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School of Education graduates help fill area demand

By CHARLES RICE Staff Reporter

As the demand for secondary math, science and bilingual elementary school teachers continues to grow, TCU education graduates are apparently hot commodities.

TCU students get picked up

tricts, said Molly H. Weinburgh, one else," Weinburgh said. director of the Institute of Mathgy Education for the College of Education.

"There are principals around the Metroplex who say they

Finding certified teachers in ematics, Science and Technolo- those areas is something that continues to be a struggle not recruiting initiatives for the Fort just in Fort Worth but all over, Weinburgh said.

would take a less-than-stellar feels TCU students are well pre- district to get firsthand experi- she said.

are taught to teach it.

Terry Buckner, director of Buckner said. Worth Independent School Dis- all of the area's needs, Weinburgh tary people to take one methods trict, said TCU does well at send- does feel students in the School course where math and science However, Weinburgh said she ing students to schools in the of Education are well-prepared, are combined. Ours have two in

right away by area school dis- TCU graduate over a stellar some- pared not only in their content ence, such as tutoring, student knowledge but also in how they teaching and even substituting. "The training at TCU is great,"

"Our elementary (graduates) are much better prepared to teach science and math than many other systems," Weinburgh While TCU may not be filling said. "It's not unusual for elemen-See **TEACHERS**, page 2

OBAMANIA



University may be 2nd in Texas to offer child-life emphasis

By HILARY WHITTIER Staff Reporter

and prolonged stays at hospitals can increase a child's anxiety and fears. However, also referred to as "play therstudents may soon have an apists" and are experts in child opportunity to study a field development. They encourage that works to alleviate a child's children to cope with difficult stress when hospitalized.

the School of Education will be proposed in March. If approved by the faculty, undergraduate student interest and a need in and graduate councils before the field of child life," Patton the end of the semester, the said. "We always try to be on program will be available for the cutting edge for programs students beginning next fall, students are interested in and said Mary Patton, associate ones in which we are able to professor of early childhood find a foundation for." education.

will be available as a graduate department at Cincinnati Chiloption for counseling majors dren's Hospital Medical Center, and early childhood education said individuals who particimajors in the three-two pro- pate in child-life programs do gram, an option that allows better on the certification exam students to combine a bach- that graduates are required to elor's degree with a Master of take before becoming a spe-Education in five years.

into the graduate program and not be limited in choices for Injuries, painful procedures those who plan to pursue a job as a child-life specialist."

Child-life specialists are medical situations through A child-life option within play, education and self expression, Patton said.

"I think this is a response to

Sharon McLeod, senior clin-Patton said if approved, it ical director of the child-life cialist.

ANDREW CHAVE7 / Editor-in-Chief

Illinois Sen. Barack Obama speaks to a crowd at Reunion Arena in Dallas during a campaign stop Wednesday. About 17,000 people packed the arena to hear the presidential hopeful make a pitch for Democratic votes for the upcoming Texas presidential primary, which could be a deciding factor in the national race.

Road to presidency winds through Dallas

By HILARY WHITTIER Staff Reporter

The noise was nearly deafening as about 17,000 people rallied to support at Reunion Arena in Dallas.

ing moment in history for politics and in his speech.

King called the 'fierce urgency of now," Obama said.

reach coordinator for TCU Students for of all ages and walks of life to make a

went to the rally representing TCU's change the nation, he said. group.

She said Obama draws in young people Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. on Wednesday to his campaign because of his message of change and his magnetic personality Obama said the country is at a defin- that other presidential hopefuls lack.

"It's a huge representation for our genreferenced Martin Luther King Jr. early eration to be a part of this," said Dani Folks, a junior social work and anthro-"I am running because of what Dr. pology major. "We can be the generation that matters."



Barack Obama, said about 30 students choice by electing a president who could

"I'm here to report that my bet has paid off and the American people have been vindicated," Obama said.

Gregg Cantrell, a professor of history at TCU, said he supports Obama because the nation is at a point in history where See **OBAMA**, page 2

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Along with Texas State Unihave a child-life program.

courses in areas such as child development, family dynamand expressive therapy, Patton said.

opportunities to go directly nity."

McLeod said she interviews versity, TCU would be the only people wanting to obtain a other university in Texas to child-life position and has noticed that the ones who have Students interested in the gone through the program durfield will be expected to take ing college are stronger candidates for employment.

"I think the College of Eduics, sociology, counseling cation has a reputation of preparing remarkable teachers of young children," Patton said. "This added option would "Our graduates are in great help significantly," said Ashton demand throughout the state Niemann, junior early child- and I think this initiative is hood education major. "It another option responsive would allow students more to the needs of the commu-

Student filmmakers hold auditions for pilot of comedy series

By BIBEK BHANDARI Staff Reporter

Are you Audrey — a the top?

open auditions today.

radio-TV-film major and an after a scandalous event. executive producer, said the

dramatic writing class.

24-year-old sassy, hardwork- a story about Audrey, who ing perfectionist who does works for a Fortune 500 com- can be compared to Monica tor, and a group of students whatever it takes to get to pany and gets relocated in from "Friends." a small South Carolina town The radio-TV-film depart- to run the Lazy River Cafe, Road" has a female lead and ment is on a hunt to find Truitt said. The story moves the pilot has a wide appeal. has some character sketches forts," which was 10 episodes characters for its pilot, "A as she comes across a group Fork in the Road," through of country people including 18 to 34 demographic," she may have surprises. Stewart, a celebrity chef who said. Maggie Truitt, a senior was kicked off his TV show

some of the students had in a senior radio-TV-film major pilot. She also said she hopes script come alive. and another executive pro- to see TCU students in the "A Fork in the Road" is ducer of the pilot.

Beattie said "Fork in the cast it.

Truitt said the team is han- open mind," he said. dling standard auditions and "She comes into the situ- has asked talent agencies in radio-TV-film major and one we can show and a quality pilot is a department-wide ation and shocks everyone," the Dallas/Fort Worth area to of the pilot's writers, said it episode." production based on an idea said Katherine Beattie, a showcase their talent for the would be exciting to see the

Truitt said her personality dola, a radio-TV-film instruc- tions," Teague said.

"We'll try to go in with an

associated with the pilot will a 22-minute pilot, unlike for sale after its airing. radio-TV-film's most recent LaMendola said the team production, "Southern Com-"We're trying to reach the and profiles but the auditions and aired spring 2007, Truitt said.

"We want quality production values," Truitt said. "We Brittany Teague, a senior want one final product that

The shooting for "A Fork in

the Road" starts April 3, and "I'm excited to see my the team hasn't decided when casting call. Charles LaMen- vision appear in the audi- and which channel the pilot will be aired on, Teague said. "A Fork in the Road" is DVDs will also be available

FOR YOUR INFO 'A Fork in the Road' auditions

When: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today Where: Studio B in Moudy South.

WEATHER TODAY: Showers, 57/36 TOMORROW: Mostly sunny, 55/35 SATURDAY: Sunny, 61/42

PECULIAR FACT

ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Plants believed to be marijuana were seized from a greenhouse in the University of Michigan's - Associated Press botanical gardens.

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math alone and two in science alone."

Buckner said the problem the teachers but the quantity. Getting teachers in these fields is becoming difficult, Buckner said.

"Nobody is training secondary math teachers, (TCU) is training some and we grab them up," she said.

Clint Bond, FWISD spokesman, said more than 200 recent TCU graduates apply in the district each year. Because TCU isn't the only school not producing enough graduates in the needed fields, the district hires from other places as well, including state, out-of-state and international schools, Bond said.

In an effort to fill needed positions, the district is beginning to offer \$3,000 signing bonuses to

as well as elementary bilingual teachers, Buckner said. The district also issues reoccurring stipends of \$2,000 a year for math and science teachers and \$3,500 for bilingual teachers, he said.

Holly Stringer, a senior educadistrict is facing isn't the quality of tion major, said she likes the idea of signing bonuses.

"I think it's a good idea. Math and science teachers right now are definitely at a shortage," said Stringer. "I think offering the bonus would be a good way to lure people in that are in that profession."

Weinburgh said TCU is producing a good number of teachers given its small size.

Buckner said the school districts are doing things to encourage more students to go into these fields, such as creating a new Web site, ramping up recruiting, increasing marketing and holding information sessions, Buckner said.

"We need to encourage more certified elementary and second- students to go into education at a ary math and science teachers secondary level," Buckner said.

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way the public craves.

spoon in his mouth," Cantrell said. "What he has done in his were distributed by the camlife, he has done on his own."

Cantrell, who holds the Lowe ble.

The indications from the primaries so far show there has maybe the Mavericks would been a massive youth vote have beaten the Warriors the turnout. The American peo- other night," he said. "But ple and its youth seem to think we're going to bring this one Obama is the most poised of home." the candidates to be the agent of change supporters desire, of Famer Emmitt Smith, who Cantrell said.

tion system by making college is on the right team. affordable, restoring the economy by cutting taxes and ending vote as soon as possible, before the war in Iraq, will challenge the scheduled Texas primary

the status quo and get results the American people want.

Throughout his speech, the Obama can inspire people in a crowd erupted in rock concertlike cheers, while holding up "He wasn't born with a silver signs that read "hope" or "a change we can believe in" that paign staff.

When former Dallas Mayor Chair in Texas history, said the Ron Kirk spoke before Obama importance of the youth vote stepped onstage, he quickly during this election is palpa- responded to the roar of the crowd.

"If we had been this loud,

Also speaking was NFL Hall elicited cheers from the crowd Obama said the changes when he spoke before Obama. he hopes to implement, such He said he believes everyone in March 4. as creating a stronger educa- support of Obama's campaign

Obama urged supporters to



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Editor-in-Chief A group of TCU students waits in line Wednesday near the entrance of Reunion Arena in Dallas to hear presidential hopeful Barack Obama speak.

and will win this country. We will change America."

will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday

The next rally for Obama as in Austin.

"If we win Texas," he said. in San Marcos, followed by a "We will win the nomination debate against Hillary Clinton scheduled to take place that night at the University of Tex-

Improvements to television slated for '09

By BOB FERNANDEZ The Philadelphia Inquirer

nation's over-the-air TV broadcasters are going digital.

In exactly one year, on Feb. 17, 2009, broadcasters will stop now, it will take a month or lonbeaming the analog signals ger to get it because of the inithey've used since the dawn of digital.

The new signals — already being broadcast by some stations - offer TV viewers brighter and it arrives. Coupons are valid for clearer picture quality and will 90 days. expand the number of over-theair channels for local broadcastwith cable and satellite.

If you didn't know about the so-called digital transition, or if you've postponed thinking about it, stop dillydallying.

Start preparing.

Twelve years in the making, the digital-TV transition will force households with over-the- deadline. Washington tied the dig-

be mailed out Tuesday.

About 2.6 million households PHILADELPHIA — The have already requested more than five million coupons, a government official said Friday.

If a person requests a coupon tial five-million-coupon backlog, TV time and switch entirely to the official said. After the backlog is cleared, it should take two or three weeks between the time a coupon is requested and when

As long as they last, consumers can request the coupons through ers, allowing them to compete March 31, 2009, and redeem them at stores through July 7, 2009, the government says.

The digital transition was first mandated in 1996 federal telecommunications legislation. Its implementation was delayed until a deficit-reduction measure in 2005 forced the February 2009 air reception into these choices: ital transition to raising billions of Get cable or satellite. The cable dollars for the U.S. Treasury by industry has said it will continue selling the part of the electromagto carry analog signals until 2012, netic spectrum that carried the a minute of advertising duranalog signals. The new uses for ing the Super Bowl — and is messaging on converter boxes the spectrum include carriage for public-safety radios, and, poten- try to do its part to inform the boxes available for shoppers," tially, wireless services.





RED HUBER / Orlando Sentinel via MCI

The space shuttle Atlantis prepares to land Wednesday at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida after completing a 13-day mission.

Shuttle's safe return home starts year in space travel

By PHIL LONG McClatchy Newspapers

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — These are busy times in ed off Feb. 7 carrying the space.

tis glided to a safe land- 23-foot-long module for ing at the Kennedy Space science research. Center on Wednesday, even as crews were busy on the Steve Frick and pilot Alan launchpad a few miles away Poindexter, the Atlantis preparing for the next of crew included American

Leinbach, shuttle launch director.

The Atlantis crew blast-European Space Agency's The space shuttle Atlan- Columbus Laboratory, a

Besides commander mission specialists Stanley Love, Leland Melvin Preceded by the famed and Rex Walheim. The Eyharts stayed behind tour aboard the orbiting

so people can use older TVs.

Buy a new TV with a digital tuner.

Purchase a digital-to-analog converter subsidized with a \$40 converter, like a cable set-top box, will plug into analog TVs.

The government has budgeted \$1.5 billion for the \$40 coufor them — maximum of two per household — over the phone and online in early January, said Bart Forbes, spokesman for the National Telecommunications & Information Administration.

Broadcasters will obtain addicoupon from the government. The tional channels in the digital has said it will spend \$1 bil- agree, could be bumpy. Contransition, giving over-the-air customers more choices, officials say.

People who bought TVs in pons and began taking requests the last few years might be OK, experts say. The question is whether the new TV has a digital tuner. If it does, you're OK. If it doesn't, you're not.

The government has budgeted \$5 million to advertise the digital The first batch of coupons will transition — enough to buy about

expecting the broadcast indus- when there were no converter public.

The broadcasters association lion on public service ads and grassroots outreach to help with the transition.

The group has broadcast op. 30-second public service advertisements since Septem- firm with offices in Los Angeber. Broadcasters have been les and Fort Washington, said criticized for airing many ads last week in a new study that in the middle of the night millions of TV households may when no one saw them. Sher- need to upgrade their roof-top maze Ingram, spokeswoman and rabbit-ear antennas to for the NAB, said the ads run receive digital signals. "all hours of the day."

public service advertisements tris senior vice president. "Not to stations Friday and plans a only may you have to get a con-30-minute informational show, verter box, you may also have Ingram said.

"We did not want to get into Ingram said.

The digital transition, experts sumers will have to choose a converter box and install it.

Other issues could devel-

Centris, a market-research

"You got a lot of holes," The NAB released three new said Barry Goodstadt, a Cento buy an antenna for this."

about a dozen flights scheduled for this year.

sound of twin sonic booms, crew also included Gerthe gleaming shuttle sloped man astronaut Hans Schlethrough chilly blue skies gel and French astronaut punctuated with white Leopold Eyharts. puffy clouds, bringing seven crew members home from to serve a stint on the their construction mission space station, and Atlanto the International Space tis brought back U.S. astro-Station. Next is the March naut Daniel Tani, whose 11 launch of the Endeavour mother was killed in a Dec. shuttle that will transport a 19 car accident while he Japanese logistics module was serving an extended to the station.

Space officials are excit- laboratory. ed about getting so many this year.

hectic pace or any kind of fall out of orbit. pressure on us," said Bill Gerstenmaier, NASA associ- Defense did not want to ate administrator for space fire a missile at the sateloperations.

be having missions back- slim chance that the shutto-back like this again. It tle might encounter debris almost feels like the mid- from the destroyed satellite '90s again," said Mike during its return to earth.

With Atlantis' safe return, launches off the ground the Navy can begin trying to shoot down a failed spy "I don't consider this a satellite that has started to

The Department of lite while the shuttle was "It feels really good to in space because of the



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OUOTE OF THE DAY "A friend is one before whom I may think aloud."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

THE SKIFF VIEW

BY NATE ARNOLD

With March 4 looming on horizon, youth votes becoming more vital

oung voters are expected to have a substantial impact in determining who will be the next U.S. president, and as candidates are visiting the Lone Star State seeking votes in the March 4 primary, they have a chance to become educated voters for a better future.

both Democrats and Republicans as Ohio, study by The Century Foundation. Rhode Island, Vermont and Texas vote for 370 Democratic and 256 Republican chance to make history in the 2008 presidelegates.

students and 71 percent of non-college ters of today. young adults are registered to vote.

The 26th Amendment to the U.S. Con-

stitution gave 18-year-olds the right to vote in 1971 in response to protests of the Vietnam War. The following year, 52 percent of voters ages 18 to 24 exercised that right. The 1972 election received the highest young voter turnout to date. After that, the turnout dropped significantly but has increased with each election since the The March 4 primaries are crucial for late 1990s, according to a 2008 youth vote

The young voters of today have a dential elections by simply showing up A March 2007 youth vote study by the to vote. More importantly, they have a Kennedy School of Government's Insti- chance to impact the future of America tute of Politics said 85 percent of college by being actively involved in the mat-

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Weapons, kittens don't mesh; real guns don't need disguises

A man in Baraboo, Wis., is custom painting weapons with the Hello Kitty character on them. From handguns



to semi-automatics, he will paint it if the price is right — at least \$100 for one color painting. There are lots of ways

to decorate a machine, but having a pink gun with a cat design on the handle is the most dangerous thing anyone could do.

A video on CNN.com features Jim's Gun Supply, where painted guns are sold with all kinds of designs.

Bryan Soller, president of the Arizona fraternal order of police, said in the CNN video that owning a gun like this could be dangerous because it could make a police officer hesitate, making him or her vulnerable to an attack. Or a child could easily pick up a gun like this thinking it was just a toy and pull it on an officer. The police officer might think it was real and shoot the child with the gun.

should be allowed to own a gun. But to paint a gun and make it look like a toy is not smart.

A reporter in the video interviewed a woman on the street who looked at a picture of the gun.

She said, "It's Hello Kitty." When she was told it was a weapon people use, she abruptly said it wasn't funny.

With the recent news at Northern Illinois University, guns have become a sensible issue, and making guns resemble a toy makes weapons an even bigger hazard.

Some might remember "Home Alone 4," where the little boy tricks the thieves by painting his toy gun black. Granted there are more differences to a real gun and a toy gun than the color, but the point is, it could be easily confused if it had a Hello Kitty design on it.

Hello Kitty was in Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in November and celebrities have also been seen supporting the character. Hello Kitty guitars were signed for charity by the cast of "High School Musical," including Vanessa Hudgens and Zach Efron. Miley Cyrus was also seen wearing a Hello Kitty necklace at the 2007 Teen Choice Awards.

Consumers can see the Hello Kitty character on other merchandise like toasters, purses and notebooks, but surely a gun is a first.

Jim Astle, the owner of Jim's Gun Supply, said in the video that 75 percent of the customers who send him guns are in law enforcement and are buying them for their wives.

Juno's poke at adoption part of Hollywood fiction

Movies are meant to entertain.

That's the bottom line the entire purpose of the industry.



been nominated? Who hasn't been nominated? Who will not be attending?

And apparently, who's been stirring up controversv?

"Juno," the movie that seems to be this year's "Little Miss Sunshine," was nominated for four Oscars,

One quote from the movie, however, has incited people to criticize it.

Juno, a pregnant 16 year old played by Ellen Page, tells the couple hoping to adopt her child, "You should've gone to China. You know, 'cause I hear they give away babies like free iPods. You know, they pretty much just put them in those T-shirt guns and shoot them out at sporting events."

These lines fueled online debates about whether people should take offense to the jab at China and the adoption system.

Yes, I can see how the quote is not politically correct, but since when have movies, and comedies in particular, ever been?

the San Francisco Chronicle.

When did people get so nitpicky about movies?

Most movies and TV shows could probably offend some group of people in some way, no matter what race, gender or social class.

You've just got to let it go. Lighten up a bit.

In an e-mail statement to the Chronicle, Diablo Cody, screen writer of "Juno," said: "Juno's remark is meant to be casually insensitive in that winceinducing, quintessentially teenage way."

Juno is supposed to be a know-it-all, abrasive character. And that's what she is: a character. It's a fictional movie with a fictional wisecrack teenage girl spouting off lines that are supposed to at least cause a few people to squirm in their seats. If viewers are worried about children seeing the scene and being affected by it, the movie is rated PG-13, and children probably shouldn't be watching a movie about a pregnant teen anyway. I'm curious as to whether the academy shows the clip Sunday, or if they pick a new one. Either way, it's only a matter of time before the next movie brings up yet another controversy.

I'm all about the Second Amendment. If the forefathers thought it was important enough to put it in the Bill of Rights, people who pass background checks

Hello Kitty is a character created by Sanrio and hit the market in 1960. Sanrio was created by Shintaro Tsuji, according to the Sanrio Web site.

The characters of Sanrio have become a worldwide hit.

The philosophy of the company is to spread the Sanrio magic and make a "small gift, big smile." I don't think Tsuji had Hello Kitty being painted on a gun as a part of his marketing plan.

A hot pink gun doesn't disguise what it is — a gun is a gun.

But, according to the video, the law is on their side. The reporter said this gun design was legal and Jim's Gun Supply is legitimate.

However, when legitimately decorating a gun, people should think about the repercussions painting a cute little cat on their gun could have.

It could cost them more than a couple hundred bucks.

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including best picture and best actress.



ARCHLIGHT PICTURES

When have people not been at least slightly offended?

People became more riled up about the issue because the scene was shown at the Golden Globes and Screen Actors Guild awards, it is an easy clip to find online and from a video on the movie's Web page showing Page talking about how those are her favorite lines in the movie.

Some people have even notified the Academy about the issue, saying they do not want that particular clip to be shown Sunday, according to an article in

Liz Davidson is a junior newseditorial major from Austin.

Tainted meat shows need for USDA to beef up regulations

The Department of Agriculture says not to worry about the largest recall of beef in U.S. history because — get this — you and your kids already ate most of it.

Talk about closing the door after the sick cow has left the barn. This episode shows the need for stricter enforcement of food-safety regulations and more government inspectors.

The USDA announced on Sunday the recall of 143 million pounds of ground beef from a California slaughterhouse that supplies burgers, meatballs and taco meat to school lunch programs. The action calls into question the safety of beef dating back to February 2006.

Most of that meat has already been eaten, including by children in at least 150 school districts around the nation. The slaughterhouse, Westland/Hallmark Meat Co. of Chino, Calif., delivered 37 million pounds of ground beef for the National School Lunch Program and other government nutrition programs. Some of the meat was sold to fastfood chains.

Officials at the USDA don't think the meat was tainted, but they really don't know for certain. That's because government inspectors didn't catch this problem. The violations were exposed in a video by the Humane Society of the U.S., which secretly filmed a horror show at Hallmark.

The video shows two slaughterhouse employees using forklifts and electric prods to move cows that are too sick or too weak to walk. Cows that can't walk, also called "downer cows," are banned from use in food because they pose a much greater risk of mad-cow disease. Because they often wallow in feces, these cows also raise the risk of E. coli contamination. The USDA says it has

about 7,800 inspectors to examine 6,200 slaughterhouses and food processors nationwide. But after an E. coli outbreak in 2007 that was traced to a meatpacking plant in Elizabeth, N.J., some federal inspectors complained about 1,000 vacancies in their ranks. They said the USDA wasn't replacing retiring inspectors, and those employees who remain must inspect as many as five plants per day. The risk of mad-cow disease spreading in the food supply is very low. The animals' brains and spinal

cords, where the disease is

most often found, would not



have been used in food for humans.

Even so, the violations that up the number of inspectors occurred under the noses of USDA inspectors raise serious concerns about whether the government is up to the

job of protecting the public health. It's time to, ah, beef and the scrutiny at slaughterhouses.

> This editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Tuesday.

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Students develop car safety campaign for competition

By KRISTIN BUTLER Staff Reporter

sor said.

Cowtown Communications safety to children this year, said Amiso George, associate man team.

study competition of about for students and parents of Fort Worth for food donations Channel 8, Orga said.

100 universities established Stripling Middle School in Fort and speakers for the event, she by the Public Relations Society TCU students are again of America in 1973, the only participating in the most such contest recognized by the prestigious public relations group, George said. Students competition in the country to have been preparing for the win up to \$2,500, an adver- competition since last fall after tising/public relations profes- the client information was mailed to them, she said.

The competition gives par-, a student public relations ticipants an opportunity to group that is competing in exercise the analytical skills the Bateman public relations and mature judgment required competition, is promoting car for public relations problem solving, George said.

The 2008 Bateman case

Worth, said Meghan Orga, a said. senior advertising/public relations major.

The students received \$300

"We are excited to have the opportunity to impact the lives of these kids ..."

Taylor Pashley Bateman team member

professor of journalism and study involves Chevrolet's to plan the event from the TCU TCU athletes, see a local comeacademic adviser to the Bate- Safe Kids Buckle Up program Public Relations Student Soci- dy troupe called "Curtis Needs . Cowtown Communications ety of America, Orga said. The a Ride" and talk with Moni-Bateman is a national case set up a free safety belt fair group also contacted people in ka Diaz, a reporter at WFAA

ance and Safe Kids Tarrant County led by Cook Children's Middle School on Thursday at about the importance of car area." safety. Parents and students will also have the opportunity to view safety features team members. They are peron Chevrolet's new SUV, the forming professional qual- teams will be announced hybrid Tahoe, Orga said. Students will be able to meet

turnout," Taylor Pashley, a George said.

Car safety experts from Gen- junior advertising/-public eral Motors, State Farm Insur- relations major, said. "We are we want to continue to posiexcited to have the opportuni- tion the Schieffer School as a ty to impact the lives of these program whose graduates can Hospital will be at Stripling kids and hopefully improve compete professionally at the car safety standards and sta- highest level," George said. 5:30 p.m. to educate parents tistics among children in our

> impressed with our Bateman said. ity work. Any agency or PR in April, and the winning department would be lucky teams are invited to present to have them join their team their campaign at the Public by the time they are through Relations Student Society of with this competition."

1993, took a 14-year hiatus, said.

"We're expecting a great and rejoined Bateman in 2007,

"We re-entered because

About 100 universities officially declared their intent to George said: "I am very compete this year, George

The results of the top three America's annual international The team competed in conference in Detroit, George

Scrutinized drug gains buzz as hip, but may be dangerous

By JIM SANDERS McClatchy Newspapers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - California kids legally can tune in, turn on and freak out these days with a potent, mind-altering drug that is readily available but targeted for a crackdown by police and lawmakers.

Typically smoked or chewed, increasingly known on the Internet the past few years through sales on eBay and through You-Tube videos of users tripping with it.

The drug is produced from a Mexican plant used by Mazatec ago — a death that a medical prophecy. Users in the United States have reported effects ranging from relaxation and sensual pleasure to out-of-body experi- straight-A student, balked at her ences and frightening hallucinations.

Dr. John Mendelson, a researcher at California Pacific Medical Center who is preparing to study how much salvia users must consume to become intoxicated.

ing legislation to ban sales to produce a euphoric high, is treating bipolar mental conminors, said one woman who not addictive, and can be used ditions or slowing the transused salvia — sometimes called responsibly for introspection, "Sally D" or "magic mint" — he said. claimed her miniblinds suddenly began beating her.

table," he said, reporting her drug many times, sells it via the have a handful of U.S. states, hallucination. "It grew legs Internet and has written a user's including Delaware, Missouri Salvia divinorum has become and teeth and started to attack guide that describes its effects and Louisiana, according to her."

A Delaware woman, Kathy Chidester, is pushing to out- ence varying degrees of impact, law salvia nationwide after her depending partly on dosage and as a "drug of concern" and 17-year-old son Brett Chidester how the drug is consumed. Salcommitted suicide two years via, whose active component is issues ranging from potential Indians for healing and ritual examiner ruled stemmed, in mint family. part, from the teen's use of the drug.

Chidester said her son, a appeals to stop smoking salvia, which he purchased from a Web "This is the first really new site. "He said, 'Mom, it's legal,"" illicit drug in a long time," said Chidester recalled. "He said, 'If divination," Siebert says in his there was something really, really wrong with it, it would not be legal."

alist, counters that media cover- manner," and that a compan- Adams has proposed legis-San Bernardino County Sher- age of salvia has been unfair. It ion should be present if a user lation, Assembly Bill 259, to

iff's Lt. Jerry Davis, who is push- is not a party drug, does not in studying its potential for

gaining greater understanding," "She had a burrito on the said Siebert, who has used the sale or use of the drug, as as "divine inebriation."

> Siebert said users will experi-"salvinorin A," is an herb in the abuse to medicinal possibili-

> cinating psychoactive effects, sensual enhancement, magical journeys, enchantment, apparent time travel, philosophical emphasize too much, is that insights, spiritual experiences and perhaps even healing and currently a controlled subuser's guide.

The manual warns that salvia should be used only by adults Daniel Siebert, a Malibu herb- in a "thoughtful, intelligent is taking doses high enough make it a misdemeanor to

mission of HIV.

Australia, Belgium, Den-"It's kind of like a tool for mark, Finland, Italy, Spain and Sweden have restricted the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

The DEA has listed salvia is evaluating it — addressing ties — to determine whether "Salvia has much to offer: fas- it should be banned like marijuana and LSD, spokeswoman Rogene Waite said.

> "What we say, and cannot just because something isn't stance doesn't mean it's not dangerous," Waite said. "It doesn't mean you should be experimenting with it."

Assemblyman Anthony



FOR YOUR INFO

Salvia at a glance

What: Salvia divinorum is a psychedelic plant found primarily in the Mazateca region of Mexico.

How it's used: Salvia is typically chewed or smoked. Traditional use: The Mazatec Indians used salvia for healing

and ritual prophecy. Modern use: Users in the United States have reported effects

ranging from relaxation and sensual pleasure to out-of-body experiences and frightening hallucinations.

How it's sold: Salvia is marketed in various sizes, shapes and containers — as leaves, extracts and tinctures.

Legality: The DEA has listed salvia as a "drug of concern" and it is considered a controlled substance in several states, including Delaware, Louisiana and Missouri. Many other states are considering regulating its use.

California proposal: Assembly Bill 259 would make it a misdemeanor to sell salvia to minors.

that he or she might "freak out, sell salvia to minors. The bill self), fall, or do anything that and is pending in the Senate. might harm others."

Siebert said salvia's vision- endangered when teenagers ers. ary effects typically resemble a can use salvia and hallucinate, dream, with users not feeling perhaps behind the wheel of like they are under the influ- a car. ence of a drug.

Drug Abuse characterizes salshort-lived," beginning less than decisions," he said. a minute after consumption and lasting less than 30 minutes.

that salvia is not approved for medical use. But Mendelson said researchers are interested

Transmission Flushing

AB 259 is opposed by Caliis no evidence that salvia causes drug to take action.

"As a matter of public policy, ficient scientific information," packaging.

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become confused, injure (him- passed the Assembly, 76-0, A \$20 package of Salvia divinorum is available at a California smoke shop Friday.

Adams said public safety is the group wrote to lawmak-

widely salvia is used statewide. or misbehavior tied to salvia, The drug is marketed in vari-"You're encouraging people ous sizes, shapes and contain-The National Institute on to be in a place in their men- ers — as leaves, extracts and tal state where they lose the tinctures. It even comes in flavia's effects as "intense but capacity to make informed vored varieties, such as cherry or peach.

fornia Attorneys for Criminal shop, Twisted, a \$40 package Federal drug agencies note Justice, representing defense of salvia labels the substance lawyers, who argue that there as incense but describes it as "a tool for self exploration" and physical harm and that legisla- advises not to use it if preg- a generation that wants to tors know too little about the nant, mentally ill or operating heavy machinery.

> we should not simply crimi- store does not sell to minors fessionals, fathers, mothers, nalize behavior without suf- - a policy stated on salvia's parents, to protect our chil-

Sacramento County Sheriff's Sgt. Tim Curran said officers No statistics are kept on how cannot recall any emergencies suggesting its use locally might not be widespread.

But Howard C. Samuels, executive director of Wonderland Center, a Los Angeles drug and alcohol facility, said At a Sacramento smoke dozens of salvia users have sought help from his staff.

> Samuels supports banning sales to minors.

"Unfortunately, we have change their minds, that want to get high," he said. "It's part The downtown Twisted of our responsibility as prodren."



For More Information Contact TCU Alcohol & Drug Education Center Rec Center Basement 257-7100

* CORE Survey administered Spring 2005







by Harry Bliss

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1965: Malcolm X, an African American nationalist and religious leader, is assassinated in New York City.

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Q: How did the ghost patch his sheet?

A: With a pumpkin patch.

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"The previous owners turned the basement into a terrific mother-in-law apartment."



"I promise I won't get upset. Just tell me why you chewed up her Chanel pumps."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL HOME LIVING Horned Frogs top worst conference foe

By KYLE ARNOLD Staff Reporter

Four free throws and a rebound in the final minute of the game sealed the Horned Frogs' 13th victory of the season, and ended the two-game skid when the team edged out the Colorado State Rams 66-64 last night in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Senior guard Brent Hackett sunk four shots from the charity stripe and picked up a rebound with about 20 seconds left on the clock, leaving the Rams 3-pointer at the buzzer a non-factor in a game that was close from start to finish.

Hackett was perfect from the free-throw line, going 11-11. He said he has been in these situations, and he did not try to do anything special.

"I didn't feel any pressure on my shoulders, I just tried to make the shots," Hackett said.

The Horned Frogs were 27-28 from the free-throw line, and head coach Neil Dougherty said the near perfection was a first for him.

"I don't know if I have ever been in a college game where we shot that many and missed just one," Dougherty said.

The Horned Frogs came into this game ranked ninth in the nation in steals per game, with just under 10 Owens said the team's team's full-court press.

He said the press was



ANH PHAM / Staff Photographer

Senior guard Brent Hackett goes up for a layup against the still-winless Colorado State University Rams. TCU beat CSU 66-64, ending a two-game losing streak for the Horned Frogs. Hackett contributed a team-high 19 points.

Senior guard Neiman in conference.

per outing, Dougherty said high ranking in the theft with 19 points, while one nament. this is in part because of the department this season is of the team's leading scorall about hard defense. ers, junior guard Henry this point is to get the team "On defense we try to go Salter, was held scoreless playing as well as possieffective against the Rams as hard as possible, and if on five attempts from the ble for the rest of the sea-

a solid push in the Moun-Hackett led the team tain West Conference Tour-

"Ultimately, the goal at son, so we can go into the The Horned Frogs swept conference tournament The Horned Frogs will home stand against the

ATTENDANCE

Developing fan club focuses on baseball

By ROBERT BEMBER Staff Reporter

In an effort to help the growing fan support from basketball with what the group has accomseason to continue into baseball plished so far and looks forward season, the athletic marketing to continuing their relationship. department gave a new student He said the group will be a voice fan club a chance to meet the to help students communicate baseball team Wednesday eve- with the marketing department ning.

A group of about 15 students at the games. was shuttled to Lupton Stadium Schlossnagle and the team.

of puts a name with a face," said appropriate for the family envi-John Festervand, the assistant ronment, he said. director of athletic marketing.

team has grown since the resent TCU well and in a posigroup, led by sophomore mar- tive manner while cheering on keting major Geoff Dice, began the athletics," Dice said. to organize the club for games, son, Festervand said.

kickoff the new group and vote game." for a name, which is yet to be made official.

we wanted, but it worked out open to all students. well for the people who were foundation to start with."

attendance records, the fans at games, as well. don't know how to cheer, and is trying to accomplish.

"I want to have a packed ball park that's loud and is a rau- experiences working with Dice cous place to play," Schlossna- and expects the group to be a gle said. "The kids appreciate success.

that, especially when it's support from their peers."

Festervand said he is pleased about changes they'd like to see

Dice wants to make an effort where they met head coach Jim to create a more positive atmosphere at games by making "Meeting with the coach kind cheers that are both fun and

"I guess it goes with another Support for the basketball long-term goal, which is to rep-

"We don't want to be affili-Festervand said. Meeting the ated with the schools that yell baseball team will help the sup- profanity," Festervand said. "It's port carry over to baseball sea- not a very good representation of our student body. We're a The season opens Friday classy organization, we're a against Cal State Fullerton. Dice classy school and that kind of saw the meeting as an event to stuff doesn't need to be at a

Much of the organizing for events has been done through "It didn't have the turnout that Facebook, and the group is

Jason Byrne, the director of there," Dice said. "It's a good athletics marketing, said the group may reach out to other Schlossnagle said even though organizations and groups on the baseball team recently set campus to gain their support

They will likely choose leadhe appreciates what the group ers to work alongside Dice in the coming weeks.

Festervand said he's had good



and this led to the Rams Owens said. becoming fatigued, which turnovers and steals.

liking," Dougherty said.

because it, "kept the physi- that happens, everything field. cal wear and tear on them," else will work itself out,"

allowed the Horned Frogs the win column for the and their win in Fort Colto capitalize and create Rams in the Mountain West lins, Colo., earlier this year try to add to this new win-Conference. At 6-19 overall, has been the only win for ning streak, when they "We are trying to get the Rams are 0-11 in con- TCU away from home this conclude their two-game good at full-court pressures ference, while the Horned season. because it opens up the Frogs have matched their Dougherty said 13 wins Utah Utes next Wednesday game a little more to our win total from last season, is something the team at 7 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer improving to 13-12, and 5-7 hopes to build on to make Coliseum.

the season series against and win there," Dough-A goose egg still lies in their conference opponent, erty said.



A new TCU fan club meets with the Horned Frog baseball team and plans on supporting them this season.

NATIONAL

Campus shooting delays NIU spring sports season

By MICHELLE MUNOZ The (Ohio University) Post

the campus of Northern Illinois struck her team: What now? close to home for her.

noon and informed her. Ward later turned hadn't even thought about what hapon CNN and couldn't believe what she pens," Crawley said. saw.

the shooting."

athletics events through Feb. 24 are can- tially affect tournament seeding. celed. The game between the Bobcats and the Huskies that was to take place it's going to be crazy," Crawley said. Saturday was one of those games.

taken a loss than have had those events ference. take place.

"Thank God that we weren't there. You American Conference Tournament begins just never know what could happen."

The events have far-reaching consequences as far as the athletics schedwhich returns to the court for the first time in a week tonight at Akron.

Coach Sylvia Crawley said she called Northern Illinois coach Carol Owens, ATHENS, Ohio — Quintana Ward is who was in practice at the time of shootfrom Park Forest, Ill., so the shooting on ing. Crawley had one big question for

"(Owens) was just kind of devastat-Her father called her Thursday after- ed, the players were devastated, they

The Bobcats (14-9, 7-3 Mid-American "I have a lot of friends from high Conference) are a team that work well school that go to Northern," Ward said. with change, Crawley said, so no mat-"Fortunately, I didn't know anyone in ter what happens, she can see her team holding up well. The Huskies will miss As a result of the shooting, all Huskies three games total, which could poten-

"If they don't make those games up,

Because the event happened so late in Ward said though she and her team the season, Crawley said, it is going to got rest Saturday, she would rather have make things very difficult for the con-

Ohio's regular season schedule ends "It was such a tragedy," Ward said. with Miami on March 5, and the Midfour days later, leaving three days open to reschedule a contest with the Huskies.

"We can't control the shooting at Northule goes for Northern Illinois and Ohio, ern," Crawley said. "All we can do is prepare ourselves for whatever can happen. It's about our attitude toward it."

PRO BASKETBALL

Mavericks trade for touted guard during massive eight-player deal

By JEFF CAPLAN McClatchy Newspapers

DALLAS — Jason Kidd, one of the NBA's all-time sleight-of-hand ing off from semi-retirement, who playmakers, has a flair for the dra- cleared the way for the completion matic. Why else would he choose of the roller-coaster deal. the No. 2?

This No. 2 has one meaning, lion and first-round draft picks as in two seasons, this one and in 2008 and 2010. A heavy price, the next — the remaining time on but one coach Avery Johnson his contract — for Kidd to shot- believes bought the engine his gun the franchise to its first NBA team lacked. championship.

window and, to me, the window somebody who, when you are in is this year," Dirk Nowitzki said the red zone, can help you get Tuesday evening after the team's touchdowns." first practice with their new point guard.

The arduous, sometimes torturous, weeklong trade negotiations finally became official Tuesday had approved it. Following pracwith the league's stamp of approval. Fourteen years after the Mavs drafted him and 12 since they missing and why Kidd will bring traded him, a soft-spoken Kidd it. returned to Dallas, along with guard Antoine Wright and forward Nash for so many years, some of to Dallas makes it all the more Malik Allen.

Harris, along with DeSagana Diop, Trenton Hassell and Maurice Ager. But it was Keith Van Horn, dust-

The Mavs also threw in \$3 mil-

"We haven't had a quarterback "People always talk about the like this," Johnson said. "We've got

> Nowitzki attended the news conference and smiled when Mavs owner Mark Cuban said he had been kept abreast of the trade and tice, Nowitzki answered honestly what he believed the team was

"With me playing with (Steve) the passes you just took for grant-The Mavs sacrificed a chunk of ed," Nowitzki said. "Over the last their future to get Kidd now. At couple of years those looks just wise (than the original deal), a little the forefront is point guard Devin weren't there. This is going to be more painful checkbook-wise."



NKINS / Fort Worth Star-Telegram via MC1 New Dallas Mavericks player Jason Kidd is introduced at a press conference Tuesday.

great to catch the ball when you're open in the right situation. (Kidd's) one of the best at doing that."

Cuban, believing the team had reached a plateau and stalled, said it needed a spark.

"And the fact he's coming back exciting," Cuban said.

"It's a little better basketball-