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Former student a contestant on 'American Idol.'

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# MORE OF THE SAME?

Winter weather could return Wednesday, page 2

MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR  
Students enjoy the weather Tuesday in the Campus Commons on the beginning of a four-day break from classes.

**SNOW DAY 6**

Several events postponed from inclement weather.



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Student releases rap album on iTunes.





## ALUMNI

# Former Frog taking vocal talents to 'American Idol'

By Jordan Daigle  
Staff Reporter

If students tuned in to "American Idol" on Thursday, they may have recognized a familiar face.

TCU 2010 graduate Tim Halperin made an appearance as a contestant on the show's tenth season.

In front of millions of viewers, Halperin earned his golden ticket to Hollywood last week. Now he is officially in the running to be the next American Idol, said Chancellor's Associate for External Affairs Ann Loudon.

Halperin auditioned for judges Randy Jackson, Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler in Los Angeles, Calif. This year, more than 115,000 people auditioned for "American Idol," and 325 were sent through to Hollywood with the chance to win the contest, Loudon said.

With the restrictions "American Idol" puts on contestants, Loudon said Halperin was unable to talk about the competition to the media.

"American Idol" is still airing the audition rounds this week. Halperin can be seen again during the Hol-

lywood rounds that will air Feb. 16 and 17. During the Hollywood rounds, Loudon

"He was an excellent student and a member of our highly selective Neeley Fellow honors group. But it was clear early on that Tim's interest was not going to be in investment banking but more towards music and creativity."

**Bill Moncrief**  
Senior Associate Dean of the Neeley School

said the judges will choose only 165 of the 325 contestants to continue in the competition.

"He is ready for the show to keep moving on," Loudon said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said Halperin is a talented, well-spoken person who represents everything expected from a TCU graduate.

"Anytime a TCU alum does well, it reflects well on

TCU," Mills said.

"We hope he continues to do well on 'American Idol,' enabling him to reach his goals and TCU to shine with some reflected glory," he said.

Halperin gained popularity when he wrote and sang the song "We Fight Back" for TCU's "Frogs for the Cure" fundraiser to raise awareness and support for Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Loudon said. The "We Fight Back" video debuted during halftime at TCU's "Frogs for the Cure" football game on Oct. 16.

Halperin graduated last spring with a marketing degree from the Neeley School of Business.

"Tim is one of the most all-around talented students that we've had in the Neeley School," Senior Associate Dean of the Neeley School Bill Moncrief said.

"He was an excellent student and a member of our highly selective Neeley Fellow honors group. But it was clear early on that Tim's interest was not going to be in investment banking but more towards music and creativity," Moncrief said.

Dean of Admission Ray Brown said Halperin worked for the admission

office all four years he was at TCU. Halperin gave student tours and played the piano for visitors at the Monday at TCU program, Brown said.

On Thursday night's episode, Halperin gained some publicity when he openly admitted to Lopez that he had a crush on her when he

was younger.

"That is so Tim," sophomore business major Molly Johnson said. "[Lopez] was like enraptured by his singing."

"I know how hard he's worked, and he's really had to market himself. He is such a self-starter, and the fact that he has really gone

out there and done something this big is really cool," Johnson said.

Johnson said she has confidence in Halperin.

"Tim is not just an amazing singer and an amazing piano player, he is an amazing person, and I think that's what is going to take him far," Johnson said.



COURTESY OF ANN LOUDON

TCU 2010 graduate Tim Halperin earned a ticket to Hollywood as a contestant on the tenth season of "American Idol."

## WEATHER

## Metroplex may see more snow, ice Wednesday

By Landon Haaf  
Staff Reporter

More winter weather is in the forecast for the Dallas/Fort Worth area this week. After almost a week of snow and ice on the ground in North Texas, ice accumulation is expected once again this Wednesday.

According to meteorologist Amber Elliott with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth, precipitation should start late Tuesday evening and start to freeze when the cold air rolls in around midnight Tuesday.

Throughout the night and into Wednesday morning, the rain will turn into freezing rain, possible sleet and into snow by early Wednesday morning. Wednesday's high should be about 26 degrees with a low of about 13

degrees.

Elliott said she expected to see an accumulation of about one-tenth of an inch of ice Wednesday morning. The storm will not bring the same severe conditions that last week's storm brought because it is a fast-moving system, Elliott said.

"We shouldn't see hours on end of precipitation," Elliott said. "By early to mid-afternoon we should see the snow start to taper off."

Elliott said that unlike last week's storm, Wednesday morning will see the freezing rain turn into snow very quickly, which won't allow for as much ice accumulation.

Fort Worth residents can expect travel plans to be affected on Wednesday and possibly Thursday morning

because of any precipitation that refreezes Wednesday night, Elliott said. Because of the fast-moving nature of the storm, the ice will not be

on the ground for long.

Temperatures will be back above freezing by Thursday afternoon and will be back into the 50s by the weekend.



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Frog Fountain and the Brown-Lupton University Union were covered by snow and ice on Tuesday.

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## CAMPUS

# Servers, e-mail back up after pipe breaks

By Ashley Monismith  
Staff Reporter

The TCU computer mainframe located in the Sid W. Richardson Building was affected by a burst pipe in the building's basement Thursday morning due to freezing temperatures, resulting in outages in the university's technological services such as my.tcu.edu, TCU e-mail accounts, servers and the main TCU website.

With eight inches of water under the floorboards where the electrical wires are located, Josh Harmon, director of enterprise application services, said it was surprising the server was recovered by Saturday morning.

He said it could have been down for a couple of weeks.

"I think we're all still a little bit stunned that pretty much everything's working," Harmon said.

In response to the flooding, university staff worked on campus and from their homes over the weekend, Harmon said.

Workers from the Physical Plant and BMS, a clean-up company, worked on drying the flooded area, and programmers and staff in departments such as financial aid frequently checked their websites to see if they were accessible, Harmon said.

With e-mail down, TCU Alert directed students to Facebook for information updates.

Updates from Facebook stopped Friday but continued

Sunday through the university's main website and mass e-mail.

Lisa Albert, director of communications, wrote in an e-mail to all students, faculty and staff Sunday that online services were available.

All information that Albert sent via e-mail and posted online was collected from Bryan Lucas, executive director for technology resources, and his team, she said.

There were still problems with some branches of the university's website on Monday, and Lucas did not respond to phone calls or e-mails seeking comment.

Harmon said the study abroad site did not work properly until Monday afternoon. He said the study abroad database server was developed outside of technology resources and running on its own separate database.

Also, the search function on TCU's main website directed users to a list of search-related links on Google. He said he didn't know the reason behind the search engine malfunction and whether it was related to the power outage.

Attempts to reach Tracy Syler-Jones, vice chancellor for marketing and communication, for more information were not immediately returned.

Staff reporter Caitlin Cockerline contributed to this report.



LIBBY DAVIS/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The server room below the Sid Richardson building was flooded as a result of extended freezing temperatures causing a water line to burst.

## ADMINISTRATION

# Even the chancellor loves a snow day

By Katey Muldrow  
News Editor

With more freezing rain and snow expected later in the week, Chancellor Victor Boschini might have another snow day or two.

For Boschini, last week's first snow day on Tuesday began at 3:44 a.m. with a call from Provost Nowell Donovan about class cancellations. He said he watched some news about the weather and headed into the office at about 9 a.m.

On the way, he passed two students sledding by Clark Hall in big plastic tubs.

"It was great. They were having a ball," he said. "I stopped and just watched them for a while, and I thought to myself, 'I love working at a college.'"

Once he made it to Sadler Hall, he settled in for a few hours' work while the rest of the university was closed.

"I actually like these kinds of days because I can get a ton done," he said. "There's nobody here; the phones don't ring. It's kind of lonely, but you get a lot of work done."

That work included getting caught up on paperwork, writing thank you notes, and drafting three student recommendations for law school. Boschini said he planned to have lunch downtown if the weather permitted and then to head home from the office a little early.

Days like this may be few and far between, but he said the time off helps slow life down a little.

"I actually think they're

good because our life is so fast nowadays," he said.

"I actually like these kinds of days because I can get a ton done."

Victor Boschini  
Chancellor

"Like even in here I feel calmer today. I think it just

versity for the day, he said he planned to join his family to spend some time together.

"That's another good thing about this weather is it does keep everybody at home," he said.

However, Boschini said he not only spent Tuesday at the office, but worked at the university all week. One of his few appointments kept during the week's ice storm was a prospective

student that came in late Friday afternoon to visit the university.

After enduring last week's freezing temperatures and icy side effects, Boschini said he is praying for good weather this week. Because he spent most of last week alone in his office, he said agreed with many of the students he talked to Monday — it is time for the wet wintry weather to move along.



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Freshman graphic design major Caitlin Gohen plays chess in the Brown-Lupton University Union with freshman pre-major Katie Sheridan to get out of the cold and snow on Tuesday.

makes everyone slow down and take a deep breath."

He said, though, that his wife did not have such a quiet day. She spent Tuesday at home with their two high school-aged children who also had school canceled.

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The Skiff View

## Time off should be used wisely

**A**fter a week of winter weather that caused four days of canceled classes, the university is almost back to normal.

Missing four days in a semester that only has 70 days of normal class time is a lot, but the cancellations were unavoidable. Student, faculty and staff safety should be the most important consideration when determining whether to keep the university open, and in this case it looks like the university made the right call.

That said, with the high price of tuition and class time already at a premium, let's hope students and faculty made the best use of their time off.

Whether that meant time spent studying to get caught up or to get ahead on coursework or playing in the snow and relaxing to recharge for the rest of the semester was a personal preference. Hopefully, it was a combination of both.

With more bad weather looming in the forecast this week, the university should continue to make campus safety the highest priority, and faculty and students should make the most of the class time they have. In the event of more campus closures, the university community should remember to make the most of that time as well, however that may be.

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## Jersey retirement long time coming

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What do you have to say?

The Jan. 29 honoring of basketball great James Cash was a long time coming.

It is fun to have had a part in James Cash's TCU jersey retirement. When I was a student at TCU from 1972-76, my father was friends with then-head basketball coach Johnny Swaim. One day I asked Coach Swaim if he had any old jerseys around that he would let me have.

He ended up cleaning out the closet of over 50 sets of uniforms from three different uniform styles. I hauled them back to my dorm room in three big trash sacks.

Over the next 25 years those uniforms were used for intramural games at TCU and in YMCA league teams in Houston. Back around 2001, I collected what was left from attrition and still had around 30 full uniforms.

They included uniforms worn by Mickey McCarty and James Cash, along with a lot of others.

Members of the Frog Fan Forum helped me contact most of the original owners of the uniforms, and they were all sent to guys who could display them at their home or office.

McCarty's jersey was on display at his funeral last year. James Cash got his home uniform and the TCU Lettermen's Association got the away uniform to display.

It is great that his number is now retired. That uniform traveled many places and was used by many players who didn't know the historical significance of it. I'm glad it didn't get lost over the years and that it is now back in the hands of the man who so truly deserves it.

*Tom McA Dow  
The Netherlands*



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James Cash Jr. speaks to the crowd during halftime of the TCU-Air Force game at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Jan. 29. Cash was the first African-American to play in the Southwest Conference.

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## PERSPECTIVES

## Work on snow days is unfair



Heather Noel

Snow — this magical word doubles as a wonder of nature and as a day of freedom. As a kid, and even as a college student, when there is any mention of snow or ice, I hope that I will wake up to a winter wonderland and that school will be canceled.

As much as I am fond of the occasional spontaneous day of freedom, I know that with virtually all things come consequences. For the Mississinawa Valley School District in Ohio, the idea of freedom on a snow day has transformed entirely.

According to a Jan. 27 article in *The Washington Post*, the school district began a policy this year that gives students online work on the days when the weather makes it impossible for students to come to school. The new policy changes the traditional snow day into what the school district calls an “e-day.”

The idea is that it prevents these missed days from stopping the learning process. Students do lessons online and do not miss out

on what they would be learning in the classroom.

According to a Nov. 22 article from NPR, the Ohio school district missed nine days in the 2009-2010 school year, which is six more than what Ohio allows for bad weather each school year.

While this is a great idea in theory, I am not sure it will have great results in practice. I am not saying that I am a fan of extending the school year into summer. I just have little faith that students, especially younger ones, would actually do the work.

Doing schoolwork is the last thing on kids’ minds when they see their world has been turned into a white paradise. They want to be outside having their own adventures.

There is also the lingering question about how fair this online work is to the students without computer access. The district’s solution is that those students without computers have more time to complete the work, according to *The Washington Post* article.

I agree, though, with Washington County, Va., School Board Member Tom Musick. According to an article on tricities.com, the school district missed 19 days in the 2009-2010 school year.

Musick said he was unsure of how “e-days” would

work in the Washington County School District. This uncertainty stems from the fact that many students in the district do not have access to a computer.

In that case, I do not think it is fair to assign something that students do not have equal opportunity to accomplish.

For college students, the idea of an “e-day” does not really affect anything. Many colleges offer online classes and many traditional courses have web components.

Computer access is not an issue because many colleges like TCU offer free access to computers on campus. Unlike many primary and secondary schools, a majority of course work in college is done outside of class.

For younger students, like the ones in the Mississinawa Valley School District, the idea of doing online work is a good theory but is one that lacks equal application.

The school district needs to ensure that all students will have computer access and equal opportunity to complete the work. Until this is the case, transforming snow days into “e-days” is just plain unfair.

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## Software can't stop all kinds of cheating



Bailey McGowan

Insert catchy first line here, followed by a prepackaged second sentence and finish with a generic mission statement.

Plagiarizing content off the Internet has been a common practice among students since the information superhighway was invented. Turnitin.com was invented as a website that checks for the authenticity of documents against other web content. Now, Turnitin for Admissions, a branch of Turnitin.com, has paired with ApplyYourself, an online application site used for college admissions, to check the authenticity of applications, according to an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

While fairly new, Turnitin for Admissions’ first round of study results found similar language between personal statements. Of 450,000 personal statements, 36 percent had a significant amount of similar language. Similar language was described in the article as having more than 10 percent of matching texts.

Turnitin for Admissions works by checking documents against both current and archived web content as well as previously submitted documents in ApplyYourself. The program also checks for recycled applications, purchased documents and other illegal sources. College admission officers can compare an applicant’s work side-by-side with other documents and receive alerts when similar work appears.

Ultimately, the program acts as a gatekeeper to prevent false application practices.

In the case study of 360 applications to Pennsylvania State’s MBA program, a total of 29 contained plagiarism, enough that one applicant’s admission was revoked. If someone can’t be academically honest when applying for a program, how can one expect that person to be academically honest while performing for that program?

A level of integrity must be upheld in order to ensure one fully understands the topic. Once this integrity is forfeited, the entire institution suffers. This isn’t a small issue — universities are ultimately liable if a student’s work is published and it’s found to be stolen.

This program would do wonders to increase the sincerity of the application process. If students knew their work was

going to be checked even before they were accepted, they might lose the temptation to look in the first place.

The problem comes when we ask how many different personal mission statements there can be. There are only so many high ideals and appealing language combinations one can use before they all start to sound the same. What really qualifies as a match? Before checking applications for plagiarism becomes standard, the process needs to be refined.

Another issue is that of shadow writing, which is described as help on work from either a teacher or a parent. This is almost impossible to track or eradicate. The next step would be to figure out some way to stop it.

Overall, honesty is imperative in all levels of education. The only way to guarantee integrity is to have a zero-tolerance policy. TCU would do well to utilize this program, because it does not at the moment, according to an e-mail from Dean of Admission Ray Brown. Even with the controversy behind the plan, the first study results prove this is the next step in improving the higher education application process.

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## CAMPUS

# Study Abroad Fair, other events rescheduled after snow days

The winter weather last week caused many events to be canceled. On Monday, it was unclear how many of canceled university events would be rescheduled. However, the Skiff staff compiled as much information as possible until the time of publication for the following events.

## Study Abroad Fair

Rescheduled for:  
Monday, Feb. 14  
12 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Scharbauer Hall Lobby

## On-Campus Passport Processing Services

Rescheduled for:  
Monday, Feb. 14  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Reed Hall, Room 214  
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## "African Underground: Democracy in Dakar" Dinner and Film Screening

Rescheduled for:  
Wednesday, Feb. 9  
Food served at 6:30 p.m., movie begins at 7 p.m.  
Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4

## Student Film Association's 24-Hour Film Competition

Rescheduled for:  
Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18

and 19  
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## Guest Artist Series with Contrapunctus Brass Trio

was scheduled for Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. Nita Ferrell, administrative assistant with the School of Music, said she was not sure yet if the event would be rescheduled and more information would be available Tuesday.

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## Sports:

The women's swimming & diving meet against the University of North Texas was scheduled for Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. in Denton. A second swimming & diving

meet, both men and women, was scheduled for Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at home. Chris Perry, swimming & diving media relations, said there are no plans to reschedule the canceled meets. Richard Sybesma, the swimming & diving head coach, said it is too close to the Mountain West Conference championship to reschedule these meets.

The Fort Worth Stock Show Bowl, the equestrian competition against Baylor, was scheduled for Feb. 4 at the Justin Arena at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. Equestrian media relations said there were no plans to reschedule the competition.

For more on the cancellation of the Stock Show Bowl, see Sports Editor Ryne Sulier's story on dailyskiff.com.

The men's tennis matches at Wichita State and Tulsa were postponed. According to the men's tennis website on gofrogs.com, TCU Athletics will try to reschedule the matches for the spring season.

The women's tennis match against University of North Texas was scheduled for Feb. 5 at noon. According to the women's tennis website on gofrogs.com, the match was suspended indefinitely due to rain.



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## FOOTBALL

# Super Bowl sets American TV record

By David Bauder

Associated Press

For the second year in a row, the Super Bowl has set a record for American television viewing.

The Nielsen Co. said Monday that an estimated 111 million people watched the Green Bay Packers outlast the Pittsburgh Steelers in professional football's ultimate game. That tops the 106.5 million who watched the 2010 game between New Orleans and Indianapolis.

The series finale of "M-A-S-H" had held the title of the most-watched TV show in the United States for 27 years. It is now No. 3.

Fox had the advantage of a game between two of the National Football League's iconic franchises and, even though it looked like it could be a rout when the Packers took a 21-3

lead, it went down to the final minute and held viewers' interest.

In fact, the most-watched single play of the game was Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's final incomplete pass to Mike Wallace with about a minute to go, according to measurements by TiVo Inc., the digital video recorder maker.

The five most-watched events in U.S. TV history are now "M-A-S-H" (seen by just under 106 million people on Feb. 28, 1983) and the last four Super Bowls, Nielsen said.

Television ratings in general have been super for the NFL this year, with viewership up 13 percent over last year, Nielsen said. Games on CBS, Fox and NBC averaged 20 million viewers, more than twice what networks get for their prime-time programming.

"Super Bowl XLV caps what is arguably the most successful season that any sports league has ever had."

**Pat McDonough**  
Senior Vice President  
Nielsen Co.

"Super Bowl XLV caps what is arguably the most successful season that any sports league has ever had," said Pat McDonough, senior vice president for insight and analysis at the Nielsen Co. "The number of people watching NFL games has never been higher, with 24 percent more people watching the average NFL game this year than just five years ago. The Super Bowl continues to be in a category of its own."

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# Frog Feature

## Getting to know Michael Smith, a freshman pre-business major

By Kaileigh Kurtin  
Staff Reporter

Michael Smith, a freshman pre-business major, just released his first album on iTunes called "Two Fly" with his friend on Jan. 8. Their rap group, Crew of Two, started after Smith's tennis injury caused him to pursue a new path that merged his love for rap and writing.

### What is the name of your new CD?

"Two Fly...because we are Crew of Two."

### So that is the name of your group? Is it you and another person?

"Yeah, me and my friend Charles. He actually didn't go to my high school, but he just lived in the same city and we happened to meet...he goes to A&M and we can still do it over the Internet and send beats back and forth and keep making songs."

### What were you involved with in high school?

"Um, lots of tennis. That is kind of how I got into this, it is a really weird story. I used to play three hours of tennis a day and that was all I did, basically. But then I got a stress fracture in my back so I was really bored...I'm basically not allowed to play again because it is like a permanent thing, it is hard

to explain. So I was just bored, and I love rap music and I love writing so I just started writing lyrics. My friend Charles started making beats at the exact same time so we just combined."

### Was there anything specific that made you want to become a rapper?

"It just happened. I just made one song and then it sounded good so then I kept doing it."

### From what do you draw inspiration for your songs?

"Mainly my life; just like whatever happens that day."

### So far, what has been the most challenging aspect of the whole experience?

"I would say just like the copy-righting process and all that is really tedious. I guess just finalizing each beat, like you can make it and record it, but then you have to do compression mastering, equalizing

— there are just a million things you have to do before it's finished. I never realized music took that long to complete but there is a lot that goes into it."

### What has been the most rewarding aspect?

"Just seeing my friends laugh at it and stuff, because a lot of the lyrics are funny. The one I wrote about my ex-girlfriend, just seeing if she liked it."

### Do you have a favorite song that you have created? What is it about?

"Probably 'Who I Am' and that's on the CD. It is kind of [about] how I started this and how people tell me I have to be more unique and better to actually make it in this, but I am just seeing what happens. I am not trying too hard or anything, just doing it for fun."

### Besides the fact that it is rap, would you say you have a spe-



KAILEIGH KURTIN / STAFF WRITER

### cific style you like to follow?

"I guess it's just like real rap. I don't try to be something I'm not. If I say something that I wouldn't normally do then it's usually sarcastic. A lot of it is really sarcastic."

### When you were creating the CD did you have to hire anybody to do anything or was it just you and your friend?

"We had one guy sing with us... two kids did our album artwork.

One kid drew it and another kid photoshopped the drawing into a different picture. My uncle has a record company that we could go through if we wanted to but we decided...to just make it on our own time to see if we get picked up by somebody else."

### Do you have anything to say to your fans out there?

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# WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

## Aussie Packers fan returns to US for Super Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — Imagine quitting your job and moving your family across the world to pursue a dream: witnessing every game an NFL team played in a season.

This guy did.

An Australia man who temporarily moved to Wisconsin to follow the Packers a few years ago is back in the United States to watch the team play in the Super Bowl on Sunday. He was outside Cowboy Stadium in Arlington, Texas, with a few old friends from the last time he saw the Packers play live.

"It's the time of my life,"

said Wayne Scullino, 33, a few hours before kickoff. "The place is going mental."

Back in 2007, Scullino quit his job as a sales executive for a telecommunications company and sold his home in Sydney to bring his wife and two small children to Wisconsin for a season following the Packers.

He said his dream to move to Green Bay started when he was 15 years old and a friend gave him a videotape of an old game between the Packers and

the Minnesota Vikings. Scullino was smitten.

## Alcohol sold in Ohio town for 1st time since 1920

NOVELTY, Ohio (AP) — People can buy alcohol in one Ohio town for the first time since Prohibition took effect in 1920.

Russell Township voters in northeast Ohio's Geauga (jee-AW'-guh) County said no to going "wet" several times since Prohibition's repeal in 1933. The most recent rejection

at the ballot box came in 2000.

But last fall voters approved a measuring allowing one convenience store to sell alcohol. The Circle K store began offering beer and wine last week.

Alcohol sales supporters tell The Plain Dealer newspaper of Cleveland it didn't make sense for Russell Township to lose business to neighboring communities that already were selling alcohol. Opponents say they're concerned about underage drinking.

## Ala. man tries to outrun police on ATV

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — It's tough to outrun the police, especially on a four wheeler.

Police say 38-year-old Gordon Young led officers on a chase through Mobile last week on his all-terrain vehicle. He was caught after turning down a dead-end road.

Police say Young is charged with DUI and eluding police. He is out on \$1,500 bond.

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By John Lampkin 2/8/11

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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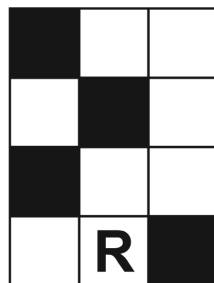
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### "Red Riding Hood"

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

#### Tuesday's Solution



### "Black Swan"

#### Sample



### "Freeze"

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#### Directions

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

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

#### Tuesday's Solution

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# NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

## AOL buying Huffington Post for \$315M

Internet company AOL Inc. is buying news hub Huffington Post in a \$315 million deal that represents a bold bet on the future of online news.

AOL, once the king of dial-up Internet access known for its ubiquitous CDs and "You've got mail" greeting in its inboxes, is in the midst of a turnaround effort as it tries to find ways to boost online ad sales to offset declines in the access business. The acquisition announced early Monday is among the most aggressive strategic moves engineered by AOL CEO Tim Armstrong in an effort to reshape a fallen Internet icon.

Perhaps just as important as picking up a news site that ranks as one of the top 10 current events and global news sites, AOL will be adding Huffington Post co-founder and media star Arianna Huffington to its management team.

After the acquisition closes later this year, Huffington will run AOL's growing array of content, which includes popular technology sites Engadget and TechCrunch, local news sites Patch.com and online mapping service Mapquest.

The price that AOL is paying is "really just the hiring fee to get Arianna," said technology analyst Rob Enderle. "This is one of those out-of-left-field moves that actually makes a lot of sense. This could put AOL back on the map."

## Witnesses say shots led to stampede at Ohio party

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — Partygoers stampeded to escape gunfire that killed one college student and wounded 11 people at an Ohio fraternity house, authorities said Monday as they searched for a motive in the weekend shooting.

Jamail E. Johnson, 25, a senior at Youngstown State University, was shot to death Sunday as he tried to separate two groups at an Omega Psi Phi fraternity house party. Authorities say there had been a dispute, two men had left the house and then returned and sprayed bullets into the crowd. Among the injured was a critically wounded 17-year-old.

When the shots rang out, "it was practically a stampede atmosphere," according to witness accounts, city prosecutor Jay Macejko said.

Investigators did not know what the initial argument was about and had yet to determine a motive for the shooting, Youngstown Police Chief Jimmy Hughes said Monday. The two suspects were neither students at the university nor members of the fraternity, police said.

The two men, Braylon L. Rogers, 19, and Columbus E. Jones Jr., 22, were charged with aggravated murder, shooting into a house and 11 counts of felonious assault, said Hughes. They were being held at the Mahoning County Jail, said jail officials, who did not know whether the men were represented by attorneys.

# TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

## Texas could be sued for education cuts

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas could see an increase in lawsuits when blind children are refused admission to The School for the Blind and Visually Impaired as a result of cuts in the proposed state budget.

The school is required by state and federal law to enroll students who cannot be adequately served by their local school districts. But under reduced funds in the state Senate's draft budget, the school would be forced to turn students away, superintendent Bill Daugherty told senators on Monday.

Daugherty said that in the past, parents of blind children have not hesitated to sue if their children are not provided adequate services. Restoring funding that the Senate bill takes away would decrease the likelihood of litigation, he said.

Texas is facing a \$27 billion budget shortfall to maintain services.

## NFL knew last week there could be seat problems

DALLAS (AP) — The NFL knew last week there were problems with the installation of temporary Super Bowl seating sections and hoped until hours before kickoff that they could be fixed.

"At the end, we just ran out of time," NFL executive vice president Eric Grubman said Monday.



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Fans watch the action in standing areas during the second half between the Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers in the NFL football Super Bowl XLV football game Sunday.

Four hundred people were forced to give up their seats for the Green Bay Packers' 31-25 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday night, and instead had to watch the game on monitors or use standing-room platforms in corners of Cowboys Stadium.

Another 850 fans were moved from their seats in the temporary sections to other seats.

"It was obviously a failure on our behalf, and we have to take responsibility for that," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "We had, obviously, a lot of challenges this week. There were a lot of things we were trying to deal with. But there's no excuses. When you put on an event like this, you know you're going to have those sorts of challenges."

He said the league would give tickets for next year's Super

Bowl to the 400 fans left without a place to sit Sunday. The league already had said it would offer those 400 people refunds of triple the face value of their Steelers-Packers tickets.

A total of about 15,000 temporary seats were added to \$1.2 billion Cowboys Stadium, and Sunday's attendance was announced at 103,219, just short of the Super Bowl-record 103,985 who were at the Rose Bowl for the 1980 NFL championship game.

Sunday's temporary seats filled open platforms that are usually standing-room only "party pass" areas for Cowboys games.

## Texas deputy pleads guilty in drug scheme

HOUSTON (AP) — A for-

mer Harris County sheriff's deputy has pleaded guilty for his role in a scheme to rob drug loads from dealers.

Richard Bryan Nutt Jr. pleaded guilty in Houston federal court on Monday to a conspiracy charge.

Nutt, who faces up to 20 years in prison when sentenced June 6, remains free on bond.

The 43-year-old's attorney did not immediately return a telephone call or e-mail seeking comment.

Nutt and four others were arrested in December after taking what they thought were drugs from a vehicle that was actually part of a sting operation by Houston police and the FBI.

One of the other four men indicted also pleaded guilty Monday. The remaining defendants are set for trial in March.

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## FOOTBALL

# Frogs recruiting class in top 25

By **Ryne Sulier**  
Sports Editor

TCU is no longer fighting for the recruiting scraps left over from the UTs and OUs of the football world. While most of the campus was frozen last week, TCU announced 24 football signings last Wednesday — that was good enough to be ranked 23rd by Scout.com and 25th by Rivals.com, the first time TCU has had a top-25 ranked recruiting class. TCU also added a 25th player, defensive tackle Davion Pierson, to the recruiting class Monday. Pierson, of Oklahoma City, was rated by Rivals.com as the No. 1 defensive tackle prospect in Oklahoma.

“As I tell people all the time, it’s a case of paper tigers,” head coach Gary Patterson said in a press conference Wednesday. “When they get here, the slate is clean. They have no stars anymore. They haven’t scored any touchdowns for TCU or made any tackles. You have to move forward. One thing I like about this class is they are both great people and good football players, not just good athletes. It will be interesting to see how this class develops.”

TCU received a recruiting boost when Eules Trin-

ity standout Brandon Carter chose TCU over Oklahoma. Carter is considered a four-star recruit by ESPN and Scout.com and was *The Dallas Morning News’* Offensive Player of the Year. Carter told Scouts.com last year that Oklahoma was not excited about Carter playing on offense, even though he led Trinity with 25 catches for 394 yards and four touchdowns.

Waxahachie native LaDarius Brown, ranked by Rivals.com as the No. 4 athletic player in the nation and No. 7 athletic player in Texas, and West Monroe, La., product Chuck Hunter join Carter as TCU’s batch of four-star talent. Most of the rest of TCU’s recruiting class are three-star recruits.

It was the 2009 Fiesta Bowl loss to Boise State, not so much TCU’s Rose Bowl win over Wisconsin, with which Patterson credits the recent success of the recruiting class.

“Most of this class, I’d say 17 or 18 of them, was because of the Fiesta Bowl,” Patterson said. “We finished off this class, with some of the guys who changed their minds late, because of the Rose Bowl and the Big East. I think you’ll see the importance and significance of the Big East and the Rose Bowl in next year’s class,

which I think will make a difference.”

With the 25 recruits nearly split between offense and defense, 18 of the signees are Texas products, while five other states were represented in the recruiting class.

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**Gary Patterson**  
Head Football Coach

Cornerback Jason Verrett, a Santa Rosa, Calif., native, is considered the sixth-best junior college defensive back in the nation by Rivals.com.

“We graduated two senior cornerbacks, and we felt we needed to get an older player in place,” Patterson said. “The best part of having Jason [Verrett] is that he’s a 3-for-3 [three years of eligibility left]. He was a good student out of high school who originally

played quarterback. We felt like we needed to get an older player in here to create depth more quickly.”

Quarterback Chazten Gonzales is ranked the No. 2 dual-threat quarterback out of Oklahoma — he’ll be joined by his Del City High School teammate and top-rated guard Jamelle Naff.

TCU also signed quarterback Trevone Boykin out of Mesquite to bolster the quarterback position. Boykin tallied 4,729 total yards and 58 total touchdowns his senior year.

“We needed to get a quarterback, and we were able to do that in Trevone Boykin,” Patterson said. “He’s got unbelievable numbers both throwing and running.”

Tyler native Chris Hackett is ranked the No. 2 safety in Texas by Rivals.com. Quincy Aldridge of Whitehouse, James Bailey of Everman and Jamie Byrd of Dade City, Fla., are the other Frogs’ safeties to sign.

Offensive linemen Brady Foltz of Rose Hill, Kan., Bobby Thompson of Midland and Carter Wall of Richmond all signed with the Frogs. Foltz will follow his older brother, Blaize Foltz, on the team.

Wide receiver David Bush,



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TCU head football coach Gary Patterson salutes the Horned Frog crowd, Sunday, Jan. 16 at the Rose Bowl celebration.

another Tyler product, is ranked as the seventh-best athlete in Texas by Rivals.com and No. 50 in the nation. Wide receiver Dominic Merka of Crosby will join Bush. Merka totaled 3,096 yards of offense and 24 touchdowns his senior year.

DeSoto High School prospects David Porter III and Cameron White combined for 14 touchdown catches their senior seasons according to Rivals.com and will add to

the receiver class. Porter and White are both considered top-10 receivers in the state.

“All of us like kids who go to school, work hard and do all of the normal things that you would like for your own son to do,” Patterson said. “Good character, good work ethic, time management... all players are different. They come from different backgrounds. We try to make it a science, but some times it’s a crapshoot.”

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## SPORTS

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## TCU falls to SDSU on the road

Staff Report

No. 6 San Diego State defeated TCU 60-53 on Saturday, dropping the Frogs to 10-14 on the season and 1-8 in Mountain West Conference play. The Frogs kept the game within reach, cutting the lead to five points with just over a minute remaining in the game, but the Aztecs won their 16th consecutive home game at a sold-out Viejas Arena. San Diego State improved to 22-1 overall and 8-1 in the MWC.

Junior guard Hank Thorns' 3-pointer with 1:07 remaining cut the Aztecs' lead to five, but SDSU kept the Frogs at bay by forcing its way to the free-throw line. Forward Billy White answered Thorns' 3-pointer by drawing a shooting foul after draining the shot clock. He made both shots, and guard James Rahon later added two more to put the game out of reach inside the final 15 seconds.

White was a force inside in the second half, hitting 9-of-10 free throws in the period alone. He helped lead the Aztecs to an 18-of-24 free-throw performance, while the Frogs were only 6-of-9 from the line.

Thorns led TCU with 16 points, while he added eight assists in 40 minutes of action. Senior guard Greg Hill also reached double figures, matching a season high with 12 points on 5-of-9 shooting, including 2-of-4 from



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Nikola Cerina scores over San Diego State's Malcolm Thomas during the first half of game in San Diego on Feb. 5.

3-point range.

Saturday marked one of TCU's top defensive performances of the season, as the squad matched its season-low opponent scoring total of 60 points. The Aztecs shot only 39.1 percent from the field, including only 36.4 percent in the second half. Despite TCU's defensive success, SDSU still did its dam-

age on the glass, posting a 39-27 rebounding advantage that included 14 offensive boards. TCU itself shot only 39.6 percent for the contest, including just 31.6 percent from beyond the arc.

TCU returns home to play UNLV at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The match-up will be televised live on The Mtn.

## OPINION

## Super Bowl a failure off the field



Marshall Doig

Jerry Jones's experience as de facto host of Super Bowl XLV at Cowboys Stadium kind of went like The Black Eyed Peas' halftime performance: great presentation, poor execution.

Great location, check. Plenty of hype, check. An obscenely opulent stadium guaranteed to earn the NFL bucketfuls of cash, triple check.

But between little things not going right, such as Christina Aguilera's national anthem gaffe, to bigger letdowns, like not setting the Super Bowl attendance record and the freakishly bad weather, it's a good thing for Jones that the actual game turned out to be another NFL classic to take some of the heat off of him.

True, Jerry isn't entirely responsible for everything that went wrong, but the bigger blunders were a result of greedy, selfish planning.

Take the seating fiasco, for example. About 400 fans weren't able to take their seats in temporary bleachers for which they paid upward of \$800 because the seats weren't ready in time for the game due to safety concerns.

Most of the fault here lies with the NFL. It had 30 days to get the stadium ready for the Super Bowl once the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 7 ended. Why can't the NFL make 2,000 additional seats safely available in a month?

Blame it on Jerry and NFL greed. The temporary seats weren't necessary, but Jerry was trying to set the Super Bowl attendance record, and the NFL saw plenty of dollar signs in that endeavor. The result was a failed attempt at a record and plenty of angry fans because both parties were too stupid to plan accordingly. The NFL, to its credit, implemented good damage control by all the postgame goodies — including tickets to Super Bowl XLVI — it gave away to the spurned fans.

In a way, it's fortunate the NFL's shortsightedness cost the game the attendance record. According to an ESPN.com article, NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy confirmed the lost seats were the reason the record wasn't set.

Also according to the article, the attendance included 3,000 fans who bought tickets to watch the game on HD screens outside the stadium, meaning Jerry and the NFL cheated on the count, at least by rational standards.

It's clear enough that attendance should be measured by people who are actually inside the stadium watching the game in person. If the NFL counts how many

people watched on television screens, then congratulations — it just set an attendance record of 111 million.

Yes, the NFL and owners run teams as businesses, and yes, their main purpose is to make lots of money. But perhaps they should quit making every big event about themselves. It's one reason there probably won't even be a professional football season next fall because of labor disputes. Oh, and dear NFL and team owners, that means losing even more of your precious dollars.

The seating and attendance debacle at the Super Bowl offers an example of the selfishness at every level of the NFL — an organization that threatens to cancel some or all of the 2011 season — as well as the selfishness of NFL executives, the owners and the players — who aren't blameless in the potential lockout scenario. There are still classy, selfless personalities at all levels as well, but the greed is prevalent enough to possibly doom next season.

Here's a memo for all parties involved: The fans don't care how it gets done, just reach an agreement. Otherwise, you'll end up looking worse than Fergie's flashy shoulder pads from Sunday night for a long time.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Lady Frogs snap two-game losing streak

By Landon Haaf  
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The Lady Frogs snapped a two-game losing streak Saturday afternoon with a 63-52 win over San Diego State University at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

TCU used a 21-2 first half run to jump out to a lead and never looked back in the second half.

The Aztecs had no way of stopping sophomore forward Delisa Gross, who went 7-of-7 from the field and scored a career-high 20 points in the win.

Lady Frogs' head basket-

ball coach Jeff Mittie said, in a press conference, Gross had better aggressiveness and played with balance on the court.

Gross attributed her success to the team — TCU posted 16 assists on 23 made field goal attempts.

"I was able to get so many shots today because of the large number of assists," Gross said. "It all depends on us penetrating the ball and being able to kick it out, and we did that well today."

Gross's effort tied former Lady Frog Ashley Davis' record for best single-game

shooting performance in school history in 2007.

Freshman Briesha Wynn scored 13 points and added three steals in her defensive effort.

Mittie said Wynn gambled in the right spots in Saturday's game.

Wynn said she was able to anticipate the pass, and that led to her strong defensive performance.

The Lady Frogs forced San Diego State into 23 total turnovers, which led to 24 points for TCU, compared to 10 points off turnovers for SDSU.

The Lady Frogs had the advantage in bench points as well, outscoring the Aztecs 18-4.

Saturday's win completes a sweep of SDSU in regular season play, the first time TCU has swept the Aztecs since 2007-08. The Lady Frogs are now 15-8 overall and 7-2 in Mountain West Conference play, while the Aztecs fell to 8-13 overall with a 2-7 Conference record.

The Lady Frogs resume action Wednesday at UNLV. Tip-off is scheduled for 9 p.m.

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## BASKETBALL

Lady Frogs snap two-game skid against SDSU at home.

## SPORTS

## FOOTBALL

Super Bowl XLV was classic presentation with poor execution.



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New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez (6) hands the ball off to LaDainian Tomlinson (21) during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Pittsburgh.

## Q&amp;A

# L.T. utilizes Super Bowl to give back to community

By Ryne Sulier  
Sports Editor

New York Jets running back and former Horned Frog LaDainian Tomlinson wanted to be in Fort Worth over Super Bowl weekend to play in the big game. While Tomlinson didn't get his chance to play for a championship just 25 minutes from where he played his college football (and where the AFC champions practiced for the week), that didn't dampen his excitement to be back in the community. Tomlinson hasn't forgotten his purple roots since he was drafted fifth overall in 2001 by the San Diego Chargers after becoming TCU's all-time leading rusher with 5,263 yards (fifth all-time in FBS history). The former NFL Man of the Year jumped on the opportunity to promote his Project

21 initiative to fight childhood obesity in North Texas, as well as join in on Super Bowl XLV festivities during the week.

**Here are some highlights of my conversation with L.T.:**

**Q: Explain your Project 21 initiative you are currently promoting:**

A: Project 21 is the new program with the foundation focusing on obesity, so we are going to get out to the schools, the elementary schools, you know, to talk to kids about proper nutrition, about exercising, about getting outside and playing and just being active. One out of every three children in our country are obese, which is an insane number, but that's where we are. That's our next project going

forward with the foundation, and so [Wednesday] we had a fundraiser at Cool River Cafe. We had a great turnout, we had live music, a lot of auctioning, and so it was fun. That's the next step; we need people to hear about this because these are our kids that we are talking about. It's the future of our country, it's our kids. We need people to get behind this. So we can talk to them.

**Q: How far has TCU football come since you're playing days?**

A: We set the foundation for 10-win seasons and that has continued. The school is accessible and the facilities are re-modeled. If I'm in high school I want to come to TCU. It's now one of the largest programs in the state, the largest in the area.

And there's always the tradition.

**Q: TCU football has been noted for the preparation and intelligence, did that help you in the NFL?**

A: How to prepare — you'll get the same answer from all [TCU players], it will help when you take that next step, it really help when you go into a school like TCU that's one of the top in preparing kids to play the game.

**Q: What will be the difference for former Frogs like Andy Dalton, Jeremy Kerley and Jake Kirkpatrick if they make the jump to the NFL?**

A: You are no longer amateur. You are a professional. And with that comes a lot of

responsibility, you know, and so it's your job to make sure that you're prepared. That's the number one thing that you will continue to hear in the National Football League: preparation and perfecting your craft. There's a new class every year, if you don't work on your craft then somebody else is going to overtake you. So you have to work harder than you've ever worked in your entire life to perfect your craft, and make sure that you turn heads and you make people proud of you.

**Q: Are you excited to be back in the community?**

A: It's been a long time just being able to get back here, and enjoy being here and spending time here, I am excited. I really just missed this place, and it's always been a part of my heart,

and that's why I've come back, I look forward to doing a lot more here.

**Q: On the weather that hit DFW last week:**

A: I don't think anybody was expecting it.

**L.T.'s notable accomplishments as a Horned Frog:**

-Rushed for an NCAA record 406 yards against UTEP his junior season.

-Was a Heisman Trophy finalist and won the Doak Walker Award and Jim Brown Trophy after rushing for an NCAA-leading 2,158 yards and 22 touchdowns.

-Was the Senior Bowl MVP in his final year at TCU.

-Earned a communication degree from TCU in 2005.