



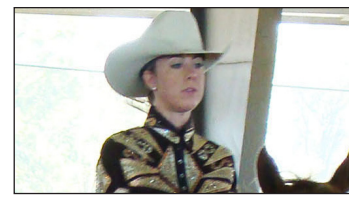
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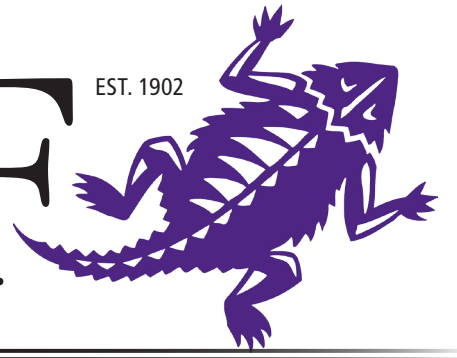
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NATURAL GAS

On-campus drilling site undetermined, official says

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Multimedia Editor

An alternative drilling site is being evaluated for an on-campus natural gas well, a university administrator said.

The university signed a lease in August that proposed a drilling site in the remote parking lot north of Amon Carter Sta-

dium, but an official location for the site of the Chesapeake Energy natural gas well has yet to be determined, said Brian Gutierrez, the vice chancellor for finance and administration.

"We would hope to come forth with a recommendation [for a site] by the end of May," he said.

Gutierrez said there will only be one well built on campus.

He said some of the considerations for the alternative site include its location, site preparation and traffic patterns in the area.

According to Chesapeake public relations manager Jer-

ri Robbins, there are several factors at play in the search for an alternative site.

She wrote in an e-mail Thursday that "TCU and Chesapeake are jointly exploring options that will produce the most minerals for both the university and surrounding neighborhoods, in a manner that is

sensitive to the needs both of students and residents."

The drilling lease is in the university's name, but it is being operated by Chesapeake Energy, according to a permit filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas.

TCU's on-campus lease is filed with Chesapeake, but

there are various other mineral holdings around Texas that are in the university's name, according to Railroad Commission records.

The original drilling schedule was set to run from January to July in 2008, 2009 and 2010 according to a university statement issued in August.

LOOK OUT



Severe weather downed several trees early Thursday morning. A tree on the corner of West Cantey Street and Cockrell Avenue cracked under the stress of powerful winds, splitting down the middle and taking a street light with it. The fallen half of the tree blocked the majority of Cockrell. Power outages were reported around the city as a result of the storms.

BRETT LARSON / Sports Editor

Legislation may stifle credit-union loan options

By PATTY ESPINOSA
Staff Reporter

TCU students who are collectively borrowing \$350,000 from a credit union may have to seek financial assistance elsewhere because of legislation that overlooked credit unions when setting better rates for nonprofit organizations, a financial aid officer said.

With loan companies backing out of the federal loan market, many students have turned to credit unions for help, but credit unions are facing similar struggles with the loan market, said Melet Leafgreen, assistant director of scholarships and financial aid.

Even though lenders and credit unions are struggling with the current credit crunch, TCU students will have loans available next fall, Leafgreen said. Alternate lenders will be available for financial assistance, she said.

"The unions were overlooked when legislation set better rates for nonprofit organizations," said Allison Griffin, See **LOANS**, page 2

Academic fundraising aims to help four schools

By ROB CRABTREE
Staff Reporter

Now that the public portion of The Campaign for TCU is in full swing, it's time to follow the money.

Don Whelan, vice chancellor for university advancement, said the administration developed four core priorities for the campaign — one of which is increased funding for academic programs.

The School of Music, the College of Education, the Neeley School of Business and the Schieffer School of Journalism all stand to benefit from campaign funding, Whelan said.

"These schools are not more important than any of the other colleges on campus," Whelan said. "They're just the next in line to receive the funding from this particular campaign."

Whelan said the largest gift the campaign has received so far came from a private donor to the tune of \$8 million — \$5 million of which is dedicated to

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FACULTY SENATE

Professors debate changes to tenure-grievance policy

By MICHELLE ANDERSON
Staff Reporter

The Tenure, Promotion and Grievance Committee presented the final draft of its new tenure appeal policy to the Faculty Senate at Thursday's meeting and the Faculty Senate will vote in May.

The tentative policy applies to tenure-track faculty who wish to appeal when denied a promotion and/or tenure.

In order to get tenure, a faculty member must be approved by his or her department, then by his or her college and finally by the provost.

The revised policy does not allow denial of tenure on substantive issues at the university level. Substantive issues address research in the faculty member's area of expertise, and because substantive issues are not in the provost's hands, faculty members who are denied tenure by their department or college because of their research cannot be

saved by the provost.

"Unless the provost is in that same discipline, they really can't make decisions about someone's qualifications," said Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Those within the department are the experts, and they are the best judges of whether someone should be denied tenure, Donovan said.

Some faculty agreed with the provost.

"I don't want the provost giving someone tenure if the department did not see their research as worthy," said Nadia Lahutsky, a religion professor and member of the Faculty Senate.

Ultimately, the provost has the final say and can deny tenure for any reason without an explanation, Donovan said.

Faculty Sens. Sally Fortenberry and Fran Huckaby disagreed with the revised policy and said they want faculty to be able to appeal substantive issues at the provost level.

As of fall 2007, 54 percent of full-time faculty have tenure.

Since the Faculty Senate missed the March meeting because of bad weather, the committee addressed concerns from February's meeting.

"We sought feedback at the February meeting so that we could refine the elements of the policy," said Dianna McFarland, the committee chairwoman. "Subsequently, we have discussed all the concerns and suggestions and integrated solutions or responses into the current draft."

One concept McFarland said the



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— Associated Press

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spokeswoman for Texas Credit Union League.

Although most credit unions are nonprofit, some are for-profit, Leafgreen said.

The University Federal Credit Union, based in Austin, is the biggest of several unions that students use for financial aid, Leafgreen said.

"TCU students borrowed \$350,000 in loans from UFCU," Leafgreen said. "It is not just one or two students using UFCU; it is a significantly large amount."

Leafgreen said she doesn't know how many students use credit-union loans.

When Congress passed legislation in September to cut money from the federal loan market for students and establish better rates for for-profit and nonprofit lenders, Congress failed to provide the same advantages for credit unions, Griffin said.

Most loans are federally guaranteed loans in which the government will pay back a certain rate or percentage of money students owe to lenders, Leafgreen said. Those percentages have been established by Congress for for-profit and nonprofit organizations but do not include credit unions, she said.

This could potentially become a problem for students because credit unions need an established rate to stay in the lending business, otherwise they may have to stop provid-

ing loans like other lending companies such as Sallie Mae and College Loan Corporation, Leafgreen said.

The number of students using UFCU is significant, so lobbying for recognition is in the best interest of students and the union as well, Leafgreen said.

UFCU did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Credit unions want to step up to help offer more lending options to universities and students in a recently-tightened student loan market, Leafgreen said. To offer such opportunities, unions need to qualify for the nonprofit rate Congress set at 98 percent, she said.

Credit unions are lobbying Congress in hopes of becoming eligible for the same established rates as nonprofit organizations, Leafgreen said.

The unions are meant to provide low-cost lending options for students but can't without help from Congress, Griffin said.

Only a few credit unions are among the largest participants in student loans, but, if change is achieved, unions could offer more than \$100 million in loans, said Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of FinAid.org, a Web site that provides students with financial aid advice.

Not including credit unions in rate changes will affect students, Kantrowitz said. Although unions are not a large part of the "lending pie," they do provide solutions for students, he said.

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the College of Education.

Sam Deitz, dean of the College of Education, said that gift will go to the Andrews Institute of Mathematics, Science and Technology Education, which he said is designed to educate teachers on how to better teach math and science through research in those areas.

Tommy Thomason, director of the Schiefel School of Journalism, said the majority of campaign funds will be dedicated to new facilities, including the construction of a state-of-the-art broadcast studio and the renovation of the second floor of Moudy Building South, which will become a converged media lab, combining print, online and broadcast journalism.

"We don't view this converged media environment as a luxury," Thomason said. "It is integral to prepare our students for the situations they will be faced with in the industry."

Dan Short, dean of the Neeley School of Business, said the school will utilize its funds in a different way.

"We decided that we wanted to invest in people and programs," Short said.

Short said the money the school receives from the campaign will support various centers within the business school. For example, the leadership center has already received a generous gift from Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Short said.

Whelan said the majority of donations have come from private individuals and not corporations, and said he thinks there will be a lot of generous support from the community.

"People realize — what's good for TCU is good for Fort Worth," Whelan said.

Philly couple lives together despite political differences

By MELISSA DRIBBEN
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — If ever two people in love had irreconcilable differences, they are David Hyman and Farah Jimenez.

Hyman is a white Jewish Democrat. Jimenez is a black Cuban American Baptist Republican.

And here's the thing. They are not just casually associated with their labels. Political apathy and religious indifference would make their solid 10-year marriage a lot easier to understand.

Hyman, managing partner at the Philadelphia law firm of Kleinbard, Bell & Brecker, is a synagogue-attending, moderately kosher-keeping Jew, and former chairman of the local American Jewish Committee. He donates serious money and gets personally involved in helping liberal Democrats running for office.

Jimenez, executive director of the nonprofit development group Mount Airy USA, goes to church and celebrates Christmas for the religious significance, not the presents. She idolized Ronald Reagan, voted for former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, and served on George W. Bush's state steering committee in 2004.

Even now, when Bush has one of the lowest approval ratings of any pres-

ident in U.S. history, Jimenez rises to his defense.

The trick, they say, is not to battle over differences, but to find common ground.

Aside from the divergence in age, race, faith and politics, there are other disconnects. Hyman starts his days at 5:30 a.m. and Jimenez often doesn't get to bed until 2 a.m. He watches CNN. She likes "American Idol." But they say their connections far outweigh their differences.

Both in philosophy and in practice, their religious differences have been harder to reconcile, they say.

"Religion is home," Jimenez says. "When you mourn a loss, there are rules around it."

Hyman jokes with Jimenez that he'd be willing to become a Republican if she'd become a Jew.

"We could argue all day and night," he says. "We're not going to get each other to change our minds any more than she could convince me to be Baptist and I could convince her to be Jewish."

Jimenez agrees.

"It wouldn't be useful," she says. "What we both strive for is understanding. I'm not looking to pick a fight with David and poke holes in the way he looks at the world."



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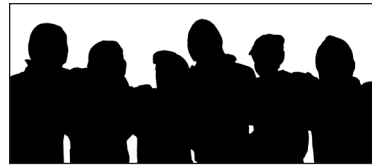
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THE SKIFF VIEW

Congress should fix loan bill

The student loan industry has been experiencing some shifts lately with Congress' passing of The College Cost Reduction and Access Act. Sure, it sounds wonderful, but the waves it has been creating for lenders and students show the act is not living up to its name.

The act reallocates funds from the federal loan market to increase money going toward direct-lending programs and grants. So far, this has left mid-sized lending companies scrambling for funds, causing some to drop their federal lending programs altogether.

Since then, students have looked to credit unions for financial assistance. But administrators are saying that credit unions might be the next to go.

Allison Griffin, spokeswoman for Texas Credit Union League, said most loans are federally guaranteed, which means the government will pay back a certain rate of money

students owe to lenders. Those rates, although set for for-profit and nonprofit lenders, were not established for credit unions.

Although credit unions are lobbying for rates to be set, this problem should not exist in the first place.

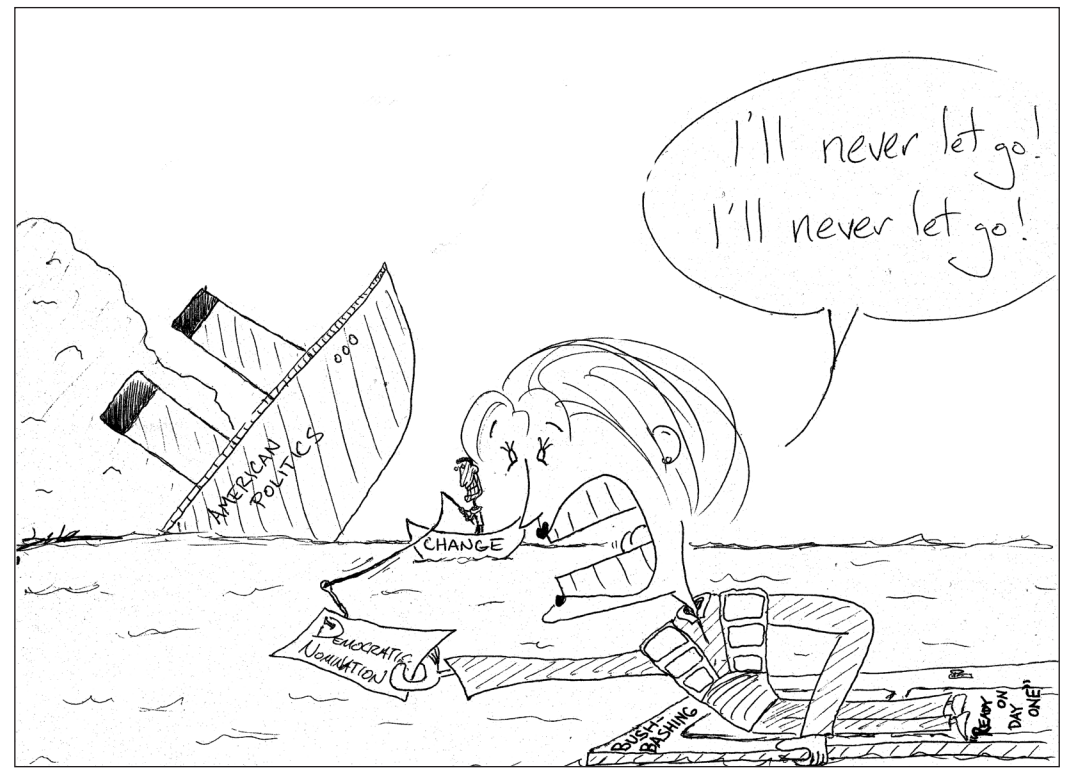
It seems that the act with good intentions was passed in haste. The negative impact it is having on students and lenders is unnecessary, especially when the act was intended to help, not hurt, the increasing price of an education.

Putting credit unions, an outlet many students go to for financial assistance, in a shaky position is inconvenient and unfair.

Legislators in Washington need to take a long, hard look at the effects of the act they passed. Whether edits are needed or it should be canned altogether, it is clear that a change is needed.

Managing editor Bailey Shiffler for the editorial board.

BY JEREMY ARNOLD AND WHITNEY WALLER



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Cities should follow Austin's lead in helping homeless population

Austin is taking care of its homeless, or at least trying to.

Alan Graham, founder and president of Mobile Loaves & Fishes, wants to create an RV

park to house 150 to 175 people who are chronically homeless, or people who have been homeless for more than a year.

Mobile Loaves & Fishes, a nonprofit organization, was started 10 years ago to provide meals for homeless people in Austin. Graham is now trying to build a community for the homeless population "to restore their dignity" and give them a place to "rediscover a purpose in their lives," according to an article in the Austin-American Statesman.

"Park Place Village" would be a gated community with 100 RVs and 50 cottages with a central restroom, laundry facilities, a main lodge and a chapel.

Residents would rent the RVs and cottages for \$100 to \$375 a month, which would also include electricity, water and TV services.

Austin has about 4,000 to 6,000 homeless people, and about 600 of them are considered chronically homeless, according to the article.

Volunteers would mentor the residents, teach them any job skills they need and spend time with them. There would also be case managers available to help them gain access to drug counseling and job training.

The city is even showing interest in the idea.

On Thursday, the Austin City Council agreed to lease city-owned land in East Austin to Graham for the park. Although the details have not been decided, it would probably include a long-term lease for a small fee, according to the Austin-American Statesman.

Giving homeless people a community of support and understanding is far better and more effective than sim-

ply imposing stricter handling laws. It would not only give them a home, but also help them shift into more stable lives.

More cities should take responsibility for their homeless and implement programs like this instead of casting them aside.

In a 2005 USA Today article that ranked cities with the highest homeless populations, Dallas was No. 16 with an estimate of 5,898 and Fort Worth was close behind as No. 20 with an estimate of 5,278 homeless people.

This needs to change.

I can only hope Graham's vision will become a reality, be successful and even catch on in other cities with high homeless populations, such as Fort Worth. But at least he is trying to make a positive change and help others. The world needs more people in the world who are at least willing to try.

Elizabeth Davidson is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Austin.

Starbucks' reinvention suggests coffee consumers not satisfied

Starbucks, you may have heard, is rebrewing itself.

In February, the caffeinated leviathan shuttered all 7,100 American outlets for three hours to retrain employees, a gimmick met with equal parts ridicule and suspicion. If customers hadn't gathered something was

wrong, they knew now. The stock is down 40 percent from last year.

Today, "Starbucks introduces coffee," the company proclaims, offering free 12-ounce cups of its new Pike Place Roast, every Wednesday through May 28.

When a company has to reintroduce its core business, it's time to question the grounds. Founder Howard Schultz is on his 12th Transformation Agenda Communication, as if he were the Gen. David Petraeus of java.

What's gone wrong with Starbucks indicates a consumer base that doesn't want what it's peddling. In a — dare we say it? — recession, the stores are too expensive, too impersonal, too unrelated to the sense of community that drove sales in the first place. They've become a pricey version of Dunkin' Donuts in muted colors.

Initially, Starbucks only had to do two things right: the coffee and the food, the latter a disaster from the start.

Cases are stocked with stale sweets and pale sandwiches, enticing as paste. Know how little the cafes care about comestibles? When Starbucks arrived here a dozen years ago, an executive phoned a colleague for suggestions on pastry purveyors. That's research.

As fine coffee became more bountiful, consumers noted that Starbucks over-roasted the beans, then stopped grinding them altogether. The people behind the counter aren't baristas. They're button pushers.

The brew is served scalding which no decent cafe would ever do, possibly because the big bucks are in the gussied-up beverages loaded with milk, flavoring and whipped cream, the caffeine equivalent of a froufrou drink. You know, coffee for people who don't like coffee.

Consumers don't crave big anymore. They want an intimate connection with the community. As good coffee took over the country, home-brewed cafes increased, owned and

operated by area residents, each with a distinct identity, less particleboard, more bulletin boards supporting local endeavors.

The money stays in the neighborhood, not Seattle. That's why naming the new roast after Pike Place, the first of Starbucks' 16,000 global locations, with a mere 1,175 to open this year, seems a flat note. Or playing the same music everywhere, Sir Paulie or, a "top spin" at this very moment, Kenny G's Rhythm & Romance, which has many painful associations with the dentist.

I tried the coffee, a medium roast, and it's an improvement, but still not as good as what we have here. Philadelphia is home to the exquisite La Colombe, worth every penny of the \$14 pound bag that we've learned to stretch for a couple of weeks or more.

Our neighborhood cafe, possibly like yours, is a caffeinated Cheers. The coffee, from a small Seattle roaster, is ground fresh and always the right temperature. Tables are shared, as well as politics, social issues and recipes. It's the heart of our neighborhood.

The owner treats regulars to a free latte on their birthdays, complete with a song. She sings far better than Kenny G plays. And the pastries, quiche and crepes, I'm happy to report, are fresh and delicious. How, in the world, can Starbucks compete with that?

Karen Heller is a columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer. This column was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune Information Services.

Brazil's condom program worthy of support

Brazil is localizing condom production to reduce import costs.

According to an article from the BBC Web site, Brazil is making condoms from rubber trees in the Amazon rainforest.

Health officials said this will aid in preserving the largest rainforest in the world. The preservation comes from the large supply of natural latex in the rubber trees, preventing parts of the forest to be cut down, according to the article. The creation of this product will benefit

at least 500 families and provide 150 jobs in the town of Xapuri, where the condom factory will be, according to the article.

In addition to preserving the rainforest, this new product will help Brazil's condom-distributing program, an attempt to curb the rising number of people infected with HIV. Brazil has been doing a great job pursuing this program to prevent the spread of the disease, and now with a domestic condom provider, Chico Mendes Extractive Reserve, it will be able to continue distributing contraceptives without relying on distribution from another country.

The reduction of transportation will help Brazil save money on distribution fees and reduce emission on a global scale.

According to The Epidemiological Fact Sheet on Brazil by the World Health Organization, Brazil had an estimated 140,000 adults and children die from AIDS in 2005. With a population of about 186 million, the country's free-condom distribution is one of the biggest in the world, according to the BBC Web site.

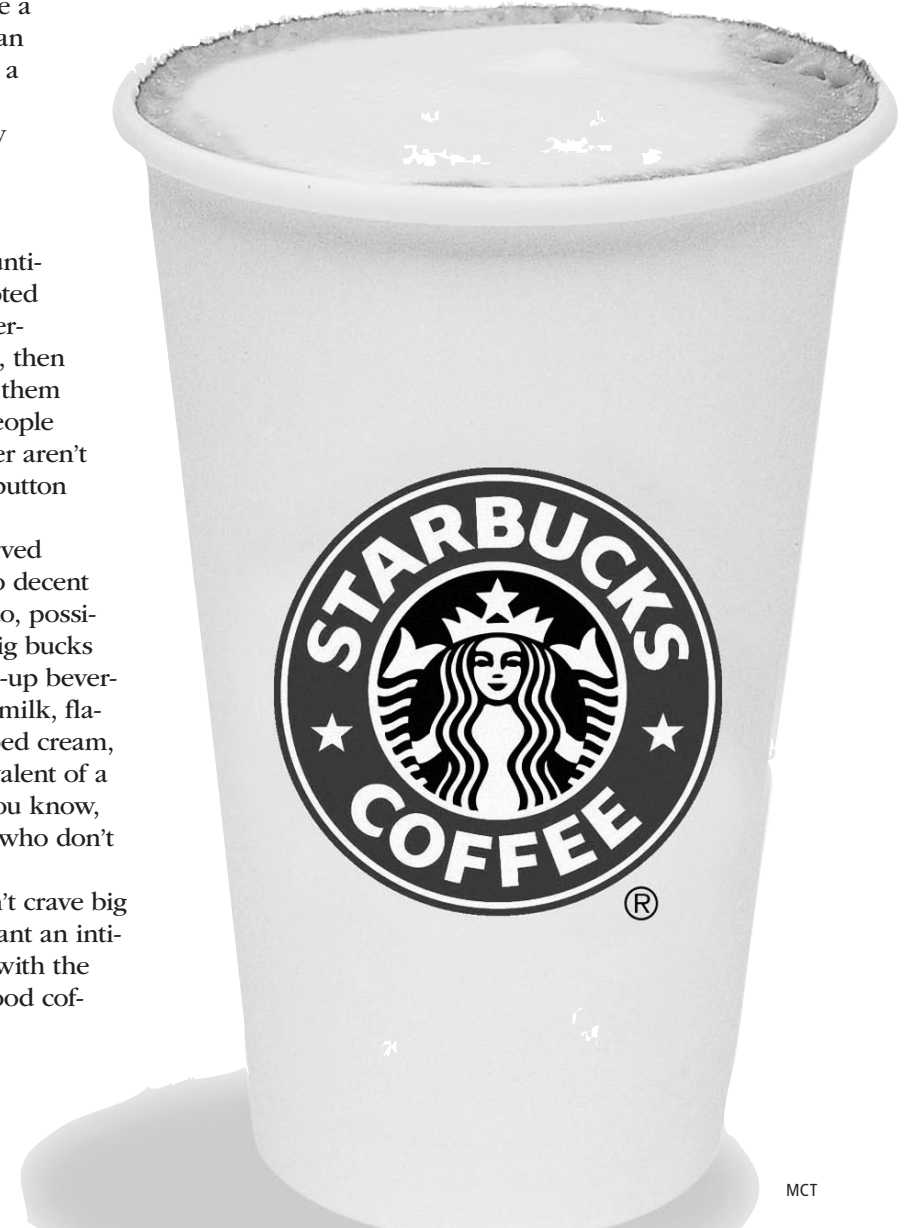
Until now, Brazil has depended on imported contraceptives for distribution, purchasing more than a billion condoms, says the article.

This is a great use of Brazil's resources. An action like this from a big country like Brazil is sure to create a ripple effect for other countries that share the Amazon rainforest. As the green saying goes, "Think globally, shop locally."

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CORRECTION

The April 4 editorial "Gossip site not so anonymous" incorrectly characterized the nature of investigations into JuicyCampus.com by the attorneys general of New Jersey and Connecticut. The attorney general of New Jersey is investigating whether JuicyCampus is violating New Jersey law through misrepresentation to users and unconscionable business practices. The attorney general of Connecticut is investigating whether the site is following its rules prohibiting libelous, defamatory and abusive postings. The attorneys general have not made any accusations against the site.



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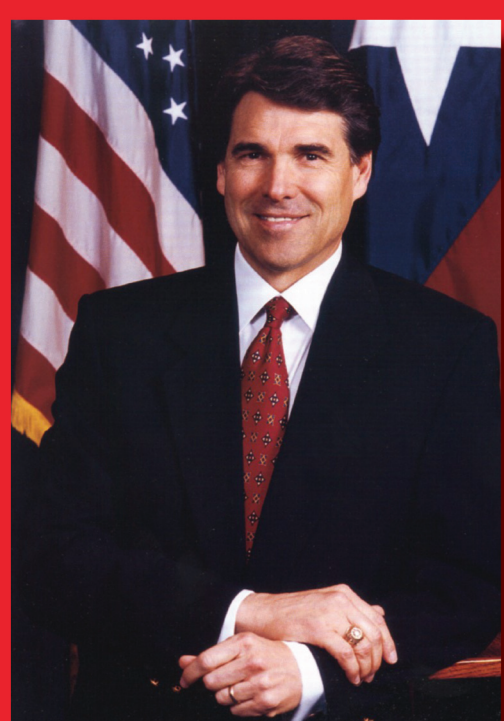
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Gamer sues company over in-game sales

By JON BURSTEIN
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — He wants justice in the mystical world of Azeroth, protecting warriors, warlocks and rogues from what he calls a conspiracy threatening their way of life.

Antonio Hernandez plays "World of Warcraft." It's the most popular online role-playing game in the world, with more than 10 million subscribers paying \$14.99 a month to create characters who go on quests, kill monsters and earn "virtual gold" in fantastical realms. The world — a direct descendant of J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" — even has its own carefully calibrated economy. But an outside force threatens the game's integrity, Hernandez says. He has called on his fellow adventurers to join him as he takes a stand. The battle won't be fought with wands or swords.

It will be waged in the Fort

Lauderdale federal courthouse. The former assistant manager at an Orlando-area video game store is suing a company he says sells "virtual gold" from the "World of Warcraft" for real money. He wants IGE U.S. banned from selling gold — a practice commonly called "gold farming" or "real money trading" — because it hurts the game's economy and ruins the entertainment experience, according to the lawsuit. Virtual gold, earned within the game, can be used for such things as buying and repairing equipment or learning new skills.

Hernandez wants a judge to certify the case as a class-action lawsuit, another potential first when it comes to lawsuits involving online role-playing games.

The legal fight is being closely watched by the fledgling field of "virtual law" and passionate "World of Warcraft" players.

Devout "World of Warcraft" players argue that people who buy gold are akin to baseball players who take steroids. Gold should be earned by each player by doing such things as completing quests and slaying monsters, not with a checkbook or credit card, they argue.

Attorneys for IGE U.S. have argued in court papers that Hernandez and other players have no standing to sue because they have no ownership or property rights within "World of Warcraft." Hernandez's lawsuit fails to show how he suffered actual damages, according to legal filings by IGE U.S.

In addition, IGE U.S. is no longer involved in the virtual gold business, said Miami attorney James M. Miller, who is representing the company. He declined to elaborate further.

"The stakes are high and our intention is to address (the law-

suit) in court," Miller said.

C. Richard Newsome, Hernandez's attorney, argues that when players subscribe to "World of Warcraft," they are bound by an agreement that specifically states they "may not sell items for 'real' money or otherwise exchange items for value outside of the (virtual world)."

Greg Lastowka, an associate professor at Rutgers School of Law who is writing a book on virtual law, said there have been instances where game manufacturers and "real money trading" companies have gone to court, but this marks the first time a player has launched such a legal attack.

"This (lawsuit) has more of a feel of a community trying to enforce its rules rather than a game company trying to enforce its power over the participants," said Lastowka, who has done consulting work for Newsome.

DRILL TIME



BRETT LARSON / Sports Editor
The defensive line bursts to the weak left in a spring conditioning drill. The team had four straight weeks of spring practice, the first time head coach Gary Patterson has conducted spring training uninterrupted. The team has its Spring Game on Saturday, which will feature eight-minute quarters with no clock stoppage.

UNLV

From page 8

In the first game, TCU led 6-5 entering the bottom of the eighth but surrendered a walk-off home run by UNLV sophomore Jarred Frierson in the bottom of the ninth after the Rebels tied the game in the previous inning.

The second game was tied entering the bottom of the ninth, and a TCU error provided the Rebels with their winning run.

Since the Horned Frogs' two losses to the Runnin' Rebels, they have not lost a game, reeling off six-straight wins.

The Horned Frogs swept the Runnin' Rebels last year 4-0. TCU scored 36 runs in

the series last year, including the highest scoring games of its season, a 16-12 win.

The Rebels' propensity for allowing high-scoring games has not changed much this season. Over its past six games, UNLV has surrendered 78 runs, including a 23-1 loss to the University of Nevada, Reno and a 21-12 loss to BYU.

Conversely, TCU is on its best stretch of the year, sweeping its season series against Baylor University and winning its first conference series against Air Force in sweep fashion.

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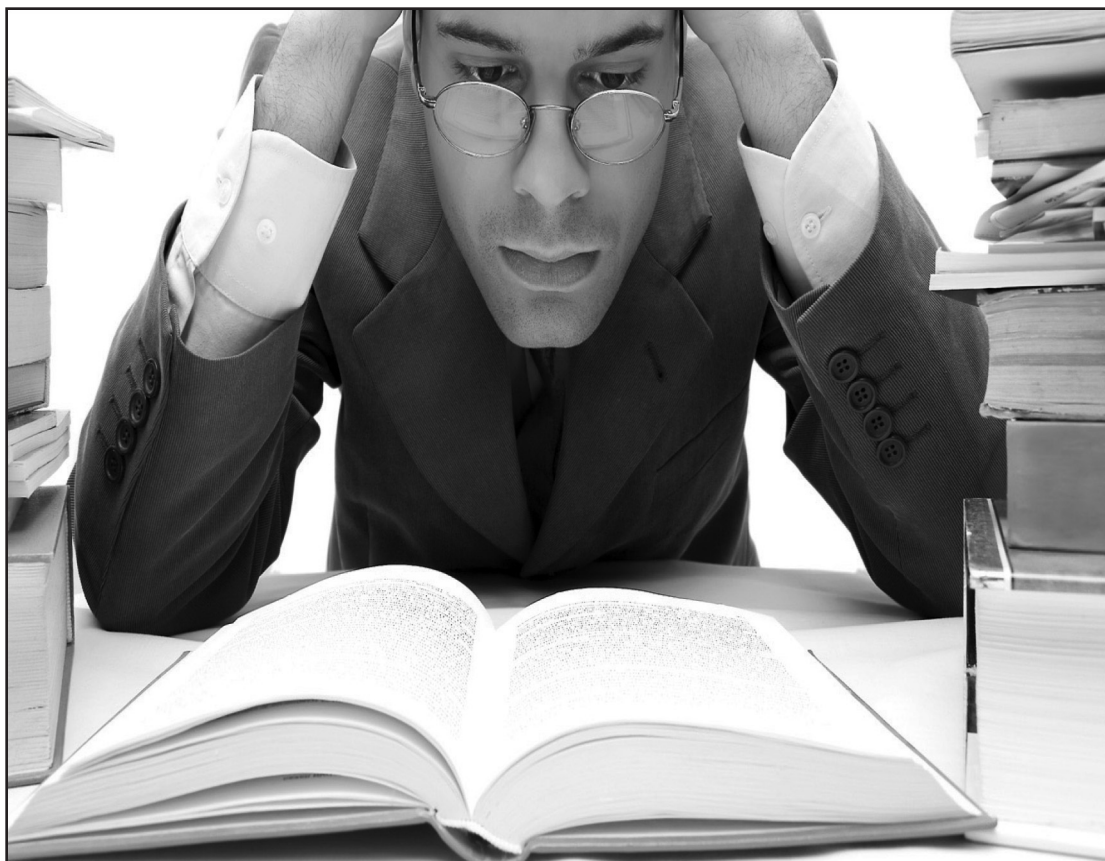
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EQUESTRIAN

Rider prepares for championships

Q&A

KINDEL HUFFMAN

By MEGAN MOWERY
Staff Reporter

With the equestrian team's regular season behind them and the Varsity Equestrian National Championships approaching, the team is bidding its time in preparation.

Senior Kindel Huffman has already established records this year, posting the first undefeated season in Western riding for varsity equestrian and winning a school-best 11 MVP awards.

Q: What has the team been doing to get ready for nationals?

A: Every person has been riding every day. Usually we ride twice a week, but we are having structured lessons everyday. We are even riding Friday, Saturday and Sundays. Our lessons are extremely serious and structured, and we practice reining and horsemanship patterns.

Q: Does having a perfect record put more pressure on the team going into nationals?

A: I think it definitely does put a lot of pressure on our team. I know, personally, I feel a lot of pressure being No. 1 as a team and individual. However, I would not want it any other way. I believe being No. 1 gives us a lot of confidence and directs us toward winning

the championship.

Q: Which team would you rather play in the first round?

A: I would like to play Baylor, only because we have played them twice this year and beat them both times. But I think it would be fun to play New Mexico as well because we have never played them before.

Q: How do you think the team will do at nationals?

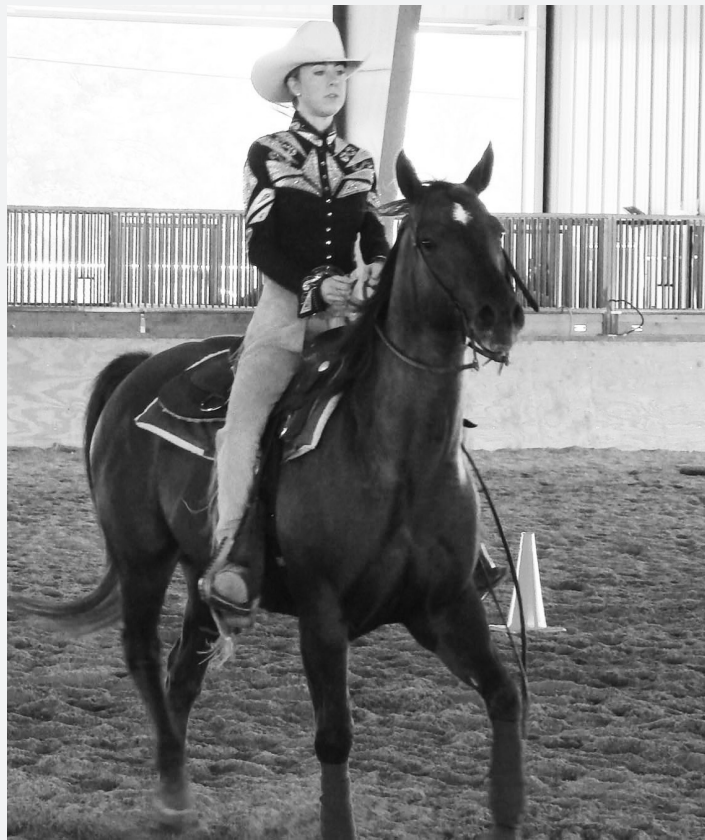
A: I think we are going to win. We are extremely focused and dedicated to winning. I truly believe our team wants the championship ring more than any other team out there.

Q: How has the team improved from last season?

A: Our team is extremely consistent this year. Last year we were getting used to the sport and understanding what it took to win. This year we have been able to take everything we learned last year and apply it to this season.

Q: What has been your greatest accomplishment this season?

A: I believe my greatest accomplishment this season was winning an MVP in every class. I don't think very many



Courtesy of TCU ATHLETICS
Senior Kindel Huffman competes in English style competition. Huffman set a school record this year by winning 11 MVPs.

people compete in all four classes, and I was the first person in NCAA history to achieve this. This season has turned out to be better than I could have ever expected.

Q: How long have you been riding horsemanship?

A: I rode all around as a young kid for about two years, and this included horsemanship, but that was when I was about 14 years old. Basically I just learned last season.

Q: How do you think you will do at nationals?

A: I believe I will be very successful at nationals. My goal is to win all my points and not give any away. I know my team is really counting on me, and I will not let them down.

Q: What are you going to miss most about varsity equestrian?

A: I am going to miss the sport, because there is nothing else like it that I can compete in again. The reason I love it so much is because it is based on the rider's ability to get the horse around and not the amount of money someone spends on a horse. I think it is the fairest equestrian sport out there.

Q: What are your plans after college?

A: After college I plan on staying around Texas and cheering on the team. I will get a job in the fashion industry, and maybe one day be a coach like Gary Reynolds for a varsity equestrian team.

BASEBALL

Conference rival up next for squad

By BRETT LARSON
Sports Editor

The Horned Frog baseball team faces the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in a three-game series starting today, between squads currently tied for second place in the Mountain West Conference.

TCU's sweep of conference foe Air Force moved the Horned Frogs (20-12, 5-4) into a four-way tie for second place with UNLV (14-16, 5-4), the University of New Mexico 21-12, 5-4) and Brigham Young University (14-18, 5-4) behind front-runner San Diego State (18-15, 6-3).

This is the second three-games series of the season between TCU and UNLV. The two teams met at the

FOR YOUR INFO
UNLV vs. TCU

When: 6:30 p.m. today, 2 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. Sunday
Where: Lupton Stadium
Stakes: TCU and UNLV are in part of a four-way tie for second place in the conference.

end of March in TCU's second conference series of the season.

The Horned Frogs took the first game 6-2 behind a complete game win from sophomore Tyler Lockwood. However, UNLV won the series by taking the next two games, both by the score of 7-6.

Both losses came off of walk-off runs for the Rebels. See UNLV, page 6



PAIGE McARDLE / Staff Designer
Junior first baseman Matt Vern awaits a pickoff attempt in TCU's series-sweeping game over Air Force. TCU now takes on UNLV for the second time this season.

FOOTBALL

Spring practice over, Spring Game next up for Horned Frogs

By BRETT LARSON
Sports Editor

With the end of four weeks of spring practice comes TCU's annual Spring Game on Saturday, and head coach Gary Patterson said the team is ready to hit hard.

"They haven't hit since Tuesday, by Saturday I think you'll see them go after each other," Patterson said.

For the first time since Patterson has been with TCU, the team

took all four weeks of spring practice in a row instead of two two-week sessions with a break in between, he said.

The four weeks of continuous spring practice experiment has had its good points and bad, Patterson said, but he'd be more happy with the results if fewer players had gone down with injuries.

"Maybe I'll need to change it around a little bit, but I thought we got the young people that we

needed to grow up. I thought we got better at some positions," he said.

On the plus side, Patterson said, none of the injuries have been major, except for a broken foot suffered by Jeff Olson, a redshirt freshman offensive tackle.

The team has been spending practice preparing specifically for its different opponents, Patterson said.

"We've been working on some

read stuff for Air Force, Utah and Wyoming," he said. "We worked on Oklahoma — some two back, two tight end stuff and offensive-ly we're going to blitz them."

Spring training has given the team a few positive surprises, he said. Running back Chris Smith gives the team another big back to work alongside Joseph Turner and Aaron Brown. Tight ends Logan Brock and Evan Frosch have been developing well and should help with the teams mul-

tipple tight-end sets, he said.

The scrimmage will feature first-team offense on first-team defense and third team on third team.

Patterson said the second-team players will compete in first-team lineups, because so many players will be resting with injury.

The game will take place in eight-minute quarters without play stoppage, and quarterbacks will be redshirted.

FOR YOUR INFO
TCU Spring Game

When: 11 a.m. Saturday
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Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations, said players were not being made available for interviews.

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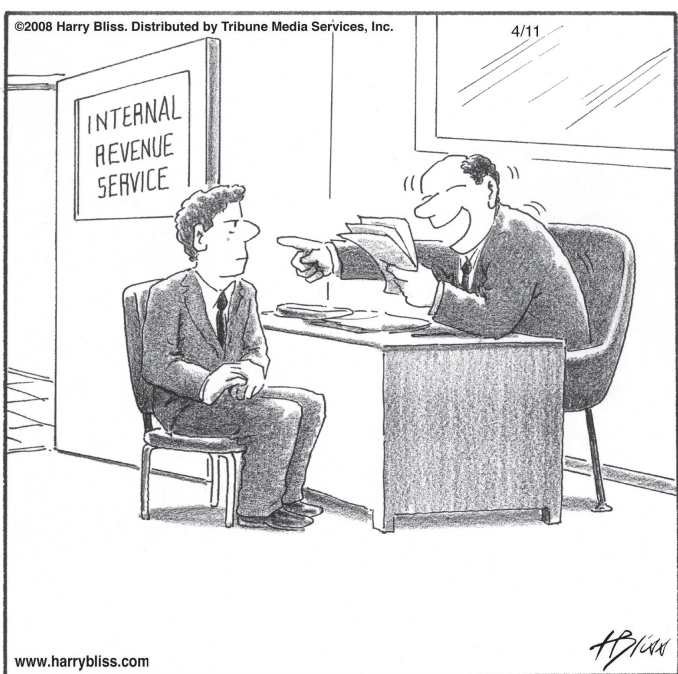
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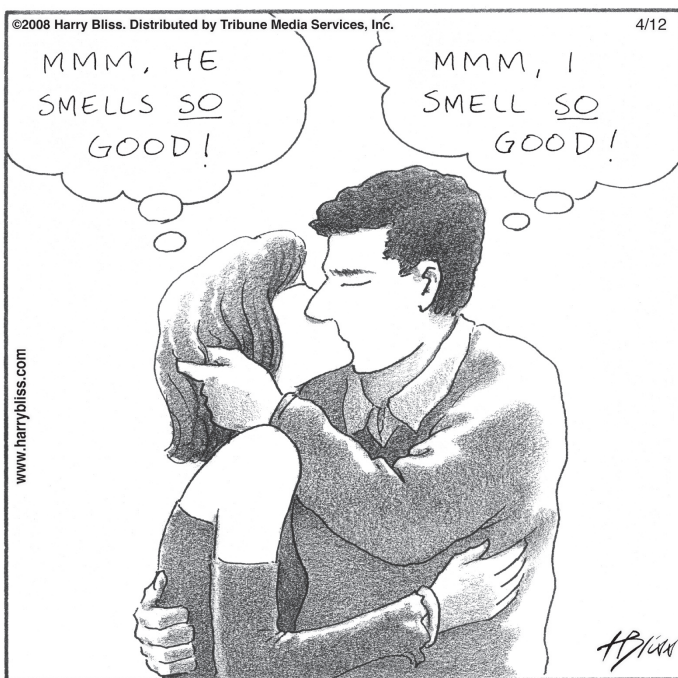
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See Tuesday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

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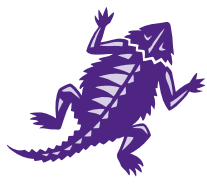
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GUIDING LIGHT

A religion professor draws upon his studies of the Rastafarian movement in Jamaica to teach and help students.
TUESDAY



Rachelle Norman, a 2001 graduate, opened up her boutique, Feathers, in 2003. Norman's store was named after the Bible verse Psalm 91:4, which she said she grew up with. She said the store sells "fanciful gifts, accessories and home decor."
 Photos by BRETT LARSON / Sports Editor

taking flight

Managing nearby boutique occupies 2001 graduate's days

By JILLIAN HUTCHISON
 Staff Reporter

The vibrant pink flower arrangements by the door immediately set this shop apart from the other businesses in the shopping center on the corner of Forest Park Boulevard and Park Hill Avenue.

Customers are greeted by a spicy, yet sweet aroma and a shop filled with merchandise, from picture frames to candles and jewelry to games.

Feathers, a shop that sells what owner Rachelle Norman describes as, "fanciful gifts, accessories and home decor," opened in 2003.

Opening her own business was never in Norman's plans. After

graduating from TCU in 2001 with an advertising/public relations degree, she struggled to find a place to work. In an economy affected by Sept. 11, it was difficult to find jobs in advertising and public relations, she said.

During that time, Norman, a Fort Worth native, said she started making gifts for friends, such as embellished picture frames. From that, grew a small business.

"Once people started buying those things, then I started looking more at other things I could buy and sell to complement the things I was making," Norman said.

Norman's business officially started in January 2002 out of her

home. She sold her work at holiday gift shows until she opened her store.

Norman had no business background and relied on the counsel of others and trial-and-error as she started her business. Although Norman said she was prepared to handle the marketing side of the business, accounting and economics classes would have been helpful.

"I wish now I had taken some business classes, but I didn't ever foresee this happening," she said.

Despite Norman's lack of business experience, Fort Worth Star-Telegram advertising representative Sallie Mitchell, who has worked with Norman for five

years, said Norman is mature and business smart.

Owning a business has its challenges, Norman said. Her work is always on her mind.

"It's almost like having a child. You can't leave it with someone you can't trust," she said.

Her mother is her silent partner. Although she's not involved in everyday aspects of the business, she helps choose merchandise and set up displays, Norman said. When she is in the store, she is popular with customers.

Norman said she has a loyal customer base. She said her desire for them is to feel at home in her store, and she takes time to learn about the customers and what

they like.

The name Feathers is inspired by Psalm 91:4, a Bible verse Norman grew up with: "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

Norman said she wanted the name to be fun and unique, but also meaningful. It reflects the spiritual side Norman said her store has.

She said that she has no specific standard for merchandise, but tries to look for items with a spiritual nature, like angels or inspirational quotes.

"Something that touches their heart in some way," Norman said.

Everybody's working for the weekend

Three ways to experience Fort Worth morning, afternoon, night

Friday

Sushi Axiom: 4625 Donnelly Ave., Suite No. 101

The modern and upscale Sushi Axiom is an ideal place for a sushi lover to spend a Friday afternoon. Whether stopping in for an early dinner or planning to spend an afternoon chatting and martini sipping, the restaurant is almost guaranteed to please. Although the drink list is sure to satisfy, the sushi rolls are enough to please anyone just looking to appease the appetite. But if you're searching for a place to get rowdy or take saki bombs while banging on the tables, take note — that kind of behavior is frowned upon at Axiom. While you're there, make sure you try the cherry blossom roll.

Managing editor Bailey Shiffler

Saturday

Papparotti's Wine Room: 6100 Camp Bowie Blvd., Suite No. 22

One of Fort Worth's hidden gems is Papparotti's Wine Room on Camp Bowie Boulevard. Papparotti's is owned by a husband and wife whose wine suggestions will never disappoint you. As you sip your wine or sample one of their appetizer trays, you can listen to the smooth sounds of the in-house jazz musician. The interior decor is sophisticated, with dark red walls that display modern art for sale. This quaint, but classy wine room is a great place to go for afternoon drinks whether you are on a date or with a close group of friends.

Staff writer Rebekah Hood

Sunday

Fort Woof dog park: Gateway Park Drive

Whether you have a dog or borrow one from a friend, Fort Woof is the perfect place to spend a Sunday morning, for dogs and owners alike. Sunny skies are predicted for the weekend, so let the pooch off its leash to run around and have some fenced-in fun. Specific rules make the dog park safe for dogs of all sizes. There are wide open spaces, obstacle courses for pets and benches to sit on and observe the madness that is inevitable when dogs are let loose. An added benefit: Dogs tend to wear themselves out at the park, so they're ready for a nap when they get home.

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