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FLOWER POWER



Junior social work majors Meka Jarrell (left) and Marci Milhollin paint flower pots as a part of "Seeds of Compassion" in the Campus Commons on Tuesday afternoon. The event is a part of TCU COMMUNITY WEEK.
 ASHLEY MELNICK / Staff Photographer

DIVERSITY

Jewish group criticizes display

By Marshall Doig
 Staff Reporter

A flag display arranged this week on the Campus Commons detailing the destruction of Palestinian villages in the 1948 Arab-Israeli War has raised objections from the university's Jewish organization.

Hillel president Daniel Zidell, a sophomore pre-major, said the university's Peace Action group flag display neglected to mention certain facts in its remembrance of Palestinian villages destroyed by Israel in 1948, such as the fact that Israel was defending itself from Arab attacks.

Arnold Barkman, associate professor of accounting and the Hillel faculty adviser, wrote in an e-mail that the Peace Action display omitted information detailing the fact that the destruction in Palestine was the result of an invasion by five Arab nations. The attacks came after a United Nations vote to partition the former British mandate territory, he said.

"The new State of Israel was acting in self-defense, and whatever unfortunate incidents may have occurred happened in a war environ-

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House suggests adding speed bump

By Andrea Drusch
 Staff Reporter

Reports of unsafe driving, including possible drag racing, and unsafe walking conditions for pedestrians were the reasons given for a House of Student Representatives resolution supporting the placement of a speed bump on Stadium Drive.

The resolution was one of three pieces of legislation passed in the House's meeting Tuesday night.

After submitting several suggestions to the City of Fort Worth about unsafe crossing conditions on the street alongside Brown-Lupton University Union and the University Recreation Center,

junior business major Vlora Bojku wrote a resolution to gather student support for the addition of a speed bump. The resolution passed with 22 out of 37 votes in favor of the initiative.

Bojku, a representative from the Neeley School of Business, said the safety problems on Stadium Drive had been brought to her attention by fellow students and faculty members who said they had nearly been hit while crossing the street. Because the university does not have the ability to add speed bumps on city streets, Bojku said she needed student support to encourage Fort Worth's Transportation and Public Works Department to take action.

Myra Mills, a senior music education major and Student Relations Committee chair, suggested that other means be used to make the area safer, such as encouraging increased patrol of the stop signs that already exist on the street.

Preston Sawyer, a sophomore biology major and a representative from the College of Science and Engineering, said he thought the bump would be effective because it would provide a physical barrier for drivers. The bump would have an advantage over stop signs because it would physically control speeding.

The House also passed a bill re-

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SUSTAINABILITY

Campus helps with community garden

By Katie Vance
 Staff Reporter

University students, staff members and Fort Worth residents are participating in the creation of a community garden in the Fairmount Historic District as part of the Fort Worth Sustainability Task Force, a group created in January to investigate ways to ensure that the city infrastructure and resources can keep up with city growth.

The first community garden, located at Fifth Avenue and West Maddox Avenue, is less than three miles from campus.

According to the City of Fort Worth's Web site, the community garden is a small part of phase one of the task force. Phase one focuses on sustainable development and addresses action the community can take to make new and renovated construction more sustainable. The Web site lists other initiatives of phase one including environmental education, recycling promotional campaigns and partnership with public transportation systems.

Susan Harper, a Fairmount resident and the community garden manager, said community gar-

dens can improve the lives of residents by promoting healthy diets and fostering a sense of community. Volunteers are on track to complete the garden by Thursday and hope to have a grand opening around April 23.


Community members can lease plots in the garden for \$35 annually. Plot owners are free to grow any organic produce for their own consumption or to donate to the community, she said.

Phase two and three of the task force focus on improving practices at city facilities and businesses and educating residents on how to make changes at home to help achieve the goal of a sustainable city.

Will Stallworth, associate vice chancellor for facilities, is a member of the Sustainability Task Force as the TCU representative. He said the task force is structured to develop suggested goals and objectives for the entire community.

He said it is important for TCU to be represented in the task force because the university is part of the greater community.

Tom Calvert-Rosenberger, a sophomore environmental science major and co-president of the TCU Environmental Club, said he

 For a diagram of the community garden, go to page 4.

thinks a community garden would work well on the campus.

"(The garden) could be a wonderful teaching tool and a productive way for students with green thumbs to spend free time," Calvert-Rosenberger said.

The university is always looking to advertise the number of organizations on campus that students can get involved in, Calvert-Rosenberger said, and a community garden would be a popular and useful student organization.

Harper said other groups in Fort Worth have expressed interest in creating a community garden, including the Tarrant Area Food Bank. The food bank would use a community garden to grow fresh produce for donation and to educate volunteers and residents on how to properly grow and prepare fresh food.

TCU student volunteers at the Fairmount community garden include senior business majors Kathryn Bentley, Justin Carter and

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COMMUNITY WEEK

'Tunnel' organizers await high turnout

By Zach Cate
 Staff Writer

Organizers for the second annual TCU Tunnel of Oppression aim to bring awareness about various issues of oppression to more people than the 500 who attended last year, university officials said.

The Tunnel of Oppression, an interactive walkthrough designed to promote awareness of oppression issues from all around the world, will give students the opportunity to see the issues from a new perspective, Moncrief Hall Director Trisha Teig said.

Teig said that the event is sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs as a part of TCU COMMUNITY WEEK.

"The Tunnel of Oppression is an experiential event that highlights different issues of oppression through different forms of expression," Teig said.

Teig, who is also the chairwoman for the Tunnel of Oppression's planning committee, said the issues are chosen by student groups who submit a proposal to be able to sponsor a room.

"We basically set up different rooms, kind of like a maze, and each

TCU Tunnel of Oppression

When: Ongoing through Thursday from 3-10 p.m.
Where: BLUU Auditorium
 The event is open to the public. Students must bring their ID cards to receive credit for attending.

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room has a different issue of oppression that is addressed," she said.

David Cooper, associate director of Housing and Residence Life, said students will be able to learn nine different things in 30 minutes.

Teig said students will see topics ranging from Palestinian oppression to gay rights in the United States.

Oxfam America is sponsoring two rooms, one about war and genocide in the Congo and the other regarding oil mining and its detriment to the workers, she said.

"Students at TCU have put

together nine different rooms of groups that are oppressed and how they feel oppressed," Cooper said.

The goal, Teig and Cooper said, is to reach as many students as possible with the event and to possibly translate the students' experience into action.

"It is supposed to be an educational experience to create interest and dialogue surrounding different issues of oppression," Teig said.

Groups sponsoring the event decide on the tone and message of their individual rooms.

Cooper said the experience in some of the rooms will be like watching a scene, while other rooms will be presented

like a museum.

Juan Martinez, a junior communication studies major and president of the TCU Gay-Straight Alliance, said the goal of the room is to help students be more aware and open-minded to the things the GSA is planning to do next semester.

"We have the hate crime wall to give students the opportunity to see how hate crimes are still a major impact on society," he said.

Martinez said that recent events like the passing of Proposition 8, California's ban on gay marriage, have given rise to programs like the "NOH8" campaign, which the GSA is using in its sponsored room.

ther the Activities Funding Board or House Finance Committee or served as director of finance for Programming Council.

The same bill will also require all newly-elected student body officers to spend at least eight hours shadowing the outgoing officer in their

position before taking office.

The third bill passed Tuesday was a resolution to continue research on bringing an academic supplies vending machine to campus. The resolution will require the Student Relations Committee to follow up on the project until funding is secured.

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moving a prerequisite requirement of eligibility for student body treasurer candidates. The Student Body Code previously mandated that all candidates had to have been a member of ei-



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STUDENT MEDIA

Committee selects new leaders

By Sarah Fleischer and Madison Pelletier
Staff Reporters



Davis



Kimbrough

"I feel like I have enough of a grip on both news judgement and AP style to present a clean paper...with minimal errors."

Libby Davis
Editor-in-Chief elect,
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Martinez



White

because of the real world experience and leadership strength she has gained. She said next semester she wants to work on motivating her staff more.

"I want to implement friendly competitive spirit in the office," Kimbrough said.

Justin White, a senior broadcast journalism major, said he will have big shoes to fill as the fall 2010 News Now news director. White has been working with TCU News Now since August 2009.

"I'm really hoping to put together a strong newscast," White said. "One of my goals is to create a sports director position."

White said the sports director position would be important because of all the national attention the university's football team has been getting. He said he hopes the sports director would be able to travel to away games to represent TCU News Now.

The student publications committee selected the fall 2010 Daily Skiff editor-in-chief, advertising manager, TCU News Now news director and Image editor-in-chief Friday.

Libby Davis, the newly chosen fall 2010 Skiff editor-in-chief, said she has several goals to improve the Daily Skiff, such as incorporating more student and faculty opinion into the paper.

The selection committee is made up of journalism faculty, non-journalism faculty, and journalism and non-journalism students, said Davis, a junior news-editorial journalism and history major.

Davis currently serves as a news editor for the Skiff and has worked at the Skiff since she was a freshman. She said her time as news editor has helped her understand the time commitment that comes with being editor-in-chief.

"I feel like I have enough of a grip on both news judgement and AP style to present a clean paper...with minimal errors," Davis said.

Katie Martinez, a junior news-editorial journalism major, was selected to be the editor-in-chief of Image Magazine.

Martinez said she wants to expand the magazine's

presence outside of the Schieffer School. She said she wants to encourage participation from other colleges on campus that have expertise in other areas, such as fashion merchandising and criminal justice.

"They have a lot to contribute to the magazine, and we really haven't been tapping into that," Martinez said.

Martinez said she also hopes to get the Image Web site back up and running. Martinez described the former Web site as being in a "state of disappearance."

Courtney Kimbrough, a junior strategic communication major, will return as advertising manager for a second semester. Kimbrough said her list of goals is endless.

Kimbrough said she wanted to continue her position

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ment which was initiated by the governments opposing the creation of Israel," Barkman said.

Fidaa Elaydi, a senior political science and sociology major and president of Peace Action, said the display was meant to bring up an issue that history books do not mention and was not intended to attack Hillel or Israel.

"It sheds light on an issue that most people already have decided on (and) helps increase awareness about an issue that most Americans already feel like they already understand enough, but really have little knowledge of," Elaydi said. "We just want to make TCU more inclusive and more tolerant of differing perspectives and help them understand the facts a little bit more."

The display consists of pink flags with names of Palestinian villages written on them and stuck in the ground close to the Brown-Lupton University Union. One sign reads, "These are the names of the Palestinian villages that were destroyed in 1948 by the new Israeli state."

Two signs contain quotes describing how the destruction was forgotten by history and two others promote

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Fidaa Elaydi
senior political science and sociology major

today's showing of the film "Occupation 101," a documentary about Israeli occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as well as human rights issues related to Israeli policy in those areas.

Although Peace Action has an awareness room at this year's Tunnel of Oppression, the flag display was a separate entity and was only related to the event in subject matter, Elaydi said.

Kyle Orth, a freshman piano performance major and a member of Hillel, said he thinks the display was offensive to some of the university's Jewish students, especially because the dis-

play was outside the BLUU, where the Hillel Holocaust Museum was held.

Orth said that even though Jewish students might find the display offensive, Peace Action still had the right to present it.

"Everybody can say what they want because nobody is trying to shut down anybody's voice," he said. "We're just a little concerned about how it's being presented."

Despite objections to the display, Elaydi said the fact that the display could exist while the Holocaust Museum was held in an adjacent building was a testament to the campus's diversity.

"Everything is so close in proximity and the fact that we're able to coexist in this way and tolerate each other's perspectives... just shows that we do have a diverse campus," she said. "We are part of one larger global community, and the only way we can solve issues worldwide is if we work together."

Trisha Teig, chair of the Tunnel of Oppression planning committee, said participants in the event were free to illustrate the perspective of an oppressed group of people by presenting only one side of a multi-sided issue.

Elaydi said Peace Action received permission to plant the signs from BLUU officials.

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The Skiff View

Athletes need to realize image as role models

The headlines of sports stars tangled in sex scandals have become disturbingly commonplace. The latest athlete at the center is Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who won't face a criminal charge after a 20-year-old college student accused him of sexually assaulting her in the bathroom of a Georgia nightclub.

According to police reports, Roethlisberger was barhopping on his 28th birthday March 5 when he met the accuser and some of her friends throughout the night. At the Capital City nightclub, he invited them into the VIP room of the nightclub and ordered them shots. What happened after he followed the young woman in the bathroom is disputed. What's not disputed is that Roethlisberger acted irresponsibly.

Roethlisberger made a public apology to his fans, teammates and even the Steelers' president, but one glaring omission is that of the accuser.

Although the young woman was heavily intoxicated, that's no excuse for inappropriate conduct.

As role models, athletes should be held to high standards of conduct because what they do influence young fans and future generations of athletes. It sets a bad example to allow oneself to get into a bad moral situation without fully taking responsibility.

Multimedia editor Chance Welch for the editorial board.

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

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Group's display one-sided

It is unfortunate that during a period called "CommUNITY Week" intended to bring diverse groups together, Peace Action created an exhibit clearly meant to increase rather than reduce divisiveness. Presenting the destruction of Palestinian villages by Israel in 1948 without also stating that destruction occurred on both sides as

the result of a war initiated by the invasion of Israel by Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan seems to be a deliberate disregard for history that is wrong in general and specifically inappropriate in an academic setting.

Arnold Barkman is an associate professor of accounting.

Tolerance evident on campus

CommUNITY week at TCU has gone full circle this year and has truly proved that diversity of opinion and tolerance of differing perspectives are welcome on our campus. With the Tunnel of Oppression representing the harsh living conditions of people around the world and abroad, the sense of global citizenry emphasized in our TCU mission statement is truly made reality. By remembering those lost in brutal massacres, understanding the struggles of life as a schizophrenic or an illegal sex worker and seeing the impact of economic exploitation in various parts of the world, we learn that our world is filled with injustice and intolerance, but by working together to better understand these issues and to correct them, we establish a sense of community that is much stronger than pride for our athletic teams or any other aspect of school spirit.

The sheer fact that the Holocaust Museum and a tribute to the destroyed Palestinian villages of 1948 can both be present on campus at the same time and close in proximity proves that our campus

is truly tolerant and welcoming. As president of Peace Action, I wear my blue ribbon to honor those lost in the Holocaust as I help set up the Palestine room in the Tunnel of Oppression. Increasing awareness and urging action is what Peace Action is dedicated to, and we welcome all those interested to attend our film screening of "Occupation 101" tonight in BLUU Ballroom A at 5 p.m. and take part in friendly, scholarly and respectful discussion afterward.

Fidaa Elaydi is a senior political science and sociology major from Cedar Hill.



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

Slavery clearly heart of Civil War

EDITORIAL

What was Virginia Gov. Robert F. McDonnell thinking when he declared April to be Confederate History Month without mentioning slavery? None of the possibilities are encouraging: Maybe he wanted to pander to Virginians who, even now, romanticize what used to be called the War of Northern Aggression. Perhaps he thought mentioning slavery, the overarching if not the only issue in the war, would be bad for tourism and economic development. Or he simply lacked what is sometimes called moral imagination.

Whatever the explanation, the proclamation, pegged to the fact that Virginia joined the Confederacy in April 1861, has been hastily revised after a public protest. It still commemorates the sacrifices of the war dead and salutes Confederate soldiers who pledged allegiance to the United States after being "overwhelmed by the insurmountable numbers and resources of the Union Army." But now it also contains a paragraph — one that easily could have been included in the

original — that "the institution of slavery led to this war and was an evil and inhumane practice." (Though inserted in the middle of the proclamation, it still reads like an afterthought.)

Politicians put their feet in their mouths all the time — and just as often have to extract them — so why is the furor over McDonnell's proclamation important? Is it really necessary to condemn slavery as evil and inhumane in this day and age? Was McDonnell really so wrong to suggest that Confederate war dead deserve to be honored by their descendants? Was the protest against the declaration just political correctness run amok?

Not as we see it. Anyone familiar with the Civil War knows that the preservation of slavery was not the only motive for secession and that Confederate soldiers saw themselves as defending hearth and home. Nor did every Union soldier feel called to battle by a commitment to emancipation.

Still, slavery was at the heart of the War Between the States, an irreducibly brutal reality that generations of revisionists have attempted unconvincingly to efface. Consider this description

Like the flying of the Confederate flag, a sanitized portrayal of the Confederacy inspires anger and uneasiness that once would have been regarded — and not just in the South — as oversensitivity.

of the war by the commander of the Virginia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans: "Our Confederate ancestors fought to save our homeland from invading troops and it is our duty to see that their memory is not tarnished but given the respect and honor due them for the sacrifice they gave."

Like the flying of the Confederate flag, a sanitized portrayal of the Confederacy inspires anger and uneasiness that once would have been regarded — and not just in the South — as oversensitivity. We know better now, and so, we hope, does Robert McDonnell.

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Sunday.



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QUICK NEWS

Obama: Risks of nuclear terrorism have risen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing a new nuclear reality, President Barack Obama urged world leaders Tuesday to reach beyond traditional means of avoiding nuclear conflict and agree on new measures to stop terrorists from getting their hands on atomic arms.

Addressing a 47-nation nuclear conference, Obama framed the problem as a "cruel irony of history" — nuclear dangers on the rise, even after the end of the Cold War and decades of fear stoked by a U.S.-Soviet arms race.

"Terrorist networks such as al-Qaida have tried to acquire the material for a nuclear weapon, and if they ever succeeded, they would surely use it," he told the opening session, which convened under tight security at the Washington Convention Center.

Israel tells its citizens to get out of Sinai now

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel issued an "urgent" warning Tuesday to its citizens to leave Egypt's Sinai Peninsula immediately citing "concrete evidence of an expected terrorist attempt to kidnap Israelis in Sinai."

The statement from the Israeli prime minister's anti-terror office took the unusual step of calling on families of Israelis visiting the Sinai to establish contact with them.

Israel's anti-terror office has a standing travel advisory telling Israelis to stay out of the Sinai desert because of the threat of terror attacks. However, thousands of Israelis routinely ignore the warning and vacation in the desert and along its Red Sea coast.

Egyptian security officials said about 35,000 Israelis are in the Sinai now, and they expected thousands more to arrive later this month.

AA flight makes emergency landing in Iceland

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — An American Airlines flight with 145 people on board made an emergency landing in Iceland on Tuesday after five crew members became ill following reports of chemical fumes in the cabin.

American Airlines Flight 49 traveling from Paris to Dallas-Fort Worth landed safely at Keflavik Airport just after 1345 GMT (9:45 a.m. EDT). Airport spokesman Fridthor Eydal said mechanics and civil aviation investigators were examining the plane to find the cause of the problem.

The airline said it was sending a replacement plane from London to pick up the 133 passengers and 12 member crew. The replacement flight was due to leave at 2015 GMT (4:15 p.m. EDT), according to the airport Web site.

Twitter to have paid tweets show up in searches

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Twitter announced Tuesday that it is introducing advertising by allowing companies to pay to have their messages show up first in searches on its site.

The debut of "Promoted Tweets" comes as Twitter increasingly faces questions about how it can turn its wide usage into profits.

The ads apparently won't bring in much money during the experimental phase of Twitter's commercial push. Virgin America, one of the advertisers that Twitter invited to test the concept, isn't paying for its first burst of promotional messages, according to Porter Gail, the airline's vice president of marketing.

Besides Virgin America, Twitter identified Best Buy Co., Sony Pictures and Starbucks Corp. among the other companies using Promoted Tweets.

2 plans approved for renovating governor's mansion

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry and the Texas Preservation Board gave preliminary approval to two plans for renovating the fire-damaged Texas Governor's Mansion, including one that would add a small bedroom and bathroom to the private quarters.

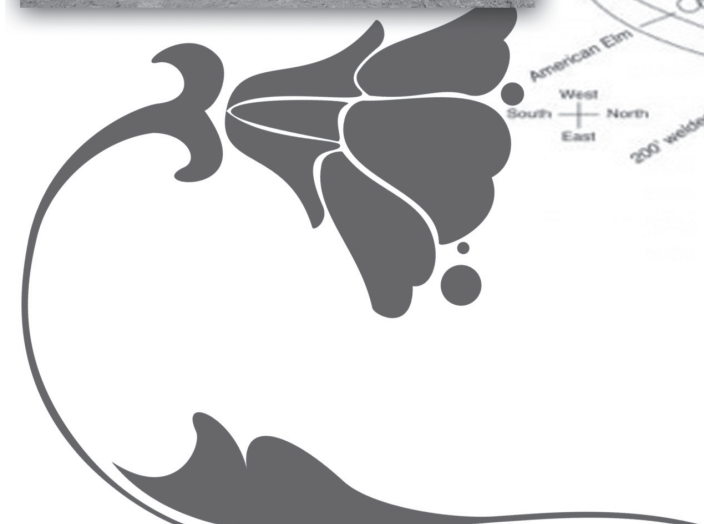
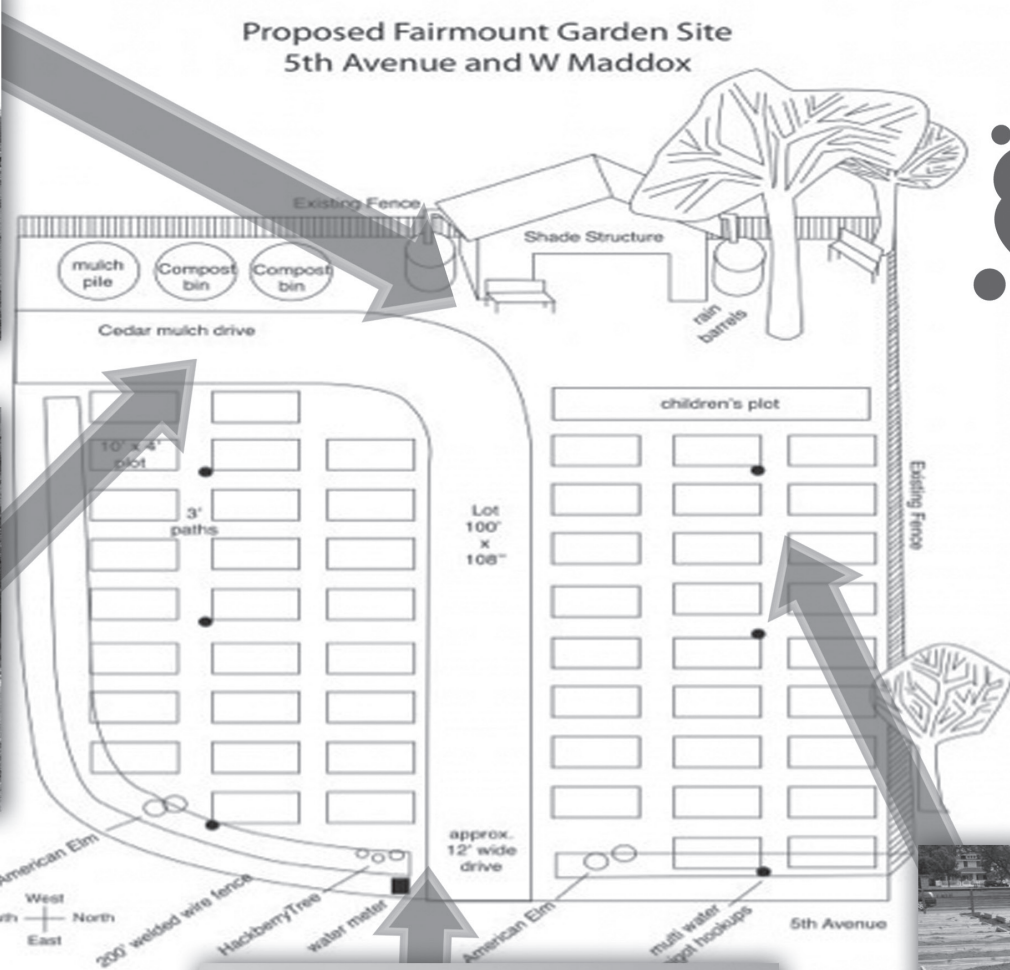
Both plans considered Tuesday would add a fire staircase and keep all renovations on the west end of the property without changing the view of the building from the east side entrance.

A previous plan to add a much larger addition was withdrawn under heavy criticism from preservationists.

The plans now go to the Texas Historical Commission to pick one before construction can begin.

The mansion was severely damaged by a suspected arson fire in June 2008. No arrests have been made.

NEWS



The site of the proposed Fairmount community garden that is currently in development. The site is located on Fifth Avenue across from Fairmount Park in the south side of Fort Worth. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY CHANCE WELCH / Photos courtesy of Fairmount Historic District

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Phillip Johns, who are working with the community garden as their legacy project for the BNSF Next Generation Leadership program in the Neeley School of Business. According to the Neeley School Web site, one of goals for students in the BNSF Next Generation Leadership program is that they be community partners by volunteering with a nonprofit organization to develop a comprehensive action plan that will enhance that organization's outreach efforts.

Johns said he thinks the community gardens will

build pride in the Fairmount community.

"Communities who have already implemented community gardens have reported lower crime in the vicinity of the garden and an increase in communication between individuals in the community," Johns said.

Harper said it is important for the university and Fort Worth to work together on sustainable programs.

"The potential for creating programs that speak to sustainability is a rich source of education to TCU students," Harper said.

Calvert-Rosenberger agreed, adding that the university had made great

strides toward sustainability, but that continued improvement on campus and in Fort Worth would be more effective with increased student participation and enthusiasm.

"One of the best things that TCU could do to promote sustainable practices is just to be more transparent to the general student body about plans in the near future," Calvert-Rosenberger said. "I know that TCU is doing wonderful work, especially in regards to construction and renovation, and it's something that we should all be proud of. The problem is that most students aren't aware."

HEALTH CARE

Nurses may soon be doctors

By Carla K. Johnson
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — A nurse may soon be your doctor.

With a looming shortage of primary care doctors, 28 states are considering expanding the authority of nurse practitioners. These nurses with advanced degrees want the right to practice without a doctor's watchful eye and to prescribe narcotics. And if they hold a doctorate, they want to be called "Doctor."

For years, nurse practitioners have been playing a bigger role in the nation's health care, especially in regions with few doctors. With 32 million more Americans gaining health insurance within a few years, the health care overhaul is putting more money into nurse-managed clinics.

Those newly insured patients will be looking for doctors but may find nurses.

The medical establishment is fighting to protect turf. In some statehouses, doctors have shown up in white coats to testify against nurse practitioner bills. The American Medical Association, which supported the national health care overhaul, says a doctor shortage is no reason to put nurses in charge and endanger patients.

Nurse practitioners argue there's no danger. They say they're highly trained and as skilled as doctors at diagnosing illness during office visits. They know when to refer patients to doctor specialists, and they spend more time with patients and charge less.

"We're constantly hav-

ing to prove ourselves," said Chicago nurse practitioner Amanda Cockrell, 32, who tells patients she's just like a doctor "except for the pay."

On top of four years in nursing school, Cockrell spent another three years in a nurse practitioner program, much of it working with patients. Doctors generally spend four years in undergraduate school, four years in medical school and an additional three in primary care residency training.

Medicare, which sets the pace for payments by private insurance, pays nurse practitioners 85 percent of what it pays doctors. An office visit for a Medicare patient in Chicago, for example, pays a doctor about \$70 and a nurse practitioner about \$60.

The health care overhaul law gave nurse practitioners a type of advanced practice nurse, a Medicare raise to 100 percent of what obstetrician-gynecologists make — and that may be just the beginning.

States regulate nurse practitioners and laws vary on what they are permitted to do:

— In Florida and Alabama, for instance, nurse practitioners are barred from prescribing controlled substances.

— In Washington, nurse practitioners can recommend medical marijuana to their patients when a new law takes effect in June.

— In Montana, nurse practitioners don't need a doctor involved with their practice in any way.

— Many other states put doctors in charge of nurse

practitioners or require collaborative agreements signed by a doctor.

— In some states, nurse practitioners with a doctorate in nursing practice can't use the title "Dr." Most states allow it.

The AMA argues the title "Dr." creates confusion. Nurse practitioners say patients aren't confused by veterinarians calling themselves "Dr." Or chiropractors. Or dentists. So why, they ask, would patients be confused by a nurse using the title?

The feud over "Dr." is no joke. By 2015, most new nurse practitioners will hold doctorates, or a DNP, in nursing practice, according to a goal set by nursing educators. By then, the doctorate will be the standard for all graduating nurse practitioners, said Polly Bednash, executive director of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

What's the evidence on the quality of care given by nurse practitioners?

The best U.S. study comparing nurse practitioners and doctors randomly assigned more than 1,300 patients to either a nurse practitioner or a doctor. After six months, overall health, diabetes tests, asthma tests and use of medical services like specialists were essentially the same in the two groups.

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NEWS

CALIFORNIA

Students find Palin visit papers

By Robin Hindery
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — Sarah Palin will get first-class airfare for two and three rooms at a luxury hotel when she gives a speech in June for a university foundation.

And organizers had better not forget to stock her lectern with two water bottles and bendable straws.

The details of Palin's contract with the California State University, Stanislaus Foundation were contained in five pages of the document retrieved from a campus trash bin by students who heard administrators might be shredding documents related to the speech.

State Sen. Leland Yee provided copies of the paperwork Tuesday.

Among other perks, Palin will fly first class — if she flies commercial. If not, "the private aircraft MUST BE a Lear 60 or larger ...," the contract specifies. She also must be provided with a suite and two single rooms in a deluxe hotel.

The document, dated March 16, does not include compensation details for Palin, who commands speaking fees as high as \$100,000.

The students said they acted on a tip that documents were being shredded last Friday, when campus staff members were supposed to be on furlough.

Russell Giambelluca, the university's vice president of business and finance, said no one at the university was advised to destroy specific foundation documents, and staff members routinely shred and dispose of paperwork that is no longer needed.

Regarding the excerpt of Palin's contract, he said: "I find it interesting that among shredded documents you find one that's completely intact related to the contract."

The foundation previously denied a request to release details of the contract made by The Associated Press under the California Public Records Act.

Last week, the university responded to a public records request



RICH PEDRONCELLI / Associated Press
California State University, Stanislaus students Alicia Lewis, left, and Ashli Briggs move a cart loaded with documents and shredded papers they say they found on the school's campus that included parts of a speaking contract for former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin after a news conference in Sacramento, Calif., on Tuesday.

by Yee by saying it did not have any documents related to Palin's appearance and had referred the matter to foundation board president Matt Swanson.

The next day, Swanson sent letters to both Yee and The Associated Press stating that Palin's contract has a nondisclosure clause. University foundations and other auxiliary organizations were not subject to the same public records

requirements as the university itself, he said.

Yee disputed the claim.

Two of the students who discovered the discarded documents traveled to Sacramento to present them to the state attorney general's office. The office is reviewing Yee's request for an investigation into allegations that the university violated the California Public Records Act.

ALABAMA

Student travels for class

By Patrick Rupinski
The Tuscaloosa News

TUSACLOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Most college students cross campus to get to class. Avril Castagnetta crosses an ocean.

Twice a month, Castagnetta boards a jet in Brussels, Belgium, and flies to the United States to attend weekend executive MBA sessions at the University of Alabama. That's a one-way trip of 4,561 miles as the crow flies.

Susan West said that in the nine years she has directed the executive master of business administration program, a few students have traveled from as far as Texas to attend class. But no student has flown in from another continent, and most live within a 3 1/2-hour drive of campus.

The program is designed for mid-level to senior-level managers who have full-time jobs and who tend to be older — their average age is 38 — than traditional MBA students.

That description fits Castagnetta, 40, a Birmingham resident.

Her employer, Capgemini — an international company based in Paris — assigned her to a project in Belgium after she started her MBA studies in October 2009.

Castagnetta said she spent almost 20 years as a retail bank marketing executive before joining Capgemini as a consultant working with client banks on marketing strategies.

"My initial assignment has me onsite in Brussels for three months. Afterwards, I expect to be onsite once a month for the remainder of the year."

Castagnetta said she never considered refusing the Brussels assignment nor dropping out of the executive MBA program. Her classmates, the MBA faculty and her employer have helped her juggle her career and educational assignments.

Castagnetta declined to say whether her employer helps pay for her frequent flights or MBA training.

"Jet lag is a real problem. Brussels is six hours ahead of Birmingham, and on Fridays and Saturdays our last class ends between 6:30 and 7 p.m. and that last hour is like 3 a.m. Brussels time and it's a struggle."

Avril Castagnetta
University of Alabama student

UA's executive MBA tuition, which includes lodging, costs \$46,000. West said about 35 percent of those in the program have the cost paid by their employers, and about a third receive some employer assistance. The rest pay the tuition themselves.

For Castagnetta, the commute to campus involves flying from Brussels on the Thursdays before her weekend classes.

"The flight on Thursday is about nine hours from Brussels to Atlanta," she said.

There is a short stopover in Atlanta, where she has to go through customs and border control, and then it's a short flight home to Birmingham.

A couple of times, she has had to take longer alternate routes.

"Jet lag is a real problem. Brussels is six hours ahead of Birmingham, and on Fridays and Saturdays our last class ends between 6:30 and 7 p.m. and that last hour is like 3 a.m. Brussels time and it's a struggle."

But she added: "Happily, I can honestly say that our classes are very energizing and extremely relevant to my work so while I struggle, it's not hard to get caught up in a really good classroom discussion and kind of forget about what time my body thinks it is."

A greater challenge than the commute and jet lag is finding time to study while in Brussels, she said.

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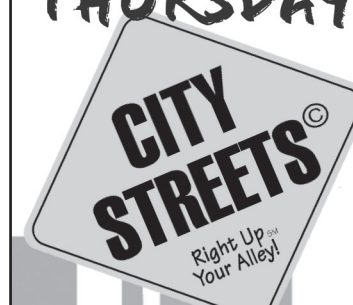
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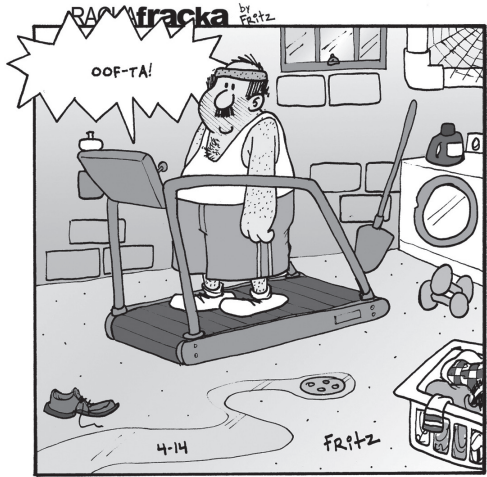
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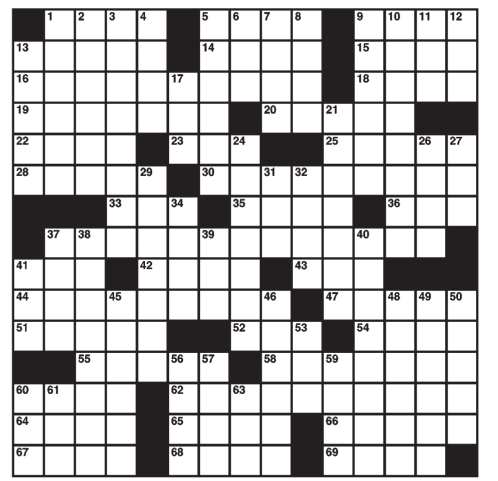
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OPINION

Athlete salaries fixed too high



SARA HUMPHREY

It is no secret that athletes get paid millions of dollars to play their sport and that seems a little obsessive.

There are many other ways, and many more productive ways for the money to be spent.

Teachers, professors, nurses and other professions that are taking a hard hit from the dwindling economy should get increases to their salaries while athletes' are reduced.

Athletes should still make a good chunk of change, but paying them more money than they can even spend is unnecessary. In every industry there will be people who are overpaid and underpaid, but I think we should balance out the portion of our money that goes to athletes with other types of professionals.

The average salary for a major league baseball player, according to the Major League Baseball Web site, is \$2,996,106. The average salary for an NBA player is \$5 million, and New York Yankees player Alex Rodriguez will make \$270 million in his ten-year contract.

In every industry there will be people who are overpaid and underpaid, but I think we should balance out the portion of our money that goes to athletes with other types of professionals.

Does he really deserve that much money?

In my opinion, no.

Financial rewards should come from how hard a person works. I am not saying athletes are not hard workers. They dedicate their lives to practice and traveling and are extremely talented people, but I still have a problem with \$270 million.

I agree with famous athletes being great for marketing, so it may be worth the money for a company to shell out a ton of money for an athletic icon to model its shoes. The problem is that athletes are making too much.

They have a rare talent and rare talents deserve to be rewarded, just not as much as they are being rewarded now.

Sara Humphrey is a junior broadcast journalism major from Colleyville.

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Wide receiver turns to golf

By Janie McCauley
AP Sports Writer

HAYWARD, Calif. (AP) — Jerry Rice used to wake up at 4 a.m. so he could get to the driving range and hit golf balls before he was due at work with the San Francisco 49ers for 8:30 a.m. meetings.

He'd return to the range after football practice.

"I got addicted to the game. I have so much passion for it," Rice said.

Now, the Hall of Fame wide receiver is taking a swing at professional golf, and insists he's serious.

Rice will make his pro debut Thursday in a Nationwide Tour event after receiving a sponsor's exemption into the field. He also will serve as host of the 156-player tournament, with his foundation receiving proceeds.

"This is an opportunity of a

"I don't want to go out there and have those players who are playing on the Nationwide Tour think this is a publicity stunt for attention."

Jerry Rice
Hall of Fame wide receiver

lifetime here," Rice said. "You know I'm a competitor. I don't want to go out there and have those players who are playing on the Nationwide Tour think this is a publicity stunt for attention. It's not."

The 47-year-old Rice will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in August. He has been golfing for more than 20 years and has been a regular in pro-ams.

After Phil Mickelson's stirring win at the Masters on Sunday, Rice said he was so inspired he headed right to the range.

"I can hold my own," he said, referring to his drives. "I have been up at night visualizing my strategy what I'm going to do on every hole. The biggest thing for me is going to be being able to calm my nerves on the golf course when I hit a bad shot."

Rice has been showing off his athletic talents in other arenas of late. Last week, he threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the San Francisco Giants' home opener.

Rice, the NFL's career receiving and touchdowns leader, played 20 NFL seasons for San Francisco, Oakland and Seattle. He made 1,549 catches for 22,895 yards, had 14 1,000-yard seasons and scored 208 touchdowns.

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