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DINING SERVICES CAMPUS STAR



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor
Dining Services employee Lieu Nguyen, who works in Market Square, was chosen for university food provider Sodexo's Star Award. The award is given every month to an employee in a particular region of the country. There are 109 universities in TCU's region.

Cashier receives regional award

By Ashley Freel
Staff Reporter

She is not a top university administrator or a sports coach, but most students and staff at the university know Lieu Nguyen.
Her claim to fame? A good memory and an endearing smile.
Nguyen, a cashier at Market Square, is well known on campus for her sweet disposition and her ability to remember everyone's name. She has now been recognized for her hard work by Sodexo, the university's food service provider that offers services to hundreds of colleges and universities nationwide.
Nguyen won the Sodexo Star Award for the months of December and January.

Kelly Raw, marketing manager for Dining Services, said the Sodexo Star Award recognizes a Sodexo employee from each region for exemplary service every month. There are 109 schools in the university's region, and Nguyen was selected by a panel of general managers for the award.
Given by Regional Senior Vice President Jim Fjelstul, the award includes a plaque signed by him and a Sodexo Esteem Pass, a gift card that can be used at more than 40 locations including Old Navy, Borders, Carrabba's Italian Grill and Marriott, according to sodexomotivation.com.
Nguyen, who has worked for Sodexo for more than four years, said she loves students, adding that win-

ning the award made her happy because her work was recognized.
Students also return the affection. During a Hawaiian night celebration at Market Square in the fall, students voted Nguyen as their favorite employee.
Raw said Nguyen is a sweet person who completes her work in a timely manner.
"We really consider (Lieu) an asset to Market Square...She is very deserving of the award and an excellent example of what a Sodexo employee should be," Raw said.
Frances Macias, a cashier at Market Square, said she is happy a TCU employee won the award and thinks Nguyen is friendly,
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NEIGHBORHOOD Students: Off-campus safety a concern

By Andrea Drusch
Staff Reporter

Each night as she pulls into her off-campus driveway, senior Merilat Pittman asks her roommates to look out and see that she makes it from her car to the door safely.
"I've generally always felt really safe on campus," she said. "But this being my first year to live off campus, I've definitely been more aware of the safety concerns."
Glory Robinson, associate dean of Campus Life, met with the House of Student Representatives on Jan. 26 to gather information about student concerns regarding campus safety. Pittman, speaker of the house, was among many representatives who voiced concerns about areas off campus and outside of campus police jurisdiction.
However, the students' sentiments were not echoed by other area residents.
Linda Antinone, president of Frisco Heights Neighborhood Association near the university, said

she has felt safe living in her home for 15 years. Adjacent to the TCU campus, the Frisco Heights Neighborhood is enclosed by Lubbock Avenue, Forest Park Boulevard, West Berry Street and Park Hill Drive.
"One of the things that makes the biggest difference is when you know the people around you in your neighborhood," Antinone said.
She said her neighborhood association works to prevent crime by meeting regularly and forwarding e-mails from the neighborhood police officer.
However, Antinone said poor lighting is definitely an issue in her neighborhood, especially in the areas where students walk. She said she recently drove around the neighborhood and counted about 11 non-functioning streetlights that she planned to report to the city.
Antinone said Fort Worth City Councilman Joel Burns attended the neighborhood meeting this year, but the lighting issue was not discussed.

Burns could not be reached for comment.
Robinson, the chair of the Safety and Security Committee, an ad hoc group formed this past fall, brought several committee members to the House meeting to assess the concerns around campus.
Student representatives had many suggestions for where the university could improve security, such as in parking lots and along walking paths, mentioning the areas around Berry Street and its surrounding neighborhoods as their biggest concern.
Sgt. Michael Hanvey of TCU Police was part of the committee that attended the meeting.
"We really can't patrol off campus," Hanvey said.
While off-campus safety is a topic the committee is working on, students should know that when they move off campus they leave the protection of TCU Police, he said.

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CHILD CARE Faculty and staff get pilot program

By Bethany McDougale
Staff Reporter

Faculty and staff members will soon have access to more child care options because of a partnership between the university and a third party facilitator. The university is working with Camp Fire USA in an effort to connect faculty members with affordable, more accessible child care options.
Suzy Lockwood, assistant professor in the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, said Camp Fire USA will act as a facilitator between university employees and quality childcare providers in the area. The company works with existing child care programs at different facilities and in private homes by overseeing and providing referrals for those programs, Lockwood said.
Pat Jolley, director of compensation for Human Resources, said the university's pilot program will evolve during a three-year period. It is unknown at this time if the same child care options will be available to students in the future.
"We're going to start with our regular staff and see how far we can grow this program," Jolley said.
Both Jolley and Lockwood are members of an ad-hoc committee that assessed the need for child care

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ENVIRONMENT Dorm launches recycling initiative

By Alexandria Bruton
Staff Reporter

For students living in Foster Hall, recycling just got a little more personal.
The Foster Hall Council started a program that provides residents with free recycling bins for their rooms. The goal of the program is to get students more directly involved with recycling and increase overall awareness of the benefits of recycling, said Katie Poe, Foster Hall assistant hall director.
Poe, a junior secondary education major, said she is excited about the program and said she thinks the rest of the council is enthusiastic about the student involvement.
"Foster residents are fairly conscious about recycling," she said. "Now even more residents have their own recycling bins, so I'm confident Foster will soon be even more green than before."
Jennifer Villyard, a freshman early childhood education major and hall council member, said about 30 students participated in personalizing and decorating recycling bins for the new program at a hall event last week. The bins now sit in students' rooms.
"I believe that the event was a success," Villyard said. "If those that attended the event begin to recycle

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nice and a go-getter.

Students, like junior writing major Katie George, also voiced appreciation for Nguyen's cheerful nature and ability to remember minute details about the lives of hundreds of students.

"I hadn't been into the BLUU for a couple months until earlier this week and (Nguyen) saw me, called me by my name (and) asked me how I was doing," George said. "It's really nice going to a mass-service place and having someone recognize you and be able to talk to you."

Nguyen has also become the star of a Facebook group titled

"TCU Loves Lieu." The group was created by sophomore biology major Britni Williams and has more than 1,500 members. The Facebook group's de-

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Katie George
junior writing major

scription reads, "Honoring the sweetest, most adorable woman ever! She makes Market Square worth going to!"

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for faculty and staff members.

Jolley said there is no definitive date set for the launch of the program, but the goal is later this spring.

University representatives are scheduled to meet with Camp Fire USA officials later this month to discuss the results of a recent survey sent out to faculty and staff, Jolley said. The survey was an assessment of the overall child care needs of the faculty.

According to a 2009 Skiff article, the Graduate Student Senate was considering providing child care to students, but there were too many undetermined variables at play that prevented the group from taking action. Jolley said there is a possibility that graduate students would be included in the program later. Feedback after the program

launches will determine whether or not the program could meet the needs of graduate students, she said.

In addition to daytime care, the program will provide sick care for children who are sick and cannot attend school, as well as after-school care and summer camps for faculty members' children, Jolley said.

A price range for child care would be contingent on the services requested, she said.

Camp Fire USA will have a specific representative for the university who will do site visits to make sure the selected facilities are meeting quality standards, providing educational programs and meeting state requirements, Lockwood said. The group will also provide additional training and education for the child care providers, she said. The program is designed to further develop child care programs already in place by providing faculty and staff with more access to those programs.

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Jackie Wheeler, student body vice president, said she will sacrifice that protection when she moves into her condo off of Forest Park next year.

"I'd have to say, usually I feel really safe around campus," Wheeler said. "I don't have a problem walking places by myself. But having walked around where I'll be living next year, I think that lighting is a main concern."

If the university could partner with Fort Worth to fix the lighting issue, it would make all the areas around

campus feel safer, Wheeler said.

A university faculty member and Frisco Heights Neighborhood resident, who asked that her name be withheld for privacy reasons, said something could be learned from residents who have felt safe living and raising families in the area for many years. She said she thinks students probably feel like part of a different community than the homeowners in the neighborhood.

The faculty member said she researched her neighborhood extensively before moving there and was satisfied with the level of safety in the area. While she is generally

not fearful for her personal safety, she said she does take precautions, such as not walking alone at night.

Neighborhood Police Officer Mark Russell said most of the crimes around the university are not incidents of personal contact but motor vehicle burglaries and other crimes of opportunity.

Russell said he facilitates the Citizens on Patrol program in the area, which is made up of a group of volunteer citizens who patrol the neighborhood with police radios in their personal vehicles. However, because the citizens are operating on a voluntary basis, they do not

have set hours or round requirements.

Robinson said her committee will meet soon to discuss the findings from its focus groups from the House meeting. She said that while some areas are not within the university's jurisdiction, it has a good relationship with community resources.

"I think overall we have a very good relationship with the City of Fort Worth," Robinson said. "Not only the City of Fort Worth, but the Fort Worth PD, the communities, the hospitals...we use the resources, and I think have a good communication background."

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throughout the rest of the semester, then the goals of Foster Hall Council have been met."

Villyard said the slogan for the program is "Don't be Trashy...Recycle!" She said students can recycle all the items that are normally recyclable, like paper and plastic bottles, as long as the items are dry. Once students fill their bins, she said they can take them to the trash rooms to sort them into the hall recycling bins.

Devin Alsobrook, a fresh-

man business major and Residence Hall Association representative for Foster Hall, said her inspiration for the idea came after an RHA meeting about green living and a speech from the president of the TCU Environmental Club.

"I suggested that Foster Hall Council get a head start on the RHA green initiative by making recycling easier and more accessible to students," she said.

Alsobrook said the total cost for the 40 bins was \$100. About 10 bins that were not distributed last week will be given out by e-mailing stu-

dents to inform them that bins are available for them if they want to start recycling on their own.

Poe said the newly adorned bins were purchased with funds Foster received from RHA at the end of the fall semester. RHA records residence hall activities, awarding points for programs and attendance. Foster won the funds by having the most points out of all the residence halls.

"We decided that the best use for the money would be to do something that was good for the environment and our hall," Poe said.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Some marijuana users turn to chemically similar legal product

By Sarah D. Wire
Associated Press Writer

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — There may be nothing like the real thing, but some industrious marijuana users have seized on an obscure but easily accessible substance that mimics the drug's effects on the brain — creating a popular trade in legal dope that has stymied law enforcement authorities.

The users are buying a product known as K2 — or "Spice," "Genie" and "Zohai" — that is commonly sold in head shops as incense. Produced in China and Korea, the mixture of herbs and spices is sprayed with a synthetic compound chemically similar to THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. Users roll it up in joints or inhale it from pipes, just like the real thing.

Though banned in most of Europe, K2's key ingredients are not regulated in the United States — a gap that has prompted lawmakers in Missouri and Kansas to consider new legislation.

"This isn't Jerry Garcia's marijuana," said state Rep. Jeff Roorda, a Democrat from the eastern Missouri town of Barnhart. "They've used chemicals to avoid creating something



AP PHOTO / Kelley McCall
K2 contains a mixture of herbs and spices and is sprayed with a synthetic compound chemically similar to THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. Users roll it up in joints or inhale it from pipes, just like the real thing.

that's already illegal."

Authorities in Johnson County, Kan., discovered ex-convicts on probation smoking K2, and said it is spreading to high school students.

"This has become extremely popular," said Linda Weber, owner of The Vise smoke shop in the St. Louis suburb of St. Peters, who said she only sells to adults.

She said she sells about 60 packages a week, with suppliers calling her weekly to pitch new brands. She said she's keeping an eye on what state lawmakers decide, though, because "I definitely don't want to be selling it if it comes out that it's harmful."

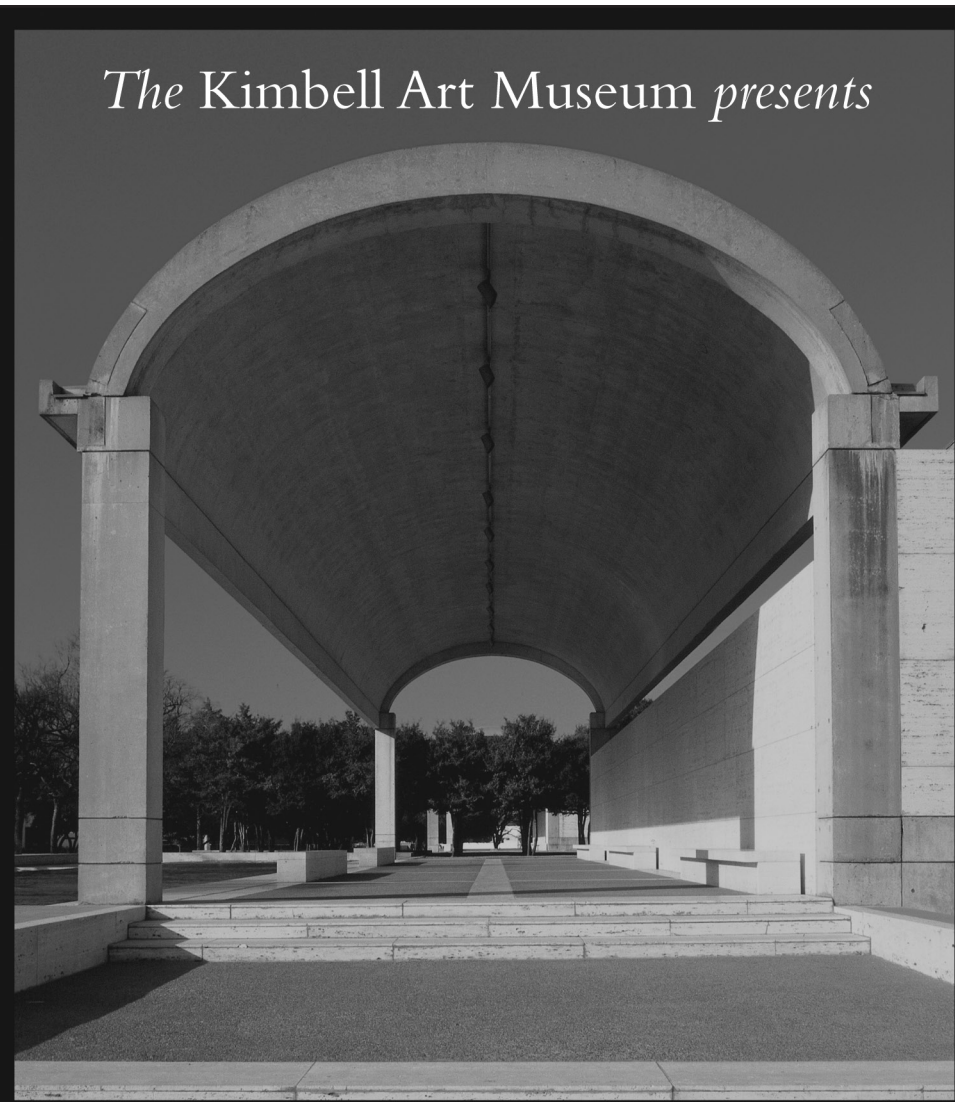
K2 costs between \$20 and \$50 for three grams — similar to the street price of marijuana

— but with the key advantages of being legal and undetectable in drug tests.

The key ingredients are believed to be the unintended result of scientific research on marijuana's effects.

Dr. John Huffman, a Clemson University organic chemistry professor, was researching the effects of cannabinoids on the brain when his work resulted in a 1995 paper that contained the method and ingredients used to make the compound. That recipe found its way to marijuana users, who replicated Huffman's work and began spraying it onto dried flowers, herbs and tobacco.

"People who use it are idiots," said Huffman, referring to K2 smokers.



UNIVERSITY EVENING

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The Skiff View

Cafeteria card-swiper goes above and beyond

Swiping cards at Market Square doesn't sound like an exhilarating job, but Lieu Nguyen does it every day with a smile. Kudos to Sodexo for honoring Nguyen's hard work and dedication to what would otherwise be a rather mundane job. Taking the time and effort to address students by name and greet them with a warm smile makes the Market Square experience that much more memorable. It feels great to be called by name instead of being treated like you are just another student on a busy day. Jobs can become boring and lackluster in any profession, but Nguyen's attitude shows that she really cares about what she is doing and the people she is serving.

There is a difference between doing your job and loving your job. Nguyen's demeanor and commitment is a prime example of what it means to truly love what you do, and her excitement is contagious.

So contagious in fact, that students have taken notice of her and started their own Facebook group dedicated entirely to Nguyen. It is commendable that students have taken notice of someone working for the university in that capacity. However, the best tribute to Nguyen may be to emulate her behavior. Sometimes a smile and a sincere greeting is all it takes to make someone's day.

Sports editor Mary Sue Greenleaf for the editorial board.

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

Montag's many surgeries lead girls to believe beauty begets success



PAIGE McARDLE

So another celebrity got plastic surgery. Excuse me, 10 plastic surgeries. A reality TV star who isn't happy with her life and tries to change it in a superficial way? Huge shocker!

Although I'll give it to the media for calling out Heidi Montag on the ridiculousness of 10 plastic surgeries in one day, I'm not sure where they're going with all this hype.

Yes, they are calling attention to a bigger issue American women face by reporting on the Montag's outlandish addiction to turning herself into a Barbie doll, but it



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doesn't change the fact that she's getting what she wanted. There's no such thing as bad publicity, and if you believe that, Montag is getting great publicity. She's plastered across countless magazines, papers and newscasts. She's getting the fame she wanted when she set out on her plastic pursuit.

A New York Times article reported that Montag said she got the surgery to propel her singing career. Pop singers should be beautiful inside and out, Montag said. Obviously, the average person would dismiss this as ridiculous and carry on with life. But young women aren't your average people.

Girls who see this on TV aren't going to think, "Wow, that is appalling." They're going to realize that this woman took extreme measures to make herself look more beautiful and that she's getting fame and fortune for it.

According to the New York Times's article, Montag said her mother looked at her like a circus freak after the surgeries. Montag said her mother said she was sad to see her daughter lose her confidence because of the recording industry.

Mrs. Montag was right. It is sad that this woman felt like she couldn't be successful by staying true to herself. But it's not as sad as taking some insecure blonde bimbo's broken ambitions and presenting it as a newsworthy event. Don't send the message to struggling girls that this actually works. Leave Barbie in her dream house and let the real girls play in the real world.

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Focus needed on internal safety



MATT BOAZ

The recent Christmas Day attempted terrorist attack has once again raised the proverbial red flags in question of the nation's domestic safety. Amongst heightened fears comes a report from a commission to analyze U.S. defense mechanisms and proposed responses to an attack threatening national security. The report rates a variety of areas in its rubric, but most shockingly (or perhaps not so), the government earned a failing grade in its efforts against bioterrorism.

Other failing areas, according to the heads of the commission, Sens. Bob Graham and Jim Talent, included congressional oversight and expert training for future members involved in national security. While these areas are certainly important, there are other conditions to consider. First, the cost of increasing training and security apparatuses like full body scanners in airports is both intangible and bordering on infringement of civil liberties, or at least so the debate claims. More so, even though the National Security and Homeland Security councils received passing grades, there are still threats.

Without contributing an overarching portion of the national budget (one already mired in debt that appears unlikely to subside) and compromising time, efficiency and privacy for security, the threat will remain. One must then consider the source of the issue. As the U.S. continues to expand its influence abroad, it comes into contact with a variety of cultures and different perspectives. The inability to contend with these has led to rather murky situations, especially in active missions in the Middle East.

As efforts are further supported and troop numbers continue to be increased, distrust in the region continues to grow. By continued action in this arena, the U.S. has begun to vilify itself, providing a platform from which extremist groups can profess the need to confront this "evil, hegemonic imperialism." Though the issue is certainly divisive, it seems that everyone is wishing for a swift, but victorious end. Herein lies the

Already the highest spending nation in the military, we could easily redistribute our influence into a concentrated effort on preventing future attacks.

problem. The U.S. has often viewed itself in a paternal image (this is obviously generalized, but widely true). This is not a negative condition, for it leads to expansive aid, support and heroic humanistic ventures. However, because of its strong economic and militaristic history and reputation, it has also garnered the inherent responsibility as regulatory force. This second attribute has derived itself from both an internal feeling of entitlement and an external respect and

admiration.

Unfortunately, once again, the U.S. has over-extended itself. It is most obvious now, as troop fatalities continue abroad and the economic situation continually swirls downward (or at least the general perception believes it to be doing this). While a third concern of national security arises, perhaps it is time to direct our attention to ourselves. The U.S. is a strong country and rests on pillars of freedom and the capacity, in the theory, for everyone to succeed through perseverance, ingenuity and hard work. It is time to revitalize ourselves. In order to do so, it would be best to allocate the budget for national defense elsewhere. Already the highest spending nation on the military, we could easily redistribute our influence into a concentrated effort on preventing future attacks. Additionally, by withdrawing troops from the Middle East, all of the finger-pointing from extremist factions would cease as evidence to support their claims dissipated. Though this seems like an overly simplistic solution, it provides a response to yet another concern for U.S. citizens. Perhaps the provocation of this report card will provoke an answer that will provide for American safety both in the domestic sphere and abroad.

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QUICK NEWS

Students complained about prof charged in rampage

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Students said they signed a petition and complained to no avail about the classroom conduct of an Alabama professor accused of killing three colleagues and wounding three others in a shooting rampage at a faculty meeting.

The students upset with biology professor Amy Bishop told The Associated Press they went to University of Alabama in Huntsville administrators at least three times a year ago, complaining that she was ineffective in the classroom and had odd, unsettling ways.

The students said Bishop never made eye contact during conversations, taught by reading out of a textbook and made frequent references to Harvard University, her beloved alma mater.

Bishop is charged with one count of capital murder and three counts of attempted murder in the shootings Friday in a campus conference room.

Archbishop Tutu's DNA helps show African diversity

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists who decoded the DNA of some southern Africans have found striking new evidence of the genetic diversity on that continent, and uncovered a surprise about the ancestry of Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

They found, for example, that any two Bushmen in their study who spoke different languages were more different genetically than a European compared to an Asian. That was true even if the Bushmen lived within walking distance of each other.

The study also found 1.3 million tiny variations that hadn't been observed before in any human DNA. That should help scientists sort out whether particular genes promote certain diseases or influence a person's response to medications. Findings like that could have payoffs both within Africa and elsewhere, experts said.

Zsa Zsa's husband says he's ready to lead Calif.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — What the world already knows of Prince Frederic von Anhalt reads like a tabloid writer's dream: eighth husband of Zsa Zsa Gabor, lover (never confirmed) of Anna Nicole Smith, self-proclaimed European royalty.

The 65-year-old flamboyant socialite says he'll add a new title on Wednesday: California gubernatorial candidate.

Von Anhalt and his attorney said they will file his candidate papers in late morning at the secretary of state's office in Sacramento.

He already has a platform titled "Return the Good Life to California." He wants to lift the import ban on Cuban cigars, then tax them. Proposals that he says will have an immediate effect on California's \$20 billion budget deficit include a "sin tax" on alcoholic beverages and cigarettes, as well as marijuana and prostitution, which, under his platform, would be legalized.

AP source: Hand-swabbing a bigger part of security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air travelers may have their hands swabbed more often as part of an effort to screen passengers for explosives, an Obama administration official said Wednesday.

Airports were told that more passengers should be randomly screened for explosives before, during and after they go through metal detectors, the official said. The screening could include swabbing travelers' hands or their carry-on luggage to check for traces of explosives, said the official, who requested anonymity to speak about security plans.

The heightened screening follows a Christmas Day attack on a Detroit-bound airliner. A Nigerian man accused of being trained by al-Qaida operatives has been charged with trying to blow up the plane with explosives hidden in his underwear.

Heightened screening measures have been tested at five airports over the past month.

Stephen Jones: Cowboys don't plan to spend wildly

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones says the team doesn't plan to spend wildly on free agents if the NFL has no salary cap in 2010.

Jones said Wednesday the Cowboys agreed to expensive, long-term deals with the likes of Tony Romo and linebacker DeMarcus Ware to keep them off the market in a year when teams might have no limit on spending.

Because of the money tied up in those deals, Jones says the Cowboys aren't interested in a spending spree. He also said they don't see a need for major changes after their first playoff win in 13 years.

The NFL will play without a salary cap next season unless a new labor deal is reached. The current collective bargaining agreement expires in March 2011.

NEWS & SPORTS

TEXAS

City fears loss of funds

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press Writer

GALVESTON, Texas — Nearly 1½ years after Hurricane Ike battered Galveston, this southeast Texas island community fears the natural disaster could land another harsh blow.

Galveston officials say they could lose millions of dollars in state and federal funding if this year's U.S. Census count puts the city's population below 50,000, a benchmark used to determine funding levels for everything from public bus systems to housing repairs.

Ike made landfall just outside Galveston in September 2008, damaging 75 percent of the city's homes, forcing thousands to move off the island and dropping the population from 57,000 to a current estimate of 46,000. The city's poverty rate already was nearly twice the U.S. average and median household income about a quarter below the state average.

Galveston has appealed to

Census officials, asking them to include in the upcoming count residents living off the island because they still are repairing or rebuilding homes.

"We still have pockets of the town where half of the homes on the block are under repair and no one is living there or they look to be abandoned," said Lloyd Renderer, Galveston's assistant city manager.

Census officials, however, say they cannot make exceptions for communities hit by storms like Ike, the costliest natural disaster in Texas history.

"The Census counts people where they live and where they are expected to live as of April 1, 2010," said spokesman Eduardo Guity. "The fact is those individuals who left Galveston and were not able to come back, they are using, consuming the resources of other cities. Therefore, (funding) should go to the areas that are being used."

Census officials are promising to canvass neighborhoods multiple times to ensure every

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Eduardo Guity
census spokesman

resident is counted, including those forced from their homes who have moved in with friends and relatives. Census officials will be in Galveston on Thursday as part of the 2010 Census Portrait of America Road Tour encouraging Americans to fill out Census forms.

Galveston officials, meanwhile, are stressing to residents the importance of filling out their Census forms in the wake of Ike.

"This is going to help our recovery," said city spokeswoman Alicia Cahill.



GERO BRELOER / Associated Press
Lindsey Vonn of the United States, the gold medal winner, right, celebrates with her compatriot Julia Mancuso, silver, during the flower ceremony for the Women's downhill at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics in Whistler, British Columbia, on Wednesday.

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wife's run, and the Vonns embraced in a hug that lasted for 30 seconds when they reunited at the finish.

"It was one of the most clutch runs I've ever seen," Thomas Vonn said.

In a race characterized by several crashes — including one to Swedish standout Anja Paerson — Vonn's sped down Franz's Downhill in 1 minute, 44.19 seconds.

Mancuso finished 0.56 seconds behind, and Elisabeth

Goergl of Austria took the bronze medal, 1.46 seconds back.

Maria Riesch of Germany, Vonn's best friend and usual rival of late, finished eighth. Andrea Fischbacher of Austria placed fourth, Fabienne Suter of Switzerland fifth and Whistler local Britt Janyk of Canada sixth.

The comfortable margin was in sharp contrast to the men's downhill Monday, when only 0.09 seconds separated the winner, Didier Defago of Switzerland, from the bronze medalist, Bode Miller. That

was the tiniest margin between first and third place in Olympic men's downhill history.

It's the third time Americans have finished 1-2 in an Olympic Alpine race, and the first time in 26 years.

At the 1984 Sarajevo Games, brothers Phil and Steve Mahre took gold and silver in the slalom and Debbie Armstrong and Christin Cooper accomplished the feat in giant slalom.

No American woman had won the Olympic downhill before. Hilary Lindh and Picabo Street both took silver — in 1992 and 1994, respectively.

POLO CLUB

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Their goal wasn't to continue the team going. They didn't have other people that they were recruiting actively or sponsors for the team," Whitehouse said. "They were students. They were just there to play."

Bushy Creek Ranch, located in Burleson, is where the women's varsity and junior varsity polo team practices and plays games.

Whitehouse started coaching this year's polo team in September after the head instructor at Bushy Creek, Robin Sanchez, suggested it.

"I love coaching...I love

horses, and I love polo, and so I had been looking for something to be involved with... she thought it would be a perfect match," Whitehouse said.

The university's polo club started with six horses and grew to include 18 by 2008.

Travis is in charge of managing money for the program, recruiting players, managing the horses and is the assistant coach.

Whitehouse and Travis got the team together last fall, she said.

Travis said most of the horses were donated from different people and places to the Bushy Creek polo arena for the university program.

Some of the university's

players had little riding experience and had never played polo before. But the team has turned into an established team that beat Texas Tech a couple weeks ago.

"Some of our starters this year have a very weak riding background...now, within four months, (they're) playing fantastically well," Whitehouse said.

The players for this year's women polo team are strong and committed to their horses, their teammates and the sport, she said. The team has come a long way since practice started in September and will be strong competitors in the SouthWest Region, she said.

ECONOMY



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS / Associated Press
President Barack Obama, accompanied by Vice President Joe Biden, delivers remarks on the economy on the one year anniversary of the signing of the Recovery Act on Wednesday in Washington.

Obama: Stimulus a success

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama hailed Wednesday's one-year-old economic stimulus law as an accomplishment that staved off another Great Depression and kept up to 2 million people on the job.

Still, with millions still out of work and losing patience, Obama acknowledged that to them, "It doesn't yet feel like much of a recovery."

Marking the anniversary of the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Obama aimed his message at people skeptical about the expensive relief measure and Republican lawmakers who voted against it and continue to hammer him about it.

To the public, Obama explained, as he has many times before, that the stimulus plan was composed of tax cuts for most Americans along with help for state governments, extended social service benefits and huge investments in energy, education and infrastructure.

To his Republican critics, who say the bill was a costly, debt-financed blunder that has not delivered on the promise of job creation, Obama challenged them to take up the case with people who have stayed employed or have found help solely because he and the Democratic-run Congress acted.

Obama even delighted in recounting a section of his State of the Union address last month in which he talked of the tax cuts from the stimulus plan and watched Republican lawmakers fail to applaud the idea.

"They were all kind of squirming in their seats... It was interesting to watch," Obama said.

And Obama made sure to commend himself and his own team for taking action.

The United States has lost an astounding 8.4 million jobs since this recession began in December 2007.

Obama said the stimulus plan is on target to create or

save 1.5 million more jobs, bringing up the estimated total to 3.5 million.

But he sought to remind people that the goal of law was never to restore every job. The government can build confidence and demand and rescue people in hard times during a severe economic slide, Obama said, but it will always be businesses of the private sector that ultimately generate jobs and a recovery.

Obama made repeated references to how well, in his view, his government has done with the stimulus.

"There has never been a program of this scale, moved at this speed, that has been enacted as effectively and as transparently as the recovery act," Obama said.

Vice President Joe Biden, who has led the stimulus implementation, took his own swipe at critics.

"They're unwilling to step up," he said. "Well not us."

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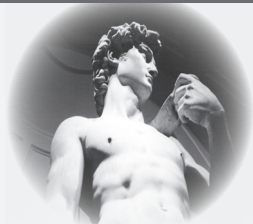
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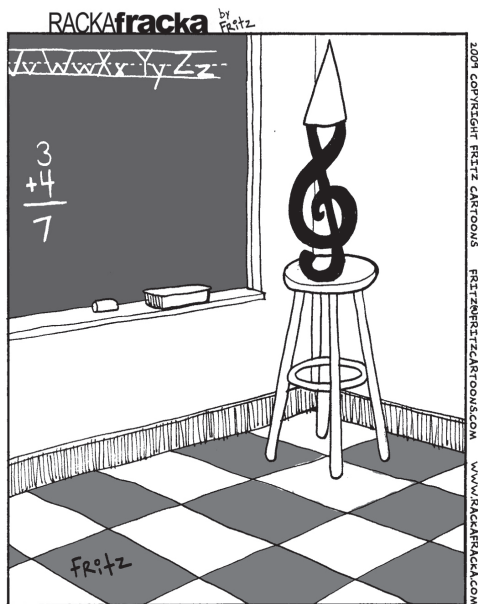
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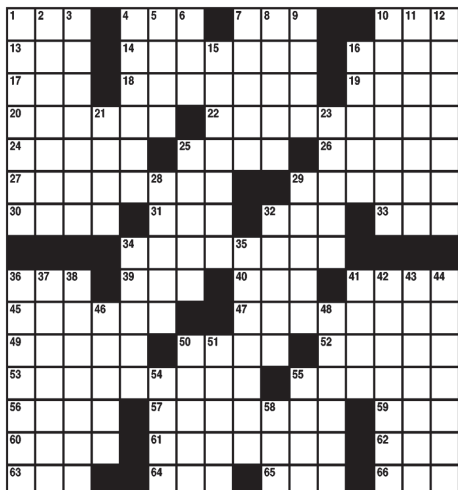
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By Damon J. Gulczynski

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10 Delayed
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BASEBALL



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Sophomore infielder Taylor Featherston autographs cards and calendars at the Women's Baseball Clinic. For a full story on the event go to dailyskiff.com.

OPINION

Pitching skills crucial

NATHAN WALL

Since their inception as an expansion franchise in 1961 as the Washington Senators and their subsequent move to the Dallas-Fort Worth area in 1972, the Rangers have been more of a Greek tragedy than a baseball team.

Like the Greek warrior Achilles, the Rangers have had to battle through their opponents with brute force by out-hitting everyone. However, like the Greek hero, the Rangers are often undone by a rather anti-climactic and devastating weakness: pitching.

Even in the days of Nolan Ryan, the Rangers haven't had pitching. It's been said for many years: If you want to win in October, you need pitching.

It's not like this has been some new development and the Rangers just haven't gotten the memo. Even the game's signature franchise has had to learn the hard way.

After several consecutive years of paying luxury tax and having a payroll in excess of \$200 million, the Yankees didn't seem to realize they couldn't buy a championship. They constantly paid old, battle-tested position players, hoping to recapture their glory.

In 2007, the team gave Alex Rodriguez the largest contract in Major League Baseball history. The deal was a 10-year, \$275 million contract. The Yankees hoped A-Rod would lead the team back to the promised land. The result was a 2008 dud when the team missed the playoffs all

together. Humiliated, the team resolved not to repeat its frivolous mistakes in 2009.

Instead, the Yankees quickly snatched up young pitcher C.C. Sabathia to the tune of a seven-year, \$161 million contract. As if that wasn't enough, they also added A.J. Burnett with a five-year, \$82.5 million contract. The result was their first World Series title since 2000.

I guess the Yankees were on to something. Paying for premium starting pitching pays off in the playoffs. The Yankees finally got that memo, but the Rangers' copy is still lost in the mail.

To make the point further, let's take a look at the stingiest team in recent history to win it all.

The Florida Marlins have won two World Series titles since their first season in 1993. They've also never had a payroll that has come close to cracking the \$100 million mark.

Their most recent World Series, a 2003 nail-biter against the Yankees, saw them win it all off of the arms of young pitchers.

A.J. Burnett (sound familiar?), World Series MVP Josh Beckett and 2003 National League Rookie of the Year Dontrelle Willis confused the Yankees' hard-hitting sluggers and made them look like the rookies.

The Rangers have tried high-priced free agents and failed miserably when they signed free agent pitcher Kevin Millwood in 2005.

However, since Ryan was

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hired as the president of team operations, the Rangers have seen their pitching slowly improve.

The main reason for their turn around has been their pitching prospects.

The Rangers have also made it a point to lock up their young veteran pitchers, such as Scott Feldman, who won 17 games last season.

Further, the club signed free agent pitcher Rich Harden to a one-year deal worth \$7.5 million. Harden is one of the league's best pitchers when healthy. However, the key word with Harden is healthy, as he's only pitched an average of 81 innings a year during the past six seasons. That's a dismal statistic when you consider the lowly Millwood averaged 180 innings a season with the Rangers.

On the whole, the Rangers' new commitment to recruiting pitchers looks like it will pay off, and that's a good thing. For a team that couldn't afford to water its outfield last year, it certainly can't afford a bidding war with the Yankees.

Nathan Wall is a senior broadcast journalism major from Arlington.

WOMEN'S POLO CLUB

Polo sees action this spring

By Emily Siegel
Staff Reporter

The university's women's arena polo team has been in the shadows in the past two years but has made a strong comeback with this year's team and players, said new head coach Carrie Whitehouse.

The team started off strong this season, winning its first unofficial match against the University of Texas.

The sport is similar to field hockey, except three people are on a horse with a long mallet trying to keep a ball away from the opposing team, said club team member Sarah Ziomek, a freshman environmental science major.

The club team president, senior communications major Danielle Travis, wrote in an e-mail that the sport is a bit more complex.

"Polo I would say is a combination of all sports combined. Football, baseball, hockey, etc.," Travis wrote.

She wrote that the game of arena polo is played with three players on each team and lasts four quarters, called chukkers, which last seven and a half minutes. There are two umpires and two goals.

Ziomek said the sport is very physical and players wear shin guards and helmets with face masks for protection from the mallets, the ball and the opposing player's hands.

"It's a very physical game... you can get rammed into a wall...you have to wear a helmet with a face mask...or a helmet with some eye protection," she said.

Alumni Molly Musselman and KC Beal founded the club their freshman year in 2004.

During the first four years, they racked up wins and established a great deal of credibility amongst other polo teams.

Although Whitehouse said the two founders were great players and dedicated to the sport, they didn't have a desire to keep the polo team active and keep it open for future players.

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2010 WINTER GAMES

Vonn scores gold in downhill

By Andrew Damp
AP Sports Writer

WHISTLER, British Columbia (AP) — If this is how Lindsey Vonn skis with a bruised shin, then the rest of the field has no chance.

Vonn showed no signs of discomfort when she won the Olympic downhill by more than half a second Wednesday, with childhood rival and American teammate Julia Mancuso taking a surprise silver medal.

"This is everything I've wanted and hoped for," Vonn said, her voice choked with

emotion. "I gave up everything for this."

Vonn hurt her right shin Feb. 2 during pre-Olympic training in Austria and had hardly skied over the past two weeks. Still, as the two-time defending overall World Cup champion and the winner of five of the six downhills this season, she was an overwhelming favorite.

"She had the weight of the world on her," said Vonn's husband and chief adviser, a former U.S. skier who also serves as a personal coach. "People were basically hang-

"People were basically hanging the medal around her neck before the start. That's incredibly hard to deal with."

Thomas Vonn
husband and chief adviser

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Thomas Vonn was up at the top of the hill before his

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Olympics Update

Following a bore of a day Tuesday, the U.S. made a huge turnaround Wednesday bringing in two golds.

Lindsey Vonn won the No. 1 spot in the women's downhill skiing competition, accompanied on the podium by teammate Julia Mancuso with the silver. Vonn won the gold in her first event of the 2010 Winter Games after failing to medal at all in Torino in 2006.

On the ice, the men brought home two medals in the 1000-meter speed skating competition. 2006 gold medalist Shani Davis received the second gold of his career alongside Chad Hedrick who clutched the bronze.

Hedrick won three medals in the 2006 Winter Games.

—Sports editor Mary Sue Greenleaf

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