

Fort Worth mayoral candidates answer questions on local issues.



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From left to right: Joe Scarborough, the host of MSNBC's Morning Joe; Arianna Huffington, editor-in-chief of *The Huffington Post*; Bob Schieffer, moderator of "Face the Nation"; Mika Brzezinski, the co-host of "Morning Joe;" and Brit Hume, a senior political analyst for Fox News. The panelists spoke on issues in the news in Ed Landreth Hall Wednesday night.

Schieffer: Independently gathered information necessary to democracy

By Sydney Hicks
Staff Reporter

The most important thing for journalists in their profession is to provide separate and independently gathered information to citizens; if there were no other reason to have a First Amendment, that is reason enough, Bob Schieffer said during the seventh annual Schieffer Symposium on Wednesday night.

The symposium, with about 1,100 in attendance, featured prominent media professionals as panelists and one of the best panels the symposium has had, Schieffer said. The panel included Brit Hume, an Emmy-winner and senior political analyst for Fox News; former Florida Congressman and host of MSNBC's "Morning Joe," Joe Scarborough; co-host of "Morning Joe" and *New York Times* best-selling author Mika

Brzezinski; and Arianna Huffington, co-founder and editor-in-chief of online publication *The Huffington Post*.

Schieffer moderated the discussion as panelists discussed an array of topics ranging from social media to politics.

Political discussion focused on a potential Republican nominee for the upcoming presidential election and the possible government shutdown in Washington, D.C., in

the coming week.

Scarborough said in a new *Wall Street Journal*/NBC news poll, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney is the early front-runner, with entrepreneur billionaire Donald Trump coming in as a close second ahead of many tea party members.

Hume said he suspected Trump would not get the nomination but that he might catch the "I'm going to be president" fever, seek a third

party ballot and cause problems for the Republican party.

Huffington pointed out that a discussion on a hypothetical competition between President Barack Obama and a strong Republican candidate that nobody could name was not what should be focused on.

Brzezinski said, "People have invested a lot of hope in the whole

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ARTS 2

Author of "The Color Purple" will speak at the university.



RACE FOR THE CURE 2

Local chapter of the race will feature a new twist this year.



SPEAKER

Pulitzer-winning author coming to campus

By Maddie Tasker

Staff Reporter

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker does not normally speak at universities, but will take a break from her sabbatical to speak at TCU's "Compassion and Justice Consultation," Melanie Harris, assistant professor and event coordinator, said.

Walker was the first African-American woman to receive a Pulitzer Prize, which she won for her book "The Color Purple." "The Color Purple" is considered a classic book in human and gender studies that also celebrates the history of African-American life, Harris said.

"[Walker] agreed to do this I think in part because [the consultation] will focus on compassion and justice, and she knows that TCU is a place where we are working very hard on diversity," she said.

Scholars from around the country, including representatives from Yale Divinity School, Harvard University, Columbia University, Emory University and Claremont University will also participate in the consultation, Harris said.

In addition to discussing "The Color Purple" and other literary works by Walker, the "Compassion and Justice Consultation" will blend Buddhist studies and womanist religious thought, Harris said. The merging of Buddhist and womanist studies began in 2009 under Charles Hallisey, a professor at Harvard Divinity School, she said.

"Dr. Hallisey and I worked together to invite a group of womanist scholars to talk about 'The Color Purple' [and] Alice Walker's writings," she said. "But also to talk about how important the principles of compassion and justice are within Buddhism then also within Alice Walker's understanding of womanism and what womanist scholars actually do."

Harris said TCU's ability to host this event demonstrated how TCU stood out as a university with students who could appreciate interfaith conversation between religious scholars. The consultation is also designed to celebrate some of the ways Alice Walker raised awareness about varying global justice issues, she said.

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David Russel

SGA Financial Chair

we produce ethical leaders in ways that other universities do not do," she said. "So we're here to celebrate that."

Many people in the community contributed and helped sponsor the event, Harris said. In addition to teaching "The Color Purple" in some of her classes at TCU, Harris wrote a book about Walker's life entitled, "Gifts of Virtue, Alice Walker, and Womanist Ethics." Her personal connection with Walker helped make Walker's visit possible, she said.

The "Compassion and Justice Consultation" has received support from university administration, the Fort Worth community, Dallas Women's Foundation, The Sister Fund, as well as a private donation from Cecilia G. Boone, Harris said.

"The fact that [Walker] said yes to compassion and justice, and the fact that she's saying yes to being with us here in Fort Worth is exciting," she said. "And everybody has really gotten on board."

The Student Government

Association also contributed, she said.

David Russel, SGA financial chair, said a financial contribution from SGA was the final piece of the puzzle in securing the money needed for the event. After much discussion, SGA decided to contribute the remaining \$10,000 that was needed, he said.

Brett Phillips, TCU students activities coordinator for the university, said "[SGA] just thought that bringing a Pulitzer Prize-winning author would have far greater benefits than just the financial contribution; the benefits would have a far greater significance."

Russel said in addition to financial backing, SGA would also help to market the event on campus. He said the organization hoped to hold a showing of the movie adaptation "The Color Purple." "I think [the event] will increase people's perspectives and outlooks on life," Russel said. "I think anytime you start talking about diversity I think it broadens people's horizons... People will come away with a different perception of the world."

Phillips said an event with such a notable guest could also pave the way for other high-quality speakers and authors to come to TCU. The event would also be a great opportunity to host leaders in the Metroplex and facilitate connections in the community, he said.

An Evening with Alice Walker

When: 7 p.m. April 29, book signing to follow

Where: Ed Landreth Auditorium

Tickets are \$15; TCU students admitted free

The first 100 to arrive will receive free copy of "The Color Purple."

Reserve seats at froglinks.com

FORT WORTH

Race for the Cure will have TCU team

By Mandy Naglich

Staff Reporter

Saturday's Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure has garnered special excitement because of the event's new location at Ridgmar Mall, Race Chair Kara Rariden said.

This year TCU will bring its own group, team Frogs for the Cure, along for the run, Susan G. Komen's Director of Public Relations Liz Heck said.

The team has raised \$1,445 toward its \$5,000 goal as of Monday, Heck said.

The team captain for Frogs for the Cure is Mary Patton, dean of the College of Education. This is the first year that TCU has a team running in the race, Patton said.

"I am a breast cancer survivor, and last year there was a team in my name," Patton said. "When I was at the race, I thought, 'Wouldn't it be great if there was one big TCU team here?'"

About 40 people have joined the Frogs for the Cure team as of Tuesday, and the goal was 200 people, she said.

Although the original goal has not yet been met, Patton was still happy about the number of volunteers.

"I am incredibly impressed with the student involvement in the Susan G. Komen initiative on campus," Patton said. "I don't think other campuses would have such great involvement. It really shows that TCU has a lot of heart," she said.

Patton believed the Komen for the Cure is a cause that almost everyone can relate to.

"I think there are very few people whose lives have not been touched in some way by breast cancer," Patton said. "Whether it's by wives, daughters or friends, everyone seems to be affected in some way," she said.

Rariden said in addition to running in the race, TCU students are also involved as volunteers at the event. Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure receives help from the Zeta Tau

Alpha sorority every year, with students volunteering to help with registration and working in the tents, she said.

Cortney Cockrell, a sophomore Zeta member and economics major, said the foundation is the sorority's main philanthropy.

The TCU Zetas have multiple campus involvements and events during the year to support Susan G. Komen, such as participating in Frogs for the Cure, Race for the Cure and separate fundraisers, she said.

Rariden said students can still sign up for the race at Luke's Locker on West Seventh Street. Sign-ups will be open until the store closes Friday at 7 p.m. Runners and walkers can also register the morning of the race at the race location, the Ridgmar Mall, she said.

Heck said the Race for the Cure is the largest charitable 5K race in Tarrant County. She expected more participants this year than ever before, and said the race is expected to draw more than 15,000 people.

Heck said 75 percent of the funds raised from the event will directly support breast cancer education, detection and treatment in Tarrant, Parker, Johnson and Hood counties.

Rariden said the event is open to the public, and anyone may attend and enjoy the sponsors' tents.

Tim Halperin and Susan G. Komen for the Cure

TCU alumnus and former "American Idol" contestant Tim Halperin said after participating with the Frogs for the Cure events at the university last fall, he has been invited to perform at Race for the Cure runs around the country.

For Frogs for the Cure, he wrote the song "We Fight Back" and created an accompanying video, which showcased over 1,500 participants. After this experience and others with the Komen for the Cure, Halperin said he decided

to continue to inspire and support breast cancer survivors and the Susan G. Komen community.

Halperin has continued to work closely with the foundation both locally and now nationally, he said. His "We Fight Back" video has over 36,000 views on YouTube, and Halperin has recently received a further honor — "We Fight Back" is featured in the newest [Susan G. Komen] international publicity video.

The video will be featured on Susan G. Komen websites, commercials, publicity events and at races nationwide.

Halperin is scheduled to perform at the Komen Mid-Michigan Race for Cure on April 17, the Komen Global Race for the Cure in Washington, D.C. on June 4, and the Komen St. Louis Race for the Cure on June 11.

The Global Race in Washington, D.C. will have the largest audience, he said.

Although he wanted to participate in Saturday's race, Halperin could not because he has performances in Nashville, Tenn., Ann Loudon, the chancellor's associate for external relations, said. Halperin is working on a performance schedule to include as many of the races as possible.

Race for the Cure sign-up:

Where: Luke's Locker, 2600 W. Seventh St., Suite 107

When: Now through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Race:

What: Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

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concept of Obama. And for whatever it's worth, it's going to take a strong individual candidate to really knock that down...

"There isn't one [candidate]," she said. "They're all flawed. And it seems surprising to me that there isn't kind of a clear set of candidates on the Republican side, especially given how people feel."

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Host of "Morning Joe"

Hume said he thought it will matter less who the Republicans nominate and more how the American people feel about Obama at election time. The issue would be whether the public wanted to replace him or not, he said. Brzezinski said some in the White House were getting



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Senior political analyst for Fox News Brit Hume speaks at Wednesday's Schieffer Symposium.

ready to blame a government shutdown on the Republican party if it did indeed happen Friday.

Scarborough said he did not believe a shutdown would occur.

"You've got John Boehner who doesn't want a government shutdown, you've got Barack Obama who doesn't want a shutdown, and I think that reality will probably bring this thing in for a landing," Scarborough said.

The panelists engaged in some humor regarding Twitter after Schieffer asked if Facebook, Twitter and other social media outlets were getting news out too fast.

Scarborough responded by excusing himself to tweet a picture of Huffington and to record a video of the crowd. Hume explained he had a private account to follow breaking news, followed by

Huffington asking his account name to "follow" him.

Scarborough said Twitter could be a great tool if used the right way because the news feed is extraordinary. He explained that in 10 minutes, from his bed, he could be brought up to date on things happening around the world.

The symposium ended with Schieffer stressing that in today's changing media landscape the role of journalism has not changed, but the responsibilities that journalists have to report the truth remains the most important.

"If we ever reach a point in this country where we don't have independently gathered information, which is just as important and just as crucial to a democracy as the right to vote...we will have a democracy of sorts but not a democracy that we have come to know," Schieffer said.

SPEAKER

Singer and actress Shirley Jones to speak about industry Friday

By Kayla Travis
Staff Reporter

Singer and actress Shirley Jones will bring insight from the performance industry to students in both the film-television-digital media and theatre departments for this year's Green Honors Chair for Theatre, theatre department chair Harry Parker said.



Jones

Parker, also a professor of theatre, said students attending this year's Green Honors Chair can expect to hear Jones discuss how to bridge the gap between studying at the university and entering the professional field. Parker said he felt it was important to bring professionals to the university who inspire students to go out and accomplish their aspirations.

"In theatre, the career track is very tough," he said. "The idea is to bring in a notable professional that can interact with the students through master classes, Q & A and give advice to students."

Winner of an Academy

Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in the film "Elmer Gantry," Jones has appeared in several films including "Bedtime Story," "The Happy Ending" and ABC-TV's hit musical sitcom "The Partridge Family", according to a press release.

Through the university's annual Green Honors Chair, departments are given the opportunity to bring individuals to come and speak to students, he said. In the past, speakers for the department have included designers, theatre historians and actors, he said.

Richard Allen, professor and department chair of film-television-digital media, said he appreciated Parker bringing Jones to campus and allowing her to speak to students in the film department directly. Jones will speak to film-television-digital media majors about her film career in a classroom setting today, he said.

"It's unusual for a department to share their Green Honors Chair, so we really appreciate the Theatre Department," Allen said.

One of the biggest things talked about in the film-

television-digital media Department is the difference between acting for theatre and acting for film, he said. Jones has been successful in both so it will be beneficial for students to hear about her different transitions, he said.

Also, Jones will be able to talk to students about how the industry has changed since she made her mark in the late '50s, he said.

Parker said her long track record and current special connection to the school is what attracted the department to invite her to speak at the university.

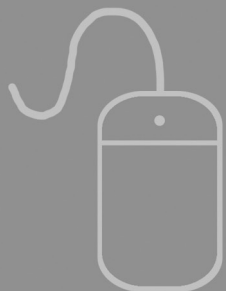
"I think part of the thought of bringing Shirley Jones is that we're doing 'Oklahoma!' and she's connected with that material," Parker said.

Shirley played the leading role, Laurey, in the 1955 movie and toured with the show professionally, he said.

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The Skiff View

Citizens need to use voice to call for change

At Wednesday night's annual Schieffer Symposium on the News, topics like the future of the media, the dark time in American economics and the increasingly polarized political spectrum were discussed.

The symposium gathered experienced media professionals from multiple media platforms and publications and should be applauded because it provided diverse viewpoints relevant to both the university and the Fort Worth community.

And community was an important topic of the night, as it should be. Panelists were concerned about the American people on many different levels, as they should be.

As panelists pointed out, when politicians argue instead of compromise, Americans lose. When corporate America needs to be bailed out, Americans pay the price. When jobs are scarce and debt is overabundant, Americans carry that burden.

These issues are real, and they have real consequences that affect real people. Therefore, the ball is in the people's court.

If we want change, we must demand it. Sometimes we forget this is a democratic republic, in which citizens can take an active part of the government. There are letters to be written and phone calls to be made if the country is not happy with the direction in which it is heading.

We have a voice. We just need to use it.

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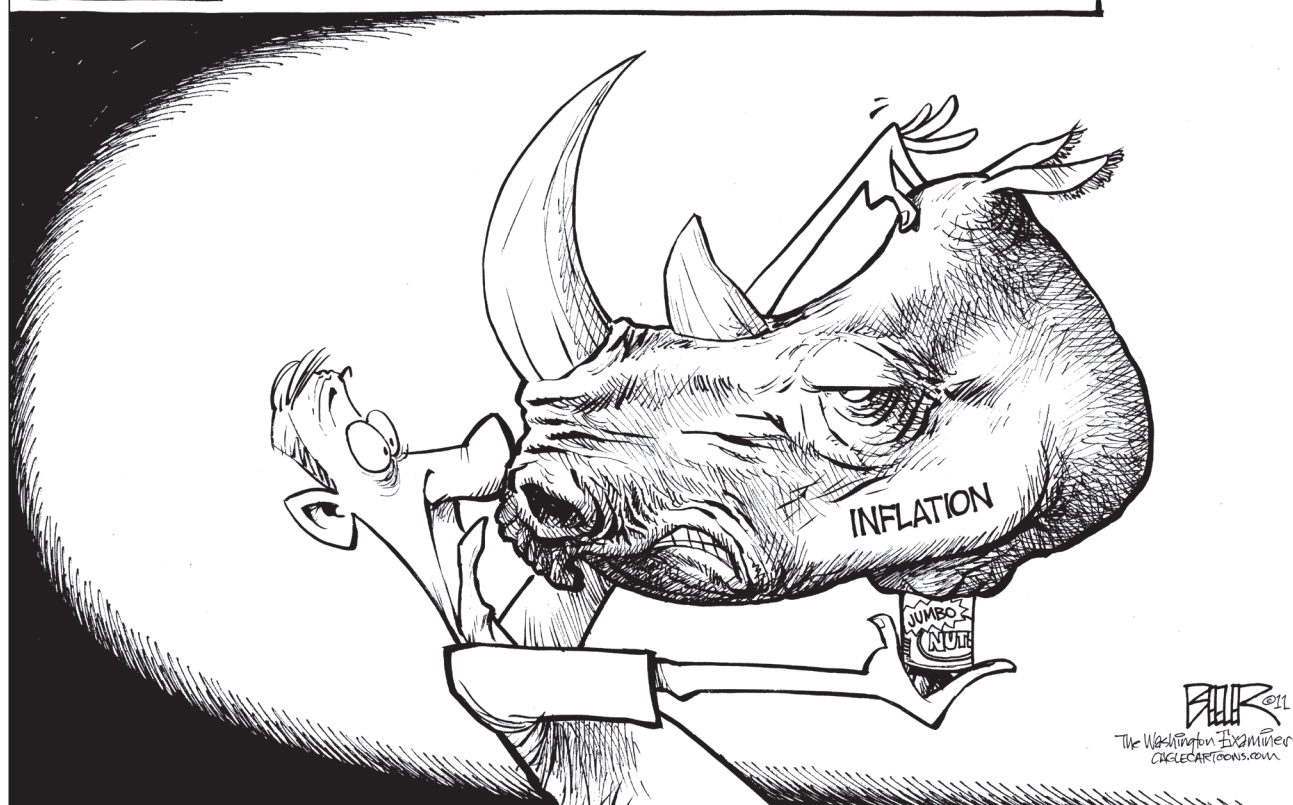
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New MLB ads can engage younger demographic



Bailey McGowan

Major League Baseball ads are taking on a new look and style that may be just what the league needs.

The new ads feature identifiable figures such as Brian Wilson of the San Francisco Giants, 2010 Cy Young Award winner Felix Hernandez of the Seattle Mariners and Ubaldo Jiménez of the Colorado Rockies.

The idea is to create a face behind a name. For years we've heard of the great players and teams. With baseball, it's easy to get swept away in the midst of 162 regular season games and lose track of the players because of the vast amount of games played — at least, that's the logic the MLB is using, according to a March 30 article from *The New York Times*.

Baseball ads have catered towards the action of the game in the past, according to the article. This is somewhat contradictory when one considers a baseball game can be tied 0-0 for eight innings, and then

in the bottom of the ninth, one play can change everything.

Baseball is an exciting sport, but it's not like other sports where the action is continuous and the dynamics of the game are gradual. What makes baseball unique is the balance between patience and consistency. Players have to have their heads in the game and need to be physically ready for anything.

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The new ads steer away from the ideas of the dynamics of baseball and more toward the relationship the fan has with the players. The new vignettes cater to what is deemed the most desirable demographic — the 18-34-year-old group.

By making jabs at the "epic" beard of Wilson and by suggesting that Jiménez would be interested in a souvenir personalized name license plate, the players lose their distant and unapproachable status.

Other than the 2010 American League MVP Josh Hamilton, a majority of baseball players come across as isolated, vague, arrogant and cocky — like Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez. There

is little compromise to find the "average joes" in baseball. In the interview room, players are typically composed and rehearsed.

The new lingo in the ads also appeals to the younger demographic. The repeated use of the word "epic" and references to adventure and journeys are more like "Saturday Night Live" sketches than ads for Major League Baseball. The ad itself is a shoutout to the tagline of the new MLB website: mlbalwaysepic.mlb.com.

Baseball is all about relationships — how the defense reacts to a good hit or how the pitcher battles when he's down in the count. It's the test of dedication for fans who have to wait for that one hit or play that changes everything.

One can use baseball for just about any analogy or lesson possible. From the practice problems of physics to comparing dating tactics, baseball can be used for just about any of it.

Baseball is America's pastime for a reason. It should be relatable, water cooler talk kind of game. There are enough games in a season to win anybody over if they watch enough, and the new ads could help do that.

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PERSPECTIVES

NASA will have no goal after end of shuttle program



Marshall Doig

Growing up, I remember one of my favorite movies was “Apollo 13.” I watched it over and over on my family’s VCR, and I was fascinated by the fact that the U.S. was even able to launch astronauts into space. Space captured my imagination. I think I even wanted to be an astronaut for a while, and I have carried that same fascination with and love of space exploration — particularly NASA’s race to land a man on the moon — ever since.

I suppose I’m getting a little sentimental because the final launch of the space shuttle Endeavour, which was delayed from April 19 to April 29 on Monday, is approaching. The final shuttle launch ever will be this summer. I’ve wondered many times about what NASA’s going to do next, and I wish I didn’t have to because it did, at one point, have a plan.

NASA was going to work on getting back to the moon

with the Constellation program, which would have landed astronauts — for the first time since 1972 — on the moon by 2020. Unfortunately, the Constellation program is no more. Last year, President Barack Obama’s proposed budget for NASA cut the program, which NASA had already been working on for four years, and directed \$18 billion toward other, more scientific projects, such as how to fuel spacecraft while in orbit and developing new engines that can accelerate even faster in space.

These goals are fine ones, to be sure, and the budget actually gave NASA more funding than it had, but what good are those new technologies and techniques if we’re not going to go anywhere with them?

The budget proposal also allocated more space operations to commercial spaceflight companies, such as Space Exploration Technologies Corporation, or SpaceX.

The company was the first to send a private rocket and capsule into Earth’s orbit and, according to an April 5 *Associated Press* article, announced Tuesday it had plans to develop the world’s most powerful rocket since the Saturn V, which took Apollo

astronauts to the moon. The rocket meets NASA’s current safety requirements, but there are still plenty of reasons why having private companies take the lead in American spaceflight is a bad idea.

Allowing these companies to develop space technology may create jobs, but the companies will compete to get rockets up faster than the others.

It may have taken the Constellation program longer to have a rocket ready to launch, according to a February 2010 column on the *Discover Magazine* website, but that’s because it would have been more carefully planned out by NASA. Put private companies in charge of spaceflight, and you’ll get a 21st century version of the 1960s “Space Race,” but the players now are private companies looking to make a buck instead of the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

NASA learned the ultimate lesson in 1967 when a fire in a practice launch for Apollo 1 killed three astronauts. After that fire, Gene Kranz, a Mission Control legend from the Apollo era, gave a speech to his flight controllers in which he said they had not done their jobs properly — by rushing to get an Apollo launch

done — and had therefore been responsible for the fire and the astronauts’ deaths.

Kranz wrapped up his speech by saying, “When you leave this meeting today you will go to your office and the first thing you will do there is to write ‘Tough and Competent’ on your blackboards. It will never be erased. Each day when you enter the room these words will remind you of the price paid by [astronauts Gus] Grissom, [Ed] White and [Roger] Chaffee.”

I’m not entirely convinced that these private spaceflight companies will be “tough and competent.” But I believe flight controllers at NASA still live up to this standard — Kranz even said so in a 2005 lecture at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Kranz said in his 2005 lecture, “I believe we are going to move into a new era of American space leadership.



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Space shuttle Endeavour crew members, first row left to right, pilot Greg H. Johnson, commander Mark Kelly, second row left to right, mission specialists Roberto Vittori of Italy, Mike Fincke, third row left to right, mission specialists Greg Chamitoff, and Drew Feustel depart the Operations and Checkout Building at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. on Friday, April 1, 2011.

We have the young people, we have the technologies, we have the know-how.” Unfortunately, we’re not going to be leaders if we turn over the future of American spaceflight to private business interests.

Yes, the Constellation program would have been expensive. But the benefits of

continued, manned exploration of other worlds, starting with Constellation and the moon, would have been priceless.

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Five mayoral candidates answer questions about Fort Worth, Berry Street and the city's relationship with TCU.

By Mandy Naglich and Landon Haaf
Staff Reporters

Dan Barrett, former Texas state representative



by everyone in Fort Worth including the Mayor.

Q: Do you have any comments on why students at TCU should vote for you, and how you will appeal to them?

A: Well sure, I mean TCU students, and I guess the point of that is that TCU students, they aren't all from here and maybe planning on graduating and leaving and going elsewhere, but most certainly while they live here they are, as far as I am concerned citizens of Fort Worth this is where they live, this is their town, they are affected by the quality of the air, the quality of the roads, the quality of all the essential services the city provides. So they have a vested interest as well as anyone else to make sure that the city government is responsive to them as well as responsive to all of the citizens and that they, like everyone else, have a voice that can be heard at city hall.

I mean we need to change the way that business is done at city hall, we need to move in a new direction and pave a new way for Fort Worth and I'm the candidate that has the vision, the energy and the commitment to do that.

Q: Speaking of small businesses, the city has attempted to improve the Berry Street area, by adding more businesses, what are your feelings on this project?

A: Oh, I think it's great, and I most certainly would support it. I think that's one of the areas where you can implement public-private partnerships that end up to be a win-win situations for both the city and the businesses. I think that certainly the areas of Berry Street that have been repaved with the brick intersections and the cross walks — all of that, are not only more attractive but they are also safer and I would support that any way that I could.

Q: Mayor Mike Moncrief has had a very close relationship with TCU while in office, implementing things like "Go Purple Fridays" and the "Go Frogs" sign painted on Trinity River. How would you continue this relationship with TCU, if at all?

A: Well I'm not exactly sure how, but sure. I think that what the mayor has done, as well as what TCU has done are just really wonderful things and we need to celebrate and support that. Of course, not only TCU but the other higher education institutions in the [Fort Worth] area. But TCU's success not only on the sports fields, but academically needs to be celebrated and promoted

Nicholas Zebrun, independent filmmaker



Q: Mayor Moncrief has had such a close relationship with TCU, including implementing "Purple Fridays" and approving a "Go Frogs" sign painted in the grass along the Trinity River. Do you plan on continuing that relationship with TCU and if so, how?

A: I think we have to exploit and encourage the support of TCU and the existence of TCU, and we have to make certain that this school is heavily represented not just here in the city but in North Texas. I would continue these policies and any other ideas that TCU has and anyone else has because ultimately the students know how to promote their school the best.

Q: Do you have any specific ideas as to how that relationship would continue?

A: I don't know the specific relationship Mr. Moncrief has with the school right now, but I would of course make certain to speak to the faculty and staff

as much as possible, any ideas they have to help promote the school and get the school front and center in Fort Worth's promotional material, anything like that to make certain that people know TCU is here, it's a great school, the students are great, the facilities are wonderful and people should send their kids here.

Q: Why should TCU students vote for you as the next mayor?

A: I think because many of the students will ultimately — at least I hope — stay in Fort Worth. And as I've said in other interviews, I want to project a long term vision of the city, one that not only recognizes the current generation of leadership but also lays a foundation so that the people graduating from TCU now, our generation of 18 to 35-year-olds, know that there is a city in the immediate future that is going to be a leader in North Texas. I think that I will project that vision and lead that future city. I think it's going to be tricky and it's going to require the participation of the next generation who are going to be our city leaders but we can do it. I hope they support me because ultimately it is about our future. The people right now who are graduating are going to be our

civic leaders, political leaders and community leaders in the next ten years. They have to get involved now, and I want to get them involved as early as possible.

Q: The city has attempted to improve Berry Street to include more businesses. What are your thoughts on the Berry Street Initiative?

A: I think it's wonderful. Just 10 years ago, if people remember, driving down Berry Street just past TCU's campus was dangerous at best and kind of iffy at worst, so what they have done is extraordinary and I hope it continues all the way down to [Interstate] 35 and even over [Interstate] 35. A lot of what I'm running on is community activity and getting people more involved, and certainly Berry East is going to be an extraordinarily difficult thing but I think it has to be done. And I'm talking about all the surrounding areas, not just Berry, but I think that every area around TCU, as more and more students come and as more and more families come, we have to have facilities and businesses there that meet their demands and provide a safe, living city for them so that they do feel comfortable living in Fort Worth.

Betsy Price, Tarrant County tax assessor



Q: Mayor Moncrief has had a very close relationship with TCU while in office, implementing things like "Purple Fridays" and the "Go Frogs" sign painted on Trinity River. How would you continue this relationship with TCU, if at all?

A: I think it is very important to continue it, and grow it. As I was telling you earlier we've spent 32 years now, living on the back of the campus we've lived right behind the stadium and the track there, and we've watched the campus grow. TCU is one of the big-

gest jewels for Fort Worth, it's a huge campus and when we dyed the river purple, I think it was two years ago, I was chairman of Streams and Valleys, and we really encouraged that dyeing. I think we just have to continue working with Dr. Boschini and all the staff at TCU because it is one of the crowned jewels and Fort Worth's treasure.

Q: Why should TCU students vote for you?

A: TCU students should vote for me because I am a fiscal conservative, the city, I am, if nothing else you want to say you need a major cheerleader for the city as a college student. I'll be a great promoter help bring more jobs, more economic development. I have a proven track record of efficiencies, and the city needs a fresh set of eyes. We don't need someone who has already

been there, working on it who has been part of the problem; we need somebody who is part of the solution.

Q: The city has attempted to improve the Berry Street area by adding more businesses. What are your feelings on this project?

A: I think it's a great initiative. I was part of the original work when I was the part of president of Paschal's PTA. It's probably been 10 years ago, as you know Paschal is at the end of Berry Street's campus here, TCU's campus. We worked very hard on [the Berry Street Initiative]. We worked on the beautification of the campus down there because it is a great segway into the university and into the zoological area, and then headed down into the cultural district. We have to keep that Berry Street corridor strong.

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TCU STUDENT MEDIA

Jim Lane, former city councilman and mayor pro tem



Q: Why should TCU students vote for you?

A: Because I graduated from TCU. [laughs] No, well education is probably right up their with public safety for me. My dad was a school teacher here in Fort Worth and I think that the city has, well, since TCU came to Fort Worth the residents got together and they gave the land to TCU, so the support has always been there. But I think, I have a close relationship with some of the board members out here and I keep up with my fraternity, I was a Delt out here [at TCU] I think I have a very good grasp of the issues that are affecting young Americans. We live in a time that the world has become a strange place and I like to keep a close ear to what people, like you [young people] think about things, so I would always have an open door and I will come as often as I can. Of course, I'll always be at the football games and the baseball games and the basketball games and all the other games, but there is a time also that I would really love to sit down with the student leadership up here [TCU] and say, tell this city council what we can do to help support TCU and I would do that for [University of Texas] Arlington also, I mean really all the schools around here. But I do have this special place in my heart for TCU.

Q: Mayor Moncrief has had a very close relationship with TCU while in Office, implementing things like "Purple Fridays" and the "Go Frogs" sign painted on Trinity River. How would you continue a close relationship with TCU?

A: Well absolutely, I graduated from TCU in 1966 and I have a four-year-old little boy, and he is going to be a Frog too. So we come to the games, we are fans, and I love TCU — it's a great school.

Q: Do you have any specific plans on how you would support TCU?

A: Well, Mike has set a good course, but Kim Bar, who was the mayor when I was on the council graduated from TCU with me, so there has always been a great amount of support there and I think it's like anything else: I would call up the chancellor and say, what else can the city of Fort Worth do to make sure the world knows about Fort Worth and about TCU, because TCU is a very important part of Fort Worth?

Q: Speaking of small businesses the city has attempted to improve the Berry Street area, by adding more businesses, what are your feelings on this project?

A: Well I was there, you know, when we talked about the North Main initiative: Berry, Lancaster. Berry Street is one of the major streets in Fort Worth and you need to make sure there is zoning that is in place that doesn't allow anything that's undesirable to make its way in on Berry Street. It really is too close to the university and there are too many wonderful families out in this area. Of course TCU and Paschal and everything else is right there so it is a matter of management. It's a matter of a city manager who understands the quality of life issues and makes sure that the council as a whole knows that these questions are popping up and making sure that there is a policy in place that doesn't encourage businesses that don't belong in these neighborhoods, you have to be really careful with that. If you come out on North Main you will see some sexually-oriented businesses that have absolutely no business being there, in my opinion. Unfortunately, they are grandfathers [clauded], and they are still there.

Cathy Hirt, former city council representative



wear purple.

Q: Why should TCU students vote for you as the next mayor?

A: Well you know, I think it's important where you go to school that the city is vibrant and that there are opportunities for the students to do things that really interest them and I think that I am very keenly aware that not only downtown, which is important for TCU students, but also on Berry Street and in close proximity to the university. I was actually responsible for starting the Berry Street Initiative so that is a near and dear project to my heart. I think it would be important for TCU students to realize that could be a key resource that is getting much, much better. I think that I am very keenly aware of the need for TCU students to be able to utilize the city as a whole. I'd like the Trinity River to be accessible to the students and for the students to be able to use that for recreation purposes. I'd like the students to be able to continue to use downtown and have access by virtue of transportation. One of the things we did was we worked on creating a trolley relationship between TCU and downtown, which doesn't exist as it should anymore — I don't think it exists at all to be honest. So

Q: Mayor Moncrief has had such a close relationship with TCU, including implementing "Purple Fridays" and approving a "Go Frogs" sign painted in the grass along the Trinity River. Do you plan on continuing that relationship with TCU and if so, how?

A: Well absolutely, I'd actually like to see even more relationships. I would like to see opportunities for TCU students to intern in various city departments, for example, and be able to learn firsthand about government distribution of services. I would like to see TCU, academically, work on projects the city needs to do; analyze issues, economic development issues, education related issues, create research projects for TCU — so not just the fun stuff. Yes, we obviously need to support the sports and the spirit of TCU, which is fantastic, but we really need to put TCU to work with us solving the city's problems and that's where I'd like to see it go ever further than where it is so far. I'll wear purple. I'll definitely

I think TCU students would have a real benefit in voting for me because of my interest with TCU.

Q: The city has attempted to improve Berry Street to include more businesses. What are your thoughts on the Berry Street Initiative?

A: I think it's moving along. I'd like to see it move faster. I'd like to see more student-friendly businesses, and I'd like for it to go further down Berry Street. I'd love for all of that to happen but it's all part of the vision and the plan and it will just take some time. I think the most exciting thing about the Berry Street Initiative is that in 2013, the commuter rail is going to stop on Berry Street, and that is huge. That means that students can go from Berry Street to downtown, students can go from Berry Street to the North Side, students can go from Berry Street to the airport, and students can go from Berry Street to Dallas. So that will create a dynamic for Berry Street as well because when you have that commuter rail stop, businesses will also come because they know that more people will be getting off to come to TCU. So I think there is some huge momentum right now and some really exciting ideas that are coming to fruition for Fort Worth and for Berry Street.

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WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Idaho T.G.I. Fridays has a beef with trophy thief

AMMON, Idaho (AP) — A T.G.I. Friday's in Idaho has a beef with whoever took its giant hamburger trophy.

The restaurant in Ammon received the trophy from Idaho Falls Magazine

for having the best hamburger in the area. General Manager Tim Coleman tells KIFI-TV that the trophy disappeared two days after the staff received the award.

This is the third consecutive year the restaurant won the honor, and it's not the first time the trophy was pilfered.

Two years ago, it disap-

peared for six weeks, but someone left it outside the restaurant.

Coleman says he just wants the trophy back and is willing to reward whoever brings it back by serving up one of those trophy-winning hamburgers — on the house.

Boy who cried to be named honorary NJ governor

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey youngster shown complaining on a YouTube clip that he can't

be governor of New Jersey can stop crying.

Gov. Chris Christie will sign a proclamation Wednesday making Jesse Koczon the state's honorary governor for the day.

On the video, the 4-year-old's mother asked him why he was upset. Jesse replied, "Cause everyone tells me I'm too small to be the governor of New Jersey."

Christie responded on Twitter: "Don't worry Jesse, people gave plenty of reasons why I couldn't be Governor, though being too

small wasn't one of them."

Ohio city hall clock running behind the times

LORAIN, Ohio (AP) — Residents of one Ohio community would be right to complain that City Hall is behind the times.

The large clock on the building is running about one hour and 20 minutes slow.

Officials in Lorain say its timekeeper is off partly because of the recent daylight saving time change. The

clock is still programmed to move an hour ahead on the old, pre-2007 schedule that started daylight saving time the first Sunday in April, instead of in mid-March.

Jim Dillon with the city's traffic signal tech crew tells The Morning Journal of Lorain that reprogramming the clock would mean a bill of up to \$500 for the city about 25 miles west of Cleveland.

He says a power outage probably put the clock behind the other 20 minutes.

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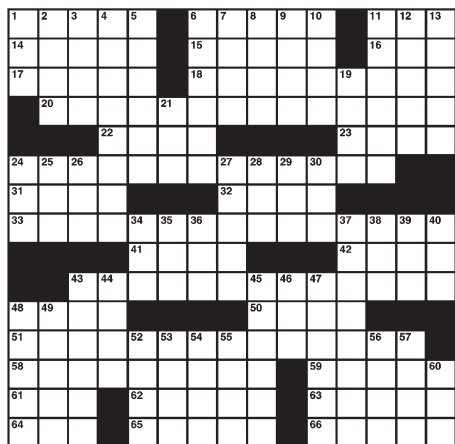
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- 6 Fictional falcon source
- 11 "The Sting" number
- 14 Much of Israel
- 15 Provide with heat?
- 16 Shaft discovery
- 17 Speak above the crowd?
- 18 Solitude
- 20 "Not exactly a nightie"
- 22 Jack edged him out in the 1980 U.S. Open
- 23 Jumbo, say
- 24 "Scales are part of it"
- 31 Some time ago
- 32 Screwball
- 33 "Reinforced road traveler"
- 41 "... 'tis true, I have gone here and there"; Sonnet 110
- 42 Choice word
- 43 "Headquarters"
- 48 Pole or Croat
- 50 Where parts of the '95 film "Higher Learning" were shot
- 51 Spin, as a cue ball, and how to answer each starred clue in this puzzle?
- 58 Radical
- 59 Bathroom sink fitting
- 61 Bathroom, across the pond
- 62 Berry picked for an Emmy
- 63 Sister of Thalia
- 64 Stab
- 65 Loper leader
- 66 Easily colored synthetic
- DOWN**
- 1 Desk globe filler?
- 2 Line to tear along; Abbr.
- 3 "I've Got ___ in Kalamazoo"
- 4 Suspect, maybe
- 5 "Given that ..."
- 6 Sky streaker
- 7 Deep blue
- 8 Harpsichordist's aid
- 9 It has few pips
- 10 Key of Beethoven's Sym. No. 7
- 11 Frosh assignment
- 12 Ball partner
- 13 Sky honkers
- 19 Lad's sweetheart
- 21 Hammock session
- 24 Batt. terminal
- 25 NFL drive killer
- 26 Score very high on
- 27 "This is ___ sudden!"
- 28 Motel extra
- 29 Nail holder
- 30 Ill. neighbor
- 34 Data-sharing syst.
- 35 Lunch initials
- 36 ___ candy
- 37 Renters, collectively
- 38 Nevertheless
- 39 Time off, in mil. slang
- 40 ___ candy
- 43 Yarn or bell, e.g.
- 44 Page-bottom directive
- 45 Polish goal
- 46 "The Shield" actress ___
- 47 Made hasty altar plans
- 48 Broke down, in a way
- 49 Pyramid-shaped Vegas hotel
- 52 Soda reportedly named for a bottle size
- 53 Fed
- 54 Happy tune
- 55 Crow's-nest sighting
- 56 Afghanistan neighbor
- 57 Thames gallery
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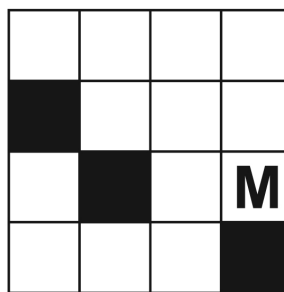


By Don Gagliardo 4/7/11

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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"The Zulu Royal Family"

How to play:

Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once. The correct solution will spell the complete phrase along a single continuous spelling path that moves horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Fill the grid from square to square - revisiting letters as needed to complete the spelling path in order. Each letter will appear only once in the grid.

Wednesday's Solution



"King Of Tonga"

Sample



"Freeze"

9	4			3	
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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 sudoku and crossword solutions.

Wednesday's Solution

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

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NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

Glenn Beck's Fox show dropped

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News Channel on Wednesday said it was dropping Glenn Beck's afternoon talk show, which has sunk in the ratings and suffered financially due to an advertiser boycott.

Fox and Beck said the show will end later this year.

Fox News and Beck's company, Mercury Radio Arts, said they will work together to create other projects for Fox television and digital.

Beck was a quick burn on Fox News Channel. Almost immediately after joining the network in January 2009, he doubled the ratings at his afternoon time slot. Fans found his conservative populism entertaining, while Comedy Central's Stephen Colbert described Beck's "crank up the crazy and rip

off the knob" moments.

He was popular with ultra-conservative Tea Party activists and drew thousands of people to the National Mall in Washington last August for a "restoring honor" rally.

Yet some of his statements were getting him in trouble, and critics appealed to advertisers to boycott his show last summer after Beck said President Barack Obama had "a deep-seated hatred for white people."

More than 400 Fox advertisers told the company they did not want their commercials on Beck's show.

No deal yet as possible government shutdown looms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's second ranking Democrat said Wednesday that negotiators on the budget are making progress but that conservative GOP policy prescriptions remain obstacles as they scramble to avert a government shut-

down this weekend.

"I feel better today than I did yesterday," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. "There's been a direct negotiation — things put on the table that had not been discussed before and I think we're moving towards closure."

At the same time, President Barack Obama placed a brief call to House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, on the negotiations. Boehner's office said the speaker told Obama he was hopeful a deal could be reached. White House spokesman Jay Carney, speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One, said the president was prepared to call a meeting of congressional leaders at the White House "at whatever hour of the day is necessary if he believes that progress is not being made."

"As of right now," Carney added, "there are reports of progress on the Hill."

Elsewhere on Wednesday, the combatants charged each

other would be to blame if compromise talks on the budget fail to produce an agreement.

"Democrats' bottom line hasn't changed. Republicans' bottom line hasn't stayed still," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said, one day after meeting privately with House Speaker John Boehner to try and get talks back on track.

The Nevada Democrat said that Boehner "has a choice to make, and not much time to make it: He can do either what the tea party wants, or what the country needs."

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell offered a different analysis.

The government faces a partial shutdown Friday at midnight if Congress doesn't take action to avoid one. Negotiations on legislation to keep federal agencies running is hung up over negotiations over a Republican demand for steep spending cuts.



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Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev. speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

TEXAS NEWS

Senate approves academic priority for Texas Grants

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate has voted to give priority for Texas Grants financial aid to top-performing students.

The Texas Grants program was created to give financial aid to poor students. It is given on a first-come, first-serve basis, but trends show that about half don't graduate within six years.

Supporters say the bill won't take money away from poor students, but will put those who are most likely to graduate at the front of the line.

Critics say the change could limit financial aid to minority students from the state's poorest school districts.

The change would apply to grants awarded for the fall 2013 semester.

The bill now goes to the House, which is considering a similar measure.

Boy, 7, shares Ecstasy pills at South Texas school

SAN BENITO, Texas (AP) — A South Texas man is facing drug charges after his 7-year-old son shared some

colorful, illegal pills with his pals at school.

Investigators say the pills were Ecstasy.

KRGV-TV reports the child on Monday gave pills, taken from his father's backpack, to four other boys at Frank Roberts Elementary School in San Benito.

Police say one boy told his mother about the pills and said they were meant to make him sleep. The mother contacted police.

Lt. Martin Morales says it does not appear that any of the boys took the pills.

The father is facing charges of possession of a controlled substance and five counts of endangering a child. Police recovered nearly 350 pills, believed to be Ecstasy, from a backpack at the family's home.

Texas police chief gets stitches, teen accused

YOAKUM, Texas (AP) — A Southeast Texas police chief has nine stitches and a shiner after being slugged in the face in a courtroom struggle with a high school student.

The Victoria Advocate

reports Yoakum Police Chief Arthur Rogers was assisting in municipal court when a judge cited a teenager for truancy. Rogers says the student was leaving the courtroom when he "either said something or made a gesture toward the judge."

The teen was cited for con-

tempt of court, but attempted to leave.

Rogers says that's when they scuffled and he was "popped" in the face, leading to a left black eye.

The student faces charges of assault of a public servant and resisting arrest over Friday's incident.

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Pachall ready to take the reins

By Nathan DeWitt
Staff Writer

Over the past four years, TCU fans were used to the well-spoken, clean-cut starting quarterback and game manager that was Andy Dalton. The right-handed red-head from Katy, Texas displayed the intangibles coaches and fans wanted to see. More importantly he won games — something to the tune of the most in program history.

In 2011, fans will see a different quarterback at the helm for the Frogs. Sophomore Casey Pachall, a highly touted four-star recruit from Brownwood, Texas, might have a different image than Dalton did, with long hair and a right arm covered in tattoos, but he expects to produce the same results as his predecessor did.

Most of his expectations arise from what he learned from Dalton, after having spent the past two years as his backup.

“Andy helped me a tremendous amount,” Pachall said. “Being under him and learning from one of the top quarterbacks in the nation was definitely something that helped a lot. Seeing the decisions and reads he would make really set in and helped me understand the game more.”

Head coach Gary Patterson, who gave a speech to the team about leadership after Monday's spring practice, said his expectation for his quarterbacks is simple: to win.

“Our status is win by one

point,” Patterson said. “Our whole thing is to manage the game. Don't lose the ballgame and put the ball in the hands of the guys you're supposed to. It's the same strategy we've had for 14 years here.”

Pachall, who did his first media interview since arriving at TCU after practice Monday, was an early enrollee in 2009 and then redshirted in his first season on campus. Pachall has been here for almost two and a half years now, and believes that extra time was crucial to his development as a quarterback.

“Nothing feels new. I feel like I've been here for a while because I came in early.”

Casey Pachall
Sophomore quarterback

“Nothing feels new. I feel like I've been here for a while because I came in early,” Pachall said. “Eventually I started getting a hold of things, and that [first spring] was huge.”

Pachall and redshirt freshman Matt Brown, the only other quarterback on the depth chart right now, have been getting all the reps this spring due to position changes from redshirt freshman Sam Carter and sophomore Rick Settle, who both moved to safety, and as well as former TCU quarterback Yogi Gallegos transferring. Those ros-

ter changes, as well as Pachall's work this spring seem to validate Pachall's decision to choose TCU over offers from Notre Dame, Florida and Michigan.

“In the spring game I felt like I did some things good, but I didn't do as good as I wanted to,” Pachall said. “As an offense, I feel we were a little slow, but that's something we will get fixed.”

Pachall and sophomore wide receiver Josh Boyce have displayed a good connection on the field this spring, with Boyce seeming to be Pachall's clear No. 1 wide receiver target. That comes, in part, from the fact that the two also have a good relationship off the field.

“We have a great relationship. He's my roommate, so that helps a lot,” Pachall said. “We've been hanging out since we got [to TCU], so being around him every day helped.”

Filling the shoes of a quarterback who won the most games in school history is certainly not going to be an easy task, but Pachall seems to be making the right steps toward doing that this spring.

When asked about Pachall filling the shoes of Dalton, Patterson said his quarterback needs to create his own path and not worry about the past.

“I didn't ask Andy Dalton to fill the shoes of [former QB] Tye Gunn,” Patterson said. “All I want him to do is be himself. I was very pleased with the way Casey has handled himself.”

EQUESTRIAN

Two of a kind: sisters refine program

By Ryne Sulier
Sports Editor

About 30 minutes west of Fort Worth, Kelsey Huffman rides horseback on a winding dirt trail on October Hill Farm — the home to the TCU equestrian program that looks, feels and smells a world away from University Drive and Berry Street.

Kelsey Huffman and her sister, assistant coach Kindel Huffman, have helped define TCU's equestrian program since it started in 2006.

“They've been such an integral part of this program since it's started, I wish they had a little sister to stay in the program,” head coach Gary Reynolds said. “Without Kindel and Kelsey, I don't know that we'd have a national championship under our belt.”

The Huffman sisters, Kindel the oldest by more than three years, began riding horses by the age of two and were competing at the age of five in Norco, Calif., where the sisters grew up.

“All of our lives, since we were honestly two, three years old we grew up on a ranch, so we've been around horses all our lives,” Kindel Huffman said.

Kelsey said their parents put the sisters on a horse once the girls could walk, and the two started competing by the age of five.

“Riding horses is in our blood,” Kelsey Huffman said.

With Kindel and Kelsey riding horses as long as they

could remember, it might seem strange that Kindel came to TCU, a university that didn't even have an equestrian program at the time she arrived.

“I had a friend that went to school here, and I showed her horses with her. So I came out here for a competition, and I fell in love with the school,” Kindel Huffman said. “I knew they were going to start an equestrian team here, and I knew I wanted to be on it. So, fortunately, I was here one semester, and they started it.”

Kelsey said she was never far behind her sister since they began riding horses and that she felt she had an easy in with the TCU program. She got to know Reynolds and the riders when visiting her sister on campus while a freshman at the University of Findlay.

Even though Kelsey followed Kindel to TCU, the sisters have never competed against one another — Kelsey rides Western and Kindel rode English events. Now an assistant coach for the program, Kindel focuses on TCU's Hunt Seat team.

“I rode English, she rode Western, but in a way I won a world championship title in English, so then later on she had to win one in Western,” Kindel Huffman said. “So I guess that's a little bit of competitiveness.”

Reynolds said the two sisters had their own styles of preparation and techniques to focus, but both girls have always been winners.

“[Kindel] won hers first, and so now it's kind of like, ‘Well

now the little sister better step up and do it,’” Kelsey Huffman said.

Reynolds said he looks at the Huffman sisters like his own daughters, noting that his own daughter looks up to Kindel and Kelsey so much that she's even named her dolls Kindel and Kelsey.

“Their dad passed away when they were very young of cancer,” Reynolds said. “It's been very much an important thing to me to be a part of their life, and it's been good for me to watch them and be able to be a male role model in their life.”

In what Reynolds described as a divine order of events, Kindel ended up as his assistant coach after her graduation.

“I thought it'd be my career later in life, but the position came open only eight months after I left TCU,” Kindel Huffman said. “I didn't think I was ready, but I couldn't let the opportunity go by with my home school.”

Kindel doesn't directly coach Kelsey, but when she has a chance to watch her younger sister compete, she's her toughest critic, Kindel said.

As for Kelsey's plans upon graduation, Kindel laughed, debating out loud on what Kelsey wanted to do and what she should do upon graduation.

“I definitely don't see myself riding horses as a professional; I'll always do it as my hobby and for myself,” Kelsey Huffman said. “I see myself having a business job in the horse industry... I see horses and the business side of it in my life forever.”

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2011 Frogs have different look



Ryan Osborne

To the 2011 TCU football season ticket holders, alumni, et al. regarding the defending Rose Bowl champions:

Looking for another crop of straight-laced players led by a certain redhead with all the intangibles to take TCU back to the promised land in 2011? Won't find it here.

If you're looking for a scrappy bunch of talented, underrated outlaws to take TCU to a Mountain West Championship next year and possibly a BCS National Championship, you've come to the right place.

When assessing the 2011 TCU football team with the final spring practice today, the logic has been simple:

No Andy Dalton. No Jake Kirkpatrick. No Tejay Johnson or Bart Johnson.

"I've got two coaches on the field telling guys where to be, because we don't have any leadership right now," said head coach Gary Patterson after spring practice on a soggy Monday in late March. "And without that it's tough to get better."

When that's established, panic, naturally, sets in.

But it shouldn't, because as much as analysts and fans want to believe it is, the biggest difference between last year's team and this year's team isn't a lack of leadership but rather a different breed of leadership.

Those surrounding the pro-

gram can promote and protect projected sophomore starting quarterback Casey Pachall all they want, but anyone familiar with the TCU football team knows Pachall is not Andy Dalton on or off the field.

The image adjustment from Dalton to Pachall might be the biggest things fans must accept. This isn't to say Pachall is any type of troublemaker, it's just that the sophomore doesn't exactly project the typical, All-American image Dalton did.

Dalton said and did all the right things. Not only was an All-American, he looked like an All-American, too. His appearance was as straight-laced as they come.

Quite the contrast to Pachall, whose hair is long like the tattoo sleeve on his right arm.

The on-the-field difference, though, is something Pachall's doubters could get used to.

No knock on Dalton, but Pachall is taller, faster and has a stronger arm than his predecessor. There's no telling what kind of poise he has, but Pachall sure isn't lacking in confidence. His passes this spring have been quick, crisp and except for a drop here or there, nearly all complete.

The same goes for the rest of Pachall's gang.

Everyone knows senior linebacker Tank Carder's story after he was named Rose Bowl Defensive Most Valuable Player, but what fans might not know is that Carder will have a hard time out-competing fellow junior linebacker Tanner Brock for the Butkus Trophy.

The rap on Brock, though, was that he was never able to get out of Patterson's doghouse

last year. Well, even so, he still hit harder than any TCU defender in 2010. And whether he gets out of Patterson's doghouse or not in 2011, he surely won't get left out of the NFL Draft in a couple of years.

Size and speed matter most on defense and Brock has plenty of both.

The same could be said for most all of TCU's current no-names. Guys like sophomore wide receiver Josh Boyce, redshirt freshman safety Antonio Graves, redshirt freshman wide receiver Ethan Grant, sophomore tailback Waymon James and sophomore tailback Dwight Smith.

Smith, arguably one of the most dominant running backs in Texas high school football history, will have a hard time finding the field next year seeing he'll likely be behind juniors Ed Wesley, Matthew Tucker, Aundre Dean, and James on the depth chart by the start of the season.

When talking about depth, this team has it. The Frogs might be inexperienced, but they are deep and rich in talent on both sides of the ball. Talent usually goes a long way in making up for inexperience.

And the reason there shouldn't be much to worry about in terms of leadership for next year's team is simple: The leaders, guys like Pachall, Brock and Carder, directly reflect their followers — guys like Boyce, Graves, James, etc.

This 2011 version of the Horned Frogs is talented, underrated and flat out bad to the bone.

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Quarterback Casey Pachall hands the ball off during the spring football game on Saturday. Pachall will be taking over for graduated former quarterback Andy Dalton.

BASEBALL

Rangers begin season at 6-0

By Stephen Hawkins

Associated Press

Mitch Moreland delivered the tiebreaking double for the still undefeated Texas Rangers off Cy Young winner Felix Hernandez. The young first baseman then earned a dinner from new teammate Adrian Beltre for his work with the glove.

Moreland put the Rangers ahead to stay with his RBI double into the right-field corner in the seventh. He then started the next inning with an incredible snag of Beltre's bounced throw after the Gold Glove third baseman made an equally impressive stop in the Rangers' 7-3 win over the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday.

"It was OK. He made a better play than I did because it was a tough hop I threw over there, a little two-seamer low. He picked it very nice," said Beltre, who snagged Milton Bradley's hard high chopper near the line. "Every time he does that I owe him a dinner. Hopefully he can save me a lot of errors."

So far this season, the AL champion Rangers are flawless.

They wrapped up their season-opening homestand with their first 6-0 start since 1996, when they set a team record by winning their first seven games. Texas has a day

off Thursday before starting its first road trip of the season Friday in Baltimore.

"Everybody's talking about homers, but pitching and defense got us where we needed to be, got us six big wins," designated hitter Michael Young said.

Moreland's go-ahead hit in the seventh inning, which he pulled down the line into the right-field corner, made a winner of C.J. Wilson (1-0). Ar-

thur Rhodes, the 41-year-old lefty, needed only four pitches to get through the 3-4-5 batters in the Seattle lineup in the eighth.

Hernandez (1-1) allowed four runs, two unearned, in seven innings. He struck out six and walked three.

"It was the wind first, I couldn't get my balance. But after that I felt good. All the pitchers were working," Hernandez said.



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Texas Rangers starting pitcher C.J. Wilson throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners in Arlington.

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Kindel and Kelsey Huffman still building a championship program.



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Freshman pitcher Nick Frey releases the ball during the game against University of Texas-Pan American on Wednesday night at Lupton Stadium. The game was TCU's fifth straight win.

No. 15 Frogs buck UT-Pan American 5-1

By Ryne Sulier
Sports Ediwtor

Frogs' freshman pitcher Nick Frey (1-0) earned his first career collegiate victory for No. 15 TCU, and junior center fielder Aaron Schultz drove in two runs to give the Frogs a 5-1 win over University of Texas-Pan American on Wednesday evening at Lupton Stadium.

It was TCU's fifth straight win and its eighth in 10 games, but Frey's first career start wasn't planned — Kyle Starratt was slated as the probable starter for the game.

"Starratt came down with a sprain in his elbow yesterday. We don't think it is serious, but it means seven to 10 days of not picking up a ball," head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle said. "We had a couple guys who had pitched some for us, but they hadn't pitched great. A guy like Nick [Frey] has been pitching better than those guys

in practice, but we didn't want to burn his red shirt unless we felt like we really needed him. We went ahead and decided once Starratt was out, we would run Nick out there."

TCU (20-9) took an early 2-0 lead in the third inning and never trailed, and freshman pitcher Stefan Crichton finished the game for TCU. Broncs' starting pitcher Kyle Kotchie pitched 4 1/3 innings, allowing four runs, three earned, on four hits as UT-Pan American fell to 9-10 on the season.

Senior second baseman Jerome Pena walked to start the bottom of the third with senior first baseman Joe Weik at the plate. Weik grounded into a double play, but Kotchie drilled senior catcher Jimmy Pharr to put a runner on first with junior right fielder Brance Rivera at the plate.

Rivera, who said he was looking forward to an even

better second half of the season after ending his 27-game hit streak last night, bunted a single down the third-base line. Broncs' third baseman Vincent Mejia failed to get a good bare-hand grip on the ball and didn't get a throw off to first base.

Schultz knocked in a two-RBI double to give the Frogs a 2-0 lead in the third inning. Junior shortstop Taylor Featherston flied out to left to end the scoring threat.

With one out in the top of the fourth, Broncs' first baseman Angel Ibanez singled to left, but junior left fielder Jason Coats let the ball go through his legs for an error. Ibanez was caught in a rundown in an attempt to steal third, but with two outs, Mejia knocked a shot off the left field wall for a double.

Frey showed poise in his first career start, striking out Broncs' catcher Mike McCarthy for his second strikeout of

the game to end the top of the fourth inning.

"They hinted I might start last night, I had it on my mind though," Frey said. "They told me after team meetings today, and it was definitely a surprise. I was so surprised I didn't even think to tell my parents until it was too late..."

Coats singled up the middle to lead off the bottom of the fifth, and sophomore Zac Jordan hit an RBI single just past the reach of Broncs' second baseman Roger Bernal to bring Coats home and put the Frogs up 3-0 with one out. Pena hit into another double play to end the inning.

Frey, who was on a limited pitch count, tossed four scoreless innings, allowing three hits and striking out two. Senior pitcher Trent Appleby took the mound for the Frogs to start the fifth inning.

"I think the story of the last two nights has been outstand-

ing starting pitching from two guys who weren't even projected starters coming into this season, along with great defense," Schlossnagle said. "We had one error tonight, but I thought we played really good defense in the infield."

With one out in the bottom of the fifth inning, UT-Pan American's Zach Zouzalik came in for Kotchie. Rivera brought Weik home with an RBI single and reached second base on a throwing error to put TCU up 4-1.

Weik tagged an RBI single in the sixth to left field to stretch TCU's lead to 5-1, which would remain the final score.

Redshirt freshman Tyler Duffie entered the game for the Frogs in the eighth inning. Appleby ended the night with three hits and an earned run in three innings pitched.

Crichton would finish the game for the Frogs, going two innings with two strikeouts.

"It seems like at the beginning of the year, everything we hit was being caught, whether it was hard or soft," Schultz said. "Today to get my hit to fall was lucky, but it scored a couple runs and put us on the board, and we got rolling from there."

Up next

The Frogs will conclude their season-longest 13-game homestand with a three-game series against MWC opponent New Mexico. First pitch is slated for 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Notes

Coats extended his hit streak to nine games. Witte reached base safely for the 15th consecutive game and also stretched his hitting streak to six games. UT-Pan American scored a single run in 18 innings against the Frogs.