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University may have to turn to more impersonal recruitment for prospective students.

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The TCU Horned Frog was decorated for an egg hunt that was put on for kids on Sadler Lawn.

CAMPUS

Egg hunt combines alumni and student efforts

By Luis Ortiz
 Staff Reporter

Alumni Relations, Student Foundation, and Young Alumni teamed up Sunday to host the 17th Annual TCU Easter Egg Hunt. About 2,000 people came from all over Fort Worth to enjoy a scenic picnic in the Campus Commons and an egg hunt on the Sadler Hall lawn.

Carrie Wright-Brown, associate director of Alumni Relations, said it was her

first time heading the egg hunt since its establishment in 1994. She said she was in charge of acquiring all the supplies that the organizations, Young Alumni and Student Foundation, used to facilitate the event.

The egg hunt, which was free and open to the public, consisted of a family picnic, music, appearances by Mr. and Ms. Bunny and Super-Frog, face painting, balloon artists, and the big egg hunt. This year's Easter egg hunt

gave away over 15,000 prizes, consisting of eggs and toys for children, Wright-Brown said.

"It's just a great way for us to reach out to our TCU community," Wright-Brown said. "It's awesome to see everyone on campus. See the children and hopefully future frogs at the event."

Kate Williams, an alumna and mother of two, brought daughters Gracie and Sadie, to the egg hunt for the fifth year in a row.

"Our girls love it and we'd like to support any events that TCU has," said Williams. "If we did not bring them here, they would not let us live it down. They look forward to this event every year."

Gracie has been attending the Easter egg hunt since she was born and since then she always looks forward to one thing,

"Seeing TCU horn frog," Gracie said.

Mr. and Ms. Bunny were actually Brent Folan, a soph-

omore finance and accounting double major, and Effie Husbands, a freshman nursing major in costume. Folan said he has been playing mascots since high school, but it was his first year being Mr. Bunny.

"Just seeing little kids faces. It's awesome. It just makes their day," Folan said.

Husbands was also playing Ms. Bunny for the first time and said she was excited about it.

"I just thought it would be

really fun. I love kids and I love Easter hunts," Husbands said.

Hector Muñoz, an alumnus who received his bachelor's and master's degrees at the university, brought his children, Destiny, age 9, Selah, age 4 and Levi, age 3, out to the egg hunt for the fifth year.

"My kids have a blast," Muñoz said. "They love TCU for one. They love the environment of TCU. The fact that they get to hunt eggs as well makes it that much better."

CORRECTION

In a story about Thursday's Honors Convocation, the name of the Syrian-American rapper should have been Omar Hammami.

SERVICE 6

University groups participate in Relay for Life.



SCHOOL OF ART

Alumna selected as department director

By Maddie Tasker
Staff Reporter

The School of Art will welcome alumna Sally Packard back to TCU as the new department director this fall, according to a news release from the university.



Packard

"We are delighted to welcome Sally Packard back to TCU," Scott Sullivan, dean of the TCU College of Fine Arts, said in the release.

Packard has been the chairwoman of the Department of Visual Arts at Sage College of Albany since 2008, according to the release. Prior to joining Sage College, she worked at the University of North Texas as an associate professor and as coordinator of the Foundations Program in the College of Art & Design.

"She brings solid leadership experience in the visual arts as well as an understanding of the national issues and challenges facing the discipline in the future," Sullivan said in the release.

Packard graduated from TCU in 1997 with a master of fine arts degree. According to the release, her work has been featured across the U.S. and Europe with recent exhibits in Sweden, California, Chicago, Austin and Dallas.

According to the release, she earned her undergraduate degree from Regent's College, State University of New York in Albany.

Packard also has served as a panelist for conferences for the College Art Association and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, according to the release.

She is a practicing sculpture and installation artist, and her recent work has focused on community involvement.

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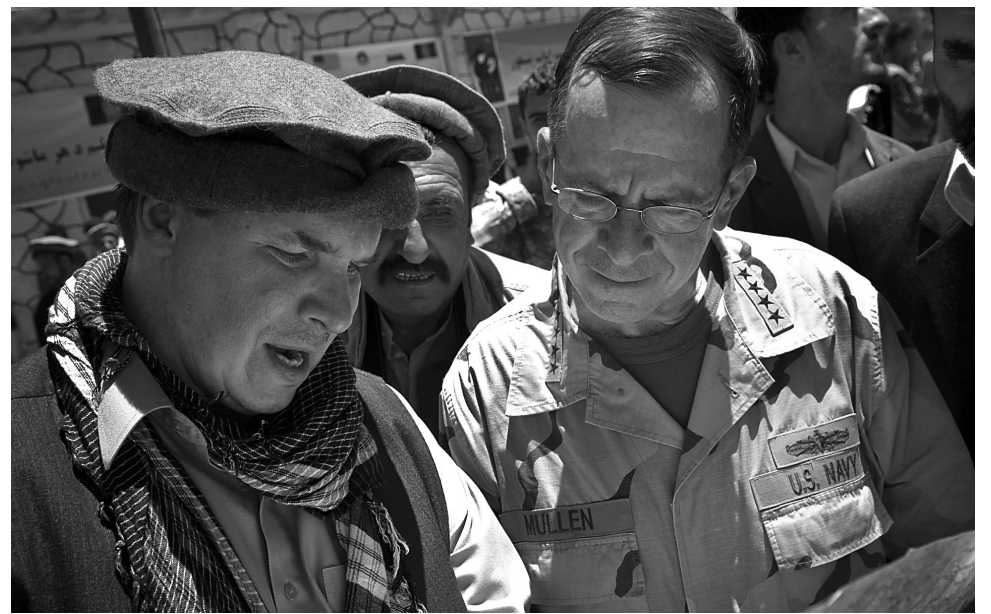
Report: 'Three Cups of Tea' inaccurate

Staff Report

A "60 Minutes" investigation alleges that the inspirational multimillion seller "Three Cups of Tea" is filled with inaccuracies and that co-author Greg Mortenson's charitable organization has taken credit for building schools that don't exist.

Mortenson was a keynote speaker at TCU's "Frost Foundation Lecture Series" on Jan. 24. "Three Cups of Tea" was selected as the Common Reading material for the 2010 freshman class.

The report, which airs Sunday night on CBS television, cites "Into the Wild" author Jon Krakauer as among the doubters of Mortenson's story of being lost in 1993 while mountain climbing in rural Pakistan and stumbling upon the village of Korphe, where the kindness of local residents inspired him to build a school. The "60 Minutes" story draws upon observations from the por-



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In this July 15, 2009 photo released by Department of Defense, author Greg Mortenson shows the locations of future village schools to U.S. Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the opening of Pushghar Village Girls School in Panjshir Valley, Afghanistan.

ters who joined Mortenson on his mountain trip in Pakistan and dispute his being lost. They say he only visited Korphe a year later.

The "60 Minutes" report alleges that numerous schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan that Mortenson's Central Asia Institute is said to have established either don't exist or were built by others. According to the CAI's website, the institute has "successfully established over 170 schools" and helped

educate over 68,000 students, with an emphasis on girls' education."

In a statement issued Friday through the institute, Mortenson defended the book he co-authored with David Oliver Relinhis, and his humanitarian work.

"Afghanistan and Pakistan are fascinating, inspiring countries, full of wonderful people. They are also complex places, torn by conflicting loyalties, and some who do not want our mission of

educating girls to succeed," Mortenson said.

"I stand by the information conveyed in my book and by the value of CAI's work in empowering local communities to build and operate schools that have educated more than 60,000 students. I continue to be heartened by the many messages of support I receive from our local partners in cities and villages across Afghanistan and Pakistan, who are determined not to let unjustified attacks stop the important work being done to create a better future for their children."

"Three Cups of Tea" was released by Penguin in 2006. The book sold moderately in hardcover, but was a word-of-mouth hit as a paperback and became an international sensation, selling more than 3 million copies.

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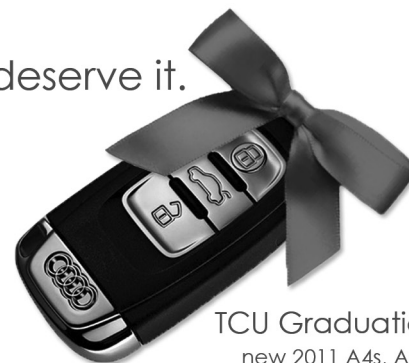
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The Easter Bunny high fives a child during an Easter egg hunt in the Campus Commons Sunday afternoon.

UNIVERSITY

Commercial to be filmed Wednesday

By Maddie Tasker
Staff Reporter

TCU students will have the opportunity to appear in a national TV commercial that will be filmed Wednesday, according to a Facebook event page for the shoot.

The university will film a new series of institutional commercials on campus, and at least 200 student ex-

tras are needed to represent the TCU student body.

The commercial will begin airing during the 2011 football season next fall and will continue to air for the next two to four years, according to the event page.

Students who want to participate should arrive on time in the Campus Commons. Participants should dress casually but are en-

couraged to look their best.

All student extras will need to show a valid TCU ID to participate.

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Brown: App process will need to be updated for future classes

By Jordan Daigle
Staff Reporter

With the enormous increase in admission numbers this year, Dean of Admission Ray Brown said the university is going to need to figure out a more efficient application method that will work better in the future.

According to a university news release, TCU received 18,903 applications in 2011, compared to 13,852 in 2010 and 11,730 in 2009. This represents an overall increase of 36.5 percent.

Chancellor Victor Boschini was out of town and unable to be reached for comment.

"I think we got a few too many [applications] to handle this year," Brown said.

According to Brown, the admission office is knocking at the door of 19,000 [applicants], which is an enormous increase in any year.

"We had to rethink everything we do," he said. "Our primary goal this summer is to sort of wipe the slate clean and start over to figure out a model that will work better."

With this in mind, Brown said the admission team has decided to visit some other universities this summer to see how they work their application

process.

"We are very labor-intensive in our review process," he said. "And I fear that those days may be over."

The application process may have to become less personal, Brown said. And although that is something he said he hoped would not happen, he said he was not feeling confident.

The major rise in applications can be attributed to a convergence of multiple aspects, Brown said. Brown said this increase has been from the university's efforts to improve the physical appearance along with the efforts from the university to create personal relationships between students and faculty.

"When you put all of that together and throw in the benefit of athletics teams, which bring in all sorts of national publicity, it just makes for the perfect storm," he said.

While going through the college process, John Novalis, a freshman environmental earth resources major, said he first recognized TCU for its football success, but the university's personalized recruitment also helped him make his decision.

"What truly attracted me was during my application process they sent me copious emails and letters in the mail," Novalis

said.

He said the university never hesitated to contact him or see how his thought process was going with admission.

"They just seemed very personal and very interested in having me as a student here," he said.

The university has also seen a rise in the past year for out-of-state and in-state applications. According to the release, there has been a 39.5 percent increase in out-of-state applications. In particular, the state of California saw a 102.9 percent jump this year in applications, according to the release.

"I think most people would agree that it would be nice to have as varied group of students as one could possibly muster," Brown said in regard to out-of-state applicants. "That is why our staff visits 35 states a year and about 20 different countries."

They want to provide students with a college experience that is as varied and diverse as they can possibly craft.

As of Monday, Brown said they have more than 700 hopefuls on the wait list.

"We are very thankful for it," he said. "But I don't hold out a great deal of hope for students on the wait list."

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The Skiff View

Admission should strive to keep personal touch

With applications to the university almost doubling from 11,730 in 2009 to 18,903 this year, it's obvious members of the Office of Admission have been working hard.

And with the university's recent national exposure and improvements to its facilities, the number of applicants is not going to drop back to 2009 levels anytime soon.

To better prepare for a large number of applications in the future, Dean of Admission Ray Brown said figuring out a more efficient application review process is a priority for the summer. Brown said the process may have to become less personal.

While it's a good idea to look at changes in the admission process to make it run more smoothly, administrators should try and keep the process as personal as possible.

The university prides itself on creating personal relationships with students, and the first contact for future students often comes from the Office of Admission. The personal connection during the admission process also gives prospective students one more reason to choose to come to TCU and helps the university attract the best and the brightest.

While there is no doubt the large increase in applications will necessitate changes in the admission process, keeping the process as personal as possible should be a priority.

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Proposed FDA rules can help with obesity



Bailey McGowan

Fast-food chains, restaurants and some vending companies will now have to post their nutritional information on the front of their packaging and menus if new rules proposed by the Food and Drug Administration are passed, according to an April 1 article from the *Los Angeles Times*.

The new rules would also apply to coffee shops and convenience and grocery stores, but would not apply to movie theaters, bowling alleys, alcoholic beverages or airline food, according to the article. These new rules are meant to help the fight against obesity in America, and they are long overdue.

There is no reason for such nutritional information to not be made highly visible. The calorie content of certain "staple" fast-food items is absolutely ridiculous. For example, a venti latte from Starbucks with whole milk has 290 calories, with 140 of those coming from fat.

The "Super Size Me" image of American foods is out of control. It seems that people are no longer satisfied with the occasional treat — they demand those treats daily, even at every meal with little to no regard of a possibly greater nutritional value, or lack thereof.

According to a question and answer section on the FDA website about the new rules, the FDA hopes to issue its final rules by the end of the year and have them go into effect six months after the rules are finalized.

Calorie content of standard menu items would have to be prominently displayed on all menus and menu boards as

well as above items at salad bars, according to the new rules.

The rules would require such information as total calories, calories from fat, total fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, sodium, total carbohydrates, sugars, dietary fiber, and protein to be available upon request at restaurants, according to the website. Restaurants also would be required to have information letting consumers know when further nutritional information is available.

The displays would also have a disclaimer statement explaining that while the percentages of recommended calories are based on 2,000-calorie diets, some people may require a different amount of daily calories to maintain a healthy lifestyle, according to the website.

It doesn't make sense that one should be consuming food items without knowing exactly what is in them. There is no way to make an educated,

healthy informed decision without these new displays.

Obesity is a major problem in the U.S. — according to the *Los Angeles Times* article, the rate of obesity in the U.S. has more than doubled from 14.5 percent of adults in 1971 to 35 percent in 2008. The FDA's new rules are just another step in the healthy direction. If younger generations can grow up comfortable with food labels and understanding what those labels mean, they are more likely to make decisions in their best interest.

While certain industries, such as the movie theater industry, have managed to wiggle their way out of joining this food information revolution by lobbying, according to the article, the time for a change in our eating habits has come, and now it will be easier than ever.

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Company's attitude toward game appalling



Emily Atteberry

I hate to quote "Spider-Man," but — with great power comes great responsibility. Apparently, however, video game companies are exempt from that.

Such is the case for "Duke Nukem Forever," a sequel game to 1996's "Duke Nukem 3D," which is being made by Gearbox Software and will be sold for Xbox 360, Playstation 3 and digital distribution for computers starting June 19.

The game's premise, bluntly stated on the official website, is that drunk aliens are invading Earth and kidnapping women, "especially the hot ones!" Players take on the role of the protagonist, Duke, and "save" various women, who are depicted as prostitutes.

Yet funnily enough, according to a March 26 article from the Fox News website, one of the multiplayer modes

is called "Capture the Babe," which somehow sounds a bit more sinister than saving women. In this mode, the player abducts scantily-clad women and can slap them if they do not comply.

According to the Fox News article, an interview in the Official Xbox Magazine had Gearbox downplaying the mode, explaining that "the 'Babe' will sometimes freak out while you're carrying her (somewhat understandably, we'd say), at which point you have to hit a button to gently give her a reassuring slap."

Moreover, other modes of the game require the player to go on a quest to look for sex toys and topless photographs of women, according to the Fox News article. The very beginning of the game insinuates two twins giving oral sex.

As if all these things weren't dreadful enough, what is worse is what Gearbox CEO Randy Pitchford said in response to the obvious outcry from various religious and gender activist groups.

"Our goal isn't to shock people, but I think there's some stuff that'll be just a bit

uncomfortable," he said in the Fox News article. "We try to get right up to that edge and then relax enough so people don't reject it."

Don't get me wrong — "pushing the envelope" can be a useful tool when the goal is to broaden people's perspectives or start a public dialogue. However, what is Gearbox hoping to do? Even to argue that the game is satirical would be a gross misrepresentation.

When the CEO's defense for his allegedly sexist video game is simply that it is "meant" to be "uncomfortable," then you know things are bad.

Given the complete lack of any possible positive outcome of this chauvinistic, violent game, it leaves people wondering how this could affect society.

"These depictions of women are extremely harmful, especially to young women," Jamia Wilson, vice president of the Women's Media Center, said in the Fox News article.

While I do find myself wondering how violent video games like this and countless others — such as "Grand Theft Auto" — affect



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the people who play it and the girls who see the outrageous representations of women, it is not really this that bothers me — it is the production company's complete lack of remorse or regard for ethics.

The original game, "Duke Nukem 3D," was offensive. "Duke Nukem Forever" takes it ever further, as if Gearbox

is trying to see how far it can take the game's crude premise. While the company claims it isn't trying to appeal to shock value, I see no other explanation for why it would choose to create a game that it knows is not right.

Although the company knows there is, indeed, a market for its disgusting games,

that does not mean it should cater to it.

Maybe this once, Gearbox Studios could use its power as an opportunity to help society rather than to make a quick buck.

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CHARITY WORK

Fort Worth Relay teams raise \$125,000 at Relay for Life

By Bryn Zimmermann
Staff Reporter

Choosing to participate in Friday's Relay for Life required little thought for sophomore strategic communication major Kelsey Thomas.

Thomas not only participated in the relay, but also held the position as a team leader. She said that her Principles in Public Relations class formed a team to raise money for the cause.

"Professor [Jacqueline] Lambiasi gave us the opportunity to choose a project, and my cousin had done it in the past," Thomas said. "She told me I had to do it, that it was an amazing experience. She was right."

Millions of people are affected by cancer every day and it's something that hits home to everyone in some form or another, Thomas said. Relay for Life is a way to celebrate life and promote community support and generosity, she said.

According to a Relay for Life email, the Fort Worth Relay teams had raised almost \$125,000 as of Sunday after-

noon, the proceeds of which would go to the American Cancer society.

Leah Iris, a freshman strategic communication major, was part of Thomas' team. She said Relay for Life was a special event because it not only involved raising money, but also symbolized the journey a cancer patient and family endures.

Iris said the Relay for Life was set up around LaGrave baseball field so that participants could walk around the perimeter of field. Every team had at least one team member walking the entire time to illustrate how cancer is a battle that is constantly fought, she said. "The event went all night long."

"When you are walking and are tired, it makes you realize the fight that cancer patients are going through," Iris said.

Iris said the interior of the field was used for teams to set up booths with games, toys and food. Teams would bring what they wanted to sell and use the proceeds to raise funds for the fight against cancer.

Jacqueline Lambiasi, associate professor of strategic communication, decided to give

her students the option of participating in Relay for Life for a class project when she first began teaching at TCU. She said she heard about the event through Sheri Millhollin, the ID card services coordinator.

Lambiasi said Relay for Life provided a great service-learning project. She said it was also a great model to show students how a great event is planned. More importantly, though, it was a way for TCU to lend a hand in the fight against cancer.

"It's a great thing to do in the community," Lambiasi said. "One of the missions of the university is to be involved in the community, and it's just something we can do to give back. It's a way we can join together with the people of Fort Worth and really make a difference."

Liz Mark, a sophomore business major and executive member of Eta Iota Sigma sorority, said giving back to the community was important to her. Members of her sorority attended the event to get involved and show support.

Thomas said in addition to the money raised by her team,

Relay for Life included different ways to continue fundraising during the event. She said TCU participated in the Miss Relay contest.

"We had a faculty team and a student team and whoever ended up with the most money in their jar had to dress up like a woman at midnight and walk around," Thomas said. "It's a

fun way to encourage people to donate to the cause." Lambiasi said her Principles of Public Relations class team raised \$3,098 for the event, far surpassing their original goal of \$1,000.

Mark said getting involved in the fight against cancer helped more than students could imagine. She said she

was happy to see the amount of TCU involvement at Relay for Life.

"With cancer especially there are so many people affected by it," Mark said. "I think that everyone knows someone that has had cancer or is suffering through it right now. It's so great to see everyone out supporting a cause like this."



COURTESY OF KELSEY THOMAS

Public relations professor Jacqueline Lambiasi along with students from her Public Relations Principles class make signs for the Relay for Life event on Friday.

NATIONAL Pulitzer Prizes awarded

By Chris Hawley
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The Los Angeles Times won a Pulitzer Prize for public service Monday for revealing that politicians in a small, working-class California city were paying themselves exorbitant salaries. But for the first time in the Pulitzer's 95-year history, no award was given in the category of breaking news — the bread and butter of daily journalism.

In a year when the big stories included the devastating earthquake in Haiti and the Gulf oil spill, the Pulitzer Board didn't like the entries in the breaking news category enough to honor any of them with the most prestigious award in journalism.

The Los Angeles Times won for its series revealing that politicians in Bell, Calif., were drawing salaries well into six figures. The newspaper's reporting that officials in the struggling city of 37,000 people were raising property taxes and other fees in part to cover the huge salaries led to arrests and the ouster of some of Bell's top

officials. The Times won a second Pulitzer for feature photography, and The New York Times was awarded two Pulitzers for international reporting and for commentary. "The real victors in this are the people of Bell, who were able to get rid of, there's no other way to say it, an oppressive regime."

Jeff Gottlieb
Reporter

"The real victors in this are the people of Bell, who were able to get rid of, there's no other way to say it, an oppressive regime," said reporter Jeff Gottlieb, clutching a bottle of champagne before about 100 people in the newsroom.

Ruben Vives, another staff writer on the story, said: "At a time when people are saying newspapers are dying, I think this is the day when we can say, no, not really. We gave a small town, we gave them an opportunity to

speak out. That's what newspapers do."

One out of six people live in poverty in Bell, while its homeowners paid property taxes higher than those in Beverly Hills. The series showed that the city manager was drawing a salary and benefits package of \$1.5 million a year and that four of Bell's part-time City Council members were pulling down annual salaries of \$100,000.

The former city manager and seven other ex-officials are awaiting trial on fraud charges. And the entire City Council was thrown out of office in a recall election last month.

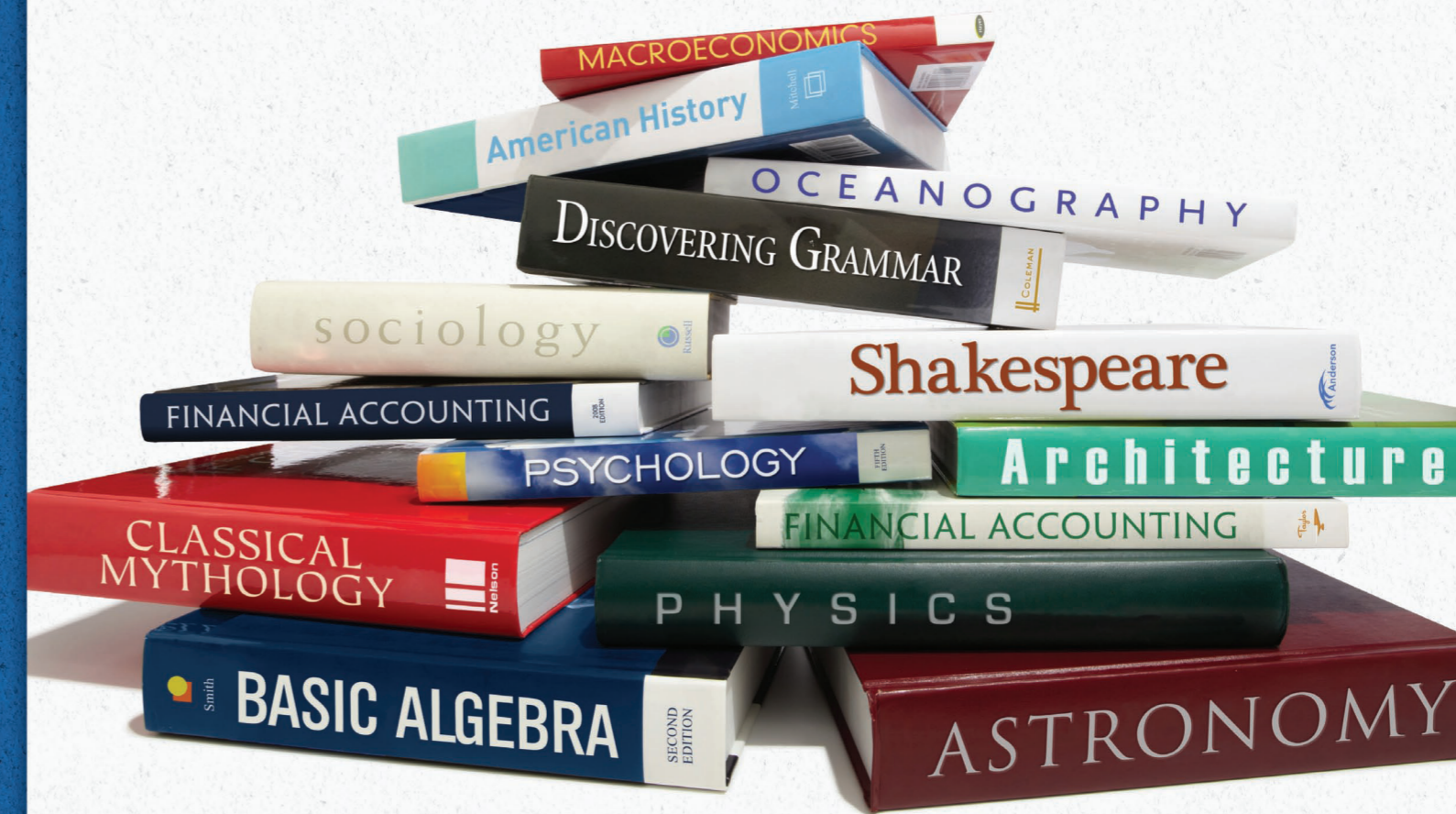
The Los Angeles Times has been hobbled by the troubles of its owner, Tribune Co., which has been operating under federal bankruptcy protection for the past two years. Tribune Co. has been trying to shed most of the debt that it took on in an \$8.2 billion buyout of the company engineered by real estate mogul Sam Zell. The Times has also gone through wrenching staff cutbacks before and after the bankruptcy filing, and other turmoil in the newsroom.

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WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Pet pig returned to Pa. couple by town officials

FOLSOM, Pa. (AP) — A wayward pet pig whose residency was challenged by Pennsylvania township officials has been returned to his owners.

A Vietnamese micro-potbellied pig named Steve was

reunited with Brian Maguire and Bernadette Broadhurst on Friday. Broadhurst says a Ridley Township commissioner personally delivered the animal, days after he'd been taken to a farm by police.

Maguire says Steve had apparently escaped from his yard and disappeared. When he checked with police to see if the animal had been spotted, Maguire says he was told

it was found but sent to a farm because of a township ban on keeping farm animals. Maguire said he feared for the 6-pound, 10-week-old pig's safety in a farm setting.

NYC man mistakenly slapped with 643 summonses

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York City man has been mistakenly hit with 643 summonses totaling \$48,000.

The Sanitation Department issued the tickets to 72-year-old Levy Zelishovsky for illegally posting fliers around

Brooklyn advertising a moving company. The insurance salesman has never been involved in the moving business.

He told the New York Post he called the number on the flier. The person who answered said the Brooklyn company went out of business months ago and didn't post the fliers.

The Sanitation Department says it only did a reverse check on the phone number. It now says Zelishovsky hadn't used the number since 2006. He says it was never his number.

The department says it will recommend the summonses be voided.

Stinky 8-foot 'corpse flower' set to bloom in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Spring is in the air, and that means an unpleasant smell for one greenhouse at Ohio State University.

An 8-foot-tall rain forest plant that's known as a "corpse flower" because it smells like rotting flesh is getting ready to bloom.

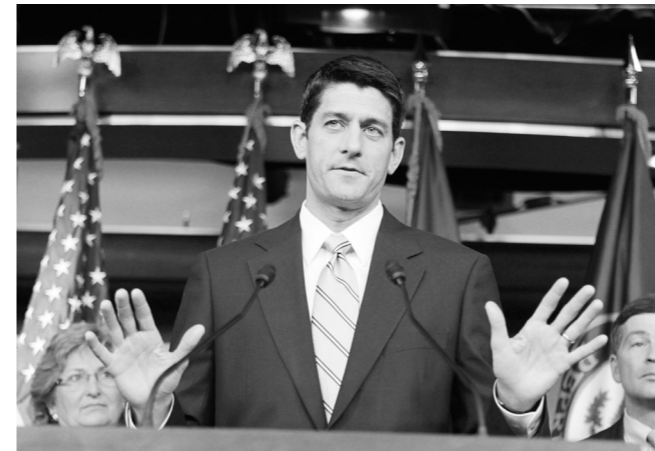
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ports greenhouse coordinator Joan Leonard has been growing the flowers since 2001, and this would be the first of five to bloom.

Leonard says smelling the Amorphophallus titanium for the first time will be the culmination of a decade of work. But it will be a quick experience because the flower withers after a day or two.

She expects the bloom to open in May, revealing its umbrella-sized "petals." When that happens, the university will have visiting hours to give people a peek at the rare plant.

NATIONAL NEWS



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In this April 13, 2011 file photo, House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis. gestures during a news conference at the Capitol in Washington.

Associated Press

S&P cuts long-term outlook for US debt to negative

WASHINGTON (AP) — Standard & Poor's Ratings Service downgraded its outlook Monday on U.S. government debt, expressing unprecedented doubts over the ability of Washington to bring the massive federal budget deficits under control.

The agency lowered the long-term outlook to "Negative" from "Stable," saying there is a one in three chance the United States could lose its top investment rating on its debt in the next two years.

S&P said it has little confidence that the White House and Congress will agree on a deficit-reduction plan before the fall 2012 elections and doubts any plan would be in place until after 2014.

The government is on pace to run a record \$1.5 trillion deficit this year, the third consecutive deficit exceeding \$1 trillion. President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans are sparing over how to reduce the nation's red ink. Their differences over where to cut have put a crucial decision over raising the nation's debt limit in jeopardy.

"We see the path to agreement as challenging because

the gap between the parties remains wide," said Standard & Poor's credit analyst Nikola G. Swann.

Stocks plunged after the rating agency lowered its outlook The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 200 points in afternoon trading.

S&P reaffirmed its investment-grade credit ratings on the U.S. long- and short-term debt itself. But it said the U.S. government is in danger of losing the top ranking if it doesn't come up with a credible plan for reducing its debt.

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S&P said the U.S. has a fundamentally strong, diversified economy. Still, the agency noted that the U.S. deficit grew to 11 percent of gross domestic income in 2009. That is much higher than the 5 percent or less the country had averaged in the previous six years.

TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

Committee approves gun privileges for politicians

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Statewide officials and lawmakers would be allowed to carry concealed handguns into sporting events, bars, churches and hospitals under a proposed law.

The Senate Criminal Justice Committee approved the bill on Monday.

Holders of concealed handgun permits are currently not allowed to carry their weapons into places that serve alcohol, sporting events, hospitals or churches. Judges and prosecutors are presently exempt from the limitation. This bill would expand that.

Seven state senators drafted the bipartisan bill, with Houston Sen. Dan Patrick as the lead author. It will now go to the full Senate for a vote.

Fire officials tour burned area of Texas capital

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Fire officials toured a smoldering area of the state capital on Monday, finding that a weekend wildfire sparked by an unintended campfire destroyed at least 10 homes and significantly damaged 10 others.

Authorities charged a

60-year-old homeless man with arson on Monday, saying he told investigators that he left a campfire unattended while he went to a store for beer. Fire officials say wind-blown embers from the campfire caused the blaze that scorched about 100 acres of southwest Austin and forced the evacuation of about 200 homes.

The wildfire was one of many to have broken out in Texas during the past few weeks. In the past week alone, more than 1,000 square miles of Texas land has burned — an area that all together would be the size of Rhode Island. Most of the state is in extreme drought, and burn bans are in effect nearly everywhere.

Steven Schrage, 57, said he watched through binoculars Sunday as the fire raced up a ridge behind the southwest Austin house he rents. He fled and spent the night at a hotel, certain he had lost his home and belongings. But he

returned Monday to find the home had been spared. The home next door was completely destroyed.

New blazes have been detected in Tyler and Hardin counties in East Texas, where about 3,000 acres have burned in an area known for its thick forests. Webb said he was particularly concerned that the tops of some trees have been set alight by wind-carried embers, a phenomenon known as crowning.

"Fire builds up and gets into the tops of trees, it just races through the top," said Webb. "You don't normally see that kind of fire activity in East Texas. The fire factor is just running off the charts."

Texas forestry officials said the threat of new wildfires remained high in parched West and northwest Texas on Monday.

Gov. Rick Perry has asked President Barack Obama for federal aid.

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Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once.

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

Friday's Solution



"1 Model Management"

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Directions

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

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Friday's Solution

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Weekend Recap

By Clay York
Staff Reporter

Equestrian

The TCU equestrian team, which jumped and galloped its way to the 2011 Varsity Equestrian National Championships, concluded its season with by losing all three of its matches at the Extraco Events Center.

The Horned Frogs started Western competition against No. 3 seed Auburn. The Frogs started hot and won a close 2-1 decision in Horsemanship. Seniors Kelsey Huffman and Courtney Chown both won for the Frogs.

But Auburn swept TCU in Reigning 3-0 and won the contest 4-2.

Next, the Frogs faced No. 2 seed Oklahoma State University. In Reigning, the Frogs dropped the contest to the Cowgirls, 5-3.

On the Hunt Seat, TCU couldn't come up with any victories and lost 8-0 to No. 5 Texas A&M.

Women's tennis

The TCU women's tennis team routed Colorado State 7-0 on Friday. The Frogs won every doubles match and took every singles match in straight sets.

Senior Katariina Tuohimaa clinched the contest, 6-4, 6-1, at No. 1 singles. Tuohimaa improved to 5-1 in MWC contests.

The team then defeated Wyoming in a 6-1 victory Saturday to improve to 9-10 on the season.

After losing a doubles tie break at the No. 1, TCU won the next two matches in doubles to clinch the doubles point.

Men's tennis

Four seniors of the TCU men's tennis squad played their final TCU home match on Sunday in a 6-1 rout against conference rival UNLV at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

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A 13-6 loss to Oklahoma, ranked as high as No. 11 and as low as No. 17 in the NCAA Division I Baseball polls, could have been demoralizing to a TCU team parched with inconsistent play this season. To the Frogs' credit, the team rebounded to sweep conference foe San Diego State on the road this weekend, setting up a top 10 clash — at least according to two of three major top 25 baseball polls — of two baseball titans in the state of Texas.

Men's golf

The TCU men's golf team earned its first victory this season on Sunday at the 19-team Navy Spring Invitational at the U.S. Naval Academy Golf Course.

Senior Scott Roudebush shot a season-low 69 and tied for second in the contest with a total score of +3.

OPINION

TCU vs. A&M has super implications



Ryne Sulier

The No. 11 Horned Frogs have a "super" opportunity tonight in College Station. If the TCU team bus leaves Aggieland whoopin' and hollerin', the positive consequences will be paramount — as in Super Regional paramount.

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The biggest positive from the past week has been the re-emergence of TCU's best hitter, junior left fielder Jason Coats. Coats' batting average has risen to .310 during a 16-game hitting streak. He has driven in 18 runs and is hitting nearly .400 during his current tear. His presence in the lineup has been missed, and his offensive revival should pay dividends tonight

as the Aggies boast a top 10 team ERA of 2.25.

If freshman pitcher Andrew Mitchell (2-0, 1.24 ERA) stays composed, the Frogs can hang with A&M sophomore starter Brandon Parrent (1-3, 3.55 ERA). Parrent didn't allow an earned run in six innings pitched in his last outing against No. 22 Rice despite being credited with the loss.

A win in College Station does much to rebuild the resumé and national credibility of a team that went from being a Cinderella in the 2010 College World Series to preseason No. 1 darling to start the 2011 season. The Frogs fell in the rankings fast after dropping three straight in late February with two losses to No. 8 Cal State Fullerton and a loss to Dallas Baptist and have slowly made up ground despite a handful of inexcusable letdowns and one-run losses down the stretch.

None of that matters now. TCU can turn a corner on the season with a signature win tonight and ride a four-game win streak into the weekend home series against UNLV, currently second to last in the MWC, before a home rematch against the Sooners a week from today.

As the regular season winds down and the MWC Championships near, TCU needs to take advantage of every opportunity it can to impress the NCAA Selection Committee when the eight national seeds are awarded. The No. 1 to No. 8 seeds will be awarded a Super Regional site if the nationally seeded team advances from the Regional round.

The committee will consider attendance and revenue

generated from the home team, so pencil in seventh-ranked Texas for a Super Regional bid as long as head coach Augie Garrido's squad keeps to its pedigree. It isn't unheard of for two teams in the same region to be awarded national seeds — Texas and Rice both have been given the chance to host a Super Regional in the same season four times since 1999, while Baylor, Rice and Texas A&M all were awarded national seeds in 1999.

This season, TCU's chief competitor for a second national seed in the state likely will be A&M, and a win tonight will go a long way in separating the two teams when the selection committee awards national seeds. TCU has the edge on attendance over A&M — TCU is ranked ninth by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, while Texas A&M is ranked 12th.

TCU truly earned its 2010 CWS berth after taking two of three against the Longhorns at the Austin Super Regional. Playing a Super Regional at UFCU Disch-Palk Field is as rocky a road to Omaha as there is in college baseball.

If TCU can avoid playing a best-of-three series in Austin in favor of a best-of-three series in a Fort Worth Super Regional, the Frogs have a far better chance at getting a second straight summer vacation in Omaha. TCU can begin bettering its CWS odds with a win in Aggieland tonight.

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OPINION

Mavericks must ratchet up defensive intensity to advance to 2nd round



J.D. Moore

As game two of the first round draws near for the Dallas Mavericks, defense continues to be the underlying theme. As game one showed, Dallas has capable offensive threats and Dirk Nowitzki will be Dirk Nowitzki in the clutch — but defense had a huge part in the win. Likewise for game two, the Mavericks must rely on defense to pull out another victory.

The Portland Trail Blazers have plenty of offensive weapons to utilize against the Mavs. Power forward LaMarcus Aldridge is a big-time scorer, averaging 27.6 points per game against Dallas. Forwards Gerald Wallace and Brandon Roy have the talent to show up with a 20-plus point game and cause havoc for the Mavs' backcourt. If Dallas cannot show tenacity on defense, the Blazers will score their way to a series win.

The spark plug to the Mavs' defensive tenacity will be the effectiveness of Tyson Chandler. Case in point, in the two losses that Dallas had against Portland

in the regular season, Chandler was injured and didn't play. In the two wins against the Blazers in the regular season, Chandler made full appearances and had an average of 12.5 points and 10.5 rebounds.

When Aldridge is the most powerful player against the Mavs, Dallas desperately needs a big man to challenge him. Chandler is that player. On Saturday, Chandler had more rebounds off both the offensive and defensive glass than Aldridge and he also held Aldridge to his average points total. With Chandler anchoring the front line, Dallas' defense stepped up and held the Blazers to 81 points.

A late lineup change also helped the Mavs' defense. Mavericks head coach Rick Carlisle made a smart decision in putting shooting guard DeShawn Stevenson in the starting lineup because Stevenson brings both size and defensive presence to the roster. Along with sixth-man Jason Terry and an old-school looking Shawn Marion, Stevenson played a big role in holding Brandon Roy, Wesley Matthews and Gerald Wallace to a combined 12 points on Saturday.

While defense continues to be the most important part of the Mavs' playoff strategy, it was refreshing to see Jason

Kidd return to his playoff days of old and put in 24 points on Saturday. Carlisle called Kidd's performance in game one the "game of the season" for Kidd.

With the benching of Roddy Beaubois because of another foot injury, someone from the Mavericks has needed to step up and bring in points. It seemed apparent, however, Beaubois would be removed from the starting lineup before his injury in preparation for playoff basketball. Kidd and/or other stars from the team need to continue this role for game two.

While some pundits have argued that the "Beaubois Experiment" in the second half of the season was a failure, Beaubois averaged 17 points in both of his games against the Blazers during the regular season. In those games, Jason Terry averaged nine points and JJ Barea averaged 8.5 points. Kidd didn't hit a single field goal in either of those games. Other than Nowitzki, Beaubois was the only player during the regular season who showed that he had a definitive handle over the Blazers. Even if Beaubois was to come off the bench when he returns to the court during the Blazers series, he still would provide a spark to Dallas' offensive rotation.

Dallas shot 40.9 percent and managed only 89 points in the game one victory — and that was with a season-high 24 points from Kidd and an astounding 18 points in the fourth quarter from Nowitzki. Dallas can't expect those performances from their two Hall of Fame veterans every game of this series. Dallas should, however, shoot higher than 41 percent from the field.

With Beaubois' sprained left foot, his status for game two is questionable. Without Beaubois, the Mavs won't score 100 points against Portland, but as game one showed, that's not necessary. The Mavericks still have enough of a defensive element to take the series from the Blazers. If they continue to show up with a defensive mindset, they will also take game two tonight.

J.D. Moore is a freshman journalism major from Honolulu, Hawaii and a writer for SportDFW.com.



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Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki (41), of Germany, attempts a shot as New Orleans Hornets forward Jason Smith (14) defends in the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, April 13, 2011.

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OPINION

The Mavs must keep up the defensive intensity in Game 2 against the Blazers.

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2.	South Carolina	28-7	2-2	3
3.	Oregon State	27-7	3-0	9
4.	Vanderbilt	32-5	2-2	1
5.	Florida	28-9	2-2	4
6.	Texas A&M	26-10	2-2	5
7.	Texas	27-9	3-1	6
8.	CS Fullerton	27-9	4-0	8
9.	Arizona State	25-9	3-0	10
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11.	TCU	25-11	3-1	12

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Junior Erik Miller pitches against Oklahoma on Tuesday evening. The team swept the three-game series against SDSU this weekend and will face Texas A&M tonight in College Station.

BASEBALL

TCU treks to Aggieland to face No. 6 A&M

By Landon Haaf
Staff Reporter

The No. 11 TCU baseball team will take on the No. 6 Texas A&M Aggies for the 250th time tonight at Olsen Field in College Station.

College Station is the Frogs' third stop on their current five-game road trip. After conceding the first of a two-game home-and-away season series with Oklahoma in Norman 13-6 last Tuesday, the Frogs swept San Diego State in a three-game series over the weekend. The Frogs are now 3-1 on the road trip and are 10-2 in their last 12 games.

TCU junior left fielder Jason Coats was named the

Mountain West Conference Co-Player of the Week for his performance in the team's four games last week.

After struggling earlier in the season, Coats has pushed his season batting average to .310, and he is on a 16-game hitting streak.

The Frogs' offense is still led by the consistent play of junior right fielder Brance Rivera, who is batting an impressive .372 for the season. Rivera also leads the team with seven home runs. Rivera's streak of 54 consecutive games started came to an end over the weekend.

Rivera and the TCU offense will be put to the test against a tough Aggie pitching staff.

The Aggies have a 2.25 team ERA on the season, which ranks in the top 10 in the country.

Texas A&M's staff is anchored by a dominant three-man starting rotation of John Stilson (3-1, 1.28 ERA), Michael Wacha (4-2, 1.81 ERA) and Ross Stripling (7-2, 2.62 ERA).

All three pitched in the Aggies' weekend series with Baylor. A&M won two of those three games and is 4-5 in its last nine games. The recent struggles for A&M come after a nine-game win streak between March 19 and April 2. The probable starters in tonight's game, though, are TCU freshman Andrew

Mitchell (2-0, 1.24 ERA) and A&M sophomore Brandon Parrent (1-3, 3.55 ERA).

The A&M offense is led by lead-off hitter and sophomore starting right fielder Tyler Naquin, who boasts a .383 batting average on the year. Naquin has started all 36 games.

Naquin is part of a top four in A&M's order that has driven in a combined 86 runs on the season. The first four hitters in the Aggie order likely will be Naquin (.383, 20 RBI) leading off, followed by freshman Krey Bratsen (.333, 14 RBI, 16 stolen bases) and juniors Jacob House (.306, 28 RBI) and Matt Jeungel (.274, 24 RBI).

The Aggies are the fourth

ranked opponent the Frogs have played in the 2011 campaign. TCU has faced Cal State Fullerton and Oklahoma, which are No. 8 and No. 17, respectively, in the current Baseball America Top 25 Rankings. The Frogs also faced then-No. 16 Baylor on Feb. 22. Baylor has since fallen out of Baseball America's Top 25. The Frogs are 2-3 in their five games against ranked opponents.

Series Notes

In 250 games played, Texas A&M has beaten TCU, 159-86-4.

The Frogs have not won a game in College Station since April 30, 1994, which was a

6-3 TCU win.

The Aggies are 3-1 against the Frogs in the last three seasons, with the lone TCU win coming in a 6-1 victory last season in Fort Worth.

No. 11 TCU at No. 6 Texas A&M

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