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The Texas Legislature may put a cap on the top ten percent rule for public universities. **Tomorrow in News**

LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Housing review to go before trustees

Boschini: Concerns over gays, lesbians didn't prompt review

By Courtney Jay
Staff Reporter

Chancellor Victor Boschini said Monday that the negative public reaction that prompted the decision to close the new Living Learning Communities was not targeted at approved housing for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning students and their supporters.

Boschini said he received many reactions regarding the announcement of the new LLCs, most of which were centered on concerns that the communities foster sepa-

ratism. "Some people were complaining about individual issues, but the biggest concern I got was, 'Does this fit our academic mission?'" Boschini said. "Does it promote separatism or does it promote unity?"

Shelly Newkirk, sophomore social work major and co-creator of the DiversCity Q LLC, said she thinks Boschini heard concerns about the LLCs only after the media attention about the LGBTQ community.

Susan Harz, junior social work major and co-creator of the LGBTQ LLC, said the media inaccurately represented the community's purpose.

"The LLC was meant to form dialogue for students interested in diversity and inclusiveness with special attention to LGBTQ

community members and their allies," Harz said.

Newkirk said the media claimed the university was setting aside housing for gay and lesbian students. She said the majority of students in the LLC were straight allies of the group.

Holly Buechner, a sophomore speech pathology major and a member of the Honors House, said LLCs can separate members from the rest of the student body but they also do a good job of reaching the rest of the campus community.

"To an extent, I think (LLCs) do separate students," Buechner said. "But it's one of those things that's an opportunity to get involved with people that you didn't know. In general, I think they do a good job of connecting

Themed Housing

These currently existing Living Learning Communities will continue in the fall:

- Honors House
- Leadership and Strengths
- Green House
- Health and Wellness
- Language and International House

Freshman Interest Groups:

- Honors House
- Business
- Education
- Service and Learning
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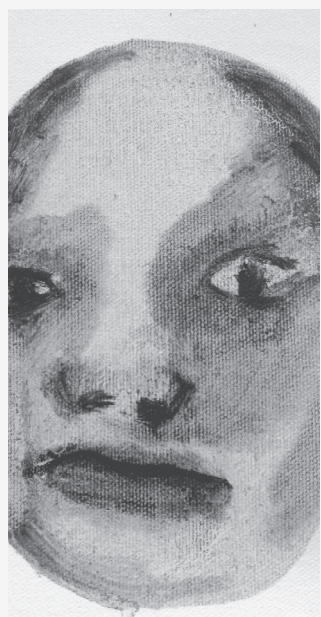
CORRECTION

An article in Thursday's Skiff incorrectly stated that Brite Divinity School's Episcopal Studies program is the first such program in North Texas. The Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University also offers an Episcopal Studies program that prepares and ordains Episcopal students. The programs at TCU and SMU are the only in North Texas expressly designed for Episcopal students.

TOP 10 MOVIES
(millions of dollars)

- Hannah Montana The Movie 32.3
- Fast and Furious 27.2
- Monsters vs. Aliens 21.8
- Observe and Report 11
- Knowing 6.4
- I Love You, Man 6.3
- The Haunting in Connecticut 5.9
- Dragonball Evolution 4.8
- Adventureland 3.4
- Duplicity 3

— Media by Numbers



The Tension Art Exhibit has given students a chance to learn the ins and outs of the art world by experience. **Features page 5**

PECULIAR FACT

NEW YORK — Dog-crazy Americans will soon be able to buy a pet-friendly car with a cushioned dog bed in the trunk, fitted with a built-in water bowl and fan and a ramp to help less agile dogs climb in. With the help of a rescue dog named Sammy, Japanese car maker Honda Motor Co. unveiled the pet-friendly version of its Element utility vehicle at the New York Auto Show.

— Reuters

TODAY'S WEATHER



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78 / 56

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HOT STREAK



JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Designated hitter Matt Curry celebrates after scoring a run in the eighth inning of the game against Texas Tech University on Monday afternoon. Curry hit four singles in the Frogs' 12-5 victory.

The Horned Frog baseball team, fresh off a four-game road trip, returned to Lupton Stadium on Monday afternoon to host the Texas Tech University Red Raiders. A dominant offense and steady pitching propelled the team to a 12-5 victory, its fourth in a row. With only 21 games remaining until the Mountain West Conference Tournament in Fort Worth, the Horned Frogs are quickly approaching the season's final stretch. A 23-10 record has the team ranked No. 16 in the latest Baseball America Top 25 poll.

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Proposal has booze back at tailgates

By Naheil Qudah
Staff Reporter

Students are working on proposing a modified format of the student tailgate that will effectively disperse cliques during the event and allow those of age to drink alcohol, an Interfraternity Council representative said.

Evan Berlin, Interfraternity Council president, said he and Student Body President Kelsie Johnson have worked with Panhellenic Council Representative Lindsay Ray to tout the Strategic Action Plan for Tailgating.

The proposal would place the tailgate near the Milton Daniel and Moncrief halls and the Brown-Lupton University Union, Johnson said.

The group came up with the plan when considering how to approach students' complaints

about the former Worth Hills and current Campus Commons tailgates, Berlin said. Factors that made the representatives want to change the tailgates were the ban on alcohol and time limitations, which made it less accessible to students, he said.

"The key point is simply that we would like to have tailgates on campus that can include every single member of the community."

Junior marketing major Brett Medlin, 21, said he stopped going to the student tailgate when alcohol was banned.

Brett Medlin
junior marketing major

"It's probably the only reason I don't go anymore," he said.

Berlin said the plan would promote school spirit and inclusiveness.

"The key point is simply that we would like to have tailgates on campus that can include every single member of the community," Berlin said. "Something that every student will want to go to."

Berlin said it would be ideal to number the tailgate spaces.

"All organizations and groups that wish to sign up for a tailgate spot will be drawn and assigned a spot at random, directly mixing the various student organizations on campus," Berlin said.

Whether a spot will cost organizations any money has not been decided yet, Berlin said. That depends upon whether equipment such as tents and grills will be provided and set up by a third party or by students themselves, he said.

Berlin said the plan would also allow those of age to drink alcoholic beverages within limits.

Age limits would be enforced by verify-

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DIVERSITY

Dorm event to highlight discrimination

By Curtis Burrhus-Clay
and Patrick Burns
Staff Reporters

The Office of Residential Services, Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services, and Fraternity and Sorority Life will co-host an interactive event that will give students a first-hand look at different types of oppression in hopes of promoting awareness on campus, the director of Moncrief Hall said.

Hall Director Trisha Teig said the Tunnel of Oppression, a social event produced at colleges nationwide, will be made up of several rooms each exposing different forms of oppression in a variety of ways. Teig, who is also the Office of Residential Services' diversity committee chairwoman, said activities in the rooms will vary from informative multimedia to role-playing oppression scenarios.

Teig said domestic violence, religious and racial discrimination are a few of the topics that will be addressed. She said she hopes the event will increase knowledge and ultimately encourage students to take action.

"We believe students need to have an awareness of what's going on in the world," Teig said. "Our hope is that we

can open some eyes to important issues for our students."

Teig said one way to get students involved is to incorporate them in the planning and the production of the event. Each room will be sponsored by a student organization and the topic for that particular room comes directly from

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Trisha Teig
Moncrief hall director

the organization itself, she said.

"The topics are the ones that the student groups feel they need to be addressed on TCU's campus," Teig said.

Residential Services also helped with the planning of the tunnel said Alexis Branaman, resident assistant at Milton

Tunnel of Oppression

When: April 14 to 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

For more information, contact Trisha Teig at t.teig@tcu.edu.

Daniel Hall.

Branaman, who also is the chapter president of TCU Amnesty International, said Residential Services has made an effort to engage in social issues and programs this year.

"The tunnel is a way that they're trying to involve themselves more in diversity on campus," Branaman said.

A reason why resident assistants put an emphasis on social justice issues is the amount of RA's already involved on campus with programs, Branaman said.

"It makes it much easier," she said. "It makes it easier for the hall directors because they have contact people on staff, and it makes it easier for people who are involved in social justice to be allowed to ask and bring up the issues in the residence halls."

Branaman said Residential Services has also set up the location for the tunnel, and are screening the proposals to ensure students take the event seriously.

NEWS

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Museum torn on DNA request

By Edward Colimore
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — One hundred and forty-four years ago Tuesday, Abraham Lincoln was watching a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington when John Wilkes Booth slipped into the president's box and shot him.

Lincoln died the next morning, and now his blood and brain matter — on part of a pillowcase at a Philadelphia museum — are being sought for DNA testing that may definitively solve a medical mystery.

Was the 16th president dying of cancer at the time of the assassination?

John Sotos, a cardiologist, an author and a consultant for the television series "House," wants to test the artifact to confirm what eyewitness accounts and 130 period images already tell him: Lincoln had a rare genetic cancer syndrome called multiple endocrine neoplasia type 2B (MEN2B).

But Sotos' request has stirred an ethical and scientific debate on the board of directors of the Grand Army of the Republic Museum and Library, an off-the-beaten-path Civil War institution.

Should the museum grant permission for the testing and enjoy the spotlight when the results are announced?

Or should it reject Sotos' request, avoid damaging the artifact, and honor the wishes of Robert Todd Lincoln to leave his father in peace?

The answers will come at a museum board meeting, likely to be held May 5, during a time of heightened interest in Lincoln. This year is the bicentennial of his birth.

"This is the Shroud of Turin of Civil War history," said Andy Waskie, a board member, a Philadelphia historian, and an assistant

professor of language and history at Temple University. "We are guardians in trusteeship of this extraordinarily important artifact."

"On the basis of pure science, the testing is of interest. We have not eliminated it as an option ... but we want more information."

The board turned to biologist and Civil War buff Gary Grove for advice.

The question in the DNA debate "is not whether we can do the

"Genetic analysis of Lincoln's DNA is the best and maybe the only way to provide indisputable proof to settle these arguments."

Gary Grove
biologist and Civil War buff

testing but whether we should do it," said Grove, who is vice president of research and development at cyberDERM, a Broomall, Pa., firm that tests skin-care products.

In his book "The Physical Lincoln," Sotos, of Palo Alto, Calif., notes that "he is history's tallest president, at 6 feet, 3 inches. He was strong, and a good wrestler. He grew a beard to disguise his ugliness."

The book shows how a diagnostician analyzes feet, hands, lips, neck, heart, and other parts of the body to conclude that Lincoln had MEN2B.

Lincoln "suffered from a very rare genetic disorder that affected him, literally, from toe to skull," Sotos wrote. "The physical Lincoln was just as rare as the mental Lincoln."

Sotos, a rare-disease hobbyist, said he was unavailable for interviews and was opposed to publicity about the testing. "The museum has not agreed to anything, and no testing is scheduled," he wrote in an e-mail, adding later that "DNA testing is a proven method of answering historical questions."

"In the case of Abraham Lincoln, it has the potential to do more, by expanding clinical knowledge of a rare and most serious medical condition."

Sotos and other researchers have long examined images and life masks showing the president's traits, including his armspan-to-height ratio, thin build, abnormally shaped chest, skin color, hair texture, and gray eyes. They also have studied accounts of Lincoln's unsteady gait and other body movements.

In the 1960s, Grove said, some speculated that the president had Marfan syndrome, a genetic disorder of the connective tissue. People with Marfan are usually tall, with long limbs and long, thin fingers.

"This 'diagnosis' was, in part, based on a 7-year-old Marfan patient that was an eighth-generation descendant of Mordecai Lincoln, the great-great-grandfather of the president," Grove added.

In the 1990s, attention turned to DNA testing as a way of confirming Marfan's. But the National Museum of Health and Medicine in Washington turned down a request for testing on its own bloodstained artifacts, saying DNA science was not sufficiently advanced, Grove said.

The bloodstained pillowcase fragment is framed, under glass, and on display at the GAR Museum and Library. It was donated by a man on the staff of the U.S. surgeon general who treated the president after he was shot.

already gotten opinions from 40 people about the needs of the administration and students, he said.

Todd Stuart, a 22-year-old senior history major, said his attendance at tailgates and football games was not been affected by the prohibition of alcohol and will not be affected by the possible reintroduction. He said allowing drinking at the tailgate will substantially increase other students' attendance and safety by localizing alcohol consumption, though.

Berlin said the representatives who are advocating the tailgate changes have conducted student focus groups to determine what students want out of a tailgate.

The group has worked closely with the Assistant Vice Chan-

cellor of Student Affairs Darron Turner, who said the tailgate plan will be submitted to Student Affairs for consideration after sufficient input has been obtained.

Turner said he is optimistic about the outcome of the plan and that the student representatives have been very receptive to compromise.

"My hope is that student attendance will grow," Turner said.

Berlin said none of the plans are finalized yet, but he hopes the university will be able to conduct a pilot tailgate in the upcoming year.

"It's still at the very beginning stages," Berlin said. "It is important that students know the university has been open to our ideas and we are having very proactive discussions."

TEXAS INTERCOLLEGIATE PRESS ASSOCIATION

Skiff, Image take awards

By Chilton Tippin
Staff Reporter

The Daily Skiff and Image magazine took the 2009 Sweepstakes awards at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention in Dallas on Saturday.

The Skiff and Image, which won the most awards at the journalism competition in the daily newspaper and general interest magazine categories, garnered 40 awards, including 13 first place awards. Individual students received 19 awards recognizing their work for Student Publications.

The Skiff, which received the Mark of Excellence award earlier this year by the Society of Professional Journalists for best all-around daily student newspaper, won third place in the Overall Ex-

Award Winners

Newspapers:

Staff, Daily Skiff, 1st place, best (online) interactivity and special edition/section
Hilary Whittier, Andrew Chavez and Marcus Murphree, 1st place, best use of multimedia
Billy Wessels, 1st place, sports column
Max Landman, 1st place, information graphic

Magazines:

Jordan Haygood, 1st place, feature story
Andrew Chavez, 1st place, general news photo
Lindsey Bever, 1st place, news feature story
Ky Lewis, 1st place, overall design; 1st place, feature photo
Ronald Villegas, 1st place, illustration

cellence category for daily newspapers. Other student newspapers in the division included those from the University of Texas at Austin, University of Texas at Arlington, Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University, Baylor University, Abilene Christian University,

Southern Methodist University and the University of North Texas.

Image Magazine won second place in TIPAs general magazine category and had previously received the Mark of Excellence award as best magazine in Texas and Oklahoma by SPJ.

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people on campus."

Newkirk said the LGBTQ community's mission included interacting with the rest of the campus through educational programming, thus limiting separation.

Boschini said he has asked Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Nowell Donovan to put together a committee consisting of faculty, staff and students to come up with guidelines for the LLCs. He said once the guidelines are set, even the old LLCs, which will stay in place next year, will have to conform.

"I didn't think it was fair to the kids in those units, because they're already in them," Boschini said.

Calls to Donovan were not returned before press time.

According to a campuswide e-mail from Boschini, the committee's recommendations will be forwarded to the executive committee of the

board of trustees, who will forward them to the full board.

Harz said she is concerned about the role the board of trustees will play in this decision making.

"As a TCU student, I do not understand why LLCs must now have guidelines approved by a group of people who will not be living on campus nor interact with the students on a daily basis," Harz said.

Several members of the board of trustees, including Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Donald J. Whelan Jr., did not return calls for comment.

Newkirk said students planning to live in the new LLCs will still live in their housing assignments but the programming part of the LLC — educational programming like movies and guest speakers including faculty partners — will be eliminated.

Calls to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills were not returned.

Rachel Siron, hall director for Carter and Samuelson halls, which

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Victor Boschini
chancellor

house seven LLCs, said she could not comment on the issue.

Siron, in an e-mail addressed to LLC members, instructed the members not to talk to the media.

Staff reporters Curtis Burhus-Clay and Libby Davis contributed to this report.

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ing students' IDs and assigning them a wristband when they enter the event, he said.

"The wristband will have either tabs that are torn off or will be hole punched — something of that nature," Berlin said. "Each student is only allowed the number of drinks that are on the wristband. All students who are not of age will receive either an 'X' on their hands, or an extremely different colored wristband than those who are of legal drinking age."

Now, the representatives are trying to get feedback from university officials and students before submitting it for consideration, Berlin said. They have

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The Skiff View

Housing review breaks students' trust

Stepping back to evaluate a situation is usually a good approach to solving a problem. Too bad the university does this after — not before — signing on the dotted line.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said in a statement Monday that the university will not launch the Living Learning Communities scheduled to start next fall. A committee will review whether the themed residential communities are compatible with the university mission, and the committee's recommendations will be forwarded to the board of trustees, Boschini said in the statement.

Although Boschini denied that the university's decision was influenced by public criticism from media coverage about the LLC for gay students and their supporters, the university's timing suggests otherwise. LLCs have been in place for a year now, and even further back in concept, but the university raised no qualms about whether these groups conflicted with the university's academic mission then.

It wouldn't be the first time the university backs down from a commitment following media-fueled backlash. A year ago, the board of trustees voted to move an event honoring President Barack Obama's former pastor the Rev. Jeremiah Wright off campus after the media circus surrounding the pastor's provocative remarks about racism. Brite Divinity School's decision to award Wright had been made months before the pastor's comments hit the airwaves, and the university did not publicly raise a finger in protest. It wasn't until the university received angry calls and e-mails that the board of trustees decided to step in and move the event off campus citing security concerns officials remained mum about.

The university needs to put more thought into its decisions before dipping its pen into the ink bottle. Students who petitioned for their LLCs went through the proper channels to get approval, and all they have to show for their work now is shattered expectations. Even if the university is sincere about its reservations with the LLC program, its timing to express them reflects poorly on its officials. Critics who think LLCs oppose the university's mission statement should consider what message the university sends its students about ethics and responsibility when it breaks its promises.

Web editor Julieta Chiquillo for the editorial board.

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

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Themed housing would make good accommodations

Recently the media have extensively covered efforts by the Gay-Straight Alliance and the Iris Reaction to have a resource center on campus and a Living Learning Community for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning students. The LLC DiversCity Q was approved, and efforts to create the resource center are slowly progressing.

What seems to be skewed by both supporters and opponents of a future resource center and the new LLC is that they will not be for gay students. While Shelly Newkirk and Collin Duwe maintain opposing viewpoints in this debate, both identify as gay. The acronym LGBTQ includes lesbian and gay individuals, but opponents tend to miss the bisexual, transgender and questioning individuals that are included equally in the acronym.

This is not a matter of victimization or segregation. Duwe claims he has never experienced harassment, but that does not make it any more comfortable to those who have. I am not completely accepted by the student body because of my bisexual orientation. Furthermore, there are students who are curious pre-op or post-op transgender students whom neither Newkirk nor

Duwe can speak for.

This is not about making housing just for gays, and it's not about special treatment. It's about accommodating students who do not have a comfortable environment.

Juan Martinez is a freshman communications major from Uvalde and executive chairman of the Gay-Straight Alliance.

University shouldn't endorse immoral activities

It has come to my attention that there will be gay living quarters on campus, sanctioned by the university. This is an accommodation to immoral living. Would the university allow men and women to room together on campus?

Where are the voices of the students? Students, this your chance to voice your opinion. This your chance to stand tall. Please stand up for what you believe. Have a debate.

James Scarberry is a 1959 graduate from Fort Worth.

The DiversCity Q Living Learning Community is under review. See page one for new developments.

Slim job prospects offer chances to serve community, earn cash

High school and college graduates are facing a depressed job market. Many baby boomers are facing early retirement. But what they will have is plenty of opportunities for public service — tutoring kids, weatherizing homes, working in nonprofit agencies.

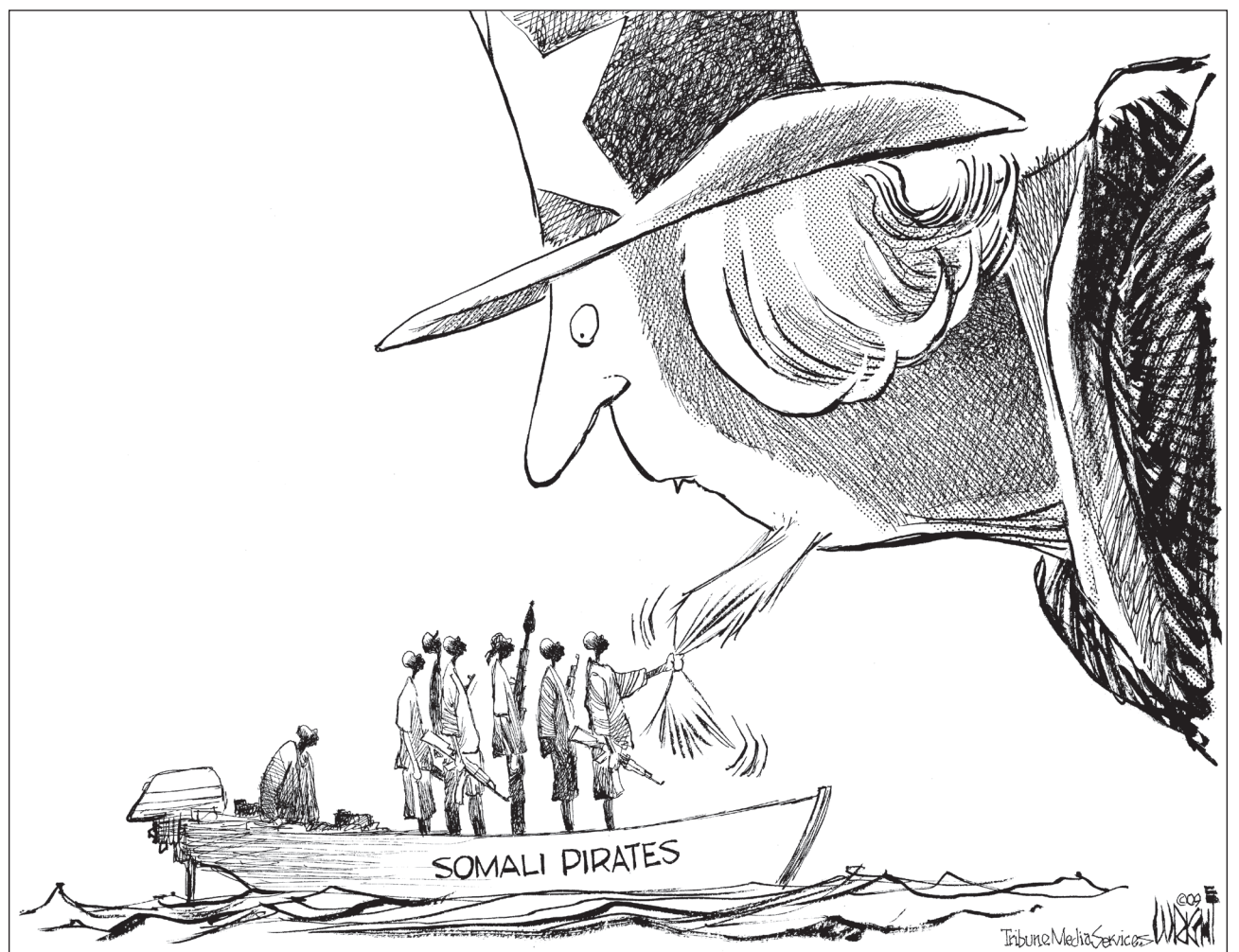
President Barack Obama is about to sign the Serve America Act of 2009, the largest expansion of full-time, government-subsidized public service since President John F. Kennedy created the Peace Corps. The timing couldn't be better.

AmeriCorps, the domestic service program, will more than triple in eight years to 250,000 positions.

For their two-year commitment, AmeriCorps members receive living expenses and \$4,725, soon to go to

\$5,350, for college tuition or repayment of college loans. While most participants are 18 to 26, the new law will set aside 10 percent of positions for Americans over 55. There also will be a "summer of service" for middle and high school students to earn \$500 toward college. And the bill will provide money for nonprofits to recruit and train volunteers — a recognition that building a corps of volunteer workers requires an investment. Obama's election is inspiring the millennial generation. Now there will be more ways to channel that energy to help rebuild America.

This editorial appeared in the San Jose Mercury News on Wednesday. It was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune Information Services.



Don Wright is a political cartoonist for The Palm Beach Post.

Malawi adoption rules unfair to Madonna, adopted children



VLORA BOJKU

In an unfortunate turn of events, Madonna was denied her bid to adopt a Malawian girl, Mercy James, in a decision that she is appealing to the Malawi Supreme Court.

According to a Monday article from The Associated Press, the country's High Court ruled on April 3 that the 50-year-old singer had not met the requirement that prospective adoptive parents must complete before adopting. In the article, judge Esme Chombo cited a law that prospective adoptive parents must live in Malawi for 18 to 24 months so officials can determine their suitability.

This was a shock to Madonna, who is already the adoptive parent of a Malawian boy named David, and an appealment to the critics who believe that celebrity status should not be used to speed up international adoption proceedings.

Some critics have argued that Mercy James is receiving "suitable" care in an orphanage.

However, it begs the question: What does "suitable" mean?

In a country of almost 14 million people where life expectancy is around 43 years, the fertility rate (number of children a woman is expected to have) is 5.6, literacy is 60 percent, and 14 percent of the population is believed to have HIV/AIDS, Mercy is going to have a tumultuous path ahead of her.

Malawi's Child Welfare Minister, Anna Kachikho, also seemed disappointed by the outcome.

Kachikho told the AP in an April 3 article, "We can't look after all of them as a country. If people like Madonna adopt even one such orphan, it's one mouth less we have to feed."

According to the article, Chombo mentioned the fear of "consequences of opening the doors too wide" and the prospect of facilitating "trafficking of children by some unscrupulous individuals."

This seems to be the fear of many countries. It has become such a lengthy process coupled with grief and longing

for those who want to adopt and better the lives of children who come from extreme poverty.

Looking at cases like Madonna's where the child is denied the opportunity to prosper and have a bright future, it is truly sad to see the child's future ripped away.

Of course there is always the need to be thorough in reviewing prospective adoptive parents, but having stipulations such as a requirement to live in the country for 18 to 24 months is outrageous.

Vlora Bojku is a junior business major from Colleyville.



MCT

Recent shootings call for debate

With the 10th anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre approaching, communities across the nation have relived the horror of what happens when evil, paranoia and madness mix with the ready availability of guns.

An appalling series of eight mass shootings has claimed at least 57 lives in recent weeks. On Saturday, three Pittsburgh police officers were slain by a man wielding an AK-47. The day before, a suicidal gunman took the lives of 13 civilians in Binghamton, N.Y., before shooting himself. Domestic disputes led to other massacres in which children were cut down.

Experts believe the nation's economic woes are a factor underlying some of the latest violence. But easy access to fearsome arsenals enables killers to wreak carnage when they snap.

With 280 million weapons available in the country, it's little wonder guns account for roughly 12,000 of the 17,000 people murdered each year.

As the nation did after the April 20,

1999, Columbine murders, it is time to confront the many causes of gun violence.

But the starting point has to be stricter gun control measures — including a national assault-weapon ban, wider reporting of lost and stolen guns, universal background checks and limits on handgun purchases.

For local police to have any hope of fighting illegal gun sales, Congress also must repeal the Tiahrt Amendment that shields traffickers by limiting gun traces.

The question is whether the latest shootings will budge the needle on a public policy debate that has been stalemated for years.

Until now, the Obama administration has failed to take on the National Rifle Association over even the most reasonable gun control measure. Granted, Team Obama has been busy on other fronts, but that's hardly a tenable stance now.

Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. in February took aim at what

should be the top priority: reinstating a tough, federal assault-weapon ban. Until the ban lapsed in 2004, it safeguarded police from 19 military-style weapons for a decade.

There's other unfinished business, too: turning down the volume on the increasingly reckless drumbeat from right-wing groups over a so-called "Second Amendment Revolution."

The fear ascribed to Pittsburgh's 23-year-old cop-killer suspect — that President Obama was about to ban guns — isn't all that surprising, given some gun-rights rhetoric. As the CeaseFirePA gun control group asked this week, "At what point does superheated rhetoric about government coming to take your arms turn into a toxic brew that puts some misguided loner packing guns ... over the edge?"

The debate should be about how to stop senseless shootings.

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NEWS

Life pressures may be hastening evolution

By Robert S. Boyd
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — We're not finished yet. Even today, scientists say that human beings are continuing to evolve as our genes respond to rapid changes in the world around us.

In fact, the pressures of modern life may be speeding up the pace of human evolution, some anthropologists think.

Their view contradicts the widespread 20th-century assumption that modern medical practice, antibiotics, better diet and other advances would protect people from the perils and stresses that drive evolutionary change.

Nowadays, the idea that "human evolution is a continuing process is widely accepted among anthropologists," said Robert Wald Sussman, the editor of the Yearbook of Physical Anthropology at Washington University in St. Louis.

It's even conceivable, he said, that our genes eventually will change enough to create an entirely new human species, one no longer able to breed with our own species, *Homo sapiens*.

"Someday in the far distant future, enough genetic changes might have occurred so that future populations could not interbreed with the current one," Sussman said in an e-mail message.

The still-controversial concept of "ongoing evolution" was much discussed recently at the annual meeting of the American Association

Evolutionary changes result when random mutations or damage to DNA from such factors as radiation, smoking or toxic chemicals create new varieties of genes. Some gene changes are harmful, most have no effect and a few provide advantages that are passed on to future generations. If they're particularly beneficial, they spread throughout the population.

"Any gene variant that increases your chance of having children early and often should be favored," Cochran said in an e-mail message.

This is the process of "natural selection," which Charles Darwin proposed 150 years ago and is still the heart of modern evolutionary theory.

For example, a tiny change in a gene for skin color played a major role in the evolution of pale skin in humans who migrated from Africa to northern Europe, while people who remained in Africa kept their dark skin. That dark skin protected Africans from the tropical sun's dangerous ultraviolet rays; northerners' lighter skin allowed sunlight to produce more vitamin D, important for bone growth.

Another set of gene variants produced a different shade of light skin in Asia.

"Asians and Europeans are both bleached Africans, but they evolved different bleaches," Harpending said.

Despite modern medical and technological advances, the pressures that lead to evolution by natural selection have continued.

The massive AIDS epidemic that's raging in southern Africa, for example, is "almost certainly" causing gene variants that protect against HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, to accumulate in the African population, Harpending said.

When he was asked how many genes currently are evolving, Harpending replied: "A lot. Several hundred at least, maybe over a thousand."

Another anthropologist, John Hawks of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said, "Our evolution has recently accelerated by around 100-fold."

A key reason, Hawks said, is the enormous growth of the world's population, which multiplies the size of the gene pool available to launch new varieties.

"Today, beneficial mutation must be happening far more than ever before, since there are more than 6 billion of us," Cochran said.

The changes are so rapid that "we could, in the very near future, compare the genes of old people and young people" to detect newly evolving genes, Cochran said. Skeletons from a few thousand or even a few hundred years ago also might provide evidence of genetic change.

"Human evolution didn't stop when anatomically modern humans appeared or when they expanded out of Africa," Harpending said. "It never stopped."

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Robert Wald Sussman
editor of the Yearbook of Physical Anthropology

tion of Physical Anthropologists in Chicago.

It's also the topic of a new book, "The 10,000 Year Explosion," by anthropologists Henry Harpending and Gregory Cochran of the University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

"For most of the last century, the received wisdom in the social sciences has been that human evolution stopped a long time ago," Harpending said. "Clearly, received wisdom is wrong, and human evolution has continued."

In their book, the Utah anthropologists contend that "human evolution has accelerated in the past 10,000 years, rather than slowing or stopping.... The pace has been so rapid that humans have changed significantly in body and mind over recorded history."

GAY MARRIAGE

Iowa confounds Midwest stereotype

By Rex W. Huppke
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Once again, a humble Midwestern state is being laughed at by cosmopolitan smarty-pants on the East and West coasts. The victim this time, of course, is Iowa, which recently had the gall to legalize gay marriage and attempt to mess up decades of perfectly good Midwestern stereotyping.

People on the coasts gasped: "Iowa? Isn't that where they grow the corn our personal chefs turn into polenta?" Jon Stewart piled on, showing a picture of a lone farm tractor pulling a trailer and claiming it was a shot of Iowa's most recent gay pride parade. Among gay marriage advocates, the mantra soon became, "If they can do it in Iowa, they can do it anywhere."

You see what's happening here? The Midwest is again being painted with a broad, sable-hair brush. Some see the Iowa Supreme Court's gay marriage ruling as staggering not because of what it accomplished but because of where it went down.

Linda Kerber, a history professor at the University of Iowa, has seen it countless times before. A former New Yorker herself who also lived for a while in Califor-

nia, she knows that many left and right coasters know nothing about Iowa or its long progressive legal history.

"You don't need a passport to cross the Hudson River, but many think you do," Kerber said. "These New Yorkers who say, 'Iowa? What?' — they're being very provincial. They need a passport to go to France, and they go to France a lot more than they go to Iowa."

Consider these facts Kerber shared about the Hawkeye State: In 1847, the University of Iowa became the first public university in the country to give women unfettered access to higher education.

The state did away with racial barriers to marriage in 1851, more than 100 years before the U.S. Supreme Court would ban miscegenation statutes nationwide.

In 1868, the Iowa Supreme Court ruled that segregated schools are a denial of equal protection of the laws. *Brown v. Board of Education*, which did away with school segregation nationally, didn't come down until 1954.

And in 1873, the Iowa Supreme Court ruled against racial discrimination in public accommodations. It would be almost 100 years before the U.S. Supreme Court would reach the

same decision.

Then of course there was that whole "voting for a black man in the Democratic primary" thing not too long ago.

In a joint statement released the day the Iowa court issued its gay marriage ruling, Iowa Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal and House Speaker Pat Murphy said: "When all is said and done, we believe the only lasting question

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Richard Longworth
author and Iowa native

about today's events will be why it took us so long. It is a tough question to answer because treating everyone fairly is really a matter of Iowa common sense and Iowa common decency."

Hum a few bars of that, snarky Californians. (And by the way, how's your gay-marriage legalization process going out there?)

Camilla Taylor, senior staff

attorney for Lambda Legal in Chicago and lead counsel on the Iowa case, recalled a sign she saw in Iowa at a celebration rally after the ruling. It read, referencing the Midwest's oft-ignored status, "Fly-over Equality."

"We knew we could count on Iowa's leadership on civil rights issues," Taylor said.

Richard Longworth, in his book "Caught in the Middle: America's Heartland in the Age of Globalism," describes the Midwest like this:

"The stereotype of the narrow, bigoted, unworldly bumpkin, the image of the Midwesterner passed down by (Sinclair) Lewis and other authors, clashes with reality. ... Midwesterners are tolerant, narrow-minded, cultural, crass, sophisticated and naive in pretty much the same measure as other Americans."

And yet he believes the stereotype of the Midwest as a large, conservative monolith remains well intact.

"I think it's as strong as it's ever been," said Longworth, who lives in Chicago but grew up in Iowa. "Look at the shock and amazement when the Iowa Supreme Court took this step. All you can say is, 'Go figure.'"

And isn't that a typical Midwestern thing to say.

Wildlife exhibitors criticized for animal treatment

By David Flesher
Orlando Sun Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The magazine ad shows a panther cub with huge ears and a kitten-like face, just one of the delightful animals that Vanishing Species Wildlife Inc. will bring to your child's birthday party.

But after a short performing career, the cub may have little to look forward to. Vanishing Species, based in Davie, Fla., has drawn scathing reports from state and federal wildlife agencies for keeping adult tigers, lions and other animals in filthy conditions, feeding them rotten food and failing to provide adequate veterinary care.

Animal welfare groups say the problems extend well beyond a single company, as wildlife exhibitors relentlessly breed photogenic, money-making cubs that grow into adults that nobody wants.

"The problem is especially pronounced with big cats," said Lisa Wathne, exotic animal specialist at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. "A lot of places use tigers and lions as photo ops. They very quickly grow too big, and they're dumped. And there's nowhere for these animals to go. The accredited sanctuaries are full to overflowing."

There are about 2,700 licensed animal exhibitors in the United States, ranging from major operations such as Miami Metro Zoo to small ones like Vanishing Species and its dozen or so South Florida competitors, which charge a few hundred dollars to entertain at schools, fairs and birthday parties. They value baby bears, tigers and lions because they can charge \$20 or more for photos with the adorable beast. But grown ones are in about as much demand as a 10-year-old Buick.

Mark McCarthy, owner of McCarthy's Wildlife Sanctuary in northwestern Palm Beach County, which has about 100 animals, including 20 big cats, said some organizations take in or breed too many animals. It can cost \$6,000 a year just to feed an adult tiger, he said, and annual veterinarian bills average about \$1,000.

"They're very expensive to take

care of," he said. "You don't want people to have big cats who can't afford to take them to the vet."

The trade journal *Animal Finders Guide* contains lots of advertisements like this one: FREE: one year old female Siberian tiger, one-year-old male black bear, five-year-old neutered and declawed black bear. All animals have been in petting zoo and are good natured.

That ad came from Brown's Oakridge Zoo, a Smithfield, Ill., institution whose Web page shows photos of children playing with baby animals. "Imagine being able to hold a lion, tiger, or bear cub," the zoo's Web page states. "It brings out the kid in all of us."

Nancy Brown, the zoo's owner, said she breeds lions, tigers, leopards and cougars, displaying the cubs in places like schools and nursing homes before trying to place the grown animals with new owners.

"Our cubs are used for educational purposes and therapeutic purposes," she said. "They basically go to someone starting a facility or needing a replacement animal. They are all properly licensed and have proper facilities."

What happens if no one wants these animals, given the saturation of the market? Nolan Lemon, spokesman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which regulates wildlife exhibitors, said, "Generally they'll all be adopted by a sanctuary."

But wildlife advocates say that's nonsense because most sanctuaries are full, and it's expensive to properly care for a full-grown tiger or lion.

"There's no system for tracking where these animals go," said Beth Preiss, exotic pets director for the Humane Society of the United States. "There are very few high-quality sanctuaries. They rarely go to accredited zoos."

Vanishing Species bred large carnivores and now has several cougars, a lion and seven tigers at its Davie compound, most in cages measuring 10 feet by 20 feet. William Trubey, a retired investigator with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, who inspected Vanishing Species for years, said it bred cubs for shows,



MICHAEL LAUGHLIN / Orlando Sentinel via MCT

Savannah the Lion was housed at the Vanishing Species Wildlife in Davie, Fla. State and federal wildlife agencies have accused the organization of keeping adult tigers, lions and other animals in filthy conditions, feeding them rotten food and failing to provide adequate veterinary care.

a problem that's "endemic to the exhibition business."

On Aug. 1, 2007, after repeated warnings, Trubey said he assembled a team of inspectors and went to Vanishing Species' property. Trubey said they found cages reeking of feces and urine, animals being fed rotten chicken that "you couldn't stand to put it near your body, let alone smell" and an absence of records to account for the death or sale of animals that were gone.

"There are animals living in filth, living in their own urine, their own feces," he said. "It's absolutely filthy. ... I probably have seen only three facilities run as poorly as this one."

Barbara Harrod, listed on documents as president or secretary-treasurer of Vanishing Species, was charged with five misdemeanor criminal violations of the captive-wildlife laws. She is due April 21 in Broward County Court. If convicted, she faces up to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine on each count.

In a separate case, involving a complaint by the U.S. Department of Agriculture regarding treatment

of the animals, Harrod and her husband signed a consent order last February not admitting fault but agreeing to pay a fine of \$3,750, avoid future violations and move big cats off their Davie site by July 31. The complaint accused them of feeding animals food contaminated with maggots, lying about providing veterinary care and failing to provide shelter from wind, rain and sun.

In an interview last month, Barbara Harrod blamed the federal accusations on an unfair inspector. She could not be reached for comment on the state charges, despite two phone messages. Her lawyer, Jeffrey Grossman, declined comment.

Mary Ann Rayot, a volunteer at Vanishing Species, defended the Harrods, saying they take in unwanted animals and do their best to care for them.

"The animals are well-loved, and all of us work so hard," she said. "There's no place else for them to go. I know the animal rights people will tell you it's not fair for them to be in cages. It's not fair for them to be put to sleep either."

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FEATURES



A football player shows his spiritual and charitable side. Friday

'Tension' becomes the teacher



CHANCE WELCH / Features Editor

Junior studio art major DJ Perera set a goal to sell his first painting by the age of 20. On the eve of his 20th birthday, he accomplished that goal. Perera has also painted works commissioned by Greek organizations like fraternity Lambda Theta Phi and sorority Delta Gamma while giving other pieces, like the one above, to his friends.

Student-run art show provides firsthand experience

By Chance Welch
Features Editor

Whether it's working under a looming deadline or learning to work as a team, sometimes tension can inspire great art.

The Tension Art Exhibit is a project for associate professor Cameron Schoepp's Seminar in Art Professions, a class required for juniors in the studio art major. The gallery's opening has spent a semester in the works, with students having to find a space, fix it up to showcase their talent and most importantly, find people to attend.

Junior studio art major DJ Perera said he and other students coordinated the show by cleaning up the warehouse which now houses the student works, even if that meant having to clean the bathrooms. Fellow junior studio art major Laura Keith set up the Web site for the exhibit and networked with contacts to get the word out about the show.

Schoepp said he teaches students to work together as a team even when problems arise as this year's class learned that firsthand. He said the students had entered into a verbal agreement with the landlord of a space to show their art there but at the last minute, the landlord backed out. To the students' relief, Schoepp said, he had them choose backup locations just in case they fell into such a situation.

"I think there's a lack of understanding about the complexities of doing something like this and that's always an eye-opener for the students to realize how much work one has to go through to put on a show," Schoepp said.

But all the work behind the scenes leading up to the unveiling of the exhibit March 28 takes a backseat to the artists' works in the spotlight.

Born in Qatar to parents who had immigrated from civil-war embattled Sri Lanka, Perera said his birthplace in the Middle East wasn't a society open enough to fully appreciate art. His passport shows him being a citizen of Sri Lanka because he said in Qatar it's difficult to gain citizenship as the child of immigrants and even more difficult if as a non-Muslim. Perera arrived on U.S. soil at age 18, already having received a Western-style education.

He said he draws more inspiration from the rainforests and the colorful culture of his parents' homeland and it shows in his art. Bright colors jump right off the canvas,

evoking what Perera describes as everyday issues like life, love, religion and sex.

As a child, Perera got his first start in art like many others his age. His experiments with coloring books, although he looks back on them as "terrible," were a stepping stone to later work in watercolors before he settled on oil paintings three years ago.

All of his works are untitled and will remain that way. Perera said he wants his art to speak for itself and not limit the interpretation of it by name alone but if it's one thing that he wants from all the showings, commissions and contacts he's made, he wants to make a name for himself that people can trust to produce good art.

"In the art world, when you say 'good,' it's not necessarily about skill, it's about your persona," Perera said. "You can be a genius when it comes to artistic abilities, but if you can't get the respect of your

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DJ Perera
junior studio art major

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Junior studio art major Laura Keith said she has been painting since taking art classes in kindergarten. With each step, her work has been evolving. Her initial focus on ink paintings shifted to black and white as she started to try new ideas, oil paintings soon followed and now she works with colored oil.

She said she knew she wanted to pursue art for a living when she entered college and that about a year ago she started to "dive into" the local art scene, whether it's guest speaker lectures at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth or a new gallery opening like the Tension exhibit.

The process for art is as unique as each individual that creates it. For Keith, she has to tune out all distractions. Immersed in the music of her favorite band Radio-

Tension Art Exhibit

When: April 18 and 19, 12-5 p.m.
Where: 2525 Weisenberger St., Fort Worth

head, the headphones won't usually come off for three hours at a time when she lets all the things that have happened to her and the environment around her come out through each brush stroke. Keith still factors in her experience painting with ink in her work and it shows in her stark use of shadows and pale greys.

"If I don't feel like finishing this one, I'm going to start a new one. Wherever it takes me, I just go," Keith said. "If something happens and there's a mistake, I'll leave it and come back to it later because maybe I did that for a reason."

Perera doesn't wait for a particular mood to come to him. He said he goes on instinct alone, usually spending six to nine hours painting. When it comes to all the lectures, the teaching and the readings, Perera said it all ends in the hands of the painter and how he or she feels. He takes his time working on several paintings simultaneously but said that there are no set plans on concentrating on one section before another. Perera has his favorites when it comes to color. His favorite is pink, he doesn't use green and he has almost always started out with a base color of blue.

"If you're working on two canvases, it's not like a coloring book where you color page 46 and then you're supposed to color page 47," Perera said. "You have to bring it up together."

The late nights are nothing new to him. School breaks like Thanksgiving and Spring Break are not spent with family, but rather where Perera calls his second home – the Moudy North building that houses the art studios.

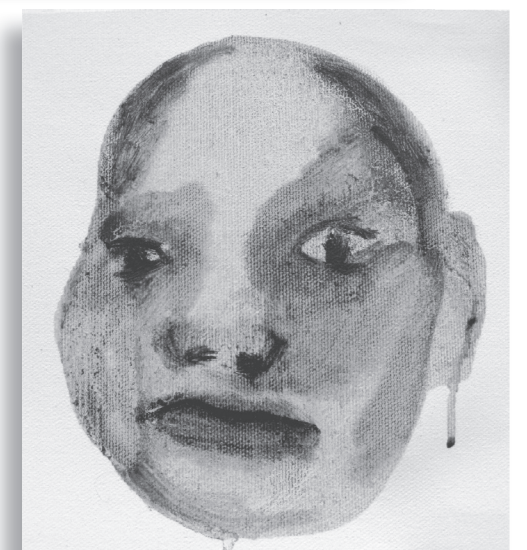
Schoepp said that he has seen some of his former students using some of the skills they learned in the class in the professional art world as they build their way up one canvas at a time.

"This is how they are going to find opportunities to show and sometimes have to make those opportunities themselves," Schoepp said.

Perera and Keith are just two of 15 artists shown in the exhibit.



Untitled work by DJ Perera



"Rantipole" by Laura Keith



"Hospital Beds" by Jessica Evancho

SPORTS

WEEKEND ROUNDUP

Men's tennis team captures share of regular-season conference championship

An undefeated trip to San Diego helped the No. 45-ranked Horned Frogs claim a share of their second straight Mountain West Conference regular-season championship.

The three-match road trip began Thursday when the Horned Frogs handed No. 41 New Mexico its first conference loss of the season with a 5-2 victory. The Lobos can still claim a share of the regular-season championship if they defeat San Diego State University at home April 21.

The Horned Frogs saw a similar result Friday when they defeated No. 38 San Diego State 4-2 on the Aztecs' home court. Doubles matches were postponed so singles matches could be completed because of a threat of rain. The doubles matches were canceled once the Horned Frogs had won four singles matches, sealing the match.

The team wrapped up its perfect weekend with a 5-0 victory over Air Force on Saturday. The

Horned Frogs overpowered the Falcons, taking all five singles matches in straight sets. Once again, doubles matches were not played.

The three victories pushed the team's record to 11-10 on the season. The team had not been above .500 until its win on Saturday. The team went 5-1 in its final six regular-season matches, all against MWC opponents.

The MWC Championships are slated to begin April 22 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Women's tennis team wins sixth straight

The women matched the success of the men's tennis team with three conference wins late last week at the Randy Briggs Tennis Bubble in Albuquerque.

The three matches concluded the conference portion of the team's schedule and gave the Horned Frogs six consecutive victories. The team accumulated a 7-1 record in the MWC this season and a 13-9 record overall.

The closest match of the trip came against Air Force on Thursday, but the team came

out on top 5-2.

The team topped both Wyoming and Colorado State 7-0 on Friday to wrap up the road trip.

The Horned Frogs will finish up the regular season April 17 when they host Baylor at Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

Flyin' Frogs compete at Texas Tech Invitational

The men's and women's track and field teams collected nine NCAA regional qualifying marks Thursday at the Texas Tech Invitational.

Earning the marks were members of the women's 4X100, Kishelle Paul (100-meter hurdles), Jessica Young (400 meters), Jessica Clarke (400 meters), Candis Kelley (shot put) and Stormy Harrison (shot put). On the men's side, Mychal Dungey (200 meters), Sean Zurko (800 meters) and the men's 4X100 earned regional marks as well.

The Flyin' Frogs will host the TCU Invitational this Friday and Saturday at the Lowdon Track and Field Complex.

—Sports editor Michael Carroll

MLB

Baseball's history full of stories like Adenhardt's

By Rick Hummel
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The tragic death of Los Angeles Angels rookie pitcher Nick Adenhardt early Thursday morning after he had blanked the Oakland Athletics for six innings in his first and last start of the year conjured memories of other big-league players who have died during the season — and how they finished their careers, often long before they were ready to.

One of the most notable incidences also involved an Angels player. On Sept. 9, 1978, outfielder Lyman Bostock was killed by a shotgun blast as he sat in the back seat of a car at a stoplight in Gary, Ind., by a man who intended to shoot the woman in the car rather than him.

Bostock had gone two for four against the Chicago White Sox that day at Comiskey Park, but his final at-bat was a groundout to end the game, lost by the Angels 5-4.

Thurman Munson, the great New York Yankees catcher, was playing first base in what turned out to be his final major-league game on Aug. 2, 1979. His final at-bat was a strikeout, also at Comiskey Park, and then he died the next day on an off-day when his private plane crashed while he was practicing takeoffs and landings at an airport in his hometown of Akron, Ohio.

Harry Agganis was a promising, 26-year-old first baseman for the Boston Red Sox in 1955. On May 16, a day after he had gone six for 10 in a doubleheader in Boston, Agganis was hospitalized with chest pains. Six weeks later he was dead of a massive pulmonary embolism, although he had returned to play two more games, again at Comiskey Park.

Agganis went two for four in his final game, June 2, but in his final at-bat, he flied out into a double play as baserunner Ted Williams was caught off first base.

Fans here, of course, recall the Cardinals' two losses of life in this decade.

Both Darryl Kile, who died of a heart attack on June 22, 2002, and Josh Hancock, who was killed in a car crash on April 29, 2007, closed their playing careers on a positive note, as it turned out.

Kile beat the Angels 7-2 at Busch Stadium on June 18, giving up a hit to Garret Anderson, the last hitter he faced, before being relieved by Gene Stechschulte.

Kile pitched the Cardinals into first place that night, and they would go on to win the division title.

Hancock, working the last three innings of a blowout game



Los Angeles Angels pitcher Nick Adenhardt, 22, pictured Feb. 25, during spring training photo day, was killed in a car accident in Fullerton, Calif. on Wednesday.

five days before he died, pitched scoreless ball, giving up just two hits and retiring Ken Griffey Jr. for his final out.

The last previous player before Hancock whose career was shortened by death was Yankees reliever Cory Lidle, who was killed just four days after the Yankees had lost out in the American League playoffs to Detroit in October 2006. Lidle, who was killed in a private plane crash while flying over Manhattan, had been knocked out in the fourth and final game of the division series, allowing a run-scoring double to Carlos Guillen as the final hitter he faced, giving up three runs in 1 1/3 innings.

Perhaps the most legendary player to die before his career was over came after the 1972 season, on Dec. 31, in fact, when Pittsburgh Pirates great Roberto Clemente, 38, was killed in a small plane crash as he flew to Nicaragua to help victims of an earthquake.

What turned out to be Clemente's last regular-season game came on Sept. 30, 1972, when he doubled off New York Mets lefthander Jon Matlack. The hit was No. 3,000 for Clemente, who was pinch-hit for on his next at-bat by fellow future Hall of Famer Bill Mazaroski.

Clemente played in the National League Championship Series with the Pirates and was walked intentionally in the eighth inning of Game 5 in the last plate appearance of his career. The

and three walks in five innings of work. Winkler improved to 3-0 on the season with the win.

Missing Monday's action was starting shortstop Ben Carruthers. Schlossnagle said the senior might have suffered a broken hand at some point during the recent trip to south Texas and couldn't swing the bat when he showed up at the field before the Texas Tech game. Although the X-rays on the hand were negative, Schlossnagle said the team is still waiting for the results of the bone scan.

The Horned Frogs will be back in action tonight in Norman against No. 10 Oklahoma. The

irony of this was that the free-swinging Clemente hardly ever walked, drawing just 621 passes in nearly 2,500 games.

The defending World Series champion Pirates were three outs away from going to the Series again, but Cincinnati scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth to win the deciding game, with the winning run wild-pitched home by Bob Moose, who himself was killed in an auto accident after the 1976 season.

Shortstop Ray Chapman, who already had scored 97 runs for what would be one of only two World Series championship clubs in Cleveland, made an out in what turned out to be his last at-bat when he batted against Yankees submariner Carl Mays in the fifth inning on Aug. 16, 1920. Chapman never moved as a Mays pitch hit him in the head and he died 12 hours later. The sound of Chapman being hit reportedly was so loud that Mays thought the pitch had been put in play and he threw to first base trying to retire Chapman.

For the record, the last batter Nick Adenhardt would face was Oakland's Rajai Davis. Davis grounded to third base to end the Oakland sixth inning in a game that Adenhardt and the Angels seemed destined to win as they held a 3-0 lead.

The Angels lost the game to an Oakland flurry in the eighth and ninth innings.

Then, early the next morning, they lost much more.

“(Curry’s) a great hitter, one of the best in the nation when he’s on ... hopefully he’s going to stay with it.”

Corey Steglich
senior second baseman

Sooners won a March 17 meeting between the two teams 8-7. Conference play will resume when the team travels to Colorado Springs for a three-game series against Air Force starting Friday.

The Horned Frogs will return to Lupton Stadium for two games against Texas A&M Corpus Christi on April 21 and 22.

NFL DRAFT

Experience a question for QBs

By Randy Covitz
McClatchy Newspapers

Matt Ryan and Joe Flacco spoiled everyone last season. As rookie quarterbacks in the NFL, all they did was step in, start all 16 games and lead their teams to the playoffs.

If they could do it, what's to say the top quarterback prospects in this year's NFL draft — Georgia's Matthew Stafford, Southern California's Mark Sanchez and Kansas State's Josh Freeman — can't do the same?

All three have strong arms, strong wills and produced big numbers in college.

The one difference between the elite quarterbacks in this class and last year is experience.

Ryan and Flacco were seniors. Fifth-year seniors, in fact. Stafford and Freeman are true juniors, Sanchez is a redshirt junior. And that could be a major factor in their immediate — and even ultimate — success or failure in the NFL.

“There’s a big adjustment, especially at the quarterback position,” said Washington coach Jim Zorn, a former NFL quarterback. “There’s a lot to be responsible for. There’s a lot to handle. There’s a way you have to present yourself. As a young guy, it’s hard to come into a bunch of 30-year-old guys, and say, ‘I’m in charge now.’ And they look at you like ...”

Of the 14 quarterbacks taken in the first round in the last five drafts, five have been juniors. Only Pittsburgh’s Ben Roethlisberger, the 11th overall selection in 2004, has justified that pick with two Super Bowl wins.

The verdict is still out on Green Bay’s Aaron Rodgers (2005), Tennessee’s Vince Young (2006) and Oakland’s JaMarcus Russell (2006) have fallen short of expectations, while San Francisco’s Alex Smith,



Georgia quarterback Matt Stafford worked on the sidelines during the second half of Georgia's annual G-Day spring intra-squad football game at Sanford Stadium in Athens, Ga. on Saturday.

the first overall pick in 2005, appears to be a bust.

But there's little question that Eli Manning and Philip Rivers, who were traded for each other after Manning was taken first by San Diego and Rivers fourth by the New York Giants in the 2004 draft, were more prepared as seniors than had they come out a year earlier.

Rivers sat on the bench as a rookie with the Chargers while Manning was an understudy to Kurt Warner for half a season with the Giants. The year before, Carson Palmer, a Heisman Trophy winner, fifth-year senior at Southern California and the first overall pick in the 2003 draft, did not take a snap as a rookie with Cincinnati.

So imagine the odds of a junior making it quickly in the NFL.

“It’s hard to lump all of them together,” said New Orleans coach Sean Payton. “There have been some good juniors coming out at quarterback who have gone on to be successful. You have to treat them separately in each case.”

Stafford, projected by many to

be taken as the first overall pick by Detroit, has an answer for those worried about the risk of taking an underclassman at quarterback.


“I played in 39 football games in college,” said Stafford, a three-year starter. “That’s a lot of football games, probably more than some seniors have played in.”

So does Sanchez, despite starting just one year at USC, where his coach, Pete Carroll, thought Sanchez would have benefited from another year of college football.

“I started 16 games,” Sanchez said, “played in practice every day with a pro-style offense against a pro-style defense with guys ... who are in the league and are going to be in the league.”

Still, NFL Network draft analyst Mike Mayock is not so sure that taking junior quarterbacks high in the first round is worth the risk.

“I keep trying to warn people that the Matt Ryan-Joe Flacco thing is an anomaly,” Mayock said. “You haven’t seen that maybe ever in the NFL — two rookie quarterbacks like that.”



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for four runs and five hits. Killecrease replaced starting pitcher Nathan Karns an inning earlier. Karns allowed four runs and walked five batters in 4 2/3 innings, but managed to keep the Horned Frogs at bay during the early part of the game.

“We couldn’t get the big hit,” head coach Jim Schlossnagle said after the game. “I thought Karns made a couple good pitches when he had to make them.”

Horned Frog starting pitcher Kyle Winkler earned the win after allowing three hits, two runs

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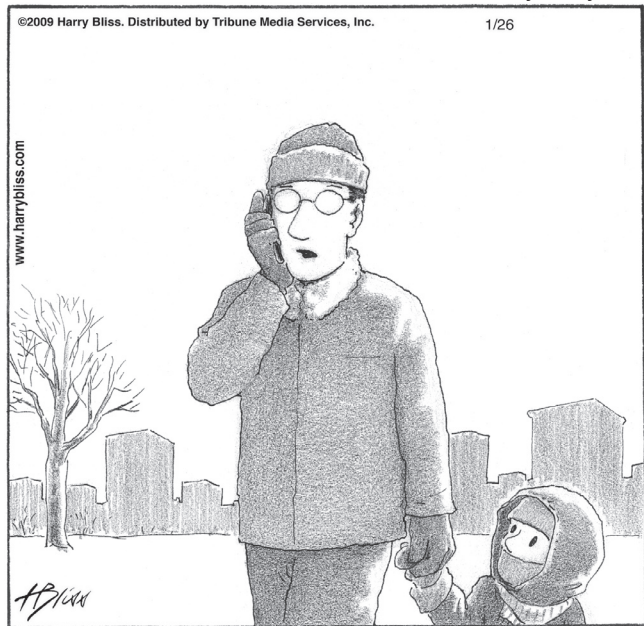
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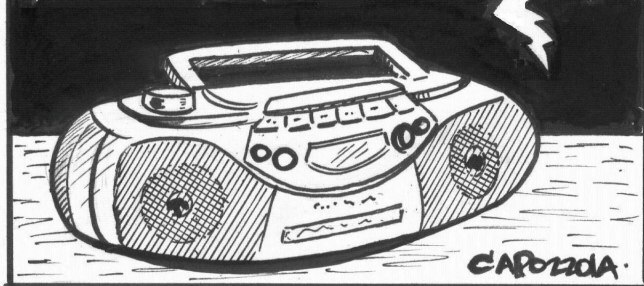
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Thursday's Solutions

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- Fancy calligraphy strokes
- Wahine's gift
- 11:00 a.m. restaurant patrons?
- The whole enchilada
- Ocean color
- Em and Bee
- Caboose's place
- "I'm fuh-reezing!"
- Held title to
- Fraternity nerd?
- Ace the exam
- Caboose's place
- Deadlocked
- Banned bug killer
- Advice from the auto club?
- Ginger
- Noun follower, often
- Big oaf
- Crocodile hunter of film
- Whimsical Barbie?
- Future sunflowers
- Deadlocked
- Fed. workplace watchdog
- Animal hide
- Has a bug
- Military bigwigs
- Answer
- "... said it!"
- Quite small-minded?
- Seasoned salt?
- Patriot Adams
- Organ knob
- The Sixties, for one
- Like dirt roads after rain
- Pigeon

DOWN

- Bro and sis
- Downsize
- Juanita's water
- Mutt
- Jackson: rapper Ice Cube's birth name
- Jean of "Saint Joan"
- Make for it
- Relatives
- Org. with Patriots and Jets
- Extended family
- Animal hide
- Has a bug
- Predatory lender
- Plastic, so to speak
- Egg on
- Out of shape?
- Made over
- Like most movie rentals
- Angler's boot
- Explosive stuff, briefly
- Drive away
- Sidestep
- Went sniggling
- Patched pants parts
- Livelihood

By Billie Truitt 4/14/09

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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First baseman Matt Vern beats the throw to Texas Tech first baseman Chris Richburg during the game Monday.

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Offense powers team to fourth straight win

By Michael Carroll
Sports Editor

When baseball season began, the Horned Frogs and Texas Tech weren't scheduled to play each other. By the conclusion of Monday's game between the two teams, the Red Raiders were probably wishing it had stayed that way.

Fresh off a four-game road swing, the No. 16 Horned Frog baseball team toppled the Red

Raiders 12-5 at Lupton Stadium on Monday before a crowd of 2,052.

The team improved its overall record to 23-10 with the win and remains in third place in the Mountain West Conference.

The Horned Frogs continued their recent dominance at the plate with 15 hits, four of them coming from junior designated hitter Matt Curry.

Senior second baseman Corey Steglich, who finished the game

with three hits and two RBI, said the team's offense is one of the best in the country.

"We were struggling there (offensively) for a little bit and we went down to Edinburg and had a pretty good offensive weekend," Steglich said. "When we're clicking we're going to turn out 15 hits a game."

Steglich had nothing but praise for his teammate's impressive 4-for-4 performance at the plate.

"(Curry's) a great hitter, one of the best in the nation when he's on ... hopefully he's going to stay with it," he said.

The Horned Frogs have belted out 42 runs in the last four games, all wins.

The Horned Frogs' offense didn't find its groove until the sixth inning when all nine batters went to bat and lit up Texas Tech reliever Robert Kilcrease

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ANALYSIS • 2009 FROG FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Young leads group of unproven wideouts

By Michael Carroll
Sports Editor

Although not as formidable as their counterparts in the running attack, the Frogs' wide receivers proved they were a force to be reckoned with during the 2008 season.

The key member of the team's wide receiving corps in 2009 will be junior Jimmy Young. Young was far and away the Frogs' greatest threat through the air in 2008 when he caught 59 passes for 988 yards and five touchdowns. He had 667 more yards than the receiver with the second most yards.

The 6-foot-1-inch, 204-pounder from Monroe, La., received honorable mention All-Mountain West Conference honors for his performance last season. His 988 yards receiving were the fifth most in the MWC in 2008 and the second most in the history of the Frogs' football program. He fell just 25 yards short of setting a new school record for receiving yards.

Fans can expect Young to be targeted even more frequently in 2009 as his on-field chemistry with junior quarterback Andy Dalton continues to improve.

The Frogs' second-leading receiver last season was soon-to-be senior running back Ryan Christian, who should remain a threat out of the backfield in 2009.

Other returning starters include juniors Bart Johnson and Jeremy Kerley. The two caught a combined 26 passes last season for just 301 yards and one touchdown. Their roles could be expanded if the Frogs decide to test the skies a bit more in 2009.

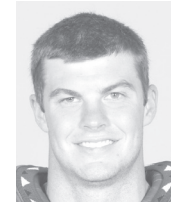
Junior Curtis Clay also contributed last season when he caught nine balls for 98 yards, played on



Young



Kerley



Johnson



Clay

Position previews

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special teams and saw action in all 13 games.

The newest addition to the wide receivers will be freshman Josh Boyce from Copperas Cove High School. The 5-foot-11-inch, 175-pound wideout received honorable-mention all-state honors his senior year when he had 42 receptions for 837 yards. Boyce will almost certainly be redshirted during his first season with the Frogs.

Returning starters: Jimmy Young, Bart Johnson, Jeremy Kerley

Other returning players: Curtis Clay, Antoine Hicks, Alonzo Adams, Jonathan Jones, Tyler Luttrell

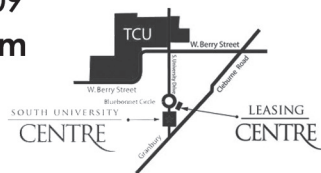
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