

## RADIO EDIT

KTCU's Disc Jockeys give you their favorite new tracks to help make your studying go by faster.



## REVOLUTION

As technology expands, how do classical musicians feel about moving into the digital age?

# TCU DAILY SKIFF

WWW.TCUDAILYSKIFF.COM

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2006

VOL. 103, ISSUE 82

## Faculty, students begin triathlon training

By GRETCHEN HOLLIS  
Staff Reporter

Pouring with sweat, runners toiled Wednesday to get closer to their goal of completing a triathlon.

TCU faculty and students began the first day of training at the Lowden Track and Field Complex for the 4th Annual Tri-Benbrook Sprint, a triathlon that will take place in May, where participants will swim 300 yards, bike 13.8 miles and run 3.1 miles without stopping.

Participants signed up for the TCU training program as a group but will

compete in the triathlon on an individual basis.

Whitney Graham, a junior biology major, said she thinks the triathlon will help her get in shape and also help with her confidence.

Graham has competed in a biathlon before, which included swimming and running, but said she was excited when she heard TCU was holding triathlon training.

She said she likes training as a group because it's hard to get motivated running alone.

Students, faculty and local resi-

dents participating in the program meet three days a week at the University Recreation Center to train for the upcoming triathlon at the YMCA in Benbrook.

"It takes a lot of talent to move in and out of transition areas with grace and speed," said Trey Morrison, the assistant director of fitness and wellness for campus recreation.

On Mondays, participants will attend informational sessions where they receive training and nutrition tips to help them achieve their goals, Morrison said.

With as much as the participants are asking their bodies to do, Morrison said, it would be foolish not to get proper nutrition, which is a key ingredient in a successful race.

"It would be like someone deciding to drive across the desert without a full tank of gas," Morrison said. "Sooner or later, you are going to run out of gas."

On Wednesdays, athletes will focus on a specific task with their coaches, such as timed running.

Fridays are for brick work, putting at least two of the disciplines

together, and general workouts, Morrison said.

"People can run; people can swim and people can ride a bike," Morrison said. "But now you are asking your body to do all three and to do it fast."

Almost 70 participants are signed up for the TCU training program, Morrison said, and they all set different goals.

"We want people to set goals and to make goals," Morrison said.

Drew Myers, the assistant director of football operations and a participant in  
See TRIATHLON, page 2

## SOME LIKE IT HOT

The Salsa vs. Salsa event, as part of International Week's many campus activities, was spiced and spruced with restaurant owners from around the Fort Worth area judging a salsa-making contest that kicked off the night's happenings in the Student Center Lounge on Wednesday. Following a showing of the film "Mad Hot Ballroom," a live salsa band jazzed up the evening, as participants danced salsa-style. A night of cultural awareness drew in an energetic crowd. Check [www.tcudailyskiff.com](http://www.tcudailyskiff.com) for the full story.



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor  
Above, TCU students take to the dance floor. Right, senior biochemistry major Alejandro Bojorguez and junior finance and accounting major Claudia Vaz dance into Wednesday evening at the Salsa vs. Salsa event in the Student Center Lounge.



## Comedian says he feels bullied by cable network

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Comedian Dave Chappelle says he may never return to his hit Comedy Central show if the cable network goes through with plans to air new episodes pulled from material he filmed before leaving the series.

"I feel like it's kind of a bully move," Chappelle told the Dayton Daily News in a telephone interview for a story Wednesday. "That's just how I feel about it. I don't know if that's the case. But if people don't watch it, then I'd be more than happy."

Last May, Chappelle stunned his fans and the entertainment industry by skipping out on a \$50 million contract and leaving "Chappelle's Show" in mid-production. He spent two weeks in South Africa before returning home. He has since resumed performing live stand-up.

Chappelle said his possible return to "Chappelle's Show" is still up in the air.

"But I think if they air that stuff, I can't see how I'm going to be able to," he told the Daily News. "That will damage our relationship."

Comedy Central has said in the past it plans to air the material, but wouldn't comment on any current specific plans.

"We are still waiting patiently for Dave to return to work, but we know that our viewers are looking forward to seeing the material he produced for the third season," Comedy Central said in a written statement.



Courtesy of Brazen PR  
Dave Chappelle stars in all-new freestyle stand-up material, in "Dave Chappelle's Block Party" Tuesday.

## Diplomatic diet



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photographer  
Students got a chance to taste food from around the world as part of the "Taste of the World" event during International Week hosted by the International Students Association on Wednesday.

## TCU aids in search for abusive parents

By MIKE DWYER  
News Editor

Davontae Williams was 9 years old when he died. He weighed 35 pounds. He was starving, bruised and battered. After his death, police concluded he spent his days, at least partially, in restraints, locked in a pantry in his mother's Arlington apartment.

Before his death, the caseworkers at Child Protective Services knew they should be concerned about Davontae. They just couldn't find him.

His mother, Marcella Williams, who would be charged in Davontae's death, had been investigated by CPS six times

in nine years, but she moved frequently and CPS caseworkers could not find her.

### A United Relationship

When Pat Cheong, assistant vice president of United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County and manager of the United Way Families Way Impact Council, read about Davontae in July 2004, she started putting the pieces in place for a partnership involving TCU, the United Way and CPS that could go a long way toward eliminating cases like Davontae's.

"When I heard this," Cheong recalled, "I thought, 'Gee, our caseworkers — who are social

workers essentially — are they really best equipped to be tracking down families?'"

So Cheong brought her concerns to Susan Ferrari, the deputy regional director for Tarrant County CPS. Together, Cheong said, they decided CPS caseworkers, who in 2004 had to investigate more than 15,000 reports of child abuse, were not best suited to track down elusive parents.

What CPS needed, they decided, was a private investigator. Ferrari said CPS workers, busy locating children, investigating allegations and recommending courses of action for

See CHILD, page 2

### BY THE NUMBERS

**32,000**  
parents abused or neglected their children in Texas in 2004.

**3,095**  
children were abused or neglected in Tarrant County in 2004.

**13**  
children died from abuse or neglect in Tarrant County 2004.

—TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES



### WEATHER

TODAY: T-Storms, 67/51  
FRIDAY: T-Showers, 70/53  
SATURDAY: T-storms, 66/54

### FUN FACT

A 12-year-old boy visiting the Detroit Institute of Arts stuck a wad of gum to a \$1.5 million painting, leaving a stain the size of a quarter, officials said.

—ASSOCIATED PRESS

### TODAY'S HEADLINES

OPINION: The eyes of Texas are upon you, page 3  
ARTS: Scandinavians invade Bass Hall, page 4  
SPORTS: Lady Frogs prepare for Utes, page 6

### CONTACT US

Send your questions, compliments, complaints and hot tips to the staff at [NEWS2SKIFF@TCU.EDU](mailto:NEWS2SKIFF@TCU.EDU)



**CHILD**

From page 1

dealing with cases of abuse, did not have the time to track down families like Davontae's. She said she recognized the potential benefits of working with a private investigator who could devote 100 percent of his time to finding families CPS couldn't locate.

The United Way, Ferrari said, could not give the money directly to CPS because it is a government agency, so Ferrari contacted Alan Dettlaff, a TCU assistant professor of social work and former CPS caseworker.

"TCU provided us with the ability to have an agency that manages the funds, and they don't charge anything," Ferrari said. "They manage all the billing and payment to the private eye, and it's free of charge, so money from the grant is not being utilized to an agency to manage the contract. It goes 100 percent into finding children."

**One of a Kind**

Dettlaff, who helped develop the plan's specifics and tracks the program's results, said that from his experience as a caseworker, he knew how difficult it could be to track down families intentionally trying to avoid investigation, so he devised a nontraditional approach.

"This project is very innovative, first of all, because as far as I know, and as far as Child Protective Services knows," Dettlaff said, "there's not another program being done like this in the country to address the problem of families that aren't able to be located by Child Protective Services."

United Way donated \$71,000 to contract with a private investigator who would look into 125 cases a year, at an estimated 10 hours a case, beginning in November 2004.

But Dettlaff said 400 cases went down as "unable to locate" in the year before the grant period, so he and Ferrari had to develop a criteria for which cases to refer to the private investigator.

Only cases involving preschool-aged children, children who had been withdrawn from school by their parents in order to avoid investigation, or children who came from families with a history of crime or physical or sexual abuse would be referred to the private investigator, Ferrari said.

"The CPS investigator has to do a certain number of tasks to prove they have not been able to find the family," Ferrari said. "They have to utilize all the tools that we have, and once they've exhausted that, they refer those cases to the private investigator, which before, they were closing."

**A Tough Road**

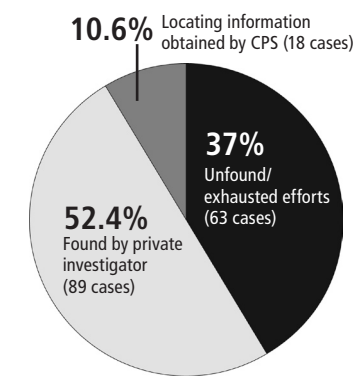
But in the program's first seven months, the private investigator only located the families in 14 of the 56, or 25 percent, of the cases referred to him — only slightly higher than the 17 percent of families CPS found by chance after its workers closed cases before the program went into effect.

Cheong, troubled by those statistics and worried about the subsequent reports of abuse CPS had received against families whose cases had already been referred to the private investigator, said she began to question whether the program would be effective enough to please the United Way's donors.

"I looked at (the statistics) and said, 'Huh, these results don't look very conclusive,'" Cheong recalled. "Maybe this method isn't particularly successful. If CPS is getting the report again, and CPS is going to find them the next time around, what dif-

**PROJECT OUTCOME**

For the first year, November 2004 through October 2005



ference does it make?"

But Dettlaff said he kept faith in the program.

"When we started this project, we were all in agreement," Dettlaff said, "that you really can't look at success in this program in terms of numbers because even if one family is found with this program, and in that family, a child is being severely abused, and without this program, they wouldn't have been found, then that makes this program successful."

Still, Dettlaff said, although he didn't have an exact estimate in mind for the number of cases he expected to find, they decided to being working with another private investigator. That's when the program took off.

**Digging Deep Pays Off**

In the five months that closed out the program's first year, the new private investigator, Geoffrey Tait of Cat's-Eye Intelligence Service, tracked down the families in more than 65 percent, or 75 of 114, cases referred to him.

Tait said the skills he has picked up in his nearly 20 years as a private investigator serve him well in finding missing families. He said he searches public records as a means for giving him a place to start his search, but from there, a lot of what he

**CASES REFERRED TO FIRST PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, NOVEMBER 2004 THRU MAY 2005**

CATEGORY	CASES	PERCENT
Found by private investigator	14	25.0%
Unfound/exhausted efforts	32	57.1%
Locating information obtained by CPS	10	17.9%
Total	56	100%

**CASES REFERRED TO CAT'S-EYE INTELLIGENCE, JUNE 2005 THROUGH OCTOBER 2005**

CATEGORY	CASES	PERCENT
Found by private investigator	75	65.8%
Unfound/exhausted efforts	31	27.2%
Locating information obtained by CPS	8	7.0%
Total	114	100%

does is "simply footwork."

He said he talks to apartment-complex managers, neighbors or relatives — anyone who may be helpful — in the process of tracking down a family.

On one Friday morning, Tait went to eight different apartment complexes on Lancaster Street tracking down one lead, he said, something the CPS caseworker doesn't have time to do.

Although Tait said he makes less money working with CPS than he does on the average job, the possibility of helping children at risk of being abused and taking part in a groundbreaking project make his effort worth it.

"What attracted me to this project was its totally unique approach to locating families in order to help safeguard the children who are at greatest risk," Tait said.

Ferrari said that in the first year, abuse or neglect was associated with 58 of the cases found by the private investigator. In 19 of those cases, CPS found it necessary to provide in-home services or parenting courses to the family, and in five cases, the abuse or neglect was so bad that the children were removed from the home.

"(Before the program), the case would have been closed,

and we would have not known until somehow a re-referral came into our agency, and sometimes when that happens, the re-referral can be a very serious injury or even a child death," Ferrari said.

**The Price of Success**

Spurred on by the program's success, particularly in the first year's five months with Tait involved, the United Way granted \$86,365 to expand the program so more cases could be referred and continue it for another year.

Cheong said she hopes the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, the state agency that oversees CPS, recognizes the value of using private investigators so charities will not have to continue bearing the financial burden of such a program.

"In other words, our obligation is a one-year grant and now a second-year grant," Cheong said. "We're not intending for this to be ongoing funding from United Way."

Dettlaff and Ferrari said they hope they can share the success they have had working with a private investigator so CPS agencies in the nation consider similar programs.

"We would like to, before the end of the second year, we would like to do a proposal to try to expand the project, present it to CPS and the state agency to fund the project because of the success of keeping children safe," Ferrari said.

**Sharing the Wealth**

Dettlaff said TCU is well-served by devoting time and faculty to a partnership with CPS.

"It shows that TCU is involved in addressing some of the problems facing children and families in Tarrant County," he said, "and that we're using our resources to collabo-

rate with community agencies that are interested in the best interests of children and families in the community."

Dettlaff said he would like to begin sharing his findings with social-work and child-welfare groups as soon as possible, with an eye on being published after a second year's results are in, but that his personal gains go beyond any professional accomplishments that may come of the project.

"The biggest thing is that I've been able to be involved in a program that has protected children from abuse and neglect, which is what I used to do in my job in the agency," he said. "Now I'm still able to be involved with protecting children from abuse and neglect through a project like this."

**TRIATHLON**

From page 1

the triathlon, said he is determined to put in the necessary training needed not just to finish the triathlon but to win it.

Last weekend, Myers ran the Cowtown Marathon and he said he's excited about taking his mind and body on a whole new adventure.

This is the first year for several students to participate in a triathlon.

Lauren Botts, a sophomore interior design major, said she's always wanted to be in a triathlon. She said in order to do well in May, she will ride a bike or run for an extra hour outside of the scheduled practices.

Shishana Rice, a 29-year-old senior international relations major, said having a certain place to be and having a set workout motivate her to train harder.

**get Real**  
72 percent of TCU students reported that they did not engage in sexual intercourse or that they used a condom if they did have sex within the past year\*

For more information contact TCU Alcohol & Drug Education Center  
Rec Center Basement • 257.7100  
\*CORE Survey administered Spring 2005

**Ridgmar Movie Tavern**  
6801 Ridgmar Meadow Rd.  
Fort Worth, TX 76116  
(817) 377-9801 (Box office)  
(817) 563-7469 (Show times)  
email: manager@movietavern.com

Buy tickets online! www.movietavern.com

<p><b>Fri, March 3 Open at 1:00</b></p> <p>16 Blocks PG13- 12:20, 2:10, 2:35, 4:25, 4:50, 6:40, 7:10, 9:00, 9:30, 11:20, 12:00am</p> <p>Ultraviolet PG13- 12:00, 1:40, 2:00, 3:40, 4:00, 5:40, 6:00, 7:40, 8:00, 9:40, 10:00, 11:40, 12:00am</p> <p>Eight Below PG-12:00, 2:10, 2:30, 4:40, 5:00, 7:10, 7:30, 9:40, 10:00, 12:10am</p> <p>Date Movie PG13-12:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:40, 8:10, 9:40, 10:10, 11:40, 12:00am</p> <p>The Pink Panther PG- 12:05, 1:50, 2:20, 4:05, 4:40, 6:25, 7:00, 8:45, 9:20, 11:05</p> <p>Doogal G- 12:05, 1:35, 2:05, 3:35, 4:05, 5:35, 6:05, 7:35</p> <p>Final Destination 3 R- 8:00, 9:45, 10:10, 11:55</p>	<p><b>Sat, March 4 Open at 11:00</b></p> <p>16 Blocks PG13- 12:20, 2:10, 2:35, 4:25, 4:50, 6:40, 7:10, 9:00, 9:30, 11:20, 12:00am</p> <p>Rocky Horror Picture Show R- 11:55, 1:55am</p> <p>Ultraviolet PG13- 12:00, 1:40, 2:00, 3:40, 4:00, 5:40, 6:00, 7:40, 8:00, 9:40, 10:00, 11:40, 12:00am</p> <p>Eight Below PG-12:00, 2:10, 2:30, 4:40, 5:00, 7:10, 7:30, 9:40, 10:00, 12:10am</p> <p>Date Movie PG13-12:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:40, 8:10, 9:40, 10:10, 11:40, 12:00am</p> <p>The Pink Panther PG- 12:05, 1:50, 2:20, 4:05, 4:40, 6:25, 7:00, 8:45, 9:20, 11:05</p> <p>Doogal G- 12:05, 1:35, 2:05, 3:35, 4:05, 5:35, 6:05, 7:35</p> <p>Final Destination 3 R- 8:00, 9:45, 10:10, 11:55</p>
<p><b>Sun, March 5 Open at 6:30</b></p> <p>16 Blocks PG13- 12:20, 2:10, 2:35, 4:25, 4:50, 6:40, 7:10, 9:00, 9:30, 11:20</p> <p>Ultraviolet PG13- 12:00, 1:40, 2:00, 3:40, 4:00, 5:40, 6:00, 7:40, 8:00, 9:40, 10:00, 11:40</p> <p>Eight Below PG-12:00, 2:10, 2:30, 4:40, 5:00, 7:10, 7:30, 9:40, 10:00, 12:10am</p> <p>Date Movie PG13-12:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:40, 8:10, 9:40, 10:10, 11:40</p> <p>The Pink Panther PG- 12:05, 1:50, 2:20, 4:05, 4:40, 6:25, 7:00, 8:45, 9:20, 11:05</p> <p>Doogal G- 12:05, 1:35, 2:05, 3:35, 4:05, 5:35, 6:05, 7:35</p> <p>Final Destination 3 R- 8:00, 9:45, 10:10, 11:55</p>	<p><b>Mon, March 6- Thurs, March 9 Mon-Wed Open at 6:30 Thurs Open at 11:30</b></p> <p>16 Blocks PG13- 7:10, 9:00, 9:30, 11:20</p> <p>Ultraviolet PG13- 7:40, 9:20, 9:40, 11:20</p> <p>Eight Below PG- 7:00, 9:10, 9:35, 11:45</p> <p>Date Movie PG13- 7:50, 9:20, 9:50, 11:20</p> <p>The Pink Panther PG- 7:00, 8:45, 9:20, 11:05</p> <p>Doogal G- 7:20, 8:50</p> <p>Final Destination 3 R- 9:45, 11:30</p>

**\$4 movie tickets**  
Check out our group theater rentals!

TCU does not encourage the consumption of alcohol. If you do consume alcohol, you should do so responsibly, and you should never drive after drinking.

**Don't procrastinate!** Sign up for the Microsoft Office Specialist exams.

Remember, Business school applicants must pass PowerPoint, Word and Excel to enter the business school.

**The NEELEY SCHOOL of BUSINESS TCU**

The Microsoft Certification Center is available to anyone who wishes to become certified in Microsoft Word, Access, PowerPoint, Excel and Outlook.

For more information contact the Neeley Certification Department.  
817-257-5220

Microsoft Office Specialist Authorized Testing Center

**KAPLAN**  
TEST PREP AND ADMISSIONS

LSAT  
MCAT  
GMAT  
GRE  
DAT

**Enroll now and get \$100 back!**

Receive \$100 back through Kaplan's Rebate when you enroll in a Kaplan course in March!

Take advantage of this limited-time offer. Enroll today.

1-800-KAP-TEST | kaptest.com/rebate

HIGHER TEST SCORES GUARANTEED OR YOUR MONEY BACK\*

\*Test names are registered trademarks of their respective owners. \*\*Conditions and restrictions apply. For complete guarantee eligibility requirements, visit kaptest.com/hq. The Higher Score Guarantee applies only to Kaplan courses taken and completed within the United States and Canada. This offer applies only to enrollments for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions Classroom Courses, 15-, 25-, and 35-hour Private Tutoring Programs, and Premium Online Courses in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, and in Montreal and Ottawa, Canada. Cannot be combined with any other offer, discount, or promotion. To be eligible, you must enroll between March 1, 2006 and March 31, 2006. Certain conditions apply. See redemption form for complete details. Redemption forms available at kaptest.com/rebate or at Kaplan centers.

**ARMY NATIONAL GUARD YOU CAN**

IF YOU QUALIFY GET UP TO \$20,000 FOR STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

**PAY OFF YOUR EDUCATION**

Tuition costs shouldn't stop you from reaching your goals in life. By joining the Army National Guard, you'll receive the money you need to help pay for college as well as the skills and training you need to get the career you want. If you're looking to get through college, with the Army National Guard, you can!

800-GO-GUARD • www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com





## ACTING PATRIOTICALLY ...

"No one has the right to turn this body into a rubber stamp," said Feingold, D-Wis., who is attempting to slow Patriot Act legislation. "The White House played hardball and the decision was made by some to capitulate."

—Associated Press

### THE SKIFF VIEW

## Food companies not to blame

The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday that Burger King has introduced its equivalent to McDonald's Corp.'s Dollar Menu. According to the article, Burger King has had trouble with pricing its value menu because of dips in profit.

Fast food chains just can't win. Decide what you want, America. Is saving a few dollars worth the artery clog and triple bypass surgery a couple years from now?

It seems as though cheaper food, rather than healthier food, appeals to the masses. The same masses who complain about a lack of healthy options on drive-thru menus — the very society that sues fast food chains for making Americans fat.

This country wants to have its cake and eat it, too. Americans like fast and easy but not the consequences that come with the shortcuts. A man goes through the McDonald's drive-through everyday and is suddenly dismayed, after several years, that the food he has been consuming has made him fat. His thought process must have went some-

thing like this: "Hmm, I eat McDonald's; it must be the business's fault, not mine. Clearly, the logical thing to do would be to sue." Sir, the food didn't force its way into your mouth, down to your thighs. Somehow, it's reasonable to conclude that your hand did the stuffing and your mouth the chewing.

The man and many obese Americans make the decision to make saturated fats the only food group in their diets but blame the restaurant chain for the succulent items it offers. Most restaurants have opted to provide healthy foods. Look beyond the \$1 death-by-trans-fat lard. Past the colon-clearing chili cheese hotdog. That's it — salad.

America, it's time to own up to your calorie-consuming ways. Evident by Burger King's recent addition, you crave cheap, not healthy. Go ahead and add to the growing obesity rates — just don't point those fat fingers at the fast food chains but rather at your own chests, which you will probably be grasping in pain followed by a trip to the hospital.

Associate editor Adrienne Lang for the editorial board

### NEWSREAL • NICHOLAS SAMBALUK

## CLERICS—HAWKS AND DOVES ALIKE— COMPETE TO STEER IRAQ...



### POINT

## Lone Star pride stands alone

I was born in New Orleans.

I can cook jambalaya (nearly) from memory, understand the Cajun-French

COMMENTARY my grandmother peppers her speech with, dance like a crazy person, be a complete snob about what actual-

ly qualifies as "Mardi Gras" (hint: if it's outside of New Orleans, it does not), and have extremely high standards for seafood and Cajun cooking outside of Louisiana.

But my family moved to Texas 11 years ago and I like to think my world became a little brighter.

Now granted, my mom and I cried all the way from New Orleans to Baton Rouge (an hour or so drive) when we first moved away. It did take a little time for the light of Texas to dawn on me.

This summer, my parents moved back to New Orleans, and while I did not cry this time when they told me, I was upset about the move.

How could they leave the greatest state in the world? Sometime during those

11 years, I stopped comparing my two hometowns and started appreciating the beauty of our state.

After all, God blessed Texas, right?

Of course he did, with his own hand (as the song proclaims), and that's why it's so great.

In Texas, people have a pride that doesn't exist in other states. I was talking to someone from Maryland earlier this year during her first trip to Texas. She was flabbergasted by the pride of Texans.

"If someone were to yell 'Yeah, Maryland!' in the middle of a room full of people, everyone would just stare at them. That would be so weird," she told me. "In Texas, everyone will yell back in agreement."

Don't you just love Texans? At least we are all unified by our love.

Here's the thing about Texas pride though — we have the chops to back up our claims.

We were once our own country, and your state wasn't.

Nanny nanny boo boo, if you will.

Texas actually had to have its own revolution in order to obtain freedom, and we didn't have 12 other colonies to back us up.

Afterward, our founders actually set up a government which worked effectively for 10 years.

Today, Texas can fly its flag at the same height as the American flag. Did you know that's only legal in Texas? Every other state must fly its state flag below the American flag.

Why can we do this? Texas is special, that's why. Oh, and because we were once our own country. I'm telling you, this is apparently a big deal.

In fourth and seventh grade, Texas students are forced to take Texas history as a class. It's understandable. Six different flags have flown over Texas, and that's a lot of history to cover. I have always wondered though, what exactly do students study in, let's say, Montana History? Sorry, Montana (and the other 48 states that probably deserve my apology right now).

But when researching this article, I did come across a political group called the Republic of Texas that is actually trying to make Texas its own country. That just might be taking Texas pride from cool to crazy.

Shannon Kelly is a sophomore advertising/public relations major from Dallas.

### COUNTERPOINT

## States, life exist outside Texas

Don't get me wrong — I love Texas. I love the friendly atmosphere, the country music, the fact that I can wear flip-flops and a T-shirt

COMMENTARY in February and even the southern accents and consistent use of y'all by those around me. But here's the thing I don't

get — why is it that you guys think Texas is the only state?

Although Texas boasted a near 10-year stint of independence after breaking from Mexico in 1836, it has proudly been a part of the United States since December of 1845 and was petitioning for annexation in order to maintain its livelihood years before this.

I realize that Texas has been the root of many great things, from the world's largest pair of jeans to the world's largest fire hydrant to more important things like some of our nation's prominent leaders and musicians.

However, it seems that bigger is not always better, or at least not the only alternative. Texas has the lowest rate of high school graduates, the biggest percentage of uninsured children and is ranked

fourth for percentage of children living in poverty. A prisoner in this state costs the government approximately \$13,300 per year though it only spends about \$5,400 on each public school student.

Texas emits the most toxic and cancerous manufacturing emissions, consumes more electricity per capita than any other state and is ranked 49th in water quality.

While travel brochures boast the largest number of gun shows in the country, there are also more residents here than anywhere else with registered machine guns and the state is ranked second in the number of fatalities resulting from road rage — I guess that southern hospitality thing is not quite all-encompassing.

Clearly every state has its problems, but for one that totes a stronger patriotism than any other, it seems to me like Texans should direct some of their state pride toward state betterment. A state this large should feasibly be able to organize its numerous resources and citizens — to read to an elementary student, provide a meal to a struggling family, write a letter to a senator regarding environmental policies or take the bus to cut down on pollution.

I've been told why my and other states are infe-

rior; how the country could run without them, how they function as Texas' vacation ground and how if I were as lucky as they were I could have lived in Texas my whole life without ever feeling the need to venture out.

True, there are few other places where you could drive for 12 hours and still be in the same state. Few where you can do anything from visit the ocean, to climb a mountain, ranch in the desert, tube down the river or experience city life.

Although God did bless Texas, I don't think this stipulates an absolutist pride that some seem to have.

"America the Beautiful," for example, was written from the breathtaking views of Pikes Peak and last time I checked, our country was founded in that far away place on the East coast without the help of Texas at all.

I'm not saying you need to move for a year or even take a cross-country road trip. All I'm asking is that you take a look outside of Texas and give some of the other 49 states some credit — after all, people sing about the Rocky Mountains and ol' New York, New York too.

Kathleen Thurber is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Colorado Springs, Colo.

## Look past online dating stigma, possibly find your match

The formula goes something like this: Boy meets girl. Boy falls in love with girl. Boy gets girl and then it's church bells, flower girls,

COMMENTARY the works. Enter the Internet. Now it could go something like this: Single places profile on the Web through an Internet dating service. Single is matched with other singles. Single

"meets" matches through e-mail, is seduced via Internet messaging medium, and falls head over laptop for one particular keyboard pal. Then it's church bells, flower girls, the works?

Most definitely so. Internet dating has taken off to become the new singles scene. Dating site eHarmony's senior research scientist, Gian Gonzaga, said the site has over 10 million users and at last estimate led to 17,000 marriages. Matrimony aside, Gonzaga added, "We don't have the numbers yet,

but I'm sure there are many, many people who end up in good relationships too."

And eHarmony is only the third largest dating site; both Match.com and Yahoo Personals have even more users. Yet there is still that stigma doggedly attached to Internet dating, which rhetorically asks, "What kind of a freak do you have to be to go online for dates?"

Just last week I met a perfectly normal couple (no webbed hands or anything) who met through Friendster, an Internet community for networking. Prior to learning their story, I asked them how they had met, and when my question was met with jumpy glances and spurious smiles, I knew the Internet had something to do with it.

Finally, the girl answered, "Through friends," and then a full minute later through gritted teeth, "...-ster." Her boyfriend's eyes pleaded, "Don't judge me!"

Be embarrassed about not washing your hands after going to the bathroom and be embarrassed about owning "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure," but when it comes to Internet dating, there's nothing to be ashamed of.

The clientele of dating sites are not freaks. They are not socially inept Internet junkies who haven't seen the light of day. In reality, online daters are just like you and me. Gonzaga even joked, "The 10 million users of eHarmony can't all be weirdos."

Lyssa Galindo, who graduated fall quarter with a degree in psychology, met her current boyfriend through Yahoo Personals. At first, it was her family members who were the most concerned, worrying that the men online would either be already married or ax murderers.

It's not like people can only hide their identities when online. In person,

married people can easily take off their rings, and ax murderers can easily leave their axes at home.

One of the best things about online dating is that it greatly improves the odds of finding someone with whom you really connect. In a bar, there may be 100 people you could potentially meet. To find the person who interests you the most, you'd have to talk to all of them. On the other hand, online dating allows you to browse through profiles and only contact people you might actually want to date.

Gonzaga said, "You have a much better chance of meeting someone that you will really like."

But even with all its advantages, the stigma against online dating is strong. While talking with Galindo, I realized the extent of my own indoctrination when I wondered, "Why would a girl like Lyssa

ever need to go online to find dates?"

Galindo is the girl-next-door type, friendly and chatty, with that kind of low-key Rachael Ray charisma. A gal who doesn't need help getting dates, and yet even she signed up online. To that, Galindo said she was hesitant at first to put up a profile because she didn't want to be associated with the stereotypical online single who couldn't get dates if it weren't for the Internet.

But after perusing her matches on Yahoo Personals, Galindo thought, "Hey, these people are just like me!"

Essentially, the stigma of Internet dating is based on the fact that one gets to know people before actually meeting them in person. Ironically, this is also the medium's finest feature. Messaging and e-mailing are much less intimidating than approaching your crush in

person, which can help you be your normal, not-sweating-bullets self.

Additionally, with sites like BlackSinglesConnection.com and ChristianMingle.com, online dating has made it easier for a single to narrow his or her search for that special someone.

Online dating services provide a great new avenue for meeting mates. True, it's not traditional, but it's also not much different from meeting someone in class or in a bar. You just get to know people a little better before you actually see them, and how could that possibly be a bad thing?

Don't let yourself be fooled by stigmas or stereotypes because you never know — the next person who clicks with you may only be a mouse click away.

Annie Tao is a columnist for the Daily Bruin and the University of California in Los Angeles. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

COURTNEY REESE  
MIKE DWYER  
ADRIENNE LANG  
TRAVIS STEWART  
STEPHANIE WEAVER

### Editorial Policy

The content of the Opinion page does not necessarily represent the views of Texas Christian University. The Skiff View editorial represents the view of the five-person TCU Daily Skiff editorial

board listed at left. The Skiff View is the collective opinion of the editorial board and may not reflect the views of the individual writers. Signed letters, columns and cartoons represent

the opinion of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editorial board. Letters to the editor: The Skiff welcomes letters to the editor for publication. To submit a letter,

e-mail it to LETTERS2SKIFF@TCU.EDU. Letters must include the author's classification, major and phone number. Skiff reserves the right to edit or reject letters for style, taste and size restrictions.





## THE INSTIGATOR

Old 97's frontman and Dallas native Rhett Miller released his second solo album 'The Believer' Tuesday. The disc includes reworkings of 'Singular Girl' and 'Question.'

## Electric Six visits Dallas

Armed with larger-than-life names (Dick Valentine, The Colonel), fake mustaches and thrift-store suits, Electric Six beg the question "Are they for real?"

As it turns out, they are. Electric Six can negotiate that fine, balancing act between over-the-top presentation and actually making music worth listening to.

Electric Six had a big year in 2002. With the single "Danger! High Voltage," Electric Six helped usher in a new wave of music: a throwback to disco, punk, rock and everything in between.

Never taking themselves too seriously (or seriously at all), the Six produced catchy songs with dumb lyrics ("I wanna spend all your money, at the gay bar") and even dumber titles ("Naked Pictures (Of Your Mother)").

Just five months after releasing "Fire," the sextet was dropped from XL Recordings.

Undeterred, Electric Six recorded its sophomore effort, "Señor Smoke," and released it in February 2005 through Warner Music UK before being dropped again in October 2005.

Finally, one year after "Smoke's" initial release in the UK and Australia,



Courtesy of 230 Publicity  
Now on a new record label, Detroit disco rockers Electric 6 will play the Gypsy Tea Room Friday.

Electric Six saw their labor of love released on American shores in February 2006 by Metropolis Records. "Smoke" proves to be a more consistent album than its predecessor.

The band has taken all the ideas from "Fire," boiled them down to a focused formula and improved on their first album: the synthesizers groove on "Dance-A-Thon 2005," the guitars scream on "Be My Dark Angel" and Dick Valentine's falsetto reaches higher than before.

The dumb lyrics make a return as well:

"You know I need to make you understand now, I'm a man not a disco ball," screams Valentine in "Future is in the Future."

Electric Six takes the stage March 3 at the Gypsy Tea Room in Dallas. —John-Laurent Tronche

## Sigur Rós rocks out in Bass Hall

The Bass Performance Hall has never been rocked so hard.

Iceland's Sigur Rós lit up the Bass Performance Hall on Monday in a triumphant display of orchestrated sound.

As the last show on the American leg of its current tour, Sigur Rós played an inspiring 15-song set augmented by light and sound.

Standing in stark contrast to a more traditional Bass show, Sigur Rós dressed the stage with a pair of translucent screens, ample lighting and a generous helping of fog.

Beginning with the two opening

tracks off its latest release, "Takk...," Sigur Rós pulled the audience into a world of shadows mixed with the carefully controlled wails of frontman Jon Thor Birgisson.

With nine songs from "Takk...," three songs from "Ágætis Byrjun," and three songs from "O," the set proved to be a well-rounded mix of material.

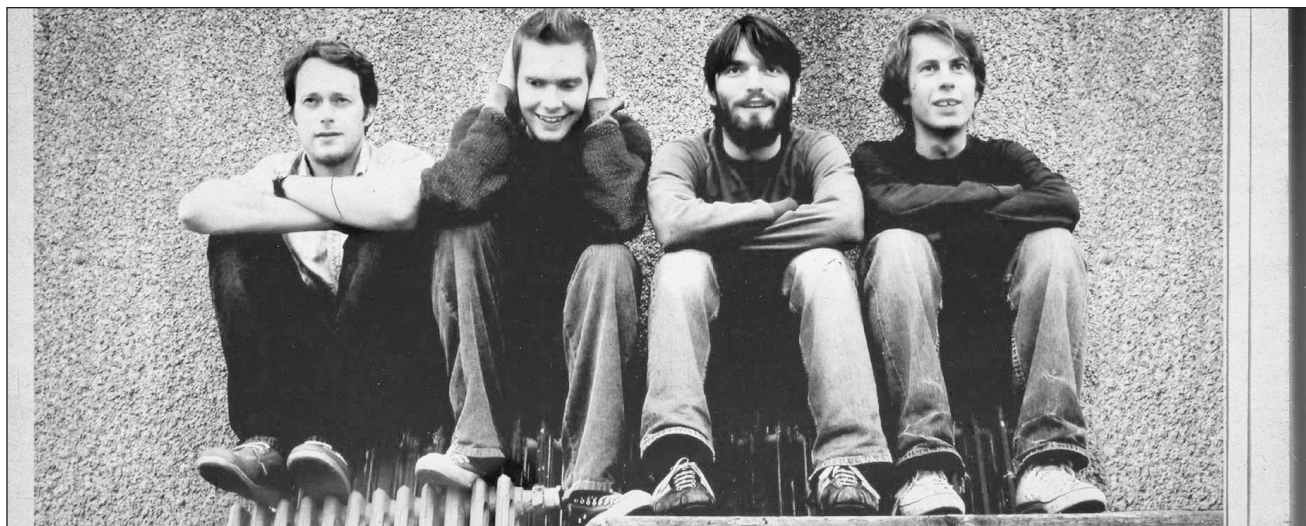
Meanwhile, images of young children and worn-out dolls floated on screens, as the band pounded away at "E-Bow" before finally gathering at center stage for a subdued rendition of "Heysátan."

As the see-through curtain fell, the audience rose in boisterous ovation with high hopes for an encore.

Five minutes later, Sigur Rós returned. "Popplagid," launched an all-out war of lights, enveloping sound and an earth-shattering crescendo.

While the show was atypical for the usual orchestral feel of the Bass Performance Hall, Sigur Rós' set would have felt claustrophobic in a club setting, making the Bass the perfect place for some epic tunes.

—Sherman Donegan



Courtesy of Universal Music Group  
Icelandic musicians Sigur Rós took the Bass Performance Hall stage Monday night, showcasing their soaring vocals and epic song structures.

## KTCU PICKS

Here are a few of the tracks the Modern Rock DJs at The Choice can't stop spinning.

### The Kooks - "Eddie's Gun"

Existing in a world where British-import bands flood the American indie market like college students to free Chipotle, The Kooks are unsurpassed in sheer energy. "Eddie's Gun" has the catchiest chord progression pop music has seen since "Come on Eileen."



### Arctic Monkeys - "I Bet You Look Good on the Dance Floor"

You swear you've heard it all before, but the Arctic Monkeys takes the familiar and molds it into a fresh-sounding whole. In this instance, it's not about doing something new, it's about doing something old, but doing it well.



—Danny Coleman

### Broken Social Scene - "7/4 Shoreline"

Broken Social Scene recent single "7/4 (Shoreline)" is packed instruments and vocals, giving the song a rich sound. The track gives indie music lovers something different while still keeping an upbeat sound. With the song's intense dynamic range, it's almost impossible to sit still while listening.



—Amanda Redmon

### Yellowcard - "How I Go"

"How I Go" describes the struggles of life and growing older: Whether you're an actor, writer, or business person, lives are made failure and success. The song is a refreshing anthem for those who feel unable to live up to life's pressures, and in need of something more.



—Curtis Shideler

**The Heights**  
A CONDOMINIUM COMMUNITY  
Gentrifly Homes

*Hulen Heights Apartments*

**Amenities include:** - Patio &/or Balcony  
- Controlled Access Gate  
- Washer & Dryer Connection  
- Contemporary Cabinets  
- Free Monitored Intrusion Alarm  
- Beautiful Pool  
- 24-hour Emergency Service

**Rates**

2b/2b	1187 sq. ft.
\$795/ 6 month lease	\$750/ 12 month lease
2b/2.5b	1393 sq. ft.
\$925/ 6 month lease	\$850/ 12 month lease
3b/2b	1294 sq. ft.
\$1,025/ 6 month lease	\$950/ 12 month lease

2bedroom/2bath

4701 Donnelly Ave. Next to Chick-fil-A Behind Central Market  
Fort Worth, TX 76107  
Tel: (817) 731-1261 Fax: (817) 377-8502

**THE HORSEMAN**

#1 Ladies Night in the Metroplex every Thursday

**ALL THE WAY LIVE SATURDAY NIGHT**

\$3 cover  
\$2 Jager shots all night  
\$2 you call it  
\*single liquor only until 10 pm

Scott Hall live every Wednesday night

**\$500 free money giveaway**

4750 Bryant Irvin  
817.361.6161  
www.thehorsemanclub.com

**LADIES NIGHT SPECIALS \$2 wells, wines & domestic longnecks**

TCU does not encourage the consumption of alcohol. If you do consume alcohol you should do so responsibly, and you should never drive after drinking.

6832 Camp Bowie Blvd. Fort Worth, TX 76116 817.731.2704

**FLEMING'S**  
Transmission Service & Auto Repair

"Serving Fort Worth Since 1962"

Specialize in ■ automatic/standard transmissions  
■ air-conditioning  
■ brakes

Nationwide warranties  
Free towing with any major repair  
Offering complete automotive repair

**image**

Volume 33 | Issue 3 | Spring 2006

**MAN BEHIND THE MASK**  
Adam Hepworth lends new meaning to the double life of a mascot

**HELL ON EARTH**  
Wildfires force some Texans to rebuild their lives

**+**

- ▶ SLÁINTE: EMERALD ISLE-INSPIRED DRINKS
- ▶ NEW LOOKS: NO SHOPPING REQUIRED
- ▶ LIGHTEN UP: HAIR COLOR FOR THE MASSES

**Cross Creek Ranch**  
apartments

"Luxurious living at an affordable price"

<b>2 bedroom 2 bath</b> 1000 sq. ft.	<b>1 bedroom 1 bath</b> 700 sq. ft.
---	--

- 24-hour maintenance
- Free covered parking
- 2 pools
- 3 laundry rooms
- Fireplaces
- Washer and dryer connection
- Walk-in closets
- Sports court
- Play area

**ASK HOW TO WIN 3 MONTHS FREE RENT!**

\$199 move-in specials

5513 Crosscreek Lane • 817.731.1400

**BAJA SUN**  
tanning • spray tanning • airbrush tanning

**4 TANS \$4**

OR

**50% OFF**  
Your 1st Visit

**BUY 1 GET 1 FREE**  
Mystic Tan UV-Free Tanning

**2 LOCATIONS**

**Weatherford**  
120 & Main  
behind Wendys  
(817) 341-3366

**Ft. Worth**  
130 & Hulen  
Behind Central Market  
(817) 731-7900





## FAMOUS QUOTE

"If there's one thing I know, it's God does love a good joke."

— Hugh Elliott

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1836: Texas declares independence from Mexico  
1972: Pioneer 10 launched to Jupiter

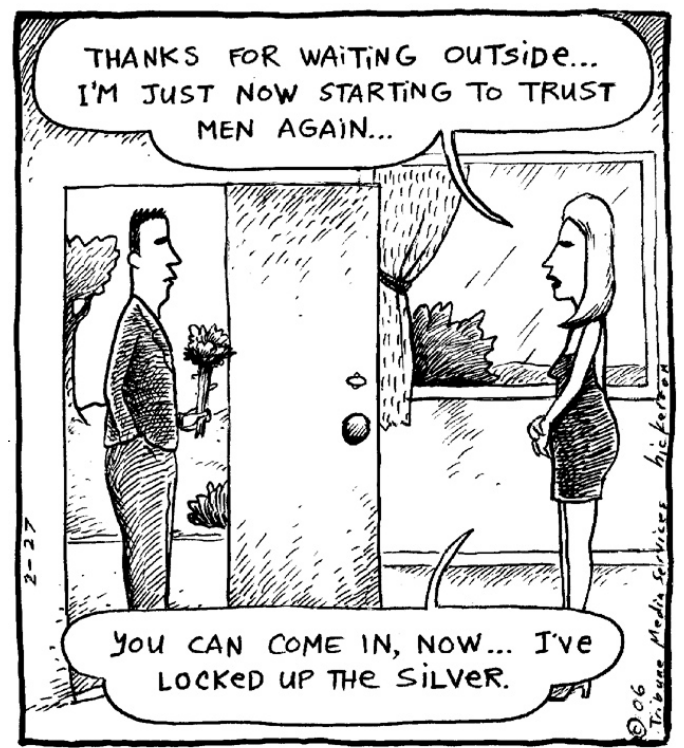
## The K Chronicles

by Keith Knight



## The Quigmans

by Aaron Warner

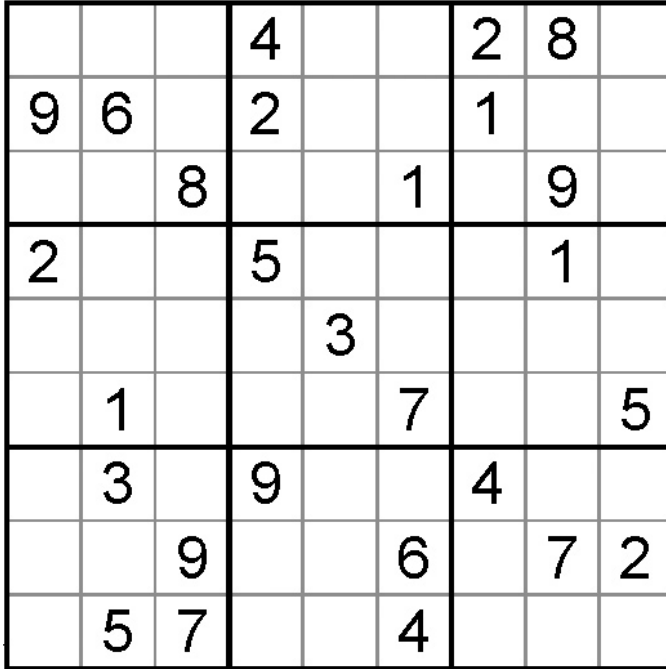


## SUDOKU PUZZLE

Sponsored by:

Sponsor the Sudoku Puzzle

Contact Skiff Ads for more information:  
817.257.7426  
skiffads@tcu.edu



### Directions

Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Friday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

### Wednesday's Solutions

3	7	8	9	2	1	4	5	6
6	9	4	8	7	5	1	3	2
1	5	2	4	6	3	7	9	8
5	2	1	7	9	6	8	4	3
9	6	3	1	4	8	2	7	5
4	8	7	3	5	2	9	6	1
8	4	5	2	3	7	6	1	9
7	1	6	5	8	9	3	2	4
2	3	9	6	1	4	5	8	7

GET TIPS AND MORE SOLUTIONS AT WWW.SUDOKU.COM

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD

Sponsored by:

New Location **Grand Opening** BYOB

**Giovanni's Italian Restaurant**

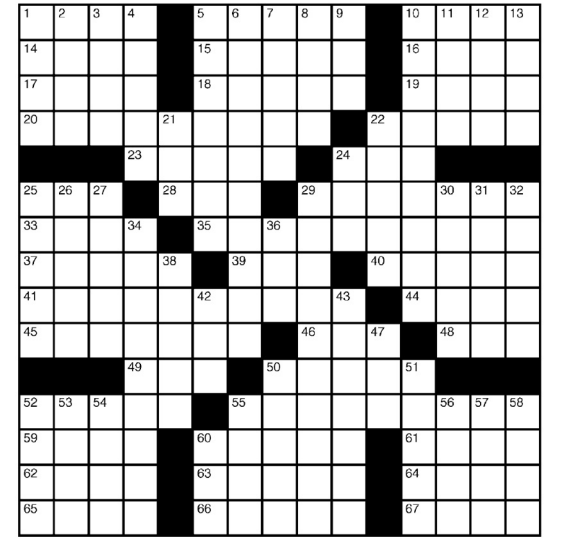
Fine dining and piano entertainment.

LUNCH: Tuesday - Friday: 11 am - 2 pm  
DINNER: Tuesday - Thursday: 5 pm - 10 pm  
Friday - Saturday: 5 pm - 11 pm  
Closed on Sunday and Monday

3803 Southwest Blvd. • Fort Worth • 817.732.5999  
(on the Traffic Circle next door to Edelweiss)

TCU does not encourage the consumption of alcohol. If you do consume alcohol you should do so responsibly, and you should never drive after drinking.

- ACROSS
- Rustic hotels
  - Sacred poem
  - Fifty percent
  - Carbon black
  - Jetsons' maid
  - vera
  - JPL partner
  - Mary-Kate or Ashley
  - S.E. Asian country
  - Treatments for disabilities
  - Submerges
  - Put up
  - Rummy
  - Golf score
  - Lilly or Whitney
  - Pull out all the stops
  - Worrier's word
  - Made way
  - Stellar blasts
  - Feedbag tidbit
  - Basmati and brown
  - Robert Redford movie
  - 32-card game
  - Stable seats
  - Vegas opening?
  - Slightly shifty
  - "Gotta Be Me"
  - Underground excavations
  - Alan Ladd classic
  - Jelled
  - Top-drawer
  - "Water Lilies" painter
  - Togo's capital
  - Berry and Griffey
  - Choice of conjunctions
  - Large volume
  - Fateful day
  - Showy bloom
  - Restaurant rating unit



© 2006 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All rights reserved. 3/2/06

- DOWN
- "Say it \_\_\_ so!"
  - Ark man
  - Cyranos' feature
  - Gape
  - Causes to move onward
  - Thoughtfully concerned
  - Black-ink item
  - Prevarications
  - Boyz II
  - Bad breath
  - Hale or King
  - Appearance
  - up (admit)
  - Exist
  - As yet
  - Instant lawn
  - Slacks
  - Ciao on Kauai
  - Spoke wildly
  - Advanced a trace
  - Barry and Nelson
  - Model of excellence
  - Cantankerous
  - Beach quality
  - Scouling pole
  - Soothing ointment

### Wednesday's Solutions

S	P	A	S	M	A	R	S	D	E	N	T	S		
E	L	S	E	I	L	I	E	O	M	A	H	A		
W	A	I	L	D	I	V	A	N	I	N	E	S		
S	T	A	L	L	S	A	L	S	O	R	A	N		
				A	T	E	L	I	E	R				
S	C	O	R	N	T	E	N	D	P	S	I	S		
E	A	R	E	D	E	D	G	E	A	A	U	T		
D	I	G	E	S	T				R	E	P	E	A	T
G	R	A	D		R	A	R	E	L	E	D	G	E	
E	O	N	S		E	D	E	N		D	R	E	S	S
				T	A	D	P	O	L	E				
C	A	N	I	S	T	E	R		O	R	I	E	N	T
L	L	A	M	A		N	O	O	N		S	L	U	R
A	T	T	A	R		D	O	V	E		L	I	T	E
P	O	E	M	S		A	F	A	R		E	A	S	Y

- Peg for a golfer
- The Jersey Lily
- Comprehend
- Cane
- Epsom
- H.H. Munro in print
- Tilled soil
- Meara or Archer
- Traffic diverter
- Booty
- Madame Bovary
- Doe or stag
- Atlas page

See Friday's paper for answers to today's crossword.

**THE WINE FROG**  
welcomes  
**put a cork in it**  
Fort Worth's **Newest** Wine Shop

**Join Us**  
FRIDAY MARCH 3 &  
SATURDAY MARCH 4  
10 AM TO 9 PM

For a Spanish Wine Tasting featuring wines from **THE WINE FROG**

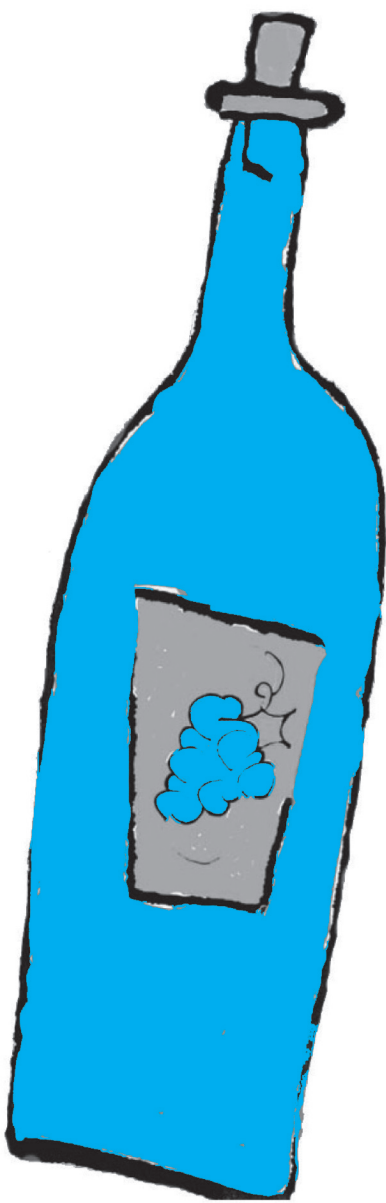
**THE WINE FROG** is a Fort Worth-based fine wine importer and distributor owned and run by TCU alumna Natalie de La Giraudière.

Call **817-536-6911** for info.

2972 Park Hill Dr.  
(at the corner of Park Hill and University)

**817-924-CORK**  
putacorkinitwine@yahoo.com

**PUT A CORK IN IT** is a specialty wine shop owned and run by Chris and Deedra Keel.



**www.tcuailykiff.com**

**TRAFFIC TICKETS** defended in Fort Worth, Arlington, and elsewhere in Tarrant County only. NO promises as to results. Fines and court costs are additional.

**JAMES R. MALLORY**  
Attorney at Law  
3024 Sandage Ave.  
Fort Worth, TX 76109-1793  
(817) 924-3236

Not Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

**Earn \$25.00 Now**  
by donating plasma at **IBR Plasma Center**

**\$** 3124 Townsend Road **\$**  
Fort Worth, TX  
817-921-1886

**Open Monday - Saturday**

**TCU DAILY SKIFF** 30¢ PER WORD PER DAY  
40¢ PER BOLD WORD PER DAY  
CALL 817-257-7426 TO PLACE YOUR AD TODAY

# CLASSIFIEDS

**HELP WANTED**

BARTENDER APPRENTICE WANTED. Showdown Saloon. 4907 Camp Bowie Blvd. 817-233-5430.

Hiring bartenders, waitstaff, and security at multiple locations. 817-870-2947. 120 South Main St.

Edit videos for our clients - FUN! Computer skills required. Flexible hours. Send resume to: 1309 Wilderness Trail Crowley, TX 76036

PERSONAL ASSISTANT needed to support busy executive and his family based in Dallas. Must have strong organizational skills, be computer savvy and flexible doing a wide variety of tasks. Please email

resume to [lgraw@edgegroup.com](mailto:lgraw@edgegroup.com). Salary \$35-40K and benefits.

**SERVICES**

**Horned Frog Realty Group - A Texas Company** can help you lease or buy an apartment, townhouse, loft, or house near TCU. Our services are free for students/TCU community! For more information contact Realtor - **Wendi Black** (TCU graduate). 817-202-7751, 817-800-2497. [www.mustangrealty.com](http://www.mustangrealty.com)

\*\*\* \$3,500-\$5,000 \*\*\*  
PAID EGG DONORS + Expenses. N/smoker, ages 19-29, SAT>1100/ACT>24, GPA>3.0  
Reply to: [info@eggdonorcenter.com](mailto:info@eggdonorcenter.com)

**FOR RENT**

TCU townhome. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1400 s/f. Wet bar, hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, 2 story. From \$950. 817-929-3882. Kim.

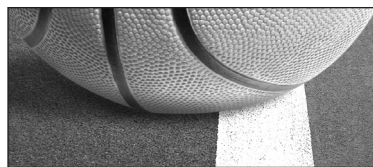
Small, fully-furnished house in Tanglewood. 6 mo. or 1 year lease. Great for incoming faculty just getting to know the area. 817-294-7083.

HOMES FOR LEASE.  
\$595 & UP. 817-294-2353.  
[AWARDREALTOR.COM](http://AWARDREALTOR.COM)

**FOR SALE**

Sleeper sofa. Queen size. Good condition. \$350. 817-249-4729.





## GAME UPDATE

For results from Wednesday's men's basketball game against Utah, check online at [www.tcdailyskiff.com](http://www.tcdailyskiff.com).

### FOOTBALL

## Frogs to face Big 12 in '06 season

By TRAVIS STEWART  
Sports Editor

TCU may have moved to the Mountain West Conference instead of the Big 12 last year, but Horned Frog football seems not to have noticed.

The football team announced its 2006 schedule Wednesday — and weeks one and two are both highlighted by Big 12 match-ups.

The Horned Frogs will travel to Baylor on Sept. 2 for the first meeting between the teams since the two were Southwest Conference opponents in 1995. Though the Bears have not been to a bowl game since 1994 — and have only won 15 games since 1999 — Baylor showed signs of life last season by compiling a 5-6 record and beating both Iowa State and Oklahoma State.

TCU will host Texas Tech on Sept. 16 for the second game of the season. The Frogs' last showing against the Red Raiders ended in

disaster in 2004 when TCU, leading 21-0 in the second quarter, fell apart defensively to eventually lose 70-35 in Lubbock. Though the Horned Frogs finished the 2005 season 11-1 — good enough for a No. 11 AP ranking — Tech also enjoyed success last year. The Red Raiders' 9-3 record propelled them to a Cotton Bowl appearance and a top 25 ranking for the majority of the season.

TCU's schedule does not get any easier after their non-conference swing, however. The Frogs start their conference title defense against two 2005 bowl teams; TCU will host Brigham Young on Sept. 28 and travel to Utah on Oct. 5.

Though cross-town rival SMU — the team that provided TCU's sole loss in 2005 — is not on the schedule, plans for a 12th game are still pending.

Head coach Gary Patterson

### 2006 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	RECORD
Sept. 2	@ Baylor	(5-6)
Sept. 16	vs. Texas Tech	(9-3)
Sept. 28	vs. BYU	(6-6)
Oct. 5	@ Utah	(7-5)
Oct. 21	@ Army	(4-7)
Oct. 28	vs. Wyoming	(4-7)
Nov. 4	@ UNLV	(2-9)
Nov. 11	@ New Mexico	(6-5)
Nov. 18	vs. San Diego State	(5-7)
Nov. 25	@ Colorado State	(6-6)
Dec. 2	vs. Air Force	(4-7)

said despite the team's recent success, hard work is in the Frogs' future.

"Our schedule is even tougher than last year," Patterson said in an e-mail provided by TCU media relations. "We open with two Big 12 teams ... We have a lot of work to do in order to be the team we want to be and compete at a high level."

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Team aiming for 16th win

By CARLOS QUALLS  
Staff Reporter

Junior guard Natasha Lacy's statement regarding the Lady Frogs' (15-10, 9-5) game Thursday against the No. 22 Utah Utes (20-5, 11-3) embodies the one thing most athletes shy away from — a guarantee.

"Plain and simple," Lacy said. "We're going to win. We have no other choice; our backs are against the wall right now. They're ranked, so we need another top 25 victory just so it looks good on our resume."

The Frogs are coming off a tough loss to No. 21 Brigham Young University. Sophomore guard Adrienne Ross said the team has worked hard in practice to fix the problems encountered during that game.

"We definitely came into practice after the loss and started to practice a lot harder and with a lot more enthusiasm and discipline," Ross said. "We know that's what it is going to take to beat Utah and win these last couple conference games."

A problem encountered against Utah was 6-foot-1-inch forward Kim Smith, who went off for 24 points and 16 rebounds the last time the teams met Jan. 28. Lacy said the Frogs will focus on Smith but follow the same game plan used against her before.

"We're going to do the same thing defensively we did to her last game — nothing out of the ordinary," Lacy said. "She's a good play-



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor  
Junior guard Natasha Lacy brings the ball up the court Feb. 22 against Colorado State. Lacy said tonight's game will be pivotal to the Lady Frogs' postseason hopes.

er and she is going to make shots and get rebounds. We just have to limit her touches and the shots that she gets."

Head coach Jeff Mittie said that although the team was able to surprise the Utes with its game plan in their last meeting, he thinks Utah will be ready to adjust this time around.

"We switched some things defensively, so we won't have the element of surprise this game," Mittie said. "Defensively, I expect them to be better prepared so we have to be better as well."

With a victory Thursday, Mittie can reach the 300-win plateau for his career. Mittie said he is more concerned with this next regular season win than with his career total at the moment.

"I wish it would have happened six, seven, eight games or maybe even a season ago, but I haven't even thought

about it," Mittie said. "I have thought a lot about trying to get to win No. 16 right now though."

Ross said the Frogs are ready to get win No. 16 Thursday. She also said the team is where it needs to be at this point of the season — heading into the conference tournament.

"We are ready physically," Ross said. "Mentally, we still make mistakes during the game that hurt us. Once we put it all together, physical and mental, we will be ready. We will have what it takes."

Mittie echoed Ross' sentiments.

"We've had some highs and lows this year, as we got off to a tough start playing a very tough schedule," Mittie said. "I don't think we've put together a 40-minute game yet, and that's what we are striving to do as we go into the most critical part of the year."

**\$150\***  
DWI/ All criminal defense

**\$69\***  
Divorce

Law Offices of Vincent & Assoc.  
Open Saturdays  
622 W. Main St #108  
Arlington, TX 76010  
817.277.0196  
214.638.5930

Not certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.  
\*Fee quoted above is minimum down payment needed to begin processing your case.

*God, I have some questions for you.*  
*God, do you really exist?*  
*God, who is Jesus?*  
*God, is the Bible a myth?*

Would you like a safe place to ask questions about God and life?  
**When:** 7:00pm Wed. March 8, 2006  
**Where:** 2918 W. Berry 2nd Floor, Panther City Coffee Company (the corner of Cockrell & Berry, across from TCU Bookstore)  
**Format:** Small group discussion  
**By:** James Avenue Church  
**Questions:** call 817.483.6764 Robert or Dorothea

**The MARQUIS AT STONEGATE**

*Formerly The Reserve at Stonegate.*

All luxury apartments are not alike. Compare us with your options and you will soon see...  
*The Marquis at Stonegate is beyond comparison.*

**5% off discount for college students**

- Oval Garden Tubs
- Microwave Ovens
- Washers/Dryers\*
- Exquisite Crown Molding
- Contemporary Cabinetry
- Vaulted Ceilings\*
- Nine Foot Ceilings\*
- Washer/Dryer Connections
- Ceiling Fans
- Wood Burning Fireplaces\*
- Private Cable System
- Pre-Wired for Intrusion Alarm System\*
- One & Two Car Attached Garages with Remotes
- Gated Entrance
- Carports\*
- Resident Business Center
- Elegant Clubroom
- Refreshing Pool with Deck
- Fitness Center
- Clothes Care Center
- Courtyard Views\*
- Barbecue Grills
- 24-hour Maintenance Resolution
- Resident Lifestyle Services

\*Optional or in Select Homes

2 bed / 2 bath

3 bed / 2 bath

Now accepting applications from people 18 years or older

4200 Bridgeview Drive • Fort Worth, TX 76109 • 817-922-5200 Fax 817-922-5204

**WHATABURGER COLLEGE CLASSIC**  
CORPUS CHRISTI TX  
2006

**TCU**

**FOLLOW THE FROGS TO CORPUS CHRISTI FOR SPRING BREAK!**

**TCU vs. ARIZONA STATE • RICE • A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI**

**MARCH 9-12**  
**WHATABURGER FIELD**

**FOR TICKETS: 361.561.HOOK or [www.cchooks.com](http://www.cchooks.com)**