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Resolution passes to provide support for T-Bus shuttle route from campus to downtown.

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SKIFF ARCHIVES

Students and employers interact during a career fair in the University Recreation Center last semester. Students can explore employment and internship opportunities at today's fair from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Career expo to showcase around 80 companies

By Ashley Monismith
Staff Reporter

TCU's Career and Intern Expo will provide students with opportunities to talk to employers and show their skills to obtain a job or internship on Wednesday.

The expo occurs once a semester and will showcase about 80 companies, Ashley Grubbs, associate director of employer development, said. The event is mostly for finding jobs for juniors and seniors, but the intern portion of the expo is available to both freshmen and sophomores, she said.

Before going to the expo, attendees can find a list of employer profiles on the Career Services website. Information about the companies as well as the positions they are hiring is listed on the website.

According to the Career Services website, some of the local and national companies that will be at the expo are the Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington and The Princeton Review.

Junior marketing major Sean Little said he found the list of employers to be helpful when he went to the expo last semester. He said looking at the list and researching about the companies before going to the event

impressed the employers.

Knowing which company booths to go to beforehand could also reduce the amount of time spent finding a prospective job or internship, he said. Despite knowing the information about the companies, Little said he was still nervous about going to the expo for the first time.

"Once you've gone to the first booth, the rest of them are a lot easier to walk up to," he said.

Little said attending the event also gave him more confidence.

Even though most of the positions offered were full-time jobs, he said there were potential internships

available and going to the event was beneficial.

Sophomore business major Anh Pham agreed that going to the expo last semester was helpful. She said she did not know what to expect before setting foot in the expo but that she now knows what will happen when she returns her junior or senior year.

One aspect about the expo Pham said she did not like was that many positions were not available for underclassmen. Grubbs said even though companies are looking primarily for juniors and seniors, sophomores should still go and ask about

internships for the summer or for the school year.

"It's a rare opportunity to have them on your front doorstep," Grubbs said. "They pay to be here and are clearly serious about hiring TCU students."

Career and Intern Expo

When: 4-7 p.m. today

Where: University Recreation Center gym

Open to all students and alumni. Professional dress and résumés requested

CULTURE 2

Students can step into Black History Month with an African dance class.



SPEAKER 2

TCU alumnus and former Olympian speaks about Olympic Journey.



CAMPUS

Dance class to teach new cultures

By Ashley Monismith
Staff Reporter

Students can step into a new culture and move their feet to the beat of African and Caribbean-style dances Wednesday in University Recreation Center.

The second annual African dance class will provide students with a different and enjoyable way to work out as well as a way to learn about another culture, Briana Saldana, a junior criminal justice major, said.

Chasity Shorts, a junior sociology major, said the dance class was also a way to incorporate a social event to promote Black History Month.

"Dancing is big within the African heritage and we do have a lot of people of African descent with the NAACP," Shorts said. "It just has a lot to do with our history."

The NAACP chapter at TCU created the dance class last year from input from students for events that they wanted to see on campus, she said.

Saldana said even though the NAACP created the event, students such as Feliza Fenty and Sidee Dlam-

ini from the African Heritage Organization (AHO) choreographed the dance last year. This year they planned to design shorter dances, she said.

Last year only one long dance was taught, Saldana said. By making the dances shorter, students can learn multiple types of dances.

"It's just being able to laugh and learning a dance you're not used to. You won't get it right the first time around, but it's about having fun and being able to laugh at yourself and being around other people."

Chasity Shorts
Junior sociology major

Shorts said part of the reason they continued the dance class this year was due to the amount of people who showed up. Originally, she said she was expecting a couple of people to attend the first year, but

more showed up than expected.

Jordan Pitts, a senior general studies major and parliamentarian of the NAACP chapter at TCU said around 10 to 15 people showed up last year.

From those who attended last year, Saldana said the chapter received positive feedback. She also said that knowing how to dance was not required.

Shorts said, "It's just being able to laugh and learning a dance you're not used to. You won't get it right the first time around, but it's about having fun and being able to laugh at yourself and being around other people."

The chapter has had discussions about a weekly dance class or a week-long celebration of different African and Caribbean dances, but nothing had been decided yet, Saldana said.

NAACP African Dance Class

When: 7 p.m. tonight
Where: University Recreation Center basement

Free and open to the public

CAMPUS

Former Olympian speaks at luncheon



KATIE SHERIDAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Olympic athlete Khadevis Robinson spoke about success and growing up in Fort Worth on Tuesday afternoon in the Brown-Lupton University Union.

By Brett Anderson
Staff Reporter

A former Olympic athlete and TCU alumnus reflected on his experiences from growing up in south side Fort Worth to becoming a world-class runner at Tuesday's "MENtality Luncheon."

Khadevis Robinson spoke at the free Student Affairs luncheon for men about the importance of hard work and surrounding oneself with positive influences to achieve success. Robinson, a 1998 TCU graduate and track star, won the national championship in the 800 meters while at the university. In 2004, he made the U.S. Olympic team.

"People ask me 'how did you do it?'" Robinson said. "There's nothing special about me. I'm just a guy, you know? But I've been fortunate enough to have been surrounded by some powerful people and positive people."

Daniel Terry, who directs the men's programming committee in Student Development Services, said Robinson was chosen to

speak because everyone could relate to his story.

"No matter what direction people are heading in life, people can connect to the issue of overcoming boundaries to becoming who they are," Terry said.

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Daniel Terry
Director of Men's Programming Committee

Robinson began his speech by showing a video of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trial in the 800 meter dash. Robinson led for a portion of the race, but finished fourth and collided with another runner as they both dove across the finish line. Robinson said it is still hard for him to watch, but that he must do what is necessary for the audience to understand him, rather

than what is comfortable for him.


Aaron Marez, a university admission counselor, attended the luncheon and said Robinson challenged him to think about whether the things he is doing really reflect who he is.

"It gave me the opportunity to at least evaluate my purpose not only here at TCU, but with respect to what I should be doing in order to follow my own passions," Marez said.

Robinson said he still runs competitively, but also spends his time as a motivational speaker.

"I'm just trying to touch as many people as possible and plant as many seeds as I can," Robinson said. "I want to just get them to realize that whatever goes on to really go after it, to really believe in themselves," he said.



Terry said the luncheon was the first event this semester in the MENtality series. The program is intended to provide programs that discuss issues relevant to men, according to Student Development Services website.



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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

House passes bill supporting T-Bus

By Sydney Hicks
Staff Reporter

The House unanimously voted to pass a resolution Tuesday night for Student Government Association to support the free T-Bus from campus to West Seventh on the weekends.

Brett Anderson, vice president and co-author of the bill, said the resolution calls for publicizing and advertising the program to ensure high student participation.

Dalton Goodier, the student relations committee chair and co-author of the bill, outlined the specifics of the T-Bus route and schedule. The shuttle will make stops at Worth Hills, the Brown-Lupton University Union, and Ed Landreth on campus, and then Movie Tavern, Montgomery Plaza, and Target in the West Seventh area.

The T-Bus would leave the TCU campus 15 minutes before the hour and arrive at West Seventh on the hour every Friday and Saturday night, Goodier said.

Hunter Sprague, a representative for the class of 2013, questioned how TCU and the T-Bus would ensure student safety.

Goodier said students must present a student ID to get on the bus and the T-Bus works with riders to maintain a high level of patron safety.

Matt Dailey, a representa-

tive for College of Fine Arts, said as a student who does not have a car on campus, the T-Bus would be a great resource for students to see the West Seventh area.

Goodier said the program is temporary and higher student participation could lead to the continuation of the buses or for buses to run later and more frequently each night.

Officer Position Added to Student Body Code

A new bill to update the Student Body Code passed establishing the new position of Vice President of External Affairs as an official student body officer.

The update to the Student Body Code would establish the powers and duties of the new position. The powers and duties include, but are not limited to, building relationships with TCU student organizations, promoting SGA and developing relations with TCU alumni, according to the bill.

Macy Pulliam, the Ad Hoc Committee chair and bill author, said that the new position was much needed and was glad the rest of the House felt the same way.

The bill passed with little debate and a majority vote.

Dining Services Day

A resolution to designate Feb. 22, 2011 as the official

Dining Services Committee Awareness Day passed with majority House support.

Lauren Leonard, the Dining Services Committee chair, said the day would be a great opportunity to get feedback from students on campus and to make the student body aware of the Dining Services Committee responsibilities.

Jeffrey Chatman, a representative for the class of 2014, said the resolution would be a great way for SGA to show support for the committee.

Jackie Wheeler, the student body president, said the Dining Services Committee spent a lot of time and effort to create this day and it would be a great way to connect with the student body.

Other SGA News

The free Scantrons for the library are now available. Anderson said students can pick up three Scantrons at a time at the Information Commons Desk in the library.

TCU plans to double student wireless internet access points for each residence hall by next semester, Wheeler said. The update will make wireless connections faster and more reliable, and a schedule of when each hall will be updated will be released soon, Wheeler said.

SCIENCE

NASA revisits crater made on comet



PAT RAWLINGS / ASSOCIATED PRESS

This 2005 file rendering by artist Pat Rawlings, released by NASA, shows the Deep Impact spacecraft's encounter with comet Tempel 1.

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press

Nearly six years after an 800-pound copper bullet excavated a crater on a comet, a NASA spacecraft revisiting the site has seen evidence of the destruction in images snapped during a Valentine's Day flyby, scientists said Tuesday.

Instead of a well-defined pit, the Stardust craft saw what looked like a crater rim that was filled in the middle — a sign that the plume of debris from the 2005 high-speed crash that created the crater shot up and fell back down.

"The crater was more subdued than I think some of us

thought," said mission scientist Pete Schultz of Brown University. "It partially buried itself."

Stardust zoomed past Tempel 1 Monday night, passing within 110 miles of the comet's surface. Along the way, it snapped six dozen pictures.

It was NASA's second visit to Tempel 1, but the first time a spacecraft had imaged the manmade crater.

In 2005, another NASA probe, Deep Impact, fired a projectile into Tempel 1 that carved a football field-sized hole, but so much dust spewed out that it blocked Deep Impact's view.

Astronomer Michael A'Hearn of the University of Maryland, who led Deep Im-

pact, was pleased to come full circle.

"It's wonderful to go back and see the effects we had on the comet due to our impact," A'Hearn said.

Revisiting with Tempel 1 also allowed scientists to examine changes on the surface since Deep Impact.

Tempel 1 has since made a full loop around the sun. Every time comets orbit the sun, they lose material from the surface and become less bright.

Scientists found evidence of erosion in then-and-now images of the Deep Impact site, said principal investigator Joe Veverka of Cornell University.

TECHNOLOGY

Apple creates new subscription option for newspaper, magazine purchases

By Dana Wollman
Associated Press

Apple Inc. announced a subscription system for buying newspapers and magazines on iPhone and iPad applications on Tuesday, making it easier for publishers to mine the popular mobile devices for more revenue.

The update announced Tuesday enables publishers to sell subscriptions by the week, month, year or other period of time, instead of asking readers to buy each issue separately.

The added convenience promises to help publishers sell more digital copies as they look to smart phones and tablet computers to replace some of the revenue that has disap-

peared over the past few years as readers and advertisers migrated from print editions.

But publishers won't be allowed to automatically collect personal information about people who buy subscriptions through the Apple apps. That data is prized by publishers because they use it for marketing purposes.

Instead, subscribers who sign up through an app on an Apple device will be given the option to share their information with publishers, a choice most people don't make. If people don't share their information with publishers, Apple will still hold onto it, though it will not pass it on to the publishers or other third parties.

Time Inc., whose maga-

"We believe that this innovative subscription service will provide publishers with a brand new opportunity to expand digital access to their content onto the iPad, iPod touch and iPhone, delighting both new and existing subscribers."

Steve Jobs
Apple CEO

zines include Sports Illustrated, People and Time, applauded Apple for allowing publishers

to sell app subscriptions, but said it still has questions about access to customer information. Sports Illustrated, for one, already has worked out deals to sell subscriptions with access to customer data on computer tablets running on software made by Apple rivals Google Inc. and Hewlett-Packard Co.

Apple will take its standard 30 percent cut from all app and content sales made in its iTunes store, which peddles a variety of music, movies, games and e-books. This new subscription system also applies to video and music services — for instance, the app for Netflix.

Content providers that don't want to automatically give Apple a slice of the revenue can try to sell subscriptions outside

the app, too. One way to do that would be through the Web browser, although that might prove too much of a hassle for people already used to buying apps, music and other things on iTunes.

Apple is insisting the financial terms of the digital subscriptions sold outside the app be no better than those offered in the iTunes store. And people must have the option to buy subscriptions within iTunes, if they want.

"We believe that this innovative subscription service will provide publishers with a brand new opportunity to expand digital access to their content onto the iPad, iPod touch and iPhone, delighting both new and existing subscribers,"

Apple CEO Steve Jobs said in a statement. Jobs, a cancer survivor, is on medical leave but continues to serve as chief executive.

Apple's new subscription policy follows News Corp.'s launch of the first iPad-only newspaper, The Daily, earlier this month. Its subscribers are charged through iTunes, making it the first iPad app to take advantage of this subscription feature.

More newspapers are focusing on digital devices because their biggest source of revenue, print advertising, has plunged during the past four years. Digital advertising has been steadily rising, but those increases have only made up for a fraction of the losses on the print side.

PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Giving blood is a little pain for lifesaving gains

Let's face it: Giving blood isn't the most fun thing to do in the world. If people can avoid getting a needle stuck into a vein and removing that red liquid that helps keep a body functioning, they will generally do so.

But however unpleasant the experience may be, it can save lives. With the winter weather we recently endured, the blood shortage many hospitals and blood banks already face became even worse.

According to a September article from ABC News, some surgeries were canceled in Los Angeles and Philadelphia because of a lack of blood. While the situation isn't as dire in the Metroplex, the American Red Cross said in the article that it required 80,000 units of blood daily for surgeries, chemotherapy and other procedures but had to cut its blood usage to only 36,000 units a day.

Many have relatives that wouldn't be alive today if it weren't for the kindness of those who choose to be blood donors. The last thing a family member should have to hear from a health care provider is that they were unable to save someone's life because of a preventable problem such as a blood shortage.

Students, faculty and administrators can help save lives by donating blood. The free cookies and juice don't hurt, either.

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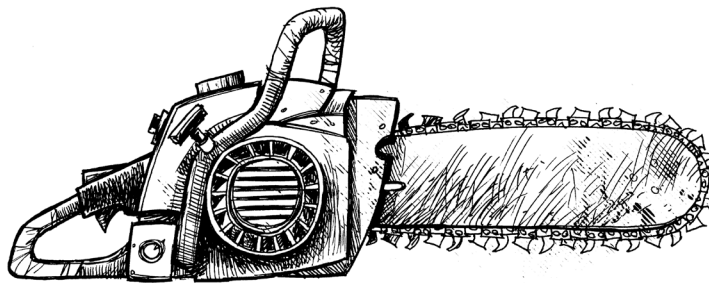


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Science behind evolution should be priority



Jack Enright

Was Charles Darwin right on evolution? Does it even matter? These questions remain a controversial topic to this day, and the third question of whether his theory on the question of how life began should be the only one taught in public high schools is no exception.

A Feb. 7 article in *The New York Times* noted that only 28 percent of biology teachers follow the recommendations of the National Research Council in teaching evolution, a theory that claims that species evolve and distinguish themselves from others based on the principle of "survival of the fittest," leading to the great diversity in species we have

today. Thirteen percent insist on teaching creationism, and the "cautious 60 percent" take no firm stance, but teach both in an attempt to allow students to draw their own conclusions.

The authors of the study continued by stating that creation has no scientific basis, is not appropriate for the classroom and that the statistics were alarming for science education.

Ultimately, there's no reason creationism should be taught in schools.

To adequately understand the debate, we must first turn to where advocates of creationism base their doctrine. Creationism is based on the biblical creation account in the Book of Genesis, which contains two conflicting stories of how life on earth started.

The first, contained in Genesis 1:1-2:3, is the story of God creating the universe in six days and resting on the seventh. The second, contained in Genesis 2:4-25, tells of a man, Adam, being formed on the same day as the earth and a woman, Eve, being formed from the rib of the man.

Clearly, at least one of the two cannot literally be true. Of course, it's more than probable that neither are. Instead, the two stories are intended to be metaphorical, helping readers understand a broader message. The latter story, for instance, sets up the story of Adam and Eve and the consumption of the forbidden fruit — mankind's first disobedience of God. It teaches that mankind is inherently sinful and must work to minimize sinfulness.

The only explanation for the creation of the universe that has any scientific basis is evolution. Charles Darwin's research on the HMS Beagle in the 1830s

and the publishing of "The Origin of Species" more than two decades later in 1859 laid the foundation for the theory of evolution, which says every organism on earth struggles for survival and the species best adapted to its environment is most likely to survive. It is a theory that has been widely accepted in the scientific community ever since.

Ultimately, there's no reason creationism should be taught in schools. Besides its teaching being repeatedly considered unconstitutional in public schools by federal courts, it is not scientifically supported and is clearly not meant to be taken literally — something that anyone who has read the first two chapters of the Bible can clearly tell.

It's time high school science educators teach what is actually supported by more than a century of research.

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PERSPECTIVES

Universities should be graded on performance



Katie Terhune

Students are used to being graded on their scholastic performances. Professors use letter grades as a way to measure students' progress and effort in courses, and you would be hard-pressed to find an instructor who believes grades are unnecessary.

But that was the reaction of a number of colleges after the *U.S. News & World Report* announced it would be ranking more than 1,000 universities' teacher education programs. According to a Feb. 8 article in *The New York Times*, the publication will be assigning universities an A through F grade. The \$3.6 million program will not be completed until next year, but education programs already are protesting the ratings system, claiming it is unfair and superficial.

This is the attitude education schools should be embracing rather than complaining about how being graded on the performance of their programs is unfair.

Brian Kelly, editor of the *Report*, said in the article that the ratings system was a useful way to critique schools that operate with little or no outside scrutiny. He also said that schools' condemnation of the system just proved they were afraid of any outside assessment of their programs.

The *U.S. News & World Report* is right to go ahead with its grading system despite the protests. It is important to highlight schools that are producing excellent teachers as well

as to expose the flaws of the programs that allow students to graduate unprepared. The letter grading will serve to reward colleges that truly deserve it and may bring positive publicity to smaller programs that may have been overlooked in favor of more traditional schools. An A grade may very well sway a prospective student's decision to enroll in a particular university, just as a grade of F might cause them to reconsider.

No college would want to be given a low or failing grade, but the point of this type of grading system is not to benefit the institution. It is designed with the student in mind, either to allow students to make an educated decision about their college or to force the schools to acknowledge techniques that did not work in the past and work to create new policies and teaching methods.

The detractors of the ranking system are ignoring what most undergraduates already know: namely, that the threat of being graded often provides motivation to improve. For example, knowing that an upcoming test or assignment will comprise a high percent of a student's overall grade might cause one to hit the books, form study groups and do everything possible to ensure that work will be viewed as satisfactory.

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Ultimately, this hypocrisy isn't helping anyone. The mission of these schools is to develop the next generation of teachers. It is time to lead by example by showing their students that pursuit of exemplary education is worth adjusting standards and changing methods to improve.

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Students should worker harder after snow days



Chancey Herbolsheimer

Local school districts are scrambling to catch up after the snowstorms that swept across most of the country the past two weeks caused numerous school cancellations.

TCU's campus closed for a total of five days. Public schools also were forced to shut down across North Texas, according to a Feb. 3 article in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Although the yearly schedule already has two snow days built in, the weather required students to miss an additional three days, which has put many classes behind.

According to the article, Texas schools are required to have 180 instructional days by the state. After snow days are

used, the district can reschedule makeup days on a Saturday or holiday, lengthen the school day or extend the school year.

In extreme situations, however, districts can request a waiver. This would mean students wouldn't have to make up missed days, and, according to the article, many districts in Texas plan on asking for waivers this year.

Options that exist for public schools to determine makeup days are not always feasible for colleges.

This leaves teachers forced to figure out how to make up for lost time. Many are reworking schedules, combining class days or cutting out necessary material.

Since TCU is a university, it sets its own standards on instructional days. Students, however, are still required to learn all the material for their

classes as determined by professors. As of Feb. 9, officials did not have proposals for how TCU students should make up for lost time.

Make up days, though, really aren't needed.

Options that exist for public schools to determine makeup days are not always feasible for colleges. We cannot lengthen our school day, because classes last all day and schedules would become too complicated for both faculty and students. We do not have days set aside for parent-teacher conferences that can be used. Designating Saturdays as instructional days would interfere with scheduled sports and other school activities.

College is based on self-motivation. A lot of the work students do is on their own time anyway. After five extra days off, surely it is not too much to ask students to put in a little extra work. Students must realize that the next couple weeks may be a little stressful until classes are

caught up.

This should be a class-by-class case. If professors are able to schedule a whole semester's work, then they are capable of determining the best way for their classes to catch up. At the same time, they must keep in mind that students are catching up in the rest of their classes, too.

School days should not be added, and holidays should not be taken away, which fortunately won't happen, according to the *Skiff* article. If a particular class really needs to meet, the professor can work with his students and choose what works best. As long as students understand the effort involved and professors are willing to be flexible, classes can hopefully be back to where they need to be in no time.

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INTERNATIONAL

Egyptian protest inspires Bahrain

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press

Thousands of protesters took over a main square in Bahrain's capital Tuesday — carting in tents and raising banners — in a bold attempt to copy Egypt's uprising and force high-level changes in one of Washington's key allies in the Gulf.

The move by demonstrators capped two days of clashes across the tiny island kingdom that left at least two people dead, parliament in limbo by an opposition boycott and the king making a rare address on national television to offer condolences for the bloodshed.

Security forces — apparently under orders to hold back — watched from the sidelines as protesters chanted slogans mocking the nation's ruling sheiks and called for sweeping political reforms and an end to monarchy's grip on key decisions and government posts.

The unrest in Bahrain, home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, adds another layer to Washington's worries in the region. In Yemen, police and government supporters battled nearly 3,000 marchers calling for the ouster of President Ali Abdullah Saleh in a fifth straight day of violence.

Yemen is seen as a criti-

cal partner in the U.S. fight against a network inspired by al-Qaida. The Pentagon plans to boost its training of Yemen's counterterrorism forces to expand the push against the al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula faction, which has been linked to attacks including the attempted airliner bombing in December 2009 and the failed mail bomb plot involving cargo planes last summer.

"I demand what every Bahraini should have: a job and a house."

Iftikhar Ali
Bahraini Student

Saleh has been holding talks with Yemen's powerful tribes, which can either tip the balance against him or give him enough strength to possibly ride out the crisis.

The political mutinies in the Arab world show the wide reach of the calls for change spurred by the toppling of old-guard regimes in Tunisia and Egypt.

In Jordan, hundreds of Bedouin tribesmen blocked roads to demand the government return lands they once owned. Saudi activists are seeking to form a politi-

cal party in a rare challenge to the near-absolute power of the pro-Western monarchy.

Yemen's grinding poverty and tribal complexities also stand in contrast to the relative wealth and Western-style malls and coffee shops in Bahrain's capital of Manama.

But many in Bahrain still boiled down their discontent to a cry for economic justice as well — saying the Sunni rulers control the privileges and opportunities and the Shiite majority struggles with what's left over and are effectively blackballed from important state jobs.

"I demand what every Bahraini should have: a job and a house," said student Iftikhar Ali, 27, who joined the crowds in the seaside Pearl Square. "I believe in change."

Protesters quickly renamed it "Nation's Square" and erected banners such as "Peaceful" that were prominent in Cairo's Tahrir Square. Many waved Bahraini flags and chanted: "No Sunnis, no Shiites. We are all Bahrainis."

Others set up tents and distributed tea and kabobs for those planning to spend the night under one of the city's landmarks: a nearly 300-foot (90-meter) monument cradling a giant white pearl-shaped ball that symbolizes the country's heritage as a pearl diving center.

TECHNOLOGY

'Watson' wins first round in 'Jeopardy'

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

The computer outsmarted its human competition in Game 1 of the Man vs. Machine competition on "Jeopardy!"

On the 30-question game board, veteran "Jeopardy!" champs Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter managed only five correct responses between them during the Double Jeopardy round that aired Tuesday. They ended the first game of the two-game face-off with paltry earnings of \$4,800 and \$10,400 respectively.

Watson, their IBM super-computer nemesis, emerged from the Final Jeopardy round with \$35,734.

Tuesday's competition began with Jennings (who has the longest "Jeopardy!" winning streak at 74 games) making the first choice. But Watson jumped in with the correct response: What is leprosy?

He followed that with bang-on responses Franz Liszt, dengue fever, violin, Rachmaninoff and albinism, then landed on a Daily Double in the "Cambridge" category.



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"Jeopardy!" champions Ken Jennings, left, and Brad Rutter, right, look on as an IBM computer called "Watson" beats them to the buzzer to answer a question during a practice round of the "Jeopardy!" quiz show in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., Jan. 13.

"I'll wager \$6,435," Watson (named for IBM founder Thomas J. Watson) said in his pleasant electronic voice. "I won't ask," said host Alex Trebek, wondering with everybody else where that figure came from.

But Watson knew what he was doing. Sir Christopher Wren was the correct response, and Watson's total vaulted to \$21,035 as the humans stood by helplessly.

Watson blew his next response. But so did both his opponents. He guessed Picasso. Jennings guessed Cubism. Rutter guessed Impressionism. (Correct question:

What is modern art?)

Back to Watson, who soon hit the game's second Daily Double. But even when he was only 32 percent sure (you could see his precise level of certainty displayed on the screen), Watson correctly guessed Baghdad as the city from whose national museum the ancient Lion of Nimrud ivory relief went missing (along with "a lot of other stuff") in 2003. Watson added \$1,246 to his stash.

He even correctly identified the Church Lady character from "Saturday Night Live."

HEALTH

Snow days cause blood donor shortage

By Brittany Turner
Staff Reporter

Carter BloodCare usually sees a decrease in donors around the holidays from December through February, but with the weather issues in previous weeks, the shortage has become more severe.

TCU students can help with the blood shortage by donating blood at the Carter Blood Drive at the Carter Technology Center between Carter and Samuelson halls from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, a Carter BloodCare official said.

"This weather has really hurt us even worse than usual," Linda Goelzer, director of public relations for Carter BloodCare, said. "Blood cannot be frozen and does not have a long stock life. We have gone almost an entire week without blood collection during

the first freeze over we had." According to an October 2008 article from NPR, donated blood has a shelf life of around six weeks at blood banks.

"Right now there is a blood shortage in our area that is a precedent setting level. We have gone almost an entire week with out blood collection during the first freeze over we had."

Linda Goelzer
Director of Public Relations
for Carter Blood Care

Nicolette Avner, the hall director of Carter and Samuelson Halls, said the hall got involved in the drive four years ago when the resident assistants wanted

to find a unique event that could start a new tradition in their hall.

"The hall staff at that time was looking to create a new tradition and a way just to give back to the community," Avner said. "It's the fourth year going and keeps getting better every year, so we're really excited."

Goelzer said donating blood was one of the best ways someone can give back to the community.

"You actually and literally are helping save someone's life when you give blood," she said.

Avner said she hoped students will take the opportunity to help out a good cause.

"I think it's a great way for the TCU community to come together and give back to the community."

Staff reporter Emily Agee contributed to this story.

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POLITICS

Republicans, Obama administration clash over budget cuts

By Andrew Taylor
and David Espo

Associated Press

On a collision course over spending, House Republicans advanced a sweeping, \$61 billion package of budget reductions on Tuesday despite a veto threat and a warning from President Barack Obama against cuts "that could endanger the recovery."

Congressional Democrats said the Republican cuts would reduce U.S. employment rather than add to it and leapt to criticize when House Speaker John Boehner said "so be it" if federal government jobs are lost.

Spending legislation must be signed into law by March 4 to prevent a government shutdown that neither side says it wants. The GOP bill, separate from the 2012 budget Obama unveiled on Monday, covers spending for the fiscal year that ends on Sept. 30.

The current legislation would affect domestic programs ranging from educa-

tion and science to agriculture and parks, and it marks the first significant attack on federal deficits by Republicans elected last fall with the support of tea party activists. Passage is likely by week's end in the House, but a frosty reception is expected later in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

For all the maneuvering, the measure is merely a first round in what looms as a politically defining struggle that will soon expand to encompass Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, the large government programs that provide benefits directly to tens of millions.

"We know we can't balance this budget simply by reducing nonsecurity, nondefense spending," said Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, referring to the 359-page bill that would cut \$61 billion from domestic programs.

"But as the saying goes, the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. This is that first step."

The measure is sweeping in its scope, cutting spending from literally hundreds of domestic budget accounts and eliminating many others.

In contrast to cuts for many agencies, the Pentagon would get an increase from current levels, and the House rejected a handful of efforts to scale it back.

The largest proposed cut, an attempt by Rep. Luis Guterrez, D-Ill., to slice \$415 million from production of the V-22 Osprey aircraft, was defeated on a vote of 326-105.

In a reflection of tea party priorities, earmarks are banned in the bill. And in a fulfillment of a promise that Republicans made to the voters last fall, about \$100 billion would be cut from funds that Obama requested for the current fiscal year.

While Republicans touted their legislation as an essential step toward deficit control, Democrats argued it was dangerous.

"With severe and indiscriminate spending cuts, it



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Office of Management and Budget Director Jack Lew appears before the Senate Budget Committee to defend President Obama's fiscal year 2012 budget in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011.

goes too far. This legislation will destroy American jobs while harming middle class families, young adults, seniors and, yes, even our veterans," said California Rep.

Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic leader.

At a White House news conference, Obama said he looked forward to working with lawmakers in both

parties on the spending bill, which he noted includes funding to allow the government to remain in operation after existing authority expires on March 4.

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WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Man drops ring into sewer; she stills says 'yes'

DENVER (AP) — A Colorado man had just proposed to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day — and she said "yes" — when he dropped an heirloom wedding band into a storm drain in downtown Denver.

But Denver firefighters came to the rescue and helped John Iverson find the ring after 45 minutes of sifting through muck dredged up from the storm sewer.

The ring belonged to Iverson's future mother-in-law. Iverson managed to get the diamond engagement ring onto his fiancée's finger without a hitch.

He tells KUSA-TV he was

upset when he fumbled the wedding band but still overjoyed that his girlfriend, Kaitlyn, accepted.

Kaitlyn didn't give her last name.

Vt. woman crowned nation's top grocery bagger

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — A Vermont woman has been crowned the nation's top grocery bagger.

Twenty-four-year-old Krystal Smith of Burlington won the award and the \$10,000 prize at the 2011

U.S. Best Bagger National Championship in Las Vegas.

On Monday, Smith beat 21 competitors by filling three grocery bags in 38 seconds at the Mirage Hotel.

The Burlington Free Press says contestants are judged on their ability to bag grocery staples including bread, milk, eggs and canned goods and on their bag-building technique, weight distribution, style, attitude and appearance.

Smith has worked for

eight years at Hannaford Supermarket.

Tardy NW Pa. boy tells mom he was 'kidnapped'

GIRARD, Pa. (AP) — State police say a 10-year-old northwestern Pennsylvania boy wasn't kidnapped as he claimed, but simply needed an excuse to explain to his mother why he was late getting home from school.

Troopers in Girard aren't identifying the boy who called his mother to say he

had been kidnapped from the Imperial Point Mobile Home Park in Girard Township Monday afternoon.

A state police crime corporal tells The Associated Press the boy got off a school bus and was walking through the woods. When he had to answer for why he was late, the boy told his mother he had been kidnapped.

Police say the boy acknowledged making up the story when police investigated. The boy is too young to face criminal charges.

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- 1991 movie sequel subtitled "The Awakening"
- Apple products
- Turkish honorific
- At birth
- Be hospitable to
- White Star Line's ill-fated steamer
- Actress Spelling
- Place to brood
- Agent Prentiss on "Criminal Minds"
- Bit of guitar music
- Coors malt beverage
- His show has a "Jaywalking" segment
- Serif-free font
- Nary a soul
- How things flow
- Each partner
- Right-to-left lang.
- "Old" chip producer?
- Proverbial battlers
- Gull relative

By Donna S. Levin 2/16/11

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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38 2008 govt. bailout recipient

39 Granny, for one

41 Red River capital

42 Honshu metropolis

45 Roadside trash

46 Twinkler in a Paris sky

48 Borden's spokescow

50 Pros who work on schedules, for short

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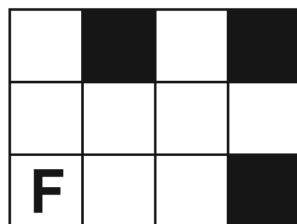
54 Catch a glimpse of

55 Soccer great

56 Elemental unit

58 Put down, slangily

59 33 1/3 rpm spinners



"Free Range Dairy"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (70pts)

How to play:

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

Tuesday's Solution



"Prix Fixe Menu"

Difficulty ★☆☆☆☆ (20pts)

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	8	4		1		2	9	
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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

3	7	8	5	9	1	4	2	6
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2	9	7	4	5	8	3	6	1
1	6	3	9	2	4	7	8	5
7	8	4	6	1	5	2	9	3
9	5	2	3	8	7	6	1	4

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TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

NFL increases offer for displaced Super Bowl fans

DALLAS (AP) — The NFL upped the ante again Tuesday for the 400 fans displaced by problems with temporary seats at the Super Bowl.

Spokesman Brian McCarthy said the league e-mailed all the fans to offer either \$5,000 or reimbursement for “actual documented” Super Bowl expenses, whichever figure is higher.

The latest offer is the third

and most valuable option for fans who had tickets but no seats in Cowboys Stadium for Green Bay’s 31-25 victory against Pittsburgh on Feb. 6.

The NFL decided to extend another offer after commissioner Roger Goodell talked to fans over the past week, McCarthy said in an e-mail.

The first offer was for \$2,400 — three times the face value of the affected seats— and a ticket to next year’s Super Bowl. The league soon added a second option of a ticket to any future Super Bowl plus airfare and ho-

tel costs.

“As you may know, we have been reaching out directly to those fans who regrettably and inexcusably were unable to watch Super Bowl XLV from a seat in Cowboys Stadium,” the e-mail to fans stated. “In listening to your feedback, we have decided to offer a third option.”

The seating issue has sparked at least two lawsuits against the NFL and the Dallas Cowboys, and the lead attorney for one of the suits was unswayed by Tuesday’s move. Attorney Michael Avenatti said the NFL still isn’t offering reimbursement for all Super Bowl expenses, or addressing fans who were delayed or relocated to “sub-standard” seats.

“The NFL and its lawyers need to come clean with the fans as to their right to full compensation and sit down with us to fairly resolve this matter,” Avenatti said.

Texas town known for refinery pollution does solar

PASADENA, Texas (AP)

— Life in Pasadena has always revolved around energy. It was the refineries surrounding this Houston suburb that provided its economic and social foundation, as well as its nickname, “Stinkadena.”

Now — as oil prices skyrocket, the nation talks about becoming less dependent on foreign oil and some scientists say pollution is causing climate change — Pasadena has laid a stake in tomorrow’s energy. It’s installed a \$2 million solar “lab” on the rooftops and awnings of two high schools, an array that will serve the dual purpose of educating students and saving the district about \$15,000 a year on its electric bill.

“We are in a community that uses conventional energy fossil fuels and we embrace their business and what they’ve given our economy, but we need to look at the future of our economy,” said Grace Blasingame, the science content specialist at Sam Rayburn High School in the Pasadena Independent

School District.

“It’s all about the energy business and this is just one facet of the energy industry,” she added.

Even the funding for the project has its roots in old energy, coming from a settlement between the nearby Shell refinery and an alliance of environmental groups that sued the plant over air pollution. As part of an out-of-court agreement, Shell paid \$5.8 million for alleged violations, upgraded its refinery to increase efficiency and decrease pollution and put \$2 million into the solar project at the high schools.

Study: Texas has low tax, expenditures

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas ranks near the bottom of all states in taxing and spending per capita, but is dead last in the percentage of adults with a high school diploma, according to a study released Tuesday by a panel of mostly Democratic lawmakers.

The biennial study, “Texas

on the Brink,” compared Texas to the rest of the country based on various functions of government, including public education and taxing, and other basic measures, such as air quality and health concerns.

It was compiled using information from numerous government and nonprofit reports including census data, the National Center for Children and Poverty and the Kaiser Family Foundation. The report didn’t list how other states ranked.

Lawmakers who serve in the Legislative Study Group, which prepared the rankings, called Texas’ performance “abysmal” and urged the state’s Republican leadership to use the poor showing as inspiration to improve.

Texas has the highest percentage of uninsured children and ranks near last in the amount of state and local money spent per student in public schools. It also found that Texas “has the dirtiest air in the nation,” said Rep. Elliot Naishtat, treasurer of the 35-member panel.



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A section of temporary seats that were deemed unsafe remain empty before the start of NFL Super Bowl XLV football game.

NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

E-mails: Ariz. college was on alert for Loughner

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — E-mails indicate the Arizona college that Jared Loughner attended was on alert and concerned he would return to the Tucson campus a week before a Jan. 8 shooting spree that killed six and wounded 13, including a congresswoman.

The Arizona Republic obtained a series of e-mails from December showing Pima Community College police planned to distribute Loughner’s picture to staff members and instruct night officers to watch for the former student.

He was forced out of the college three months earlier after school officials said he was acting bizarre in class.

Loughner is charged in federal court with attempting to kill U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and two of her staffers. He is expected to

face additional federal and state charges, including multiple counts of murder.

Giffords is recovering in Houston.

Barbour says he won't denounce Confederate

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour says he won’t denounce a Southern heritage group’s proposal for a state-issued license plate to honor Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, who was an early leader of the Ku Klux Klan.

Barbour is a potential 2012 Republican presidential candidate.

Questioned by reporters Tuesday in Jackson, Barbour said he doesn’t think Mississippi legislators will approve the Forrest license plate proposed by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The group wants the car tag in 2014 as part of a series of Civil War license plates.

Mississippi NAACP president Derrick Johnson has called on Barbour to denounce the license plate idea.

Asked about that Tuesday, Barbour replied: “I don’t go around denouncing people.”

Pa. gov. fires workers in abortion scandal wake

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Some state employees have been fired and two Pennsylvania agencies have overhauled their regulations in the wake of allegations that a Philadelphia doctor performed illegal abortions that killed a patient and viable infants, Gov. Tom Corbett announced Tuesday.

“It happened because people weren’t doing their jobs, plain and simple,” Corbett said.

Corbett said four attorneys and two supervisors at the departments of Health and State were either fired or resigned on Friday and

that eight other employees involved in the internal investigation remain on the state payroll. Others had previously resigned, he said.

“This doesn’t even rise to the level of government run amok,” Corbett said at a Capitol news conference at which he described his administration’s actions in the month since Dr. Kermit Gosnell and eight employees of his West Philadelphia clinic were charged criminally.

“It was government not running at all,” Corbett said. “To call this unacceptable doesn’t say enough. It’s despicable.”

Corbett said the Department of State, which licenses medical professionals, has changed how it handles complaints and now requires more detailed reports. It also will train lawyers on investigative procedures, rules and regulations, and how to prosecute complaints, he said.

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BASKETBALL

Frogs to face BYU in sold-out game

By Emily Agee
Staff Reporter

There is a lot of talk about TCU's sold-out game versus No. 7 BYU Saturday, but the Frogs have another game to focus on before their brawl with the Cougars.

Coming off an eight-game losing streak, TCU continues its conference schedule Wednesday with the Colorado State Rams.

The two teams last met Jan. 15 in Fort Collins, ending in 79-69 Frogs' defeat.

"If you took the leading scorer and third-leading scorer off every team, you'd see a different team."

Jim Christian
Head Coach

TCU, 1-10 in Mountain West Conference play and 10-16 overall, hasn't won a game in over a month — a 78-60 victory over Wyoming Jan. 12 (the Frogs' lone conference win). The Rams, 7-3 in conference play and ranked third in the MWC, improved to 17-7 overall after a 68-62 victory over New Mexico Saturday.

Although the Frogs are on a three-game home losing streak, the program has a successful history versus CSU at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. TCU has won seven of the last eight



KHAMPHA BOUAPHANH / MCT

Texas Christian's Amric Fields attempts to block a shot by UNLV's Chance Stanback during an NCAA men's basketball game at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum in Fort Worth, Texas, on Wednesday, February 9, 2011.

match-ups against the Rams at DMC and CSU has only two victories at DMC in the program's history.

The Frogs, however, have lost their first and third leading scorers this season with the indefinite suspension of junior Ronnie Moss and removal of junior Sammy Yeager, respectively.

In a MWC telecast, head coach Jim Christian said his team was struggling with personnel issues.

"If you took the leading scorer and third-leading scorer off every team, you'd see a different team," Christian said.

Although the Frogs only have seven players on the roster, things are beginning to look promising, Christian said.

TCU senior guard Greg Hill, sophomore forward Garlon Green and junior guard Hank Thorns could be a triple threat against CSU. They each average at least 12 points per game.

The Rams have two players that rank in the top-10 scorers in the MWC. Senior Andy Ogide ranks third at 16 points per game and senior Travis Franklin ranks seventh at 14.3 points per game.

Tip-off is at 7 p.m. at DMC. The game will be televised on the Mountain Network and broadcast locally on 1460 AM KCLE.

What: TCU vs. Colorado State

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FOOTBALL

New coaching arrivals give Cowboys a boost



J.D. Moore

With the aftermath of a 6-10 season, Cowboys' owner and general manager Jerry Jones has been making a complete change in the coaching regime of the Cowboys. With a new defensive coordinator, a new strength and training coach and a new receiving coach amongst other coaching changes, the Dallas Cowboys are getting serious about leadership.

Hiring defensive coordinator Rob Ryan has been one of the best moves in the entire NFL offseason. Ryan will bring exceptional energy and toughness to a defensive unit that was anything but exceptional and tough during the 2010 season.

Ryan, twin brother of outspoken New York Jets head coach Rex Ryan, will be the perfect contrast to head coach Jason Garrett. As Garrett will continue to be the Ivy League educated professional (he's a Princeton grad), while Ryan will be willing and able to play bad cop and get nasty with players. With Garrett's steady hand keeping the team in check, Ryan's mouth will keep the fire stoked in the Cowboys camp.

Ryan has plenty of NFL experience to bring credibility. His years in New England, Oakland and Cleveland have set him up for a prime market to exhibit his skills. He has the players like perennial pro bowler and 2010 NFL sacks leader (15.5) DeMarcus Ware as well as a difference maker in Anthony Spencer to use his 3-4 defensive scheme. The opportunities are ripe for Ryan, which will only reflect highly on the Cowboys.

In addition to a strong defensive coordinator, Dallas also reacquired the best strength and conditioning coach on the market, Mike Woicik.

Woicik is back under the management that broke him into the big time and will be one of the most influential coaches to the Cowboys' locker room. With his reappearance in North Texas, expect the Cowboys to become a more physical and more fit team.

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Woicik has the distinct honor of being the only coach in NFL history to be the owner of six Super Bowl rings. The two-time Conditioning Coach of the Year was a keystone in creating two dynasties in two different decades. He is widely regarded as one of the best conditioning coaches to ever grace the NFL.

After a year of tough injuries such as quarterback Tony Romo's broken collarbone and rookie wide receiver Dez Bryant's fractured ankle, it's no question that the Cowboys are in need of someone who knows how to properly condition players. Expect to see fewer injuries and faster recovery times for the 2011-12 Cowboys. Jones made a great call, because there is no other conditioning coach out there that is better than Woicik.

Finally, the Dallas Cowboys continue to improve

their coaching regime after hiring Jimmy Robinson, formerly the receivers coach for the reigning world champions, the Green Bay Packers.

It's yet another fantastic hire by Jones this offseason, because Robinson will be a fantastic coach to help max out the potential of young players like wide receiver Miles Austin and Bryant.

Robinson has been in the NFL for more than two decades. He's seen every type of player who could give him trouble. From the divas to the troublemakers to the hardworkers, he knows how to deal with them all. Any professionalism complaints that the Cowboys could have about their receivers will be subsided with the hiring of an older, wiser coach who has been coaching since some of his receivers have been in pull-ups.

Beyond experience, Robinson breeds success. He's coached players such as Andre Rison, Amani Toomer, Ike Hilliard and Joe Horn. He's also at the prime of his coaching career. Robinson created the three-headed monster that is the Packers' receiving corps. Greg Jennings, Donald Driver and Jordy Nelson are all pupils of Robinson who won a pretty meaningful game at Cowboys Stadium recently. Robinson is relevant, successful and will only be better when he gets the talents that the Cowboys will offer.

As the coaching improves in Valley Ranch, expect the Cowboys' quality of play to improve on the field. Coaching has been a major reason for their recent failures. With these changes, the Cowboys will play as a more refined and a more professional team.

J.D. Moore is a freshman journalism major from Honolulu, Hawaii.

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SPORTS

GOLF

Team earns another top-10 finish

Staff Report

The No. 30 women's golf team finished eighth in the Lady Puerto Rico Classic as play concluded Tuesday in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.

The Frogs recorded a top-10 finish for the 15th time in its last 16 tournaments.

TCU shot a final-round 305, lowering its score by six strokes from Monday's second round. The Frogs finished the tournament with a 919.

Top-ranked Alabama won the event for the second straight year with an 875, five strokes ahead of No. 27 Iowa State.

Frogs' junior Brooke Beeler led the team with a 74 Tuesday, her best round of the tournament.

Junior Rachel Raastad added a 75 for the Frogs. The Asker, Norway native was the top finisher for TCU, tying for 16th with a 9-over-par 225. It was Raas-

tad's fourth straight top-20 result.

Senior Melissa Loh tied for 20th with a 226. Loh has three top-20 efforts in her last four tournaments.

Stephanie Meadow took medalist honors with a 4-under 212, one shot better than Florida State's Maria Salinas.

TCU will return to action Monday at the Central District Invitational in Parrish, Fla.

Team Scores

1. Alabama - 286-298-291=875
2. Iowa State - 300-293-287=880
3. Florida State - 303-295-293=891
4. Purdue - 300-302-294=896
5. Georgia - 308-302-297=907
- T6. Kent State - 306-306-304=916
- T6. Northwestern - 307-305-304-916
8. TCU - 303-311-305=919

9. Oklahoma - 308-306-306=920

10. Oregon - 313-307-302=922

11. Auburn - 313-310-300=923

12. SMU - 305-313-310=928

13. Michigan - 315-307-309=931

14. Indiana - 319-308-305=932

15. Texas Tech - 310-311-316=937

16. Penn State - 317-321-300=938

T17. Oklahoma State - 311-317-311=939

T17. North Carolina State - 311-315-313=939

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T16. Rachel Raastad - 74-76-75=225

T20. Melissa Loh - 75-74-77=226

T43. Brooke Beeler - 79-80-74=233

T71. Sanna Nuutinen - 75-84-79=238

90. Katy Cardno - 79-81-86=246

FOOTBALL

Letters galore on NFL labor talks

By Howard Fendrich

Associated Press

Both sides in the NFL's labor talks are trying to spread the word by putting their positions in writing, and everyone's getting in on the act — from Hall of Fame players Jack Youngblood and Bruce Smith, to Commissioner Roger Goodell, to mayors of league cities.

In a letter obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday, Youngblood and Smith asked NFL owners to promise not to lock out players even if a new collective bargaining agreement isn't reached by the time the current one expires at the end of the day March 3.

Youngblood was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2001, Smith in 2009. Their letter was addressed to "Owners of the National Football League" and sent Jan. 31 to Goodell at league headquarters in New York.

"As former players, it is crystal clear that the vast popularity and financial success of football means that a lock out cannot be in the interest of anybody involved, particularly the fans who support the game," Youngblood and Smith wrote. "We understand the need for both sides to create pressure, but also know that at times it is important to decrease tenor and tone in order for the right deal to be made in a non-emotional atmosphere."

They noted that the players' union already "pledged to not strike."

"By making the parallel commitment," they wrote, "the owners would create the breathing room for a deal to be struck."

That exact wording also was used in a Feb. 7 letter from Kansas City, Mo., Mayor Mark Funkhouser to Clark Hunt, the owner and chief executive officer of that city's NFL team, the Chiefs. Indeed, Funkhouser's two-paragraph letter to Hunt uses phrases throughout that echo the letter to Goodell from Youngblood and Smith.

Mayors or city officials from at least five sites of NFL teams have written letters to the league or a club official to argue against a lockout.

Goodell, meanwhile, indicated in an op-ed piece that the 2011 regular season could be in jeopardy if the league and union don't start "serious negotiations" toward a new CBA soon.

"The hard work to secure the next NFL season must now accelerate in earnest," Goodell wrote in the piece, which has been run by more than 30 newspapers or websites since last week and was posted Tuesday on NFLlabor.com.

He said he "cannot emphasize enough the importance of reaching agreement by" the expiration of the old CBA.

Goodell also said owners need more money to offset "costs of financing, building, maintaining and operating stadiums." He added: "We need new stadiums in Los Angeles, Minneapolis, San

Francisco, Oakland and San Diego."

And in yet another letter, the advocacy group Sports Fan Coalition wrote Tuesday to the NFL and union, asking that its leadership be allowed to listen in on bargaining sessions between the sides.

"We are not asking for a seat at the negotiating table — although we believe fans deserve one — but merely to be present in the room," the letter said, "so that we may inform fans across the country about the state of ongoing negotiations and ensure that progress is being made towards an agreement that ensures a central consideration of fans."

The biggest issue separating the owners and players is how to divide about \$9 billion in annual revenues. Under the old deal, the owners receive \$1 billion off the top, and they want to increase that to \$2 billion before players get their share.

Among the other significant points in negotiations: the owners' push to expand the regular season from 16 games to 18 while reducing the preseason by two games; a rookie wage scale; and benefits for retired players.

The NFL and union went more than two months without holding any formal bargaining sessions, until a meeting Feb. 5, the day before the Super Bowl. The sides met again once last week but called off a second meeting that had been scheduled for the following day.

FOOTBALL

Eagles place franchise tag on Vick

Associated Press

The Philadelphia Eagles have placed the franchise tag on Pro Bowl quarterback Michael Vick.

Vick led the Eagles to a 10-6 record and the NFC East title after replacing an injured Kevin Kolb in Week 1. Despite missing three games with an injury, Vick had his best season.

He set career highs in yards passing (3,018), touchdowns passing (21), touchdowns rushing (9), completion percentage

(62.6) and passer rating (100.2).

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Andy Reid
Coach

By applying the franchise tag, a team must pay a player the average of the top five salaries at his position.

Vick was voted The As-

sociated Press Comeback Player of the Year after missing two seasons while serving a jail sentence and playing sparingly in 2009.

The Eagles also placed the transition tag on Pro Bowl kicker David Akers.

"Michael Vick and David Akers were two of our most valuable players last year," coach Andy Reid said. "They were well deserving of their Pro Bowl berths and we're happy to take this step to ensure that they'll be back in Philadelphia next season."



COURTESY OF ATHLETICS MEDIA RELATIONS

Junior Brooke Beeler watches her shot while competing in tournament last fall. The women's golf team finished eighth in the Lady Puerto Rico Classic on Tuesday.

GOLF

TCU finishes eighth in Lady Puerto Rico Classic.

SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Cowboys' expectations raised with coaching upgrades.



MAX FAULKNER/MCT

Starr Crawford, center, battles Wyoming's Bec Campigli and Ashley Sickles during game action at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Saturday. TCU defeated Wyoming, 65-54. The Lady Frogs moved to second place in the Mountain West Conference with the win.

BASKETBALL

Lady Frogs shoot for 10th MWC win against Rams

By Kim Burdi
Staff Reporter

The TCU women's basketball team will face Colorado State on the road in Fort Collins, Colo. at 8 p.m. today.

The Lady Frogs moved to second place in the Mountain West Conference with a 65-54 win over Wyoming on Saturday afternoon. The game featured 11 ties and 12 lead changes. The Lady Frogs (17-8, 9-2 MWC) have rattled off three straight wins.

Senior guard and forward Helena Sverrisdottir notched another career accomplishment as a Horned Frog in the victory over the Cowgirls, passing Sandora Irvin as the all-time leader in starts with 119. Sverrisdottir already secured the all-time TCU lead in assists earlier in the season.

"We have been able to string together some wins here," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to continue momentum into this week's games."

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Colorado State (12-11, 5-5 MWC) enters the contest after losing to the University of New Mexico 86-53 on Saturday. After nine turnovers, the Rams could not overcome an

early deficit in the first half. Colorado State is now in fourth place in the MWC.

The teams last met in mid-January. TCU forced 31 turnovers, which led the way to an easy 66-40 victory over the Rams at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Colorado State has 11 straight losses to TCU and hasn't defeated the Frogs since 1999. The Rams are at home for four of their final six regular season games with only two road trips remaining.

The only team standing in the way of the Lady Frogs winning the Mountain West Conference title is BYU (18-7, 10-1 MWC). The Cougars are only at home for two of their final five regular season games. They must face Wyoming, third-place in the MWC, right before the Mountain West Conference Championships.

"We are really looking forward to our game against BYU, but right now we are focused on Colorado State,"

Mittie said. "Both will be very difficult games for us, especially with them being on the road."

TCU at Colorado State

When: 8 p.m. today

Where: Moby Arena, Fort Collins, Colo.

Radio: KTCU-FM 88.7

GoFrogs.com: Follow GameTracker or listen live