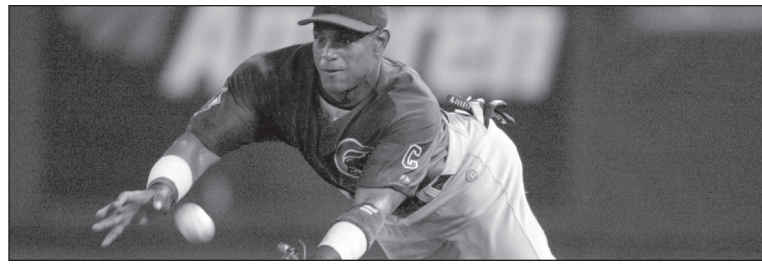


## WELL DUN

Chuck Dunning of Career Services lives his dream by helping TCU students find their own.



## SO LONG SOSA

See how one Chicago native is feeling the effects of once-legendary slugger Sammy Sosa's departure

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## Christ Chapel youth minister remembered

*Phillips' dedication to students honorable, church colleagues say*

By TALIA SAMPSON  
Staff Reporter

Students remembered David Phillips, a youth minister for Christ Chapel Bible Church, as a mentor and a man of God on Monday.

"He was a tremendous leader and an unbelievable guy," said Jimmy Williams, a senior entre-

preneurial management major.

Phillips died Sunday morning when he lost control of his 1999 Toyota 4Runner on a patch of ice while driving on Interstate 20 from his home in Aledo to the Fort Worth church.

Williams, who served under Phillips as a summer intern for the past three years, said Phillips was known for loving Christ, serving faithfully in the ministry and putting others before himself.

"His goal was to make Christ



PHILLIPS

worked with.

"He loved to see them grow in Christ," said Bagley, a senior psychology major. "He wanted our students to pursue holiness more

look good," Williams said.

Kara Bagley, who worked on the high school staff with Phillips, said he had a great impact on the high school students he

than anything."

Brent Kesler, a junior communication studies major who volunteers for the high school group, said, "All the high school students he talked to would tell you that they really respected him for his wisdom."

Holly Crews, who worked with the high school ministry, expressed sorrow for Jennifer Phillips, his 24-year-old wife of less than two years.

"I started working with high school ministry this past semester  
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## Required GPAs deter students, Donovan says

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The provost said he does not want to take a journalism minor away from students, but he did not know whether it was appropriate for any college to have a minimum GPA for minors.

Nowell Donovan, the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the University Council rejected the College of Communication's request to set a minimum GPA of 2.5 for journalism minors Feb. 6 — as a way to control enrollment — because the council wanted to have more discussion about the issue.

"There is a lot of uncertainty about restrictive GPAs," Donovan said. "Basically, where do (students) go? Other programs that don't have these restrictive GPAs are having to take these students."

William Slater, the dean of the College of Communication, however, said a minimum GPA would have brought relief for journalism majors trying to get into required classes and would have still allowed qualified students to declare a journalism minor.

The Schieffer School of Journalism, according to Slater, is being overrun with students and Moudy Building South does not have enough laboratory space to accommodate the growing enrollment.

Donovan said the enrollment increase and insufficient laboratory space are problems that he cannot fix overnight.

Representatives for the College of Communication and the University Council have had ongoing conversations about the issue and the council will formally revisit the problem within the next two weeks, Donovan said. Neither Donovan nor Slater had any new methods for controlling enrollment.

The concern over enforcing a minimum GPA for journalism minors was that students who could not meet the requirements would be funneled into majors and minors that do not have a required GPA, such as those in the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Slater said.

"If anything, the solution is to increase the requirements to the university," Slater said, "so these programs won't be getting these so-called 'poor students.'"

Michael Butler, the associate dean of AddRan, said he does not like minimum GPAs for individual colleges because colleges without minimums are forced to take students that did not meet those requirements.

"Those students are forced somewhere and that somewhere is usually AddRan," Butler said. "The college is somewhat of a  
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## BUSINESS BARRICADES



LANA HUNT / Chief Photographer

Though some business owners are seeing a decline in revenue because of the Berry Street initiative construction, they anticipate the redevelopment set for completion after a year and a half.

*Managers, owners say street renovation worth inconvenience*

By JOHN-LAURENT TRONCHE  
Staff Reporter

While heavy machinery rips up a quarter mile of concrete between Waits and McCart avenues, the effect on businesses has been mixed.

The \$3.03 million reworking of Berry Street, which began a month ago and is expected to last a total

of 18 months, calls for tree-lined sidewalks, a wider median and parallel parking spaces in either direction, said Fort Worth City Council member Wendy Davis.

Jack Labovitz, owner of Kings Liquor, said he has seen a 10 percent drop in business revenue because of the combined effects of the GrandMarc at Westberry Place apartment complex and Berry Street constructions.

"It has hurt my business ever since the construction started,"

Labovitz said. "It's not a good situation."

Stewart Hellman, manager of Kings Liquor, said customers have complained about blocked streets.

"They are having a hard time getting in here and are having a hard time finding us," Hellman said. "They've got to be dedicated customers to come see us."

Both Hellman and Labovitz agreed the work is necessary. "I think it's a good idea to clean

up (Berry) to keep people wanting to come back to this area," Hellman said.

Beth Driskill, one of the owners of Outer Image, a salon on Berry Street, said she too, has seen a drop in business but could not say by how much.

Angelika Ketzler, manager of Outer Image, said the drop in business is because of blocked streets.

Ketzler said coupons were distributed in the neighborhood in an  
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## Determine goals early, speaker says



By JEFF ESKEW  
Staff Reporter

A TCU graduate and former influential figure in the Mexican government told students and community leaders to know their passion and what they want to do with their lives.

Juan Hernandez, a former adviser to Mexican president Vicente Fox, was the keynote speaker at the Leadership Council and Leadership Center's 12th Annual Leadership Institute Dinner on Friday.

Hernandez said it is important to recognize passion, determine a plan and what makes a person angry.

Hernandez said he decided early on that he wanted to become a novelist and poet, and that college was not the place for him because colleges did not teach poetry or novel writing.

He said when he told his

father, he expected him to explode, but instead, his father acted calmly and discussed the importance of going to school to get a degree.

"My father told me you might consider studying anything — psychology, history, law — anything because it will give you material to write about," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said he followed his father's advice and got his degree in English and has not stopped learning since.

Hernandez said his education has led him through different journeys in life, such as working for Fox as the head of his Presidential Office for Mexicans Abroad.

Hernandez graduated from TCU with his doctorate in 1981 and started his political career in 1996, when Fox asked him

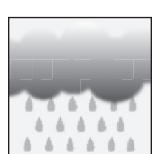
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## Cold snap



TY HALASZ / Photo Editor

Rarely left running when the temperature is low, Frog Fountain was converted to an ice sculpture over the weekend.



### WEATHER

TODAY: AM showers, 60/49

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### FUN FACT

A man who had his fingertips surgically removed to avoid being identified has been sentenced to 10 years in prison on charges of drug trafficking.

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## CORRECTION

The first episode of the radio-TV-film department's soap opera, "Southern Comfort," will be screened for the public March 3, not March 1 as originally printed.

## MINISTER

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and (Phillips) and his wife, Jen, really stuck out in my mind in making me feel welcome," said Crews, a junior English major.

Crews said there were too many details to describe just one specific memory about the minister.

"He was the backbone of the ministry," Crews said.

Michael Burr, a member of the high school ministries staff, said he knew Phillips for 10 years as a mentor and dear friend.

"If he knew this story was being written, he would be embarrassed and say 'Don't look at me, look at God and the grace he has given us,'" Burr, a TCU alumnus, said.

Phillips left behind the sermon he never gave Sunday morning at blog.myspace.com/ylrock, in which he wrote about dealing with worry and turning to Christ for encouragement.

"Because of Christ's work, your worst circumstances are the chisel in God's loving hands," Phillips wrote.

Burr said the Myspace.com account Phillips set up earlier this month was comforting to those mourning his loss, and his sermon will reach more people because of the accident.

"Dave was going to give that sermon to 3,500 people and now people all over the nation are reading it," Burr said.

Burr said the past two years were Phillips' happiest because of his marriage, the job he loved and the people he worked with.

"There was nothing he left behind that wasn't fixed," Burr said. "There's nothing I can see that was a regret."

Visitation will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. tonight in the Garden Chapel of the Greenwood Funeral Home, 3100 White Settlement Road, Fort Worth.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. at McKinney Memorial Bible Church, 4805 Arborlawn Drive, Fort Worth.

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to create the "Guanajuato Trade Offices" in the United States and serve as his representative in the United States.

Hernandez, the first of six children born to an American mother and a Mexican father, said that although his parents loved each other, they didn't always understand where the other was coming from.

"My first memories were trying to deal with this American mother and this Mexican father who did not understand each other very well," Hernandez said. "As soon as I was born, I had to become the interpreter and the cultural in-between."

Laura Rizzuto, a junior accounting and finance major and chairwoman of the Leadership Council, said Hernandez was chosen as the featured speaker because he embodied the theme of "One Destination, Many Roots: Planting the Seeds of Leadership."

"We picked Juan Hernandez because he was a former ambassador to Mexico," Rizzuto said. "Right now, we have some students from our sister university in Puebla, Mexico, Universidad de las Américas, so we were trying to tie in their experience here."

Hernandez wasn't the only community leader at the dinner. The Kelly Alumni Center was filled to capacity with 200 guests, including Bob Bolen, former mayor of Fort Worth and L. Charles Gaines, fire chief of the Fort Worth Fire Department.

Barbara Brown Herman, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, said she was pleased to see many of tomorrow's leaders sitting across the table from some of the today's finest leaders.

Herman said the Leadership Center has already assisted students in community-sponsored internships and hopes to continue to assist students in the future.

"From its conception, the leadership center has defined leadership as positively influencing one's community, whether that be an organization, city, state, country or ultimately, hopefully, the world," Herman said.

Andrea Porter, a senior communication studies major and co-chairwoman for the Leadership Council, said being part of the council has been beneficial to her.

"The Leadership Center has taught me that leadership is a culture that can be learned as you develop values, beliefs, skills and experiences that can transfer to the real world," Porter said. "It is something you can learn little by little."

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last resort for students who have no intention of majoring in it."

Butler said he believes the best option might be to define a minimum GPA inside field-specific courses rather than a

minimum overall GPA.

"I think this kind of thing has the potential to delay graduation," Butler said. "Having a field-specific GPA would allow students to make some progress toward their major without closing the door."

Butler said AddRan suspended its minor for fashion

merchandising before spring 2006 semester because of a lack of space.

"We never made an attempt to go through the University Council," Butler said. "During fall registration for this spring, it became clear that we didn't have enough space for our majors and minors."



LANA HUNT / Chief Photographer

## BERRY

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effort to counteract the slow business.

"I think Berry Street is old, and I think it should be modernized for the people around here," Ketzler said. "I'm not mad, but it hurts us at the moment."

Despite the blocked streets and orange pylons from Frazier to Cockrell avenues, some businesses are welcoming the redevelopment.

The construction currently knocks at the front door of Kubes Jewelers, a Berry Street

fixture for more than 50 years, but one of the owners said the work doesn't bother him.

"We're not worried about it; we're actually delighted," Rick Kubes said. "We've been waiting for this to happen for 10 years."

Kubes said he is honored to be a part of the change. He added that business has not changed since the beginning of the construction, explaining his customers are destination-oriented and will continue to visit.

"The minor inconvenience that it is does not affect our business at all," Kubes said. Tammy Rollins, general

manager of Perrotti's Pizza, said revenue has increased by at least two times, but could not explain why.

Rollins said she welcomes the redevelopment to make Berry Street safer for pedestrians.

Richard Perrotti, owner of Perrotti's Pizza, was unavailable for comment at the time of printing for specifics on the increase in revenue.

The reconstruction is part of the Berry Street Initiative and is paid for by 30 percent of city funding and 70 percent of federal grants, said Mike Weiss, a professional engineer with the city of Fort Worth.

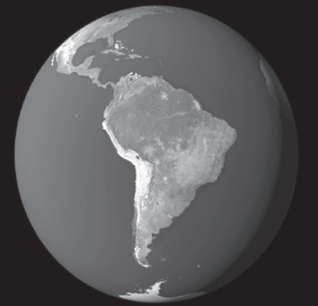
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"This would be a tax increase on low and middle-income Americans," said Dan Griswold, a trade expert at the Cato Institute, a Washington think tank, about proposed penalty tariffs on Chinese goods.

### THE SKIFF VIEW

## Blame pointless; solution needed

It's been almost six months since the Gulf Coast was devastated by the overwhelming power of Hurricane Katrina, and all of America has fully indulged in its fair share of finger-pointing.

The problem is all those fingers are pointing at each other and not at solutions. While countless displaced New Orleans residents remain estranged from their homes and much of the Ninth Ward is still closed in nighttime hours, our government continues to turn a blind eye towards the suffering of the victims in favor of the squirming of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff in his hot seat.

It is understandable that those on Capitol Hill would want to get to the bottom of the FEMA debacle, an organization that senator Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., said has become "a joke, a four-letter word."

But there is a time and place for such disciplinary action. The beginning of hurricane season is less than four months away, and the Army Corps of Engineers

has yet to figure out how the levees in New Orleans broke, much less how to rebuild them properly.

Aren't we missing the bigger issue? Why are the most recent media releases all centered on the meetings in Washington and not on the status of the Gulf Coast?

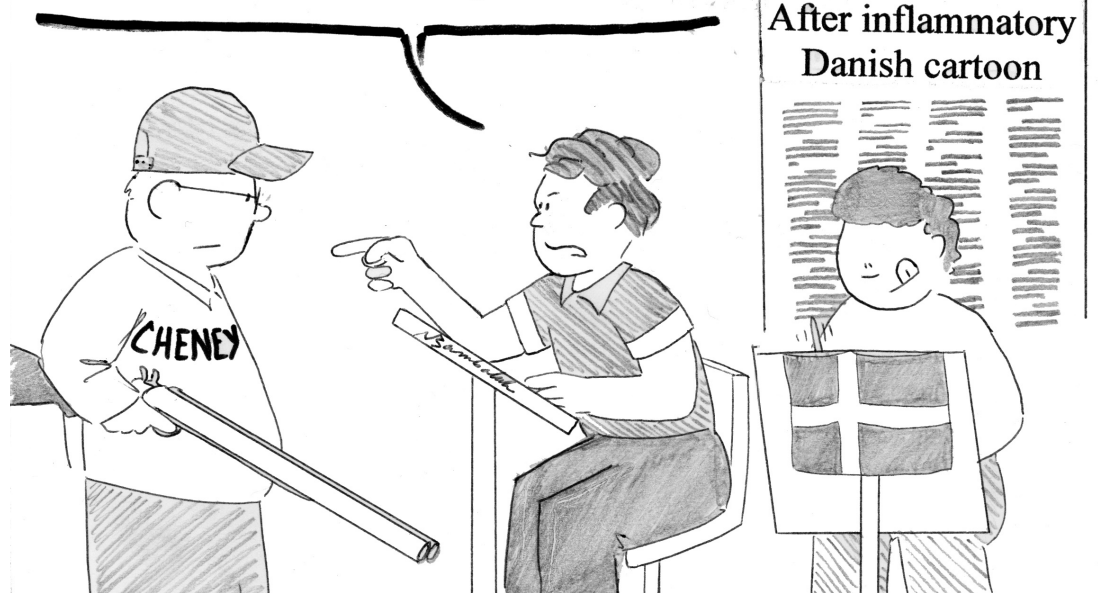
Here's an update: there were 484,674 men, women and children listed as living in New Orleans in the most recent census. City officials estimate about 200,000 are now living in the city. Factor in an official death count of a little more than 1,300, and it becomes plainly evident that there are still hundreds of thousands of people still without permanent homes.

FEMA and the national government have already failed to both provide for and protect the Gulf Coast once in the past six months — they should suspend their blame game and their accusations before it happens again.

*Sports editor Travis Stewart for the editorial board*

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## Immigrants move in search of prosperity, new life

Why do people migrate?

This is a funny question for a doctoral student whose entire studies focus on this topic.

What I wonder is, as a Dominican or a Guinean gets on a boat, as a Mexican crosses the desert, as a Guatemalan jumps the fence — what on Earth are they thinking? In fact, as I got on a plane and landed in the United States, ready to spend five years of my life studying here, what was I thinking?

People migrate because they believe it will improve their lives, whether it is to pursue greater economic and professional opportunities or to escape conflict. But life isn't all about economic security. Humans have all kinds of other needs too, and migrating can disrupt those.

I do remember exactly what I was thinking when I sat on the airplane on my way to the United States.

First of all, I was praying I didn't miss my connecting flight. I was also praying I had remembered to bring with me all the necessary documents to clear immigration, including a passport, student visa, an I-20 immigration form that tracks my permanence at Penn State, proof of support by the American institution, proof of residence in the home country, and evidence of intended return. And I was thinking about how happy I was to finally be independent and on my own. But in the back of my mind, most of all, I was thinking about how guilty I felt.

I was proud of myself and proud that I had worked hard to earn the opportunity of earning a degree abroad. But I also knew my country was losing an important resource, and this made me feel guilty.

I reminded myself that there were no real job opportunities for me at home, and that studying and potentially working abroad was

one of the best things I could do for myself and my family.

When you are an international student, people often ask you annoying questions. I have been asked whether my country has electricity or Internet. My African friends have complained of questions on whether people in Africa wear clothes, live in trees or see elephants when they look out their windows.

Many of them are surprised by the lack of insight Americans exhibit when asking such questions. And some even consider responding with, "No — do you see bald eagles when you look out your dorm window?"

Personally, the most annoying question I am often asked is, "Do you plan to return?" I ask myself that question almost daily and don't have an answer yet. The easiest response is, "I am not an immigrant."

I am technically not an immigrant; I am a "non-resident alien." And I'm lucky because I am here legally, and my journey was not threatened by obstacles such as sharks, exhaustion, dehydration, sexual assault, thieves or border patrol officers. But no matter how you arrive in a new country, the perceived economic gains, whether or not they materialize, are soon undermined by all those things a new society might not offer, such as emotional support, a feeling of belonging, or a lack of guilt.

And the lack of those things is enough to make some question their decisions to leave home in the first place.

A few weeks ago one of my friends complained about how she did not enjoy living here. While she was extremely grateful for the chance to study at Penn State, she missed her family and boyfriend, and she couldn't adjust to Ameri-

can society, often feeling lonely and out of place.

I told her that coming here was supposed to be my great new start. And while it hasn't been easy, I wouldn't change a thing so far.

State College, Pa. is full of immigrants. In addition to the conspicuous international students, faculty and staff, there are communities of refugees, service industry workers and other international immigrants. And every single one of us had to weigh the costs and benefits of coming or staying.

If you ever wonder what on Earth we were thinking when we came here, you can just ask. We might just give you a new perspective on your home and possibly come up with some annoying questions of our own.

*Leila Rodriguez is a columnist for the Daily Collegian at Pennsylvania State. This column was distributed by U-Wire.*

### POINT

## Oprah's generous spirit inspiring

Oprah Winfrey is one of the most respected and admired public figures of our time.

Just to name a few of her accomplishments, according to oprah.com: Oprah has been named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time magazine, has received more than 40 Emmys for her daytime show and started the "Oprah Bill" with President Clinton for the National Child Protection Act in 1993, creating a database to help track child abusers.

Oprah has served as a philanthropist, producer and actress, and has changed the lives of many people with her utter sincerity and caring heart.

One of the reasons she is such a successful, admired person is her overall good nature. One of the most important ways Oprah is changing people's lives is by forming organizations like "The Angel Network" and "In Your Wildest Dreams," which make people's dreams come true.

On the first episode for her show's 2004-2005 season, a selected audience was chosen, all in need of automobiles. So Oprah gave every person in the audience a Pontiac Sedan

through the "In Your Wildest Dreams" organization.

Some people may think Oprah is over the top because of all of the money she puts into her show, but the point is, she is giving to others.

In 2005, the audience of the "Oprah's Favorite Things" episode were the people that devoted their time to helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina. She gave to people that deserved acknowledgment.

With all of the corruption and crime that has destroyed our world, Oprah has prevailed and continued to bring goodness in the worst situations as a leader and helping hand through times of natural disasters and tragedy.

Additionally, she has contributed to many individuals' senses of self by informing them of physical and mental health issues and how they can apply these issues in improving their lives.

Like any human being, Oprah has made some mistakes, but she is not afraid to admit them and show that she is "real."

Oprah's Book Club, the biggest online book club, has promoted literature and education to thousands since 1996. Since Oprah is admired by so many people, the book club has brought a positive change in literacy for thousands of people. Oprah's Book Club, which is the big-

gest on-line book club has promoted literacy and education among thousands of people since 1996.

Recently, controversy arose when "A Million Little Pieces," a best seller from Oprah's Book Club, proved to have fabrications about the life of drug-addict James Frey.

Oprah confronted Frey and the publication company about the fabrications and showed her personal humility on national television for promoting what she had believed to be a completely nonfiction book.

This proves Oprah's sincerity. She wanted people to know that she was sorry that Frey misled the public and she showed the personal offense that "kept her awake all night."

In addition to everything else, Oprah has served as a present-day leader in the Civil Rights Movement.

Whether it is giving a person fashion advice or helping the victims of the devastating hurricanes last year, Oprah is always there to lend a helping hand and create a positive change in people's lives.

Oprah has made a difference in the world by showing the dignity and grace of a person who strives to make people's lives better everyday.

*Jacquilee Killeen is a senior broadcast journalism major from Lubbock.*

### COUNTERPOINT

## Winfrey's show too superficial

I can't stand Oprah Winfrey.

Now, mind you, this is a very risky thing to say, as Oprah commands a fully deployable battalion of soccer moms who have a lot more pent-up rage lurking beneath those smug sunglasses and turtle-neck sweaters than anyone can even begin to imagine.

The reason why I can't stand Oprah has nothing to do with her popular talk show, or the heartwarming human-interest episodes or her "favorite things" (maybe a little). No, my problem with Oprah is based on her mass brainwashing of the American people.

For example, every few months, Oprah adds a new selection to her ever-popular Oprah's Book Club. Recently, Oprah's selection, "A Million Little Pieces" by James Frey came under fire after it was revealed that many of the facts in Frey's books were more like, well, lies.

After supporting Frey on "Larry King Live," Winfrey invited Frey to appear on her show and, in what some columnists referred to as "tearing him a new one," proceeded to explain exactly how he let the American people, and Oprah, down.

Now, pardon me if I can't picture Oprah excitedly leaf-

ing through "Anna Karenina" on the set of her latest photo shoot for O magazine, or discussing "As I Lay Dying" with John Travolta, but are we supposed to believe Oprah is really reading these books? And if not, who is deceiving America more?

But the bigger problem is not that Frey's book somehow slipped through Winfrey's personal rigorous fact-checking policy; it's the fact that Oprah's Book Club exists.

Sure, it's just peachy that Oprah has resurrected literacy among the "Regis and Kelly" set, but the mass conformity is just too much to bear. Oprah suggests a book, millions of housewives read the book — and millions of housewives anxiously await further instructions from Oprah.

Where's the variety? Where's the fun? We're a nation who invented the Wild West, rock 'n' roll and "American Idol" (OK, bad example). We consecutively elected a schoolteacher, a peanut farmer and an actor (not to mention Richard Nixon) to our highest office. Unlike the rest of those monarch-lovin' Europeans, we turned democratic when everyone else was pro-Isabella.

If we're so individual, why are we waiting around for Queen Oprah to tell us what to read? Sure, some of the selections are classics, but looking for an "O" stamped on a light blue paperback isn't the only way to read.

Secondly, there's the smugness, the yelling, the giveaways. The banner on Winfrey's Web site, oprah.com, proclaims, "Oprah.com is your leading source for information about love, life, self, relationships, food, home, spirit and health."

Now, Oprah may know a thing or two about food, home and maybe even a little about health, but "self?" Oprah is my "leading source" about me? If Oprah wasn't there when my friends successfully dared me to barrel-roll down a thorn-covered hill, I don't think Oprah has a lot of room to tell me about "self."

Sure, Oprah does swell things for people in need. For example, Oprah often gives away merchandise to members of her audience. While I'm sure this merchandise helps people, what value does Oprah have for human tragedy if she continually "fixes" problems by throwing money at them?

Now, for entertainment purposes, Oprah works well. The show is high-energy and the stories are compelling, but with so many different people out there, shouldn't a woman who claims to be our leading source for self allow a little room for variety?

But then again, I'd take a free car.

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RadioShack CEO Dave Edmondson resigned Monday, following questions about his resume.

## RadioShack president calling it quits

By STEVE QUINN  
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — RadioShack Corp.'s embattled president and CEO, David Edmondson, resigned Monday following questions about his resume's accuracy.

The Fort Worth electronics retailer said in a statement that its board had accepted his resignation and had promoted Claire Babrowski, who most recently served as executive vice president and chief operating officer, to acting CEO.

The company said last week that it would hire outside lawyers to investigate errors in Edmondson's resume, including claims that he earned

two college degrees for which the school he attended has no records. That investigation won't continue since Edmondson quit, the company said.

Edmondson said he took responsibility for errors in the resume, which were first reported by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

On Monday, Edmondson issued a brief statement but did not discuss his resume.

"For the last 11 years, it has been my privilege to be associated with RadioShack," he said. "At this time the board and I have agreed that it is in the best interest of the company for new leadership to step forward

so that our turnaround plan has the best possible chance to succeed, as I know it will."

RadioShack said Friday its fourth-quarter earnings fell 62 percent and disclosed plans to close 400 to 700 stores and two distribution centers as part of a campaign to fix its financial performance. Its shares tumbled 8 percent, after sinking at midday to a three-year low of \$19.08.

"This situation is especially painful, because Dave is a talented and dedicated individual who has made many contributions to the company," said Executive Chairman Leonard Roberts, citing Edmondson's push to incorporate wireless products into

RadioShack's retail mix.

The move did not surprise Stacey Widlitz, analyst for Fulcrum Global Partners Inc., though she didn't think the change would come on a public holiday, as it did, when financial markets were closed.

Edmondson had claimed that he received degrees in theology and psychology from Pacific Coast Baptist College in California, which moved in 1998 to Oklahoma and renamed itself Heartland Baptist Bible College.

The school's registrar told the Star-Telegram that records showed Edmondson completed only two semesters and that the school never offered degrees in psychology.

## Independents need low turnout at primaries to get signatures

By KELLEY SHANNON  
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans can make their voices heard in the governor's race beginning with Tuesday's start of early primary election voting.

Or they can sit back and wait. Two well-known independent candidates, Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and humorist Kinky Friedman, could benefit if voters don't participate in the March 7 Republican and Democratic primaries. That's because each independent needs 45,540 petition signatures to make the November ballot — all from registered voters who don't cast primary ballots.

Turnout for Texas primaries is traditionally low. With prominent independent candidates, the question is: How many voters will save them-

selves for the petitions instead?

Some voters said Monday they may skip the major party primaries for other reasons.

"I vote Libertarian, straight ticket," said John Sheffield, 30, an Austin security guard. "But otherwise, Kinky Friedman, because he's not a politician, even though he's a liberal. I'll forgive him for that."

Libertarian candidates will be listed on the November general election ballot.

Sylvia Gallardo, 43, who works as an aide to elderly people in Austin, said she may not vote because she hasn't updated her voter registration since moving.

"There's a lot of issues with trying to register, especially with senior citizens who care a lot about what's going on but

they can't go to the polls themselves," she said, while waiting for a bus.

On the Republican primary ballot, Gov. Rick Perry is the heavy favorite against lesser-known opponents Larry Kilgore, Robert "Star" Locke and Rhett R. Smith.

Among Democrats, former congressmen Chris Bell and Bob Gamme and store manager Rashad Jafer are vying for the nomination.

Other state offices also are on the ballot, and voters in some regions will decide heated congressional, legislative and local races.

In the Houston area, U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, the former House majority leader, faces Tom Campbell, Michael Fjetland and Pat Baig in his Republican primary. Democrat Nick Lampson, a former congressman, is

unopposed and will face the GOP winner in November.

In a congressional district stretching from San Antonio to Laredo, incumbent Rep. Henry Cuellar is trying to fend off fellow Democrat Ciro Rodriguez, who held the seat until Cuellar beat him in 2004. School teacher Victor Morales also is in that primary.

Early voting runs through March 3. This year early and primary day voters across Texas will use electronic voting systems mandated under the federal Help America Vote Act.

Secretary of State Roger Williams has traveled the state encouraging voters to get familiar with the electronic equipment.

Besides Strayhorn and Friedman, four other candidates have declared their intent to run as independents.



HARRY CABLUCK / Associated Press  
Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn speaks Feb. 7, in Austin. Strayhorn is campaigning to replace Gov. Rick Perry.

The deadline for petition signatures is May 11. Candidates cannot start gathering signatures until after the March 7 primary, or a month after that if either party has a gubernatorial runoff.

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## CORRECTION

It was erroneously insinuated in Feb. 17's sports section that rifle team freshman Tanya Gorin was under consideration for individual competition in the NCCA Championships on March 11-12. Senior Celeste Green is actually the only athlete under consideration for qualification.

## COMMENTARY

# Sosa's story career closes in sad fashion

Like most Cubs fans, I loved Sammy Sosa.

He emerged as one of baseball's most lovable figures in 1998, clubbing 66 homers, winning the NL MVP and leading the Cubs in an improbable run to the Wild Card. His sheepish smile, his dugout-to-bleacher sprints out to right field, the way he said, "Baseball's been very, very good to me" — Sammy was just Sammy — and he was everything a professional athlete should be.

But with a little cork and the crack of the bat in June of 2003, the cracks in Sosa's foundation began to show. And before long, Sammy was crumbling.

He rebounded from the corked-bat incident to finish 2003 with 40 homers and 103 RBIs. He hit .308, went deep twice and drove in six runs in the National League Championship Series, but the Cubs' legendary collapse in game 6 would serve as a sad symbol for the disappointing end to Sosa's career. Both left Cubs fans brokenhearted, betrayed and bitter. Both left Cubs fans wondering what went wrong.

In 2004, Sosa feuded with his manager. He clashed with teammates. The year culminated with the Cubs captain, angry with being left out of the starting lineup in the season finale, skipping out early during what would be his final game in Chicago.

The Cubs traded Sosa — and his \$17 million salary — to Baltimore. Both sides seemed grateful for a fresh start.

But Sosa's tenure with the Orioles began as tumultuously as his time with the Cubs ended. In March, amid rumors of rampant steroid use in baseball, Congress called Sosa and other big-leaguers to testify about the drug's prevalence in the game.

Finally, Sosa would have a chance to rebound — a chance

to remind baseball fans why they fell in love with him, not Mark McGwire, as the two giants pushed each other toward Roger Maris' home-run record seven years earlier. But Sosa, a man who once soaked up the spotlight like a sponge, suddenly forgot how to speak English.

Through an interpreter, Sosa said he never used illegal performance-enhancing drugs, but his inept dodging act and shallow denial reminded everyone what a shell of a superstar Sosa had become.

Fourteen home runs and 45 RBIs later, Sosa has turned down a meager minor league contract offer from Washington and has likely donned a Major League uniform for the last time.

I don't know how I'll remember Sosa, having seen him first as a spry, skinny 21-year-old roaming right field for the White Sox in 1990; then watching him cross town and morph from an inconsistent speedster, to a pure slugger, to one of the game's most complete offensive forces.

Sosa's heroics catapulted the Cubs franchise to legitimacy in 1998; turning the Cubs from the National League's laughingstock to one of baseball's power players. He racked up 545 home runs and drove in 1,414 runs with the Cubs. He defined the franchise for more than a decade.

But time didn't stand still. His bat broke open, exposing him as a cheater. It became harder to chalk up his suspicious addition of bulk to hard work and dedication in the gym. His unique character and fun-loving antics, once endearing, began to look more and more like an act designed to cover his underlying selfishness.

Few in my baseball-watching life have captured my imagination and admiration like Sammy did. It's just that none have let me down like he has either.

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# Frogs win two at tourney



Courtesy of Athletics Media Relations

## RESULTS FROM THE FEB. 17-19 BASEBALL TOURNAMENT:

Feb. 17	R	H	E
TCU	2	6	1
Arkansas	5	8	2

Feb. 18	R	H	E
TCU	9	15	1
UT-Pan American	4	10	1

Feb. 19 (7 innings)	R	H	E
Stephen F. Austin	0	0	5
TCU	13	16	1

For individual game coverage, check online at [www.gofrogs.com](http://www.gofrogs.com).

The Horned Frogs (4-3) finished their weekend tournament in Edinburgh with a 2-1 record, capped off by a no-hitter from junior Brad Furnish in TCU's 7-inning victory Sunday against Stephen F. Austin (2-8). Furnish's 13-strikeout performance was a career best and marked the eighth no-hitter in TCU history. The cold bats that plagued the Frogs in their Feb. 14 home loss to Texas State seemed a distant memory over the weekend, as TCU managed more than 15 hits in two of its three games. The lone loss of the tournament came courtesy of No. 17 Arkansas (6-0), who jumped out to an early three-run lead and endured a late Frogs rally.

— Travis Stewart

## MEN'S TENNIS

### RESULTS FROM THE MEN'S TENNIS TEAM'S FEB. 19 MATCH:

No. 41 TCU def. No. 30 San Diego, 4-1

#### SINGLES COMPETITION:

- Rafael Abreu (TCU) vs. Pierrick Ysern (SD), DNF
- Andrei Mlendea (TCU) def. Mirza Koristovic (SD), (6-1, 7-6)
- Cosmin Cotet (TCU) def. Oscar Plotnik (SD), (6-2, 6-3)
- Jacopo Tezza (TCU) def. Thomas Liversage (SD), (6-4, 7-6)
- Radu Barbu (TCU) def. Ryo Sekiguchi (SD), (6-2, 6-4)
- Jordan Freitas (TCU) vs. Jonas Mouly (SD), DNF

#### DOUBLES COMPETITION:

- Ysern/Liversage (SD) def. Abreu/Tezza (TCU), (8-4)
- Plotnik/Mouly (SD) def. Krieglger Brink/Freitas (TCU), (8-6)
- Cotet/Barbu (TCU) def. Koristovic/Chris Coetzee (SD), (8-4)

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Freshman Krieglger Brink returns a serve against UTA on Feb. 8. The men's tennis team upset San Diego 4-1 Sunday afternoon.

# Female figure skaters take to ice tonight

By BARRY WILNER  
Associated Press

TURIN, Italy (AP) — "The Star-Spangled Banner" is practically the Olympic anthem for women's figure skating. And it's pretty much up to Sasha Cohen to keep the music playing.

Since Peggy Fleming won gold in 1968 at Grenoble, a U.S. woman has been on every Olympic podium. Americans have won five golds — including three of the last four — four silvers and four bronzes.

Cohen won her first U.S. championship last month. She's a two-time world silver medalist and, after Michelle Kwan's withdrawal with a groin injury, she's the only likely American contender in this event.

That's no slight against Kimmie Meissner or Emily

Hughes, Kwan's replacement. The teenagers simply don't have the international experience necessary to upset the likes of Cohen, Russia's Irina Slutskaya and Yelena Sokolova, local favorite Carolina Kostner, and the impressive Japanese.

"I want to have a great time out there and enjoy it, give it my all and go home feeling great about the whole experience," Cohen said Monday. "I'm not putting any pressure on myself to win or to be perfect. It's about enjoying the process."

It all begins tonight with the short program. The free skate is Thursday.

Cohen didn't do much during practice, sticking to some footwork and spins and consulting with coach John Nicks. That was in direct contrast to the energized workouts by



KEVORK DJANSEZIAN / Associated Press  
Sasha Cohen, of the United States, skates during training Monday.

Japan's Fumie Suguri, Shizuka Arakawa and Mikiko Ando.

Ando, the only woman to land a quadruple jump in competition, worked on a quad salchow. Arakawa landed a few triples, did some stunning spirals, and her run-through was almost medal quality. Suguri was


smooth in landing everything during her short program practice.

"I hope that my program will really match the Olympic slogan of 'Passion Lives Here,'" Suguri said. "I would like to be able to express that."

Like Cohen, Slutskaya spent much of her session marking sight lines for her jumps and spins. But unlike Cohen, who spent a few minutes before a packed-in media throng in the mixed zone, the world champion declined interviews.

"Maybe somebody is thinking I'm a favorite, but it's the Olympic Games and you never know who can win because it's a competition," Slutskaya said earlier this month. She was the 2002 Olympic silver medalist behind Sarah Hughes — Emily Hughes' older sister.

"I don't hear this, and I don't talk with people who always tell me, 'You will be first,' because it will be hard to hear. I just want to do my best."



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