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Police to tow nearby vehicles in problematic areas

By JULIETA CHIQUILLO Staff Reporter

Dude, where's my car?

ing parking rules by towing multiple complaints. vehicles in addition to issuing borhood police officer said.

Neighborhood Police Offi- be towed. cer Mark Russell said police

parking tickets, TCU's neigh- in hazardous places such as he said. street intersections will also

will tow vehicles with more than 100 tickets in the area cles to make a point," Rus- of signs is no excuse to park. He said he has seen students than one outstanding parking surrounding campus since sell said. ticket. He said police will also Jan. 5, and about 99 percent Fort Worth police will tow vehicles parked in spots of those vehicles had TCU the Fort Worth Police Depart- McGee said TCU Police will minutes in search of a parking become stricter in enforc- where police have received parking permit stickers, Rus- ment range from \$25 to \$200, continue its policy to issue space when there are spots sell said. Few people in the Russell said. Russell said vehicles parked city pay their parking tickets,

Parking fines imposed by

Many parking signs in the ing or towing a vehicle. area have been stolen, but

illegally, he said.

three citations before boot- available in the more distant

McGee said the problem is "If the tickets aren't making Russell said he expects a traf- not insufficient parking but Christmas time," McGee said. sense to people, then we're fic engineer to replace them that students want to park "There are some people who Police have written more going to start towing vehi- by next month. The absence close to school buildings.

cruise the parking lots near TCU Police Chief Steve school buildings for up to 15 parking lots.

> "It's like shopping during See **TICKETS**, page 2

TEST RUN



The refurbished Frog Fountain runs Wednesday afternoon. The fountain is undergoing final tests and preparations before a dedication ceremony in mid-March.

New Frog Fountain undergoes brief trial

By MARCUS MURPHREE Multimedia Editor

momentarily returned to the center of campus Wednesday afternoon.

in the Campus Commons, is undergo- Leeman said. ing tests before a dedication in mid-March.

be turning it off and on," said Harold water is recycled just like most city foun- a different pool and water jets that Leeman, associate director for major tains and the previous Frog Fountain. projects with the Physical Plant.

the dedication, but the preparation and feature on the fountain. This keeps the 2006, but the clock is now ticking on testing process will be going on for fountain from losing water during high when the fountain will be fully back the next two to three weeks, said Lisa winds that may push some of the extra in business.

Albert, communications specialist.

Although the waterfalls gracing the The familiar sound of running water lily pads were flowing Wednesday, the not be pumping if a lot of evaporation spectacle was short lived.

"We're just testing it and it will be Frog Fountain, the iconic structure drained again tonight (Wednesday)," May 2006 and moved to make room for

Some precautions taken to prevent

flow out of the fountain pool.

During dryer times, the fountain will occurs, Leeman said.

The fountain was taken down in the construction of the new residence Leeman said he didn't know how halls. During the fountain's time off many gallons of water flowed through campus, several improvements were "Today is one of the only times we'll the fountain daily, but said the fountain made, including new copper lily pads,

shoot from the base of the fountain. The landscape surrounding the There is no specific date set yet for wasting water include a wind gauge fountain may not look the same as in

Frog alumni give more than most, according to study

By SHALEY SANDERS Staff Reporter

Alumni donations have nearly doubled in the past two years because of fundraising for building projects and a large estate donated last year, but alumni participation is gradually decreasing, following a nationwide trend in giving, a university official said.

The university received donations from 11,088 donors in the 2005 fiscal year, but received in the survey. The university 10,207 in the 2006 fiscal year, also ranked third in per student said Janine Kraus, director of annual giving.

Roby Key, the associate vice chancellor for university aided in bringing in more than of alumni relations. \$18.5 million in donations from alumni last year.

still giving. It is the smaller donations that we are losing," Key said.

Economic factors such as credit card debt and an increase in gas prices may be involved," Reeves said. to blame, Kraus said.

"There is no hard evidence to explain the consecutive decrease in alumni participation," Kraus said.

About 11,000 alumni contribute to the annual fund every year, but the amount given depends on building projects TCU has planned, Key said.

TCU's average alumni participation rate in 2005 was above the national average for private research/doctoral institutions by more than 14 percent, Key said.

More than 20 percent of the 60,000 TCU graduates participated in alumni giving last year, which beat the peer group average, made up of 11 schools, by more than 5 percent, according to data collected by the Council for Aid to Education, Key said. TCU's endowment, which reached more than \$1 billion last year, ranked third endowment behind Boston College and Southern Methodist University, Key said.

The TCU alumni associaadvancement, said major build- tion encourages Horned Frogs ing projects, such as the Cam- to stay connected to the unipus Commons and the Sam versity despite leaving TCU, Baugh Indoor Practice Facility, said Rebekah Waits, director

Cameron Reeves, a member of the national alumni board, "Our large contributors are said many think the alumni association just wants money, but that is an individual decision that has nothing to do with joining an alumni chapter.

"Mainly we want you to stay

FOR YOUR INFO Total alumni giving

2006: \$10 million **2007**: \$19 million SOURCE: Roby Key, associate vice chancellor for university advancement

Alumni Participation Average for all colleges and universities: 12 percent TCU alumni participation: 23 percent

SOURCE: Voluntary Support of Education

New study shows men could face health risks stemming from HPV

By VALERIE J. HANNON Staff Reporter

Many TCU men think the Center staff physician. virus that causes cervical more seriously.

A new study links the HPV, to cases of throat and been the major cause of and president of the Phi name for 100 strains or types my friends," Sullivan said.

have serious effects on them, said cases of throat and ton-partners, might be a cause. a Health Center staff member sil cancers in HPV-positive said, but a new study may individuals have increased many programs in male resi- aware to men enough that consequences of the virus ago to almost 68 percent in warning them of the risks this decade.

Alcohol and tobacco conhuman papillomavirus, or sumption, which has long more political science major vention Web site, HPV is a that needs to be known by cine for use in men. The

mouth cancers in men, said oral cancers, is decreas- Gamma Delta fraternity, said of viruses, 30 of which can "It's something people need Burton Schwartz, a Health ing, according to the study. Instead, an increase in high-The study, published in The risk sexual behaviors, such

> Schwartz said he has done of HPV.

cancer in women does not Journal of Clinical Oncology, as oral sex and multiple sex educate men about the risks cervical cancer in women or education is something all of HPV.

virus," Henderson said.

According to the Centers there was a link. Cory Henderson, a sopho- for Disease Control and Pre-

Schwartz did such a program be sexually transmitted. The to pay attention to, because for his fraternity last fall. He effects of the virus can be it's definitely a concern." said more could be done to as serious as life-threatening "I don't think it's made as well as genital warts.

Freshman accounting and make them take the potential from 28 percent 30 years dence halls and fraternities they could be carriers of the finance major Brian Sullivan Center offers the HPV vacsaid that he was shocked cine Gardasil, but the Food

Henderson said HPV anal or penile cancer in men, groups on campus could work together on.

Schwartz said the Health and Drug Administration "It's definitely something has not approved the vac-

See **HPV**, page 2



WEATHER TODAY: Partly cloudy, 69/41 TOMORROW: Showers, 37/31 SATURDAY: Showers, 47/37

PECULIAR FACT

DURANGO, Colo. — After getting locked out of her home and being stuck in the cold, an 89-year-old woman used an ax to break into her house. Associated Press

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will drive around for 30 minutes looking for a mall."

McGee said parking lots at TCU are close to campus compared to other cation about parking in schools. The university offers shuttle service to uation on campus needs students parked in dis- improvement, she said, tant lots.

"There are options we help solve the problem. provide that other univer-

TCU Police range from \$50 cles to deter students to \$100, he said.

of an elementary school fusing.

over the weekend.

"I think a lot of students don't purposely park illegally," Sultemeir said. "They just don't read parking spot close to the the signs carefully or for-

> Sultemeir said students should receive more eduthe area. The parking sitand a parking garage may

Mandy Anderson, a sities don't," McGee said. sophomore business Parking fines issued by major, said towing vehifrom parking illegally may Genesis Sultemeir, work. Anderson, whose a sophomore biology car was towed in August major, said she got a because of a parking vioparking ticket in Decem- lation, said she finds some ber for parking in front of the parking signs con-



Officer C. Miller writes a ticket for an SUV parked illegally outside of Perrotti's Pizza at the base of the GrandMarc. Fort Worth Police said campus-area vehicle towings will be more frequent.

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not be approved until later using protection. next year because of the drugs.

Time magazine. On its Web radiation treatment. site, the CDC reported that be sexually active, the CDC sexual partners and to stay in long-term, monogamous possible.

Sophomore nursing major Santiago Mercado said he agreed that sexuvaccine's maker, Merck al abstinence was the best and Co., Inc., is lobbying way to prevent the spread the FDA to approve it for of HPV, but that any sexual use in men, but it might activity needs to be done

The study also said there long approval process for was a chance of a better prognosis for HPV-related The vaccine is already cancers over two years than approved for men in Europe non-related cases, possibly and Australia, according to due to a better response to

Joshua Jemente, junior the best way to prevent the political science major and risk of contracting HPV is president of Kappa Sigma to avoid sexual contact. fraternity, said it is the For those who choose to responsibility of every person to decide what steps said to limit the number of they need to take to avoid the spread of the virus.

"Ultimately, the decision relationships as much as is left up to them," Jemente

Health-conscious Okla. mayor suggests citywide diet plan

By HOWARD WITT Chicago Tribune

OKLAHOMA CITY — As political strategies go, telling election.

But Mick Cornett, the healthconscious mayor of Oklahohe challenged the 1.1 million citizens in the city's metropolitan area to collectively shed 1 million pounds in 2008.

Cornett is up for re-election in two years. Time will tell if he ends up as the Biggest Loser.

"No city has ever been placed on a diet by the mayor," said Cornett, who says he 27,500 pounds. weighed 217 pounds in April last month. "I realized after I'd year's end. done it that I was putting my of this."

Cornett set up thiscityisgoingonadiet.com, featuring links encouraged citizens to regis- America, based on its consis- healthful smoothie line last ter and track their progress tent top-10 ranking on annual year," Robertson said. "And the million-pound goal. food. And his news conference to

held in front of the elephant to know said we have more

offend anyone."

So far, however, Oklahoma cheap." ma's capital city, looked around City residents are not exactly at his corpulent constituents leaping from their couches to a retro-1950s fast-food chain not long ago and decided he take up Cornett's challenge. was tired of leading Ameri- As of Tuesday, about 14,700 ca's unofficial Fat City. So he people had signed up on the declared that he was putting Web site and collectively had are trying to do their part for Oklahoma City on a diet, and reported shedding just over the mayor's weight-loss cam-

> "... telling your wife she's now on a diet was an interesting aspect of this."

Mick Cornett Oklahoma City mayor

2007, and was down to 179 375 tons short of the goal by

Oklahoma City faces some wife on a diet, and that's prob- unique obstacles on the path our drinks line to include ably not a good strategy. Not to slimming down. The state more diet drinks. We have that she's overweight, but tell- has the ninth-highest rate of ing your wife she's now on a adult obesity in the nation diet was an interesting aspect 26.8 percent of adult Okla- love to eat with you, but please homans are officially obese, give our kids something other At the beginning of the year, according to the Trust for than soda." America's Health.

And last year, Fortune magato information about nutrition, zine anointed Oklahoma City exercise and weight loss. He as the fast-food capital of together with others toward lists of "heavy users" of fast

announce the initiative was it, but someone who claimed ble cheeseburger."

exhibit at the Oklahoma City fast-food restaurants per capita than anywhere else in the "I want people to openly U.S.," Cornett said. "Life in voters they are overweight discuss this issue," Cornett Oklahoma City is built around and need to go on a diet may said. "Everyone is afraid to the automobile. The business not be the surest route to re- talk out loud about obesity model for a fast-food restaubecause they don't want to rant works really well here because you can get the land

> So well, in fact, that Sonic, that is the nation's fourth-largest, is headquartered there.

Company officials say they paign, which they enthusiastically support. They say they have added more healthful options to their menu of burgers and hot dogs, distributed pedometers to their corporate employees and stopped serving only Sonic food in the employee cafeteria.

"We feel like we fit exactly into the lifestyles that Ameri-At that rate, they will fall cans are adopting," said Nancy Robertson, Sonic's senior vice president for communications. "We have recently expanded low-fat milk. We responded to our customers who said, 'We

> Unfortunately, not all of Sonic's customers are following the corporation's lead.

"We promoted our more you know the most popular item that was ordered with a "We've never documented smoothie? A super-sonic dou-



Faizal, an employee at the Get Friday calling center, researches skincare products for a U.S. client Jan. 25 in Bangalore, India.

Middle-class Americans hire low-priced Indian assistants

By LAURIE GOERING Chicago Tribune

self stranded in the middle of nowhere on a broken-down Get Friday. Amtrak train on the East Coast, he called for help — to his personal assistant in India.

Working over the Internet, the assistant figured out where Hui was, then tracked down a rental car to come pick him up. In the end, the train started moving again before the car arrived, but Hui, 30, was no less impressed by the effort on his behalf from half a world

"I've been surprised at how much personal ownership they take to make my tasks a success," said the Cambridge, Mass.-based management consultant, who for the past year and a half has been a client of Get Friday, a Bangalore personal and small-business services outsourcing company. "They go the extra mile for me."

In the latest twist on globalization, it is now possible to hire a personal assistant — in India — to take care of just about anything you don't have time to do and that can be accomplished

via phone or the Internet.

BANGALORE, India — bad taste we will not do. Other check their flight status," said When David Hui found him-than that, bring it on," said T.T. Avinash Samudrala, a St. Louis Venkatash, a senior manager for Personal and small-business

services are the latest wave of outsourcing to India and one that is rapidly picking up speed, despite concerns about the wisdom of relying so much on overseas service providers.

Today, a handful of Indian start-up companies in the personal and small-business services field are handling \$200 million worth of calls for help from overwhelmed firms and harried individuals worldwide, said P. Sunder, chief executive of TTK Services, the parent company of Get Friday. By 2015, industry income should hit \$2 billion, predicts Evalueserve, an outsourcing research and consulting company.

Each outsourcing firm has its own specialty. One, called TutorVista, focuses on linking Indian tutors with students in the U.S. and elsewhere. Another, Ask Sunday, handles personal tasks for as little as \$29 a month, plus larger project work.

"People on the way to O'Hare says, "that's huge."

(airport) shoot us requests on "Anything that's illegal or in their Blackberries, asking us to native who co-founded Ask Sunday last year. "It's pretty amazing if you think about it."

Get Friday, launched in 2005, started with just one desk, a handful of employees and fewer than 100 customers. Today it has 200 cubicles, spread over several floors of a dusty, nondescript commercial building on Bangalore's outskirts, 140 employees and 1,200 clients, 95 percent of them in the United

At Get Friday, each client is assigned a personal assistant, but behind the scenes a larger team — which includes Web site designers, teachers and accountants, among others often collaborates on jobs.

"I call when I need something, and I pay for the work they provide — no stress or anxiety about unproductive time or employees," said Richard Hawksworth, who runs a small media production company in Chicago and signed up with Get Friday six months ago. For somebody who is "spread very thin," he

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"A man cannot be comfortable without his own approval."

Mark Twain

THE SKIFF VIEW

Parking signs solution to towing

n an attempt to emphasize the seriousness of unpaid parking violations, the Fort Worth Police Department has decided to start towing vehicles with more than one unpaid ticket, in addition to writing new parking tickets for the towed car.

This decision has its obvious student downretrieving towed cars. The biggest hassle of all is students might not even know the towing is coming.

not been updated, leaving parking violators doing.

People with more than one outstanding parkstanding parking laws as it is. Now they get the like to avoid being towed. shocking surprise of a missing car.

to push the violators to pay their ticket fines getting tow trucks involved? and towing could be a great way to do that.

However, by not including clear parking signs, the city is not giving drivers fair warning.

Drivers are going to be punished for something they assume will be a minor financial issue, which ends up being a trip to the impound lot and a much larger cost.

Perhaps in addition to the increased pensides with increased fines and the hassle of alty of towing, increased visibility of penalties could act as a deterrent to illegally parking.

An obvious correlation between action and its result exists with most of life's choices, and Despite the increased penalty, signs have certainly with most of the law, as well.

People keep themselves from doing wrong unaware of the repercussions for their wrong for moral reasons and because of consequence.

A lack of moral conscience for illegal parking ticket may have a hard enough time undering seemingly does exist, but people definitely

So how about letting those forgetful park-It is understandable and justifiable for the city ers know what they are getting into before

Sports editor Brett Larson for the editorial board.

BY NATE ARNOLD



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Valentine's

No one really knows how Valentine's Day started or who the real St. Valentine was, but there is some history on how the card-giving tradition started in the United States. According to History.com, swapping greeting cards started in the 1840s by Esther A. Howland, who is known as the mother of the valentine. The first cards were made with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap." As for the love and chocolate that correlate with the day, it's not really clear...

Here's what we had to say about Valentine's Day:



Valentine's Day provides the perfect opportunity for men to express true feelings about their significant other without fear of appearing less manly. Valentine's Day provides a challenge for men who aren't romantics to express ourselves in a way that we might not have otherwise. The whole concept is a bit silly, but so are relationships. Human courtship rituals probably look as silly as bees' rituals — the symbolic dancing we all go through. So there it is, a silly day to commemorate the silliness that has come to commonly be known as romantic relationships.

Bradley Petty is a senior finance major from Sherman.



Godiva probably got together with Hallmark to create a day where people everywhere feel obligated to buy gifts. But seriously, who doesn't like gifts? Even if it is a hoax, Valentine's Day is the most romantic day of the year and I love it. It might be a bit commercial, but having a day dedicated to celebrating love makes for a pretty worthwhile holiday.

Maddie Tasker is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from The Woodlands.





Valentine's Day will go like this ...

8 a.m. — Wake up/cry

9:30 a.m. — Go to class

11 a.m. — Go to class 12 a.m. — Eat/cry

2 p.m. — Go to class/cry

4 p.m. — Work out

6 p.m. — Eat PowerBar/cry

8 p.m. — Eat dinner

10 p.m. — Watch roommate and girlfriend make baby-talk/cry

12 a.m. — Sleep/cry

David Hall is a sophomore news-editorial major from Kingwood.



Andrew Young

Valentine's Day is a holiday where card companies guilt men into doing things they should be doing yearlong. Hallmark and other card companies have seized the opportunity to exploit the fact that men seldom tell their loved ones how much they love them in order to make money. If a guy really loves a girl, there shouldn't be any question of his affection for her and he shouldn't have to bend over backward to ensure that she knows it. Two people's love for each other should be obvious. If it isn't, there's no hope for the both of them anyhow.

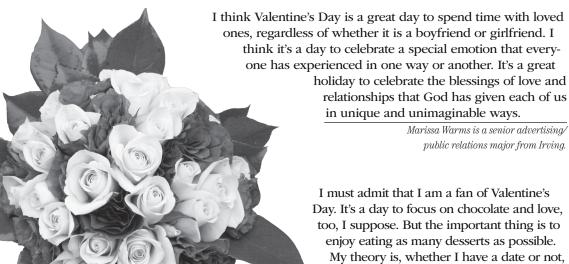
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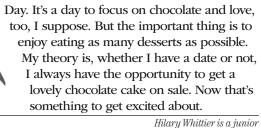


Rob Crabtree

Valentine's Day is an interesting holiday for me. I mean, I definitely fall into the category of one of those guys who bashes the holiday in public saying, "Valentine's Day is so stupid. It's just another consumer-driven holiday." The truth is, if you called me that night you would probably catch me sitting on my couch watching "The Notebook" and eating a pint of Haagen-Dazs by myself. Don't judge, every guy secretly thinks "The Notebook" is a pretty descent movie. My point is, don't let guys fool you about Valentine's Day. We love bragging about the awesome evening we have planned with the amazingly beautiful girl.

Rob Crabtree is a junior news-editorial journalism and political science major from Albuquerque, N.M.





 $broad cast journalism\ major\ from\ San\ Antonio.$



Valentine's Day serves one purpose and one purpose only. Not only is it singles awareness day, but worse, it's the day you realize your significant other is a total spare. V-Day is only for those "spare" males who don't take their wife, girlfriend or significant other out any other day of the year. It's like saying "Hey, I forgot that I'm supposed to like you during the year, so let's go out on the day that everyone else is going out." And of course the occasional excuse of "I'll take you out after Valentine's Day because a) things are cheaper and b) I don't want to wait in line for a table I really don't even want to be at" never seems to be left out of someone's web of lies. Why have a relationship if you can't handle being sweet every other day of the year? If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen!



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North Carolina sound booth converts lives to legacies

By ELIZABETH LELAND McClatchy Newspapers

her about the time he vis- day, Foote died. ited his mother in a nursing home and she didn't recog- stories die with us. nize him.

who had Alzheimer's, often of Salem, Mass. mistook her for someone

Telling stories is how er. we connect — as family, as How could we make sense of booth: our lives today, if somebody what went before?

are telling stories.

Public Radio's national Sto- and boots. She felt so out ryCorps project, which will of place, she decided to have record 10,000 stories to be a little fun. archived at the Library of

aren't about well-known a boat and a horse.' people or historic events, important.

of the nation," says Bill Ferris, and I can buy a horse." a folklorist and co-editor of the Encyclopedia of Southern Cul- ever since. ture. "These are stories from the heart."

going to visit Civil War historian Shelby Foote. The two CHARLOTTE, N.C. — friends talked about history. Angie Forde asked Dawoud Ferris recalled Foote saying: Assad to describe the sad- History is not about facts. It's dest day of his life. He told about telling a story. The next

Too often, Ferris said, our

Jesus, Confucius, Moses, Although Forde had never Muhammad and Buddha are heard Assad's story before, among the great storytellshe knew his story. It was ers. Also Lincoln and Sigher story, too. Her father, mund Freud and the girls

> Newsman Charles Kuralt was a modern-era storytell-

So is Charlotte Glassfriends, as a city and, on a man. Listen to the love stoglobal level, as a civilization. ry she told in the recording

She was visiting Charhadn't passed along stories of lotte in 1980, and her sister and sister-in-law decided That is why a silver Air- to take her out one night. stream trailer is parked at a She wore a yellow sundress library in Charlotte. Inside, and white high heel sanpeople like Dawoud Assad dals. They went to a country music bar, where most They are part of National everyone wore blue jeans

"Dan came up and asked me to dance and I said, The stories aren't epics 'well, yeah, but here's my like the Bible or "Beowulf" list of requirements: You've or Homer's "Odyssey." Most got to have a motorcycle and

"And Dan pulls out his and that's what makes them wallet and flips it open and he says, 'Here's my two "They are taking the pulse motorcycles, my two boats

we think and how we pro- learn in class?" Ferris told the story of cess information, it's always



StoryCorps facilitator Jenna Weiss-Berman, foreground, sits in the StoryCorps MobileBooth with Leslie Williams, 50, right, and William's father George Linker, 78, as she instructs the pair on interview techniques Friday in uptown Charlotte, N.C. They are part of National Public Radio's national StoryCorps project, which will record 10,000 stories to be archived at the Library of Congress.

"They are taking the pulse of the nation. These are stories from the heart."

Bill Ferris

Encyclopedia of Southern Culture

in story form," says storytell-They've been together er Brian Sturm, a professor at UNC Chapel Hill. "What did "If you think about how you do today? What did you

Or, as Courtney James pendent person, an honest neatly dressed, articulate ized, anyone could.

in the recording booth:

be remembered?"

told her son about growing gotten. up in Harlem, raising three

asked his mother Thursday person, someone that loved and well traveled. her family and someone that "How would you like to loved an education."

Telling stories is a way of

She met Assad there, and he foreclosure. "I'd just like to be remem- didn't fit the stereotype of a bered," she said, "as an inde-homeless person. He is 62, end up homeless, Forde real-

What, Forde wondered, was his story?

In the recording booth, Sybil Lassiter, who is 79, making sure we aren't for- she asked him. He told her about being baptized in After Forde moved to childhood as an Episcopachildren and getting a mas- Charlotte from Barbados to lian, becoming a Muslim as ter's and Ph.D. even though be with her elderly mother, an adult, traveling the world her husband didn't appreci- she began volunteering at as an electrician on oil rigs, ate her drive to get an edu- the Urban Ministry Center. then losing his home through

If a man like Assad could

Young voters give presidential politics an extreme makeover

By EDWARD M. EVELD McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Young tion season. They rolled right the November election. through Super Tuesday in are poised for a remarkable, young voters in preparation for ic caucus Tuesday or Saturday's maybe election-altering, turnout in November.

eration of young people," said ber, she said. Heather Smith of Rock the Vote, a nationwide advocacy group. ing a strong part "They're finding their voice in in this presidenthe political process now and tial primary, a realizing that when they do turn trend that started out, campaigns pay attention to in 2004. Youth them."

The potential clout of young- declined in all er voters has long been bally- but one presidenhooed. The numbers show tial election year they might finally be cashing between 1972, in, politically.

Voter turnout tripled among olds first voted, young voters in the Missouri primary, according to University of Maryland research. That's com- something changed," said Emily pared with the 2000 presidential Kirby, of the Center for Informapaign," said Whelan, 26. "I primary, the last time similar tion & Research on Civic Learn- talk about how Barack Obama data was available.

Tuesday, compared with 71,000 and caucuses." in the 2000 primary. Turnout

hit 21 percent last week.

voters are on a roll this elec- — are expected to grow through

Super Tuesday and is on track to Republican caucus because of a register more than 2 million this lack of exit poll information. "This is an entirely new gen- year. Most will vote in Novem-

voter turnout had when 18-yearand 2000.

"In 2004,

On Super Tuesday, the "youth

has had increases. Kirby said million times in the last week. Smith said Rock the Vote her center can't crunch num-

Technology — specifically the ease and allure of the Internet So far, young voters are play- — is part of what's fueling par- something else: a big — and ticipation.

> Meghan Whel-"It was really powerful, so I made sure I put Kan., did her part it up for everybody in upping the to watch. We don't numbers, and necessarily have the money to donate, but we can put time and energy into this." Meghan Whelan using her MyS-Barack Obama pace page to keep supporter 240 "friends"

informed. "It's my own MySpace caming & Engagement. "And again inspires me and how we need to go against the stereotypes."

among young people was a vote" also tripled in Georgia and video called "Yes We Can," a won by just 10,000 votes.

woeful 7 percent in 2000 and Oklahoma and quadrupled in musical adaptation of an Obama Tennessee, Kirby said. Earlier, speech. Made by a member of The numbers — and the zeal Florida and Iowa also saw a tri- the Black Eyed Peas, the video pling, although not every state has been watched more than 2

"It was really powerful, so I record-breaking numbers and helped register a half-million bers from the Kansas Democrat- made sure I put it up for everybody to watch," Whelan said. "We don't necessarily have the money to donate, but we can put time and energy into this."

The 18-to-29-year-olds have growing — head count.

The year 1990 marked the an of Kansas City, highest number of births since the baby boom, which officially began in 1946, and those babies she doesn't plan 44 million people between 18 to stop now. She's and 29 are eligible to vote in supporter and is Vote, the young voter advoca-

> "That's nearly a quarter of the electorate," said Smith, executive director, "and there's a huge surge just waiting at the gates. of the electorate."

Nearly 191,000 young voters in 2006. Now we're seeing this show people that as young vot- is tipping elections, she said. An cast ballots in the state on Super a third time with the primaries ers we do care, that we need to estimated 70,000 young people Then there was the YouTube Democratic primary, which he

FOR YOUR INFO Voting Resources

Rockthevote.com, a nonprofit organization that encourages youth participation with voter registration drives and get-outthe-vote events.

Votegopher.com, a nonpartisan site that compares the presidential candidates' views on the issues. It's written mostly by Harvard undergraduates.

Civicyouth.org, the Web site of CIRCLE, the Center for Information & Research on Civic Life & Engagement, which focuses on the civic and political engagement of young people.

and so on — here are some of and the war in Iraq. are turning 18 this year. Some the reasons experts cited for increases in youth voting:

a Barack Obama 2008, according to Rock the hiring youth directors, who polled Hillary Clinton among were charged with pursuing young voters. this untapped voter pool.

using more canvassing and oth- cided, said the wide-open race er one-on-one appeals.

By 2012, it will be nearly a third more important, especially to crowd. young voters who are more The strength of the youth vote likely to question whether their in for eight years, we're starting votes matter.

voted for Obama in Missouri's ticularly relevant to young vot- life issues, the Supreme Court ers. In a recent Time poll, 75 appointments, there's a lot at percent said the country was stake."

Besides online factors — going in the wrong direction, social networking sites, blogs, with particular concern about candidate Web sites, YouTube jobs, health-care affordability

—Obama is attracting young voters. In most states so far this —In 2004, campaigns began primary season, Obama has out-

Mary Opie, who was a Rom-—Campaigns altered tactics, ney supporter and now undeand the weight of current issues —Contested elections feel are drawing in the under-30

"After a president who's been over; it's anybody's game," said -This year's issues seem par- Opie, 28. "And with the war, the



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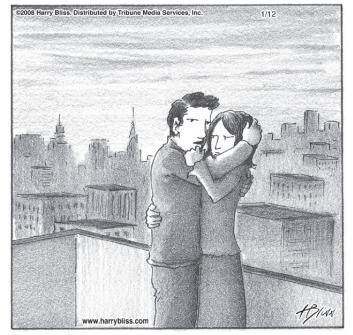
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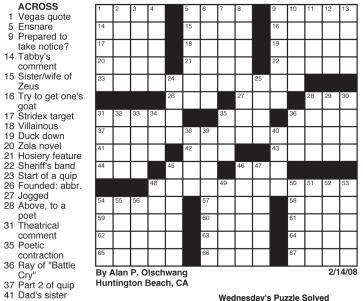


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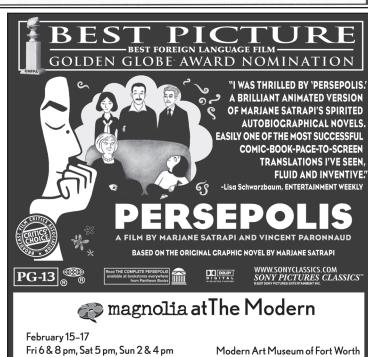
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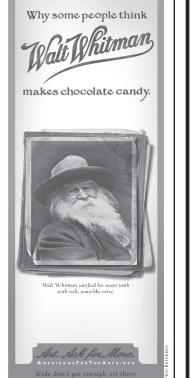
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

LEADING LADY

Senior guard sets records, guides team

By JOHN BOLLER Staff Reporter

time, along with a deep passion for the work at hand.

point guard for the Lady six steals against California. Frogs' basketball team. She has rewritten record books that Ross played with the odds and competed in the NCAA stacked against her. Tournament four years in a is hoping to add to her legacy and lead the Lady Frogs to

from Hobbs, N.M., has led this team in the co-ed leagues." year's Lady Frogs to an overrecord in conference play.

the team in scoring with 13.4 by Knight. points per game, and leads the team in assists and in steals. against stronger and big-Ross also leads the Lady Frogs ger players helped her game in field goals, 3-pointers and mature faster. free throws made.

head coach Jeff Mittie. "She develop my skills and made can steal the ball on defense me a stronger, more physical and has great scoring ability player," she said. "Once I starton offense because she can ed playing with and competto take it to the rim or shoot ing against just girls, I realized the three."

the team leader in offensive the other girls." and defensive categories. In fact, she ranks in the top five the 2006-2007 season. She led for seven different categories the team with 17.3 points per on the Lady Frogs' all-time game and 93 steals and fin-

307, a record she set this sea- Ross Honorable Mention Allson. She is ranked No. 2 all- America Team. She was also attempted and field goals.

TCU as a true freshman dur- Team All-Mountain West Coning the 2003-2004 season. ference. Ross played in all 32 of the Lady Frogs' games that season Ross was recruited to McDonand started in 10.

was ready to become a lead- Year. er on the team. Her season against Georgia during the court. 2004 Rainbow Wahine Clas-

ending her season.

She was allowed to receive a Building a legacy that has medical red-shirt because the left an impact on others takes injury happened early enough hard work, determination and in the season. The day before her injury, Ross played against the California Golden Bears, During the past five years, even though she had the flu, Adrianne Ross has been the and scored 23 points and had

This was not the first time

While growing up, she row. With six games left in competed against her older her final regular season, Ross brother and played in co-ed basketball leagues.

"My brother was the bigher fifth straight NCAA Tour- gest influence on my game," nament invitation with the Ross said. "We would compete against each other and some-Ross, a 5-foot-8-inch senior times even played on the same

Ross's brother, Ronald Ross all record of 15-9 with an 8-4 was an All-American at Texas Tech University and played Currently, she is leading under former head coach Bob-

Ross said that playing

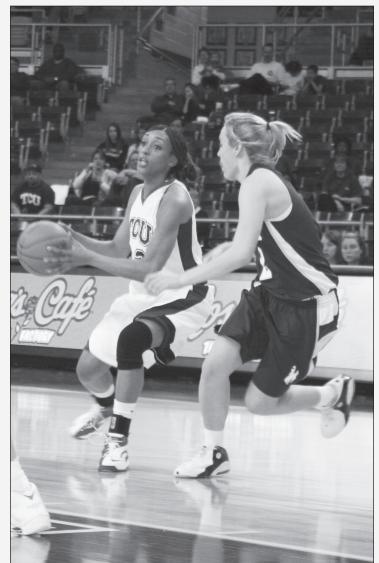
"Playing against guys when "She does a lot for us," said I was younger helped me my skills were very good and Ross is no stranger to being that I was better than most of

Ross had her best year in ished second in assists with 79. She is No. 1 in steals with The Associated Press named time in points, field goals awarded the title of Conference Co-Player of the Year in Ross began her career at the Mountain West and First

Coming out of high school, ald's All-American Team and After having a strong was back-to-back winner of freshman campaign, Ross New Mexico's Player of the

Her play on the court has was cut short Nov. 27 when had obvious impact, but the Lady Frogs were playing so have her actions off the

"She was one of the top sic in Honolulu. Ross tore recruits coming out of high a ligament in her left knee school, and to continue our



Senior guard Adrianne Ross is the veteran leader of a Lady Frogs team on track to make its eighth straight NCAA tournament. Ross is TCU's all-time steals leader.

FOR YOUR INFO Adrianne Ross

Season	G-GS	FG Pct.	3-Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	Α	S	Pts.	Avg.
2003-04	32-10	.387	.286	65	2.0	96	68	235	7.3
2004-05	5-5	.375	.368	12	2.4	14	13	59	11.8
2005-06	31-31	.375	.245	88	2.8	92	77	379	12.2
2006-07	32-30	.439	.389	111	3.5	79	93	553	17.3
TOTALS	100-76	.404	.318	276	2.7	284	251	1226	12.2

worked," Mittie said. "She is a she added. great ambassador to the game the program."

As her college career nears leagues." its end, Ross has been thinksional level is one option she reporter someday.

good health will let me," Ross history.

success of going to the tourna- said. She is not just considment shows how hard she has ering playing in the WNBA,

"I would definitely play and to the school; she is great overseas. The women's game with the younger kids and is goes through the summer, so a great player and person for you can play in the WNBA and also compete in the overseas

Ross, a communications ing about what she will do major with an emphasis in after college. Continuing to human relations, also hopes play basketball at the profes- to become a sports sideline

Whatever she decides to "I want to play basketball do, Ross will leave TCU as a and compete as long as my significant part of Lady Frog **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Winning streak now rests at five following victory

By JOHN BOLLER Staff Reporter

The Lady Frogs notched a blowout win against the Wyoming Cowgirls and took sole possession of second place in the Mountain West Conference.

TCU began the second half with a 15-point lead, and Wyoming never came within 14 points the rest

Senior guard Adrianne Ross had a game-high 21 points and helped her team keep its lead by scoring 13 of her 21 in the second half.

"Our team's outside shooting really opened the lane," Ross said. "The team worked well off of each other and we were able to get inside and keep up our good shooting from outside."

TCU, now 8-2 in conference, shot .500 from the field and shot .545 from three-point land on the night. The Lady Frogs' stifling defense held the Cowgirls to under 35 percent shooting from the field.

"Our ability to stay with their players resulted in them having to go deep into the shot-clock," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "I think that this made them rush their shots and passes."

The Lady Frogs took advantage of the Cowgirls' poor shooting night with 14 fast-break points to Wyoming's zero.

"We felt like if we did a good job rebounding we could get opportunities to get the ball up the court fast," Mittie said. "They shot 19 three-pointers and missed 14 of them. This gave us a lot of chances to run off of those missed shots."

TCU took control of the first half at the 11-minute mark, breaking an 11 all tie.

The Lady Frogs got a big effort from their bench with 17 points coming from the reserves in the first alone, and 28 points total.

The win was the first time TCU was able to defeat the Cowgirls, which are 7-3 in the Mountain West, in the teams' last four meetings. Wyoming defeated TCU earlier in the year 62-45 in Laramie, Wyo.

With the win, the Lady Frogs extended their winning streak to five games. The next game is at BYU on March 8.



Senior guard Moneka Knight and the Lady Frogs extended its seasonlong win streak to five games with a win over Wyoming.

PRO BASEBALL

Major league pitcher testifies at congressional hearing

By DAVE MONTGOMERY McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Roger Clemens' former trainer testified linked more than 80 current and Wednesday that he'd injected Clemens with steroids and human performance-enhancing drugs knew if I told the truth, I would growth hormone on "numerous" and prompted calls for extenoccasions," but Clemens, seated at the same witness table, repeated his strong denial of the claims.

"I have tried to model my on Oversight and Reform.

"The suggestion that I would human growth hormone." use steroids or other illegal drugs I am and what I stand for."

and his chief accuser, Brian growth hormone. McNamee, together before the League Baseball.

investigation headed by former Sen. George Mitchell. The report not seek out federal investigaformer players to the use of illegal sive reforms.

resurrecting the heart of his allegations. In the second sentence of baseball career and indeed my his prepared testimony, the forentire life on the premise that mer trainer declared, "during the 'your body is your temple," Cle-time that I worked with Roger mens told the House Committee Clemens I injected him on numerous occasions with steroids and

is totally incompatible with who injected Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte and former player The appearance of Clemens Chuck Knoblauch with human authentic, and the DNA and

"To those who have suggested committee provided a dramat- that I take some personal satisic moment in its investigation faction in bringing down Roger roids and HGH case has furinto the use of performance- Clemens," McNamee said, "let me ther put the spotlight on illegal enhancing drugs in Major assure you that nothing could be further from the truth. I take McNamee's allegations against responsibility for my actions in Dean of AddRan College of because of the influx of alleged

surfaced in the report from an from my mistakes."

McNamee stressed that he "did tors. They sought me out. I did not want to cooperate because I tion against people who I work McNamee wasted little time in for. In the end, I cooperated with federal investigators and Sen. Mitchell."

McNamee testified that he'd recently provided physical evidence to investigators "that I believe will confirm my account," including syringes that he said he used in 2001 He also testified that he to inject Clemens with performance-enhancing drugs. "This evidence is 100 percent chemical analysis should bear athletes how to work with this out," he said.

> Clemens' high profile steproceedings in the MLB.

Clemens and other players first the hopes that others may learn Humanities and Social Sci- professional users, it could be

ences and Associate Professor of Economics, taught a sports economic class, which is no longer available. He said he doubts Clemen's' case or possible use of steroids will have much if any impact on the public's willingness to support baseball.

Butler said he believes the attention the case is receiving will bring up more questions regarding player records. Marketing instructor Bob Akin teaches a class that prepares athletes who are planning on turning professional, called Professional Careers: Planning and Decision Making.

He said the class teaches agents, contracts, negotiating and other financial issues that come with a pro career.

the pro leagues is not a part of Dr. Mike Butler, Associate the curriculum, but Akin said



Pitcher Roger Clemens testifies before a Congressional Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Clemens spoke concerning illegal use of steroids and other performance enhancing drugs in baseball. Behind Clemens is his wife, Debbie.

integrated in the course.

Akin said he is concerned Pressure to use steroids in about a possible backlash from many athletes in question. student-athletes who have neving drugs.

He said comparing numbers tell at this point.

is becoming increasingly more difficulty because there are so

As far as long-term repercuser used performance enhanc- sions for professional leagues, Akin said, it is impossible to