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CORRECTION

An article in Thursday's Skiff about FrogHouse gave an incorrect date for the TCU Project Runway fashion show. The event is scheduled for March 4.

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DIGITAL LEARNING

Study: Podcast lectures help performance

By Courtney Jay
Staff Reporter

Some hate the distraction iPods create in the classroom, but podcasts are quickly becoming a tool in the 21st-century classroom..

According to business magazine Fast-Company.com, psychologists studied students who listened to lectures on podcast versus lectures in class to see who performed better on a test.

The study resulted in 72 students performing better after listening to the podcast, while 61 performed better after attending the in-class lecture.

Jennifer Lockett, an adjunct lecturer in

the department of sociology, criminal justice and anthropology, said she supports making podcasts resources for class material. Students in her class who take time to use the podcast material in addition to their other class materials greatly benefit, Lockett said.

Lockett said she has put lectures on podcasts for two years and students seem to like them. Putting material on podcasts is easy and can be beneficial in all types of courses, especially language courses, because of the student's ability to listen to information multiple times, Lockett said.

"Lecture like I normally would except that I have a mic on and then it takes maybe an extra five or ten minutes to have it processed into a podcast," Lockett said.

One worry she had about using podcasts was a possible drop in class attendance, but attendance has stayed the same, Lockett said.

Lockett said a lot more can be done to widen podcast usage on campus, but she said she doesn't want podcasts to replace classroom interaction.

Sophomore education major Alyssa Dolny uses lectures on podcast in her basic speech communication class. The podcast materials are often similar to assigned readings but giving students a different way to learn can improve their understanding of the material, Dolny said.

"For someone like me who's more auditory than visual, it helps me learn," Dolny said.

Romana Hughes, assistant director of the Koehler Center, said podcast use is not prevalent because a study showed that TCU students prefer multimedia study tools like eCollege. Podcasts are more prevalent at commuter schools because students listen to the study materials on the their way to and from school, Hughes said.

Shawn Kornegay, associate director of communications, wrote in an e-mail that the Office of Communications is working to launch an iTunes page.

"The iTunes page will be focusing on news and information covering our programs, people and events," Kornegay wrote. "It will help people further define the university."

OLE!



Sari Alotaibi, a freshman in the intensive English program, chases down the ball during the pick-up soccer game at the Campus Commons lawn Thursday evening. The game was part of International Week's world sports day.

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ENERGY CLUB

Industry pioneer, author to discuss oil dependency

By Maddy Foxx
Staff Reporter

The creator of a plan to ease the country dependence of foreign oil will speak to the Energy Club as a way to boost the club's membership numbers and give students and the community a better grasp on the current energy crisis.

T. Boone Pickens, chairman of the hedge fund BP Capital Management, is not only one of the richest men in the U.S., but author of the new book "The First Billion is the Hardest: Reflections on a Life of Comebacks and America's Energy Future."

The town hall-style meeting, where Pickens will discuss "The Pickens Plan — Ending Our Dependence on Foreign Oil," will be held next Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Brown-Lupton University Union



Pickens

"The Pickens Plan — Ending our Dependence on Foreign Oil"

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The first 200 students will receive free copies of the book.

Ballroom.

According to the Pickens Plan Web site, the plan objectives are to decrease America's need for foreign fossil fuel by using wind power to generate up to 22 percent of the country's electricity, and

FOOD SAFETY

Alerts to receive more emphasis

By Chilton Tippin
Staff Reporter

The university will be more proactive in alerting students of future safety issues, a university official said Thursday.

University officials sent out a campuswide alert via e-mail Thursday informing students of the tainted peanut butter cracker packages removed from Bistro Burnett on Feb. 11.

Shawn Kornegay, associate director of communications, said the alert was sent out of an "abundance of caution."

"In the unlikely event that something like this happens again, we will send out another campus communication and put up fliers around the campus," she said.

Dining Services employees removed the Austin brand peanut butter crackers on Feb. 11 because of a massive recall on peanut products after Peanut Corporation of America was found to be the source of tainted products.

According to the alert sent by Kornegay, an employee put the crackers on the shelves on Feb. 9 despite the crackers having been recalled in late January.

According to the alert, only one student reported purchasing the crackers, and there were no cases of illnesses reported at the campus as a result of the incident.

Dining Services and Sodexo Inc., the food service provider for the university, are reviewing their inventory procedures and retraining staff to avoid a similar situation in the future, according to the alert.

Monica Zimmer, public relations director for Sodexo, wrote in an e-mail that Sodexo implemented a new checklist to prevent recalled products being stocked.

"The process involves three steps: Taking inventory of all peanut-related products, cross-checking those products with the recall list and food safety alerts, and signing off with signatures from three managers that the items are safe to stock," she wrote.

JOB SEARCH

Recession changes internship dynamics

By Naheil Qudah
Staff Reporter

Students may have more difficulty securing internships during an economic downturn, an official with Career Services said.

John Thompson, executive director of University Career Services, said downturns typically result in an increase in internship opportunities as well as increased competition because graduate students and people who have been out of school for years are also applying for the internships.

Thompson said a recession changes internships from a last resort for professional job-seekers to a "bridge job" toward full-time opportunities in the future.

More than 100 companies attended the career fair at the Brown-Lupton University Union last week and more than half of those were offering internships, Thompson said.

Employers see internships as a way to produce the same amount of work with more financial efficiency, he said.

The portfolio of employers has remained relatively consistent over the last few years; the only exception is an increased level of locality in featured businesses, Thompson said.

"These are the same companies that we've had for a number of years," he said. "This year, we opened it up to smaller Fort Worth businesses. We had probably 25 local Fort Worth companies that we had participate in the fair that we haven't had before."

Thompson said TCU has an advantage because of its proximity to the large employer base in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Reports of decreased internship availabil-

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ity for students at other Texas universities such as the University of North Texas and Baylor Universities are trends that may not apply to TCU, Thompson said.

Brad Goodspeed, senior marketing and business information systems major, said he feels competition and selectivity for internships has increased.

“TCU may be offering the same amount of internships, but that doesn’t make finding an internship any easier,” Goodspeed said. “Without a doubt, it’s harder.”

Kelly O’Brien, director of the Center for Professional Commu-

nication at the Neeley School of Business, where communication experts critique students’ resumes and cover letters, said there has been no recognizable increase in the number of students seeking help with application materials.

While most numbers at University Career Services have stayed constant for students, Thompson said one recognizable trend has been an increase in the number of alumni who request assessments or help finding an internship.

“It’s up over the normal number of alums that contact us...and we’re perfectly fine with that,” Thompson said. “We love to serve our alums.”

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providing incentives for home and commercial building owners to upgrade their energy saving options.

Justin LaPoten, a sophomore finance major, said he and Ben Voigt, a sophomore business major, created the Energy Club last spring in order to inform the student body about the energy, oil and gas industry. LaPoten said being given the opportunity to have such a prominent businessman speak is a great accomplishment for the club that started only a year ago.

Voigt said his initial interest in Pickens started from his influence on the business world and what he has accomplished through his career in the field of energy. Pickens’ ideas behind the way the country should address our national energy policy were what sparked Voigt’s interest next, he said.

The week before Thanksgiving Break, Voigt said he decided to take a chance and send a

hand-written letter to Pickens. The letter spoke of his respect toward what Pickens had done in the business world and described his thoughts as to why Fort Worth would be a great platform for him to campaign his Pickens Plan, he said.

After almost two weeks of anticipation, Voigt said he heard back from Geoff Bailey, a representative of the Pickens Plan.

Greg Hamre, a junior finance major and member of the Energy Club, said he is looking forward to hearing Pickens speak.

“The Energy Club will most definitely gain a fresh perspective on where they are and where they want to be after hearing from Pickens,” Hamre said.

Voigt said the event is expected to have an attendance of about 1,000 visitors from around the area.

According to the university Web site, the first 200 students to arrive with their ID will receive a signed copy of Pickens’ new book.

Amanda Geiger bought these sunglasses to wear on spring break. She wore them only once before she was killed by a drunk driver.

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AFGHANISTAN

Increase in forces key, General says

By Kim Barker
Chicago Tribune

KABUL, Afghanistan — Just days after President Barack Obama announced the deployment of 17,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan, Chicago Tribune correspondent Kim Barker sat down in Kabul with Gen. David McKiernan, the top U.S. commander in the country. In the interview, McKiernan painted a candid picture of the “stalemate” he sees in Afghanistan and what role the U.S. troops will play in solving it. Following are edited excerpts:

Q: What’s your assessment of where we are with the military in Afghanistan?

A: I haven’t met anybody who’s happy with where we’re at right now, and that includes myself...I have used the word stalemate there, and we’ve got to provide additional resources to break that stalemate, one of which is the recent decision by my government to provide additional forces, most of which will be positioned in the south. This next year is a really important year. And it’s important because of a lot of different variables. One, national elections in Afghanistan. It’s important because of the fact there’s a new administration in the United States that is obviously placing priority on this region. It’s important because there’s new diplomatic opportunities.

Q: Why are there so many bad assessments of the situation?

A: I’m not with the group that says everything is in a downward spiral, that the Taliban are resurgent and stronger than they were. I think they’re very resilient, but I don’t necessarily think they’re stronger. And I do see some measures of progress in this country. Now, I’m not going to say everything is going to improve dramatically in 2009, but I think as a military commander, I am not going to be pessimistic about this. I’m going to be glass-is-half-full.

Q: What resources do you need here to win? Are 17,000 troops enough?

A: Immediately what we need to do is create a secure environment where education can increase, where governance can be effective. And what I want to do is get to what I call a tipping point, where we have sufficient, capable Afghan army and police capacity in this country, where international forces increasingly are in the background and increasingly are more in the training and mentoring and enabling role. In order to do that, we need additional resources in this country. That’s why I asked for additional U.S. forces.

Q: How long is it going to take to get to the tipping point?

A: It’s hard to predict that. But I think we need to stay on a fairly large sustained commitment on the part of the international community for the next three to five years, at a minimum. I don’t use the word “surge,” because I don’t think it’s necessarily a temporary increase in forces. I think it’s more



Army Lt. Gen. David McKiernan and Marine Major Gen. Jim Mattis, right, Commanding General of the 1st Marine Division, talks with members of the media May 29, 2003, in Baghdad.

of a sustained increase in forces for the next perhaps as much as three to five years.

Q: But is 17,000 enough?

A: That’s just what the president approved. And he did that based on my request, and really to get us the forces to get to the summer, the height of the fighting season. And that was a very difficult decision because he hasn’t finished the strategic review for his administration and their strategy and policy for this region. Later in the year will there be other decision points to adjust future requirements? Absolutely. I’m absolutely satisfied with the president’s decision for U.S. forces. Now, I’m like others; I want the international community (NATO allies) to contribute more.

Q: How difficult is it to run the NATO coalition?

A: The fact that there are 41 nations in ISAF sends a signal of international commitment to this campaign in Afghanistan. But it is challenging. There are different friction points, that start with language. Start with different training doctrines, different equipment, different levels of readiness.

Q: How does the issue of civilian casualties feed into that?

A: By the very nature of an insurgency, where the threat is mixed in with the population, it is virtually impossible to totally avoid civilian casualties. That said, we spend a lot of effort on tracking civilian casualties in this country. And our data show that over 80 percent of the civilian casualties are caused by the insurgents, although that’s not the perception.

Q: But the United Nations recently said the figure is 55 percent.

A: The U.N. figures in some cases differ from our figures. There are some numbers that or-

ganizations will use that are alleged numbers, that when we go out and conduct an investigation and find out what happened, find that in some cases this event didn’t happen.

Q: We’ve got a very large contingent from the Illinois National Guard that’s now working on police training. How important is this and are there enough people actually doing this?

A: Very important, and no. I think getting back to what to we want to accomplish in Afghanistan, what’s a reasonable expectation in the near term, in the next three to five years — a central part of that in terms of security is an effective police force. That’s a major limitation right now in Afghanistan because there was not an effective police force to begin with. Not only do we have to develop that police force, it has to be reformed in many places. Corruption and values, lack of the right values, was a prevalent condition across Afghanistan, so it’s absolutely fundamentally vital to long-term security for Afghanistan. When you look at it as a counterinsurgency approach, where you clear an area, where you separate the insurgents from the population, you would like to transition into holding, which means you protect the population while you’re setting conditions to build. The police need to hold. The police need to be there to protect the conditions to build. Everybody agrees the size of the police, the authorized size of the police, is not large enough. We know it’s got to grow. But we don’t have enough international contributions to do that right now.

Q: What are the right outcomes?

A: At the end of the day, it’s not going to be a military outcome. It’s going to be a political outcome. It’s

going to be decided by the will of the people.

Q: What’s your assessment of what’s happening across the border and the new truce in Swat between militants and the government?

A: We’ve started to coordinate border activities in the east, with the intent to spread that along the border over time. So I am cautiously optimistic that we’re going to improve mutual border security conditions over time, but it’s going to be a slow process, along a historically wide open border. That said, one of the things I’ve consistently said is that the sanctuaries that exist in the tribal areas in Pakistan fuel the insurgency in Afghanistan, so the militant groups that operate out of Pakistan have freedom of maneuver to come into Afghanistan and fuel the insurgency. That’s not to say that the insurgency is not a local insurgency, but it is supplied, facilitated, equipped, armed and funded in many cases from the sanctuaries across the border in Pakistan. That situation has deteriorated over the last decade. And until there is a solution to those sanctuaries in the tribal areas of Pakistan, it’s hard to imagine the right outcome regionally. There’s a history of failed peace negotiations in the tribal areas. Swat’s not a tribal area. That’s a whole new level of concern inside Pakistan. I don’t know exactly what’s going to be the outcome of these latest discussions we read about. We will continue to watch that very closely.

Q: Are you concerned about it?

A: Absolutely. Because the insurgency is a regional insurgency. It’s hard to imagine regional stability without a resolution of these sanctuaries that militant groups operate from.



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The Skiff View

Don't hesitate to seek help during strife

Just like school, work and other stressful situations can take a toll on students' bodies, so can they affect their mental health. Many refrain from seeking therapy or counseling because of the social stigma attached to mental health problems, but more people are struggling with those issues than students may realize.

Linda Wolszon, director of the TCU Counseling, Testing, and Mental Health Center, said the number of counseling appointments has increased about 8 percent compared to last year.

Walk-in appointments have increased 16 percent in the same span, she said.

The increase in the number of students seeking mental help is not alarming but encouraging. At this stage of their lives, many college students are grappling not only with stress related to grades, but they are also dealing with developing and maintaining — or ending — more mature relationships as well as coping with the death of grandparents.

In addition, college-adults are adding to their plate concerns about their family's financial situation and their future in a slumping economy. Trying to wrap one's head around all this can be rather overwhelming. Why sit there dazed and confused when help is within an arm's stretch?

Students who need help and don't act are not only endangering their health but also their college career. The Counseling Center has five staff members and a counselor on-call every day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to tend to students who have not made an appointment and need urgent care. Students may also seek help outside of campus.

Asking for help doesn't indicate weakness, but not pursuing a problem does.

Web editor Julieta Chiquillo for the editorial board

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University not reflective of 'Texas' in name

After reading "University not reflective of 'Christian' in name," I felt compelled to address an issue that has been bothering me for a while.

When I am walking in the hallway, I hear people saying "pop" instead of "Coke." In the library, I hear people greeting one another with "Hello" instead of "Howdy" after talking about a night spent at Purgatory instead of Billy Bob's. After observing these attitudes and actions on campus, I have to wonder about the significance of attending a Texas university.

I have classes where professors imply there might be flaws in our state's policies that deserve revision and re-examination. I even have a class where they suggest that Texas is different from when Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin established it as a republic.

Some will say I am being extreme, but wasn't William B. Travis also extreme when he drew a line in the sand at the Battle of the Alamo? If my knowledge of Texas history serves me right, all of Travis' men crossed the line and most of them died defending their soon-to-be country. The founders of Texas made no room or excuses for deserting the values they built this country upon. Everyone who understood and cared about their cause followed them to uphold the core values of Texas.

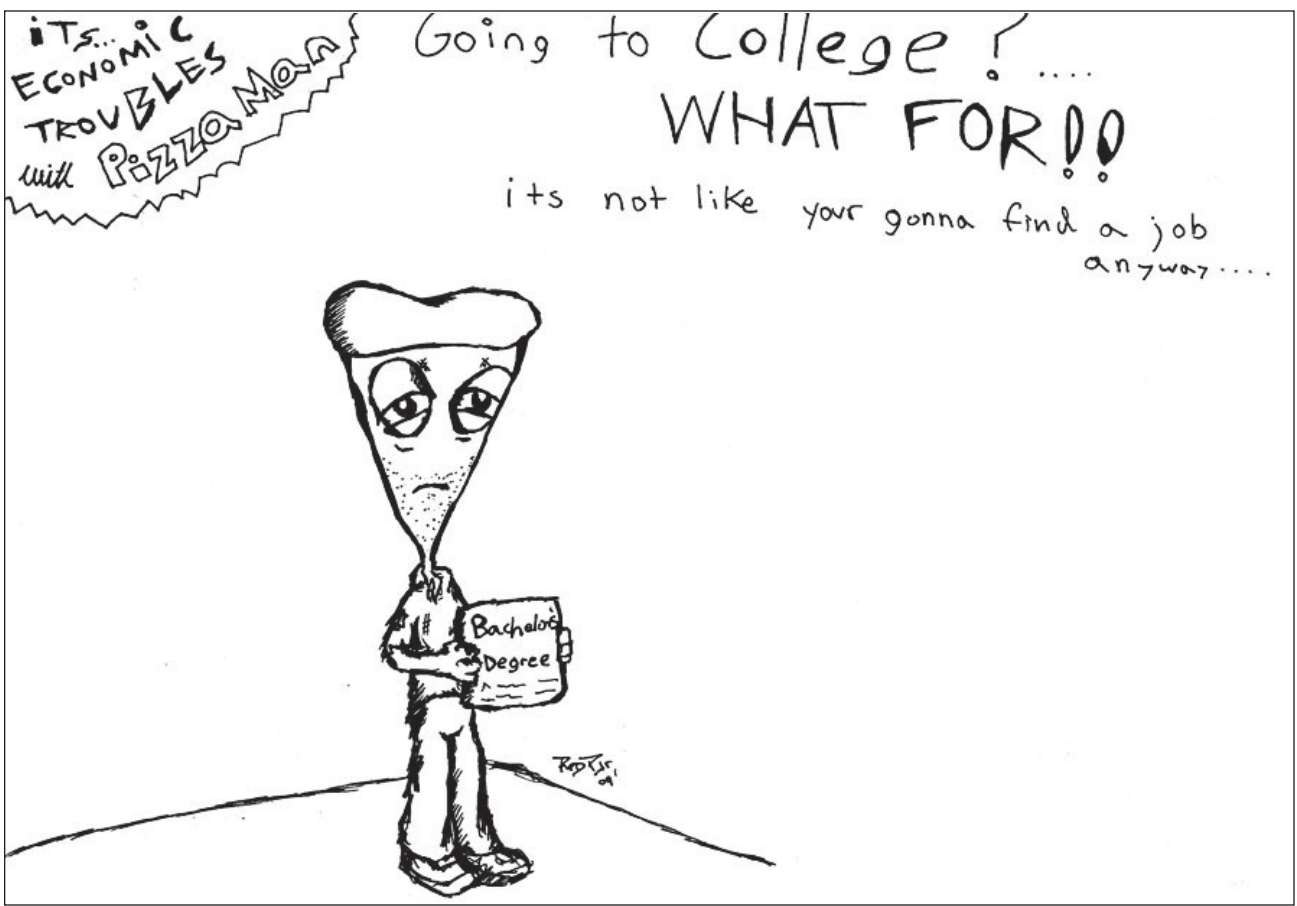
The word Texan has been in common parlance since the 1800s. It served to separate Texans from the other people in surrounding areas. It didn't necessarily prompt persecution, but it did discriminate between Texans and the people of other lands and allegiances.

I wonder if Jim Bowie, who had his deathbed carried across the line in the sand to die at the hands of Santa Anna, would be OK that only 75 percent of the students at our Texas school are from Texas. Even more upsetting for him and fellow founding fathers would be the answer to this question: How many of the 75 percent that claim Texas as their native state act like true Texans? So many students have traded in their cowboy boots for Uggs or Sperrys. The ratio of trucks to sedans in student parking lots is devastating. I do not think we have ever been called together to recite the Texas State Pledge.

How am I supposed to consider this Texas Christian University if I am not expecting everyone to uphold behaviors that I consider the root of Texas identity?

What I am saying is this: The TCU core values are academic achievement, personal freedom and integrity, the dignity and respect of the individual, and a heritage of inclusiveness, tolerance and service. I am sure that if I start expecting everyone to adhere to my standard of what a Texan should be — even if they aren't Texans — I have done a disservice to my peers and myself. I will have devalued who my peers are and where they come from instead of asking about the important and interesting heritage they might have to share with me. The disservice to myself is that I've only allowed for one narrow view of what it means to be a Texan and I am not allowing myself to grow and stretch while coming into contact with those who see it differently.

Whitney Waller is a junior religion and English major from Garland.



Robert Slack is a sophomore theatre major from El Paso.

Lower drinking age would ensure safety



Although 60 Minutes likely isn't the average TCU student's most Tivod program, a featured story on Sunday's edition was relevant to all college-age Americans.

The topic was whether the minimum legal drinking age should be lowered from 21 to 18.

While it seems a little backward, John McCardell, former president of Middlebury College and founder of Choose Responsibility, thinks college students would be safer if they could legally consume alcohol at 18. Although it is still up to each state to determine its own legal age, federal law mandates that a state will lose 10 percent of its highway funding if that age is less than 21. McCardell and 134 other college and university presidents and chancellors have signed the Amethyst Initiative which is a petition supporting the age change. They believe an educated and open national debate is needed to determine whether or not the federal government should repeal the law.

McCardell and other campus leaders from colleges across America argue that lowering the drinking age will prevent young people from being driven to drink behind closed doors where it is more difficult to monitor and control.

While Mothers Against Drunk Driving, who adamantly pushed for the raise to 21 in the 1980s, credits the raise of the

drinking age for a decline of alcohol-related traffic fatalities, countless other things have contributed.

First, the idea of a designated driver didn't even exist until the past few decades. Second, seat belt awareness, better air bags and higher safety standards have saved thousands of lives. Third, Ignition Interlock Devices, which require sober breath to start an automobile, are often installed by court order on the vehicles of DWI offenders if they are to regain their drivers licenses. Further, DWI enforcement has increased exponentially in the past decades — so much so that non-intoxicated individuals are sometimes arrested due to stringent police officer screening procedures.

Instead of preventing underage drinking, raising the age has created an illusion of safety and pushed drinking behind closed doors such as dorm rooms, fraternity houses and house parties. If it were legal for college students to drink in bars, restaurants and

If it were legal for college students to drink in bars, restaurants and on campus, they would be more likely to do so safely.

on campus, they would be more likely to do so safely. Just as TCU football tailgate parties are more safe and supervised on campus, college students who consume alcohol do so more safely when in a more public and legal environment.

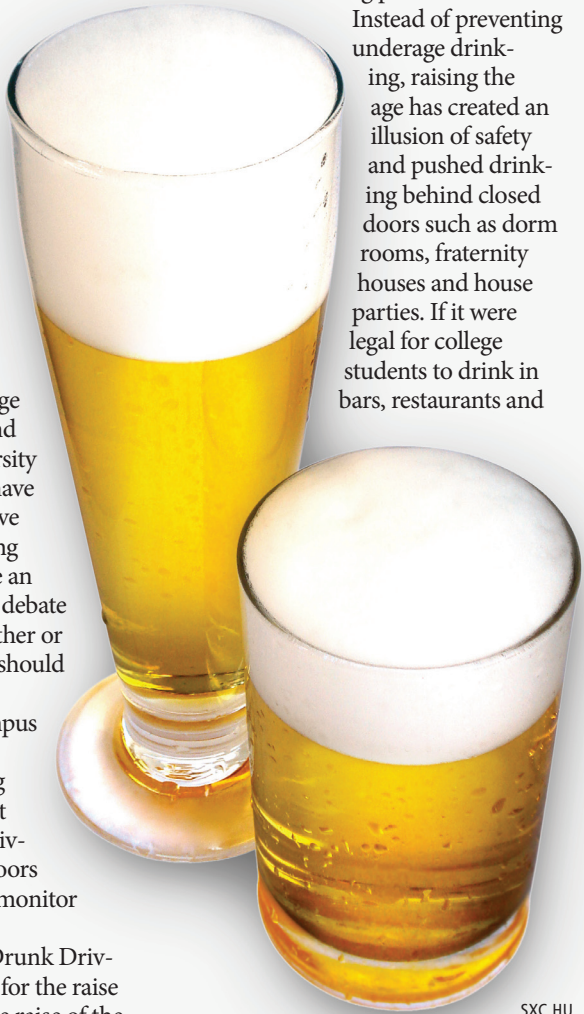
The Gordie Foundation recently released a documentary called HAZE about alcohol abuse and hazing at universities and screened the film at TCU for over 1,000 students last fall. The foundation, which began after the death of its namesake, Gordie Bailey, who died of an alcohol overdose after a fraternity ritual at the University of Colorado, supports the efforts of McCardell and Choose Responsibility. Gordie's mother, Leslie Lanahan, said in the film she believes her son's fraternity brothers might have sought medical attention sooner if they had not been concerned with the legal issues associated with underage students consuming alcohol.

The time has come to stop turning a blind eye on the ineffectiveness of imposing prohibition on 18 to 20-year-olds.

Do we want to create a safer environment for young adults, or would we rather continue living under the illusion that this law is effective?

I would hope that 18 to 20-year-olds would speak out for their right to be treated just as they are in the armed services, voting booths, on contracts and in the jury box — as adults. I also hope Chancellor Victor Boschini will continue our trend of being "ahead of the curve" and consider making the proactive choice to sign the Amethyst Initiative.

John Andrew Willis is a sophomore environmental science major from Dallas.



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Campus Voices

Is the advising system at TCU effective in preparing students to graduate?



The advising here could be better. It's okay, it's just there's not enough clarification needed or suggested as far as classes go. We end up taking more classes or finding out that we need an extra class or there's a class that we did take and we shouldn't have taken.

Erica Wyatt
senior psychology major from Fort Worth



No. I'm a nursing student and my advisers don't even know what's going on, and you would think the nursing school would be on top of that. I kind of had to explain what I had taken and what I needed to take to my adviser, instead of my advisor explaining it to me.

Melissa Gase
sophomore nursing major San Diego



Not in my experience, I've had lots of problems getting classes taken care of and getting my advisers to — well — they told me what math classes to take but they didn't look over my entire plan. I've had a lot of cases with friends missing classes and having to stay an extra semester.

Abby Gromowsky
sophomore math major from Crowley



No. I transferred and it took me two and a half semesters. I was supposed to graduate last fall. There were classes that my advisers said were okay, but later on I had to confirm with the College of Engineering and Science.

Bimal Pudasaini
senior chemistry major from Kathmandu, Nepal



It's really helpful for me because, for one thing they're very knowledgeable about what you need to do to get your degree plan completed. They know what classes you need to take during the semester, what classes will only be offered this semester or a certain semester.

Regi Gray
sophomore middle-school education major from Marshall

NEWS

First lady’s work-life balance inspires women

By Christi Parsons
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Michelle Obama’s first days as first lady make her look a lot like “first mom.”

She flops down on the floor to read books to children in public and schedules games for the kids at White House parties. Every afternoon after school, she’s home to greet her daughters. She huddled with White House chefs in the kitchen to help preview Obama’s first state dinner. And she has placed an explicit priority on opening up the White House to people who have never been invited there before.

She’s also getting to know the neighborhood. On one recent tour of a community health center, Obama said she was there “to learn, to listen, to take information back where possible.” She emphasizes she wants to “meet our new co-workers and our new neighbors.”

It seems unlikely that Michelle Obama — Harvard-trained lawyer, high-powered administrator and outspoken advocate — will make that the outer limit of the role she is beginning to shape.

But whatever she has in mind, one thing is clear: She won’t make the same opening mistakes as the last Ivy League attorney who held the job.

First lady Hillary Clinton suffered a backlash for barreling straight to the role once termed “co-president,” after joking that she had chosen professional fulfillment instead of cookie-baking and tea-hosting.

Michelle Obama is clearly taking the opposite approach, starting with hearth and home and venturing outward from there. It’s a more familiar route for the experienced six-figure professional with the reputation for sizing up the waters before diving in.

“You have this undefined role of first lady,” said Jackie Nor-



First lady Michelle Obama greets children after celebrating Black History Month event in the East Room of the White House in Washington on Feb. 18. She was hosting 6th and 7th grade DC school children to a performance by “Sweet Honey in the Rock,” a black female a cappella ensemble.

ris, a campaign aide who now serves as Obama’s chief of staff. “She wants to think about how to be the hostess, but are there other things she can do to help the dialogue?”

It’s not just that Michelle Obama has the Hillary Clinton example from which to learn. She’s from a generation informed by the lessons of Clinton and her contemporaries, and part of a wave of working women who more often insist on having fulfilling lives at home, too.

That assumption is implicit in the “work-life balance” message Michelle Obama espouses so often.

And it’s evident in the way she is making her way in Washington so far, working outward from her White House quarters in concentric circles.

“She is looking and learning, and isn’t going to make the same mistakes because she’s aware of what the mistakes were,” said Letitia Baldrige, the author who formerly served as social secretary to Jacqueline Kennedy when she was first lady. “She doesn’t have to

burst forth like a night-blooming flower at midnight ... And she’s going to end up having enormous influence because of it.”

In Obama’s early strategy, the order of business goes something like this: family, potential friends in government agencies, social services around town.

After a grueling campaign season, in which she insisted on being home to put her girls to bed each night, Michelle Obama now is focused on being there when they get home from the campuses of Sidwell Friends every afternoon.

One of her first tasks was to convene the White House residence staff, when about 75 people gathered in one of the state rooms to eat cake and meet the woman who will serve as their figurative boss.

Not long after that, Obama began venturing out into community service and federal agencies, moving down the list as her schedule meshed with theirs.

At one day care center, she quickly moved off the chair set

out for her to read books to children and sprawled casually on the floor, teasing and coaxing the children until, at the end of her visit, they piled onto her for a group hug.

“We were taught that you have to get to know the community that you’re in, and you have to be a part of that community, you have to get to know it in order to actively engage in it,” she said while sitting in a circle of teenagers at the Mary Center, a community health center in D.C.’s Adams Morgan neighborhood. “D.C. is our community now,” she said. “It’s our home.”

Savvy as her strategy might be, Baldrige said, Obama will be as influential as she is sincere.

“That’s where she can inspire women of today, who are frantically trying to work their way up in the world and be compensated properly,” Baldrige said. “She will help women realize that a woman can juggle the two, that she can find that division between family and job, and experience joy in both places.”

Racial tensions erupt in east Texas town

By Howard Witt
Chicago Tribune

HOUSTON — Only a few weeks ago, race relations had reached such a low point in the troubled east Texas town of Paris that federal Justice Department mediators were called in to try to bring together black and white citizens, but the public meeting quickly dissolved into rancor.

Now fresh racial tensions are erupting inside one of the town’s biggest employers, the Turner Industries pipe fabrication plant, where black employees charge that hangman’s nooses, Confederate flags and racist graffiti have been appearing throughout the workplace for months.

One worker, Karl Mitchell, took pictures of the offensive symbols in early February and filed a formal complaint with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission last week. Other black employees assert that they’ve repeatedly complained about the racist symbols to their bosses, only to be ignored or told to keep quiet.

“Somebody had to step forward,” said Mitchell, who also alleges a pattern of wage and promotion discrimination at the plant stretching back nearly two years. “They are so wide open with [the racist displays] and so certain that African-Americans aren’t going to say anything about it.”

Officials at Turner Industries headquarters in Baton Rouge, La., say they only learned of the discrimination allegations last week, when photographs of the racist symbols began circulating on the Internet. They say a noose and other inflammatory depictions and graffiti have been removed and a company investigation has been launched.

“All of us in management find all of that offensive,” said John Fenner, the company’s corporate general counsel. “We do not condone any

displays of this type. I can promise you that in the event we uncover that any of our people participated in the display of any of those matters, they may very well lose their jobs.”

Fenner also denied that blacks, who comprise 11 percent of the Paris plant’s 660 employees, are discriminated against in either pay or promotions.

The racial flare-up at Turner Industries comes just as Paris leaders were hoping to finally fall out of the spotlight after several troubling racial incidents focused national attention on the town of 26,000.

“Obviously, this isn’t going to play well,” lamented Pete Kampfer, president of the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce, who said he e-mailed the troubling photographs to Turner officials in Baton Rouge last week as soon as he was alerted to them. “We’ve had a lot of recent racial discussions in Paris and you better get a heads-up if you see another storm working.”

Paris first drew national scrutiny in 2007, after a 14-year-old African-American girl, Shaquanda Cotton, was sentenced by a local judge to up to seven years in a youth prison for shoving a hall monitor at Paris High School. Three months earlier, the same judge had sentenced a 14-year-old white girl to probation for the more serious crime of arson. Less than a month after a Chicago Tribune story contrasting the two cases triggered national civil rights protests and petition drives, Texas authorities ordered Shaquanda’s early release from prison.

Then last year, a 24-year-old African-American man, Brandon McClelland, was murdered, allegedly at the hands of two white men who authorities charge dragged him beneath a pickup truck until his body was nearly dismembered. The accused killers are awaiting trial for murder, but McClelland’s family and civil rights leaders have pressed prosecutors to add hate crime charges as well.



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Illinois couple swindles \$31 million from Best Buy

By Jeff Long
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Russell Cole once called his extravagant Deerfield, Ill., mansion “the house that Best Buy built,” according to federal court documents that outline how more than \$31 million allegedly was swindled from the national retail giant.

The \$2.75 million that Cole and his wife, Abby, used to buy the land and build their two-story house were “the proceeds of fraud,” investigators say in the documents.

Missing from the Kenmore Avenue property now are the Ferrari coupe, Lamborghini convertible and collection of nine other luxury and high-performance vehicles worth about \$2.8 million that federal agents seized in November and December.

A wide-ranging investigation by the IRS, FBI, and U.S. Postal Service that triggered the seizure was spurred by a “multi-year, multi-million dollar online bid-rigging scheme,” according to the documents.

The Coles have not been charged with a crime, and through their lawyer they denied any wrongdoing.

The alleged fraud against Best Buy is outlined in search-warrant affidavits filed by federal investigators in Chicago and Minneapolis, and in the case against a Minnesota man who pleaded guilty last month to related federal charges.

The alleged scheme centered on the way a Deerfield company called Chip Factory — with Cole as its president and his wife as owner — bid on supplying computer parts to Best Buy, federal authorities said.

Abby Cole began the company in 1988 in the basement of her Arlington Heights home, according to a 1996 Chicago Tribune story that called her “an unlikely high-tech success story.” She recalled the early, hectic days of starting the business, which bought and sold computer chips.

“It was a one-man band,” she said then. “I was everything.”

After its humble beginnings the Chip Factory took off and had a staff of 15, according to the Tribune story.

“They didn’t come off as snobby ... They were nice, friendly people who had a lot of expensive things.”

Micky Baer
neighbor

The Coles reported about \$15.5 million on their income taxes from 2003 through 2007. Investigators say in the documents that about \$14.2 million of that income was derived from fraud.

In Deerfield, the Coles’ life of luxury did not go unnoticed.

“They didn’t come off as snobby,” said neighbor Micky Baer, who watched one evening as the fleet of cars was loaded onto flatbed trucks and hauled away.

“They were nice, friendly people who had a lot of expensive things,” Baer said.

The Coles bought their Kenmore Avenue property and an adjoining lot in 2006 for \$850,000, tearing down a modest house and building

the mansion for \$1.9 million, according to court documents and property records.

The couple’s Chip Factory business folded when Best Buy, based in Richfield, Minn., discovered the alleged fraud and stopped doing business with the Coles, the court documents say. After a yearlong internal investigation, Best Buy alerted federal investigators in July.

“We were pretty outraged when we discovered it,” said spokeswoman Susan Busch.

On thousands of occasions from July 2003 through August 2007, Chip Factory submitted winning low bids to supply Best Buy with computer parts, but later fraudulently charged the company a much higher price using an online bidding system, according to investigators.

Vendors sold the parts to Best Buy through an online system overseen by a third company, National Parts, according to court documents.

“When Best Buy solicited bids for computer parts, Chip Factory would submit fraudulently low bids with no intention of providing the parts at the bid price,” the court documents say. “Indeed, contrary to its representation, Chip Factory often did not even have the parts available to ship.”

When National Parts issued a purchase order through the same online bidding system, Chip Factory was able to change the price to a much higher amount, according to documents.

Even though Best Buy and National Parts officials sometimes questioned price discrepancies, those concerns were smoothed over by a Best Buy employee who received money and gifts from the Coles, officials alleged.

Artifacts shed light on pirates’ lives

By William Mullen
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — When the pirate ship Whydah broke up in a fierce storm off Cape Cod in 1717, it sank carrying the plunder from 54 ships it had seized over the previous year. Of the 146 men aboard, 144 died.

For years the story of those pirates lay buried with the wreck and its treasure under 30 feet of sand — a tale of violent men who nonetheless built for themselves a mini-society that shed racial prejudice and operated on democratic principles.

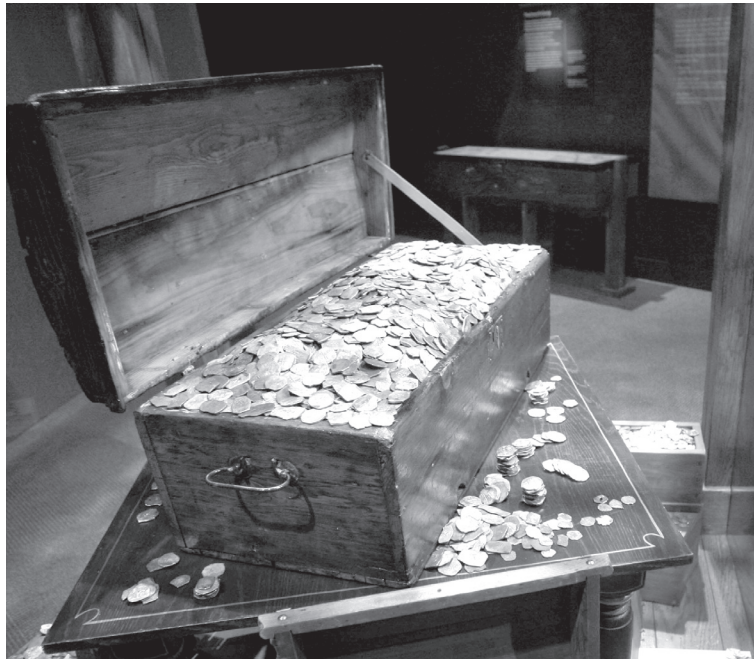
A traveling exhibit opening Friday at the Field Museum in Chicago uses artifacts salvaged from the Whydah — the first and only verified pirate shipwreck ever located and recovered — to shed light on the lives of these men. Objects on display include weapons, jewelry, gold and silver coins and ingots as well as clothing, everyday utensils and tools.

Named for a slave port in Africa, the Whydah (wee-dah) represented the best available maritime technology when it was built in England in 1715 — a swift, powerfully armed ship designed to transport slaves to the New World.

After its first voyage, the Whydah was heading back empty to London when a flotilla of small pirate ships commanded by an up-and-coming captain, 27-year-old Sam Bellamy, captured the vessel in 1716 and made it his flagship. Soon his flotilla packed the Whydah’s holds with treasures from ships it robbed in the Caribbean and along the colonial Atlantic coast.

When the pirates got caught, it was not by the authorities but by the storm. The only two survivors of the shipwreck were arrested as they came ashore, as were men from one of four smaller ships in Bellamy’s fleet.

The Whydah was just a colorful Cape Cod legend until 1984, when Barry Clifford, a marine salvager who had been tracking down old documents about the Whydah’s de-



ALEX GARCIA / Chicago Tribune via MCT
Pirates’ treasure coins sit on display at an exhibit of the 18th century pirate ship Whydah at the Field Museum, Feb. 24, in Chicago. It is the only recovered pirate treasure in existence.

mise, located the remains of the vessel off the cape in shallow water, covered in sand.

The bulk of the Whydah’s stolen treasures has yet to be recovered, but Clifford and his crew have salvaged thousands of artifacts, enough to mount the traveling exhibit in partnership with the National Geographic Society.

To bolster the meaning of the artifacts, Clifford and his organization have collected first-person accounts of the times left behind by pirates and their victims, including memoirs and legal testimony.

Anybody who joined a pirate gang had to sign the “ship’s articles,” a sworn oath pledging loyalty and swearing never to betray shipmates. Plunder was carefully and fairly apportioned among captain and crew, and officers were elected.

“They were outlaws who were experimenting with democracy,” Clifford said.

Clifford’s information shows most of the pirates were men in their 20s. Many were laborers who had been snatched in European ports and forced to crew on merchant vessels, then were left ma-

rooned in the New World.

Some were sailors dumped from warships in peacetime military cutbacks. Some were volunteers drawn by greed or romance. And a large number were escaped slaves and men liberated by pirates from captured slave ships.

“Piracy was pretty much their only alternative to enslavement,” said Kenneth Kinkor, a historian on Clifford’s staff.

Often, black pirates were elected by their white brethren to serve as officers.

At sea, a pirate ship often carried a crew four times bigger than their merchant and naval counterparts. Armed with the best cannons and the most advanced hand weapons, the pirates’ strategy was to frighten ships into giving up without a fight.

“The Jolly Roger (skull and crossbones) was flown to identify themselves and give warning,” Kinkor said. “If the ship they went after tried to escape, they took down the Jolly Roger and put up a red flag, which meant they would show no mercy unless the ship surrendered immediately.”

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Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Jamie Moyer works against the Pittsburgh Pirates at McKechnie Field in Bradenton, Fla. on Wednesday. The Pirates beat the Phillies, 8-2.

46-year-old Phillies pitcher keeps going after 22 years

By Phil Sheridan
The Philadelphia Inquirer

BRADENTON, Fla. — Baseball is ageless, baseball players are not.

Not even Jamie Moyer. The Phillies' 46-year-old lefthander pitched the first two exhibition innings of what will be his 23rd major-league season. Think about those numbers: Moyer has spent almost exactly half his life in the big leagues.

"I can still say it's fun to go to work," Moyer said after pitching Wednesday. "It's exciting to get up in the morning and come to the ballpark and know I'm going to pitch."

Part of the fun, now that he can check "win a World Series" off his career to-do list, is finding out just how long he can pitch effectively. You hear tell of age-defying sports legends — Satchel Paige pitching at 60, George Blanda playing quarterback in the NFL in his mid-40s — but here's Moyer pushing the envelope in real time, right before our eyes.

He's on a new two-year contract, which will take him into his fourth decade ('80s, '90s, '00s, '10s). A couple of more years, he could make it to 50.

"That's fun," Moyer said after pitching. "Where's this going to take me? I have no idea. I might wake up tomorrow and can't get out of bed. Who knows?"

The trick, of course, is to know when to say when. Moyer was just breaking into the majors when Phillies legend Steve Carlton was wandering from San Francisco to Chicago to Minnesota, adding 21 losses to his Hall of Fame career record.

"It was really hurtful to watch

Steve Carlton finish his career the way that he did," Moyer said. "I'm not questioning why he was playing. But to watch him as a kid growing up, and having all the respect in the world for him, to see him kind of hanging on the last couple of years — maybe he thought he could still pitch. But he struggled. I hope I don't have to go through that."

For an outsider, there's a charm in walking away at the top. Moyer could have done that after winning the first championship of his career in October. His contract was up. He was 45. There would have been a poetry to that.

But this is baseball. Moyer's a pitcher, not a poet. He won 16 games last year. He still can get big-league hitters out. The idea of retiring didn't occur to him until someone asked — during the clubhouse celebration after Game 5 of the World Series.

"It got me thinking a little bit," Moyer said. "Not necessarily right then and there, but a couple of days later, I thought about it: Am I concerned about what people are going to think? Am I concerned about when I should leave? I want to leave on my own terms. When I walk away from this game, I want to be able to say I've had enough. I've enjoyed my opportunities."

Eagles safety Brian Dawkins made an excellent point during the NFL season. Every player has good and bad stretches. Hit a certain age, and every bad stretch becomes proof that you're finished. At some point, of course, you are.

"The hitter will dictate that to me," Moyer said. "I hope I'm aware enough to realize that."

The Phillies are counting on

Moyer to be a big part of their attempt to repeat as champions. Not only does he give them a chance to win every five days, he is an important influence on the rest of the staff — especially young ace Cole Hamels.

Moyer already has won more games (246) than Jim Bunning (224) and Juan Marichal (243), than Don Drysdale (209) and Whitey Ford (236). All of them are in the Hall of Fame. Could Moyer get to Cooperstown?

He has never been a dominating pitcher. It's not his style. But a 25-year career, perhaps 275 wins and a key role on a championship team — during an era that will be graded on an anabolic curve — certainly add up to a compelling case.

If the baseball writers who vote for the Hall leave steroid-tainted players off their ballots, shouldn't there be extra consideration given to players who competed in that era without cheating?

"You never know," Moyer said. "I look back at earlier in my career and think about 200 wins or 150 wins or 100 wins — and I thought, 'Wow, that's a long ways away,'" Moyer said. "I've been able to surpass those numbers because I focused on the now instead of thinking about this could happen or that could happen."

He exceeded expectations by making it to the majors in the first place. He already has played longer than anyone, including himself, could have imagined. He won a title in his hometown.

"I've been in uncharted waters for 10 years," Moyer said.

In two years or five or 10 more, we'll get to find out just how far the journey takes him.

BASKETBALL

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shot attempts.

"They played at home, so obviously they play a little more confident there," Christian said. "They have a good basketball team and

are tough to guard."

The team is currently on a two-game losing skid, but Christian said a win here could help the Horned Frogs build momentum going into the MWC tournament.

"This is the time of year when you have to believe anything can

happen," Christian said. "There's no substitute for building confidence by winning a game against a really good basketball team."

The Horned Frogs will close out their regular season March 7 on the road against the University of Utah.

Loan overhaul, tax breaks included in proposed budget

By Robert A. Rankin
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Here are some highlights of the \$3.55 trillion fiscal 2010 budget, which President Barack Obama proposed on Thursday. It:

- projects a total deficit for the current fiscal year, 2009, of \$1.75 trillion — 12.3 percent of the gross domestic product. The previous post-World War II record deficit was 6 percent of GDP in fiscal 1983, considered dangerously high at the time.
- projects annual deficits falling to 8 percent of GDP in 2010 and to 3 percent by 2013, a level it would roughly maintain through 2019.
- would raise taxes on households making more than \$250,000 a year by \$636.7 billion over 10 years.

•would create a cap-and-trade auction program to tax carbon emissions and reduce greenhouse gases that would raise \$645.7 billion over 10 years. It would spend \$120 billion of that on clean energy technologies and the rest to fund tax cuts for households making less than \$140,000 a year.

•would set aside a \$630 billion reserve fund over 10 years to begin financing a national health-care program. It would pay for that fund by reducing Medicare "overpayments" to private insurers; reducing Medicaid drug rebates to manufacturers; and reducing the tax break for deductions taken by households with annual income over \$250,000.

•lists a \$250 billion reserve fund as a placeholder estimate to support \$750 billion in new spending to rescue banks. This would be in addition to the \$700 billion bank-rescue fund that was approved last fall.

•would make permanent the \$400 per person, \$800 per family "Making Work Pay" tax credit, which was included in the recent \$787 billion stimulus program. Would offset with funds from the carbon tax.

•lays the groundwork to create a future system of automatic workplace pensions in addition to Social

Health care savings

Competitive bidding for Medicare Advantage (private plan participants)

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Bundling Medicare payments for hospital stay, after-care

-\$17.8 billion

Promoting cost-effective purchase of Medicare drugs

-\$19.6 billion

Having wealthier Medicare participants pay more for drug plan, as they do for doctor plan

-\$8.1 billion

Other health care reductions

-\$93.9 billion

Total projected savings, 2010-2019

\$316 billion

Tax increases

Reduce the value of deductions for taxpayers in the 35% bracket (and many in the 33%) to the equivalent of those in the 28%

EXAMPLE

Tax savings for a married couple in the 35% bracket with itemized deductions of \$10,000

Current law -\$3,500

Proposed change -\$2,800

Affects about 5 percent of taxpayers, starting at about \$250,000 in adjusted income for a married couple

Total projected income, 2010-2019

\$318 billion

Source: U.S. Office of Management and Budget

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Security. Employers would be required to enroll employees in a direct-deposit IRA.

•would expand many spending programs in the recent stimulus plan that aim to conserve energy and modernize the electricity grid.

•would expand many spending programs on education that were included in the recent stimulus plan.

•calls for Congress to overhaul student-loan programs to make them more efficient and expand available loan funds.

•would make permanent the \$2,500 tax credit for college education that's contained in the stimulus plan.

•would phase out direct subsidies to farmers who make more than \$500,000 a year.

•would spend \$75.5 billion for the rest of fiscal 2009 and \$130 billion for fiscal 2010 on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

•would increase the Army's manpower to 547,500 soldiers and the Marines' to 202,000 by the end of fiscal 2010.

•would give a 2.9 percent pay raise to all uniformed men and women in the military and a 2 percent raise for all other federal

employees.

•would increase spending on the Defense Department by \$20.4 billion, or 4 percent.

•would increase spending for the Veterans Administration by \$25 billion over five years.

•aims to eventually double spending on foreign aid to \$50 billion and to expand the Foreign Service year by year.

•would boost spending on the Securities and Exchange Commission by 13 percent and on the Commodities Futures Trading Commission by 44 percent over 2008 levels, to increase the regulation of financial markets.

•aims to save \$48.5 billion over 10 years by rigorously improving the oversight of federal spending programs to eliminate waste and fraud.

•would create a \$1 billion a year high-speed rail state grant program in addition to the \$8 billion program created in the \$787 billion stimulus plan. States sharing the goal of creating new high-speed rail lines include California, Washington, Texas, Mississippi, Florida, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

U.K. admits handing over terrorists

By Julie Sell
McClatchy Newspapers

LONDON — Contradicting previous denials about Britain's participation in the Bush administration's global war on terrorism, Defense Minister John Hutton said Thursday that Britain had handed over two terrorism suspects captured in Iraq to the U.S., which sent them to Afghanistan, where they're still being held after more than four years.

The men, thought to be Pakistani nationals, are members of Lashkar-e-Taiba, a Pakistani Islamist group with links to al-Qaida, and have been classified as "unlawful enemy combatants," Hutton said.

His disclosure contradicts past claims by the British government that it was never complicit in the

practice of extraordinary rendition, in which detainees are sent to third countries, including some in which torture is commonplace.

The revelation sparked criticism from opposition politicians and civil liberties groups, who charged that the government is revealing details of its complicity in America's crackdown on terrorism in bits and pieces, and only after repeated denials.

Hutton said he now knew that some Cabinet ministers were aware that the two were handed over to the U.S. and transferred to Afghanistan in 2004. The government, however, continued to deny that such practices had occurred, and the cases were exposed after a review of detentions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Hutton apologized for the past misinformation provided to members of

Parliament.

"The U.S. government has explained to us that they were moved to Afghanistan because of a lack of relevant linguists necessary to interrogate them effectively in Iraq," Hutton said. More recently, he added, the U.S. has told Britain that it wasn't "possible or desirable" to return the men to Iraq or their home country.

The episode is the "latest in a series of issues where the government has been less than straightforward" regarding Britain's role in the so-called war on terrorism, including treatment of detainees, charged David Davis, a former spokesman for the opposition on domestic affairs.

A year ago this month, the British government admitted after past denials that two American flights carrying terrorism suspects for interrogation had landed for refueling in 2002 at a military base in Diego Garcia, a British dependent territory in the Indian Ocean.

More recently, the case of Binyam Mohamed, a former British resident who was held at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp in Cuba for more than four years, has revived allegations of British complicity in torture, including Mohamed's alleged treatment in Pakistan and Morocco. Mohamed returned to Britain on Monday after his release from Guantanamo, and has been granted permission to stay in the country temporarily.

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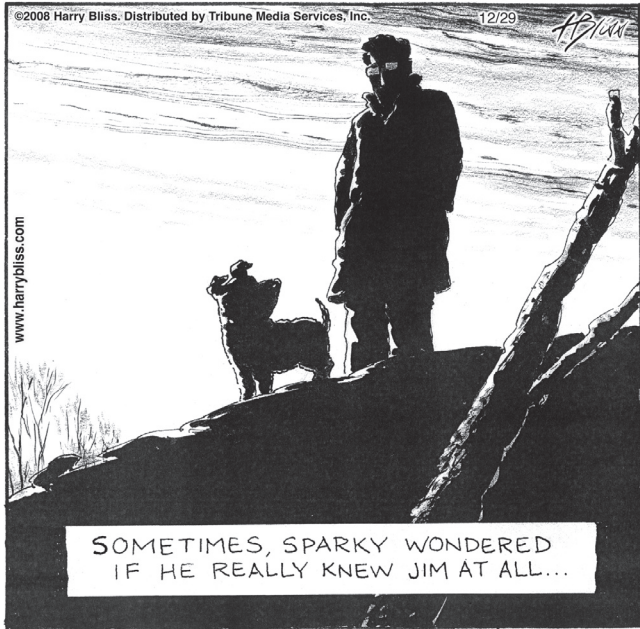
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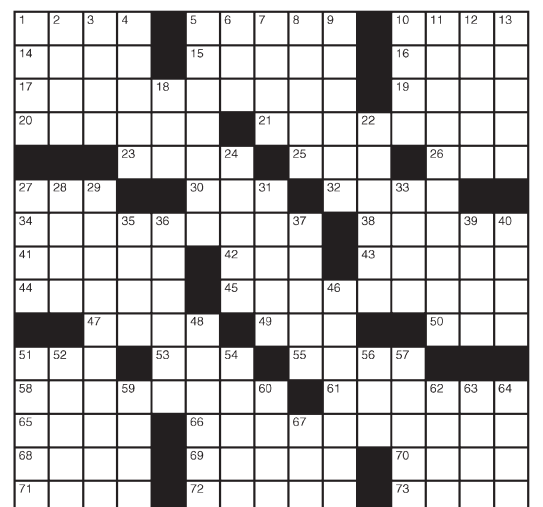
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By Jo Vita
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2/27/09

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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37 Of birth
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WOMEN'S TENNIS



Junior Nina Munch-Soegaard reacts to a shot Sunday during a match against Miami's Julia Cohen.

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Junior star has led squad

By Luke Urban
Staff Reporter

Junior Nina Munch-Soegaard will lead the No. 21-ranked women's tennis team against the University of Alabama on Saturday after their match at Texas Tech University on Thursday night. The team dropped to 4-3 in the spring season with a loss to a No. 10-ranked University of Miami squad last weekend. Head coach Jefferson Hammond said that Munch-Soegaard, the No. 6-ranked player in the country, is one of the best players on the tennis team because of her ability to step out on the line. Munch-Soegaard said the key to being a leader on the court is telling the players that you be-

lieve in them and the best way for the team to remain focused on the court is to stay together, be positive and encourage each other during the matches. Hammond said Munch-Soegaard's charismatic personality has helped her lead the team this year. Munch-Soegaard said there's not any pressure on her to be the top player on the team and that all of the tough matches against top opponents have helped her improve her game on the court. Hammond said there's a key area the team needs to be concerned about it its upcoming matches. "The main thing we need to do is to stay focused during every point," Hammond said. The No. 63-ranked University

TCU vs. Alabama
When: 12 p.m. Saturday
Where: Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center

of Alabama extended its winning streak to seven matches with wins over the University of Southern Mississippi and Samford University in a doubleheader Sunday to improve its record to 7-0 on the season. Alabama is expected to counter the Horned Frogs' Munch-Soegaard with sophomore Tiffany Welcher. The team will head to Texas A&M University next Thursday before returning home to face the University of Michigan on March 8.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

GRAND FINALE



Junior forward Zvonko Buljan steals the ball from Air Force guard Evan Washington during the first half of the Horned Frogs' 62-50 victory Feb. 18.

JASON FOTCHMAN / Multimedia Editor

Forwards to bid adieu to home crowd on Saturday

By Billy Wessels
Staff Writer

When the men's basketball team takes the court Saturday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, it will be the last time in front of the home crowd for two seniors. Forwards Kevin Langford and John Ortiz said they want to end their careers at the coliseum with a win. "Right now it feels like any other game coming up," Langford said. "That might change on game day. But sometimes you don't want it to end, playing college basketball has been pretty fun." Langford, who is from Fort

Worth, isn't expecting to have a bunch of family at the game, but thinks his family might surprise him. Ortiz said he thinks he left his mark at TCU on the court. "I think people know my style of game and the way I play," Ortiz said. Though head basketball coach Jim Christian has only spent one season with the seniors, he thinks the role these two played was significant. "Both those guys, since the first day, have done everything we have asked them to do," Christian said. "I wish I had them both back. Those are the kind of guys you want to coach for a couple years."

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When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Ortiz and Langford's home careers will come to an end against Mountain West Conference rival San Diego State University. The Horned Frogs lost to the Aztecs 67-50 Jan. 28 in San Diego. In that game, the Aztecs nailed 48.4 percent of their shots, while the Horned Frogs found the bottom of the net on 30.6 percent of their

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been my favorite. So now, I am going to share my knowledge with you through a weekly fantasy baseball column, telling you about players I think you should pick up, players you should trade and which hurlers you should plug into your roster for some key starts. In this first installment, I really just want to go over basic draft strategy with you. There are two different kinds of drafts: auction and standard draft. For the first-timer or someone who isn't an intense player, you should stick with the standard approach. What I do in a standard draft is use my first seven or eight picks on bats because quality arms can be picked up in later rounds. More experienced players, you should try the auction style. This is the truest form of draft because it involves bidding against your competitors to buy the players you want or need. My advice on those is to look for bargains. Think about each player and decide how much you are willing to spend on him. I did a practice draft on ESPN.com and many players go for more than their projected value, so prepare

for that. I spent most of my money, \$36, on defending-champion Philadelphia Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins. That was more than I wanted to pay, but I needed a shortstop and I wanted Rollins. Think about how much you want to spend on pitching and offense. I suggest a 75/25 budget split favoring the offense. I am in a ridiculous auction-style keeper league with some of my friends from high school, with contracts and minor leaguers. Most leagues don't have all of these stipulations, but they do make the game far more interesting and involved. You can do mock drafts and auctions for free on the ESPN Web site to practice your skills. I also want to give some of you a chance to be in a league with me and give you a chance to teach me some lessons. The first nine people to e-mail me at w.p.wessels@tcu.edu and want to be in the league will be invited to join a league I created on the ESPN Web site called Go Frogs! Go practice your drafts and I'll have more advice for you next week.

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