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Film to discuss blend of African hip hop and politics.

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The HammerHead restaurant and bar has opened underneath the GrandMarc building next to TCU campus.
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Sid Richardson evacuated during propane mishap.



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Local businesses see minimal gains from Super Bowl crowd.



CAMPUS

Sid Rich evacuated briefly after supposed gas leak

By Emily Agee

Staff Reporter

The Sid W. Richardson Building was briefly evacuated Tuesday morning because of the odor of natural gas moving throughout the building, a campus police officer said.

TCU Police Lt. Ramiro Abad said workers were refilling equipment with propane when some of the gas was sucked into the air and released in the building.

The equipment was being used for cleanup efforts after a pipe burst and flooded the basement Thursday, Abad said.

Evacuation of the building was a customary precaution, and students were never in immediate danger, Abad said.

At approximately 11:15 a.m., all classes in the building were interrupted for evacuation. Students were out of class for around 15 minutes.

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Kelly Jackson

Junior physics/astronomy and math double major

Assistant professor Peter Frinchaboy said he was teaching Archaeoastronomy in one of the lecture halls when he was told to vacate the building.

The smell of gas was very noticeable, especially in the hallway, Frinchaboy said.

"My students were just doing a review, so I let them go," Frinchaboy said.

Junior physics/astronomy and math double major Kelly Jackson was in her Quantum Mechanics class when the building was vacated.

Jackson's class was on the third floor of the building and she said the smell of gas was faint.

"Of course half of our class left, because they thought they got a free day out of it," Jackson said.

Jackson said she didn't think the evacuation was anything major.

The Sid Richardson Building's issues have been resolved and remains open for classes, Abad said.



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Blowers and dehumidifiers are set up in to help dry out the areas affected by the water pipe that burst last week in Sid W. Richardson Hall.

CAMPUS

Boschini: First years of college not a waste

By Natalie Smith

Staff Reporter

After having taught a freshman core class at TCU, Chancellor Victor Boschini said he disagreed with a study that concluded students were not learning the writing and cognitive skills needed in their undergraduate years.

Boschini said he felt students learned many different skills, both academically and socially, throughout their undergraduate years and were very capable of writing at the college level.

The study "Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses," conducted by Richard Arum of New York University and Josipa Roksa of the University of Virginia, was based on surveys from students and results from the Collegiate Learning Assessment, a standardized test for critical thinking, reasoning and problem solving.

More than 2,000 undergraduate students across the country took the test, according to the study. It also found that students tended to enroll in courses with fewer reading or writing assignments.

Junior psychology major Drew Taylor said he felt the university helped with written skills through the Writing Center and through professors

who meet with students one-on-one.

"I don't know if all the students I have met really hone in on those skills," Taylor said. "It has to do a lot with the individual."

Kenneth Leising, an assistant professor of psychology, said the TCU Core Curriculum is set up so that students have the opportunity to learn the skills they need to move further in their education.

"It depends on whether or not the student chooses to do the work or not."

Melissa Rhodes

Senior film-television-digital media major

"We have writing emphasis courses that require students to do a great deal of writing," Leising said. "Within psychology, we put an emphasis on critical thinking."

According to TCU's website, each student is required to complete the core curriculum which is made up of three components: Essential Competencies, Human Experiences and Endeavors, and Heritage, Mission, Vision, and Values. These three components, according to the website, give

students a broad knowledge of writing and cognitive skills, humanities and fine arts and religious, historical and literature traditions.

According to the study, many students also reported spending more time on non-academic activities rather than studying. It showed that students defined their college experience as focusing more on social activities than on academic development.

Melissa Rhodes, a senior film-television-digital media major, said she felt the productivity of a student's education was up to each individual.

"There is always going to be the students that take the time and study or the students that don't and end up dropping out," Rhodes said. "It depends on whether or not the student chooses to do the work or not."

Boschini said students should go to college for academic purposes, but also for social aspects because students should develop certain personal skills.

"I think the goal of a good undergraduate education would be that you would learn both inside and outside of the classroom every moment," Boschini said. "My own bias is what you learn inside the classroom is more important, but I think the other part is also important."

CAMPUS GOVERNMENT

SGA discusses elections, paper use

By Sydney Hicks

Staff Reporter

Bill passed to revise election fine assignment process

A new bill was passed Tuesday night by the House of Student Representatives to revise the election fine assignment process of the Elections and Regulations Committee.

Lizzy Caudill, the Elections and Regulations Committee Chair and representative of the class of 2011, said the new system would set election violations and fine amounts before the campaign filing period began. Specific fine amounts of violations would be kept confidential with the Elections and Regulations Committee, she said.

The new system would allow the Elections and Regulations Committee to focus on its duties of positive promotion of elections and increased voter turnout instead of focusing on fines, according to the bill.

Michael Dabbs, a representative for the AddRan College of Liberal Arts, said that during the 2010 election, the new system worked more effectively in allocat-

ing fines.

Katie Russell, a representative for the Neeley School of Business, asked if the fines would be based on severity and amount of violations.

Caudill said the committee would take into account the amount of violations and monetary value for each violation to reach a total fine.

The bill passed with a unanimous vote.

Debate caused withdrawal of tree-planting bill

A bill to memorialize trees destroyed in the process of writing a new Student Body Constitution did not pass after opposition called into question the bill's legitimacy.

The bill called to allocate \$15 to purchase 10 trees from the Arbor Day Foundation.

Trevor Melvin, the House Parliamentarian and co-author of the bill, said that the bill was a fun way to do something good for the environment.

Brian McDermott, a representative for the AddRan College of Liberal Arts, said the language of the bill seemed like a joke. McDermott did not understand

why the House would pass a bill like this since it had never been done before.

Student Body President Jackie Wheeler questioned if the bill made a mockery of the duties of the House.

Kelsie Byers, a representative for the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, called for the bill to be enacted. If the results are good, she said she didn't see the problem with doing a good thing by planting trees.

Melvin motioned to withdraw the bill because the bill was intended to be a light-hearted debate and fun change of pace, but respected those in opposition and wanted to withdraw it from the floor, he said.

The bill was withdrawn from the House floor with a majority vote.

Voting on constitution revisions begins Thursday.

Caudill said the referendum for voting on the revisions to the Student Body Constitution will begin this Thursday at 7 a.m. and continue until midnight.

In other House news, Wheeler said free Scantrons will be available in the library Monday.

CAMPUS

'Democracy in Dakar' documentary to be shown on campus

By Chelsea Katz

Staff Reporter

An on-campus screening of the award-winning documentary "African Underground: Democracy in Dakar" will show the TCU community how closely connected hip-hop music and politics can be.

John Singleton, director of International Services and the KinoMonda World Cinema project, said "Democracy in Dakar" explores the role hip-hop culture and students played in bringing democracy to a Muslim socialist government and shows the nonviolent change of order. The film explores how the underground hip-hop movement was an integral part of the 2007 presidential election in Dakar, Senegal.

April Brown, assistant director of Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services, said, "It's going to be an experience in culture. And I wouldn't have imagined hip-hop being a part of the culture of Dakar, especially as it involved politics."

Singleton said the plan at the beginning of the hip-hop movement in Senegal was not to elect a president. He

said around the same time the movement was happening, the opposing candidate reached out to the activists and as a result, the hip-hop community then supported him as a candidate.

"The hip-hop movement was hungry for change," he said.

"Sometimes it's important to remember what it means to be a university student, and what it means to be in the emerging culture versus the old and the dominant culture."

John Singleton

Director of International Services

Singleton said the film shows the events of the election from two perspectives. He said it follows both the candidate, Abdoulaye Wade, and various hip-hop artists of Senegal.

He said the film was not originally a documentary. The hip-hop company No-

madic Wax started out just doing a story on Senegalese hip-hop and found the political story that then turned into this film.

Singleton said he thought it would be interesting for a few reasons.

"When hip-hop was emerging as an artistic expression, in [America] there was a hope that it would become the language of informed dissent, and at times it is that," Singleton said. "That's the role it played in Senegal, completely. [It] shows you a different way [hip-hop] could have gone."

Singleton said this movie is important for people to see, especially on a college campus.

"Education is all about the boundaries you push," he said. "This is a film about pushing boundaries, about change."

He said the film would give TCU students a chance to identify with students in Senegal.

"Sometimes it's important to remember what it means to be a university student, and what it means to be in the emerging culture versus the old and the dominant culture," he said.

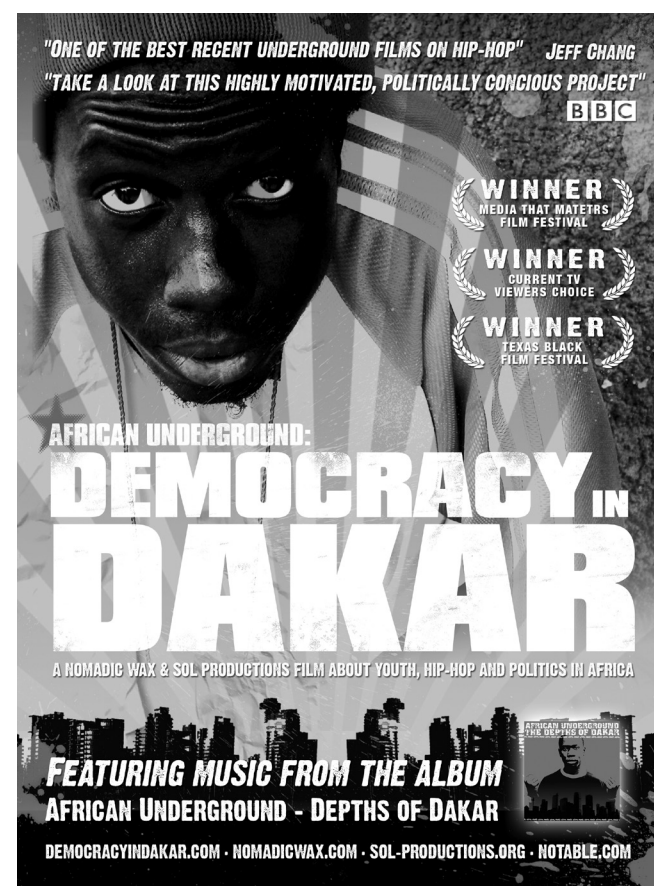
Singleton said he works

with world cinema and was approached by the university about adding something to Black History Month on campus. He said the African Heritage Organization and the International Student Association are planning on attending. Singleton said he hopes people who see the movie will come away with a piece of life in Senegal.

"When you finish watching this, you're going to know a little bit about, not only Senegal, but you're going to know about its politics, the languages they speak, what they're proud of, what they like to do," he said.

Melissa Morales, a freshman pre-major, said she was interested in understanding the different experiences of kids in other parts of the world. She said it would also give her a better understanding about other cultures and how other people live.

Singleton said there are usually many students and 50 to 70 people from the community at the film showings, so he said he hopes the room will be "bursting at the seams." After the film is shown, he said it will be donated to the TCU Library for anyone to check out and see.



"African Underground: Democracy in Dakar" film screening
Hip-hop and political change in Senegal

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LOCAL

Weather puts damper on projected profits from Super Bowl

By Madison Pelletier

News Now Sports Director

Local campus restaurants prepared for the extra guests Super Bowl XLV was expected to bring to businesses in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, until the Metroplex was frosted with snow and ice.

The Berry Street Fuzzy's location started seeing an increase in guests the weekend before the Super Bowl, but after the ice, business was not anywhere near what it was expected to be.

"It was a normal week," Fuzzy's General Manager Bo Martino said. "I was anticipating abnormal...I'm a little disappointed we didn't get more of that (Super Bowl) crowd."

Fuzzy's was able to maintain normal business because of their proximity to campus, Martino said. He said he was happy he could provide a place for students who had lost power or did not have heat.

"My normal lunches are usually half students, half business people in the area, I would have to say it was 99.9 percent students," Martino said.

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Bo Martino

Fuzzy's General Manager

Since the Steelers practiced at the TCU practice facilities, the economic benefits were expected to carry into businesses around campus. Before the weather hit, Dutch's General Manager Kay Greenlee said she was expecting double the amount of guests at lunchtime and around 25 percent more

guests at dinner during Super Bowl week.

Greenlee said because of the weather, business was not anywhere near what she had expected from Super Bowl. Dutch's closed the Tuesday of last week's storm because employees could not get to work, when the store opened up on Wednesday, business continued slow.

"It got worse and worse as the week went on," Greenlee said. "People did not get out."

Prior to the storm, Greenlee said she thought being located across from where the Steelers are practicing would provide visibility for Dutch's. Once the weather cleared on Saturday, Greenlee said business was still mainly the usual visitors and very few guests in town for the Super Bowl.

According to a PricewaterhouseCoopers report, the DFW area was supposed to experience a record number of visitors in town for the Su-

per Bowl. The amount of fans in the area was estimated to be above 200,000.

PwC estimated that direct visitor spending from the added guests will be approximately \$202 million, the highest amount in Super Bowl history. This includes food, hotels, entertainment, and other tourist activities. The final numbers will not be released until later in the year.

Fuzzy's prepared in a different way than other local businesses because of the amount of regional locations. District Manager Mike Price said all of the North Texas locations prepared for extra business.

"We increased the amount of product that we have on hand...we've increased the number of employees...more people, more food to cook," Price said.

Price was expecting a 30 percent increase in district sales. Due to space restrictions in the restaurants, even

if Fuzzy's hired more staff, their restaurant would not be able to hold more guests.

"I couldn't tell you what the final figure is going to be but it is going to be nice," Price said.

While Fuzzy's and Dutch's planned for more guests from

the Super Bowl, Old Rips Tex-Mex co-owner Cy Barcus said they did not make any special preparations.

"We hope there are going to be more people, we aren't actually doing more for the Super Bowl itself," Barcus said.

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Alert system increases campus safety

The university implemented TCU Alert five months after the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007.

The mass notification services system, powered by 3N, was purchased following the recommendation of a committee formed by the chancellor to research communication services for emergency situations.

Thankfully, the university has not had to use the system for any emergencies like the Virginia Tech shooting. However, the recent server troubles have made us grateful for the administration's foresight.

Since the systems's debut in 2007, the university has rigorously campaigned for students and faculty to register for its service. My.tcu.edu frequently stops students from proceeding into the "Student Center" portion of the site without updating their personal information. In addition, registration instructions are e-mailed before every potential bad weather day.

When the text announcing the university's closure went out Tuesday morning, it was a convenience, allowing staff and students to know school was cancelled without having to get out of bed. But by Thursday, it was virtually the only means of communication between the administration and campus residents.

With campus servers and networks out of commission, students were left with Facebook, Twitter and the alert system to communicate. Getting the word out about the closure helped keep many people off the road, which is safer for everyone.

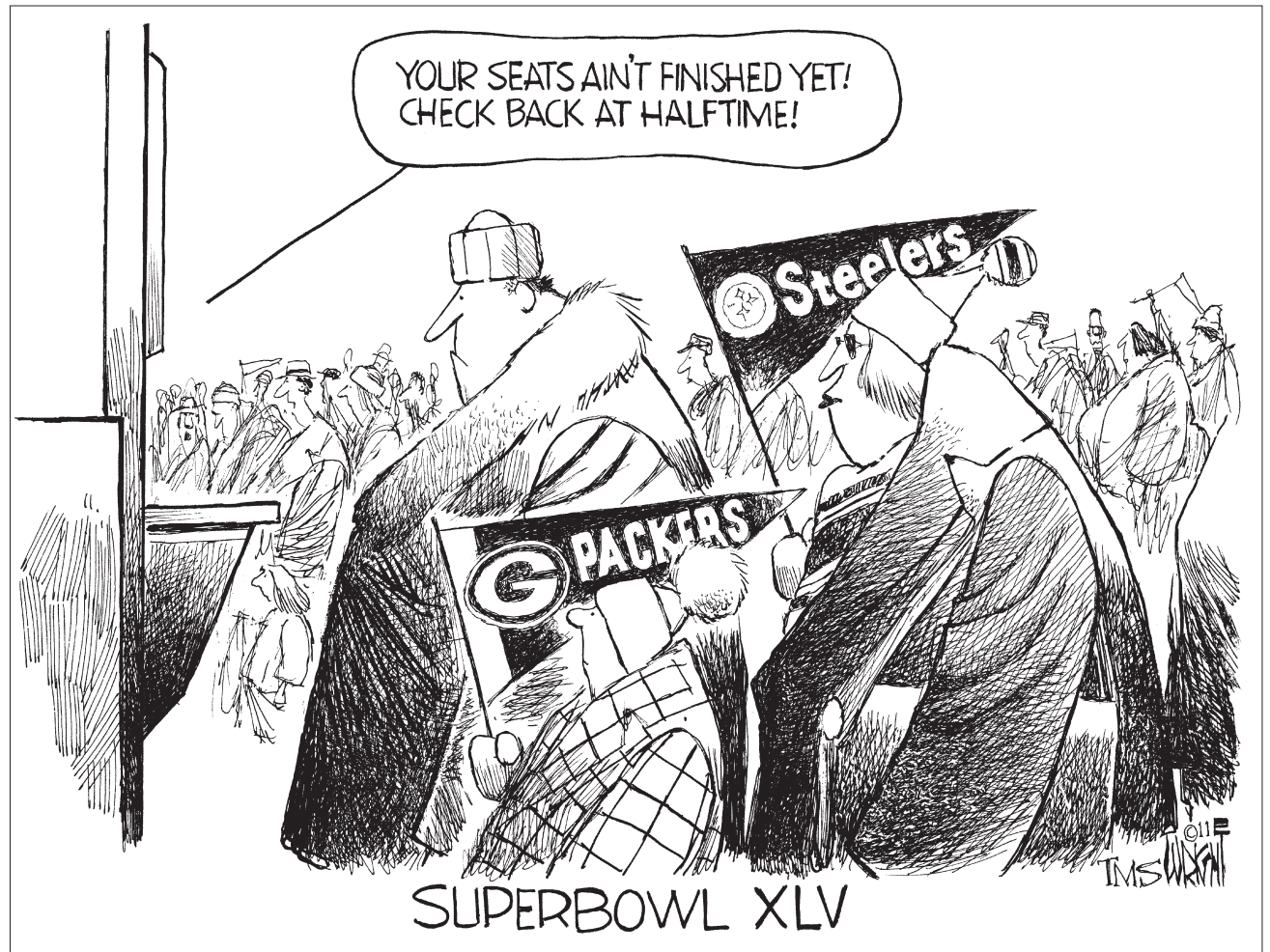
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Pay-for-news site not a good idea right now



Kerri Feczko

As a college student, my No. 1 reason to purchase anything is price. The last thing any college student wants is unnecessary expenses.

News has always been something I have gotten for free. The *Daily Skiff* is accessible in almost any building on campus for free. Surrounding community papers and even national newspapers like, *USA Today*, are available in some buildings on campus for free. The easiest and most accessible form of gathering news is from sources online,

and it is also free.

A new website called Ongo has launched with a request of \$7 per month to access news that is mostly free elsewhere. According to an *Associated Press* article, CEO Alex Kazim said the charge is due to the site's clutter-free and advertisement-free format that will result in a cleaner and more readable layout. With the financial help from *The New York Times Co.*, *The Washington Post Co.* and *USA Today*, Ongo will be able to host stories from different publishers on its own site. This will avoid making readers jump from site to site through hyperlinks and advertisements to find the news stories, according to the article.

From a news company standpoint, this idea may be a phenomenal one. From a student standpoint, I would

feel more ripped off than I do every time I leave the bookstore.

There is a reason why a lot of students do not subscribe to a newspaper during the financially draining college years. It costs money. This would not be a tough obstacle to avoid. People would just keep on visiting the same, free news websites they do every single day. I would not mind closing a few pop-up ads to save \$84 each year.

As long as the news is still being distributed at no charge and read by the public, there is not much of an upside to paying for it. I understand the logic of it. News sources are trying to keep their heads above the water by bringing in any extra money they can. But the easy access to iPhone news apps and the grand total of zero dollars may overpower

the idea of paying for news right now.

But who is to say this may never become the norm? It is possible that every website may start charging a monthly fee in the future, but I am in no hurry to rush the future any faster than it is already progressing.

As for Ongo, it may be difficult to rack up interested, news-gathering buyers when there are so many other websites offering the same news at no cost. I am not saying it will not happen; I am just saying it is not the best time for it to be happening now. Right now, I would rather enjoy something I can get for free while I still have that option.

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PERSPECTIVES

US should quit denying gay rights, move toward equality



Thomas Hale

Full disclosure: I'm gay, and I didn't choose to be this way. I didn't wake up one morning and say to myself, "I think today's the day. I think today would be a good day to begin a life full of bullying at school, workplace discrimination, bans on marriage and persecution from the general populace."

I am gay, and I am saddened and angered by the state of gay rights in America.

On Feb. 1, the Iowa House of Representatives approved an amendment to the Iowa Constitution that would ban same-sex marriages, effectively repealing the 2009 state

Supreme Court decision that legalized such marriages. The bill is now working its way through the state Senate. If it passes in the Iowa Senate, the bill will go up for popular vote.

According to a Feb. 1 article in *The Iowa Independent*, GOP Rep. Rich Anderson defended the bill, stating that he opposes same-sex marriage on the basis of "responsible procreation" and that legalized same-sex marriage would lead to legalized polygamy and incest.

"If we remove the gender requirement for marriage, there is no rational basis to define the number," he said. "So we open up the possibility of the constitutional recognition of polygamous relationships. That's a slippery slope. And I don't know where the logic is to draw the line. We wouldn't recognize incestuous relationships

between two consenting adult brothers and sisters... We draw lines. We define marriage."

Assuming you need not be told why "responsible procreation" is not a valid reason to oppose same-sex marriage, I'll move on to the logical fallacy of the "slippery slope." As Bill Maher put it, giving women the right to vote didn't lead to hamsters voting. If you want to "draw lines," why don't you draw the line with "two consenting adults can marry one another if they are of age and not of close blood relations"? That's a line.

Has England legalized polygamy? Has Mexico legalized bestiality? Has Canada legalized incest? No. All of these places have legalized same-sex marriage, and there is no precedent — anywhere — for gay marriage leading to any of these things.

Another concern with ballot initiatives for gay rights is that gays are minorities, and minorities are protected by the U.S. Constitution. One of the reasons we have a court system is to protect the minority from the tyranny of the majority. Minority rights should never be put up to a majority vote.

I fully support Democratic Iowa state Rep. Bruce Hunter, who said, "Here's the funny thing about rights — they're not supposed to be voted on."

Gay rights in America are being treated on a state-by-state basis, which I find offensive because it implies that my rights are flexible. Texas has a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, but I could go to Massachusetts and get married there. From Massachusetts, I could come back to Texas, where my marriage wouldn't be recognized, and I would lose

all legal rights associated with marriage. Or I could go to New Mexico, for example, where same-sex marriages are not performed, but marriages performed elsewhere are recognized.

Bans on same-sex marriage and other limitations of gay rights hurt millions of people while helping nobody. It makes no difference to you whether I marry a man or a woman, but it solidifies my loving relationship and comes with a lot of legal benefits that heterosexual couples often take for granted.

College is a time to discover who you are and what you are passionate about. As college students, it is our responsibility to use our freedom and our activism to protect the rights of everyone and to prevent discrimination from being written into our constitutions. Someday we will look back at this and

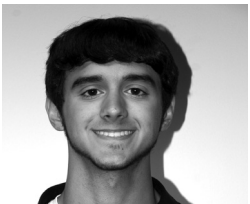
wonder why, in the 21st century, the right for people to marry whomever they love was still hotly contested.

The repeal of "don't ask, don't tell" was a huge step forward for gay rights, and marriage and employment protection are very slowly but surely spreading across this nation and across the world.

I have a dream where a gay child never has to scrawl a suicide note because his parents and his peers mock and abuse him. I have a dream where I am protected from discrimination at my workplace and can come home every day to someone I can call my husband. I have a dream where we are all equal.

Thomas Hale is a freshman mathematics and chemistry double major from Fort Worth.

College education worth the cost



Johnny Adams

Is college worth it? It depends.

From a purely financial point of view, a college degree trumps a high school diploma without a doubt. In early 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated the average college graduate will make \$800,000 more throughout their lives than those without a degree.

According to the College Board, a college degree is more important during an economic downturn as the unemployment rate for college graduates is half that of high school graduates. But this economic downturn is a burden to the financial value of college. Those who graduate from college during a recession see a 9 percent decrease in their initial annual earnings, according to a 2006 study by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

It is still preferable, though, to have a degree and some

student debt rather than having no degree and fewer career options and opportunities.

The college experience is priceless. It helps students develop analytical, numerical and communication skills that are key for workplace performance and career progression. Also, the contacts students make prove extremely valuable for their careers.

Due to changes in priorities, many colleges are not nearly as "worth it" as they once were.

Recent discussion on this topic arose from the book "Academically Adrift" by Richard Arum and Josipa Roska, which reveals the diminishing academic value of college and increasing apathy of students in the U.S. As the public high school education system continues to "teach to the test," students enter college skilled in regurgitation instead of analysis and critical thought.

Colleges and universities then pressure their professors to direct their teaching style and class structure toward this type of student, since dropouts represent lost tuition money.

In light of all of this information, how does TCU look? Many schools have been guilty of putting too much money toward luxurious dorms and

recreation facilities and not enough toward academics. There have been many renovations and aesthetic improvements to the TCU campus in recent years, the crown jewel being the current renovation of Amon G. Carter Stadium.

Otherwise, there is good news for students: "Academically Adrift" also says liberal arts students fare better in today's employment climate.

With core requirements like "literary traditions" and "global awareness" and a mission statement that aims to create ethical, responsible individuals, TCU embodies Decatur's description handsomely.

What you want to study, what you can afford, what kind of student you are, the type of school you attend — all of these and other factors largely contribute to the value you squeeze out of your college years. But unless you leave high school completely to start working in the real world, college is the wise choice.

As TCU students, we have made two wise decisions — to come to college and to come to a liberal arts university.

Johnny Adams is a freshman psychology major from Houston.

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NATIONAL

Eastern snow melts leaving mess

By Colleen Long

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The mountains of snow that have covered the Northeastern landscape for the past month and a half are finally melting, revealing oozing lumps of garbage, gaping potholes, bicycles, rat-infested sofas, discarded Christmas trees — even bodies.

More than 57 inches of snow has fallen on New York City this winter, its snowiest January ever, and the story is similar elsewhere around the Northeast. Residents welcomed warmer weather this week before an expected plunge back into the freezer, but they weren't so thrilled about the side effects.

"This is disgusting. I can't tell if it's snow or garbage or some sick other thing," said Karen James, 34, finding discarded bills, paper cups and sludge in the shrinking mound of snow and ice covering her car. "This stinks."

Since a post-Christmas blizzard dumped more than 2 feet of snow on parts of the city, the snow piles have become as familiar as taxis to New Yorkers, forcing pedestrians to weave single-file through snow-packed sidewalks.

Two bodies were found in vehicles last week. In both cases, a passer-by spotted someone slumped over the wheel after snow melted away from the windows. One man was found dead Feb. 1 of an apparent gunshot wound; he had been reported missing a week earlier. And on Friday, a day after he was reported missing,

Argent Dyryzi's body was found in the driver's seat of a BMW. Authorities believe he may have died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

At least one other body was discovered in the New York area in late January, in a parking lot in West Nyack. The man had been dead of hypothermia for several days before anyone noticed, police said.

"It's like we've replaced the snow walls with garbage walls."

Jill Conigliaro
Brooklyn Resident

The city Sanitation Department is responsible for plowing streets and crosswalks, while residents and businesses are expected to clear sidewalks. After grousing for weeks about the city's failure to plow enough snow, many New Yorkers are now griping about the garbage piles and big pieces of furniture, some crawling with rats.

During the many snowstorms to hit the city, the Sanitation Department suspended garbage collection for days at a time in order to use trucks for snow removal, which meant about 11,000 tons of trash per day didn't get collected. Some of it got buried by the succeeding storms.

Garbage collection has since resumed, but it's not proceeding fast enough for some New Yorkers.

"It's like we've replaced

the snow walls with garbage walls," said Brooklyn resident Jill Conigliaro, 38. "Even the parks are covered in mud and filthy snow. My kids are not playing in this stuff, that's for sure."

Granted, the mess has been caused by more than just missed collections. People have been tossing loose trash onto the bags, and it's winding up on the sidewalks and streets.

Plastic McDonald's cups. Broken bottles of Budweiser and empty cans of Four Loko. Cigarette butts. Smashed umbrellas. Sheet music. Soggy gloves. Old newspapers. And damp, dirty sofas — all left out in the open, as if they, too, will just melt away.

And thanks to pet owners who got a little lazy in the bad weather, many city streets are now shellacked with dog feces.

The combined assault of snowplows and rock salt has created another big problem in the Northeast: potholes.

Crews on the pockmarked streets of New Jersey are applying temporary patches because the more permanent fillings require warmer weather. The winter has also left some bone-jarring holes in Connecticut, including some on a ramp off Interstate 84 in Hartford.

In Philadelphia, yo-yoing temperatures that followed several sloppy storms of rain, freezing rain and snow over the past several weeks have also been unkind to streets. Crews are patching the holes with cold asphalt, a temporary fix until hot asphalt can be used in the spring.

POLITICS

House rejects Patriot Act extensions



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Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., left, was accompanied by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., to a news conference on Capitol Hill Tuesday where they repeated their opposition to the national health care law.

By Jim Abrams

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Tuesday failed to extend the life of three surveillance tools that are key to the nation's post-Sept. 11 anti-terrorism law, a slipup for the new Republican leadership that miscalculated the level of opposition.

The House voted 277-148 to keep the three provisions of the USA Patriot Act on the books until Dec. 8. But Republicans brought up the bill under a special expedited procedure requiring a two-thirds majority, and the vote was seven short of reaching that level.

The Republicans, who took over the House last month, lost 26 of their own members, adding to the 122 Democrats who voted against it. Supporters say the three measures are vital to preventing another

terrorist attack, but critics say they infringe on civil liberties. They appealed to the antipathy that newer and more conservative Republicans hold for big government invasions of individual privacy.

Earlier on Tuesday, Republicans also pulled a bill from the floor because of dissatisfaction about extending trade benefits for three South American countries while continuing a program that helps retrain Americans who lose their jobs to foreign competition.

The Patriot Act bill would have renewed the authority for court-approved roving wiretaps that permit surveillance on multiple phones. Also addressed was Section 215, the so-called library records provision that gives the FBI court-approved access to "any tangible thing" relevant to a terrorism investigation.

The third deals with the "lone-wolf" provision of a 2004 anti-terror law that permits secret intelligence surveillance of non-U.S. people not known to be affiliated with a specific terrorist organization.

Sen. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., the former Judiciary Committee chairman who authored the 2001 Patriot Act, urged his colleagues to support the extensions, saying they were needed as a stop-gap until permanent statutes could be agreed upon.

"The terrorist threat has not subsided and will not expire, and neither should our national security laws," he said.

But Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, said Republican supporters of the tea party movement should show their opposition to big government by joining Democrats in opposing the measure.

INTERNATIONAL

Young leader energizes Egyptian protests after 12 days in secret detention

By Maggie Michael
and Sarah El Deeb

Associated Press

A young Google executive who helped ignite Egypt's uprising energized a cheering crowd of hundreds of thousands Tuesday with his first appearance in their midst after being released from 12 days in secret detention. "We won't give up," he promised at one of the biggest protests yet in Cairo's Tahrir Square.

Once a behind-the-scenes

Internet activist, 30-year-old Wael Ghonim has emerged as an inspiring voice for a movement that has taken pride in being a leaderless "people's revolution." Now, the various activists behind it — including Ghonim — are working to coalesce into representatives to push their demands for President Hosni Mubarak's ouster.

With protests invigorated, Vice President Omar Suleiman issued a sharply worded warning, saying of the pro-

tests in Tahrir, "We can't bear this for a long time, and there must be an end to this crisis as soon as possible," in a sign of growing impatience with 16 days of mass demonstrations.

For the first time, protesters made a foray to Parliament, several blocks away from their camp in the square. Several hundred marched to the legislature and chanted for it to be dissolved.

In Tahrir, the massive, shoulder-to-shoulder crowd's

ranks swelled with new blood, including thousands of university professors and lawyers who marched in together as organizers worked to draw in professional unions. The crowd rivaled the biggest demonstration so far, a week ago, that drew a quarter-million people.

Some said they were inspired to turn out by an emotional television interview Ghonim gave Monday night just after his release from detention.



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Egyptian Wael Ghonim, a Google manager, has become a hero of the demonstrators since he went missing on Jan. 27.

FORT WORTH

New sushi restaurant, bar opens under GrandMarc

By Cathy Pham
Staff Reporter

TCU students can now grab sushi within walking distance of campus at HammerHead, a new sushi restaurant and bar under The GrandMarc.

HammerHead, which opened Jan. 19, is a semi-casual Japanese-styled sushi bar founded by the same owners of The Aardvark, located on Berry Street.

Owner Danny Weaver could not be reached for comment, but event coordinator and bar manager Joe Ramirez said Weaver is a sushi fan.

"It's probably his favorite food. I remember he said ten years ago 'I'm going to open a sushi restaurant,' and here it is," Ramirez said.

Greg Mason, a waiter at HammerHead, said the restaurant will be different from other sushi restaurants in Fort Worth because of the young crowd it will draw.

"The vibe from the students coming in and the good food make will make it a good place to come and eat. We are also the closest sushi

place to campus for sure, besides what TCU serves in the dining hall," Mason said.

Ramirez said he thinks HammerHead will provide competition for other Fort Worth sushi places.

"The food is excellent. Not trying to be biased compared to other restaurants, we just have a fresh taste."

Joe Ramirez
HammerHead Event Coordinator and Bar Manager

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Mason said the restaurant will start serving lunches next week and will also start accepting Frog Bucks so it can be more accessible to students.

Christa Avery, a senior film-television-digital media major said she would try it if she's around campus.

"I don't usually eat sushi, but I might try it when I'm around campus for lunch," she said.

HammerHead is furnished with red velvet cushioned booths, black seats, tablecloths and floors. The lighting is dim and the music is loud, providing a rock club atmosphere, according to Thrillist, a website of reviews in the Metroplex.

"Don't come here expecting to hear club music. You're going to hear grunge, stuff from the '70s, a wide range of music, but you won't hear the fist-pumping 'Jersey Shore' music like the sushi bars in Dallas," Ramirez said. "This is going to be different."

HammerHead

Where: 2858 W Berry St.
under the GrandMarc

Prices: \$10 - \$30

Prices range from \$4 to \$5 for appetizers and specials go for \$8 to \$30 per entree. The menu also includes sweet and sour chicken, curried shrimp and chicken pad thai as specials.



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An example of HammerHead's food, which was presented in an artistic manner. HammerHead opened on Jan. 17 and will soon be accepting Frog Bucks.

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WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

'I'm robbing you, sir.' 'Polite' robber arrested

SEATTLE (AP) — Authorities have made an arrest in a weekend convenience store robbery that a Seattle store owner found remarkable for the robber's politeness. Sgt. John Urquhart, of the King County Sheriff's Office,

says officers quickly identified a suspect from tips received after surveillance video of Saturday's robbery "went viral." The man is seen in the video telling White Center Shell station owner John Henry: "I'm robbing you, sir." He takes \$300, apologizing and saying he has bills to pay and children to feed. If he ever gets back on his feet,

he tells Henry, he'll pay the money back. Urquhart did not identify the 65-year-old man arrested Monday at a residence near the robbery site. The suspect has convictions for armed robbery and forgery. **Police: Woman allegedly hit man with frozen steak**

HOUMA, La. (AP) — Police in the southern Louisiana city of Houma say a woman upset over her lack of freezer space allegedly hit her boyfriend in the face with a fro-

zen beefsteak. Police told The Courier newspaper that 47-year-old Edith Tassin — also known as Edith Verdin — was booked with aggravated battery against 51-year-old Jerry Voisin. Authorities say she has since been released on bond. Police say Voisin called police on Sunday evening and told them Tassin was trying to cool a mixed drink and became upset when it wouldn't fit in the freezer. Police say Voisin was bleeding from the right side of his

face when officers arrived. Neither Tassin nor Voisin were listed in directory assistance and Tassin had not been assigned a public defender as of Monday. **Notorious 84-year-old burglar caught in Hungary** BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Hungary's notorious octogenarian thief is not ready for retirement. Police say the 84-year-old woman, known as "Flying Gizi," whose criminal record goes back to the 1950s, is

again in custody for suspected theft. Fejer County Police spokeswoman Agnes R. Szabo said Tuesday that the burglar, whose real name is Gizella Bodnar, is suspected of taking some 15,000 forints (€55, \$75) from a home in Bicske, a town in central Hungary. Bodnar, who has been convicted of over 20 crimes and has spent nearly 18 years in prison, got her nickname because she enjoyed taking domestic commercial flights after successful break-ins.

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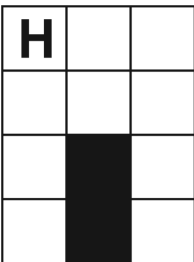
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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36 Wrath
37 French possessive
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40 Conflicted
45 On the job
46 Knucklehead
47 Desktop images
48 Needle
49 Neither stewed nor pickled?
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"Ando Hiroshige"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (60pts)

How to play:

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

Tuesday's Solution



"Gustav Klimt"

Difficulty ★☆☆☆☆ (150pts)

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 Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Tuesday's Solution

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TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

Dallas-area warehouse destroyed by fire

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — A 400,000-square-foot warehouse near Dallas has been destroyed in a fire that's expected to burn for several days.

Environmental crews Tuesday monitored air and water quality at the site in Grand Prairie after firefighters contained the blaze.

City spokeswoman Amy Sprinkles says nobody was hurt in the fire reported around 7:45 p.m. Mon-

day. She says demolition of burned areas has begun.

Sprinkles says the fire appears to have started in a storage area involving pallets of metal cans, stacked 24 feet high.

A statement from the city of Grand Prairie says the building is expected to be declared a total loss.

Texas company backs away from 'test baby' ad

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A vacation rental company says it will remove an image of a baby doll smashing against a window from a Su-

per Bowl ad after complaints that the ad was insensitive toward child abuse and injuries.

Homeaway.com Chief Executive Brian Sharples said Tuesday the Austin-based company would remove from its website versions of the ad that depict the doll getting "smushed, smashed, or dropped." Sharples said the Super Bowl ad wouldn't air again.

The ad Sunday night from the company that markets rental homes showed people trying to fit into a crowded hotel room in a testing lab, resulting in a "test baby" being flung against a window.

Sharples apologized, saying the company "failed to understand the reality" of families dealing with serious injuries to children.

US teens killed in Juarez crossed border for party

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Two of three teens shot to death at a car dealership in Mexico at the weekend had crossed the border from Texas for a party in Ciudad Juarez, one of the most dangerous cities in the world, then stayed overnight to shop for a used car, friends in El Paso said Tuesday.

Arturo Yanar said he went to the house party with Carlos Mario Gonzalez Bermudez, 16, and 17-year-old Cesar Yalin Miramontes Jimenez on Friday night.

Yanar said he decided to return home to El Paso after the party in the early hours of Saturday morning, while his two friends stayed on in the city in Chihuahua state to look at cars. He said Gonzalez had been talking about buying himself a car for months.

"It was a fun night, a great night. At least we had fun one last time together," Yanar said, sniffing.

Yanar is a 16-year-old

sophomore at Cathedral High School in El Paso where Gonzalez also was a sophomore student. He said he didn't know the third victim, 15-year-old Juan Carlos Echeverri, who had been a freshman at the same high school last year.

Gonzalez and Echeverri were American citizens. The nationality of Miramontes was not immediately clear.

The three boys were gunned down at the car dealership just across the border from El Paso on Saturday afternoon. At least 60 bullet casings were found at the scene.

NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

Obama to call for \$53B for high-speed rail

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is calling for a six-year, \$53 billion spending plan for high-speed rail, as he seeks to use infrastructure spending to jumpstart job creation.

An initial \$8 billion in spending will be part of the budget plan Obama is set to release Monday. If Congress approves the plan, the money would go toward developing or improving trains that travel up to 250 miles per hour, and connecting existing rail lines to new projects. The White House wouldn't say where the money for the rest of the program would come from, though it's likely Obama would seek funding in future budgets or transportation bills.

Obama's push for high-speed rail spending is part of his broad goal of creating jobs in the short-term and increasing American competitiveness for the future through new spending on infrastructure, education and innovation. During last month's State of the Union address, Obama said he wanted to give 80 percent of Americans access to high-speed rail within 25 years.

At the same time he's calling for new spending on sectors like high-speed rail in the upcoming budget, Obama also has pledged to cut overall spending as he seeks to bring down the nation's mounting deficit. The White House has said environmental programs for the Great Lakes, and block grants for community service and community development are among the programs that will face cuts.

US: No electronic flaws in Toyotas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration's investigation into Toyota safety problems found no electronic flaws to account for reports of sudden, unintentional acceleration and other safety problems. Government investigators said Tuesday the only known cause of the problems are mechanical defects that were fixed in previous recalls.

The Transportation Department, assisted by engineers with NASA, said its 10-month study of Toyota vehicles concluded there was no electronic cause of unintended high-speed acceleration in Toyotas. The study, which was launched at the re-

quest of Congress, responded to consumer complaints that flawed electronics could be the culprit behind Toyota's spate of recalls.

"We enlisted the best and brightest engineers to study Toyota's electronics systems and the verdict is in. There is no electronic-based cause for unintended acceleration in Toyotas," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said in a statement.

Toyota has recalled more than 12 million vehicles globally since fall 2009 to address sticking accelerator pedals, gas pedals that became trapped in floor mats, and other safety issues. The recalls have posed a major challenge for the world's No. 1 automaker, which has

scrambled to protect its reputation for safety and reliability.

Toyota did not immediately comment on the report. Shares of the automaker climbed on the New York Stock Exchange following the news. Toyota shares were up more than 4 percent, to 89.00 in mid-afternoon trading.

Too early to tell if Giffords can attend launch

HOUSTON (AP) — The doctor leading Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' rehabilitation says it's too early to tell whether the congresswoman could attend her husband's space launch in two months.

Astronaut Mark Kelly will lead the space shuttle's final

voyage, a two-week mission to the International Space Station leaving April 19 from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

NASA considered replacing him on the trip, but Kelly announced last week he would go and expected his wife to be well enough to see him off.

But Dr. Gerard Francisco says doctors would have to decide on a variety of medical issues for that to happen, including whether Giffords can fly and how much noise she can tolerate.

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The Obama administration is poised to announce the results of a 10-month investigation into whether faulty electronics played a role in Toyota vehicles' sudden, unintentional acceleration and other safety problems.

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SPORTS

OPINION

Mavs can't count on Stojakovic



J.D. Moore

The Dallas Mavericks hoped that veteran forward Peja Stojakovic would become a cheap, easy and effective option to fill the roster void that former all-star Caron Butler's season-ending knee injury left. On paper, Stojakovic is a seasoned player with playoff experience who has been known for his perimeter shooting and timely offense throughout his 12-year career.

Sorry Mark Cuban. At this point, the Mavs need to understand that Stojakovic is not an asset to the team, but a liability.

Stojakovic's memorable career is in its twilight, if not already molding. NBA players only age like a fine wine to a certain point in their career before their game turns to moldy Wonder Bread. The

knee injury that kept him out for almost three months is not a good sign for his future durability — something is already beginning to reek.

Stojakovic has said he feels healthy, but he played for a mere 20 minutes against the lowly Cleveland Cavaliers on Monday. In that time, he was 1-for-6 in his three-point shooting and showed no defense whatsoever. Against a Cavs team that just set the NBA record for most consecutive losses (25), Stojakovic needed to show at least some resemblance of the player that stung the Mavs with assassin-like accuracy for so many seasons with the Kings, Pacers and Hornets. The three-time NBA All-Star and two-time NBA 3-point Shootout Champion's game is no longer deadly.

That, along with the language and actions expressed by head coach Rick Carlisle, alludes to something about Stojakovic that should raise red flags for Mavericks fans.

There appears to be an underlying message that the Mavericks don't want to openly admit. When first addressed about Stojakovic's

health, Head coach Rick Carlisle said the staff's goal was to make sure that Stojakovic had enough strength and conditioning to play. If a simple swollen knee is all that was bothering Stojakovic, why did Carlisle refer so often to strength and conditioning issues?

Strength and conditioning refers to stamina and the ability to take the beatings of professional basketball. If Carlisle was genuinely concerned about Stojakovic's ability to simply run up and down the court with enough stamina to just keep up with other players, there's no way that Stojakovic is going to last for the remainder of the season, let alone the playoffs.

In Stojakovic's limited performance this season, it's a valid argument to say that Stojakovic is incapable of playing effective enough basketball for a long enough time. Even before his injury, Stojakovic never topped more than 20 minutes in a game this season. Especially after a post-knee injury, there's no way Stojakovic will be able to play enough time in a game to make a

significant impact for the Mavericks.

Stojakovic is no longer the dynamic All-Star he once was. If a contender such as the New Orleans Hornets felt that he was not necessary for a playoff run, and a weaker team such as Toronto felt that he wasn't worth more than a fourth-string center in a trade, perhaps it is time that the Mavericks realize that Stojakovic is not the solution they are looking for. Riding a nine-game winning streak going into Wednesday's game against the Sacramento Kings (ironically, the team that drafted Stojakovic in '96), the Mavs seem prepared for a playoff run on paper. Don't be fooled.

The trade deadline is within two weeks. The Mavericks still have time to make a splash and find someone who will effectively fill in Caron Butler's absence.

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Dallas Mavericks small forward Peja Stojakovic (16) fights for a rebound in front of Cleveland Cavaliers shooting guard Joey Graham (12) during the first half of an NBA game on Monday, February 7, 2011 at American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas.

OPINION

Rangers' front office chooses to forget Young's value



Ryan Osborne

Texas Rangers third baseman Michael Young released an official statement Monday night regarding the recent trade rumors surrounding him.

The 34-year-old is "sick" of the ongoing rumors and the constant back and forth attitude of the Rangers front office. He simply wants respect and he feels he will get it elsewhere.

Young has a valid point.

He has been shuffled around the infield like a journeyman utility player for the better part of eight years. He has moved from second base to shortstop to third base to DH and now, as early as tomorrow, out the door.

Consider this: In 2003, Young

played second base. He had 204 hits and a .304 batting average. What does the Rangers front office do? Second baseman Alfonso Soriano was essentially swapped to the Rangers for Alex Rodriguez. Soriano was not known as a strong defensive second baseman (he now plays in the outfield for the Nationals), but Young selflessly moved to shortstop to accommodate Soriano and had four consecutive 200+ hit seasons. He won a batting title in 2005, was the 2006 MLB All-Star Game MVP, and a Gold Glove recipient in 2008. What do the Rangers do before spring training in 2009? Young was informed rookie Elvis Andrus would be moved up to the big leagues and would play shortstop.

Again, Young switches positions and moves to third base. Young struggled at third early on in 2009 (he is still only adequate defensively at third), but he hit .322 to lead the team in batting average by 39 points.

Young sacrificed his own game in 2009 for a mediocre season. The Rangers finished second in the AL

West — 10 games behind the Angels with a record of 87-75. Josh Hamilton struggled to get through an injury prone season and only hit .268 while Ian Kinsler hit a meager .253 out of the leadoff spot.

Young will leave the Rangers. His departure may be tomorrow or it may be next week, but his contributions will be swept under the rug and forgotten by a new wave of fans just looking at last year's magical October run under a microscope.

In March of 2010, Rangers' manager Ron Washington admitted to using cocaine. Rangers president Nolan Ryan and GM Jon Daniels were on the verge of firing Washington. It was Young who stepped up and did what he does: lead.

Wash was their coach, Young said, and it was going to stay that way. Six months later, Texas clinched the AL West title. In their second playoff game in the divisional round at Tampa Bay, Young hit a three-run homer to propel Texas to a 6-0 win.

Everyone knows the rest of the story. The Rays were defeated, the Evil Empire that is the Yankees was sent back to New York empty-handed, and Texas made its first trip to the World Series in franchise history.

Young will leave the Rangers. His departure may be tomorrow or it may be next week, but his contributions will be swept under the rug and forgotten by a new wave of fans just looking at last year's magical October run under a microscope. They will not forget what Young has done because they will never realize what Young has done.

The new wave of fans will not realize how bad Texas was for so long, or how the old guard of fans filled the ballpark on 100-degree days to see a team out of contention. The old guard

tuned in on balmy Tuesday evening in September nights simply to watch the professional of all professionals (Young) chase after that 200th hit for the third, then fourth, then fifth year in a row.

The new wave will praise trading Young, but will not realize that in 2009, his decision to move to third base without complaint, helped Andrus develop into a shortstop that would help take his team to the World Series.

And they assuredly will not remember how in that same year, Young's bat carried Texas as far as it could when Hamilton could not hit the ball out of his shadow and Ian Kinsler was Mr. Home Run-or-Bust.

Nope. They will not realize any of that. But the sad thing is, the Texas front office will.

And they will simply choose to forget it.

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SPORTS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Win could help Lady Frogs top conference



REBECCA PHILP / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman guard Meagan Henson dribbles the ball down court against New Mexico earlier this season.

By Clay York

Staff Reporter

The TCU women's basketball team hit the road to compete against University of Nevada-Las Vegas Wednesday for a chance to sweep the season series. Tip-off is slated for 9 p.m. CT at UNLV's Cox Pavillion.

A win would better the Lady Frogs' odds of recapturing first place in the Mountain West Conference.

In its last outing, TCU (15-8, 7-2 MWC) defeated San Diego State University (8-13, 2-7 MWC) 63-52. Sophomore forward DeLisa Gross led all scorers with a career-high 20 points. She was also perfect from the field, making all seven baskets attempted.

Freshman guard/forward Briesha Wynn and senior guard/forward Helena Sverrisdottir both scored double digits as well, with 13 and 10 points respectively.

Sophomore forward Starr Crawford did not convert any of her nine shot attempts. However, she contributed 10 rebounds in Saturday's win over the Lady Aztecs.

The victory broke a two-game losing skid for the Lady Frogs. Their two previous losses were the first defeats the team suffered in conference play. By losing those two games, TCU fell a game behind first-place Brigham Young University

(16-7, 8-1 MWC).

The UNLV Lady Rebels will play to end their three-game losing streak and rebound from their loss to BYU. In their last game, the BYU Cougars routed the Rebels to secure a 79-44 victory.

The Cougars held UNLV sophomore guard and leading scorer Kelli Thompson, to nine points on 1-of-6 shooting.

The Rebels as a whole shot 21.8 percent from the field.

The last meeting of the Lady Frogs and the Rebels was in early January. It was a barn burner with nine score ties and eight lead changes. TCU started to pull away with 3:23 left in the second half and concluded the game with a 68-60 final score.

Fans attending the game witnessed a piece of TCU history, as Sverrisdottir dished out six assists to pass Natasha Lacy as TCU's all-time leader in assists in program history. She also netted 24 points, seven rebounds and had a career-high seven steals in the game.

TCU Women's Basketball at UNLV

When: 9 p.m. tonight

Where: Cox Pavillion (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Go to GoFrogs.com to follow GameTracker or listen live.

FOOTBALL

Count 'em: Five Frogs invited to NFL Combine

By Ryne Sulier

Sports Editor

Five Frogs will have the opportunity to impress National Football League scouts and make the leap to the pros in 2011 (pending an NFL lockout).

Quarterback Andy Dalton (6-3, 220 lbs) may be the most recognized name on the Frogs' combine list, as he led the nation in career wins by an active quarterback before his amateur career was ended as a Horned Frog. Dalton was named the 2011 Rose Bowl Offensive MVP, making that his third bowl MVP title of his TCU career. Dalton was also a two-time Mountain West Conference Offensive Player of the Year and a finalist for both the Manning Award and the Johnny Unitas Award.

In the 2011 Senior Bowl, Dalton passed three completions for 22 yards and was sacked twice in the game.

While the numbers weren't gaudy, ESPN's Todd McShay still listed Dalton's "draft stock" as on the rise.

Offensive tackle Marcus Cannon, rated by ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. as fifth-best offensive tackle available, may be the best NFL draft prospect coming out of TCU in 2011. Cannon (6-6, 350 lbs) is a three-time All-MWC player and was a third-team All-American in 2010. In 2009 Cannon, an Odessa native, was also named a Top 10 Work Out Warrior by ESPN.

Defensive end Wayne Daniels (6-2, 250 lbs) was given the tall task of filling the shoes of former All-American Horned Frog and 2010 Colts first-round draft pick Jerry Hughes this season. Daniels was rewarded with a combine invite after an All-American season. Daniels led the Frogs with 14 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks.

Daniels was introduced

to the nation on ESPN with two sacks in the Frogs' season opening victory against Oregon State at Cowboys Stadium. Daniels made sure to finish the season on a high note with two tackles for loss against Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl. The Kilgore native was also a unanimous first-team All-MWC selection.

Wide receivers Jeremy Kerley (5-10, 192 lbs) and Jimmy Young (6-1, 208 lbs) shore up the list of Frogs invited to the combine.

Kerley was a first-team All-American as well as a two-time MWC Special Teams Player of the Year. Kerley was one of two players ranked in the top 20 in punt returns and kickoff returns this season, while also leading TCU with 56 receptions and 10 touchdown catches.

Kerley, a Hutto High School product, was also invited to play in the Senior

Bowl. He recorded a touchdown catch and had 50 all-purpose yards, despite have a net -2 yards on punt returns.

Young, the lone out-of-state Frogs' player invited (Monroe, La.), finished second on the Frogs' career list with 2,316 receiving yards. Young also landed fifth on the TCU career list with 147 receptions and tied for fifth with 13 touchdown receptions.

Young, a three-time All-MWC player, capped off his career at TCU with a season-high five receptions for 57 yards in the Rose Bowl.

In the 2010 NFL draft Daryl Washington (2nd round-Cardinals) and Marshall Newhouse (5th round- Packers) joined Hughes as TCU players drafted. Former Frogs Clint Gresham (Seahawks) and Nic Richmond (Chargers) also signed as free agents in 2010 and are still members of their respective teams.

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OPINION

Rangers front office will choose to forget Young's value.

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Stojakovic won't help Mavs down the stretch.



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Junior guard Hank Thorns shoots the ball from just inside the 3-point arc against Utah earlier this season. The Frogs face off next against UNLV Wednesday night at home.

BASKETBALL

Frogs looking to build on momentum with home win

By Bryn Zimmermann

Staff Reporter

The Frogs return home to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Wednesday to face the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

Although TCU has lost its last six games, the Frogs were able to play a close game against No. 6 San Diego State on Saturday. TCU came within five points with less than two minutes remaining in the game and only lost by seven on the road at SDSU, 60-53. UNLV is the only other team that has played the Aztecs in a tighter game this

season.

Head coach Jim Christian said that even though the game resulted in a loss, the team walked away proud of the game it played.

"We walked away unhappy that we didn't win but happy with how we approached it," Christian said. "I think the guys know that in the last two weeks we've gotten better; we are trying to be the most improved team in the second half of the year and that was a big step towards that."

Junior guard Hank Thorns led the Frogs with 16 points, and senior guard Greg Hill

matched his season high with 12 points. TCU shot 39.6 percent in the game, including 31.6 percent from beyond the arc.

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Jim Christian
Basketball Head Coach

Keeping games close hasn't translated to wins for the Frogs — TCU dropped to

10-14 on the season and 1-8 in the Mountain West Conference after Saturday's loss. UNLV is 17-6 overall and 5-4 in the Mountain West.

TCU is not only looking to build off of its current momentum but also to avenge its previous loss to the Rebels this season. The Frogs fell to UNLV 83-49 on Jan. 8. The game marked the Rebels' highest margin of victory ever in conference play.

The Frogs struggled in their last matchup with the Rebels with a season-high of 23 turnovers. TCU also made only 16-of-51 field goal at-

tempts in that game, while the Rebels shot 50.8 percent from the floor.

Christian said he hoped the Frogs could prove themselves and play a stronger game against UNLV this time around. The Frogs defense has greatly improved, something that was evident against SDSU when the Frogs held the Aztecs to only 60 points, he said.

"We've had really good practices," Christian said. "We've come together, and for the first time I really feel like we are building on solid ground and trying to im-

prove, really trying to get better."

Christian said he was confident the Frogs were getting back on track and that he was ready for the team to dominate the second half of the season, starting with UNLV.

"For us we are looking forward to the second half of the season," he said. "You know the last two nights we've played we've gotten better. We haven't, unfortunately, won, but we've put ourselves in position both games, and that's improving our team and we are excited to move forward."