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PEANUT BUTTER RECALL

Official: Number of crackers sold unclear

By Chilton Tippin
Staff Reporter

It's still unclear how many potentially dangerous crackers were sold before Dining Services pulled them from shelves at Bistro Burnett on Feb. 11, a university official said.

Shawn Kornegay, associate director of communications, wrote in an e-mail that a full inventory taken by Sodexo Inc., the university's food service provider, showed that Bistro Burnett sold at least one package of recalled peanut butter crackers, but could not provide the exact number of packages sold.

"The individual who purchased the package of crackers was identified and did not become ill," Kornegay said. "Sodexo is taking this situation very seriously and has been in contact with the individual to report it as a food safety complaint."

The person's identity could not be revealed because of privacy issues, Kornegay said.

Despite the crackers having been found and sold on campus, Dining Services and Sodexo didn't alert students.

Kornegay said Sodexo decides how to respond when such a case arises. Sodexo communicated individually with the person identified as purchasing a package of crackers and determined no need for a response

beyond that, she said.

Monica Zimmer, public relations director for Sodexo, wrote in an e-mail that Sodexo does not send alerts directly to its customers.

"Sodexo notified TCU officials that peanut butter crackers had been mistakenly stocked and subsequently removed from the shelves," Zimmer wrote.

Zimmer did not further comment on the findings of the full inventory.

Rick Flores, general manager for Dining Services, declined to comment.

Dining Services took the Austin brand peanut butter crackers from shelves because of a massive recall issued when Peanut Cor-

poration of America was investigated for being the source of salmonella outbreaks across the nation.

Zimmer said the recall line contained more than 2,000 peanut products making this recall the most complex one yet.

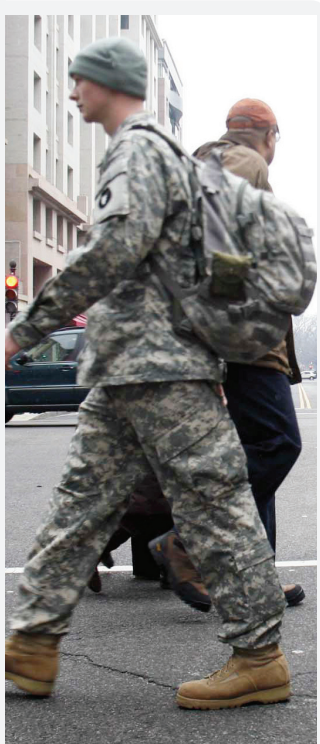
"At TCU, Sodexo has implemented a new checklist to prevent recalled products being stocked," she wrote.

Sodexo made the three-step checklist, which requires the signatures of three managers after taking inventory of all peanut-related products and cross-checking those products with the recall list and food safety alerts, to ensure verification of product safety with the complex recalls, Zimmer wrote.

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— Reuters



Veterans need help adjusting to college life. Opinion, page 3

PECULIAR FACT

MUMBAI, India — A helicopter stopped play in a domestic cricket game in India after the pilot mistook the pitch for a landing pad, local media reported Sunday.

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CUTTING CORNERS



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A survey conducted at universities including TCU shows that business students cheat more than students from other academic disciplines.

Study: Business majors cheat more

By Maddy Foxx
Staff Reporter

Surveys conducted at different universities including TCU show that business school students cheat more than students from any other academic discipline, a Rutgers University professor said.

Donald McCabe, organizational management professor at Rutgers Business School, said that when it comes to aca-

dem integrity, faculty and students are letting too much slide.

"Students will put blame on a teacher in saying they have too much of a work load, on the job market being so competitive, or you name it, they can find someone to blame," McCabe said.

For the past 19 years, McCabe surveyed about 170,000 undergraduate and graduate students from 165 universities and about 18,500 faculty members at 115

campuses, he said.

In fall 2007, McCabe conducted his survey at TCU and said about 1,200 students participated.

Throughout his studies, McCabe said his findings at TCU were consistent with other results, which show that business school students cheat more than students from any other major.

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BIRTH CONTROL

Discount rates back on campus

Contract drops prices of some name brands 15 to 20 percent

By Luke Urban
Staff Reporter

After two years of negotiating contracts with drug companies, the Health Center is offering contraceptives at a cheaper price.

The negotiations began in 2005 after a provision in the Federal Deficit Reduction Act removed university health clinics from a list that benefitted from preferential prices in brand-name birth control, thus causing the price of birth control to go up, Health Center pharmacist Frank Calhoun said.

The Health Center began offering generic oral contraceptives at \$25 per pack instead of \$40 in January, Calhoun said.

These generic oral contraceptives are provided through a contract with Barr Pharmaceuticals, which develops and markets generic pharmaceuticals in order to lower the health care costs, Calhoun said.

Jeannine Calhoun, a technician assistant at the Health Center, said some brand-name oral contraceptives are available at a 15 to 20 percent discounted rate through a contract with pharmaceutical company Warner Chilcott.

Macy Riley, a sophomore communications major, said the cheaper birth control rates at the Health Center would attract her to use the Health Center's services.

Taman Sandhu, a junior neuroscience major, said the reduced prices would make birth control more accessible for students, but would have advantages and disadvantages.

"It's nice for those who can't afford it," Sandhu said. "But bad for those who take advantage of it, like the less mature."

Frank Calhoun said the pharmacy has not noticed an increase in students purchasing birth control since the price reductions took effect.

The American College Health Association lobbied for university health centers around the country to be a part of the contracts that would reduce birth control prices, Calhoun said. The Association worked with the drug companies to put together contracts that would benefit students who need financial or medical assistance, he said.

Bank regulators pledge more help, reject nationalization

By Kevin G. Hall
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Amid growing concerns that the U.S. government may be forced to take over large parts of the banking system, five federal regulators issued a joint statement Monday announcing the creation of a special lifeline to keep troubled banks afloat, but they rejected outright nationalization.

The Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve and three other bank regulators said the government would make available to banks, on a temporary basis, capital needed to buffer against the bigger-than-anticipated losses.

The money comes from the Capital As-

sistance Program, a bank rescue plan that the Obama administration announced Feb. 10, which spooked the markets because it lacked details.

"This additional capital does not imply a new capital standard and it is not expected to be maintained on an ongoing basis," the regulators said in their statement, in wording designed to signal that this wasn't bank nationalization.

The regulators closed their statement with even more explicit language that tried to calm markets' fears that the government of the world's largest economy might be forced to take over private banks:

"Because our economy functions better

when financial institutions are well managed in the private sector, the strong presumption of the Capital Assistance Program is that banks should remain in private hands."

The statement followed news reports over the weekend that Citigroup is negotiating with regulators to have the U.S. government take a stake, as high as 40 percent, in the storied bank. If so, it would be the third government intervention in Citigroup since October.

Separately, JP Morgan Chase, considered among the healthiest banks in the nation, announced late Monday that it would slash its dividend by 87 percent to preserve cash in anticipation of a deeper economic decline.

As was the case in the earlier rollout of financial rescue plans, the Obama administration struggled Monday to explain its new program. News reports were all over the map because of confusion over what the new program did or didn't do, and many financial-industry executives hadn't been informed about the latest effort.

Financial markets should have seen the announcement as positive, but the administration's lack of a coherent message to explain what it meant and how it works sent the Dow Jones Industrial Average down 250.89 points to close at 7114.78, the lowest close since May 7, 1997. Other stock indices suffered similar slides.

NEWS & SPORTS

ECONOMIC RECESSION

Tough times to push more into public care, analysts say

By Tony Pugh
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Six million Americans are expected to lose private health coverage by the end of next year, while Medicaid, the national health program for low-income Americans, will beef up its enrollment to pick up much of the slack, federal health analysts reported Monday.

As more workers become eligible for Medicaid after losing their jobs and health insurance in the recession, program spending will jump 9.6 percent from \$352 billion last year to \$386 billion this year, according to an annual report by economists and actuaries from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The 3.4 million people who are expected to lose private coverage this year — and another 2.6 million next year — include not only workers and their families, but also Medicare recipients who no longer can afford supplemental private coverage.

This recession-driven trend will help push more than half of all health-care expenditures onto the public sector by 2016. By 2018, government spending will account for 51.3 percent of health care outlays, analysts said.

“The recession has wide-reaching implications for the health-care sector,” said HHS economist Andrea Sisko, who co-authored the report on long-term health spending trends. “Policymakers and the public will be faced with tough decisions regarding the future of the health care system.”

On Monday, President Barack Obama told governors who were attending a National Governors

Association meeting in Washington that he'd provide \$15 billion to help cash-strapped states pay their share of growing Medicaid payments.

As Obama tries to cut the nation's \$1.4 trillion budget deficit in half by 2013, rising health-care costs and the government's rising stake in health coverage will

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HHS economist

prove a difficult obstacle to maneuver around.

Slow income growth and declining job-based coverage will slow the growth in private health-care spending to a 15-year low of 3.9 percent this year. However, public health spending — driven by Medicaid — will increase by 7.4 percent to \$1.2 trillion. Public spending will rise again after next year as the first wave of aging baby boomers, born from 1946 to 1964, becomes eligible for Medicare.

Because of the recession, the

portion of the U.S. economy that's devoted to health-care spending will experience its largest annual increase ever this year, Sisko said. Total public and private health-care spending will go from nearly \$2.4 trillion — 16.6 percent of the gross domestic product last year — to more than \$2.5 trillion, or a projected 17.6 percent of the GDP this year.

The 1-percentage point jump in the share of health spending also reflects a projected 0.2 percent reduction in the GDP, the first such annual decline in 60 years.

Long-term projections are that health-care spending will grow an average of 6.2 percent a year from 2008 to 2018, while the nation's gross domestic product — the sum total of all goods and services produced in the U.S. — is expected to average only 4.1 percent growth over that period. That means that health-care spending will account for more than 20 percent of the GDP by 2018.

In addition, higher unemployment and slower wage growth during the recession will cause a dip in payroll tax revenues that could push the insolvency date for Medicare's hospital insurance trust fund from 2019 to 2016, said Richard Foster, the chief actuary for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The spending projections outlined Monday cover 2008 to 2018. They don't factor in the recent expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program or the new economic stimulus bill and its subsidy for Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act insurance coverage.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



PAIGE MARDLE / Design Editor

Junior guard TK LaFleur dribbles the ball during the game against Wyoming on Saturday night.

Second-place Lady Frogs extend win streak

By Alexis Mladenoff
Staff Reporter

The women's basketball team extended its winning streak to five games by beating the University of Wyoming Cowgirls 60-47 Saturday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The team kept the Cowgirls scoreless for the first five minutes, jumping out to an early 9-0 lead. The Lady Frogs took advantage of Wyoming turnovers throughout the game, scoring a total of 16 points off of Cowgirl turnovers. Wyoming scored 10 points off of eight TCU turnovers.

Junior guard TK LaFleur said being aggressive on defense and

anticipating the Cowgirls' passes helped the team get those important points.

The Lady Frogs shot 43.3 percent from the field during the first half, but cooled off significantly in the second half when the team connected on just five of its 25 shot attempts.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said he wasn't pleased with the team's energy coming into the second half.

“I just feel like we're out of sync offensively,” Mittie said. “I didn't like our shot selection ... and Wyoming really defended the middle of our zone well.”

TCU also received a lift from its bench in Saturday night's win.

Reserve freshman guard Antoinette Thompson pulled in seven rebounds while senior center Micaela Younger snagged five in just 11 minutes of action.

With the win, the Lady Frogs' record is 18-8. The team is 10-3 in the Mountain West Conference, good enough for sole possession of second place, two wins behind the University of Utah.

Mittie said the team's next three games will be tough, but that they are fun games to be in down the stretch.

The Lady Frogs will face the University of New Mexico Lobos next at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

CHEATING

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In a survey conducted in 2006, McCabe said he found that 56 percent of business students surveyed admitted to cheating at least once in the previous academic year and 47 percent of other students admitted to cheating at least once.

Bill Moncrief, senior associate dean of undergraduate programs at the Neeley School of Business, said he thinks students in Neeley are not likely to cheat because of the severe penalties they face in getting caught.

“In the Neeley School we make it very clear cut about the consequences of cheating and have made examples of past students who have been caught cheating,” Moncrief said.

Moncrief said that depending on the offense, a freshman or sophomore student accused of academic

misconduct will probably not be allowed to matriculate in the Neeley School. If the student is an upper-classman, he or she may be removed from the school, he said.

The consequences vary based on the occurrence, Moncrief said. Plagiarizing one paragraph in a 50-page paper will not warrant the same punishment as a cheat sheet or a stolen test, he said. If a student who commits academic misconduct is allowed to continue at Neeley or elsewhere in TCU, the event is noted in his or her file and a second offense would lead to major consequences with the university, Moncrief said.

Moncrief would not release the number of students in the Neeley School who have been caught or kicked out for cheating.

Sophomore finance major Colin King said a student's major does not determine whether he or she is likely to cheat.

“I think that's ridiculous to say business students cheat the most,” King said. “I think it depends on the type of person, not the type of major, that influences people to cheat.”

Sophomore economics major Andy Viehman said at prominent business schools such as Neeley, students cheat because of pressure to succeed.

“Neeley is such a good business school, so there is a lot of pressure for business students to do well, and you see more cases of cheating,” Viehman said.

Moncrief said students who cheat because of pressure from other students cannot use that as an excuse.

“Cheating shows a lack of integrity. Just because people around you cheat does not mean you should,” Moncrief said. “Neeley has a strict policy on cheating that I hope students aren't willing to take a risk against.”

TENNIS

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“That's just not sportsmanlike,” Munch-Soegaard said of her opponent after the matches. “It makes the match not as fun when people try to pull stunts like that.”

Playing on an adjacent court, senior Macall Harkins fell to No. 34 Laura Vallverdu 2-6, 6-4, 3-6.

Harkins, ranked 85th, said she noticed the dispute between Munch-Soegaard and Cohen, but didn't pay much attention to it because she wanted to focus on her match. She said she was disap-

pointed, but the team fought hard against a tough opponent.

“Most of us went three sets so we know that we all competed right there with them,” Harkins said. “We competed so closely that it could have been 7-0 (in our favor).”

The No. 21 Horned Frogs (4-3) were coming off a 6-1 victory Saturday against No. 62 North Carolina State. The matches were moved indoors due to blustery conditions.

Miami, stacked with four players in the top 60, also played Saturday, losing at No. 7 Baylor University.

Horned Frogs head coach Jefferson Hammond said Miami's victory was a testament to the team's depth.

“Most teams who aren't ranked as high coming off of a tough loss like that would fold up shop the next day,” Hammond said. “But these guys have seen so many great opponents over the last couple of years that they can just bounce back and step up.”

Hammond said he was disappointed not to take advantage of Miami after their Baylor loss.

“For us to have this opportunity and kind of let it go by is disappointing, but we ... just have to understand that we're tougher than we realize and we've got to give ourselves some credit sometimes,” Hammond said.

The team will face Texas Tech University in Lubbock on Thursday.

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The Skiff View

Cheaper contraceptives better for students

Contraceptives offered by the Health Center are now available to students at a reduced price, thanks to the persistence and hard work of staff members there.

For the past two years, the Health Center negotiated contracts with drug companies to offer contraceptives at reasonable prices.

The battle began in 2005 when a provision in the Federal Deficit Reduction Act cut college health centers from the list of organizations that receive discounts on birth control. As a result, the price of contraceptives such as Ortho Tri-Cyclen and the Ortho Evra Contraceptive Transdermal Patch at campus health centers increased significantly.

Students are now able to choose from a variety of discounted contraceptives at TCU.

For instance, generic oral contraceptives will be offered at \$25 for a month's supply, rather than \$40.

The contract between the Health Center and pharmaceutical companies like Warner Chilcott allows more students to pay for contraceptives out-of-pocket without using their parents' health insurance and avoiding any uncomfortable conversations that the topic might bring.

In addition, the agreement gives students the ability to purchase birth control regardless of their financial situations.

The new contract also makes it easier for students to take a serious step in becoming more independent. College is about learning to be a responsible individual, and managing one's health is just another aspect of being a responsible adult.

Students appreciate the dedication of the Health Center in fighting for the benefit of the university's community. An unintended pregnancy can end someone's college career before it begins or change a life in a way that does not always lead to a happy ending.

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Don't forget U.N. successes even with its constraints

I find the conclusion of Friday's piece titled "U.N. fails to live up to mission" by Alex Turner troubling.

This was not only for its narrow standards on which U.N. success was measured (namely, failing to prevent atrocities comparable to those that occurred in WWII), but also the lack of consideration for a myriad of other U.N. accomplishments that are more indicative of its success.

U.N. success should not be judged by the fact that problems still exist in the world (it is naive to believe that any organization is capable of correcting the world's ills), but by how far our world has come since the creation of the U.N.

To answer the question that the article poses regarding Darfur, "Why haven't troops mobilized, invaded, and overthrown the regime?" I call attention to that paragraph's first sentence: "The problem with the U.N. is that it is made up of representatives of countries who all have their own agenda."

Indeed, the U.N. is not an individual actor; it is a tool through which member states channel their priorities. Often this can create a diplomatic tug-of-war, but the U.N. is the closest thing we have to a world government that is able to set forth international standards, norms and expectations. It is the only forum in the world in which all nation-states are equal.

In the process of diplomacy there will always be disappointments, but it is undeniable that the U.N. has made major contributions to world peace.

The real problem — one that is evi-

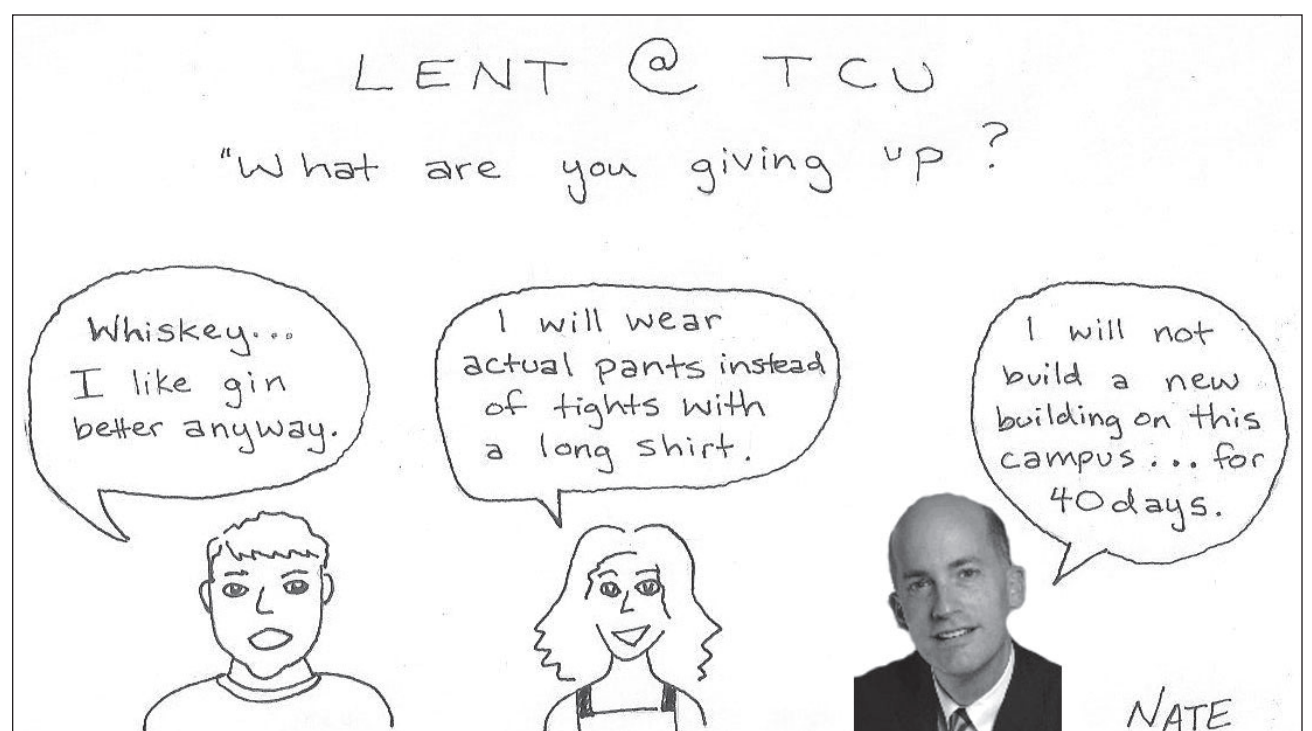
dent in the column — is that we tend to remember failures and discount successes. We remember Rwanda and forget El Salvador, Mozambique and Namibia. We recall Kosovo, where the U.N. mission met resistance, and forget Cyprus, where the U.N. has successfully preserved peace.

We all too often forget the dozens of specialized agencies that perform specific operations that promote peace. Last year the United Nation Children's Fund gathered more than \$700 million in supplies for children, operated safe water and sanitation programs in 90 countries and served as the principle aid agency to the 13 million children in Africa who have been orphaned by the AIDS pandemic.

No sensible observer can discount the value of the World Health Organization and its work in ending smallpox, controlling diseases such as polio and malaria and dealing with AIDS prevention and treatment.

Let us not forget also International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors. A study by the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies reported that without the IAEA and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty we could expect as many as seven more nuclear weapon-enabled powers in the world. These are only a small sampling of the good work that the U.N. and its agencies have achieved. We need the U.N. for all of these functions, and we need to be more thoughtful before criticizing it for things that are out of its control.

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Few options appeal to both sides in ongoing Middle East dispute

After the war in Gaza and the recent Israeli election, a sense of hopelessness about the chances for peace is filling the dry Mideast air. On both sides, Israeli and Palestinian, there is disappointment. Israeli voters have moved to the right, soured by the fruit of the peace process. Israelis say that every time they withdraw from a piece of land expecting peace, what comes instead is a shower of missiles.

For Palestinians, the peace process looks like an endless merry-go-round that fails to reach the long-awaited Palestinian state, even as Israeli settlements continue to grow.

Amid growing frustration with the current track, the search for solutions has given way to a number of new ideas about how to solve the impasse.

Israeli settlements are a serious problem, but they are not the greatest obstacle to peace. The top obstacle to peace today is the challenge of building a Palestinian state that will not turn into a base for attacks against Israel and ultimately become a failed nation. That's because responsible Palestinian moderates are much weaker than their extremist counterparts.

Ever since the radical Hamas violently overthrew the more moderate Fatah from Gaza in 2007, the generally accepted vision of the two-state solution has become a confusing blur. Palestinians remain bitterly divided. Fatah says it wants peace. Hamas advocates destroying Israel. That, to state the obvious, is a problem.

A majority of Israelis and Palestinians have said they support splitting the land. Despite the majority opinion, Palestinians who call for Israel's elimination have proved tougher than those who say they want peace. Israelis — and many Palestinians and Jordanians — fear that handing the West Bank to Palestinian moderates would quickly lead to Hamas gaining control there, as it did in Gaza.

If that happens, the Hamas rockets that have made life unlivable in southern Israel would cripple the entire country, from the main international airport to Israel's major population, commerce and financial centers. It would also change the way of life for West Bank Palestinians and threaten Jordanian stability.

In view of that, alternatives are being discussed. One much-discussed idea, outlined, strangely enough, by none other than Libyan leader Moammar

Gadhafi in The New York Times, calls for a single state for Palestinians and Jews. It sounds appealing — unless you think about it. Civil war would plague the country. Even without war, Jews would become a small minority in an Arab/Muslim country. That would not bode well for their survival.

In the end, it would amount to the destruction of Israel, which was created so that Jews, like other nations, could have their own state rather than face the persecution that has plagued them ever since they were exiled from the land thousands of years ago.

Another idea that has been coldly received is to return to borders similar to those of 1967, when Israel captured the West Bank and Gaza from Jordan and Egypt, respectively. But, instead of creating a Palestinian state in those territories, control of the land would revert to the countries that had it before 1967. Egypt would rule Gaza and Jordan the West Bank.

The problem with this idea is that neither Egypt, nor Jordan nor the Palestinians seem terribly interested in it, at least not openly. (There are some signs that West Bank Palestinians, fearing Hamas rule, are warming up to the idea.)

An intriguing new proposal comes from Giora Eiland, former chairman of Israel's National Security Council. He proposes a three-way land swap. A Palestinian state would stand in today's Gaza plus 200 square miles from the Sinai desert, carved from Egypt. In exchange, Egypt would receive the same amount of territory from Israel's Negev desert. Israel would receive a similar amount of land from the West Bank, and the majority of the West Bank would return to Jordan.

There are other ideas, but each one brings its own problems. The most likely vision remains the original two-state plan of the Clinton Camp David days, if a way to create security can be found.

Amid all the pessimism, the bubbling to the surface of new potential answers shows that despondency has not won the day. The people who want to find a solution are determined to succeed, and most of them agree on the fundamental outline: two states — one Palestinian, one Jewish — living side by side in peace. That determination alone is cause for optimism.

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SHASHANK BENGALI / MCT
 Children boil water for tea amid the wreckage of their home in the Tawam section of Gaza City.

Veterans deserve better care from military upon return

The U.S. government has spent trillions of dollars training and equipping servicemen and women to be instruments of war, but it spends only a fraction of that amount on transitional services to help them adjust to life at home.

The transition from combat to college student is a difficult one. Being a veteran in a college classroom is one of the loneliest positions people can find themselves in. A 25-year-old veteran may find it hard to relate to an 18-year-old freshman who is out of Frog Bucks, and dreading the conversation with his or her parents. This veteran may have

had the experience of commanding a platoon, squad or fire team in combat situations where some people didn't make it home.

I spent 11 months and eight days as a Marine in Iraq between 2003 and 2005. The sights, sounds and smells of that experience still haunt me. The decisions that I had to make required split-second timing, and after the guns fell silent I was left with a lifetime to analyze those decisions. This analysis, in the form of nightmares and daydreams, can lead to a life of bitterness and regret. Experts call this condition

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post-traumatic stress disorder. I call it reality.

The disorder manifests in a variety of ways. The effects most often take the form of nightmares, jumpiness, anxiety in large groups and depression.

Many combat veterans have trouble dealing with this disorder, leading some to seek comfort in alcohol or drugs. Others lose this battle and take their own lives to escape the pain.

It is imperative that the government takes responsibility for the silent killer of America's veterans and develop long-term programs to help adjusting veterans.

When I came home and started college the culture shock was more extreme than my transition experience from civilian to Marine. While I was in the Marines my patience shortened and my temper sharpened.

When I got out anger dominated my emotions and alienated me from my new peer group. I found comfort in loved ones and friends who, through our conversations, had in some way shared my experience.

The hardest thing for me now is seeing a flag-draped coffin or a news report about more Americans dying in Iraq or Afghanistan. When I see those things I am instantly transported back to the dust and blood of Iraq. War is a terrible business from which veterans can never truly return. I pray that my healing process will begin when the last

American comes home from this war and the help they need is available to them when they get there.

The military training we receive is adequate to keep us alive in combat, but the training we receive to help us adjust to life outside of a combat zone is subpar at best. More post-service counseling should be given to veterans suffering from PTSD to ensure their continued recovery from the psychological effects of war.

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NEWS

Many jobs safe despite recession

By Tim King
Young Money Magazine

With so many layoffs and economic woes, it may seem like a frightening time to look for work. But here are 10 careers that have staying power in the face of the recession.

Headhunter

One company's layoff is another's splash in the potential employee pool. Because of downsizing there are qualified people out there without jobs, and now is a great time to find them, pick them up and place them somewhere. Both sides win.

Bartender

While the restaurant business may be floundering, bars won't exactly boom, but they will be the first place people stop after getting the boot.

Software/Networking Development

As new companies grow, here and overseas, they will need people to develop software for them to use and networks for them to communicate with. Companies need quality communication systems and programs

to help them run as or more efficiently than competing companies.

Personal/Professional Finance Adviser

After unprecedented amounts of financial scandals and poor fiscal management blunders surface, people and professionals alike will crack down on bookkeeping.

Repo Man

Sadly, as more and more people fall on hard times, they will have to start giving up their possessions in order to make ends meet. The repossession industry will reap the benefits.

Collection Agents

Companies are going belly-up left and right. The ones that don't want to will try as hard as they can to keep their books clean, both legally and financially. Collection agencies will have no shortage of clients as more and more companies try to clean up.

Military/Government Jobs

More and more service members overseas are extending their tours so they don't have to face the bleak job market back home. The government will always need people to keep it

functioning. Plus, government jobs are harder to get fired from and the benefits can be sweet, especially for those with families.

Nursing and Pharmaceuticals

In the coming years there will be a seemingly endless realm of potential patients to treat, and the nursing career and pharmaceutical industry will ride the wave high.

Truck Driver

It's not for everyone, but it's a time-tested and classic profession. People are always going to need stuff, and that stuff will need to get places. Most of the time you will get a certain amount of time off for a certain amount of miles completed, which can mean lots of down time for rest and personal projects, and the medical and retirement benefits are a plus as well.

Fundraiser

Asking for money is an idea that makes many people shudder. But with green jobs on a possible brink of booming and city planning expanding, companies are going to need people to raise funds. Besides, if you're good and have a good relationships with your donors, asking for money shouldn't be a big issue.

Spending bill rife with earmarks

By William Douglas
and David Lightman
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — During the 2008 presidential campaign, candidates Barack Obama and John McCain fought vigorously over who would be toughest on congressional earmarks.

"We need earmark reform," Obama said in September during a presidential debate in Oxford, Miss. "And when I'm president, I will go line by line to make sure that we are not spending money unwisely."

Obama should prepare to carve out a lot of free time and keep the coffee hot this week as Congress prepares to unveil a \$410 billion omnibus spending bill that's riddled with thousands of earmarks, despite his calls for restraint and efforts on Capitol Hill to curtail the practice.

The bill will contain about 9,000 earmarks totaling \$5 billion, congressional officials say. Many of the earmarks — loosely defined as local projects inserted by members of Congress — were inserted last year as the spending bills worked their way through various committees.

So while Obama and McCain were slamming earmarks on the campaign trail, House and Senate members — Democrats and Republicans — were slapping them into spending bills.

"It will be a little embarrassing for the president if he signs a bill with that many earmarks on it," said Stan Collender, a veteran Washington budget analyst. "He'll say they're left over from the Bush years, and

he has to say that next year the bill will be clean."

Experts agree most earmarks are legitimate. Cary Leahey, senior economist with Decision Economics in New York, said the nation's economic crisis is a contributing factor to the plethora of earmarks. Lawmakers can argue that for a relatively small price they've helped boost the economy.

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Stan Collender
veteran Washington budget analyst

"One congressman's earmark is another legislative way to fix a serious problem in his district," Leahey said.

Still, it wasn't supposed to be this way. Earmarks have come under fire because of those that seem to provide what Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, calls "laugh lines," such as Alaska's "Bridge to Nowhere" or North Dakota's Lawrence Welk Museum.

Obama pledged to take a hard hand on earmarks and warned lawmakers in a Feb. 3 letter from Budget Director Peter Orszag not to decorate the recently signed \$787.2 billion stimulus bill with them.

Democrats declared the bill earmark-free. Republicans disagreed.

"While this bill does not include traditional earmarks, we should all understand that there are earmarks in this bill," said Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo. "There is \$850 million ... to bail out Amtrak, a \$75 million earmark for the Smithsonian, a \$1 billion earmark for the 2010 census."

Democrats have been trying to revamp the earmark process for about two years. In 2007, they instituted a system that required members to explain the contents of each earmark, as well as a justification for why it was included in the legislation that way. They claimed this led to a reduction in earmarks by as much as 43 percent.

But critics contended the system still had problems. Simply making information more available, they said, didn't address the major criticism: That such projects should go through the regular legislative process.

Not only does this mean the public has no chance to challenge questionable spending, but also powerful interests who know how to work the system.

Former FAA employee accused of plane theft

By Adam Lynn
McClatchy Newspapers

TACOMA, Wash. — As a technician with the Federal Aviation Administration, Steven B. Smith was paid to work on equipment used to keep the flying public safe.

Federal prosecutors contend the Southern California resident also used his position to steal nearly \$3 million in public property, including a 50-foot yacht, a Cessna airplane and a 44-foot yawl once used by Navy ROTC stu-

dents at the University of Washington.

A federal grand jury in Tacoma indicted Smith and his half-brother, Bradley A.G. Garner, earlier this month on one count of wire fraud and theft of honest services.

Smith and Garner, who splits time between California and his native Canada, are to be arraigned Feb. 27 at the U.S. District Courthouse in Tacoma. Efforts to reach their attorneys were unsuccessful.


The case is being prosecuted in Tacoma because some of the stolen merchandise came

from federal agencies with offices in Western Washington, or was processed through Fort Lewis, Wash.

In essence, prosecutors say, Smith used the government's excess-property stockpile as his personal shopping mall, only he rarely paid for his merchandise. Garner helped Smith sell or move some of the illegally obtained property, according to court records.

Prosecutors contend the brothers defrauded the government of more than 200 items over a four-year period.

Housing



Sign-Up

2009 – 2010 Housing Sign-Up Schedule

~~Apartments~~

March 2 - 3 Current Apartment Residents (TBPW & Sandage/McCart) will be able to self-assign to Britain, Fish, Herndon, Mabee, and Mullins plus Sandage/McCart Apartments, and Bellaire Condos
* (we also anticipate offering a select number of apartments at the GrandMarc)
* (Walker will be part of the residence hall sign-up)

March 4 Apartment Residents who have self-assigned will be able to request a Preferred Roommate with the required 54 hours

March 5 - 6 All Apartments – Continuing Students with at least 54 credit hours

March 5	84 or more credit hours	8:00 AM
	74 or more credit hours	1:00 PM
March 6	64 or more credit hours	8:00 AM
	54 or more credit hours	1:00 PM

March 7 Apartment Waitlist will open to current residents by emailing housing@tcu.edu

~~Residence Halls~~

March 9 - 11 Sophomores (those students who entered TCU in one of the following semesters and are required to live on-campus: Spring 2009, Summer 2008, Fall 2008 and transfer freshmen who entered Spring 2009)

March 12 - 13 All other on-campus resident

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Clinton has own diplomatic style

By Tim Johnson
McClatchy Newspapers

BEIJING — She's talked about love. She's recycled advice. She's ripped into conservatives on the Supreme Court. And she's held chatty town hall sessions.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is bringing a new style to the post of America's chief diplomat. In her first overseas trip, a week-long tour through Asia, Clinton rewrote the rulebook, employing gravitas with foreign leaders but leading a free-wheeling, campaign-like effort to mend what she says is a tattered U.S. image, prod people into saving energy and serve as empowerment coach for women around the globe.

Clinton wandered into crowds in a lower-middle-class neighborhood in Indonesia's capital, gave numerous interviews each day, visited a women's college in South Korea and invited women's rights activists for a session in China.

On Sunday, the last day of her four-nation trip, Clinton patiently responded to a question during a live webcast interview about what she and husband Bill do to save energy.

"We use compact fluorescent bulbs," she said, explaining their power-saving qualities. "We also recycle so that we are trying not to add to landfill waste more than absolutely necessary. ... We're constantly asking ourselves what more can we do."

Earlier in the day, Clinton attended a church service, then hosted two dozen women lawyers, domestic abuse experts, entrepreneurs and activists, many of whom she had met on previous trips to China.

"I have such vivid memories of our times together in the past," Clinton said, before launching into questions about the status of women's rights issues in the country. The meeting was held at the U.S. Embassy to avoid sensitivities

of the Chinese government.

"In no society, certainly including my own, are women treated equally yet," she added.

As one of the most widely known politicians in the United States, Clinton brings star power to her post. Her run for the Democratic presidential nomination last year served as a familiar touchstone during her interactions with the public.

"I'm very proud that President Obama has made a total U-turn away from the policies of the past eight years."

Hillary Clinton
Secretary of State

So far, Clinton has hewed closely to the policies laid out by President Barack Obama, offering no hint of the ill will that sometimes surfaced during their rivalry for the 2008 campaign for the Democratic nomination.

"I'm very proud that President Obama has made a total U-turn away from the policies of the past eight years," Clinton said last week during a town hall meeting in Seoul's Ewha University, an all-women's institution founded by U.S. Methodists in the 19th century.

The Clinton style is in marked contrast to her predecessor under former President George W. Bush, Condoleezza Rice, a lifelong Russian scholar who maintained a lower profile, partly due to a more reserved temperament. Before Rice, Colin Powell, a retired Army general, brought military precision to the State position. Clinton's weeklong trip underscored that her political fame would add clout to the position.



Chris Bush says goodbye to his son, Cpl. Peter Courcy, before leaving the Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home in Lewisville, Texas, February 17, 2009. The Defense department lets family members decide whether media can cover local services. The military says the non-coverage policy, in place since the Gulf War, protects the privacy of families.

Change in photo policy considered

By Laura Isensee
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — U.S. Army Lt. Johnny Craver gave up training other Rangers in order to fight in Iraq.

He came back three months later, his flag-draped coffin arriving at an Air Force base in Delaware before its final journey to Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

His mother, Phyllis Broomfield of Aubrey, wonders what the ceremony looked like and wishes it could have been recorded.

"I think everyone should be able to see the price that these soldiers had to pay," she said.

But the Pentagon has barred news coverage of returning casualties since 1991 — a policy that Craver's widow in Celina supports, with some caveats.

"It's about honoring the family and the family's loss," said Natalie Craver, adding that she would change the policy only if survivors were guaranteed respect.

The sensitive and complicated issue returned to the national stage this month when President Barack Obama announced

a review of the policy that keeps news media from photographing the flag-draped coffins of service members as they return to the United States.

Vice President Joe Biden said in 2004 that it was shameful for bodies of fallen Americans to be "snuck back into the country under the cover of the night."

Most of the more than 4,000 casualties from Iraq and Afghanistan have gone through Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates says he doesn't oppose a change in policy. He last examined the issue about a year ago, but kept non-coverage in place. There were privacy issues, he said, and other concerns that media access would pressure families to attend arrival ceremonies in Delaware, which could be a financial burden.

The Defense department lets family members decide whether media can cover local services, which Craver's family allowed. His mother cherishes those photos, kept in a room with other photos of her son and military flags. His widow, though uneasy

at first, is glad the coverage might have helped educate others about the war.

The military says the non-coverage policy, in place since the Gulf War, protects the privacy of families. Critics argue privacy isn't a factor, since the coffins are unmarked and unidentified. The larger issue, opponents say, is that the ban sanitizes war and tamps down criticism.

"We don't feel we owe anything to America. America OWES US."

Gary Qualls
Veteran

"The question is whether the American people as a whole should be allowed to assess the cost of war," said Ralph Begleiter, who successfully fought the Pentagon to release images of casualties in 2004 and 2005. "They can't do that if the major cost is invisible to them."

Begleiter, who teaches journal-

ism and political science at the University of Delaware, supports the current policy review, although he noted that images produced by the military, not the media, would satisfy him.

Michigan resident John Ellsworth, who is president of Military Families United and whose 20-year-old son, Justin, was killed in Iraq, said the ban should be lifted on a case-by-case basis, even if that's difficult to enforce.

"The families that want their hero's information out there — I think that ought to be allowed," Ellsworth said.

Some are adamant that the current policy be kept in place. Photos would cause families only more grief, said veteran Gary Qualls, 54, of Temple.

His 20-year-old son, Louis, died in the battle of Fallujah in 2004. A round caught his cheek and the former martial arts champion went down so naturally, his fellow marines thought the lance corporal was taking cover.

"We don't feel we owe anything to America. America owes us," Qualls said.

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NEWS

Inventive fitness routines offer release in difficult times

By Erin Chan Ding
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — A series of staccato sounds bounces up from the hardwood floors of a studio in Life Time Fitness in Novi, Mich., Dap-diggi-dap-diggi-dap. The banging resounds around the room like the percussion section of a marching band. Dap-diggi-dap-diggi-dap.

Men and women in their 20s to 40s gaze at their instructor, imitating her, pounding their drumsticks so hard perspiration starts trickling across their hairlines.

And that's the point.

Beating in unison, the group may look and sound like any ensemble of attentive music students, but they're also working out.

The class, called "Sweat the Rhythm," is one of several new, emerging workouts that are designed to make exercise feel less like exercise. Instead, it wraps fitness around the aggression of drumming and the attractiveness of music.

A class called "Bollyfit" in Ann Arbor, Mich., merges culture and fitness by incorporating Bollywood dance into workouts. Farmington (Mich.) Tennis Club and Birmingham (Mich.) Racquet Clubs offer cardio tennis, a combination that puts less emphasis on technique and more on drills, rallies and an aerobic workout. And Vixen Fitness in Detroit makes workouts of belly dancing, salsa, pole dances and even lap dances.

Dena Raptis, group fitness department head at Life Time Fitness, introduced athletic and dance versions of the "Sweat the Rhythm" class last month because she cannot stand getting stuck in mundane fitness routines — a reason often cited for breaking countless workout resolutions.

"I was so bored of step and all of that," she says. "Yoga is yoga. Step is step. I can't do the same class over and over."

Raptis adds that "the same motion every day isn't effective. You

need variety and movement."

Unique fitness classes have the added advantage of being fun, something Raptis says is essential given the financial climate has people feeling.

"The economy sucks," says Raptis, whose background as a professional piano player, singer and occasional percussionist helped her create the class. "So it makes a difference in people when they can be happy and feel so good, when they're not asking 'What time is it?' while they're working out. Bringing out that joy of living is what music and dance does to you."

Classes like "Sweat the Rhythm" force people to use different muscle groups without feeling like they're being forced.

Raptis, 45, choreographs evolving moves for the one-hour class that are performed by pounding on inflatable balls with drumsticks and incorporate the lifting and heaving of the ball.

There is the "fly baby," where the drummers launch themselves into the air while hitting their drumsticks over their heads. And the "pogo stick," where they bang the ball with their sticks and follow with double jumps.

"It's fun!" says Felipe Gonzalez, 27, of Wixom, Mich., sweat staining his white shirt. "It helps me with my brain, in terms of counting rhythm and steps. And the choreography helps my coordination."

Thirty miles away in Ann Arbor, the pulsating rhythms of a song called "Dola Re Dola" filter through the stereo in another studio.

In it, two women sing in Hindi about a man they both love but cannot have. In the studio, the song is the soundtrack for the workout of a dozen women in a class called "Bollyfit."

Designed by Ann Arbor resident Anuja Rajendra, the class puts a fitness emphasis on the choreography and upbeat movements of the dances Bollywood movies made famous.



Anuja Rajendra, 36, of Ann Arbor, Mich., foreground, demonstrates Bollywood dances during the Bollyfit class held at the Mind, Body, and Spirit Academe in Ann Arbor, February 13. Bollyfit combines elements from Indian "film dances" with classical (Bharat Natyam) and folk (Bhangra) styles in dynamic, aerobic dance workout.

The dancers learn some steps each week, and by the end of an eight-week session, they will have pieced together a complete dance.

At the front of the room, Rajendra, a lithe mother of two, leads the women in a series of sweat-inducing hand gestures (mudras), half-sits (araimandis) and other moves that, once put together, form a routine during the 6-minute song.

"Dola Re Dola," which means "the throb," a reference to the throb of the heart and of life, comes from the 2002 Bollywood movie "Devdas."

Rajendra is not concerned with mimicking the technical precision of the original dance, but focused on adapting the moves to fitness.

"One of the hardest things I do," she says, "is achieving the right balance of dance, fitness and accessibility."

Raised in Okemos, Mich., Rajendra, 36, began her training in classical Indian dance 30 years ago.

"You feel like you're with a group of friends. I don't even think about it being exercise until the end, when I'm all wet and my muscles ache."

Deasha Perry

Bollyfit participant

For years, she performed with her two older siblings as the Rajendra Sisters Dance Troupe.

The dancing stopped when

one sister, Rachana Rajendra, was killed in a car accident at the age of 27. For the next decade, Rajendra shoved dance aside.

"Just the idea of dancing," she says. "There wasn't joy in it."

That changed a couple of years ago, after the birth of her second son. She had gained 60 pounds with her first pregnancy and 45 pounds with her second, and "I was literally waddling around and looking for a way to get healthy again," she says.

"I started dancing, and not only was the weight coming off, but the joy was coming back. A spark that had been gone started re-emerging."

When friends wanted to learn, that prompted Rajendra to begin teaching a class at the YMCA two years ago. It became so popular that she parlayed the concept into Bollyfit and teaches

it three times a week.

The classes possess a peaceful, free-flowing feel. The routine's moves are not fixed and the people who attend often vote on them.

The classes have a sisterly quality — Rajendra describes a move by shouting, "The legs move, but the hips get the credit!" — and have drawn mostly women. Rajendra says men are welcome and could get their own class, like the one she will offer for toddlers within the coming months.

The women in the class say the social appeal mixed with the unorthodox workout keeps them interested.

"You feel like you're with a group of friends," says Deasha Perry, 22, of Ypsilanti, Mich. "I don't even think about it being exercise until the end, when I'm all wet and my muscles ache."

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Former President George W. Bush toasts with President Nicolas Sarkozy during a social dinner in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington in 2007. Sarkozy has been one of France's most active presidents in years.

Busy Sarkozy reflects a changing country

By Laurie Goering
Chicago Tribune

PARIS — Nicolas Sarkozy has his critics, but none of them can fault his lack of energy.

During one recent week, France's "omni-president," as the papers call him, jetted to Cairo to help sort out the Gaza crisis, gave a major speech on helping France's crucial auto industry through the economic downturn and personally handpicked every new member of his political party's new leadership, political analysts say.

In an ongoing show of relentless involvement in just about everything, he even showed up in Iraq recently, urging French companies to open businesses in the nation in an attempt to regain ground lost since the U.S.-led invasion, which France did not support.

The world may be looking to President Barack Obama to help sort out the world's problems, but France's most driven president in years is already on the job.

"Sarkozy gets involved in absolutely every issue," said Jean-Francois Doridot, managing director of the polling agency Ipsos. "It's just not in his character to slow down."

In recent months, Sarkozy has raced around the world intervening in crises. As president of the European Union for six months last year, he led Europe's response to the emerging world financial crisis, pushed through a hard-fought deal to cut Europe's greenhouse gas emissions and stitched together a new Union for the Mediterranean, tying together Europe with Turkey and nations in northern Africa and the Middle East.

Not content with his international role, he has also seized control of domestic relations — usually the domain of the prime minister — and stormed around the country pushing his agenda of updating and streamlining French institutions, including the huge tax-funded welfare system. That has happened even as an economic crisis makes the

"I am beginning the year 2009 with the resolve, with the determination to do everything, to implement everything."

Nicolas Sarkozy
French president

French question whether they want reform after all.

"I am beginning the year 2009 with resolve, with the determination to do everything, to implement everything," he told foreign diplomats in a speech in January. "No doubt you will find me too ambitious."

The 54-year-old president — variously described as determined, hyperactive, authoritarian, passionate and impulsive — reflects in many ways a changing France.

He is a product of immigration, the child of a Hungarian-born father and a mother with Greek and Jewish roots. He has an unapologetic fondness for money and bling — yachts, Rolexes and a third wife, Italian model and singer Carla Bruni, figure prominently in his passions — even though French

traditionalists still see flaunting wealth as a sign of bad taste.

Sarkozy is the first French president to hire a personal trainer, the first to prefer chocolate to wine and surely one of the first to unabashedly profess a love for at least a few things American, particularly the nation's spirit of self-confidence.

"He's a president of his era," noted Poulain Thierry, a 57-year-old Paris insurance broker who counts himself among Sarkozy's legions of fans. A bit of bling and eccentricity "doesn't bother me at all," he said, particularly when Sarkozy "has the will to get things done."

Sarkozy's popularity has nose-dived at points since his election in May 2007. But since finding his stride as European Union president last year — international affairs weren't his forte at first but solving crises "grew on him," Doridot notes — Sarkozy has maintained strong support.

Today, as the ratings of most of his ministers slump in the face of the looming economic crisis, his popularity is holding at around 46 percent — "not so bad" given fears in France about how bad things could get, said Bruno Jeanbart, director of public opinion surveys for Opinionway, a Paris-based polling firm.

A good part of that popularity has to do with Sarkozy's success in rebuilding France's view of itself as a key world player, a source of immense national pride.

"It's part of the French political culture that France is important," said Dominique Reynie, a political scientist and head of France's Foundation for Political Innovation. "With Sarkozy there's proof that even in a globalized world, France has a role to play."

JOB SEARCH

Socializing essential for career

By Zach Kaufmann
Young Money Magazine

A list of famous college dropouts would be a long list. Some of the best and brightest in the business, technology, and entertainment worlds have succeeded through hard work and all the right connections. Bill Gates, for example, dropped out of Harvard, and his Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen dropped out of Washington State. For that matter, Steve Jobs was only at Reed College for six months.

Ralph Lauren decided he'd rather design ties for Beau Brummel than finish his education at Baruch College and Don Imus has said he left college after only a week (too many nappy headed hos for his liking). Former President George W. Bush did graduate from Harvard Business School, but his former adviser, Karl Rove, left the University of Utah after two years. For those who are truly innovative or driven — or those whose fathers are well-connected in politics and business — a college degree may not be necessary to achieve fame or fortune.

So is socializing more important than studying? Everyone has heard that it's "not what you know, but who know" or that seven out of every 10 jobs are landed through networking. But don't get too excited. Recent studies show that college graduates, on average, earn almost double what those with only a high school diploma earn, so it's still smart to get that degree.

Unfortunately, too many college students think that once they graduate they're set. All it takes is a good resume, right? Post it on CareerBuilder.com, Monster.com, apply for some jobs on Craigslist, and you'll be making \$75 thousand+ a year in no time. Unfortunately, it's not that simple. Because both halves of the saying are true: landing a good job after college is as much about whom you know as what you know. Networking is the

key, and that means more than just putting your resume out there or making a couple phone calls and waiting around for the job offers to pour in.

Lucky for you that college is one of the best places to network. The Alumni Relations and Student Services Offices can get you started, as many colleges and universities already have partnerships in place with local business and corporations looking to hire the best and brightest. Everyone you meet in your four years of college is a potential business contact, which is why campus involvement is so important. Internships, volunteer-

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ing, student groups, on-campus jobs, and membership in fraternities and sororities not only shows potential employers that you're motivated and capable of successfully juggling various responsibilities (academic and extracurricular), but also offer you a wealth of opportunities for networking.

According to a 2003 report by Forbes Magazine, about 25 percent of all chief executives of Forbes Fortune 500 companies were part of a college fraternity. Forbes quoted former Wachovia CEO, G. Kennedy Thompson, who was a member of Beta Theta Pi while an undergrad at the University of North Carolina, as saying that his involvement in a fraternity offered him "the opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds and places, (making) connections that have continued beyond my university years to my business life."

Beta Theta Pi, as well as other business fraternities like Delta Sig-

ma Pi, Pi Sigma Epsilon, and Alpha Kappa Psi frequently hold national business conferences where you can meet other fraternity members and prominent alumni. These events can be particularly important to students who attend colleges without a business school or a major that fits their particular business interests. Since they were founded, the three fraternities have initiated more than 700,000 members, with Alpha Kappa Psi (the largest) operating out of more than 300 chapters. That's a lot of potential business contacts in a lot of places. These fraternities also give out substantial scholarships and grants that could be used to build your fledgling company (or at least pay your tuition and college expenses). Such awards can supplement financial aid and university scholarships; they also look really good on a resume.

When you do start considering your job options or promoting your business venture, keep in mind the following tips: clearly define your goals and strategies (know what you're looking for); know your network and keep in touch with those who could prove most helpful to you; ask about additional people who could help you move forward; think about the questions that other people may ask about your personal or professional life and have your answers ready. Most importantly, remember that your professional networking is different from your social networking.

As Priscilla March for Boston.com writes, "Every professional networking contact, electronic or face-to-face, needs to be carefully crafted, planned, or practiced. One misspelled word, one uncapitalized pronoun, one lapse of over-familiarity or unprofessionalism, and your best chance of making a positive impression may have been wasted."

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TCU IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Students share top billing with the pros

By Elle Cahalan
Staff Reporter

The collaboration between the professional Circle Theatre in downtown Fort Worth and Theatre TCU allows theater students to bridge the gap between the academic and the professional world, a university official said.

Harry Parker, chair of the theater department and member of the board of the Circle Theatre in Sundance Square, said the two theaters will combine their talent to perform the play "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," which he will direct.

Brooke LeBleu, a sophomore theater major and Circle Theatre intern, said Circle Theatre and Theatre TCU have collaborated for many years now and have a great working relationship.

Starting last semester, Circle Theatre began offering new opportunities to students, including several available internships every semester. Students can now also work at the theater for work-study financial aid, LeBleu said.

Rachel Collins, the box office manager at Circle Theatre, works closely with the student

interns. She said the tasks of the interns vary depending on the intern's specific interests. They have a lot of freedom to choose their own area of focus, Collins said.

"The interns get to see the day-to-day workings of a professional theater, how things come up through the pipe and what it really takes to produce a show," Collins said.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" will be performed at the Circle Theatre and will run for a month, Parker said. The show has not been cast yet, but the university's involvement will include a faculty director, two faculty designers, a faculty actor, and at least 4-5 roles reserved for current students, who will be acting alongside local actors, Parker said. The play is a comedy written by actor Steve Martin and features the characters of Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso, who meet at a Paris cafe shortly before becoming famous.

"The collaboration also benefits TCU by showcasing the strong work of our students and faculty to a professional theater audience, which may be unaware of the high quality of theater work occurring at TCU," Parker said.

LeBleu said theater majors are required to audi-



What: "Picasso at the Lapin Agile"
Who: Circle Theatre and Theatre TCU
When: Sept. 24 - Oct. 24
Where: Circle Theatre, 230 W. Fourth St.

tion for Theatre TCU shows, so it is generally hard for them to do outside work as well. Through the internships and co-productions that Circle Theatre and Theatre TCU collaborate in, students have the opportunity to experience professional theater while still fulfilling the requirements of their major, LeBleu said.

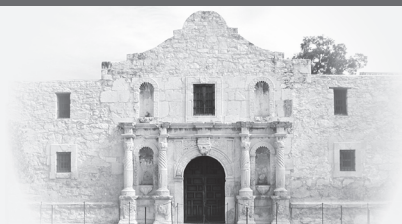
Collins said theater students are fortunate to attend school in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where there are professional theaters from which they can receive experience. While this is a great opportunity for students, she thinks professional actors enjoy working with the undergraduate students as well.

"It keeps everyone youthful," she said.

CHANCE WELCH / Features Editor
Theatre students like these rehearsing for the play "Scapino" have teamed up with the local Circle Theatre for the play "Picasso at the Lapin Agile."



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Today in History

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— History Channel

Joke of the Day

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A: When it turns into a garage!

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by Harry Bliss

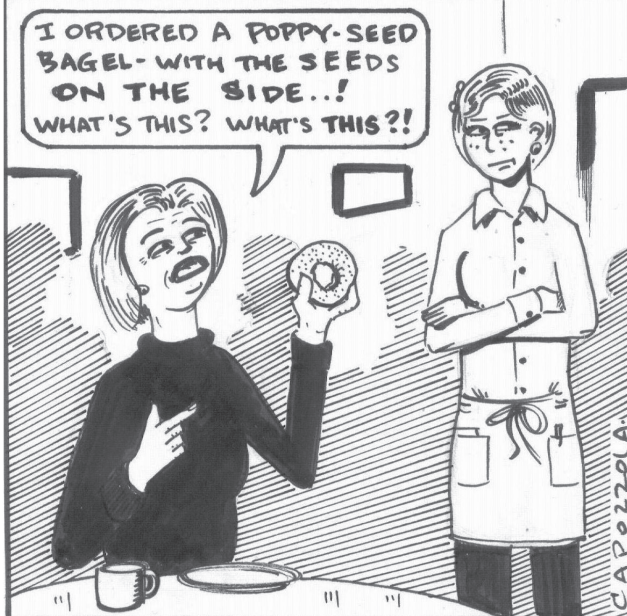


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Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Friday's Solutions

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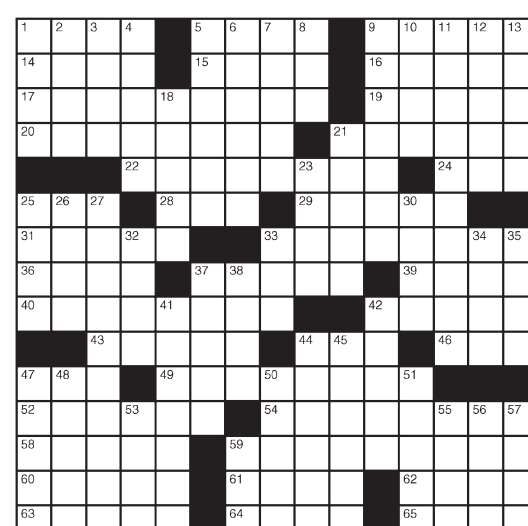
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By Willy A. Wiseman
New York, NY

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

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JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Junior Nina Munch-Soegaard argues with the referee Sunday after the University of Miami's Julia Cohen appeared to call a winner from Munch-Soegaard's end out. The call was overturned. Munch-Soegaard, ranked sixth in the nation, lost her singles match 6-3, 1-6, 1-6. The team dropped the match to No. 10 Miami 6-1.

Team splits ACC weekend matches

By Max Landman
Editor-in-Chief

An early doubles victory couldn't help the women's tennis team stop the 10th-ranked University of Miami squad on Sunday as the team fell 6-1 after the Hurricanes swept singles play. For the Horned Frogs, however, the

outcome didn't reflect the team's effort. Three of the six singles matches went into third sets, including a heated match between sixth-ranked junior Nina Munch-Soegaard and the Hurricanes' Julia Cohen, ranked 20th in the nation.

Fans erupted in anger after Cohen appeared to call a winner from Munch-Soe-

gaard's end out. The call was overturned, but the hostility between the two players continued in the next game as Cohen called two more of Munch-Soegaard's close shots out, leading to more outbursts from the crowd. Munch-Soegaard lost 6-3, 1-6, 1-6.

SEE TENNIS · PAGE 2

BASEBALL

Team to face Dallas Baptist in home opener

Coming off a season-opening series win against a highly ranked Cal State Fullerton team over the weekend, the Horned Frog baseball team will continue its season tonight against Dallas Baptist University.

TCU (2-1) will take on the Patriots (2-1) in the first of back-to-back games at home. The Horned Frogs will play the Texas State University Bobcats (3-1) Wednesday night.

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Steven Maxwell is expected to start tonight's game. Maxwell appeared in three games last season before

TCU vs DBU
When: 6:30 p.m. tonight
Where: Brown-Lupton Stadium

undergoing season-ending Tommy John surgery on his elbow.

TCU topped the Patriots in all three of the teams' meetings last season.

The Patriots are coming off of a three-game series against Binghamton University in which they outscored their opponent 24-7.

— Sports editor Michael Carroll

QUICK SPORTS

Frogs officially add Clemson to schedule

Rumors late last week proved true Friday when the Frogs announced they have completed their non-conference schedule by adding a Sept. 26 game against Clemson University.

The Frogs now have two road games against Atlantic Coast Conference foes next season. The team will play the University of Virginia two weeks earlier on Sept. 12.

TCU and Clemson last met in the first-ever Bluebonnet Bowl in 1959 when the Tigers topped the Frogs 23-7.

Clemson went 7-6 last season after beginning the year ranked in the top ten.

The Frogs' home game against SMU has been moved to Oct. 3 because of the addition of Clemson to the schedule.

overall and 5-8 in the Mountain West Conference following a 61-56 road loss at the hands of the University of Wyoming.

The Horned Frogs trailed by as many as 11 points in the second half, and the Cowboys foiled a late attempt at a comeback.

Junior forward Zvonko Buljan led TCU with 14 points and nine rebounds.

The Horned Frogs struggled to shoot the ball in Saturday's loss, a problem that has plagued the team during recent play. TCU connected on just 32.7 percent of its shots.

The team will hit the road once again for a game against the University of New Mexico on Wednesday night.

Men's tennis goes 1-1 in Oklahoma matches

A day after besting a No. 17 University of Tulsa squad 4-3 on the road, the Horned Frogs fell to a No. 18 Oklahoma State University team 5-2 on Sunday.

Senior Krieger Brink improved his singles record to 6-1 this season with victories in each match.

The win and loss puts the team's spring record at 2-5. All seven matches have come against ranked teams.

Things won't get any easier for the team as it heads to Waco on Thursday to face the University of Mississippi, the No. 9 team in the country.

Equestrian falls to crosstown rival

The Horned Frog equestrian team fell to the SMU Mustangs 8-3 on Saturday in Mansfield.

The competition featured each squad's hunt seat teams. SMU does not have a Western team.

Sophomore Jessica Hagen took home the event's MVP honors for her performance in equitation on the flat.

The team will host New Mexico State University on Saturday in Mansfield.

— Sports editor Michael Carroll

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KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR EARS

Horned Frogs claim season's opening series

The Horned Frogs took two of three from Cal State Fullerton on the road this weekend in their first action of the season. Cal State Fullerton came into the series as the No. 5 team in the nation according to Baseball America.

The Horned Frogs rallied back to take the series' last two games 8-6 and 11-6 after dropping the series' opening game 7-6 on Friday.

Sophomore Sean Hoelscher was the winning pitcher in TCU's first win of the season, allowing five runs on nine hits in six innings of work.

The Horned Frogs fell behind 6-1 in the first inning of Sunday's contest. But senior pitcher Taylor Cragin entered the game in the fourth inning and pitched six scoreless frames, allowing TCU to regain and maintain a lead until the game's final out.

The team will get right back to action tonight at 6:30 p.m. against Dallas Baptist University in the Lupton Stadium.

Men's basketball team comes up short in Wyoming

The team's record fell to 14-13

7 DAY FORECAST

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