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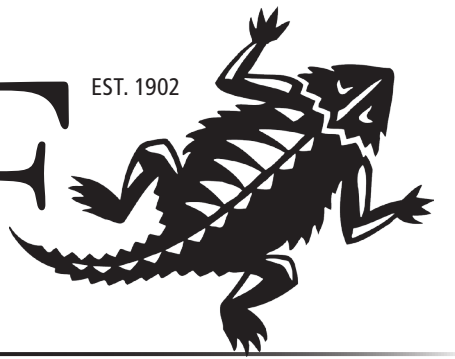


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## HOME STRETCH



TOP LEFT: Sen. Hillary Clinton greets her supporters at a rally Saturday in the Fort Worth Stockyards. TOP RIGHT: Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee learns to lasso Friday at the Fort Worth Stockyards and will try to cut into Sen. John McCain's commanding lead. BOTTOM RIGHT: McCain exits a town hall meeting Thursday at Texas Instruments in Richardson. McCain has been the Republican frontrunner for the majority of past primaries, but Huckabee says the nomination isn't over. BOTTOM LEFT: Sen. Barack Obama takes the stage at a Dallas rally Feb. 20.

## Texas primaries crucial to presidential race

Today is the last day to vote in the Texas primary, a primary that could make or break some of the candidates.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee said Monday that if he wins the Texas Republican primary, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., may not earn enough delegates to lock in the nomination. This, he said, would send the nomination decision to the

Republican National Convention in September.

The race for the Democratic nomination is neck and neck, with a poll released Monday by Reuters, C-SPAN and the Houston Chronicle giving New York Sen. Hillary Clinton 45 percent of the vote and Illinois Sen. Barack Obama 47 percent in Texas. The margin of error for the poll was 3.7 points.

In his Dallas speech Feb. 20, Obama stressed the importance of Texas' vote.

"If we win Texas, we will win the nomination and will win this country," Obama said. "We will change America."

Candidates have crisscrossed the Metroplex over the last week, and during their time here they have expressed their stances on some key issues.

### DEMOCRATS

#### Sen. Hillary Clinton

**Iraq:** "We have a war to end in Iraq and a war to win in Afghanistan." She said she will immediately start bringing troops home.

**Economy:** She plans to lower taxes, strengthen unions and strengthen retirement security by promoting savings and investment.

**Health care:** She wants to provide tax credits for working families and a no-discrimination rule so insurance companies can't deny coverage for pre-existing conditions.

**Immigration:** Clinton believes in federal assistance to local governments, strict penalties for exploiting undocumented workers and a path to earned legal status for those who are here.

#### Sen. Barack Obama

**Iraq:** Wants to bring troops home and utilize regional diplomacy in Iraq and the Middle East.

**Economy:** Says he will cut tax breaks from the wealthy and increase minimum wage with inflation. Bankruptcy laws will be reformed and free enterprise will be emphasized.

**Health care:** Plans within his first term to negotiate with drug companies to lower prices, make health care mandatory for children and have them covered by their parents' insurance until age 25.

**Immigration:** Undocumented immigrants can pay a fine, learn English and become a citizen; also, border security would be added.

### REPUBLICANS

#### Mike Huckabee

**Iraq:** "Withdrawal would have serious strategic consequences for us and horrific humanitarian consequences for the Iraqis."

**Economy:** Huckabee supports the a unified sales tax to replace the IRS and all income taxes.

**Health care:** Huckabee opposes universal health care because it would require more federal funds, but said preventative care needs to be taken more seriously.

**Immigration:** "We shouldn't have amnesty, but we should have a process and policy in which when people come," he said Friday at the Stockyards. He supports increasing border security by using 23,000 more agents and building fences.

#### Sen. John McCain

**Iraq:** Success in Iraq is mandatory. "If we want to set a date for withdrawal, my friends, that's a date for surrender," McCain said.

**Economy:** The tax cuts in place should be made permanent, and corporate taxes should be lowered to encourage businesses to stay in the U.S.

**Health care:** Controlling costs is the only way to ensure affordable health insurance for everyone.

**Immigration:** "I want to secure our borders," McCain said. "Tight border security includes not just the entry and exit of people, but also the effective screening of cargo at our ports and other points of entry."

## Candidate's daughter: Country needs fighter

By SHALEY SANDERS  
Staff Reporter

Hillary Clinton is going to end the country's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, reform the public school system and provide subsidized health care, her daughter told students on campus Monday morning.

Chelsea Clinton visited the Brown-Lupton Student Center lounge to answer questions about her mother's campaign in an effort to help voters make informed decisions in today's Texas primary. Chelsea Clinton said she joined her mother's campaign because she thinks the nation needs a

fighter — something she said her mother has been her whole life.

She said Hillary Clinton plans to extend equal benefits to federal employees and end the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

"My mother has supported civil unions since before I was born," Chelsea Clinton said.

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Watch video clips from Chelsea Clinton's visit to campus.

## Huckabee rallies at SMU, says Texas race not yet over

By VALERIE J. HANNON  
Staff Reporter

DALLAS — Arizona Sen. John McCain, may have won the mock Republican primary at Southern Methodist University last weekend, but on a rainy Monday morning, the school belonged to former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

Huckabee thanked about 100 students for waking up early to attend and reminded them of their value in the election.

"We need to be thinking in terms of the future," Huckabee said. "Our party and our country have to be thinking not just about where voters have been, but where voters are going to go."

Huckabee also said he was the only remaining candidate with the executive experience to deal with all of the issues that government will face.

"Running a government is much different than making speeches about a government," Huckabee said.

In a more light-hearted moment, Huckabee said one way to make the government more efficient is to combine organizations.

"For example, if we took the Department of Defense and hauled it in with the Department of Homeland Security, you have the potential that one person could

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## Police raid area bars, arrest 12

By DAVID HALL  
Staff Reporter

Twelve arrests were made beginning late Friday night and into the next morning as the Fort Worth Police Department and a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission agent cracked down on public intoxication near campus, according to a police report.

Fort Worth police officer J. Ricks wrote in a police report the operation was intended to keep people from being involved in alcohol-related accidents on West Berry Street and in the surrounding area, which has several nightclubs.

Fort Worth police Lt. Steve Carpenter said the department undertook a bar check because a patron had recently suffered alcohol poisoning.

Carpenter said six of the arrests were made for public intoxication and four of them were TCU students. Carpenter defined public intoxication as being notably impaired from alcohol and posing a danger to one's self or others.

According to the police report, a separate arrest was made because a suspect had local Class C warrants. Carpenter said most Class C warrants are usually issued because of unpaid traffic tickets.

Two students were cited for having fake IDs, Carpenter said, and while they weren't arrested, they will still have to appear in court.

The other three suspects were arrested for having narcotics behind The Moon.

## Speaker says Hispanic vote powerful force

By ANNA HODGES  
Staff Reporter

The country will watch Latinos today, said the national chairman of Lambda Theta Phi, a Latin fraternity on campus.

In a speech titled "Su voto es su voz," or your vote is your voice in Spanish, Agustin Garcia, a nationally-known civil activist, said the Latino vote is important not only to America's future but also to the future of the Latino culture during a speech in the Brown-Lupton Student Center Lounge on Monday.

"Tomorrow you're not voting for Hillary or Obama," he said. "You're voting for your culture."

"When they realize we're so active and so many, then they figure out they want the Latino vote."

Lambda Theta Phi President Freddy Williams said though the fraternity does not endorse any candidate, Hillary Clinton's campaign sponsored Garcia's visit. Garcia wore a Clinton pin and made some references to his endorsement.

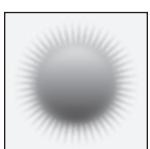
Garcia founded Lambda Theta Phi Fraternidad Latina Inc., the first nationally recognized Latin fraternity in the nation, in 1975 at Kean University in Union, New Jersey.

He encouraged Latino voters to make educated decisions and compared Obama's oratorical appeal to Clinton's experience in the political realm.

"You are too intelligent to waste yourself on a fad," he said.

Although he rarely mentioned Clinton

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## Award-winning reporter to review foreign policy

By REESE GORDON  
Staff Reporter

Investigative reporter Seymour Hersh will speak about U.S. foreign policy at 7:30 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Hersh has written eight books, and his most recent book, "Chain of Command: The Road From 9/11 to Abu Ghraib," focuses on the war on terrorism and the Abu Ghraib prison scandal.

"Mr. Hersh has written a number of award-winning works of investigative journalism over several decades," said Eric Cox, assistant professor of political science.

Hersh first wrote for The New Yorker in 1971 and has been a regular contributor to the maga-

zine since 1993. He has a Pulitzer Prize, four George Polk Awards, a National Magazine Award and many others. Hersh's lecture at TCU is part of the Center for Civic Literacy Lecture Series, which was established to promote discussion of contemporary social, political, economic, religious and ethical issues. Hersh's visit to TCU is in collaboration with the Green Chair Endowment.

"Many people think he's the best investigative reporter in issues regarding the pentagon," said Karen Anisman, associate director of the Center for Civic Literacy.

Tickets for the lecture are free for faculty, staff and students and are \$10 for members of the public.

## HUCKABEE

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run it," Huckabee said.

Then, he joked, "Well, I have two words for border security — Chuck Norris."

Chuck Norris and his wife, Gena Norris, walked onto the stage to uproarious applause. The former "Walker, Texas Ranger" star talked about how he met Huckabee and became involved in his campaign, and why it was important for Huckabee to stay in the race.

"The thing about a spark is that it can go out if there's nothing behind it to fuel the flame," Chuck Norris said. "Well, Mike had a message for America, and that spark became a raging fire."

Both Huckabee and Chuck Norris said if Huckabee wins Texas on Tuesday, then McCain, the Republican front-runner, may not capture enough delegates necessary to lock the Republican presidential nomination, and then the vote for the nomination would have to go to the

Republican National Convention in September.

Huckabee urged all of the attendees to vote in the Texas primary because he was the only choice left who would uphold the value of all human life, the traditional family, a fair economy for all workers and a secure border.

"There are two kinds of people in this country: thermometers and thermostats," Huckabee said. "Don't be a thermometer and read the situation simply for what it is. Be a thermostat and adjust it for what it ought to be."

Students expressed their enthusiasm for seeing Huckabee speak.

Jill Imig, an SMU senior advertising major, said it was a great experience to see a politician on campus.

"Besides, I'm a Republican, and this will help me make my decision," she said.

Wade Malone, a student from the University of Texas at Dallas, said Huckabee is the only true conservative left in the race.



ROB CRABTREE / Staff Reporter

Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee speaks to a crowd of about 100 supporters at Southern Methodist University on Monday.

Gena Norris said Huckabee is "the people's president, because he really cares. We don't have anyone else in the race with those skills."

After the speech, fans lined up to shake Huckabee's hand or get a picture with him. Almost as many

fans, however, lined up for Chuck Norris.

Joshua Parr, an SMU freshman pre-major, said it was no contest which of the two he was more excited to see.

"Mike Huckabee, definitely," Parr said. "Chuck's definitely a plus, though."

### CLARIFICATION

The March 17 and 18 dialogues on abortion addressed in a Feb 26 article are hosted by an unofficial committee of students with diverse opinions about the abortion issue. The event hosts were not clearly identified in the article.

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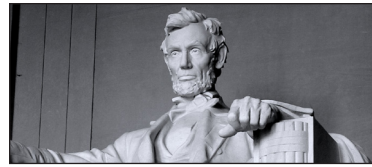
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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just."

— Abraham Lincoln

**THE SKIFF VIEW**

**Student political activism applaudable**

Texas primary day is no longer approaching — it's here. But from being on and around campus lately, this shouldn't be a surprise to anyone.

That's right, students have not only made it known that primary day has been approaching, they've taken an active role in the campaigns.

From creating Facebook groups to working with area party officials, students have worked to prove the candidates should take the youth vote seriously.

In a year that Texas voters' opinions matter, TCU students are taking full advantage of their democratic voice.

The attendance at Chelsea Clinton's campus visit Monday was not just sufficient, it was applaudable.

But it doesn't stop with the convenient campus campaign stops. Students have shown up in groups to Sen. Barack Obama's Dallas and Fort Worth visits, as well as to Sen. Hillary Clinton and Mike Huckabee's appearances.

Just don't let it stop here. Even though primary season is coming to an end, the general elections aren't until November. Keep up the campaign fever and push candidates to talk about the issues.

It's easy to get caught up in the spectacle, the sign holding and the spirited chants, but make sure to look at what matters — what the candidates will do if elected.

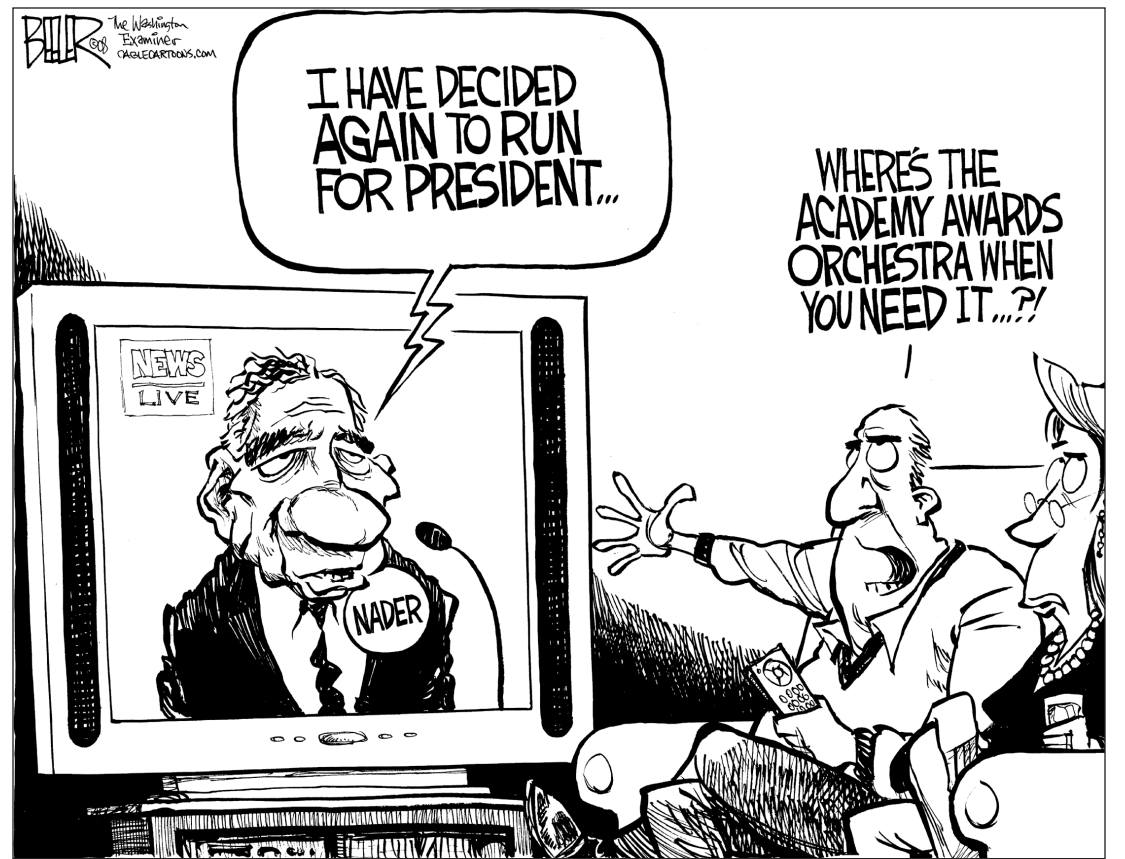
Look beyond the one-liners from the rallies and explore the nuance within their stances on important issues. There's a wealth of information available on the Internet about all of the candidates.

When Texas is no longer in the spotlight, take the time to find out what the candidates think about all of the issues, not just the ones they choose to highlight in their speeches.

And through this longer-than-usual campaign season, be sure to keep up the pro-vote spirit.

*Managing editor Bailey Shiffler for the editorial board.*

**BY NATE BEELER**



**Too much value placed on materialism**

It's amazing that hearing someone's life story can change our perceptions of them. But more importantly, it can often change the way we see ourselves.

One night when Rebecca was just a toddler, she woke up to the sounds of bombs and gunfire, screaming and panic. In an instant, her family was brutally killed, her village burned to the ground, her home gone. She escaped, but the months to follow were difficult. A toddler, ripped from her life, walked hundreds of miles with whatever group of people she could find. She lived off scarce plants and even scarcer water. Day after day she walked, until one day she arrived at a refugee camp.

Rebecca was soon found by distant relatives who vowed to care for her. But the next several years were spent on the run, in fear of the militiamen who constantly wreaked havoc on innocent communities.

Rebecca's story is not uncommon. She is a Sudanese refugee whose journey is chronicled in Beverly Parkhurst-Moss's upcoming book, "Dark Exodus: The Lost Girls of Sudan." While the book only provides a glimpse of the trials Rebecca endured in Africa, her story should serve as a reminder to all of us that we are incredibly privileged in comparison.

Rebecca is one of nearly 4 million people who have lost their homes and families in the Darfur region of Sudan. These people

have seen years of government-sponsored violence that aims to rape, kill, torture and systematically eliminate the Christians, non-Arabs, or any supposed enemy of the state. Death toll estimates since 2003 have reached more than 400,000, according to SaveDarfur.org.

I've heard the statistics a thousand times. I've seen the graphic photos of mass graves and starving children, and I've heard dozens of stories. But when

"To have seen your siblings tortured, your father killed, your children raped and enslaved, how could anyone show such strength?"

**Marissa Walker**

Parkhurst-Moss visited campus last week, I was able to look into the eyes of five young women from Sudan who came with her. I heard their stories of how they survived the most heartbreaking struggles before reaching the U.S.

But while their stories were wrenching, their eyes were everything — symbols of all they had seen, endured and felt for years. Their eyes were not bitter or angry. Sadness and despair were faint as their faith and their thankfulness to God for their blessings shined through brighter and stronger than anything I had ever seen.

To have seen your siblings tor-

mented, your father killed, your children raped and enslaved, how could anyone possibly show such strength in the aftermath?

Not many of us would consider childhoods ravaged by fear and violence to be the origins of blessings. Few of us could imagine living in true poverty and, at the same time, pure trust. And I'd venture to say a number of us consider TCU parking lots, a rough day at work or mounting midterms to be the pitfalls of our day. A day in fear of rape, torture, death, starvation or disease is far from our grasp.

It's a perspective I can't shake. Why is our society so shallow, so assuming, so indifferent? How can I live a life that in comparison is immensely diluted, yet lacking any sort of thankfulness? The power of those women's eyes struck me so deep, I felt utterly ashamed of the life I take for granted.

We place so much importance on our Americanized materialism that we overlook the big picture. We fail to recognize the world existing outside of the "bubbles" we live in, turning our eyes from those who need our help.

There were four other women who sat before me; each had their own story of intense hardship and pain for which words are insufficient. But each held a sense of graciousness stronger than I could ever claim for myself. And all they hoped for was that someone listening would help Darfur.

*Marissa Walker is a senior advertising/public relations major from Lockhart.*

**Most indifferent about Nader's presidential bid**

Ralph Nader was just 31 years old when he burst into public consciousness by practically inventing a new role: consumer advocate. His 1965 book "Unsafe at Any Speed," which portrayed the Chevrolet Corvair as a scandalously dangerous vehicle, not only helped push the model off the market but also induced the federal government to mandate a variety of safety features in cars, from seat belts to safety glass.

Never mind that the Corvair was eventually exonerated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration — Nader's reputation was established. He went on to push consumer-minded initiatives in other industries and founded public-interest groups dedicated to his causes. His energetic efforts attracted scores of young people out to change the world. In the process, he became one of the most notable social activists in American history.

But over time, his influence ebbed. His more pragmatic ideas, such as expanded regulation to promote safety in cars, food and the workplace, found plenty of support among conventional politicians. His more radical ones, such as forcing companies to pay a "living wage" and withdrawing from the World Trade Organization, have never caught on with the general public.

Nader's endless denunciations of corporations don't get much traction among the American people,

many of whom value the jobs, goods and services that such companies provide. So he's grown increasingly irrelevant, seen by many as a humorless scold or a strident dogmatist.

Nader also did himself great damage among many liberals who will never forgive him for running for president in 2000 and — in their view — helping elect George W. Bush by taking votes away from Al Gore. So whatever Nader has been saying in recent years, not many people have been listening.

But he found in 2000 that if he can't get public attention any other way, he can get it by running for president. His announcement this week that he'll enter this year's race as a third-party candidate got the spotlight turned his way, at least for the moment.

He says he's doing it because so many of his goals — from cutting the defense budget to creating a "single-payer" health care system — are being ignored by the major candidates. But maybe that's because the candidates don't see sufficient public support for them, in which case it's the public that is mostly to blame.

In any case, Nader's previous races for president don't appear to have helped those causes in the least. About all they've done is force people to pay him a bit more attention than usual.

Maybe that's the whole idea.

*This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Wednesday*

**Texas dialect disappearing act disappointing for state natives**

Across the world, Texas is known for its cowboys, cattle, tall-tales, two-steppers, swaggers and braggers, barbecue, the infamous "don't mess with Texas" mentality and of course, that Texas drawl.

Texans are famous for having a distinct accent, one that seems to be fading.

In 2003, linguistic experts from the University of Texas at San Antonio set out to observe what seems to be a fading dialect and discover what it is that makes the accent unique.

Professors Guy Bailey and Jan Tillery conducted an exten-

sive study on what they call Texas English, or TXE. Using a grid, they divided Texas into 116 regions and interviewed four people in each, ideally four generations of a single family. They were asked about 250 questions, all aimed to pinpoint certain vocabulary and pronunciation traits.

Bailey, a native Alabamian, notes the TXE is different from other closely-related varieties.

One very distinct TXE trend, the pair observed, was the use of the double modal in phrases such as "might could." Also, most Texans showed no difference in pronunciation between "pool" and "pull" or "fool" and "full." Furthermore, it was not uncommon for "I" to come out sounding more like "ah."

The study revealed

many characteristically-TXE patterns are more evident in older crowds than in young.

The study also confirmed the gradual dwindling of the Texas accent is more evident in and around major cities. For example, the jay birds are "nekkid" on the West Texas planes but are "naykid" in Dallas.

Bailey concludes "Texans in Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio are sounding more like other Americans and less like their fellow Texans in Iraan, Red Lick or Old Glory."

The Texas accent may be more dominant in smaller towns but every region has

experienced a decrease in its prominence. The weakening of the Texas accent is possibly related to the growing presence of non-Texans. 2007 census figures confirm that, between 2006 and 2007, Texas led in drawing the largest number of residents from other states.

Children in urban Texas today grow up and go to school with Texas transplants, and those peers become the major influence on speech.

Regard-

less of age or region, researchers observed that Texas newcomers are quick to pick up on "y'all" and even "fixin'." But the study shows double modals are still for the natives.

They also theorize that some urban Texans might purposely steer away from "pronunciations (that) carry a stigma of unsophistication."

The one thing that nearly all Texans have in common is that we are extremely proud of our state.

The TXE is synonymous with the many things I love about Texas. When I hear a Texas

accent I think of Texas' rich and colorful history. I think of blue-bonnets, friendly people and warm hospitality. I am immediately reminded of my grandpa and his prayers to the "Lard" before supper or my sweet grandma "warshing" dishes.

My Texas-trained ear can easily tell a Texas accent from a regular Southern accent and it is a shame that something so unique is disappearing. The Texas accent is emblematic of the quirky charm that Texans undoubtedly possess.

It is like a "badge of pride," representing the great state Texans have dubbed the biggest and the best.

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## LATINOS

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by name, he referred to her capability to make real changes. He encouraged his audience to vote for who is convenient for their families, for what empowers them and said Clinton was the best for the job.

Garcia urged Latino voters to make decisions based on what is good for their culture.

He said his audience was there Monday because someone sent them there to fulfill the American dream. He said Latino students should remem-

ber where they came from. "Remember the humility of your grandfather scrubbing someone's toilet — your mother scrubbing floors," he said. "We don't have to take it anymore. We've cleaned so much shit in history, we don't have to take shit now."

Garcia called the border fence "ridiculous" and said a wall is not necessary when technology is available to protect the border in other ways.

He asked, "In reality, isn't a wall just a mentality to reinforce racism?"

"We're not looking for a

Band-Aid. We're looking for a solution."

Garcia said the campaigns are making so many promises in Texas because Latinos vote as a bloc. He called the Latino vote the "family vote."

He urged his audience to participate in today's primaries and caucuses and said they have the chance to vote twice.

Denise Marin, a junior education major, said Garcia's message was powerful and passionate.

"Within our culture, that passion reaches us more than anything," she said.

Information from the Pew Research Center, a nonpartisan "fact tank", says in Texas, Latinos make up 36 percent of the total population and 25 per-

"We're not looking for a Band-Aid. We're looking for a solution."

**Agustin Garcia**  
civil activist

cent of the eligible electorate. Information from the research center indicated Hispanic voters could account for a third

or more of the turnout in the Democratic primary.

Both Clinton and Obama have campaigned in smaller border communities and large urban areas attempting to appeal to Latino voters and some campaign ads have appeared in Spanish.

Tracking data from a Gallup Poll suggests Clinton's support among Hispanics may be eroding. In data collected at the beginning of February, Clinton led Obama by nearly 2 to 1 among Hispanic Democratic voters. However, in the most recent polling from Feb. 13-17,

the two are essentially tied among this constituency.

Garcia has organized over 150 political campaigns in the U.S. and Latin America. He is recognized as a human rights activist, civil rights activist and international businessman. He recently worked as a youth organizer for demonstrations against Hugo Chavez in Venezuela.

He said young people must get involved in the political process.

"You have to be involved simply to keep them from controlling you," he said.



Chelsea Clinton poses Monday with freshman broadcast journalism major Tany Mujikwa. ANDREW CHAVEZ / Editor-in-Chief

## CLINTON

From page 1

The 28-year-old believes her mother is the most fiscally-concerned presidential candidate, as well as the only one who will tell Americans exactly how she plans on financing everything.

The New York senator plans to gain \$70 to \$80 billion in funds for her health care plan by increasing tax rates for people whose annual incomes are greater than \$200,000 and switching to electronic medical records, her daughter said.

Nikita Purdy, a sophomore social work major, said she attended the event primarily to hear about Hillary Clinton's plan for student loans.

Chelsea Clinton said mother plans to revoke the No Child Left Behind Act and focus more on early childhood education by having children start public school earlier.

Purdy, who agrees with the plan to increase the Federal Pell Grant, which provides subsidies to low-income college students, said she was impressed with Chelsea Clinton's intellect and the time she spent answering questions.

"She's grounded," Purdy said. "She went in depth and thoroughly explained everyone's questions."

Chelsea Clinton said her mother thinks America needs a government that broadly listens to the community and will step across lines to find common ground.

## BASKETBALL

From page 12

West Conference with an average of 18.9 points per game.

She was held to .333 shooting from the field and nine points.

"Lorie defended her very well and did not give her anything easy," Mittie said.

Mittie said the team is on the right track for the approaching conference championships.

"I think our whole team is just playing better basketball right now," Mittie said. "Our bench is capable of scoring and playing at the level that we expect from the starters."

## TENNIS

From page 12

made some great shots and raised her level and ended up winning by the tightest of margins."

TCU freshman Katariina Tuohimaa won her fourth consecutive match, defeating Jacqueline Haskett by 6-1, 6-0 and Texas Tech sophomore Kerryn Potgieter 6-3, 6-2 on Saturday.

Sophomore Nina Munch-Soe-

gaard won against Fresno State with an impressive 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 victory over No. 11 junior Melanie Gloria.

Freshman Idunn Hertzberg also won her match 6-2, 6-3 over sophomore Vanessa Heroux.

"To say that I am very proud of this team is an understatement, because I've never been prouder," Hammond said.

The Horned Frogs and Bulldogs have met seven times and Fresno holds a 4-3 advantage.

TCU fell to Fresno 4-3 last season in California.

Despite a tough start with eight of its 11 non-conference opponents appearing in the preseason top 30, the Horned Frogs are 5-3.

TCU moved up two spots to No. 31 after an upset win over No. 16 William & Mary on Feb. 24.

The Horned Frogs play again Thursday against No. 19 Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, N.C.

## BASEBALL

From page 12

The Mavericks are 4-6 this season, and are coming off a win against the University of Alabama.

The Mavericks are led by senior Danny Slinkman, who is first on the team with 13 RBIs and second with a .393 batting average, and freshman Michael Choice, leading the team with a .405 batting average and 17 hits.

In last year's game, Slinkman finished the day with three RBIs on 2-4 hitting.

In its third game of the season, UTA lost to Dallas Baptist University 4-3, a team TCU beat 6-1 in its fourth game of the season.

Today's game is the first of a seven-game home stretch for the Horned Frogs, who will not leave Fort Worth until their second matchup of the season with Dallas Baptist on March 24.

### FOR YOUR INFO

#### TCU vs UTA Mavericks

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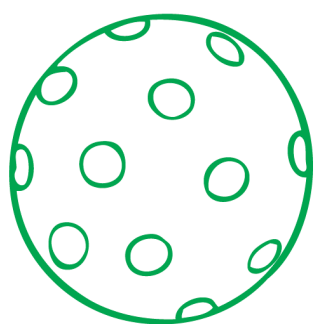
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## Quickball



**Registration:**  
Tuesday, Feb. 26 -  
Tuesday, March 18  
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**Captain's Meeting:**  
Wednesday, March 19  
@ 6:30pm in URC 048

**Season Begins:**  
Monday, March 24

**Divisions:**  
Men's & Women's

**Cost:** \$35/team

**FYI:**  
Quickball is a 5 on 5  
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**Registration:**  
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@ 6 p.m.

**Season Begins:**  
Monday, March 24

**Divisions:**  
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**Cost:**  
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## Outdoor Soccer



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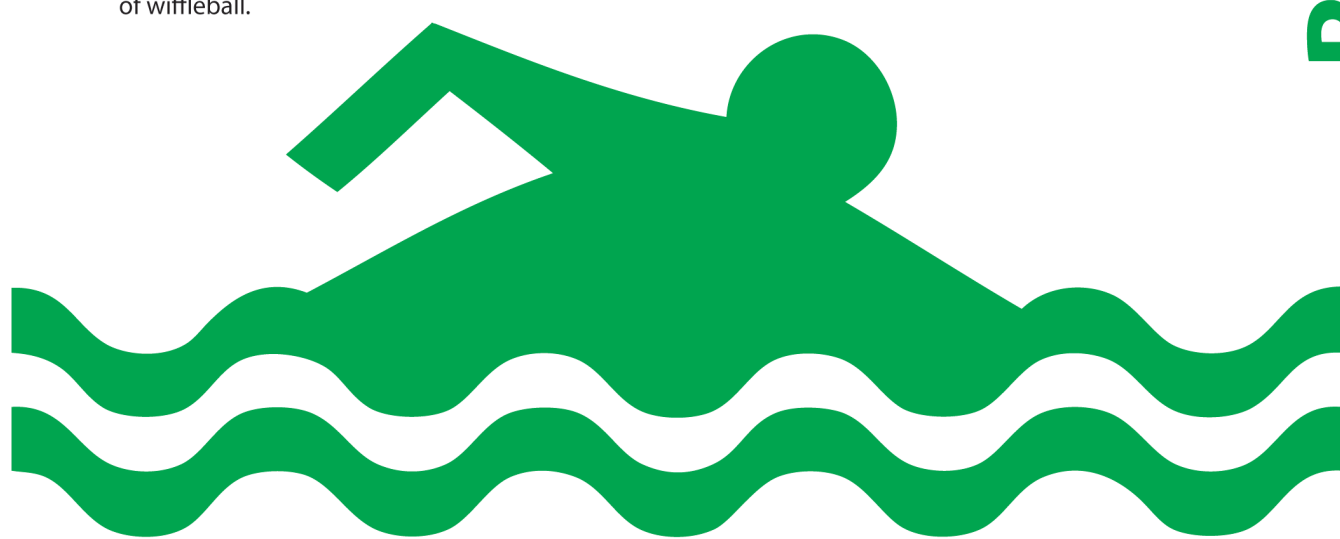
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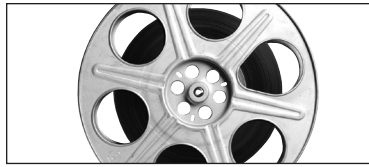
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# SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SPRING

Beaches, bars Cancun hotspots for college students



BRETT LARSON / Sports Editor

By ROB CRABTREE  
Staff Reporter

CANCUN, Mexico — At 32,000 feet in the air, it appears — a majestic blend of sapphire and azure water, seemingly endless, outside the porthole window.

The plane lands and waiting just outside the airport doors is the welcome cantina bar, a fitting reminder of the location — Cancun, Mexico.

College students have been flocking to this ocean-side locale for sun, surf and all the adult beverages they can get their hands on. Every year, this Spring Break Mecca welcomes its young crowd with open arms and open bars.

Carlos Martinez, an activities coordinator at the Great Parnassus Hotel, said two of the most popular hotels for spring breakers are the Gran Caribe Real and the Oasis Cancun.

The Gran Caribe is an all-inclusive resort overlooking

the Caribbean Sea.

Ricardo Contla, manager of the Gran Caribe Real, said the hotel attracts a lot of spring breakers because the management staff knows what the crowd is looking for.

"I tell my staff, 'Take care of these kids now, because they're going to come back in four or five years and will be successful business people,'" Contla said.

Contla said he thinks the Gran Caribe Real has one of the best daily activities and event schedules compared to other hotels in the area.

Daniel Hernandez, the director of activities and events at the Gran Caribe Real, said his staff gears the daily activities to coincide with the interests of their Spring Break guests.

"We do water volleyball, dance lessons and contests, among other things," Hernandez said. "But our most popular event is tequila volleyball. It's water volleyball, but if you make a mistake,

you have to take a pull from one of our big tequila slammers."

At night, the hotel takes guests to area clubs, Hernandez said.

"Guests pay the same price as the club cover charge and we provide the transportation," Hernandez said. "The best part is, if guests come with us they get to skip the line to get into the club."

Most hotels in the hotel zone offer a similar club service. Usually the groups meet in their hotel lobby and depart for a different club each night.

Some of the most popular include Daddy Rock, Daddy O, The City, Pat O'Briens, Senior Frogs, Basic, Bulldog and Coco Bongo.

Coco Bongo is one of the most popular clubs in Cancun and looks as if it belongs among the lights of Las Vegas rather than a tropical paradise.

Ricardo Ramon, manager at Coco Bongo, said the club is popular because of the mix of music and continuous shows.

"The thing that sets us apart from the other clubs is definitely our shows," Ramon said.

"People not only can dance here, but there is always a show going on for them to watch."

After the initial shock of the \$40 cover charge to enter Coco Bongo, an escalator directs patrons up to one of many open bars. Turn right past the bar and dance the

night away amid a laser light and stage show that looks like a twisted blend of Disney World and a Las Vegas cabaret.

After a night out, the beach may be the place to be, however, if you're looking for something a little more exciting, AquaWorld Cancun offers sight-seeing tours and water sports activities.

Diego Petul, marketing manager at AquaWorld Cancun, said AquaWorld is one of the largest activity centers in Cancun.

"We offer jungle tours, Jet Ski rentals, parasailing, scuba diving and a lot of other stuff," Petul said. "Of course, one of our most popular activities for Spring Break is the booze cruise."

If it is rest and relaxation that is expected for Spring Break, Cancun is probably not the place to be. But, if you're looking for a trip that guarantees you'll come home with plenty of stories, this is the spot.

## CANCUN TIPS

All hotel nightclub services say they offer transportation, but only some offer transportation back to the hotel from the club. Should you need to leave the club early, taxis cost about \$10 from clubs to hotels.

The Jungle Tour at AquaWorld is \$60 per person.

The exchange rate in Mexico is 11 pesos to \$1.



## Winter wonderland offers alternative to beach fun

By ROB CRABTREE  
Staff Reporter

ANGEL FIRE, N.M. — During Spring Break, the fun in the sun is not limited to just the beach. At the base of Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range in northern New Mexico, skiing at Angel Fire Resort could be just what you're looking for.

Louie Grine, a guest services representative at the Angel Fire Resort hotel, said the resort is a very popular Spring Break destination for college students.

"March, when all the spring breakers come, is one of our busiest times," Grine said. "The majority of our Spring Break visitors are from Texas and Oklahoma."

However, Angel Fire is not the only ski resort in the area. Taos is about a 45-minute drive from Angel Fire and Santa Fe is about an hour and 45 minutes. Fort Worth is about an 11-hour drive from Angel Fire.

Connie Deahl-Smith, a resort employee, said Angel Fire is more appealing than other resorts in the area because the resort is accommodating to skiers and snowboarders of all ability levels.

"Even though Taos will be opening to boarders on (Mar.) 19, 90 percent of boarders aren't going to be able to do that mountain because

it's so hard," Deahl-Smith said. "Our mountain is a lot better, especially if you have a big group, because there are good runs for everyone."

Skiing is not the only winter sports activity offered at Angel Fire. Dave Fahrny, an Angel Fire employee for 15 years, said one of the most popular activities is tubing.

"That tubing usually goes over really well at night," Fahrny said.

Fahrny said he thinks Angel Fire has an excellent all-terrain park.

"I think we have the best snowboard park in the state," Fahrny said.

Grine said tubing is very popular, but there are other activities that are a hit among the college crowd.

"Snowmobiling is probably the second most popular activity during Spring Break," Grine said. "Also, our half pipe is one of the biggest attractions for students."

Grine said the resort knows what students are looking for and said he thinks Angel Fire will satisfy the interests of everyone.

"No matter who you are, you're going to have fun if you come here," Grine said. "This is a really fun place to be because everyone is so nice."



ROB CRABTREE / Staff Reporter

## Metroplex offers fun activities for Fort Worth spring breakers

By ANNA HODGES  
Staff Reporter

Take a journey through a tropical rainforest, free fall from a 16-story tower and do the Texas two-step to the country sounds of Cory Morrow and Clay Walker.

Who says you can't have an exhilarating Spring Break right here in the Dallas/Fort Worth area?

### The Dallas World Aquarium

If you can't make it to the Venezuelan tropics, make the short drive to The Dallas World Aquarium near the West End entertainment district for a tropical excursion through the jungle and into the ocean.

The journey begins amid a Venezuelan tree-top canopy surrounded by the sounds, smells and intensity of the jungle. A waterfall roars in the distance and birds fly above your head while monkeys swing from tree to tree. Visitors can stop at the cantina to have a drink before going on to see jaguars, flamingos, Goliath bird-eating tarantulas and other creepy-crawlers.

As visitors continue along the bamboo-lined pathways toward the underworld, they see crocodiles resting in a pool of piranhas, 40-pound swimming turtles and sea dragons floating around tropical reef. Sharks swarm around every direction while visitors pass through an underwater tunnel.

Paula Powell, the director of animal husbandry, said the aquarium was specially designed to simulate the animals' natural environment so visitors would be able to experience the sights and sounds of the tropics as close to reality as possible.

"This place is unlike any other," Powell said.

"It's really interactive. That's why we get so many visitors."

### Zero Gravity Thrill Amusement Park

After the tropical journey, head to the Zero Gravity Thrill Amusement Park to experience the extreme.

The park attracts thrill-seekers from all over the world, park officials said.

According to the park's Web site, Zero Gravity is the world's only thrill amusement park.

"Everybody else is scared," park manager Nick Bocksell said.

Visitors can free fall 100 feet into a giant safety net in the "Nothin' but Net" free fall and blast 150 feet into the sky in the Texas Blastoff Vertical accelerator. Other attractions include a hang gliding-skydiving simulator and a bungee jump from a seven-story platform.

"[Visitors] get to experience something that they'd never get to anywhere else and can't wait to go tell their friends about it," Bocksell said.

### Billy Bob's Texas

After experiencing the extreme, two-step over to the "World's Largest Honky Tonk" in the Stockyards to hear the country sounds of Cory Morrow and Clay Walker.

A Billy Bob's spokesperson called both artists great performers. Sharon Harris, who has worked at Billy Bob's for the past 16 years, said Morrow typically attracts a younger crowd and Walker attracts fans of all ages.

She said Billy Bob's is a good place to go over the break because it's a great place to meet people and enjoy excellent music.

Cory Morrow will perform March 14 and Clay Walker on March 15.

### FOR YOUR INFO

**The Dallas World Aquarium** Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Aquarium employees recommend visiting between 2 and 5 p.m. to avoid large crowds. Adult admission is \$18.95.

**Zero Gravity Thrill Amusement Park** The first attraction costs \$25 and an additional \$10 is charged for each additional ride. Hours of operation for the park and more information on pricing can be found at gojump.com.

**Billy Bob's Texas** Cory Morrow general admission tickets are \$10 and \$14 for reserved. Clay Walker general admission tickets are \$12 and reserved tickets are \$28 or \$30.





WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# HOT SHOTS



AHN PHAM / Staff Photographer

Senior guard Adrienne Ross attempts a jump shot against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Lady Rebels. TCU made 32 free throws in its 87-57 thumping Saturday and Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

## Lady Frogs sweep UNLV season series

By JOHN BOLLER  
Staff Reporter

The women's basketball team is back to its winning ways, hitting a season-high 32 free throws and getting a huge night from its bench.

The Lady Frogs shot .842, hitting 32 of their 38 attempts from the charity stripe. The University of Nevada, Las Vegas had only 14 free-throw attempts for the game and lost by double digits for the third straight game, falling to TCU 87-57.

Leading TCU in scoring was freshman guard Helena Sverrisdottir, who led all scorers with 15 points. She shot 5 of 7 from the

field and drained 5 free throws. TCU hit its first 11 free throws, going 16-20 in the first half and 16-18 in the second.

"We were going to get there [the free-throw line] a lot because we were in the bonus early," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "(If) you convert on those and shoot them well it can really hurt the other team."

The Lady Frogs' penetrating offense got 30 points in the paint. This also opened up the perimeter game for TCU's shooters who knocked down 7 of 14.

Freshman forward Emily Carter was perfect from long-distance burying 3-3. She scored 12 points

in the game, leading a bench that contributed 46. The Lady Rebels had only 18 points come from their reserve players.

"I think we executed in the first half well and grabbed a bunch of defensive rebounds," Carter said. Complementing Sverrisdottir and Carter on offense was a great effort on defense from senior forward Lorie Butler-Rayford.

Butler-Rayford was a thief all game with 3 steals in the first and five steals for the game.

She played significant defensive minutes guarding UNLV's key player, senior guard Sequoia Holmes, who leads the Mountain  
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BASEBALL

## Team to face Mavericks for chance to reach .500

By BRETT LARSON  
Sports Editor

The Horned Frog baseball team hit and then fell below .500 over the weekend, dropping two of its last three contests, and now has its sights set on the University of Texas at Arlington, a team it doubled in scoring last season.

At 3-4, the Horned Frogs have a chance to pull their season record back to even against the Mavericks, whom they beat 14-7 in their last meeting a year ago.

Sophomore pitcher Steven Maxwell, who is 1-0 in two starts this season, had his one and only start last year in the UTA game. He only

lasted 1 2/3 innings, surrendering three runs.

The Mavericks had an explosive second inning with six runs scored, but the Horned Frogs were able to overcome it with three innings of three or more runs.

TCU scored four in the fourth inning, three in the sixth and five in the seventh while holding UTA to six scoreless innings after its six-run second inning.

Junior first baseman Matt Vern, who is tied for the team RBI lead this season with seven, batted in two runs for the Horned Frogs against the Mavericks last year.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Doubles team loses first of year

By MEGAN MOWERY and SHALEY SANDERS  
Staff Reporters

The women's tennis team's home winning streak came to an end Monday when No. 15 Fresno State beat the Horned Frogs 4-3.

TCU is 4-1 this season at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center, compiling a 30-5 home record over the past three seasons, including a 7-0 win over No. 73 Texas Tech on Saturday.

Monday's loss could have gone either way, head coach Jefferson Hammond said.

Fresno State earned the point for doubles play, sweeping TCU 3-0.

The No. 1-ranked Fresno doubles team, juniors Tinesta Rowe and

Melanie Gloria, beat the No. 11 TCU team, juniors Macall Harkins and Anna Sydorska, 8-4, marking their first loss this season.

Harkins and Sydorska were coming off an 8-3 weekend victory over Texas Tech's No. 1 doubles team of Junior Samantha van der Drift and freshman Kelsy Garland.

The singles matches were 3-3 with one game still in action, Harkins versus Fresno sophomore Renata Kucerkova.

Harkins saved nine match points before falling 12-10 in the third-set tiebreaker.

"Macall fought to the bitter end and did everything right," Hammond said. "The Fresno State player  
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