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Find out how TCU alumnus Tim Halperin fared on 'American Idol.'

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Lawrence Davis serves food at the Cook House station in Market Square on Wednesday evening. The selection was barbecue-smoked chicken with potatoes.

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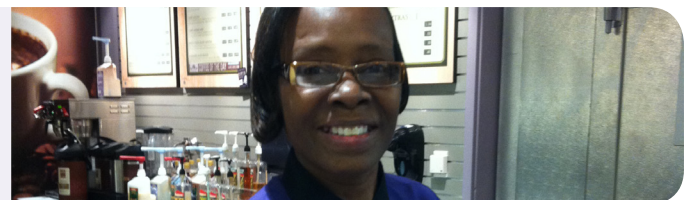
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Students mix feathers and hair with new business.



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Union Grounds employee helps keeps students awake.



ENTERTAINMENT

Halperin advances to top 40

Staff Report

As judges narrow the number of remaining "American Idol" contestants, TCU grad Tim Halperin took the stage Wednesday night in Las Vegas to compete for his spot in the show's top 24.

Halperin accompanied "Idol" contestant Julie Zorilla vocally and on the keyboard, singing The Beatles' "Something" on The Beatles' "LOVE" stage at the Mirage Hotel.

In the show's first hour, the 60 contestants were narrowed to 40, and in the second, elimi-

nations began to establish the top 24. However, viewers must tune in Thursday night to see if Halperin made the cut.

As the suspense of Halperin's "Idol" journey continues to rise, campus support for Halperin has grown.

To support Halperin's run on American Idol, Chancellor's Associate for External Relations Ann Loudon has worked to gather students, faculty and staff members close to Halperin to form what she called "Team Tim."

Loudon said the team will advertise Halperin's presence

on the show to increase local viewership and support for the live shows and public voting.

Each person on the team will have a different assignment including campaigning through social media, sending e-mails to alumni and organizing "Idol" watching parties, she said. If Halperin continues to advance, the team would ratchet up its advertisement, she said.

Members of the group include Honors College Dean Ron Pitcock, Neeley School of Business Senior Associate Dean Bill Moncrief and College of Education Dean Mary Patton, she said.

Halperin was a Chancellor's Scholar at TCU and graduated in May 2010 with a degree in marketing. He returned to campus in the fall of 2010 to participate in TCU's "Frogs for the Cure" by recording the song "We Fight Back" and creating a music video of the song.

Halperin also is scheduled to appear on Thursday's show, which airs from 7-9 p.m. on local Fox Channel 4.



COURTESY OF TIM HALPERIN

Tim Halperin advanced to the American Idol top 40 Wednesday.

DINING

Market Square cooks up fresh changes

By Landon Haaf

Staff Reporter

Market Square is making an effort to enhance the dining experience for TCU students by preparing more foods in-house rather than buying canned versions from Sysco, Executive Chef Charlie Guajardo said.

To improve food for students, foods such as the hummus, mashed potatoes, marinara sauce and salsa will now be made on-site at Market Square, he said.

"What we're trying to do is veer away from constitutional cooking," Guajardo said. "We're trying to make homemade, fresh foods for the students."

Freshman business major Erin Terry said she has been a fan of Market Square, located in the Brown-Lupton University Union, since she got to TCU and that she had noticed the improvements. She said she enjoyed Market Square even more with the new options, such as stir fry and homemade foods.

"I'm pleased to hear that they are starting to make foods in-house," Terry said. "It makes the BLUU seem less like a cafeteria."

Guajardo said TCU partnered with Sodexo, a food service and facilities management company, to operate Market Square.

Sodexo employees, including Guajardo, meet with the TCU Dining Services committee every week to discuss potential changes. The move toward in-house preparation, however, is one change that will not go away, Guajardo said.

"It is something that should have been done before," Guajardo said. "As a



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Senior lead Maria Castro experiments with different display presentations of several desserts and baked goods.

matter of fact, we're going to implement more [changes]."

Sodexo's District Marketing Coordinator Kelly Raw said the effort toward homemade, higher quality food was a result of the change in management in October 2010. Stephen Miller, a 25-year Sodexo employee, became the general manager in October and immediately saw things that could be improved, Raw said.

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Guajardo said Sodexo also goes to great lengths to ensure a clean, safe environment.

Every employee in Market Square is certified under a Food and Drug Administration program called HACCP (Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points), and goes through a program specific to Market Square called "Pride Stride,"

he said. Both programs promote the cleanliness and safety of dining facilities through classes and certification, he said.

Freshman biology major Tanner Campbell said he was generally pleased with the food in Market Square and that he planned to purchase the same unlimited meal plan next year. Campbell said he did not know about the employees' cleanliness training requirements but that he was pleased to hear about them.

"It's definitely a good thing," Campbell said. "It makes me more comfortable seeing the food prepared or knowing it is prepared here."

Guajardo said other recent changes in Market Square included smoking brisket and chicken on-site. He said he also had a list of all the food Market Square prepares and that he was in the process of deciding which foods were feasible options to be prepared in-house. Guajardo said students and customers would see more foods being prepared in-house and that new options would likely be offered in the near future.

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CAMPUS

Business offers students a new look

By Natalie Smith
Staff Reporter

Three members of Alpha Delta Pi sorority are giving TCU students the opportunity to accessorize their hair with colorful feathers without emptying their pockets.

Sophomore Erica Torgerson and her two business partners, juniors Kiran Rupani and Katie Blakely created Frog Featherheads, a new business that uses feathers to give students a unique look and act as a great conversation starter, Torgerson said.

Their business was originally run out of their sorority dorm room, but when they found out that running a business out of a university residence was against TCU student code of conduct, they changed their location to a friend's house located at the intersection of Granbury and Seminary Road, she said.

Torgerson, a business major, said she got the idea while at home over the winter break.

"I got my hair done over winter break in San Diego and when I came back everyone loved the extensions," Torgerson said. "The normal rate was \$30 for one feather, and we thought we could do it for a lot cheaper."

The feather hair extensions use real, multicolored bird feathers and are inexpensive and easy to apply, she said. The feathers can add subtle or dramatic highlights to ones hair without damaging or altering it in any way, she said.

Briana Wucinski, a sophomore strategic communication major, said she found out about Frog Featherheads at a sorority meeting where Torgerson came in to talk about the business. She had an appointment Feb. 14 and has received many compliments on her feather accessories, she said.

"They are really easy to style," Wucinski said. "I can blow dry, straighten and curl them without any kind of damage to the feather or my hair."

Rupani, a neuroscience major, said the hair extensions could be straightened, curled or even washed without coming out of the hair and last up to two months. However, she said constantly pulling or tugging on the extensions could cause them to fall out.

The extensions are sold as a

group, seven feathers costing \$20, but can range depending on the quality of the feather, she said. Although color dyed feathers cost one dollar more, she said she thought it was a good way to add a little color to any hairstyle.

Blakely, a biology major, said there is a process when it comes to putting the extensions in the hair. They first take a round crimp bead and slide it over a few strands of hair. They then add a feather to the hair and crimp down the bead, without damaging or tearing the hair, she said.

Rupani said that they had over 30 clients since they began and have made over \$400. They plan to give half of their proceeds to the Fort Worth Ronald McDonald House and hope to expand their business if it attracts enough attention.



NATALIE SMITH / STAFF REPORTER

Three members of Alpha Delta Pi sorority have started selling decorative hair feathers as an affordable alternative to expensive hair styling.

POLITICAL

US ends defense of anti-gay marriage law

By Nancy Benac
and Pete Yost

Associated Press

President Barack Obama ordered his administration on Wednesday to stop defending the constitutionality of a federal law that bans recognition of gay marriage, a policy reversal that could have major implications for the rights and benefits of gay couples and reignite an emotional debate for the 2012 presidential campaign.

Obama still is "grappling" with his personal views on whether gays should be allowed to marry but has long opposed the federal law as unnecessary and unfair, said spokesman Jay Carney.

First word of the change came not from the White House but from the Justice Department. Attorney General Eric Holder announced that Obama had concluded the 15-year-old Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA, was legally indefensible.

The decision was immedi-

ately welcomed by gay rights organizations and vilified by those on the other side. Some Democrats in Congress praised the decision, while it drew criticism from some Republicans and the office of their leader, House Speaker John Boehner, all surely a preview of coming political debate over the latest development in the long-running national conversation about gay rights.

The outcome of that debate could have enormous impact because federal laws and regulations confer more than a thousand rights or benefits on those who are married, most involving taxpayer money — Social Security survivors' benefits, family and medical leave, equal compensation as federal employees and immigration rights.

"Much of the legal landscape has changed in the 15 years since Congress passed DOMA," Holder said in a statement explaining the decision.

As well, the social landscape has changed.

Since the law was passed in 1996, five states and the District of Columbia have approved gay marriage, and others allow civil unions. An Associated Press-National Constitution Center Poll conducted last August found 52 percent of Americans saying the federal government should give legal recognition to marriages between couples of the same sex.

Thirty states have constitutional amendments banning gay marriage. Same-sex marriage is legal in Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Washington, D.C.

The White House framed Obama's decision as one brought on by a legal deadline in one of several federal court cases challenging the constitutionality of the law which defines marriage as only between a man and a woman.

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The Skiff View

More food prepared in-house benefits all

Market Square is preparing more foods in-house instead of buying canned versions, and that is something everyone can cheer.

Homemade, fresh foods should taste better, be healthier and, as one student said, make “the BLUU seem less like a cafeteria.”

The effort toward homemade, higher-quality food came from new Dining Services General Manager Stephen Miller, who was appointed in October and immediately saw room for improvement, Executive Chef Charlie Guajardo said.

Currently hummus, mashed potatoes, marinara sauce and salsa will be made on-site and brisket and chicken will be smoked on-site. Guajardo said more foods will be prepared on-site in the future.

Dining Services’ commitment to change and improvement should be commended. Students also have the opportunity to be a part of that change and voice their opinions and ideas at weekly Dining Services committee meetings, which are attended by Market Square employees, including Guajardo.

Students should take advantage of this chance to voice what new foods they would like to see available and what changes they would like to see made. With Dining Services’ commitment to change and improvement and its availability at weekly meetings, students have a great opportunity to shape future dining at the university.

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iPad's competitors still trying to catch up



Varun Pramanik

When Steve Jobs announced the iPad in January 2010, he joked about the following line from *The Wall Street Journal*: “Last time there was this much excitement about a tablet, it had some commandments written on it.”

What many people didn't know was that the iPad would become the first successful entry in a decade-old tablet market, with Apple having sold at least 15 million iPads to date.

On Wednesday, Apple invited news media and tech bloggers to an event March 2. The tech world is already buzzing with excitement and speculation, primarily because the e-mail invitation

hints at a next-gen iPad with words, “Come see what 2011 will be the year of.”

Other technology companies have tried unsuccessfully to guess what Apple's next move would be and introduced products both before and after Apple product launches, only to fail in stopping Apple. Microsoft tried this with its PlaysForSure technology, with which it failed to kill the iPod.

Microsoft used the technology to launch the Zune, which also failed to steal the iPod's more than 80 percent portable music player market share.

Today, Samsung, Motorola, Toshiba, Acer and HP, among others, are trying to compete with the iPad. The problem is that they're competing with last year's iPad and that their tablets offer an experience comparable to the iPad, though not specifically unique enough to substantially differentiate themselves from either Apple or each other.

A large number of the tablets competing with the iPad run Google's Android software. These tablet manufacturers are among the popular Android phone manufacturers, such as Samsung and Motorola.

A major problem for these manufacturers has been the marketing of Android phones because of the lack of a difference between the brands, one of the reasons Nokia cited for choosing Symbian, and later Windows Phone, over Android. With the imminent launch of Android tablets, they face the same dilemma — each offers the same set of software capabilities with a comparable set of hardware features.

Another problem for competing manufacturers is the cost of development and the cost at which they can afford to sell their tablets.

In October 2010, Jobs commented on the upcoming iPad competitors, saying they would be “DOA [dead-on-arrival]” because

they couldn't afford to offer anything larger than a 7-inch screen at the same cost as iPad's 9.7-inch screen.

Indeed, Samsung chose to use a 7-inch screen for its Galaxy Tab while offering its product at a price higher than the iPad, though carrier subsidization lowers the price with a contract. The Galaxy Tab has a return rate of 16 percent while the iPad has a return rate of 2 percent.

Since their introduction, iPads have been deployed in a variety of sectors. Some schools and colleges have given their students iPads or have required students to have them to supplement or compliment classwork. As the year goes by, we'll see the introduction of more tablets, including those by RIM and HP that don't run Android.

In the end, the consumers benefit because competition drives innovation.

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Debate on Texas Senate's bill requiring sonograms for abortions

Government doesn't have right to tell women what to do with their bodies



Andrea Bolt

The never-ending cycle of the age-old abortion debate was pushed into one more circle of argumentation last Thursday when the Texas Senate passed a bill requiring women undergoing an abortion to get an ultrasound.

The measure, if passed, will force women to submit to an ultrasound and then "...to listen to an explanation of the images, except in cases of rape or incest or if there are fetal abnormalities," according to a Reuters article last Thursday.

I do believe that the designation of pro-choice is an apt one. My argument is not about condoning the killing of anyone or anything — it is about the choice a woman has to do what she wants with her own body. The government should never, ever have the explicit power to tell people what they can and cannot do concerning their own bodies.

As a state already in the red, Texas faces a hefty shortage on the state budget to fund non-negotiable programs like education, and it may have to slash pre-kindergarten programs, vaccines and health insurance.

According to *Parenting Magazine*, the average cost of an ultrasound is \$200. In 2007, a total of 81,079 abortions were reported to the Texas Department of State Health Services. This number includes all induced abortions performed in Texas plus those obtained in other states by Texas residents. Two hundred dollars multiplied by 81,079 ultrasounds for those abortions would be \$16,215,800.

Gov. Rick Perry says the bill is to ensure "that women are fully, medically informed before they make the life-changing decision to terminate a pregnancy."

What about treating the problem at its source and not its effects? That \$16,215,800 could be put toward sex education and awareness programs in high schools. Use those

funds to incorporate safe sex seminars and similar-minded events and programs.

Approaching the problem from its root will have a much greater effect than dealing with its consequences. People are going to have sex no matter what — make sure they're informed of the ramifications and are making the best decisions they can rather than attempting to control their free will.

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More recently, the Republican-controlled House voted to cut all funding for any purpose to Planned Parenthood. "Women and Planned Parenthood are under attack by Republicans who want to make government smaller by making government 'just small enough to fit inside our bedrooms and our medicine cabinets,'" NARAL Pro-Choice

American President Nancy Keenan said in a Monday article in the *Huffington Post*.

Chances are that women having an abortion have thought about the choice they are making. Chances are they know the term abortion means they are aborting a life. Trying to guilt trip women undergoing an already psychologically damaging and exponentially difficult, life-altering procedure isn't helping anyone. It's insulting and degrading.

The endgame is to make the woman have the child and give it a chance at life, but the government has no business deigning to tell her what is and isn't acceptable concerning her own body. "It's the most serious decision they'll ever make in their lives, and now you're trying to put government in the middle of that decision," state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, said.

The designation of pro-choice is an apt one — it's about the choice to choose what decision is right for what woman in what situation. The government should never be able to say what choice that is.

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Bill will force women to make an educated decision about their abortion



Bailey McGowan

The third time's the charm, or at least, it may be for Texas Senate Bill 16.

The Texas Senate finally approved the bill Thursday. The bill was passed by the senate in 2007 and 2009 but died in the House. The bill

would require a doctor to perform an ultrasound on women before they have an abortion, and the doctor would have to describe the images and

explain the progress of the fetus' organs and limbs. The ultrasound would not be required if the reason for the abortion was for incest, rape or fetal abnormalities.

This time, the bill has been designated an "emergency" measure by Gov. Rick Perry, and an emergency it is.

The idea of making such a life-altering decision without understanding the full consequences that it has on both parties is absurd.

The number of abortions occurring for reasons other than incest, rape or fetal abnormalities speak for themselves. According to The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, 93 percent of all abortions occur for social reasons, like when the child is unwanted or inconvenient.

"Can we not at least give the baby at least one more chance for survival by giving that mother that information?" state Sen. Bob Deuell (R-Greenville) said.

If someone truly wants an abortion, the information given to her after her sonogram won't sway her decision.

What is so wrong with informing someone of what's going on in her own body? If someone truly wants an abortion, the information given to her after her sonogram won't sway her decision.

The majority of women having abortions in Texas are in their 20s — 58 percent to be exact, according to the Guttmacher Institute, and 85 percent are unmarried. And according to the National Abortion Federation's website, many of these women

have little understanding of their bodies and start having sex before knowing about methods to prevent pregnancy.

Being young and unwed will likely make it emotionally and financially harder to support a child, but there are other alternatives, such as adoption, for these women rather than abortion.

It is unclear where the state will get funding for these ultrasounds. While the state struggles to find money for education, school districts such as Fort Worth and Arlington are looking at a grim future of potential layoffs, according to Feb. 15 articles in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. But this bill is still necessary for Texas women to make an educated decision about their children's lives.

The decision to end a life affects more than just the subject. Abortion is ending a life.

Ultrasounds offer the opportunity for women to reconsider other options that would spare their children's lives and spare their consciences from possible repercussions.

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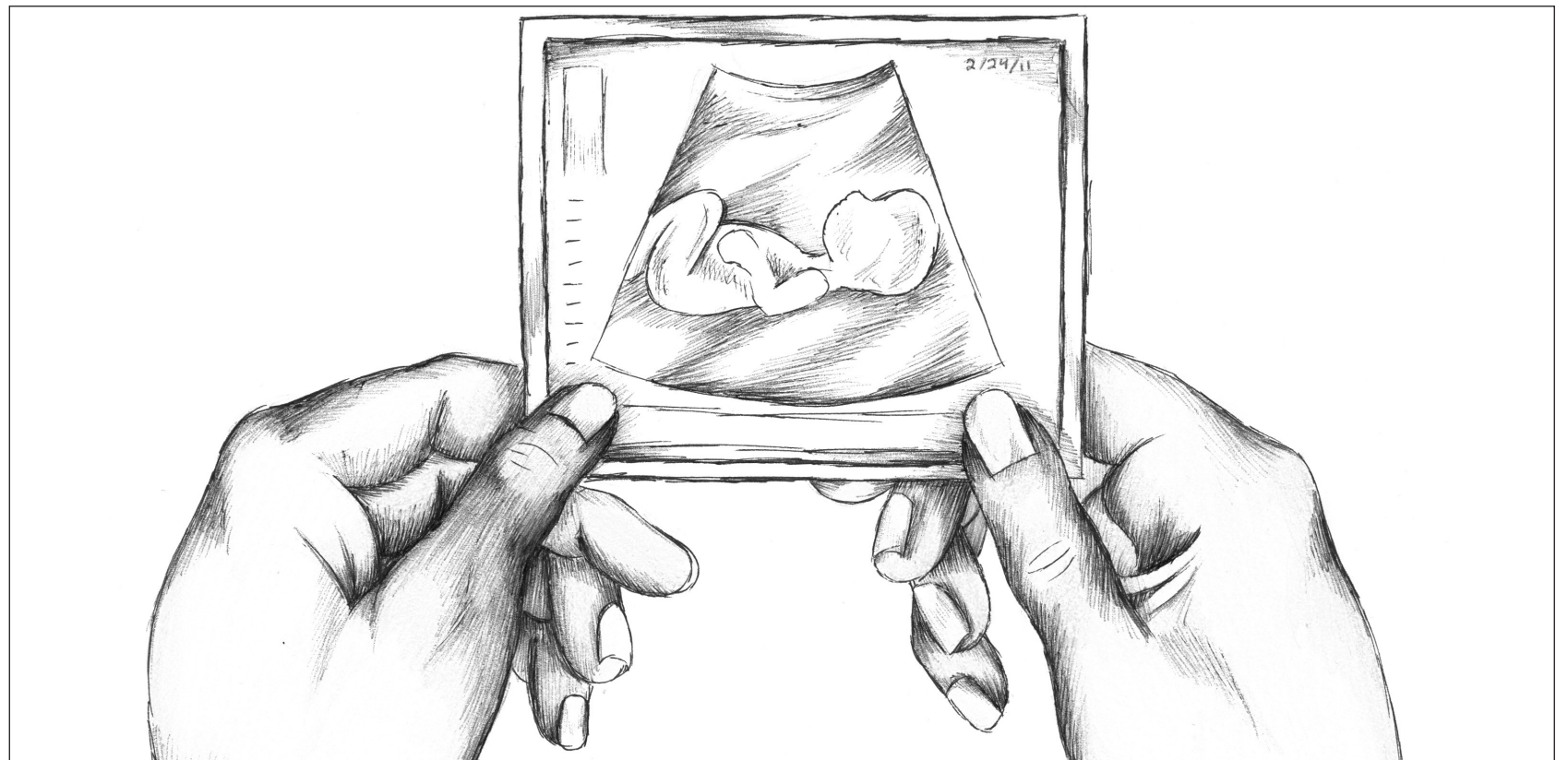


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POLITICS

Obama sharpens critique of Libya

By Matthew Lee

Associated Press

The Obama administration on Wednesday sharpened its condemnation of a bloody crackdown on Libyan opposition demonstrators as it broadened its outreach to government officials, dissidents, rights activists and youth in other Arab nations across a Middle East that is seething with unrest.

Amid the tumult rocking the region, Obama condemned the violence in Libya in the sharpest terms Washington has yet used and directed his administration to prepare a full range of options, including possible sanctions that could freeze the assets and ban travel to the U.S. by Libyan officials. He said he was sending Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to Geneva for international talks aimed at stopping the bloodshed and formulating a unified global message to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

"The suffering and blood-

shed is outrageous and it is unacceptable," Obama told reporters after meeting with Clinton at the White House. "So are threats and orders to shoot peaceful protesters and further punish the people of Libya. These actions violate international norms and every standard of common decency. This violence must stop."

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Barack Obama
President

Obama did not, however, lay out specific measures he would take if Gadhafi did not respond to the appeals. In part, U.S. officials said, this was because of fears that Gadhafi might order reprisals against Americans and other foreigners still in Libya if threatened with sanctions. A ferry carrying 35 U.S.

diplomats and family members along with an unknown number of private Americans was to have left Tripoli for the Mediterranean island of Malta on Wednesday but was delayed due to poor weather.

Fearing an anti-American backlash elsewhere from protesters who toppled two longtime U.S. allies and are threatening other friendly Arab regimes, Obama urged the region to embrace reforms. His comments signaled the administration is seeking to align itself with reformists in post-revolt Tunisia and Egypt and to be seen as a force for democratic change in Bahrain and other Persian Gulf states to blunt a possible rise of extremism and preserve U.S. influence there.

"Even as we are focused on the urgent situation in Libya," Obama said, "our efforts continue to address the events taking place elsewhere, including how the international community can most effectively support the peaceful transition to democracy in both Tunisia and

in Egypt."

Before Obama spoke, Clinton participated in an online discussion with young Egyptians who spearheaded the rebellion that ousted President Hosni Mubarak, a major recipient of U.S. aid over the past three decades. Her Internet appearance came as the administration's third-ranking diplomat visited Tunis after a several-day stop in Cairo and the top U.S. diplomat for the Middle East opened a five-nation tour of the Persian Gulf. U.S. Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is already in the Gulf region visiting U.S. allies.

Mullen's trip along with the dispatch of Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs William Burns to Egypt and Tunisia and Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Jeffrey Feltman to Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates come as Washington tries to prevent a rise in anti-U.S. sentiment in the region.



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President Barack Obama, with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton at right, speaks about the situation in Libya in the Grand Foyer of the White House, Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, in Washington.

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Frog Feature

Getting to know Cheryl Tucker, Union Grounds employee

By Sarah Greufe

Staff Writer

Students at TCU can enjoy Union Grounds' selection of Starbucks coffee and treats, but what many appreciate most is that it is open into the late hours of the night when caffeine is often needed most. Cheryl Tucker has been working at the establishment for the past three years. She takes the night shift starting at around 6 p.m. until 2:15 or 3:15 a.m.

When does the general crowd come in during those times? just part of me."

"Usually from about 8 [p.m.] to 10 [p.m.] and then I get another crowd about 12 [a.m.] to 1 [a.m.]."

Do you ever encounter any intoxicated students?

"Of course, they usually just laugh and talk saying, 'Oh Ms. Cheryl, forgive me.' They are not a problem usually."

Do you struggle to be patient that late at night?

"No, it's not a struggle. I guess that's

Are you more of a night person?

"Yes, I am. I like that because it's a night shift I can do more of the necessary things in the morning. I get most of my sleeping done during the day."

Are most of the students that come in taking a study break or just stopping in after a night out?

"They like coming in and stocking up for the next day. They like coming in to get coffee, and to study. They

like coming in for everything."

Do you enjoy talking with the students?

"Yeah, I enjoy talking to them, I really do. Some of them they have me laughing, but I still enjoy talking to them."

What is a popular drink choice?

"The most popular thing that people come in to get is either going to be the white mocha or creme ice of some kind. They call them the frappuccinos but we call them the creme ice here."



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WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Brazil firefighters find alligator behind couch

SAO PAULO (AP) — Firefighters say they have removed a 5-foot-long (1.5 meter-long) alligator who was hiding behind a couch after floodwaters washed it into a home in northern Brazil.

Capt. Luiz Claudio Farias of the Parauapebas city fire department says that when the floodwaters receded on Tuesday, a woman saw her 3-year-old son peering something behind the couch. It was an alligator.

He says "she snatched the boy away and called" firefighters.

Farias said Wednesday the alligator was apparently

well fed. "If he was hungry he could have seriously hurt or even killed the boy."

The alligator was taken to an environmentally protected area near the city and released into a river.

DC councilman wants to re-name Pennsylvania Avenue

WASHINGTON (AP) — A D.C. Council member wants to highlight the city's lack of statehood and is asking residents to pick another name for Pennsylvania Avenue.

Among the options on the online survey are Let D.C. Vote Way, 51st State Way and Free D.C. Avenue.

Council member Michael Brown is considering a ceremonial renaming and the sign could be placed under existing markers for Pennsylvania Avenue, which is home to the White House.

The survey also asks residents whether other Washington streets should be renamed. Washington's 600,000 residents pay federal taxes but do not have a vote in Congress.

Missing urn in Texas contained dog's ashes

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A South Texas man has learned the fate of an urn with the remains of his dearly departed loved one.

Corpus Christi police say the ashes are from the man's dog.

Lt. Lauren White says the man's car was burglarized in 2007 and he contacted police, but the trail went cold.

A chaplain at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

later found the urn and its contents on campus, along with a note from the anonymous burglar expressing remorse. The urn was turned over to a funeral home.

Police thought the remains were human and asked the public last week for help in locating the owner.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported Tuesday that the dog's owner, whose name wasn't immediately released, read a news story about the urn and contacted police.

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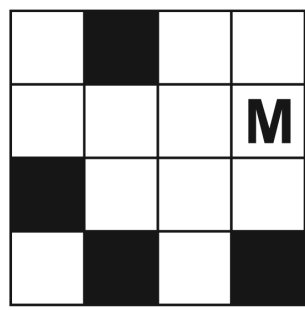
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By Harvey Estes 2/24/11

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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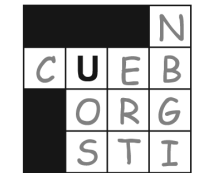


"James Franco, Co-Host"

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Wednesday's Solution



"Coen Bros, True Grit"

Sample



"Freeze"

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Directions

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

See Friday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Wednesday's Solution

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OPINION

Making Feliz starter a risky move for Rangers



Allen Kellogg

It has happened before; an All-Star fireball-throwing closer is converted into a starter. The result is usually the same; closers are just not as dominant when they move to the starting rotation. The reasons for converting Neftali Feliz are obvious — Feliz has a 100 mph fastball and an electric curveball, he was named the 2010 American League Rookie of the Year, and he led all rookies with 40 saves in 43 attempts. While the Rangers need more depth at starting pitching, converting Feliz into a starter would compromise the Rangers' excellent bullpen.

The biggest problem with converting Feliz would be the additional innings he would have to pitch. Feliz pitched 69 1/3 innings last season. Compare that to the average MLB starter who throws at least 150 innings. Converting Feliz to a starter means the Rangers would have to condition his

arm to be able to cope with the strain from throwing that much, and this isn't a feat that can be done in a short time-frame. It also poses a major risk to Feliz's arm. The risk of injury becomes much higher the more innings he throws.

Feliz would have to adjust his mental game in order to become a starter. As a closer, Feliz will only have to face each hitter once. If converted to a starter he will have to make adjustments while going through the lineup multiple times. After every at-bat, hitters make adjustments. This makes facing batters multiple times much harder. He will also have to lower his velocity so his arm will be able to make it through the entire season. This is a risky proposition. Pitchers like Feliz rely on a power fastball to get strikeouts, and if he loses even a few miles per hour off his fastball, major league hitters will make him pay.

The fact that Feliz only has two dominant pitches poses a risk in the starting role. He has a filthy fastball and an excellent curveball. He keeps hitters off-balance because they only get to see him in select opportunities. If he converts to a starter he will need

at least two more pitches. He will also need to have the confidence to use them to get major league hitters out consistently. This will probably take at least a full season, and if his confidence is shaken he may lose his ability altogether.

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Red Sox closer Jonathan Papelbon and New York Yankees reliever Joba Chamberlain were both regarded as two of the best relievers in baseball. In 2006, Papelbon was a phenomenal closer. He had a 0.92 ERA and 35 saves in his rookie year. The Boston Red Sox decided to convert him into a starter the next year. The experiment didn't last long. Papelbon was unable to adjust to the mental challenges of starting and he asked to return to his position as the closer. In hindsight, this was the right decision for both Boston and Papelbon. Chamberlain is an example of what can go wrong when a team tries to convert a top bullpen arm

into a starter. Chamberlain came into the majors in 2007 and was unhittable as a reliever. The Yankees needed quality pitching early in the game, so they tried to convert him into a starter during the 2008 season. The Yankees formed the "Joba Rules." These guidelines were in place to protect his arm from injury. The limitations placed on Joba by the Yankees hampered his efforts as a pitcher. The inning limitation meant he could not go deep into games and this burned out the Yankee bullpen. Chamberlain suffered an injury in August 2008 and has since been returned to the bullpen. However, he is no longer the same pitcher he was when he first broke into the league.

The Rangers need starting pitching, but risking the best closer in the AL just isn't worth it. Even if it works out it will leave the bullpen vulnerable. In previous years, a weak bullpen was the Achilles heel of the Texas Rangers. Feliz solved that problem and now the Rangers risk throwing it all away.



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Texas Rangers pitcher Neftali Feliz throws a pitch during baseball spring training.

Allen Kellogg is a sophomore journalism major from Alexandria, Va.

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Johnson not defined by football

By Myka D. Williams
Staff Writer

During his final year on campus, former Frogs safety Tejay Johnson doesn't want to be recognized solely as a football player. The senior wants colleagues to perceive him as a leader who continues to give back to campus life.

"I never wanted people to assume that I was a football player," Johnson said. I've always had a passion for helping others. I know where I came from and how I got here. It was that need, want and desire to give back that always played a big role in my life."

Johnson talked about his potential to enter the NFL Combine, but he said football would not be in his future. Johnson is particularly interested in leaving TCU with a degree in habilitation of the deaf and hard of hearing with minors in education and in social work.

"I think mainly TCU will help me with the magnitude of the name [Texas Christian University] on a degree," Johnson said. "The networking, connections and relationships with the people I've built here will help me and extend my luck in the future."

With more than 41 Division I football scholarship offers his junior year in high school, Johnson said he chose TCU for his collegiate career. He started his sophomore,

junior and senior seasons at safety.

The 6-foot-1-inch safety ranked third on the team in 2010 with 66 tackles. The Frogs led the nation in total defense for the third straight season with 232.2 yards allowed — all three years Johnson has been a starter.

Johnson was also named one of the three finalists for the 2010 Jim Thorpe Award by the Jim Thorpe Award Screening Committee, which annually recognizes the nation's best college defensive back.

But Johnson credits his achievements to two key teammates on his football squad. Juniors Johnny Fobbs and Greg McCoy were instrumental to Johnson's life as a Horned Frog.

"They kept me focused and kept my drive going," Johnson said. "Whenever I was down and had pressure built up on me, they were always there to calm me down. Those two kept my ground and really gave me an outlook on life."

Fobbs and McCoy talked about how Johnson has encouraged many players and African-Americans at TCU with his success.

"The guy's a great person to be around," McCoy said. "Tejay has always led and people always tend to follow. He has been a major influence and got me involved."

Fobbs added, "Tejay is not a one-dimensional person. He's gotten involved in many cam-

pus activities that have made him better as a player."

The success Johnson had on the field guided him to play a leadership role off the field. It was always about getting involved in a myriad of campus organizations, he said. Johnson has shown commitment to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the university's gospel choir, Black Senior Weekend program and TCU Access Granted.

"My freshman year I didn't get involved much," Johnson said. "I just played football and went to class. Toward the end of my freshman year, I started noticing things and knew what I wanted to do and where I wanted to be. I started getting to know people who weren't athletes."

One of Johnson's main aspirations was to help boost the diversity on campus his sophomore year with the Black Senior Weekend program. He has served on its committee ever since. The South Garland High School graduate attended programs that led to intellectual conversations about things other than sports entertainment.

"I wanted to be in the eyes of the TCU community," Johnson said. "I wanted to stand out, and I've felt success in doing that. It was challenging to balance sports and several organizations that I was a part of and held leadership positions."

OPINION

Mavs must improve defense for playoffs



J.D. Moore

There are a lot of reasons to believe that the Dallas Mavericks are NBA contenders.

The offense is completely operating with no hiccups. In the past month, the Mavericks have scored fewer than 100 points only twice. Over the course of those 30 days, Dallas has averaged 104 points a game and has gone 13-1.

With the career resurgence of Peja Stojakovic and the re-appearance of Rodrigue Beaubois, the Mavericks' offense is only getting stronger as they move down the stretch. Dirk Nowitzki continues to put up MVP-like numbers, and the Dallas bench is exceptionally deep.

Why then should Mavericks fans be concerned? Dallas' defense is quickly becoming a gigantic weakness.

Don't let recent winning streaks fool you. Despite the victories, the Dallas defense has turned rancid. Over the past five games, Dallas has somehow gone 4-1 while allowing 105.8 points on 47.8 percent shooting from the floor. By comparison, it took 36 games for the Mavs to give up its fifth 100-point outing earlier this season. What hap-

pened to the defense?

The Mavericks have been slowly regressing back to a team that thinks "A good offense is the best defense." Instead of making opponents slow down and take fewer quality shots, the Mavs are becoming more carefree about letting other teams take a shot at the basket.

This strategy is a killer in the playoffs.

Case in point, the Mavs lost, 121-120, in a potential playoff preview against the Denver Nuggets Feb. 10.

It's become a common theme for the Mavs to go up big and rely on offense to close out a game. But as the Denver game showed, a capable offense will run with Dallas all the way into the final possession. Offensive powerhouses like San Antonio and the Lakers will be able to stay neck and neck with the Mavs for an entire playoff series.

It's clear that the Dallas defense needs addressing. However, if there is ever a perfect window of opportunity for get their defense together, it's

now. For the next few weeks, they'll play terrible teams like the Minnesota Timberwolves, the Washington Wizards and the Toronto Raptors. With the exception of the Los Angeles Lakers on March 12 and the San Antonio Spurs on March 18, Dallas has no real tests in the foreseeable future.

It's a good time to experiment with little defensive changes. Dallas should seriously slow down the game tempo when playing the lesser teams of the NBA. They should go back to a Tyson Chandler-focused defense, one that utilizes big men to force teams to pass the ball. The Mavs should see what works and what doesn't in their "tune-up" games on the stretch and then implement the effective defensive strategies in the playoffs.

There are many options for the Mavericks but defense needs to be one of them in order for them to go deep in the playoffs.

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

Track & field head to conference

TCU's track & field team will set its sights on the Mountain West Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships today through Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

On the men's side, senior Mychal Dungey will aim for his second MWC 200-meter dash title. Dungey won the 200 in 2008. Dungey recorded a league-best 21.38 seconds at the Tyson Invita-

tional earlier in the month.

On the women's side, senior Jessica Young set a MWC record in the 60 with a time of 7.18 seconds. At the Tyson Invitational, Young's time in the 60 also was tied for the fastest time in the nation, according to tffrs.org.

Check DailySkiff.com for updates on TCU track & field.

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TENNIS

No. 47 TCU falls to No. 14 A&M at home

By Ryne Sulier
Sports Editor

A record crowd of 867 fans were on hand at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center and Bartzen Varsity Courts to watch No. 47 TCU's match against No. 14 Texas A&M, but the Aggies shut out the Frogs 7-0 to give TCU its fourth-straight loss.

TCU (2-4) also dropped its home record against the Aggies to 12-6 all-time, while Texas A&M (7-3) won its second match in a row.

"It was a great match, I really think we had our chances, I think they just came up with some big shots."

Christopher Price
Senior Tennis Player

"I thought we fought really hard, I thought we lost to a better team today, I thought we gave it everything we had, I couldn't be more proud as a TCU tennis alumni to see the kind of support we got from the crowd today," head tennis coach David Roditi said. "To me that's the best crowd I've ever seen, especially just for a regular match. If we continue to do this, this program is going to do very well."

Even though the Aggies swept the Frogs in doubles, junior Emanuel Brighiu and senior Christopher Price stayed competitive against Jeff Dadamo and Austin Krajicek — the No. 1-ranked doubles team in the nation. Brighiu and Price bested Dadamo and Krajicek last season, but the top-ranked tandem knocked off Brighiu and Price, 8-5, Wednesday.

"It was a great match, I really think we had our chances, I think they just came up with some big shots," Price said. "Austin (Krajicek) hit one of the best shots I've ever seen. I mean, good players come up with big shots, and it was just their day."

Senior Zach Nichols and junior Daniel Sanchez fell to the No. 57 doubles team in the nation, Alberto Bautista and Co-

lin Hoover, 9-8, while Frogs' junior Slah Mbarek and senior Cameron Nash lost, 8-5, to Junior Ore and Alexey Grigorov on the No. 2 court.

"There was just one point here or there, it just turns out that way," Price said, when reflecting on his doubles match. "It's all right, I mean they played well. They are number one in the country."

In singles play, A&M's No. 29-ranked Krajicek defeated Brighiu on the No. 1 court, 6-2, 6-4. A&M's Dadamo, ranked No. 49 in singles, defeated Mbarek 6-4, 6-3. Nichols fell to 121st-ranked Alexis Klegou, 6-4, 7-5, in the No. 3 position, while Price fell to Grigorov, 6-2, 6-4.

"We can play doubles with anyone, it's proven, I think we just need to improve our games in singles, but we think we battled hard. There were some really close matches," Price said. "I think we are just going to keep getting better throughout the season."

Sanchez couldn't shake Bautista, 6-4, 6-4, at the No. 5 court, while Nash rounded out the singles on the No. 6 court, falling to Naill Angus, 6-3, 6-3.

"That was so much fun, doubles especially, playing on the center court, I could just feel all the people yelling, it felt unreal," said Price, while wearing a wide grin on his face after the match. "I didn't really look up, but I could feel like it really helped a lot. You could tell A&M was feeling it, they were getting tight. Because at their home matches that's what we feel like, everyone's yelling at you. I thank the crowd for coming."

Up next

TCU will continue play at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center and Bartzen Varsity Courts against Mississippi State Friday at 2 p.m.

Injury update

TCU sophomore Soren Goritzka was pulled before Wednesday's match due to a shoulder injury. Roditi said he hopes Goritzka will be ready for Friday's home match against Mississippi State.



Junior Slah Mbarek moves to the ball against Texas A&M Wednesday. The team lost 7-0 and will face Mississippi State Friday at home.

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