on new claims for unemployment aid and orders to U.S. factories.

The number of people claiming In their final communique, the jobless aid fell last week, but less than manufactured goods rose but also fell short of analysts' predictions.

Weak job creation, in particular, is restraining consumer spending and holding back the economic recovery.

The reports follow President Barack Obama's State of the Union address Wednesday night, which focused on the economy and jobs. Obama called on Congress to enact a second stimulus package, urging that and funding for infrastructure proj-

Ex-suspects in alleged dragging death file lawsuit

DALLAS (AP) — Two white susman who was dragged beneath a vehicle are suing the officials who kept them jailed for nine months.

The federal lawsuit filed in East Texas this week seeks at least \$4 million for Shannon Finley and Ryan Crostley, once the main suspects in the 2008 death of their friend, Brandon McClelland.

Authorities accused the men of running down the 24-year-old and dragging his body as far as 70 feet beneath a pickup truck. But murder charges were eventually dropped because of a lack of evidence.

of Islam and the Ku Klux Klan to Paris, about 90 miles northeast of Dallas.

Teen rescued 15 days after quake is stable

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A 16-year-old girl pulled from the rubble more than two weeks after a deadly earthquake was in stable condition Thursday to the surprise of doctors, who said her survival was medically inexplicable.

Wednesday's rescue of teenager Darlene Etienne from a collapsed home near St. Gerard University, 15 days after Haiti's great quake killed an estimated 200,000 people, was the first such recovery since Saturday, when French rescuers extricated a man from the ruins of a hotel gro-

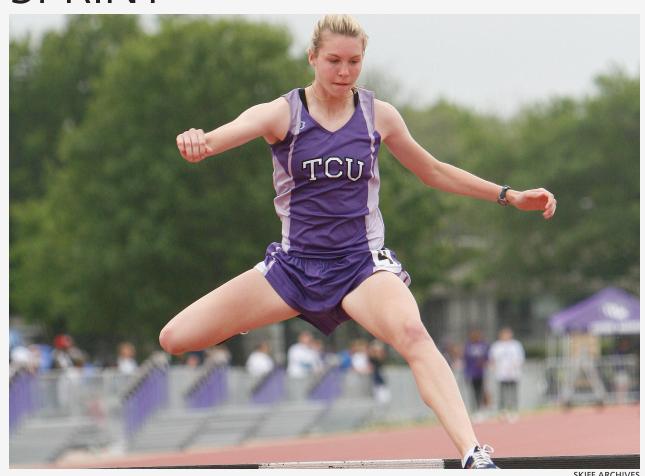
Etienne is stable, drinking water McClelland's gruesome death and eating yogurt and mashed vegtouched off protests that brought the etables, said Dr. Evelyne Lambert, New Black Panther Party, the Nation who has been treating the girl on the French Navy hospital ship Sirocco, anchored off the shore of Port-au-Prince.

SPORTS



For Frogs' sports coverage during the weekend, check dailyskiff.com.

TRACK AND FIELD SPRINT



Julie Mayfield leaps over a hurdles during the women's 3000 meter steeplechase during the TCU Invitational April 17, 2009.

Track and field at Lobo Invitational

By Josh Davis Staff Writer

buquerque, N.M. today for the get back there in late February Lobo Invitational. Now three it won't be new to us," Anderconference competition.

A: We're going to compete at now." a Mountain West school for the first time, and B: We're go- meet at the same venue Sat- hard training week next week." TCU's history.

The Flyin' Frogs are in Al- Championships, so when we time shouldn't be as high as "The things we are going it's been the last three (meets)

ing to compete on the track in urday, Anderson said his team the facility that is going to host will only be competing today. meet next weekend. It will the Mountain West (Indoor) He said there were two reasons compete again Feb. 12 and for his decision.

The team does not have a 13 in Fayetteville, Ark. for "One, because I want to use the Tyson Invitational. The this meet more so for training team competed at the same meets into the season, coach son said. "And the other thing than for, say performance," An-venue for the Razorback In-Darryl Anderson said the team we're going to get out of it (is) derson said. "And it also gives vitational earlier this Januis finally ready to see some in- the level of competition this us the opportunity where we ary. That meet was highlightrun on Friday, and now we're ed by the men's 4x400 meter back in Fort Worth Saturday, performance and junior to get out of this weekend are which we kind of need right so we're ready to go and have a Festus Kigen's personal-best good training session on Mon- time of 8:00.16 in the 3,000 Although there is another day, and it sets us up for a really meter, the second-fastest in **EQUESTRIAN**

Riders host first event of spring

By Ryne Sulier Staff Writer

The No. 7 equestrian pro-Martin on Saturday for the home, he said. team's only true home event of the spring season.

Head coach Gary Reyn-

"Just keep on going, that's all you can do," Reynolds home crowd." said. "I've told the girls that was here, and we were glad to Delaware State. have her for that time."

role, Reynolds said.

"We've got some great a great year in Horsemanship," he said. "We are lookthe spring. It's an opportunibeen working on the last couple of years."

Fort Worth isn't the program's home, however. Fieldstone Park, located in Mansfield, has been the home of the equestrian program since its inaugural season and is about a half-hour drive from campus.

The team will have a home event in Fort Worth at the Fort Worth Stock Show

Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. against Texas A&M in Will Rogers Coli-

While Reynolds said his gram (5-5-0) will host the team is as good away as it is University of Tennessee- home, it's always nice to be

"We've been off for about three months so we are really anxious to get back going," olds said the Horned Frogs Reynolds said. "We haven't will move forward into the had very many home events spring season without Chloe this year; some people feel Baker, who graduated in the that there's a home field advantage. If the weather's decent we'll have a pretty large

TCU lost its last decision Chloe was one of our great 13-6 to No. 10 New Mexiriders and was on the na- co State, while UT Martin, tional championship team. which has received votes to We wish her the best. She's be nationally ranked, won meant a lot to TCU while she its last decision 11-4 against

Even with the loss of Bak-Baker's departure has er, the Horned Frogs currentopened up an opportunity ly have four riders ranked in for new riders to step into her the top 10 of their respective events.

Senior Carrie von Uhlit new talent, like (sophomore) currently sits at No. 3 in Lyndsi Hardin who is having reining and No. 4 in horsemanship, while senior Chloe Baker enters Saturday's event ing for some new things for at No. 10 overall in reining. Junior Kelsey Huffman is ty for them to step into that ranked at No. 9 nationally in role and show us what they've horsemanship. Junior Jessica Hagen is currently ranked at No. 8 in equitation on the flat.

TCU vs. Tennessee-Martin

When: 10 a.m. Saturday Where: Fieldstone Park 7528 Dick Price Rd. Mansfield, Texas 76063

SWIMMING AND DIVING

H2O Frogs head to Centenary

By Allison Erickson

The men's swimming and diving team practiced for Saturday's meet versus Centenary College with a major theme in mind: taper time.

To break the monotony of training for primary strokes, head coach Richard Sybesma said Horned Frog swimmers would swim in off-events in Shreveport, La.. This "taper time" consists of a less rigorous competition and workout schedule and is intended to give the team a chance to rest before the Mountain West Championship meet at the end of Febru-

The H2O Frogs' larger focus centered on next week's meet against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Sybesma said.

The men's team will swim for the MWC dual meet title

seniors and team captains Josh championship. Bagby and Ben Biefnes will compete in their home pool.

Bagby, a short-distance said. sprinter, holds four out of five record times for TCU in the breaststroke, said he would 100-yard freestyle for the H20 Frogs. Bagby said the momentum TCU had with athletics this freshmen think of the UNLV year, including the appearance meet just as any other. To the of the football team in the Fiesta Bowl, enhanced the experience of his last season. Sybesma called Bagby an emotional swimmer and said he would rise to the occasion in the last home meet as the team's anchorman.

TCU received a nudge up in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CS-CAA) ranking, claiming the No. 30 spot. Both TCU and UNLV swam the 2009-2010 season undefeated, with records of 5-0.

against UNLV on Feb. 6. That TCU has not secured a win

"It's gonna come down to a winner takes all meet," Sybesma

Biefnes, who swims the tailor his focus on the newer members of the team, ensuring veteran, however, the meet signifies more than just another

race in a pool. "Since it's senior year, it's pretty much everything right now," Biefnes said. "Just to be Mountain West champions has been the goal from the very beginning, and it would be cool to end on that note."

Biefnes did not yet know which event he would swim at Shreveport, but Bagby, in lieu of his usual 100-yard freestyle, will swim the 100-yard butterfly.



TCU swimmer Ben Biefnes finishes third in the men's 200 yard IM against Utah Jan 9, 2009.

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As winter sports progress in their season and spring sports kick into gear, Horned Frog teams are all

and men's tennis, women's and men's basketball, track nior Zach Nichols, the Frogs and field, swimming and will head to Waco for the diving, equestrian and rifle men's ITA Indoor Regionals all face matchups.

over the place.

stiff competition across the the University of Iowa. country.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team competes Friday at the ITA National Indoor Qualifier against Vanderbilt University in a match played in Knoxville. The No. 27 Frogs will face the No. 22 Commodores, along with teams from the University of Texas urday at 2:30 p.m. and the host, the University of Tennessee.

compete with the hopes of time in program history.

advancing to the ITA Indoor Championships.

WEEKEND SPORTS

Men's Tennis Alongside the Mountain

This weekend, women's West Conference men's tennis player of the week, juwhere they will face Texas Whether shooting or A&M Corpus Christi then 5:05 p.m. Saturday. swimming, the Frogs face either Baylor University or

The men's team is ranked No. 38 in the opening ITA National poll, and won both contests last weekend in its spring openers.

Women's Basketball

After yet another victory at home, the No. 20 Lady Frogs head to Albuquerque to take on the Lobos on Sat-

conference play, and 15-4 on the Miners at home. The Frogs are 2-1 over overall, matching their best Vanderbilt all time and season start for the fourth

The Lady Frogs currently have the best record in the Mountain West Conference.

Men's Basketball

With the women on the road, the men return to Fort Worth to face the Lobos in Daniel-Meyer Coli-

Tipoff is scheduled for

After a loss to the Colorado State Rams on the road, the Horned Frogs are 2-4 in MWC play.

Rifle

After a victory against the Nebraska Cornhuskers last weekend, the rifle team returns home riding a six-game winning streak and will host UT-El Paso on Saturday.

The Frogs will head to El The Lady Frogs are 5-1 in Paso next weekend to take

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