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# Habitat for Humanity kicks off student project

#### By SUSAN GILMARTIN Staff Reporter

today as a part of an eightclass of 2008.

Frog House, which is in its second year, involves a to last year's FrogHouse, about group of third-year students three miles from campus at the raising money to pay for and intersection of Berry Street and build a house for a Habitat Interstate 35, Jordan said.

for Humanity family.

The sound of hammers, Development Services assis-Horned Frogs and nails began tant director, said building will take place during two shifts week building project by the each Friday and Saturday for the next eight weeks.

The house will be located next

"Currently, we have about 18 works out to be about 720, Sumer Jordan, Student build-days set, and we'll need which sounds like a lot, but about 20 people per shift. many people volunteer more That's 40 people a day, which

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than one shift," Jordan said.

Eric Tabone, Frog House building and recruitment manager, said his job is to be the organized guide behind the project.

Tabone, a junior finance major, said he makes sure enough people are on site and that everything gets completed on time.

hard this year because people were aware of Frog House from the previous year, Tabone said.

Habitat for Humanity is sponthe Leadership Team raised \$51,500 to pay for the house.

Jordan said the Leadership Team is now focusing on getting donations to help serve

Volunteer recruitment wasn't lunch to the volunteers during building days.

Haley Hearnsberger, building and recruitment project manager, said being a part of soring the building process, Jor- Frog House has made her more dan said, while students from a part of the university and she realizes she should give back to those who do not have the opportunities she does.

Once finished, the house See **HOUSE**, page 2

# Joint assembly discusses issue of child care

#### By VALERIE COOPER Staff Reporter

An overwhelming opinion emerged from students, faculty and staff at Thursday's joint assembly meeting: TCU needs some system of child care.

The assembly, sponsored by the Student Relations Committee of the Faculty Senate, was designed solely to gather campus opinion on on-campus child care, said Cara Jacocks, Faculty Senate member.

"This meeting isn't intended to start putting together child care but to gather information about the need for it," Jacocks said.

Jacocks, a member of the Student Relations Committee, presented the benefits of child care options and possible models used at other universities.

Following her presentation, attendees formed small discussion groups to brainstorm options. Suggested models included a financial support system for parents using outside childcare and creating an on-campus facility operated by TCU.

"In the past year, more and more faculty have voiced the need for childcare," said Keith Whitworth, Faculty Senate secretary. "With this, we hope to generate ideas and find one common voice among faculty, staff and students."

# **SUPER BOWLS**



## Food bank fights hunger with silent auction

#### By LESLIE DYER Staff Reporter

Like a stock show of tableware, various artists are auctioning off 1,300 bowls in Cowtown today nutrition students, parents, high to help fight hunger in North school students and other friends Texas.

said JoAnn Biggers, TAFB volunteer coordinator.

Empty Bowls is run mostly by 125 volunteer positions filled by TCU of the food bank, Biggers said.



See **SENATE**, page 2



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

Susan Oakley, from Human Resources, discusses the positives of getting a child care facility on campus at a joint assembly meeting Thursday afternoon.

The Tarrant Area Food Bank Empty Bowls luncheon today at the Will Rogers Coliseum.

lunch and originally handcrafted, in nutritional sciences. signed bowls to take home and to participate in a silent auction,

TCU students are in the Conis fighting hunger at its annual temporary Issues in Nutrition lab, which requires them to volunteer for three hours at the TAFB, said At the event, volunteers will get Lyn Dart, an assistant professor

> "Working with the food See **BOWLS**, page 2

TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK

Fort Worthians examine bowls from last year's empty bowl luncheon. This year's

luncheon will be today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Will Rogers Coliseum.

# Two students to attend fair trade conference

#### By SAEROM YOO Staff Reporter

pus fair trade awareness group will lead workshops at a national fair trade conference this weekend in Boston.

fair trade producers, companies and related organizations will defined fair trade as "a market sys-

Fair Trade members said.

Rory Phillips, who launched Two members of the on-cam- Frogs for Fair Trade two years ago, and Kate Lewis are both national leaders of United Students for Fair Trade, the national organization that is hosting the conference, At the conference, students, called Convergence.

Phillips, a senior religion major.

tal surroundings by selling their appropriate wages needed to afford goods at just prices."

Phillips spearheaded and coordinates the banana campaign for USFT and will lead a workshop about the banana industry aspect of fair trade at Convergence for is important because it is a widethe second time this year.

come together to network and tem created to give producers an baseline producers from decreasing some of which are illegal in the learn from each other, Frogs for opportunity to improve their socio- market prices. By selling bananas

economic status and environmen- at a fair price, producers receive the basic necessities in life.

> Phillips said he started the campaign because fair trade bananas are not usually available to colleges.

Phillips said the banana trade spread commodity. He also said Fair trade bananas protect the bananas require a lot of chemicals, See TRADE, page 2

# Schieffer visits, shares experiences with journalism students

#### By NATHAN BASS Staff Reporter

TCU alumnus Bob Schieffer, host of CBS's "Face The Nation," school Thursday, offering students a chance to learn from a member of the Broadcasting/ Cable Hall of Fame.

journalism classes and gave students a chance to ask any questions they might have.

Dylan Taylor-Smith, junior major, was among those who jumped at the opportunity.

"It's interesting to hear the perspective of someone who

visit us.'

While at CBS News, Schieffer has served as chief Washington correspondent Schieffer shared his person- since 1982. He continues to al experiences with several report for CBS after stepping down from his post as anchor of the Evening News on Aug. 31, 2006.

> dential debate between Pres- State Department and Capi- any line of work. ident George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry.

"The presidential debate

has so much experience," Tay- I moderated was one of the viewed every U.S. president lor-Smith said. "I loved his most interesting topics I covresponses to everything and ered," Schieffer said. "People how well-spoken he was. It was always ask me if I get nervous always been the president," paid a visit to the journalism an honor to have him come on TV, and I usually don't, but, Schieffer said. "Regardless of in 30 years, I had butterflies. When the red light went on, though, I had a chance to get focused, and they went awav."

> tol Hill, according to the CBS Web site. Schieffer said he has inter

since Richard Nixon. "My favorite interview has

on that night, for the first time political party, it has always been fun to interview whoever happens to be the president."

He began reporting on the police beat for the Fort Worth Schieffer is one of the only Star-Telegram after graduating journalists to have covered in 1959 from TCU. He said he all four major beats in the considered the experience a In 2004, he served as a nation's capital: the White great way to prepare for a job advertising/public relations moderator for the third presi- House, the Pentagon, the not only as a reporter but in

> "It's great preparation for a job because you're usually

See **SCHIEFFER**, page 2

MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Staff Photographe

Bob Schieffer visited the journalism department, which bears his name, Thursday afternoon. Schieffer is the host of CBS's "Face the Nation."

### WEATHER TODAY: Sunny, 49/36 SATURDAY: Sunny/Windy, 57/33 SUNDAY: Partly Cloudy, 56/40

## **PECULIAR FACT**

San Rafael, Calif: Police say a California man has admitted to faking his own kidnapping to keep his wife from finding out he crashed her new car. — Associated Press

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## TRADE From page 1

because bananas are particularly susceptible to pests and fungus.

Phillips said, harm the produc- in the country. ers' health and environment.

country.

United States, to grow into working point for students tice movement organizations, activists can work together articles, he thinks personally clean-looking products interested in fair trade banan- Phillips said. as, as well as working with Oke USA, a fair trade organic at the conference called in faith, according to the banana company. Oke USA has These chemicals, mostly used opened pathways to distribute which will discuss the vary-

Phillips said his is the only fair pology major and movement toward the movement that

"Interfaith Fair Trade," Lewis, a sophomore anthro- fering goals and approaches the first time.

Convergence program.

Three other members

Raef Payne, a sophomore trade bananas movement in the liaison for USFT, works as the come from the different graphic design major, said that it because we're the ones that point of contact between all backgrounds. The work- although he can learn more He said he works as a net- national and campus social jus- shop will examine how the about fair trade by reading and learn from each other interacting with people who She will lead a workshop in the midst of the diversity care about fair trade and learning from them will be empowering.

in Latin American countries, its bananas to about 20 schools ing faith backgrounds of fair of Frogs for Fair Trade are about fair trade will allow China, Hong Kong, Nicaragua, trade activists and the dif- attending the conference for them to lead the fair trade Mexico, Pakistan and Canada, movement more effectively.

"We need to be able to lead know and care about it," Payne said.

Payne said fair trade is "a way of injecting the market with human values."

Although the Convergence is mainly a national event, par-Payne said learning more ticipants are also coming from Phillips said.

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bank is a worthwhile opportunity for students to understand the concept of hunger," Dart said. "These students donate their time which helps the food bank and, in return, gain understanding about what a food bank is and how it operates."

Tickets to participate in Empty Bowls cost \$25, but attendees can also "bump up" to a larger or more expensive gift bowls by donating an additional \$30 to TAFB at the luncheon, Biggers said.

The silent auction will include items ranging from wine to Dallas Mavericks tickets, Biggers said, and the money raised will go to the TAFB.

Last year's Empty Bowls event raised \$70,000, Biggers said. This year, a larger luncheon with more bowls and food choices is expected to raise even more money to help the hungry, she said.

TAFB is a nonprofit organization that distributes all the money raised by Empty Bowls to 300 agencies in 13 North Texas counties stretching from the Red River to Stephenville, Biggers said.

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will go to the Tenorio family of Fort Worth.

Alfredo Tenorio, an employee at Mom's Food Products, will hopefully move into his new home shortly after April 14, the Dedication Day, Jordan said.

Tenorio has two children, Mary and Alfredo Jr., who visit him every other weekend. He said in a Habitat for Humanity biography he wants a safe place for his children to call home.

"I have had my windows in my apartment broken more right now, and, honestly, I than once and I fear for my family's safety," Tenorio said.

yard and watching his children grow up in their home. Habitat has not yet confirmed

the exact size of the house, Jordan said, but it will be smaller than last year's house because the Tenorio family is smaller than last year's recipients, the Thompson family.

Tabone said committee members encouraged people to sign up for a shift to build and offered students cupcakes at a kick-off party Wednesday morning.

He said he has high hopes for the future of the Frog House program.

"We do one house a year would not be surprised if I came back in 10 years, and Tenorio said he looks for- they are doing five houses a ward to working in his new year," Tabone said.

## SENATE From page 1

In 2002, 38 percent of TCU faculty, staff and students had children of child care age, and childcare system, according to whole. a survey by a TCU research task force.

baby-sit.

She said she has had to miss child care.

for me," Morin said.

In addition to being a convenience for those with having child care available children, the presentation will help TCU to recruit topalso stressed the benefits notch faculty," Bedford said. 31.1 percent had an outside to the TCU community as a

could benefit education, from the meeting to prepare Psychology graduate stu- health and science students a report for the March 1 Facdent Amanda Morin said she for research and study, said ulty Senate meeting. Faculhas to juggle her 9-week-old David Bedford, chair of the ty Senate Chairwoman Suzy daughter between a local Faculty Senate Student Rela- Lockwood said it will still be church program, her office tions Committee. He said a long time before anything and having her father drive it would also be useful for becomes official. from Waco once a week to recruiting and retaining both faculty and students.

class on at least one occasion al Child Care Information it going," Lockwood said. "I because she couldn't secure Center survey, on-site child hope it develops into somecare reduces worker turn- thing because we need it.

"An on-campus child care over, decreases absenteefacility would really be better ism and improves overall productivity.

"I personally think that

The Student Relations Committee will use the An on-campus facility information and opinions

"The main thing is that we got the conversation going, According to a Nation- and it's important to keep

## SCHIEFFER From page 1

walking in on the worst the Vietnam War. moment of somebody's life," Schieffer said. "If you can students if they continue to work under those conditions, you can work under a passion for they will be anything."

He said some of his most memorable moments as a do, you will have success," reporter include being able he said. "The harder you to cover the assassination of work and the harder you try, President John F. Kennedy the luckier you will be."

and having the opportunity to become the first reporter from a Texas newspaper to report on location during

Schieffer told journalism work at something they have successful in life.

If you do what you like to

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear." — Mark Twain

# **THE SKIFF VIEW** Honor code ineffective idea

n Tuesday's Skiff, it was reported that the Student Government Association is awaiting Faculty Senate approval to institute an honor code system.

Since its inception in Spring 2006, the SGA Honor Code Task Force has met regularly to work on the system.

Justin Brown, chair of Student Affairs, said the SGA Honor Code Task Force's goal is to decrease cheating and increase integrity through the introduction of this system.

Those are high expectations to come from a simple system of rules drafted by a small group of students.

TCU already has a mission statement, which includes the stated goal "to educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders ..."

It's doubtful many students can recite that statement from memory. So it's presumptuous to think an additional, similar statement will ensure cheating students abandon their unethical ways for a life of studying for tests.

Students who cheat do so for many reasons and will continue to do so until they're caught, whether now or later. An honor code won't convince those cheaters what they do is wrong and dishonest.

Furthermore, if SGA exists to serve the interests of the students, then it should have polled students about what kind of honor code to institute. SGA should have consulted with students instead of decide amongst themselves how to decrease cheating and increase integrity.

As far as can be determined, the only people who have had any say on the potential honor code system have been members of that SGA task force.

An honor code isn't a bad idea, but its effectiveness is questionable.

SGA should focus more of its efforts toward projects with a concrete result instead of abstract hopes.

Managing editor John-Laurent Tronche for the editorial board.

### **BY BRENDAN KIEFER**



# Step outside blogging, MySpace; see what real world can offer

"Before our

online habits,

our lives were

a lot more

relaxing because

we didn't have

to wonder if

someone left us

a comment on

MySpace."

Blogging is the latest craze among students, professionals and even parents these days. The Internet is full of creative ways to avoid boredom, but some people

COMMENTARY



Marissa Warms

article for last Tuesday's Star-Telegram talking about her obsession with and recovery from "mommyblogging."

Hopper admitted to blogging about her family's life for up to 20 hours per week. That is enough to be considered a part-time job.

A lot of people struggle with

her next blog would involve, which allowed her a great deal more time to spend with her family.

Blogging or MySpacing is just something to do, or so you think.

Imagine going on vacation somewhere where there is no Internet connection. Would you survive? If not, here are some things to think about.

Before our online habits, our lives were a lot more relaxing because we didn't have to wonder if someone left us a comment on MySpace.

Let's resist the urge to check our blogs every once in a while. When the Internet is calling, take a walk and enjoy life. Ever noticed the flowers on campus or how nice the weather can be in Texas?

We should only allow

# Understand Lenton resolves; make commitments your own

The Lent season is quickly approaching. Many Christians are talking about what they plan on giving up this year and

contemplat-COMMENTARY ing how doing something different in their lives for 40 days will make them better

people and bring them

closer to God. I have often overlooked the importance of thinking about what I participate in during a religious season such as Lent. Making a commitment of any kind without a reason is not beneficial. It is important to consider the purpose a small change in

time developed into our present day Lent. Now this Christian season is the 40 days before Easter.

Understanding the origins of Lent makes it much easier for me to make it a meaningful experience. Lent is characterized by prayer, fasting from food and festivities, as well as almsgiving. All of these acts are meant to put the focus on God.

Many people give things up to remove what stands between them and God and bettering themselves. For example, giving up secular media gave two of my friends a chance to focus on Christian media and have more time to reflect on their faith without the distraction of television, music, movies and magazines. Oth-

giving more to charity, volunteering or even adding something in my life not usually done."

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Low said Christians were a minority in Greek and Roman society, and most people worshipped Zeus. The early Christians had such a sense of awe and commitment to their religion, she said.

"Since Christianity is a dominant world-view in America today and a majority in our culture, I often find myself losing that sense of wonder and of hope that my community is different and life-changing," she says. "To me, this is what Lent symbolizes."

When considering a decision to better your relationship with your

Michelle Anderson

MySpace and Facebook are great for social networking and for keeping in touch with old friends, but when they become a habit, it can lead

ships and even depression. Students in college like to post their pictures for friends to see on these Web sites. Those who like to add elaborate stories often blog.

to bad grades, loss of friend-

Kathryn Hopper, a mother of four, wrote an

boredom, especially in college. Our friends are doing homework, and we've already finished, or they are going to a party, and we don't want to go. This leaves lots of private time.

With computers and the Internet at our fingertips, many times, we will resort to surfing the Web, checking MySpace, Facebook or even blogging.

While these things are innocent time-wasters, they can become an addicting habit that many struggle to break.

It becomes a problem when their popularity on the Web sites becomes more important than their grades.

Many students can tear themselves away from the computer long enough to get a good amount of studying in for a test, but there are a few who have a hard time doing so.

When Hopper finally stopped blogging, she admitted that her life was a lot less frantic, and she spent less time worrying about what

ourselves to log on to these sites once a day, or even less than that.

I promise there is a much more beautiful world outside of cyberspace that is waiting to be embraced. Our friends want us to go to that party, and our parents want our grades to come up. All it takes is a little effort on our part.

Marissa Warms is a junior advertising/public relations major from Irving. Her column appears Fridays.

life has hopes of making a big difference in the long run.

Lent originated in the third century A.D. among early Christian communities. People who wanted to join the Christian religion went through three years of teaching. When they were chosen for baptism, they had to be removed from the community for a period of time for prayer, fasting and reflection. This period of

ers give things up because their friends are or because their parents told them they had to. The point of giving something up is not to make other people happy. It is a chance for you to better yourself.

On the other hand, some believe Lent is not about giving anything up at all. The Rev. Katie Low, assistant pastor of the TCU

Wesley Foundation says, "In my opinion, it is not about giving up something,

God, whether you are Christian, Muslim, Jew or of any other faith, remember to make sure the decision is right for you. The experience is your own and will only be meaningful if you customize it to fit you. Whatever is distracting you in your life can only be determined by you.

Michelle Anderson is a sophomore

broadcast journalism major from Tyler. Her column appears Fridays.

# Hillary's firm stance necessary for candidacy image

Hillary Clinton is never going to say she's sorry. Politically, she can't risk it.

As evidenced from her weekend foray in New Hampshire, the Democratic base is virtually demanding some sort of apology

something along the lines of, "I was wrong in 2002 when I cast my Senate vote giving President Bush the option of invading Iraq," or "I am sorry I made such a big mistake when I voted to authorize the war," or



HARRY HAMBURG / MCTCAMPUS Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., attends a prescription drug event on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, prior to her departure for Israel.

"I acknowledge the critical error I made five years ago," or "I should have slapped that skirt-chasing stinker and walked out for good."

OK, maybe not that last one.

The antiwar liberals, who can be expected to vote in disproportionate numbers in the early New Hampshire primary, had hoped this past weekend to hear some words of contrition. As one Democrat, a financial adviser in Nashua, told her: "I want to know if right here, right now, once and for all and without nuance, you can say that war authorization was a mistake. I, and I think a lot of other primary voters — until we hear you say it, we're not going to hear all the other great things you are saying."

But here's what she told the Democratic base: "If we knew then what we know now, I would never have voted to give this president

the authority. ... I'm sorry, what I say is what I believe. I understand that some people disagree or think it's not adequate, but it's what I believe.'

Which, I suppose, is one way to equate nuance with conviction.

At various stops in New Hampshire, she said she "takes responsibility" for her yes vote. She said she voted yes in the expectation that President Bush would keep sending inspectors into Iraq. She said that if she had been president back in 2002, she never would have gone to war. She said that if she is president in 2009, she will end the war. (A rough parallel to what Dwight Eisenhower said about Korea during the '52 campaign.)

And she sought to rally her Democratic listeners by steering their attention to Bush's execution of the war: "I share the sense of anger, outrage and deep, deep disappointment about what the president did in Iraq."

In other words, no apology. And there will never be an apology — even at the risk of exposing her left flank to rivals Barack Obama (antiwar since '02) and John Edwards (antiwar since '05, when he apologized for his own war vote). Because if she did try to repudiate herself, she would probably wind up with an even bigger political headache.

Clinton is strongly focused on the swing voters, maybe 10 or 12 percent of the electorate, who will ultimately determine the outcome of the '08 November election. More specifically, the swing voters in winnable red states, the states John Kerry failed to carry in 2004. If Clinton was to issue an apolo-

gy, she would immediately expose herself to the flipflop charge — the same charge that doomed Kerry among swing voters. A contrite Clinton would be swiftly painted by her opponents as a waffler who was for the war before she was against it; the Republican National Committee (already road-testing the charge that Clinton likes to sing "Kerry-oake") still has sufficient resources, despite its '06 defeats, to pound that message.

In other words, a Clinton apology would provide opponents with the opportunity to paint her as a flip-flopper who is capable of being duped. Which is not the ideal image for the first serious female presidential candidate.

> Dick Polman is a columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer. This column was distributed by MCT.

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# Artificial insemination produces three-fourths of dairy cows

#### By JAMES TEMPLE Contra Costa Times

When the farming industry embraced artificial insemina- of food from most clones and critics argued that it would lead to animal abnormalities or destroy breeding businesses. Others proclaimed it tanta- nation (AI) is telling. mount to playing God.

beyond the fringes, and the James Murray, professor of

dairy cattle. To supporters of argues that extensive scientific to reject the drug. In the four- bought our milk weren't going to with animal cloning. Thirty-six tration's preliminary approval from cloned animals. "This is al, its use has never exceeded here," said Marcus Benedetti, tion during the 1940s, some their offspring, a December announcement that sparked wide and vehement protests, the history of artificial insemi-

"The information age chang-Such objections have long es the way that people can fan thetic bovine growth hormone since faded away, at least the flames of controversy," said

just AI with the Internet. It's a storm in a teapot."

decision, however, point to Dean Foods, Wal-Mart, Kroger, use cloned animals. a more recent precedent: the is-based Monsanto Co.'s syn-(BGH), in the early 1990s.

Consumer groups immeditechnology is now used to pro- animal science at the Univer- ately called for boycotts, and duce about three-fourths of all sity of California, Davis, who many dairy processors pledged understood that people who

Safeway, Starbucks and other market share further.

"When Monsanto tried to get the entire dairy industry to embrace growth hormones, we



Professor of Animal Species James Murray pats a cloned Holstein cow at the Animal Science Dairy Barn at the University of California, Davis.

the Food and Drug Adminis- research has shown no danger teen years since BGH's approv- want it. The same lesson applies percent felt unsure about the about one-third of U.S. cattle. president of dairy processor Clo-Recently announced plans to ver-Stornetta Farms in Petaluma, Opponents of the FDA's curtail or eliminate BGH by Calif., which has said it will not

> agency's approval of St. Lou- major retailers and manufac- in a draft risk assessment adult school instructor, who turers promise to squeeze that that meat and milk from adult falls squarely into the "unsafe" clones of cattle, swine and camp. "We're risking future goats and their offspring are as safe to consume as that from standard animals. Therefore, it concluded, labeling shouldn't be required. (The agency said clones has found any evidence there is insufficient information on sheep clones to make scientists among them, believe a determination on food consumption risks.)

> > The FDA is seeking public tion. comment on the subject until April and is expected to issue a final determination soon after. An agency spokesman did not respond to repeated inquiries on how — and if — the prodfor comment for this story.

> > The strongest evidence that the products of clones could take. and their progeny will face difficulty gaining acceptance tors could pass laws requirbovine growth hormone — are surveys that consistently show that a majority of consumers hold a negative impression of Migden, D-San Francisco, and such food.

> > sumers' aversion to or dislike eral legislation, respectively, to of cloned products ... will translate to the marketplace," said Joseph Mendelson, legal vidual companies opposed to director for the Washington, cloning appear willing to apply D.C.-based Center for Food labels voluntarily, as hap-Safety. "For a variety of reasons, they will reject it."

> > concerns. A December 2006 poll by the Pew Initiative found that 64 percent of those only thing consumers ask for polled were "uncomfortable" is choice," Benedetti said.

safety of cloned food, and 43 percent said it was unsafe.

"We are putting something out there, and we have no clue what the impact of it is," said On Dec. 28, the FDA said Susanne Scott, a Castro Valley generations, and we have no idea on what scale."

None of the scientific research into the safety of food from of danger. But some observers, that more research is necessary to adequately answer that ques-

Of course, the degree to which consumer preferences affect the adoption of cloning technology will largely depend ucts are labeled.

There are several forms this

National or state legisla-- that the apt precedent is ing labeling of food products from cloned animals and their offspring. Indeed, last month California state Sen. Carole U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-"There's no doubt that con- Md., introduced state and feddo just that.

If such laws don't pass, indipened after the FDA approved BGH. Clover-Stornetta, which The most common objec- became the nation's first dairy tions include animal welfare processor to stamp a BGHor religious or food safety related label on its products, is considering that possibility.

"At the end of the day, the

# Staffing shortage holds up world's first cellulose ethanol plant

logen's executive vice

president, on the

funding of the world's

first cellulose ethanol

plant.

#### By MICHELE HELLER McClatchy Newspapers

All that's standing between

be used in today's cars, on a loans for new energy technolo- nology. They will not take a the slow rollout wasn't on purlarge commercial level.

the United States and the turn out annually 20 million executive vice world's first cellulose ethanol to 50 million gallons of the president, "and plant is an obscure Washing- renewal biofuel, which is made we still don't have ton office staffed by one fed- from switch grass and such a loan guarantee ready to go. The

as from a govern-"The technology is ment." Sen.

gies "a year and a half ago," technology risk unless that pose. "We've done all we can funding sources for cellulose The company expects to said Jeff Passmore, Iogen's debt is guaranteed by a strong with the authority and appropricredit rating, such ation we were given," he said.

Energy last year asked Congress many expect the Department

Stevens said there are other ethanol, such as grants.

Even with the funding situ-He said the Department of ation close to being resolved, Larry for authority to transfer \$1 mil- of Energy to continue its delib-

eral contractor.

tive technologies.

However, its sole employee some estimates. hasn't been able to do more than literally open the mail. More than 100 so-called preapplications for loan guarantees have arrived, only to be Department of Energy has said shelved because the Depart- that more ethanol, at a ratio of assess them.

one from Iogen, a Canadian billion gallons in 10 years. biotechnology company incor-Idaho Falls. It would be the antee it applied for last year. first in the world to produce

crop waste as corn stalks and initiative up and The office in the U.S. Depart- barley, oats and wheat straw. running. That's ment of Energy opened last Iogen already has contracted summer to provide federal with 320 farmers in southeastloan guarantees for produc- ern Idaho, who could collec- has everything ing clean energy and innova- tively reap \$25 million to \$35 in place to break million a year, according to

Though it's more complicated and expensive to make ethanol from tough cellulose fibers than from corn, the ment of Energy hasn't had the 2 to 1, will have to come from money to hire more staff to cellulose to achieve President lion loan without Bush's goal of increasing the a government-Among the applications is renewable fuels supply by 35

porated in Idaho that wants to its Idaho cellulose ethanol plant open a \$500 million plant near until it gets the federal loan guar-

cellulose ethanol, which can Department of Energy to back from ... lenders for new tech- spokesman Craig Stevens said represents the ethanol industry. Passmore said.

disappointing." The company

ground in Shelley, about 10 miles from Idaho Falls, including equity from such investors as Shell Oil. But it can't close on an approximately \$200 mil-

backed loan guarantee.

"We want to get the shovel Yet Iogen can't start building in the ground and build the plant," Passmore said. "The technology is ready to go. The through the process of loan equity is there. But on the debt guarantees." Congress authorized the side, you can't borrow money

Craig, R-Idaho, equity is there. said there's "sig-But on the debt nificant" frustraside, you can't tion in Congress borrow money with the Departfrom ... lenders for ment of Energy's new technology." menting the loan Jeff Passmore guarantees.

> "There just has been an awful lot of foot dragging over there," he said. "We talk about climate change, but we

have not been able to muster up whatever it takes ... to take research that is nearly complete and move it to the market with financing

lion within the department to staff the loan guarantee office and start making decisions on the pre-applications. But lawmakers denied the request.

pace in imple- this week as Congress is poised to finalize a government-funding bill for the current fiscal year that includes \$7.3 million for the loan guarantee office and authorizes it to back up to \$4 billion in loans this year. For 2008, Bush requested \$8.4 million for the office and authorization to guarantee up to \$9

billion in loans for a variety of clean-energy projects. However, the White House funding request doesn't ask for money for a section of the program that makes loans specifically for cellulose ethanol plants, according to the Department of Energy Renewal Fuels Association, which and the U.S." to host the plant,

erative pace rolling out the loan guarantees.

The funding "is certainly a very important step, but just because there's money there The outlook is brightening doesn't mean the Department of Energy is making loans," said Craig's spokesman, Dan Whiting. "There's some concern they aren't going to implement it in as timely a manner as we want to see. ... We want them to be cautious, but there's a point where you can be too cautious."

> Stevens said the department might be able to approve the first loan guarantee by Sept. 30.

That isn't any too soon for Iogen.

"What we want is speed of decision-making. It's a race between Canada, Germany







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**REVIEW** 

# Top 63 museums in Fort Worth



Art

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Whether you are an art major or just an art enthusiast, Fort Worth is a city teeming with culture. It has been described by many as the art capitol of the Southwest. To prove that point, there are three nationally renowned museums within a few square blocks of each other. Making up the heart of Fort Worth's cultural district are the

Kimbell Art Museum, the Modern Art Museum and the Amon Carter Museum. My best advice would be to take a day, park somewhere close and visit all three. It takes about two hours to get a good overview of each museum, and in the spring, admire the beautiful gardens outside the Kimbell and the Amon Carter.



# **Amon Carter Museum**

The Amon Carter Museum is a jewel of Southwestern and Western art. It showcases artists such as Frederic Remington and Charles Russell. This is the place to visit for enthusiasts of American-Western history or landscape art. There is also a smattering of artworks from other eras, including some antiquities. As with the Kimbell, the Amon Carter is also free to the public, though its special exhibits cost extra. There are several exhibits on display now, ranging from Drex Brooks' photography of the history of the American Indians to "Masterworks of American Portraiture," both on display until early to mid-summer. For more information, call (817) 738-1933, or go to cartermuseum.org.

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# Kimbell Art Museum

The Kimbell Art Museum has quite an impressive collection of artwork spanning the centuries and the globe. It is a museum that has a little bit of everything. Asian, Egyptian, Greek, Monet, Degas, Courbet or Italian Renaissance pieces — it has it all. It's free to the public, which is a definite plus for the college student. The Kimbell also shows films and has lecture series, many of which are in conjunction with special exhibits. If you like Japanese artwork, you won't want to miss "Drama and Desire: Japanese Paintings from the Floating World." Tickets for special exhibitions are \$10 (half price on Tuesdays). For more information, call (817) 332-8451, or go to kimbellart.org.

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# **Modern Art Museum**

Right across the street from the Kimbell is the Modern Art Museum. You can't miss the large metallic sculpture displayed in the front corner of the building. If you are out for a Sunday afternoon of art viewing with your sweetie, stop underneath the sculpture and sneak a kiss, as many couples do. This museum is quite modern, both in what it displays, as well as the building itself. The building is minimally built with steel, glass and concrete. The simple design helps display blobs of foam, ladders to nowhere, and abstract splashes of paint by artists such as Jackson Pollock. There is the drawback of a \$4 admission price, but the museum is always free the first Sunday of the month. The Modern does have a great restaurant, which is a little pricey, but you pay for the ambience. It also does quite a few concerts (mainly classical or jazz) and lectures. For more information, call (817) 738-9215, or go to themodern.org.

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# 'Factory Girl' partly worthwhile

WHEN ANDY MET EDIE

#### By SAM ORTIZ Staff Writer

Iconic artist Andy Warhol once said, "I have Social Disease. I have to go out every night. If I stay home one night, I start spreading rumors to my dogs."

This quote seems to be the driving force of the film "Factor Girl," which is centered on the social obsessions of the "Warhol Cult." Set in 1965, the year Edie Sedgwick met Andy Warhol and became known as his muse, the film chronicles her time in New York to her falling out with Warhol, and concludes with her death from a barbiturate overdose in 1971.

"Factory Girl," directed by George Hickenlooper, includes an impressive star ensemble including Guy Pearce, Sienna Miller, Hayden Christensen, Jimmy Fallon, Shawn Hatosy and even two band members of "Weezer." So far, the film has been bashed by critics, but it deserves a little more credit that it has been given. The film contained a myriad of outstanding features and, if taken apart, deserves a fair amount of praise.

The largest portion of acclaim is easily awarded to Guy Pearce ("The Count of Monte Cristo") in his depiction of Warhol. Pearce was completely on point with the characteristics, physical and vocal qualities of the famous artist. This performance is arguably one of the better ones I have seen from any actor in a long time. Most actors these days take the safe route by not bothering to become the character and make it feel real for the audience. Pearce does this.

The appeal of the cinematography, which was surprisingly extremely artistic and precise, also enhanced the film. Hickenlooper interlaced black and white film with color film, creating an exciting and engaging piece. The cinematography saved a lot of the film's other, rather banal qualities.

While this is the only performance Miller ("Casanova") has done that proves she's an actress and not just a face, the performance was not as phenomenal as Pearce's. Edie Sedgwick was incorrectly portrayed as the center of the "Silver Factory" and innocent victim who fell prey to Warhol, who ultimately helped lead to her death. Warhol is depicted as not only behind Sedgwick in importance but also as a villain, even though the film clearly shows Sedgwick cruising out of control long before their tiff.

The film would be almost great but, alas, Christensen ("Star Wars: Revenge of The Sith") walks in. His portrayal of "Musician" (Bob Dylan, though his lawyers would not allow them to use his name) nearly killed the film. His form was flat, his accent was inconsistent and his stage presence was horrendous. He may be good to look at, but that is all he provides the film.

There were issues with the script and then length of the film. Unfortunately, the film only runs at 91 minutes, which is far too short to develop a story this intricate, and the writing is below par. An easy fix would have been to add more detail and depth to each of the scenes; there is plenty of fascinating history from which to draw.

I am on the fence as to whether I like the film. Taken apart, I can say it deserves both four out of five stars and two out of five stars. I suggest seeing the film because even if the entirety isn't worth seeing, integral portions of it are.  $\star\star\star\star\star$ 



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# Getting ready for the weekend

# Today:

"Music and Lyrics," starring romantic comedy veterans Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore opened Wednesday.
See Ryan Phillippe and Dennis Haysbert in "Breach," based on a true story of espionage and the FBI opening today.

Also, "Ghost Rider" with Nicolas Cage and "Bridge to Terabithia" open in theaters everywhere today. • Grab your cowboy hat and check out Charlie Robison and Jesse Dayton at the Granada today at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15-\$25.

Call (214) 824-9933, or go to granadatheater.com for more information.

• Whether you are into punk or emo, Red Jumpsuit Apparatus might just do the trick. Check it out live at the Gypsy Tea Room with rock band Emery. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$18 cover at the door. For more info, go to gypsytearoom.com.

# Saturday:

# **Tuesday:**

C'mon down to the honky tonk and see Robert Earl Keen at Billy Bob's Texas. \$18 reserved tickets, \$10 general admission. Billybobstexas.com.

Start the week off by seeing the TCU Jazz Ensembles at 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.

# Brazilians protest recent violence outbreaks

#### By JACK CHANG McClatchy Newspapers

The annual Carnaval festivities get under way this weekend, but many Brazilians are in no mood to party.

Thousands have taken to the streets to demand tougher action against crime after the horrific death on Feb. 7 of a 6year-old boy who was caught in his seatbelt and dragged beside richest, most protected neighhis mother's car for four miles through Rio de Janeiro's streets during a botched carjacking.

By the time the car came to a halt, Joao Helio Fernandes Vieites' head, knees and fingers had been torn from his body. His death has become a symbol problem in a city in which bloodshed is a daily occurrence.

"The sad thing is this death was just another one," said butcher Marcone Duarte, who joined hundreds of mourners de Janeiro during a memorial service. "Tomorrow, it could be ens of lives paralyzed Brazil's there's a new horror."

The violence has fueled des-

Moscow may unilaterally

abandon the agreement between

Russia and the United States on

the elimination of intermediate-

the chief of the General Staff said

Forces Treaty on Dec. 8, 1987.

The agreement came into force

in June 1988 and does not have

a specific duration.

By RIA NOVOSTI

Thursday.

McClatchy Newspapers

is in serious trouble.

recovering from a wave of violence that had upped the city's grim casualty rate. Experts blame cocaine trafficking and the growing firepower of the city's powerful drug gangs for much of the violence.

In late December, gang attacks — including in some of the city's borhoods — left 19 people dead. Many speculate that the violence was meant as a warning to incoming Rio state Gov. Sergio Cabral, who took office Jan. 1 pledging to crack down on gang violence.

Scores also have died in the crossfire between gang members for Brazil's out-of-control crime and illegal off-duty-police militias, who are fighting for control of the citv's slums.

Brazil has the world's highest rate of firearms deaths and one of the highest homicide rates. Criminal gangs are in virtual con-Wednesday in downtown Rio trol of large parts of the country. Gang attacks that claimed doztimes last year.

peration among many Cariocas city of Rio de Janeiro and outly-- as Rio residents are called ing areas, is the country's deadli-— that their world-famous city est, with a homicide rate in 2005

Army General Yury Baluyevsky.

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The former Soviet Union and kilometers (300 to 3,400 miles).

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Intermediate-Range Nuclear 1991, a total of 2,692 such weap-

of about 62 for every 100,000 "Marvelous Rio," describe a Residents already had been residents. The murder rate in mythical city full of tropical garthe United States was 5.6 per dens and ever-present music. 100,000 people that year.

> "This city was never like this," said Kelli Salaroli, whose friend Dayana Ribeiro disappeared last month and is feared dead. "Joao's death was a landmark. Things have to change. We have to rescue our city."

> That sense of desperation is particularly strong as Rio prepares for Carnaval, which begins Friday. The event long has been the heart of Brazilian cultural life and a good measure of the national mood, which this year seems nostalgic for less troubled times.

> The marchinha, a traditional Carnaval music set to a martial rhythm that was popular from the 1920s to the 1970s, returns to the festivities this year. The number of groups playing the music as well as traditional samba has exploded on the city's streets, and a musical that showcases the marchinha has sold out all its shows.

Sergio Cabral, the father of my boy. It's too much. Every day, biggest state, Sao Paulo, three Rio's governor and a co-author of the musical, said the phenom-Rio state, which includes the enon reflected public longing for the city's celebrated past, before drugs and violence took over. The lyrics to one marchinha,

"The show is trying to say our city is much better than it seems to be," Cabral said. "It represents what we've lost with all this violence. The happiness of the show and of the marchinha is part of Rio de Janeiro's character."

The story of Joao's death, which has dominated Brazil's newspapers and news programs, paints a much grimmer picture of the city.

Five men, ages 16 to 23, have been arrested in connection with the killing. The police allege that a witness who drove up beside the speeding car said he'd heard one of the suspects call the boy his Judas doll, a puppet that's ritualistically beaten and incinerated during Easter ceremonies. Police haven't released the names of any witnesses.

About a thousand people, including Joao's family, filled Rio's Candelaria Cathedral Wednesday to remember the boy and voice their outrage. Many demanded that legislators increase the maximum sentence for juvenile offenders and lower the age at which people can be prosecuted.

On the church's steps, relatives tragedy, celebrating Carnaval was aren't defeated yet."

**Russia considers unilaterally quitting nuclear weapons treaty** if it provides convincing evidence general said, adding that many that if the Soviet Union scrapped its anti-missile defense system in tic missiles against the United

States across Western Europe would be impossible, given the required trajectories.

"We can't let the violence

she said. "We have to cele-

IACK CHANG / MCT

"This clearly contradicts the principles of ballistics. Or, as Putin said on Feb. 10 that we say in Russia, it's like trying to reach your left ear with your right hand," he said.

Moscow strongly opposes the The Russian leader told the deployment of a missile shield in its former backyard in Central Europe, describing the plans as a threat to Russian national security.

> Speaking at an annual televised news conference Feb. 1, President Putin pledged to amend the country's military strategy in view of the new developments.

"We must think — we

that it is necessary to do so," said countries are currently develop-

range missiles. Demand for the INF treaty The INF treaty eliminated arose in the 1970s when the Soviet Union began to deploy what the West called SS-20 missiles.

ing and modernizing medium-

These were two-stage, medium-range missiles, many of them mobile and hard for the United States to track or destroy. Since most SS-20s targeted Europe, they allegedly threatened America's NATO partners.

Ronald Reagan proposed the soabandon the treaty (unilaterally) unique missile systems," the called "zero option," stipulating

range ballistic and cruise missiles, the United States would do the same and abandon its plans to deploy anti-missile defenses in Europe.

with the West, ex-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to remove more than three times as many warheads and destroy more than twice as many missiles as Washington by 1991.

Baluyevsky's remarks could be The U.S. administration under interpreted as a strong warning to the United States regarding its plans to deploy elements of

all its ground-launched medium- Poland and the Czech Republic, and as a follow up to recent statements made by Russian President Vladimir Putin and Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov.

pictures of their fallen, while 19-

death the week before.

that read "Peace."

Seeking better relations deployment of a U.S. missile defense system in Central Europe could trigger a new arms race.

43rd Munich Conference on Security Policy that the reasons the United States cited in favor of deploying a missile defense system in Europe are not convincing enough, as launching North Korean ballis-





Butcher Marcone Duarte (right) wears Peace glasses and an Enough! sticker outside

a Feb. 14, memorial service in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for a boy who was dragged to

year-old Livia Serpa held a sign stop us from living our lives,"

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1959: Fidel Castro is sworn in as prime minister of Cuba after leading a guerrilla campaign that forced right-wing dictator Fulgencio Batista into exile.

## WORTH A LAUGH — BUT ONLY ONE

Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet?

A: You are attractive.

## The Quigmans

by Buddy Hickerson





"Hey, hey, hey! How am I supposed to kiss you if you keep holdin' your nose?"



"Darn it, Harry! That smoke alarm is driving me crazy!"

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LET'S GO FROGS

See if the Horned Frogs will come away with victories in baseball and basketball this weekend. DAILYSKIFF.COM

# Frogs to attempt win over Golden Eagles



Senior Chris Ashman will start for the Golden Eagles

against the Frogs on Friday. Ashman is a second-team





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Senior Jake Arrieta will take the hill for the No. 16 Frogs against No. 27 Oral Roberts. This will be the first meeting between the two teams since ORU knocked TCU out of the NCAA Regionals in 2004.

#### By MARCUS MURPHREE Sports Editor

NCBWA Pre-season All-American.

It may not be the Red River Shootout, but one team from Texas and one team from Oklahoma will be meeting in Fort Worth this weekend for a chance to gain some national recognition.

The No. 16, Horned Frogs (3-1) baseball team will be matched with the No. 27 Oral Roberts University Golden Eagles (2-0) in what could be an early season preview of a postseason contest.

"We're excited to play against a program that is a perennial NCAA tournament team," head coach Jim Schlossnagle said.

The Horned Frogs will be putting Jake Arrieta (1-0) on the mound in game one of the series against Chris Ashman (1-0) of ORU in a battle of right-handed aces.

"Jake is a power arm, but Ashman is a competitor and

gle said.

Arrieta was a preseason All-American nominee who posted a 14-4 record last year and a team-leading 2.35 earned-run average. While on the mound against the Golden Eagles, he will have to find a way to cool off an offense which has scored 25 runs in its first two games.

Ashman had comparable numbers to TCU's ace with a 10-1 record and a 2.17 ERA.

"Ashman is a tough kid and an athlete," Oral Roberts' head coach Rob Walton said, but he said he's concerned about his younger players.

"We've got a newer group on the mound and they will take their lumps early, but we'll have the opportunity to develop them throughout the year."

The Frogs' offense will

he is the kind of guy you have be keyed by senior outfieldto worry about," Schlossna- ers Keith Conlon and Austin Adams and senior third baseman Steven Trout. Trout is leading the team with seven RBIs this season.

On paper, Conlon's 2006 statistics measure up close to those of the Golden Eagles' senior infielder Jake Kahaulelio. Both hit four home runs last season and had an average of more than .300, but Kahaulelio had more RBIs during the 2006 campaign. Conlon is riding a recent surge in which he is hitting .643 through the first four games of the season.

"I'm seeing the ball really well right now," Conlon said. "I am trying to keep the ball up the middle or go the other way with it."

Though no scouting report has come out about the ORU pitching staff, Conlon said he will keep his same approach at the plate.

Walton said the Golden Eagles biggest offensive threat will come from senior infielder Chad Rothford. Rothford had a home run and a pair of doubles in last weekend's sweep of the Missouri Southern Lions. Rothford's 2006 numbers are almost identical to those of junior Horned Frogs catcher Andrew Walker. Walker's 42 RBIs in 2006 had him second to Chad Huffman on the TCU leader board.

Walker scored the game winning run against the Patriots after stealing home in the twelfth inning.

The near identical line statistics from 2006 show power in both pitching and at the plate from both teams, but the true test will be on the field at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Lupton Stadium.

"They are well coached, and are traditionally a strong program who won't beat themselves," Schlossnagle said.

## **COMMENTARY**

# Loss of big names take no thrill from Madness

#### By MARCUS MURPHREE Sports Editor

March is two weeks away, and, for the first time in ages, the college basketball



Marcus Murphree the Duke Blue Devils, U-Conn Huskies, Syracuse Orangemen or Texas Longhorns.

Last March, the nation watched in awe of Adam Morrison - and his moustache — as he helped lead the Gonzaga Bulldogs to the Sweet 16. This year, college basketball fans will sit and ponder how the Air Force Falcons have ended up with a No. 17 rank, and TCU fans can relish in the fact that they get to say the Horned Frogs got beat by a national contender. Moreover, the Mountain West Conference has a chance to send three teams into college basketball's upper echelon. March Madness, try insanity.

The Falcons are guaranteed a bid to the tournament, the Brigham Young University Cougars are the conference frontrunner on the shoulders of Keena Young and Lee Cummard and the UNLV Runnin' Rebels have been picking up votes in the polls.

The last time my interest was sparked by the March bracket was when the Lamar University Cardinals weaseled their way into the tournament in 2000 only to be defeated by the Blue Devils.

This could be the year

well. That is, until Troy Smith grabbed national headlines and brought the Ohio State Buckeyes to the National Championship game.

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Perhaps the Texas A&M Aggies will have their glory days in the Georgia Dome during the Final Four. They have the talent with Josh Carter, Acie Law and Antana Kavaliauskas as they ride a 21-3 record into their Saturday contest with the Oklahoma Sooners.

A handful of the bigname schools are out of the ranks, leaving fans of the underdog a reason to celebrate. The upsets are part of the college basketball magic where, any given night, in any given house, miracles can and do happen. In 1984, the NCAA finals went down in infamy for Georgetown fans as the Villanova Wildcats stunned the Hoyas in what is regarded as one of the greatest upsets in college basketball history.

Perhaps it is my Southland Conference bias that keeps hopes alive for laughable teams, but the Northwestern Louisiana Demons have a half-game lead in the conference standings, and, in 2006, this underdog proved it can advance in the tournament after beating the Iowa Hawkeyes in the 2006 tournament as the No. 14 seed.

A month of heartbreak, excitement and outright madness will undoubtedly take place starting March 13 from the UD Arena in Dayton, Ohio.

Considering the season began with a perennial unknown, such as the Clemson Tigers, who could have expected the remainder of this college basketball season to be



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of the dark horse in college basketball, just as was the 2006 Heisman Trophy in football for grabs by an unlikely candidate as anything but ordinary.



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