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DINING SERVICES

Peanut butter crackers pulled from shelves

By Chilton Tippin
Staff Reporter

Dining services employees pulled peanut butter sandwich crackers off the shelf at Bistro Burnett on Wednesday morning because of a previous recall on the crackers issued by Kellogg Co., a university official said.

Frank Horak, manager of retail units for Dining Services said he took the Austin brand crackers off the shelf as a precaution after someone phoned in the tip.

"I called the Bistro and said, 'There seems to be a problem,'" Horak said. "I

had them take the crackers off the shelf just to be safe."

According to a news release issued by Kellogg as part of an ongoing investigation conducted by the Food and Drug Administration, the company issued the recall on Austin brand crackers after salmonella was found in one of the packages.

Kellogg originally advised customers and consumers to hold their products Jan. 14, and issued the recall Jan. 16, according to the news release.

Horak said the crackers had been pulled from the shelves after the original recall two weeks ago, but were placed back on

the shelves until today.

Monica Zimmer, director of public relations for Sodexo Inc., the food service provider for the university, wrote in an e-mail that the company regrets stocking the recalled crackers.

"Due to a human error, a product on the recall list was mistakenly stocked at Texas Christian University," Zimmer wrote.

According to a news release issued by the Food and Drug Administration, the investigation centers around Peanut Corporation of America, the company at the source of a recent salmonella outbreak

likely caused by tainted peanut butter.

Zimmer wrote that Sodexo is monitoring the events of the recent peanut product recalls and have taken immediate action to remove any recalled products from all food service operations.

Sodexo will refrain from serving any products with peanut ingredients until their suppliers approve of the products' safety, Zimmer wrote.

"Our corporate food safety team is working directly with the Sodexo team at Texas Christian University to ensure complete understanding of the complex recall issue," Zimmer wrote.



A little elbow grease and creativity might go a long way this Valentine's Day.
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CRAMMING



Seniors Merrill Melanson, advertising/public relations major, Natalie Bills, fashion merchandising major, Caroline Harrison, sociology major and Ashley Southerland, advertising/public relations major, study for a sociology test on the steps of Robert Carr Chapel on Thursday.
NAHEIL QUDAH / Staff Reporter

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

Agency's supporters search for funding

By Madison Morgan
Staff Reporter

It may be up to alumni and local advertising agencies to keep the student-run RealWorld advertising agency open for years to come.

Allen Wallach, a member of the RealWorld Advisory Board and Chief Executive Officer of Concussion High Impact Communications who has worked as both an adviser and collaborative client with RealWorld, said he is prepared to help support the development of top-tier communication graduates, but only if the university is going to maintain some level of support.

"As a board member I was impressed with the agency's leadership, its ability to operate efficiently and the quality and enthusiasm of the students who worked there," Wallach said.

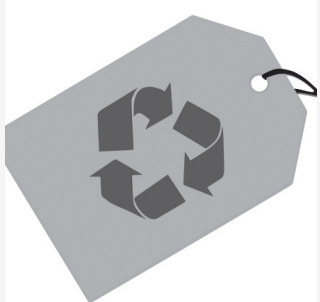
RealWorld was incubated and subsidized by the university and expected to generate paid work to achieve a level of self-sufficiency, Wallach said.

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Green initiatives could stimulate the economy.
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PECULIAR FACT

LONDON — Authorities weren't deceived when Roger Atkins sent the newspaper Fishing News his own obituary — apparently hoping that its publication would persuade the government to stop pursuing him for fishing offenses. He was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison on Thursday under his real name, Derek Atkins.

— Associated Press

TODAY'S WEATHER

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HIGH LOW
Partly Cloudy

Tomorrow: Mostly Sunny
60 / 41

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Students to sample South Asian culture

By Curtis Burrhus-Clay
Staff Reporter

With an all-new lineup and fresh activities, this year's Experience India will be an event to remember, said the organization's president.

What makes this year's event different from previous ones is that other countries like Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bangladesh will also be represented in the celebration, said DJ Perera, president of Students for Asian-Indian Culture Awareness.

"Everyone involved is not necessarily Asian, so that's the beautiful part of it," Perera said. "From the music, to how the food is served, there's just a wide representation."

Experience India is an annual event where students can enjoy traditional Indian food, song, and fashion. This year, however, SAICA has incorporated several other South Asian cultures in hopes to add more flavor, Perera said.

Even the variety of food will be different from that of years past, Perera said.

"It's not going to be the same

Experience India

Dinner: 7 p.m. tonight
Performances: 8:15 p.m.
Location: Moudy 141N
Admission: \$5 for SAICA members, \$8 for nonmembers
Tickets will be available at the door but space is limited.

menu people are accustomed to," he said.

Aside from the cuisine, activities like Bollywood performances, regional dancing and henna tattoos will give students a taste of South Asian culture, SAICA treasurer Rovina D'Souza said.

Perera said SAICA's culturally diverse board has allowed it to put together an event that students will not soon forget.

D'Souza said she wants students to not only have a great time but also to leave the event feeling more culturally aware.

"We sometimes feel there isn't much awareness about South Asia and that there are a lot of stereotypes," D'Souza

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2009 packed with unlucky Fridays

By Bruce Newman
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — This will come as no surprise to worshippers of the Norse pagan goddess Frigga, but today is Friday the 13th, and people who suffer from a fear of calendrical calamity on this day are known as friggatrikskaidekaphobes.

That alone might be a reason to spend the rest of the day in bed, but this Friday the 13th is only the frigg'a'n beginning of the bad news.

As if the year weren't already off to a painful enough start — with the economy in ruins, post-partisan politics in a post-partum depression, and pitchers and catchers set to report for their first human growth hormone shots of the season — 2009 is shaping up as the unluckiest year in more than a decade. Following February's freaky Friday the 13th comes another one in March. And then again in November!

The last time there were three Friday the 13ths in one year was 1998, and the triple witching won't occur again until 2015. By which time your 401(k) may actually be back where it was in the Carter administration.

Statistically, this year is off the charts. And not in a good way.

During an average 400-year calendar cycle, in any given year there should be only 1.72 occurrences of the 13th of a month falling on Friday.

Friday was named for Frigga, who apparently prepared for the weekend by hosting a party on that day for 11 of her closest witch friends and the devil — 13 evil spirits in all, and that's not counting the vodka.

QUICK NEWS

Warrant issued in suspected car burglary

A warrant has been issued for a male suspected of burglarizing a car Monday night, a university police official said.

Vicki Lawson, a detective with the TCU Police Department, said that although two other passengers were detained Monday, a warrant was filed only for the driver of the car in which the stolen property was found.

"The way that the law is written, the property, even though it was in the car, becomes the sole property of the driver," Lawson said.

Sgt. Kelly Ham said police were able to detain the vehicle by making a traffic stop. The passengers gave consent to search and \$2,500 worth of property was returned to the owner of the vehicle burglarized in the parking lot of the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center, Ham said.

Fort Worth police officer C. A. Gonzalez said the burglary qualifies as a Class A misdemeanor based on the monetary value of the recovered property.

Ham also said other property recovered from the stopped vehicle ties into other vehicle burglaries that occurred on the same day.

University police Sgt. Alvin Allcon said police could not make an arrest on the scene because no one had seen the individuals break into the car. Because motor vehicle burglary is a misdemeanor offense, a reliable witness or police officer must be able to report the incident, Allcon said.

Currently, university officials are still pursuing the driver. No arrests have been made.

— Staff reporter Libby Davis

NEWS



Courtesy of TCU YEARBOOK

Alumna Claudia Vaz performs a traditional Indian dance on stage at the Experience India event last year. Vaz wore a blue sari, the traditional dress of Indian women.

INDIA

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said. "We want to bring about TCU's mission statement and make sure you know something about the different cultures that you didn't know before."

The Experience India dinner starts at 7 p.m. in Moudy Building North 141, while performances are scheduled to be-

gin at 8:15 p.m. Admission is \$5 for SAICA members and \$8 for non-members. Perera said tickets will be available at the door but because of Experience India's popularity, he strongly suggests purchasing a ticket as soon as possible. SAICA members will be selling tickets outside of the Mary Coats Burnett Library and on Sadler Hall lawn this afternoon.

REAL WORLD

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"From a business perspective, I understand the university's need to cut costs," Wallach said. "However, when you look at other benefits of the agency such as its ability to recruit top strategic communications students, then the decision seems short-sided."

Concussion is in the process of interviewing summer interns and would welcome applications from RealWorld staffers who were displaced, Wallach said.

Jackie Elliot, marketing director for Jubilee Theatre and past client of RealWorld, said the closing of the agency is a huge loss because it was responsible for breaking the ground between the university and

the nonprofit organization.

"We get a lot of support from TCU students that attend and participate in the theater," Elliot said. "RealWorld provided framework for an organization who, at the time, had little structure for their marketing plan and a very small budget. Its impact on our organization and the community is incontestable."

RealWorld is looking for a dramatic endowment so that it can stay open next year and for years to come, said Mark Mourer, president of Schieffer School J-Exes, a Schieffer alumni group.

"I hope that alumni who benefited from the innovative organization through experience and job opportunities will give back," Mourer said.

NEANDERTHALS

Genome may give clues about language

By Robert S. Boyd
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — It was an unfortunate accident, but a lucky break for modern science.

About 38,000 years ago, a Neanderthal man living in what's now Croatia broke his left arm, forcing him to use his other arm for most tasks. That increased the mass and density of the bone in the upper right arm, and preserved his DNA for researchers — using a dentist's drill — to recover many millennia later.

With that bit of material, along with scraps of DNA collected from half a dozen other Neanderthal fossils, scientists have now completed a rough partial draft of the genome of humans' prehistoric cousins.

The Neanderthals lived for hundreds of thousands of years in Europe and western Asia, but went extinct about 30,000 years ago. They were replaced by Cro-Magnons, the ancestors of modern humans.

Svante Paabo, a geneticist at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, and his team of researchers announced their achievement last Thursday, on the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin.

"We really need to compare ourselves with our closest relatives," Paabo said. "They're not very different from us."

By contrasting the two genomes, scientists hope to discover "what makes humans human, and what makes modern humans the way they are?"

The goal is a "catalog of all the differences between the human and Neanderthal genome," Paabo said. "For the vast majority, human DNA looks like Neanderthal DNA."

Despite the similarity, Paabo ruled out any attempt to use the genome to



JOHANNES KRAUSE / Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology via MCT

Scientists work at the El Sidron excavation site in Spain. Neanderthals became extinct about 30,000 years ago, but scientists hope that the genome will shed new light on the murky origins of humans.

bring a Neanderthal back to life.

"We won't be able to recreate a Neanderthal from DNA even if we wanted to," he said. "It is and will remain impossible."

The Neanderthal DNA, however, could shed light on how early humans increased their brain power and developed the ability to use language. The two species share a variant of a common gene, FOXP2, that plays a role in the ability to speak.

"We cannot say from this they could speak," Paabo said. "We can just say there is no reason to assume they couldn't speak."

Humans and Neanderthals shared a common ancestor about 830,000 years ago, according to Paabo. The two lines gradually diverged until truly modern humans, Homo sapiens, arose about

and 200,000 years ago.

"Neanderthals were a separate branch of humanity, our closest relatives," said Henry Harpending, an anthropologist at the University of Utah, who was not part of Paabo's team. "I call them human."

Paabo was skeptical about speculation that humans and Neanderthals may have mated with each other, even though the two species overlapped in Europe for thousands of years.

If Neanderthals contributed to the human gene pool, "it was very small, if anything. It's tiny," he said.

However, researchers may now be able to see if they can find human DNA in a Neanderthal. "Interbreeding is a two-way street," he added.

Paabo said the decoding, or sequencing, of the Neanderthal ge-

nome required "revolutionary new technology" developed by a firm called 454 Life Sciences, a division of pharmaceutical giant Roche in Branford, Conn. The technology uses fiber optics to read stretches of DNA at a blinding speed.

"This was a humongously challenging project," said Michael Eggholm, a vice president of 454 Life Sciences. "The amount of DNA is extremely limited."

The draft covers about 63 percent of the 3.2 billion base pairs — the chemical units that make up DNA — in the Neanderthal genome.

So far, the team has gone through the genome once, meaning that many gaps and errors remain.

Over the next two years, they will repeat the process 10 to 20 times to achieve much greater accuracy.

GENETICS

Scientists take step toward common cold cure

By Trine Tsouderos
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Scientists announced Thursday they have cracked the genetic code of all known species of the common cold virus, a major step forward in the effort to develop a cure, and perhaps even a vaccine, for the common cold.

The findings, published this week in the journal *Science*, also highlighted why researchers have found it so difficult to build effective drugs to combat the virus, which sickens millions each year and sends thousands of children with asthma to the hospital.

"We have never known what (the viruses) all look like, and if you want to go after them, you need to know that," said a co-author of the study, Ann Palmenberg, a molecular virologist at University of Wisconsin-Madison. "So we decided to go after the whole thing."

The genetic code of each organism, from viruses to people, is life's instruction manual for building or-

ganisms and making them work.

For years, it would have been too costly and time-consuming to unravel each cold virus's instructions. But a new technology, known as polymerase chain reaction, made it possible to essentially speed-read the genomes of all 99 strains of cold virus in three years.

Comparing genetic codes can reveal whether two organisms are related, or evolved from a common ancestor. If you map the genetic code of enough related organisms, you can even make a family tree for them.

What the researchers discovered, after they pieced together a family tree, is that there are many branches and a lot of variety, which explains the difficulty in developing one drug to combat all varieties of the cold virus.

"I would love for there to be a one-drug-fits-all," said study co-author Stephen Liggett, director of the cardiopulmonary genomics program at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. "But they are all too different."

The good news, Liggett said, is that they can start looking at specific groups of similar viruses, identify the really nasty ones and target those. "Before we did this, we were shooting in the dark," he said.

Cautioning that a cure or vaccine may be many years away, research-

"We have never known what (the viruses) all look like, and if you want to go after them, you need to know that."

Ann Palmenberg
molecular virologist

ers said the next step is to gather more strains of the rhinovirus and map their genomes.

The research also revealed some unsettling things, notably that a person can be infected with two different colds at once, and that those cold viruses can even co-exist in the

same cell and swap genetic materials, making new viruses with new ways to make people sick.

But, Liggett said, that's no reason to panic if, say, mom has a cold and her kid seems to have a different one. There's no evidence that those two colds would combine to give birth to a new super-cold, he said. But it certainly looks like that kind of genetic swapping has happened in the past, he said.

A cold, the most common infection in people, is considered by most to be a nuisance requiring a lot of chicken soup and nose blowing.

But a cold is especially dangerous for children with asthma, said Susanna McColley, associate professor of pediatrics at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and division head of pulmonary medicine at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Colds cause more hospitalizations among asthmatic kids than any other cause, McColley said.

A cure, she said, would be huge. "It would change the face of pediatric asthma," McColley said.

DANGER ZONE



JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Theatre majors junior Ryan Mulkey, left, senior Tricia Williamson, center, and Colin Duwe perform a play Thursday during "Hookups or Handcuffs?" at the Steve and Betsy Palko Building. The program is part of V-Week, which raises awareness about violence against women.

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The Skiff View

RealWorld should be a priority in budget

Citing budget restraints, RealWorld, the first student-run non-profit advertising agency in the nation, announced it would close its doors unless the university raises \$100,000.

RealWorld aids the advertising needs of nonprofit organizations in the community at a significantly discounted price. For years, students participating in the program have been gaining valuable experience working with clients and developing advertisements.

The program serves both students and the local community, and every possible effort should be made to keep it from going under.

The university has spent millions on recent expansions to the campus. The Brown-Lupton University Union, sparkling new dormitories and football stadium improvements are all evidence of the recent spending spree. Spending \$100,000 to keep a successful, beneficial program like RealWorld open seems like mere pocket change when compared with the amount of money flowing into construction.

"We were needing money at the same time the university was embarking on the most expensive physical expansion, and anyone who was inclined to give the university money saw their money go to the expansion," said Tommy Thomason, former director of the Schieffer School of Journalism and founder of RealWorld.

A university is a place to learn and grow as a young adult — not a place to eat, sleep and watch football games in luxury. Having a new union is wonderful, but it's not the buildings that make a university successful, it's what happens inside of them that really matters.

If the program does end up closing its doors, several local nonprofit organizations that depend on RealWorld's services would suddenly be left in the dark. Where will these organizations turn when they no longer have enough money to advertise?

Campus officials say fundraising efforts will be made throughout the semester, but it is far too early to tell if there is enough time to raise enough money to sustain the program.

If all goes well RealWorld will get the money it needs before it's too late. The students and companies that depend on it don't deserve to be needlessly kicked to the curb.

Sports editor Michael Carroll for the editorial board.

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

In-flight Wi-Fi presents benefits

Airline travelers hardly can be blamed if they are hostile to the idea of Internet service becoming a feature in airplanes.

The specter of being trapped hours in a cramped seat next to a Web-based road warrior easily can be seen as just another high-altitude indignity — on a list that already includes delays and cancellations, lost luggage and thin staffing.

But at least two domestic carriers — Delta and American — have begun to offer Wi-Fi on an experimental basis. The airlines see the move both as a revenue generator and an amenity to passengers who can't cope without continuous access to their e-mail accounts.

The Washington Post reports that the move has drawn skepticism from flight attendants, who worry that they will be asked to become laptop cops.

But managed well, airline Wi-Fi probably will be a boon to passengers and flight attendants alike, contributing to smoother air travel. Two rules would prevent most problems:

No voice communications. The current prohibition of cell phone use should be extended to online counterparts, such as Skype.

Mandatory headphones. Many passengers already are plugged into iPods or other digital media devices. They cause no problems, even in close quarters, and neither should

YouTube watching, as long as headphones are in place.

Not every technological advance is a boon. Back in the 20th century, many airlines had "Airphones" attached to seat backs. They weren't used much (mainly because air time was expensive), but they were used enough for everyone to realize the annoyance of someone on the phone in the seat next to you. Today, the annoyance starts when the plane lands and the guy next to you whips out his cell phone.

But laptops already are in wide use in air travel. And while streaming video hasn't been available, movie DVDs have been and have not been the source of problems. The common courtesy of headphones goes a long way.

Wi-Fi could offer precious benefits to some:

Type-A business travelers could keep their blood pressure in check by tending to online routines, even getting ahead on e-mail correspondence. And everyone knows a preoccupied passenger is a happy, or at least docile, passenger — especially as a wait on the tarmac enters its third hour.

This editorial appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Wednesday. It was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune Information Services



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Valentine's Day a profit-seeking scam

ALEX S. TURNER

Every year, on Feb. 14, dozens of roses are purchased, boxes of chocolate are delivered, and restaurants are packed with lovebirds.

Three-foot teddy bears convey a message of love and compassion, but also the fact that someone spent a ridiculous amount of money on something the recipient probably doesn't want as a permanent fixture in their home.

The next morning there is no difference in our lives except a \$100 dent in our checking accounts.

Valentine's Day is a sham. The meaning of the holiday has been distorted by advertising and materialism that influence millions of Americans to spend hundreds of dollars on gifts each year.

Once a day of purely and simply expressed affection? Its very nature today shows how superficial the culture we live in has become.

In fact, Valentine's Day has become

the most superficial holiday in the world. Millions of lovers (or stalkers) spend millions of dollars on store-bought cards, candy, jewelry, flowers and lingerie.

The holiday is a gold mine for the chocolate, floral and jewelry companies that earn huge profits in the weeks

leading up to Valentine's Day. It is truly difficult to perceive the essence of romance amongst all the spending and profit.

At least the winter holidays (which are the only holidays that can beat Valentine's Day in the spending department) have a deeper significance concerning family and religion.

The idea of dipping into my savings account to buy shallow gifts doesn't resemble romance in my opinion. I carry the thought that if a person was truly in love, they could do without one pointless holiday filled with nothing more than overpriced chocolate candy, withering flowers or "beyond my pay grade" gold jewelry. But, that's just my opinion.

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YOUR VIEW opinion@dailyskiff.com

Attacking file-sharing software won't solve piracy war

In response to the Skiff View in Thursday's paper titled "RIAA should target shareware companies," while I agree that children should be dancing in the streets because the RIAA has finally come to grips with the reality that their policies aren't panning out as a long-term strategy, the proposed solution of the editorial board makes even less sense. For the sake of my argument, I won't even touch the numbers (music sales haven't dropped dramatically), but just address the proposed strategy.

According to the column, the RIAA should "chop the heads off the file-sharing monsters named LimeWire, Ares, and BearShare."

This strategy has never worked in the past. These easy-to-use programs make up a tiny share compared to other software, and going after the software makers (BearShare has litigation pending right now, if I'm not mistaken) will not stop file-sharing.

Rather than embrace the technology like it should have 10 years ago, the RIAA continues to use an archaic business model to retain its control in the music industry (and the MPAA in the movie industry).

File-sharing has been alive and well since Napster's fallout in 2001 thanks to BitTorrent and exchanges on IRC. Users are becoming smarter about using these technologies and setting up private, invite-only databases allowing them to slip below the radars of

the RIAA and MPAA, which regulates movie sharing.

Rather than embrace the technology like it should have 10 years ago, the RIAA continues to use an archaic business model to retain its control in the music industry (and the MPAA in the movie industry). More than likely, they can see the writing on the wall — successful programs like the iTunes store mean that artists can release their work online and make a profit while doing so, thus rendering the RIAA and its formerly locked-down production and distribution network obsolete.

Instead, consumers have become used to a "get it for free" mentality and are no longer willing to pay the \$15 for an album or even 99 cents for a track. RIAA has lost its control on the market and is now paying the price for its resistance to adopt new technologies.

Andrew Wilson is an accounting graduate student from St. Louis.

Campus Voices

What is your idea of the perfect Valentine's Day date?



"Hanging out with my girlfriends and going to see a chick flick."

Whitney Peters
sophomore education pre-major from McKinney



"A nice home-cooked dinner, and watching a good old romantic movie."

Teresa Powers
sophomore anthropology major from Fort Worth



"I'd cook her favorite food and take it out on a picnic, lie out on my truck and look at the stars."

Spencer Youtsey
sophomore pre-major from Cypress



"Just be with the person I like and go out to a place neither of us have been — and no gifts."

Michael Fernandez
junior math major from Killeen



"I'd like to go out, but I'd want kind of a scavenger hunt for my gift."

Alexis Tribble
sophomore early childhood education major from Houston



"Probably go out to dinner downtown, then hit up a dance club in Dallas."

Matt Newville
freshman pre-major from Allen

NEWS

VENEZUELA

Student leaders try to defeat president

By Tyler Bridges
McClatchy Newspapers

CARACAS, Venezuela — Three university students became President Hugo Chavez's worst nightmare 15 months ago.

The student leaders — Stalin Gonzalez, Yon Goicoechea and Freddy Guevara — revitalized Venezuela's moribund political opposition and led the movement that in December 2007 inflicted the only national election defeat that Chavez has suffered during his 10 years of power.

The three are back, and they're opposing Chavez again as he makes a second attempt Sunday to win a national referendum that asks Venezuelans whether to allow him to seek re-election indefinitely.

Supporters continued to treat Gonzalez, Goicoechea and Guevara like political rock stars at a massive anti-Chavez street march Saturday, calling out their names and crowding around to snap photos.

"I always wanted to be in politics but never thought I'd be so famous," Gonzalez said earlier, as he greeted well-wishers while riding the Caracas subway to the rally. Gonzalez noted that Chavez telephoned him the day before during a televised news conference.

"Chavez called you?" a man with an eye patch asked Gonzalez.

"Yeah," he replied. "He said that he wanted the march to be carried out peacefully and that he doesn't favor violence."

Having finished their studies, Gonzalez, Goicoechea and Guevara are assisting a new crop of student leaders who are organizing massive street marches and mobilizing public opinion against Chavez and the whole machinery of government that's backing him.

The three are now youth activists for Venezuelan political parties that oppose Chavez.

Polls find that Sunday's referendum could go either way, although Chavez seems to have a slight advantage.

The stakes are huge. Chavez desperately wants to lift term limits so he can seek re-election in 2012 and thereafter, and continue to lead the anti-U.S. bloc in Latin America.

In a measure of the stakes, government forces broke up two peaceful student marches recently with tear gas and arrests. The secret police raided the home of one student activist in the middle of the night last month and arrested him.

"We have filled a vacuum of power and



IVAN GONZALES / MCT

People take part in a campaign rally Saturday against Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's proposal of constitutional changes in Caracas. The march, under the slogan "No is no" and led by anti-government students and political parties that say Chavez will turn Venezuela into a version of communist Cuba, was the largest by the opposition in more than a year.

become the symbol of opposition to Chavez," Guevara said.

By 2007, the opposition to Chavez was reeling. He'd discredited the country's two traditional political parties when he was elected president during an economic crisis in 1998. He then won re-election, survived a recall attempt and won another re-election campaign, all the while outsmarting his opponents.

In May 2007, however, Chavez closed RCTV, a television station that's popular with ordinary Venezuelans because of its soap operas and with the president's critics because its news programs cast him in a harsh light.

Enter Gonzalez, Goicoechea and Guevara. They organized street demonstrations against Chavez that breathed life into the opposition.

Still, Chavez seemed a sure bet when he announced a national referendum in December 2007 to lift term limits.

The student leaders decided to challenge him.

Guevara, a communications major, was the president of the student federation at Andres Bello Catholic University in Caracas. A one-time drama student who studied leadership, Guevara became the bridge among the often-fractious student organizations.

Gonzalez, a law school major, was the president of the main student federation at the Central University of Venezuela. His leftist parents

raised him to be a true socialist, even naming him, his sister, Ilich, and his other sister, Engels, for the Marxist triumvirate of Joseph Stalin, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin and Friedrich Engels.

As a teenager, Gonzalez organized study circles and debates in a Marxist-Leninist Party. As a university student leader, however, he'd become a more moderate leftist.

Gonzalez became known in 2007 as a shrewd strategist in organizing the opposition to Chavez's first attempt to end term limits.

Goicoechea, a law student at Andres Bello Catholic University, headed the nationwide students federation. The grandson of Basque immigrants who fled persecution in Franco's Spain, Goicoechea became the fiery voice of the students.

They called Chavez autocratic, unwilling to listen to others or work with those who held different views.

"We favor a more collective leadership," Goicoechea said in an interview.

The three gained a huge following, thanks to repeated news interviews. Chavez tried to discredit them. "Spoiled brats," "terrorists" and "imperialists," he thundered.

Gonzalez, Goicoechea and Guevara received death threats and had to switch where they slept every few nights.

After Chavez's defeat, their terms as student leaders ended.

MINNEAPOLIS

Missing child feared to have joined jihad

By Richard Meryheo
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — His unmade bed is pushed tight against the far wall of the bedroom, the rumpled blankets untouched since the day he disappeared.

His shirts and jeans still hang from a nearby closet, and books are stacked or scattered about the floor as he left them.

"Nothing has changed," his father says, as he looks around the room where his son once slept. "Nothing has changed since Mustafa left."

Six months have passed since 18-year-old Mustafa Ali slipped out of his family's apartment in St. Paul, Minn., and never came back.

Was he, along with his best friend and more than a half-dozen other Somali teenagers and young men from the Twin Cities, recruited by local imams or Islamic extremists to return to war-torn Somalia to fight in the nation's civil war? Or was Mustafa simply an impressionable teenager acting on a long-expressed desire to return to his homeland?

As family members pray for his safety and return, they've spent the past six months trying to accept what appears to be the disturbing reality — that the quiet, affable high school senior who loved football, history and video games secretly conspired with other Twin Cities Somalis to return and become soldiers for one or more of the warring groups there.

"We don't want to believe Mustafa can keep a secret from us for so long," said his father, Ali, 58, who brought his family to the U.S. nine years ago from a refugee camp in Kenya. "There are many 'Whys? Whys? Whys? Why this or that?' And we don't have an answer."

The FBI, which is investigating an alleged link between some in the Twin Cities and violence in Somalia, won't comment on how many Somali teenagers or young men have left to fight or possibly

receive terrorist training. But several sources within the community say they believe Mustafa is one of seven to nine Somalis who have gone back since August.

Many, including Shirwa Ahmed, a Minneapolis man who returned to the country and killed himself in a suicide bombing, had ties to or spent time at Abubakar As-Saddique, a large mosque in south Minneapolis.

E.K. Wilson, an FBI spokesman, wouldn't comment last week about whether Mustafa and others were recruited by someone affiliated with Twin Cities mosques.

"Nobody knows for sure if they went to fight, and if they did, who or what they are fighting for," said Saeed Fahia, executive director of the Confederation of Somali Community in Minnesota.

Mahir Sherif, a California attorney who acts as a consultant to Abubakar and other mosques nationwide, said there has been no credible evidence to suggest a Twin Cities mosque influenced the young men or financed their travel.

"To this date, there has never been anything specific to indicate that Abubakar recruits or that anybody at Abubakar said to these young men, 'Go fight jihad,'" Sherif said.

But Mustafa's older brother, Deeq, 22, and some of his relatives perceive a link.

The family's suspicions were fueled again last week when Mustafa called home. In all the time he has been gone, Mustafa has called home only twice, his family said. Both calls came on days that Somali leaders in Minneapolis had scheduled news conferences to talk about the missing men.

"I'm 100 percent sure that there are people in there who have influenced him and those people are claiming to be sheiks," Deeq said.

To protect themselves and Mustafa, they've asked to be identified only by first names.

Missouri town debates medical marijuana

By Scott Canon
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A tiny Joplin, Mo., suburb has rolled itself a fat one.

Cliff Village — population 34 or 55 — weighed in on the national debate about medical marijuana by passing its own go-ahead this month.

But before you bring your bong to town, consider that Cliff Village has no illusion that it has become a doobie sanctuary.

"This is symbolism, pure and simple," said Mayor Joe Blundell. "I would like to be the brave one who grows the first plant, but they've built a lot of cages for the people who stick their necks out."

Rather, his ordinance was intended to show grass-roots support for a measure repeatedly introduced, and consistently doomed, in the Missouri General Assembly.

Like that bill, Cliff Village's ordinance allows someone with a physician's approval to possess a

few ounces and grow a few marijuana plants.

Even as federal agents make arrests and seizures of ostensibly medical marijuana in states where it has been made legal for the sick, the number of states moving toward legalization has only increased. Michigan voters, on the strength of a 63 percent vote, made their state the 13th to allow relatively small amounts of marijuana for personal medical use. The Cliff Village ordinance takes the same approach.

"The pattern across the country is for cities to pass these things as a resolution or some toothless statement," said Allen St. Pierre at the National Organization to Reform Marijuana Laws, or NORML. "This is usually a precursor to the state action."

San Francisco approved medical marijuana and then California. Denver and then Colorado. Missoula and then Montana.

"It's not Kansas City, (but) it still shows that people on the community level usually want this," St. Pierre said.

The mayor said the law came from his own frustration with pharmaceutical painkillers to deal with the aftermath of a train accident that left him in a wheelchair.

"When I got introduced to this flower, it not only alleviated my pain, it got me out gardening," Blundell said. "I'm not just stoning myself out. It allowed me to function."

He mostly cut and pasted language in a bill now pending in Jefferson City, Mo., for his ordinance. It passed on Feb. 1 by a 3-2 vote. Newton County Sheriff Ken Copeland, whose deputies cover Cliff Village, was unimpressed.

"My advice would not to be run out and start growing marijuana or you'll be a guest of mine," Copeland said. "As long as the law of the state says it's illegal to possess or grow or distribute marijuana, that's the law I'm going to enforce."

That, in turn, reflects the nation's uneven approach to medical marijuana.

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Members of the USA Men's National Team Carlos Bocanegra, left, Brian Ching, center, and Sacha Kljestan take the field for warmups prior to a World Cup qualifying semifinal match against Cuba at RFK Stadium in Washington in October.

U.S. Coach's son helps squad defeat Mexico

By Stefan Bondy
The Record

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Bob Bradley must have been a proud father, even if his coaching persona wouldn't allow him to admit it.

Always the uncontroversial strategist during interviews, Bradley would talk only about behaving as a professional after his son Michael scored both goals in Wednesday's 2-0 victory over Mexico in a World Cup qualifier.

Still, the postgame news conference was noticeably a family affair. "I have three children and I'm proud of all my kids," Coach Bradley said with his son sitting next to him as the Player of the Match. "I have a great family and I'm a lucky man, but it has nothing to do with whether we were going to win or lose tonight."

Michael Bradley's heroics gave the U.S. the upper hand in the CONCACAF World Cup qualifying group, already dispatching of what many consider as the America's most dangerous opponent. But there are still nine games remaining in the hexagonal round — five on the road — and Coach Bradley said he was cautiously optimistic about qualifying for South Africa in 2010.

The game also had moments of animosity that have come to define this heated rivalry between bordering nations. Mexican defender and captain Rafael Marquez was ejected after attempting to sidekick U.S. goalkeeper Tim Howard, igniting a brief shoving match.

There also was a confrontation in the tunnel after the game, requiring Coach Bradley and security guards to intervene, according to witnesses.

"After the game, sometimes the emotions run high. It was nothing," the elder Bradley said. "As I've said over and over, I have great respect for Mexico."

Michael Bradley, 22, scored the game-winner in the 41st minute,

finding a loose ball in a scrum inside Mexico's penalty area. It was his fourth international goal and also his most important, helping to extend an 11-game unbeaten streak at home against Mexico.

His second goal was the exclamation point in stoppage time — a 30-yard dart that bounced under Mexican goalie Oswaldo Sanchez.

The sold out crowd of 23,776 was mostly pro-American, although pockets of Mexican fans were scattered across the soccer-specific Crew Stadium.

A violent storm hit the area about 25 minutes before the scheduled kickoff, with 50 mph winds strong enough to shake the foundation of the tented press box. Stadium crew members pushed water away from the field with rollers, hoping to maintain the integrity of a pitch both coaches praised in pregame interviews. But the wind and wetness persisted throughout most match.

The 50-degree erratic weather wasn't what the U.S. expected, or hoped for. Columbus was a strategic choice for the Americans because of its frigid winters and small Mexican population. The U.S. defeated Mexico twice before at Crew Stadium, once when the temperature was in the 30s.

But as Mexico coach Sven-Goran Eriksson pointed out before the game, "It rains a lot in Mexico."

So with its environmental advantage somewhat negated, the U.S. took a while to settle. Bradley's first goal — which was off a rebound that started from a corner kick — gave the U.S. a reason to feel confident despite an uneven first half.

Just seconds before Marquez's ejection in the 65th minute, Mexico would have tied the match if striker Giovanni Dos Santos wasn't lying on the grass, presumably because he thought the play was dead. The ball missed Dos Santos' outstretched feet by centimeters as it crossed an open goalmouth.

OLYMPICS

Historically, home ice a disadvantage

By Brian Gomez
The Gazette

France has failed three times. Austria and Switzerland have twice fallen short. Italy was embarrassed when it last tried, much like Japan and Norway.

The United States is the only host country to win an Olympic gold medal in men's ice hockey, triumphing in 1960 in Squaw Valley, Calif., and in 1980 in Lake

Placid, N.Y.

Good luck, Canada. Some American players think you'll need it.

There's talk of Canada's home-ice advantage, with friendly confines and deep-pocketed fans, turning into a disadvantage because of lofty expectations and intense media scrutiny at the 2010 Vancouver Games, hyped Thursday by a one-year countdown.

Canada will enter as the men's

favorite, despite finishing seventh at the 2006 Olympics, won by Sweden.

The only time Canada hosted the Winter Games, in Calgary in 1988, its men's team placed fourth, overmatched by the Soviet Union. It lost to Russia in the final of last year's world championships in Quebec City.

When Canada plays, about 500 reporters and 200 photographers should cram 18,630-seat General

Motors Palace, home of the Vancouver Canucks.

Tickets aren't cheap. On the Internet, they're \$1,850 to \$8,845 apiece for the men's gold-medal game and \$300 to \$1,300 for the women's gold-medal game.

"It's a mental thing," New Jersey Devils left wing Zach Parise said of the anxiety over playing at home. "When you get into a short tournament, the last thing you're concerned about is home ice."



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Way to the heart through the stomach

By **Chance Welch**
Features Editor

Sure, you've seen it done at the local Italian restaurant all the time, but have you tried recreating it at home? This chicken parmesan recipe is pretty simple and instead of forking over a lot of money to try to impress your date, you can showcase your cooking skills to wow and woo her. You can even have her join you in cooking the chicken. If all else fails, you can always call in a pizza and laugh about

how you burnt the chicken to a crisp. This recipe serves two people, but if you add two more chicken cutlets, there are enough ingredients to add two more for a double date.

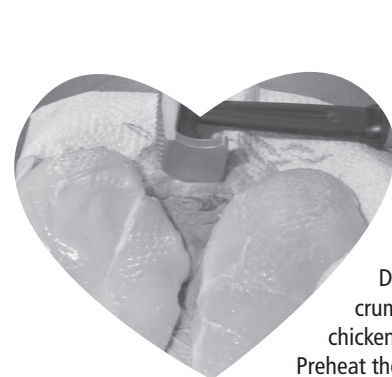
Brownie Points: You can add some more toppings to it like half a cup of black olives or even a garnish like a sprig of basil to go that extra mile. Another bonus is Panko bread crumbs instead of just the regular variety. Panko is a Japanese brand of toasted bread crumbs that is extremely crunchy and flavorful. It's worth the extra cash.

In a medium-sized bowl, mix the

Ingredients

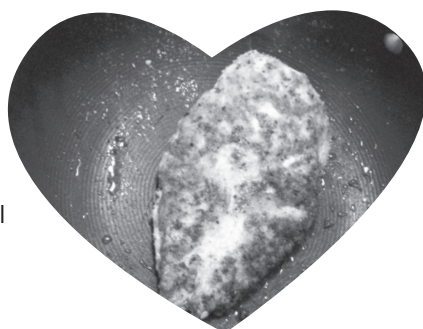
Breading Mixture:	Chicken:
1 teaspoon dried oregano	Two boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 teaspoon dried basil	
1 teaspoon paprika	Toppings:
1 cup dried breadcrumbs	1 jar or can marinara sauce
½ teaspoon of salt	¾ cup part shredded skim-milk Moz-zarella cheese
½ teaspoon of pepper	Grated Parmesan cheese
½ cup all-purpose flour	1 pound spaghetti, cooked
2 egg whites	6 cups water for spaghetti
1 tablespoon water	
1 cup olive oil	

1 crumbs with the salt, pepper, paprika, basil and oregano. Add the flour. In another bowl, beat the egg whites and water. With a meat mallet or some



2 other bludgeoning tool, pound the chicken until it's about ½ inch thick. This is so that it will fry better in the skillet. Dip the chicken breasts in the egg mixture. Dip the chicken in the flour and bread crumb mixture, let the extra flour on the chicken fall off. Preheat the oven to 450 F. Heat a medium-sized saucepan to medium high.

3 When the oil starts to sizzle or become hazy, add the chicken. Fry the chicken for three and a half minutes on each side or until brown.



4 Set the two breasts (or four) in a baking dish and top with the marinara sauce and sprinkle the cheese over it. Bake the chicken for about 15 minutes or until the cheese is bubbling. Top with grated Parmesan cheese.

5 Spaghetti: Cook the spaghetti by boiling it in a pan of 6 cups of water on a burner heated on high. Add a pinch of salt. Cook the pasta until it becomes "al dente." You can test it by taking out a strand and biting it. If it's soft and doesn't feel hard on your teeth, you're in the clear. Pile the chicken on top of your spaghetti and voila!

Breakups: A brief history

By **Libby Davis**
Staff Reporter

Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon

From mythology to modernity, what prompts individuals to break off relationships has captured the imagination of the masses. And though the spirit of Valentine's Day encourages romances both young and old, let's examine the famous breakups that are littered throughout human history.

Medea and Jason

Poor Medea. She killed a king, helped Jason find the Golden Fleece and she still couldn't get him to commit. In Euripides' play "Medea," Jason dumped Medea for a princess. To get her revenge, Medea sent the princess a robe that made her burst into flames. For some reason, that didn't win Jason back, so Medea killed the two sons she had with him and escaped on a chariot pulled by dragons.

Julius Caesar and Cossutia

Call her the almost-Empress. At 16, Caesar was named head of his household when his father died. A year later, he was nominated to become the high priest of Jupiter. However, since he had to be both a patrician (a member of the upper class) and marry one, he broke off his engagement to Cossutia and married Cornelia.

Even though Henry Tudor is well-known for having six wives over the course of his life, it all began with Catherine. Because she could not bear him a son and because Henry wanted to marry Anne Boleyn, he split with Rome, declared himself head of the Church of England and divorced Catherine. The queen herself remained steadfast in her belief that she was Henry's true wife and was considered queen of England by most of its populace up until her death.

The Beatles' "Bromance"

Artistic differences. Yoko Ono. Lennon/McCartney hatred. Whatever caused The Beatles breakup, it is almost as legendary as The Beatles themselves. The announcement of the breakup makes sense in hindsight. Too much success has often pulled groups apart in search of solo fame, but at the time it was heartbreaking.

Princess Diana and Prince Charles

Media glitz followed Diana as she rose to fame. The cameras surrounded her marriage to Prince Charles from the moment they said "I do," to the rumors of cheating between both parties. More famously, the paparazzi stayed in step with Diana throughout her messy divorce and eventually caused her death in 1997 when her driver crashed her car in an attempt to outrun them.



Woody Allen and Mia Farrow

After a 12-year relationship, you think you'd be comfortable enough to really be open with your mate. But Woody Allen took it a step too far when he began dating former domestic partner Mia Farrow's adopted daughter Soon-Yi Previn, who is more than 30 years his junior. Though he was never legally her adoptive father, the courts determined that custody of the remaining children should go to Farrow. Allen then proceeded to marry Soon-Yi, much to the general disgust of the public.

Creativity trumps convention for gifts

By **Chance Welch**
Features Editor

By now, you probably already know the rules. Whether it's getting that all-important reservation at the fancy restaurant weeks in advance or raiding what's left of Walgreens around Feb. 12, time is a factor. Here are a couple of alternatives to the Valentine's Day box of chocolates/flowers/card combination. Remember, creativity may take time. Don't scrap your idea after the first draft doesn't work. When it comes to any handmade personal message, keep it short and simple or you run the risk of losing her attention or creeping her out by droning on for too long.

Good non-traditional gift ideas

Personal IOU - Unless you've been completely bankrupted by the economy, I wouldn't rely on having this as your only gift, but a coupon for, say, a personal back massage or some other favor would be a nice addition to a Valentine's Day gift for her.

Handmade card - If you are artistically-inclined and can pull it off, a handmade V-Day card would be a nice departure from your average store-bought card. With a card like this, you can say what you need to say without having a Hallmark-approved syrupy-sweet poem inside. Honestly, anything's better than just "Love, so-and-so" at the bottom of a generic card. Well, almost anything. Which leads to...

Bad non-traditional gift ideas:

A Tattoo - Nothing says you love Jane like literally writing the words "I Love Jane" on your arms. However, if you end up breaking up with Jane, you will need to look for a way to change that message into an awesome skull and crossbones or another ode to the fairer sex: "I Love Mom."

An Appliance - You should try to say something with a gift, and that something shouldn't have anything to do with a blender or a vacuum. Giving a gift like this sends the message that she'll be having to clean up the rose petals off the floor on Feb. 15.

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Love contracts: Nothing personal — it's just business

By **Diane Stafford**
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — When love blooms at work, "love contracts" may follow.

Dating often begins with hearts and flowers and Valentine's Day cards, but it's been known to end with harassment, retaliation claims and jury trials.

To protect themselves against lawsuits, some employers have begun asking co-workers to sign written confirmations that they have entered into voluntary relationships.

These formal documents typically affirm that "neither party wants their relationship with each other to affect their jobs or the company in any way." Employees agree to abide by company-conduct policies while dating and after the relationship ends.

Rules for co-worker dating

- No public displays of affection.
- Don't send goeey or sexually suggestive office e-mails.
- Don't date your boss.
- Dress for business, not dates.
- No company pillow talk that you shouldn't share.
- When the romance ends, don't behave badly.



"It makes sense, even if your first reaction is, 'Aw, come on, give me a break,'" said Brian Finucane, a lawyer in the Kansas City office of Fisher & Phillips, which has had a few workers in client companies sign such documents.

Finucane and other lawyers said they

expect love contracts to proliferate.

Lost-love litigation isn't common, but when it hits, it can result in six-figure — and sometimes larger — jury awards for actual and punitive damages.

"I have a visceral distaste for the name, but, yes, I've had a handful of love contracts signed," said Shelly Freeman, a lawyer with HROI, an employment law practice.

Human resource experts say it makes good business sense to get written acknowledgement that a workplace relationship is consensual. They point to such well-publicized cases as the 2005 ouster of the CEO of Boeing Co., whose board fired him after directors learned of his affair with an executive.

Staples Inc., Tyco International and Bendix Corp. also have been rocked by high-profile executive-employee liaisons.

Yet in the lower echelons of the work-

place, co-worker dating flourishes.

According to CareerBuilder.com, 40 percent of 8,038 workers surveyed in November said they had dated a co-worker at some point in their work lives.

About three-fourths of the respondents said they dated openly and didn't feel a need to keep it secret. It is a rare company these days that forbids co-worker relationships, but many do prohibit one romantically connected partner from supervising the other.

Longer hours on the job and fewer single-sex workplaces have increased the likelihood of office romances. That in itself isn't a bad thing. After all, the CareerBuilder survey found that nearly one-third of the office romances ended up at the altar.

What makes employment law attorneys and human resource officers especially nervous is when they learn an

employee is dating his or her boss, as did about four in 10 of the intra-office daters who were polled.

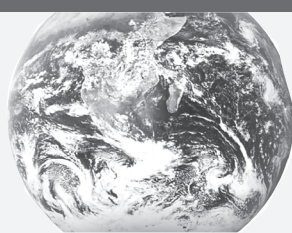
That is the kind of relationship that, if it fails, has led to charges alleging sex for favors and other violations of workplace policies and laws.

And that is where, if the romance is revealed, a lawyer is most likely to plop a love contract on the conference room table.

The documents usually are signed by both workers, who acknowledge that they understand all the workplace policies against harassment and will keep the relationship at arm's length — literally and figuratively — in the office.

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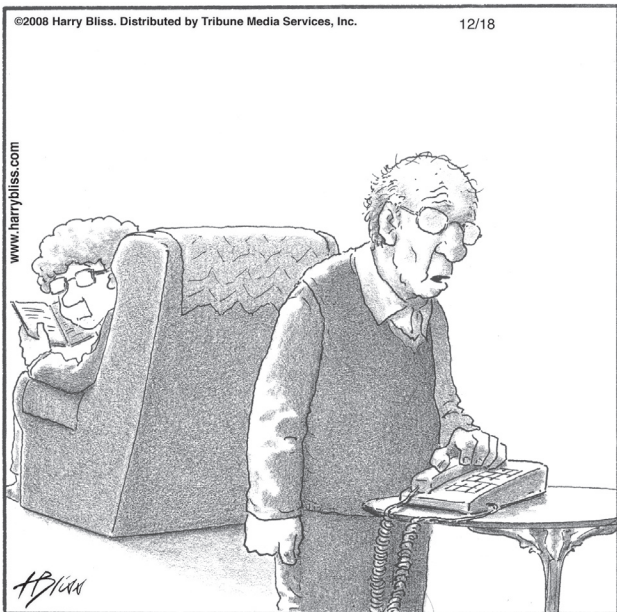


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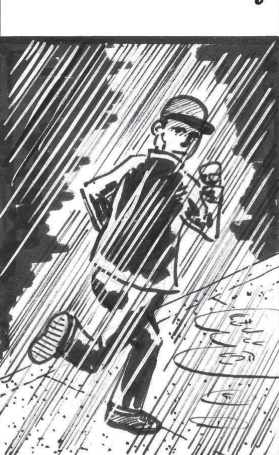
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Tuesday

MEN'S BASKETBALL

STREAKY



TCU freshman guard Kevin Butler fights for a loose ball during the Horned Frog 69-52 loss against New Mexico on Jan. 24. The team has lost five straight games.

PAIGE McCARDLE / Design Editor

Coach: 'We've got to fight our way out'

By Maddy Foxx
Staff Reporter

The men's basketball team's losing streak reached five with Tuesday's 71-57 loss on the road against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The team will look to stop the bleeding Saturday night at home against Brigham Young University.

Three weeks ago, the Horned Frogs, with a share of first place in the Mountain West Conference, fell to the University of New Mexico at home, 69-52. The loss against the Lobos marked the beginning of a slide that has knocked the team down to sixth place in the conference.

The latest loss against UNLV dropped the team's record 13-11 overall and 4-6 in conference play.

Head coach Jim Christian said it will take more than just talent to get the Horned Frogs back on track.

"We've got to fight our way out of it," Christian said. "A lot of teams in college basketball go through it. You've got to have character, you've got to have heart and you've got to try and find a way to win the game."

The team will face BYU with the hopes of turning its losing streak around. Last month, the Horned Frogs fell to BYU 73-61. The Cougars come into Saturday's game with a 18-5 over-

all record and a 6-3 record in the conference.

Junior center Zvonko Buljan said the Horned Frogs have learned from their last meeting with BYU when they were outthrust.

"You can always find something to do better than the time before by learning from your mistakes and watching tapes," Buljan said.

Junior forward Edvinas Ruzgas said putting everything into the team's next two home games is crucial.

"It's very important to get through the streak," Ruzgas said. "We've struggled a little, but I think the team needs to come on Saturday, execute our

TCU vs BYU

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

plays, play good defense and pull for a victory."

Both players and Christian acknowledge BYU's strong offense, which averages a conference-best 78.3 points per game, as something the team needs to focus on shutting down.

The Horned Frogs will continue conference play next week with a home game against last-place Air Force Academy on Wednesday.

TRACK & FIELD

Improving competitiveness key for team

By Courtney Jay
Staff Reporter

The Flyin' Frogs will head to College Station for the Texas A&M Invitational on Friday and Saturday, the last meet before the Mountain West Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships later this month.

Head coach Darryl Anderson

said athletes headlining the event include junior Jessica Young, senior Kishelle Paul, senior Jessica Clarke and junior Neidra Covington for the women and sophomore Mychal Dungey, sophomore Sean Zurko, junior Dell Guy and sophomore Matthew Love on the men's side.

Young and Paul both performed well Jan. 31 at the Houston Indoor Invitational. Young set a NCAA provisional mark when she placed second in the 60 meters with a time of 7.41 seconds and Paul finished second in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.69.

Anderson said he sees this

weekend's meet as an opportunity for the team to finalize preparations for the long season ahead.

"It will be a great preview not only in preparation for one of our championships, but it will be a great stepping stone for people to try to secure spots into the NCAA meet," Anderson said.

Anderson said the team tries to approach each meet with the same mentality.

"We go into every meet with the idea in mind of competing with passion and competing as hard as we can," Anderson said. "And if we do those things, we'll come out of there with our fair

share of victories."

Anderson said his focus is on improving the level of competitiveness of individual athletes, striving for teams goals and getting championship experience for as many team members as possible.

No athletes were available for comment because of busy practice and school schedules, said Matt Hoover, coordinator of media relations for the team.

The team has a two-week layoff until the Mountain West Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. beginning Feb. 26.

CLUB ROUNDUP

Weekend match a preview of things to come for club tennis

The club tennis team will be playing at the Baylor Warm-Up in Waco on Saturday in what will be a preview of sectionals later this spring season.

The events include men's and women's singles and doubles with TCU challenging three different colleges in match play.

This weekend's tournament lives up to its name, said junior Megan Dewar, as a lot of the same teams like Texas A&M University and the University of Texas at Austin will face off against TCU at sectionals.

Dewar said they can't gauge individual competitor's performances because the club teams often have different members at each meet.

"We just go out there with an open mind and play the best we can play," Dewar said.

Lacrosse team looks to change minds

The men's lacrosse team will play the University of North Texas on Friday in what junior Steele Struble called a "huge division game."

Struble said he sees it as a rallying cry to change the Lone Star Alliance conference's perception of the team with a win this weekend. Injuries and other problems have dogged the team in the past, but this game is just another test for them, Struble said.

Friday's game will be only time they play the highly-touted North Texas team this season, and not too far into the spring season, the group intends to make an impression, he said.

"We've kind of been considered a joke in the past couple of years but now we are starting to get our respect and if we win Friday we'll undoubtedly gain that respect," Struble said.

Rugby team ready for a Valentine's victory

For such a sentimental day as Valentine's Day, the stage is set for some hard-hitting rugby as the team plays Angelo State University at home.

With the season winding down, senior captain Michael Sheffield said the outcome of the game will not only affect their Division II standings, but also play a pivotal role in who has home-field advantage when quarterfinals roll around the last week of February.

Senior Chris Carlin said the game is not only important for its playoff implications, but also for its impact on the other teams in their conference.

"San Angelo, at least as long as I've been here, they've been pretty much beating down on us and we really want to take it to them this time and show them we deserve to be the best team in our division," Carlin said.

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