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## Ambassador pressures Mexican government

*Senator says he fears violence near border will escalate further*

By IOAN GRILLO  
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Tony Garza vowed to pressure the Mexican government relentlessly until it finds 22 Americans who are missing in the violence-wracked

border city of Nuevo Laredo.

In a letter sent to Sen. John Cornyn on Wednesday, Garza said that relieving the suffering of the victims and their families, most of whom live in Laredo, is a priority for the U.S. mission here.

"John, I want to assure you that my personal attention and our U.S. mission's efforts will not cease until Mexican officials thoroughly and openly investigate any cases involving miss-

ing American citizens," Garza wrote in the letter to the Texas senator.

Last week, Cornyn, a Republican who chairs the Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship subcommittee, wrote to Garza expressing concern about the situation on the United States' southeast border.

His letter pointed out the case of U.S. citizens Brenda Cisneros, 23, and Yvette Martinez, 27, who were last seen at a concert in Nuevo Lare-

do in September 2004.

"I fear the threat of violence to our citizens who live and work in border regions will only continue to escalate," Cornyn wrote. "This condition is unacceptable, and Mexico must act immediately to end this situation."

Nuevo Laredo, a city of 330,000 across the river from Laredo, has been caught up in a violent turf war between rival drug gangs fighting for billion-dollar smuggling routes

into the United States.

Since Jan. 1, the city has had 84 killings, most of which have been execution-style shootings.

It is not clear if any of the cases of the missing Americans, who have disappeared since August 2004, are directly linked to the drug-related violence. Investigators say the drug gangs also branch out to other criminal enterprises such as kidnappings and extortion.

## DA seeking to overturn drug ruling for mothers

Associated Press

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A Panhandle district attorney is asking an appeals court to reconsider its ruling last month that mothers who pass drugs to their unborn children can't be prosecuted for delivery of illicit substances.

Randall Sims, the DA for Potter County, said Wednesday he is asking the panel to look at case precedent it did not consider when it overturned the convictions of two women charged with delivering drugs to their unborn children in 2004.

The motion was filed with the 7th Court of Appeals in Amarillo on Tuesday.

In its March 29 opinion, the judges focused on the state's definition of delivery and did not address the boundaries of a law that defines a fetus as an individual, the statute under which prosecutors pursued charges against two mothers in 2004.

Their opinion held that no evidence existed to establish that the "unborn child actually handled, touched, manipulated or otherwise exercised physical possession over the drug" through its mother's usage.

Sims wants the panel to consider that delivery of a drug "does not require proof of the recipient's physical possession," the motion states.

Joe Dawson, who represents one of the women, said he believes the appellate court will deny the rehearing motion and that Sims' office will then appeal to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. He said he would be "surprised" if that court accepted a petition to hear the case.

The women's cases focused attention on a state law intended to protect the unborn. The law passed by Texas legislators in 2003 allows prosecution or civil court action for a preventable injury or death of a fetus.

The law exempts health care providers who perform a legal medical procedure, such as an abortion, or a death or injury that is the result of legal drug use or an action by the mother.

At the time the women were charged, then-Potter County District Attorney Rebecca King contended no exemption for a mother's action was made in the statute under which the women were prosecuted.

## Open-air market



Ashley Townsend, a sophomore communications studies major, shops around at the TCU Bookstore sale Wednesday.

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## Fire causes 3 months of delay

By LIZ CRAWFORD  
Staff Reporter

Construction on the TCU Bookstore, which was supposed to be completed by August, will be pushed back at least three months because of the fire, said the associate director of major projects.

Even if the rest of the building can be used, the bookstore's intended design will have to be redone because the roof is destroyed, said Harold Leeman, associate director of major projects.

Leeman said after insurance companies finish evaluating the existing structure, the cost of the damage can be determined, and a structural analysis will be conducted by an engineering firm to determine if the build-

ing can be salvaged.

"Either way, we are going back to the drawing board on the design," Leeman said.

Wayne Mar, bookstore operations manager, said the delay will affect textbook sales for the fall. Additional trailers will be added so that there will be room for textbooks in the bookstore's temporary location, Mar said.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said the cost of the construction will be more than originally estimated because the whole project will basically begin from scratch.

"If this is the worst thing that happens this year, we are lucky," Boschini said in reference to the fire. "No students, staff or faculty were injured."

## Program to carry on despite low turnout

By Gretchen Hollis  
Staff Reporter

A town hall meeting intended to generate student feedback about a reading program for incoming freshmen lacked the response and attendance coordinators expected.

Vision In Action members hosted a meeting pertaining to a first-year student common reading plan, which calls for students to read and discuss texts with faculty, and fewer than 20 people attended.

The common reading, funded with \$26,300 in VIA grants, is supposed to get students to think academically and get to know professors before classes, said Andrew Fort, a religion professor who led the discussion.

Earlier this week, Leo Munson, vice chancellor for academic support, said the audience feedback from the town hall meeting would determine whether the common reading program's continuation would be warranted, but now he is not sure how the program's coordinator's will proceed.

Munson said the poor attendance at the meeting will not stop the program from going into effect because it was simply supposed to help generate ideas for how the program will run.

"The meeting was an assessment which should determine the direction of the program, not the fate," Munson said.

Faculty coordinators at the meeting said they expected more feedback from the student body and that current students will benefit from the program as well as incoming students.

"It would have been wonder-

ful to have more students," said Catherine Wehlburg, the coordinator of the meeting.

Wehlburg said the meeting would have been meaningful to students because they will have to interact with incoming freshmen affected by the common reading in classes down the road.

During a drought of silence at the meeting, one of the three audience members in attendance asked why freshmen would attend an academic event before school started.

Carrie Zimmerman, program coordinator for Student Development Services, said freshmen will be required to attend a discussion session with a faculty member the Friday before school starts, which will be separate from the two-day orientation session.

The \$26,300 awarded to the program will cover its expenses for one fiscal year, said Ann Sewell, associate provost of academic planning and budgeting. Each professor involved will receive a \$100 stipend, and money may also be spent on booklets to send to incoming freshmen regarding the common reading.

Based on the assessment of the common reading this fall, Sewell said, the program may require more money if it is to be successful.

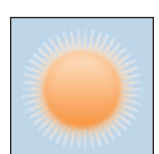
Fort said he views the common reading as a way for freshmen to get off on the right foot with faculty.

"Students' immediate response after their first year of college is they are terrified of professors," Zimmerman said. "The idea of college classrooms frightens incoming freshmen."



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor

Carrie Zimmerman, program coordinator for student development services, Faculty Senate chair Andrew Fort and John Breyer, geology professor, look on to a sparse audience during a Town Hall discussion Wednesday at noon in the Student Center Lounge.



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# Jurors listen to tapes from 9/11

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN  
Associated Press Writer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Jurors in the Zacarias Moussaoui trial listened Wednesday to a recording of terrified shouts and cries in the cockpit as desperate passengers twice charged panicked hijackers during the final half hour of doomed United Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001.

"Is that it? I mean, shall we pull it down?" one hijacker asked in Arabic 123 seconds before the 757 jetliner slammed into a Pennsylvania field with 33 passengers, seven crew members and four hijackers. "Yes, put it in it, and pull it down," another voice replied in Arabic.

In the remaining two minutes, more voices are heard than earlier, including some that say in English: "Go. Go."

"Move. Move."  
"Push, push, push, push, push."  
Then in Arabic: "Give it to me. Give it to me. Give it to me."

Finally in Arabic: "Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest."

Then only the roar of static. The government rested its case for executing Sept. 11 conspirator Moussaoui shortly after 17 jurors and alternates and 150 audience members became the first other than investigators and victims' relatives to hear the audible cockpit recording recovered from the four jetliners hijacked by al-Qaida.

On Thursday, court-appointed defense lawyers will begin arguing that the 37-year-old Frenchman, who was in jail in Minnesota on 9/11, played so small a role and had such mental problems that he deserves life in prison instead of execution.

The jurors couldn't take their eyes off the video screens — even during long silent periods — as prosecutors used a multimedia presentation to try to put them inside the Flight 93 cockpit.

Slumped in his chair and impassive, Moussaoui, too, watched intently.

A transcript, which translated Arabic into English and converted many nearly inaudible sounds into text, scrolled up the side of the screen. Synchronized with the text and drawn from the recovered flight data recorder, dials showed the plane's speed, altitude and wing attitude compared with the horizon. Other indicators showed the autopilot, the steering yoke position and the plane's trajectory.

Despite the detail and because the cockpit ceiling microphone can pick up sounds from the passenger cabin, particularly if the cockpit door is open, there were multiple interpretations of the final seconds.

Hamilton Peterson, whose father and stepmother died on the plane, said hearing an enhanced tape earlier had persuaded him passengers killed a hijacker guarding the cockpit. "It's an example of ordinary citizens on a moment's notice stepping up and protecting the U.S. Capitol from a terrorist attack," he said outside the courthouse afterward. Captured 9/11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed has said the Capitol was the plane's target.

Some thought they heard the passengers struggling with hijackers for control of the steering yoke inside the cockpit during the final seconds. The Sept. 11 Commission's study reached no conclusion on whether any hijacker was killed in the struggle with passengers and said the hijackers remained at the controls "but must have judged

that the passengers were only seconds from overcoming them."

The 30-minute tape begins with a hijacker saying in English: "Please sit down. Keep remaining seating. We have a bomb on board. So sit." There follows several minutes of commands such as: "Don't move." "Shut up." "Down, down, down, sit down."

Nearly six minutes in, a voice in English tells the passengers, "We are going back to the airport, and we have our demands. So please remain quiet." The San Francisco-bound plane then turns over western Pennsylvania back toward the East Coast.

During a period of quiet, apparently unbeknownst to the hijackers, passengers with cell phones learn that jets have crashed into the World Trade Center. But the hijackers detect something is up. One says in Arabic: "The guys will go in, lift up the (unintelligible) and they put the ax in it. So, everyone will be scared."

The transcript gives no further clues about the "unintelligible" object. But the Sept. 11 Commission says the hijackers may have killed or silenced a flight attendant by this point.

Four minutes later, the hijackers notice a fight in the cabin. One says in Arabic: "Let's go, guys. Allah is greatest." After grunts and shouting, another says in Arabic: "They want to get in here. Hold, hold from the inside." The hijacker pilot begins wagging the wings up and down, apparently to knock the passengers off balance.

Another minute of shouts in English: "Hold the door." "Stop him." "Sit down." Much is unintelligible.

Then 30 seconds past 9:59 a.m., an enormous crash: metal against metal, glass breaking, plastic cracking. The Sept. 11 Commission theo-



GENE J. PUSKAR / Associated Press  
FBI investigators continue their excavation at the Shanksville, Pa., crash site of United Flight 93 in this Sept. 16, 2001, file photo.

ricized passengers used a drink cart to ram the cockpit door. More unintelligible shouting.

Seven seconds after 10 a.m., in Arabic: "Is that it? Shall we finish it off?"

Another hijacker, also in Arabic: "When they all come, we finish it off."

Six seconds later in English: "I'm injured."

Ten seconds later in English: "In the cockpit. If we don't, we'll die." Followed quickly by a second loud crash of metal, glass and plastic rammed together hard.

The hijacker pilot is pushing the steering yoke forward and back, perhaps to throw the attacking passengers to the floor. The tail sags, sounding the stall alarm. Then the nose comes back down, silencing it.

Then just 123 seconds before the crash, one hijacker asks again in Ara-

bic, "Is that it?" A cacophony of new voices joins the shouting over the next two minutes. The plane rolls belly up and noses over, then crashes.

The judge rejected prosecutors' request to display a running presentation of the names and photos of nearly all the 2,972 victims. Prosecutors were instead allowed to show one large poster with the pictures of all but 92 of the victims.

Moussaoui pleaded guilty last year to conspiring with al-Qaida to fly planes into U.S. buildings. A week ago, the jurors ruled him eligible for the death penalty even though he was in jail in Minnesota on 9/11. They decided that lies he told federal agents a month before the attacks led directly to at least one death that day by keeping agents from identifying and stopping some of the hijackers. Now they must decide whether he deserves execution or life in prison.

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The Benchwarmers PG13- 12:10, 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10, 10:10, Midnight

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## INSURANCE NOT ENSURED...

Most flood-damaged New Orleans homes will not qualify for flood insurance unless they are raised three feet, said a FEMA official Wednesday.

—Associated Press

### THE SKIFF VIEW

## Use tact, ignore errant e-mails

E-mail inboxes were flooded with responses Tuesday after a chain e-mail discouraging consumers from buying certain gas suppliers somehow made its way to the entire university. To students. To faculty and staff. To alumni.

The issue is not about how the e-mail was sent in the first place — it's about all of those people, not just students, mind you, who seized the opportunity to reply to all. Perhaps these people did not actually take the time to think of their discourteous actions, but everyone else sure made note of them.

First, receiving any impersonal e-mail is annoying. The initial e-mail was something a lot of people would not like to receive — but hearing everyone else's opinion about the matter could make one want to delete his or her e-mail account all together. No one cares if you support boycotting those companies or even if the e-mail is a farce. Most likely, if your recipient doesn't know you, then you shouldn't be sending it period.

Also, not that those who possess an e-

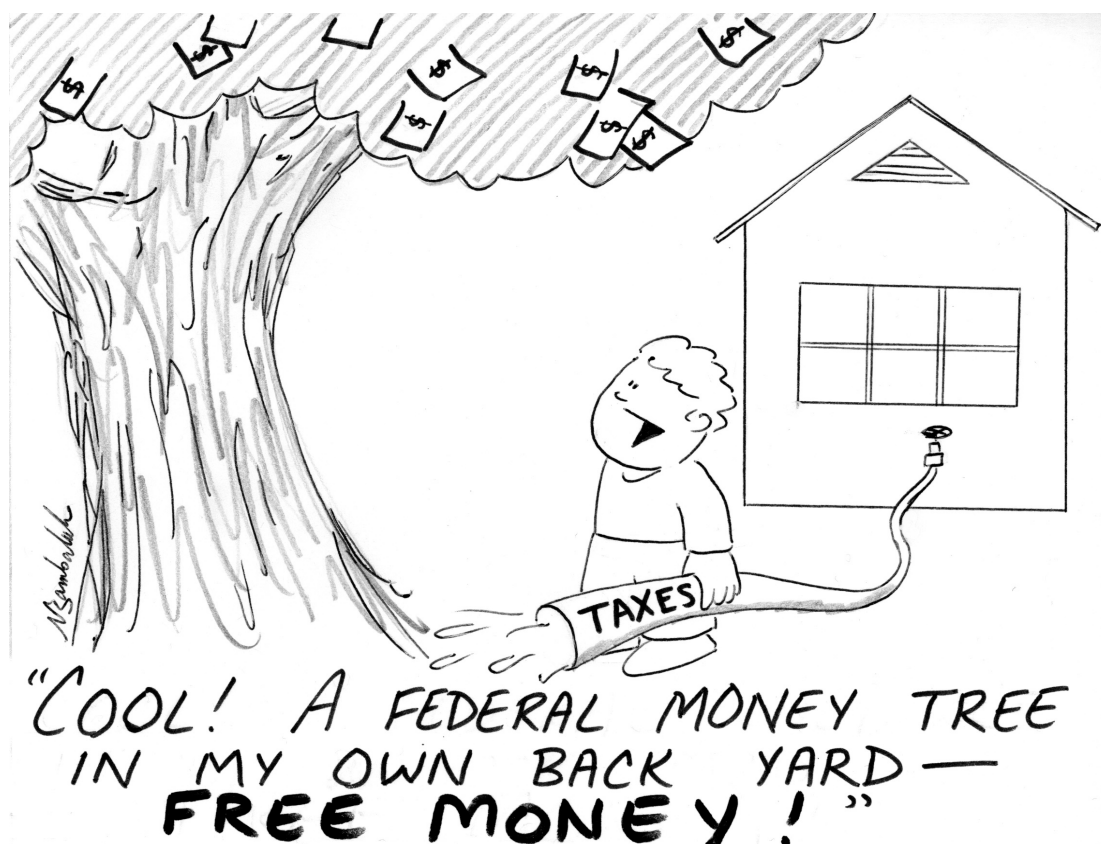
mail address need to be told, but there are limited spaces in an account. While you may think your endorsement of some party is hilarious, people waiting for legitimate mail from their colleagues, possible employers or their professors aren't appreciating your pathetic attempt at wit.

Even more moronic than the "witty" respondents were the people who sent e-mails such as this one, "STOP REPLYING ALL!!!! JUST DONT REPLY IT WILL STOP... I HAVE RECEIVED 38 OF THESE MESSAGES ALREADY...IF YOU DON'T REPLY NO ONE IS GOING TO RECEIVE THIS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!". They should re-examine the education they're receiving at TCU. Bottom line: If you don't like getting mass e-mails, do not send them.

All of those who responded to all should demonstrate a little more maturity, as alumni also received your e-mails, and be more constructive with your time and the rest of the server's.

Associate editor Adrienne Lang for the editorial board.

### NEWSREAL • NICHOLAS SAMBALUK



## New evidence legitimizes Darwin

Last week was a bad week for those who make their living denying science. In the past week, scientists discovered 375 million-year-old fossil evidence of a creature with the body

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Becky Schiffer

structure of a fish, including fins shaped as primitive limbs for walking on land.

Such a finding proves that a transitional species between fish and early amphibians once existed.

As if that wasn't

enough, molecular biologists found evidence of genes from extinct creatures last week, also giving way to how genes evolve over time. With such incredible evidence, the Darwinian theory of evolution has been given an even bigger step toward being proven correct.

One of the strongest arguments by opponents to the theory of evolution is that there is no evidence of transitional species between fish and amphibians, and therefore, evolution could not have occurred. However, scientists, who have long tried to disprove anti-evolution theories, now have a new piece of evidence in their favor.

According to an article in Time

magazine, the creature's fins had early fingers, a characteristic only of species that spend at least some of their lives on land. The article describes this creature, now called a Tiktaalik, as being about nine feet long, with clear-cut characteristics of both fish and the earliest amphibians.

These creatures were exactly what Darwin believed had to have existed, as he felt it was impossible for all species to appear at exactly the same time. His theory of evolution relied on the fact that one day scientists would discover these creatures, carrying out his hypotheses.

Even with this finding, the ongoing philosophical debate between scientists and anti-evolutionists will surely not be over. Creationists have long argued that God placed fossils here and thus all creatures came into being at one time. A further discussion of faith, though, should be saved for a discussion of philosophy, not of science.

An unfortunate truth of this ongoing debate is that people often misconstrue scientists as people who lack religious faith. I am studying to become a scientist and, at the same time, consider myself a religious person. Even though I believe in God, I

have always felt that science is something that seeks to convey the truth. I believe that God created the universe, but that he also created the natural processes that were created on their own terms rather than him interfering.

When scientists come up with new findings, they are not trying to knock down views of religion, but instead trying to unearth evidence that will allow them to prove a long-debated theory. In fact, many of us find the ongoing philosophical debate fascinating.

Consistent findings of fossilized remains of potentially transitional creatures have occurred over the years, though due to the advanced nature of the limbs, the Tiktaalik is especially prominent. Unearthing this creature gives proponents of the theory of evolution a one-up in proving their point, making it harder for creationists to prove that it did not exist.

Needless to say, these findings won't phase the Kansas school board and relentless religious activists. But as more evidence like this surfaces, it becomes more imperative that our science classes at all levels continue to convey the updated truth.

Becky Schiffer is a junior biology major from Gaithersburg, Md.

## Meaning of Easter lost to eggs, bunny

One Sunday morning each spring, sunrise brings as much excitement as Christmas morning for millions of American children, as they spring

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Caralisa Cook

from their beds in search of what the famous bunny has left in their baskets this year.

Soon, the backyard is turned upside

down in search of brightly colored eggs. The house is covered in foil candy wrappers, along with the infamous plastic green grass that is sure to get stuck in mom's vacuum.

After the early-morning festivities, everyone dresses in their new pastel apparel to make their yearly appearance at church and sit through the usual sermon on this underestimated Christian holiday commonly known as Easter.

Easter, like so many other holidays, enjoys vast popularity and is celebrated all over the world, yet I am frustrated to see so many once-a-year, church-attending Christians leave church on Easter Sunday without truly grasping the meaning of the most significant event of Christian faith.

Christianity hinges on the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jesus' mission, ending with his death on the cross, would only place him alongside other great religious teachers who died for their conviction. But in Jesus' resurrection, he stands out as not only a man, but also as God himself.

Christianity without a resurrection would still remain completely under the binding of the Old Testament Jewish Law, meaning there would be no defeat of death and no reconciliation between God and sin apart from insufficient animal sacrifices.

Peter, John, Paul and others preached and testified to the resurrection of Christ, for which they all gladly suffered. They saw the beauty in the fulfillment of the promise that God made to Abraham, and nothing was more vital than proclaiming this truth.

The Christian story tells of a God who came near and dwelt among his people, suffered for his people, and brought redemption to completion through his resurrection from the dead.

Christianity is quite unique in this truth.

I am concerned that as Christians continue to jump on the bandwagon of mainstream Easter traditions, the resurrection story will continue to be watered down or even worse, lost amidst the stuffed bunnies, marshmallow chicks and dyed eggs of the season.

Maybe Christians don't realize how dangerously close they come to syncretism.

Christianity, not to mention the most important event in Christian history, seems to be growing more defined by American culture (materialism and individualism) than by the Gospel.

When did we become more concerned with finding the Easter egg with the dollar bill in it than reflecting on the foundation of Christian faith?

Why is it that so many Christian children have this picture in their head of Jesus and the Easter bunny holding hands and hunting eggs together beneath the cross?

It is no wonder Christian children have such a hard time answering the question: What is Easter really about?

The syncretism of Christian faith and American tradition becomes blatantly obvious as we attend Easter egg hunts after Sunday church and use eggs in Sunday school to illustrate the cross and the empty tomb.

In an attempt to connect with the culture, some churches are permeating the Gospel with a purely American/Western worldview.

I remember waking up on Easter morning and being far more excited about what was waiting for me in my Easter basket than what Jesus had done by keeping his promise and defeating death, sin and Satan. Instead, this Easter season, let's put down the chocolate and stop looking for plastic eggs; let's be less focused on our new spring outfits; and finally, let's move away from selfish things motivated by American traditions.

This Easter season let's live for the resurrection.

Caralisa Cook is a junior advertising/public relations major from Hot Springs, Ark.

### OTHER VIEW

## Lose tanning bed, sunning; try spray-on

Tucson, Ariz., is heating up. The pool at the Student Recreation Center is surrounded by coeds sunning themselves, the five people who bothered putting away their flip-flops for the winter have broken them out again and pale girls like me are feeling awkward about the prospect of showing off our ghostly skin tones. Yes, it's the perfect time for some tanning advice. Here's mine: Just don't do it.

Tanning is one of the last vestiges of totally reckless behavior that we're not inundated with messages about quitting. We've all heard that smoking is a "smelly, puking habit" and that drug use is bound to make your brain as fried as an egg ad infinitum. But getting a tan is still associated with a healthy outdoor lifestyle.

With 281 sunny days a year in Tucson and 17 tanning salons within five miles of campus, as well as numerous student apartment complexes that list tanning beds among their amenities, it's hard to resist the temptation to get that sun-kissed glow. But whether you're doing it in a tanning bed or under the sun, it would be in your best interest to kick the habit. I don't mean to sound sensational, but tanning is just plain dangerous. This year 10,600 people will die from skin cancer in America — and Arizona has one of the most elevated rates of skin cancer in the world.

Lee Cranmer, a melanoma doctor at the Arizona Cancer Center of the University of Arizona, explained that tanning is your body's way of indicating skin damage.

He said there are three main types of

skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma. The carcinomas can cause serious disfigurement, and melanoma can be deadly. Evidence these cancers are caused by UV exposure is overwhelming.

Tanning salons are quick to point out UV rays you're exposed to in their beds are UVA rays, as opposed to the UVB rays you'd get from natural sun exposure. However, Cranmer explained that "basically, it's all ultraviolet radiation." The idea that "certain types of ultraviolet light are safer than others isn't anywhere near being close to being proven."

In fact, according to the National Cancer Institute, women who use a tanning bed more than once a month are 55 percent more likely to develop malignant melanoma than those who don't. Yikes.

Tanning can also cause major cosmetic damage. Today's golden glow will be tomorrow's wrinkles. UV light hurts your skin, and you can't hide damage forever.

So, tanning is dangerous and might destroy your skin down the road. What are you supposed to do if you still want a darker look? According to Cranmer, over the past few years "the quality of spray-on and 'tan-in-a-can' preparations has improved significantly."

I've feared fake tans since seventh grade, when a classmate turned herself absolutely orange. I always planned on staying away. But I didn't want to recommend anything I haven't tried myself. So I read a few articles about spray-on tanning online, and then headed to a salon to

get it done. Never let it be said of me that I was unwilling to risk turning my entire body orange (on the day of a job interview, no less) in pursuit of journalistic excellence.

It was my first time in a tanning salon. After signing a long form attesting to my knowledge about the dangers of UV tanning, I followed the helpful and very bronzed employee back to the mist-on (and non-UV) booth. A poster next to the door commanded: "Get sexy. Be envied." "Okay," I thought. "I'll try."

The actual tanning experience was a little awkward. I had to strip down naked and obey commands issued in a perky but robotic voice by the tanning machine. I got sprayed front and back by the tanning solutions (which both Cranmer and the Internet had assured me were nontoxic), and after five fairly painless minutes, the experience was over. The girl at the front counter assured me that I looked "golden" on my way out, and I think I agree.

The only major negative result of my adventure in spray-on tanning is that I managed to dye the bottoms of my feet blackish-brown. It looks like I walked in tar. When the employee told me to put some "protective cream" on my feet, I guess I had viewed it more of a suggestion than an order. But next time, I'll know. And I'd rather deal with gross feet right now than cancer later — wouldn't you?

Lori Foley is a columnist for the Arizona Daily Wildcat at the University of Arizona. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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# University to hold Easter service

BY RYAN WILCOX  
Staff Reporter

A sunrise service sponsored by University Ministries will be held Easter morning on the Sadler Hall lawn, said an administrative assistant for University Ministries.

Ann Smith, worship and spiritual life intern for University Ministries, said the service has been a tradition in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for more than 20 years.

"In our environment here at TCU, we don't do a (Holy) Thursday or a Good Friday because we don't have evening services typically," Smith said. "But it has been a tradition to have a Sunday morning Easter sunrise service," Smith said.

Smith said the service is open to TCU faculty, staff

and students, as well as people from the surrounding community.

Cindy Rodriguez, administrative assistant for University Ministries, said her organization is looking forward to the service, which will begin Sunday at 6:30.

"There are usually 100 to 120 people there each year," Rodriguez said. "There will be juice served afterward, and the theater department will be doing a drama about the Passion of Christ."

Smith said the service will last about 45 minutes and include the drama, singing, and reading scripture.

"The sunrise service has taken on a dual meaning because of the sun coming up at 6:30 a.m.," Smith said.

"But also the son of God rising from the tomb."

# Faculty to examine mission statement

By JACQUILEE KILLEEN  
Staff Reporter

TCU students and faculty are familiar with the university's mission statement. "To educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in a global community."

But how often do they think about what it means?

Three faculty members — Gregg Franzwa, Jack Hill and Chris Riordan, from the philosophy, religion and business departments, respectively — will try to encourage the campus community to consider the mission statement tonight at a discussion titled, "The Mission Statement Revisited: What does it mean to be an ethical leader?"

The discussion will be part of the Searchlight Sym-

posium at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Kelly Alumni Center.

Franzwa, a philosophy professor, said in an e-mail that he will address the idealistic nature of the mission statement and its vagueness in explaining what is an ethical leader.

Riordan, a professor of management, and Hill, an associate professor of religion, could not be reached for comment.

Tracy Syler-Jones, assistant vice chancellor for marketing and communications, said the mission statement is important to student life.

"TCU's mission statement is not just a catchy phrase," Syler-Jones said. "It is something that gives a summary of who we are and why we are in existence."

# Holy cow



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TCU freshman pre-major Bethany Timan sits on a longhorn at the RHA Roundup at Frog Fountain Wednesday afternoon. The longhorn, Cherokee, was brought in for the Roundup by the Lonesome Longhorn Production so students could get their pictures taken with him.

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# The Gospel of Judas

Researchers have uncovered a new text that claims to be written by Jesus' betrayer. But is it authentic?

By ANDREW CHAVEZ  
Assistant photo editor

The discovery of a leather-bound book made of 66 papyrus sheets may shed new light on one of the Bible's most infamous characters — Judas Iscariot.

Judas, a man viewed as a traitor by most Christians, plays a new role in the events leading up to the death of Jesus Christ in a newly-discovered writing known as the gospel of Judas.

In the text Jesus tells Judas,

"you will be cursed by the other generations — and you will come to rule over them. In the last days they will curse your ascent to the holy [generation]."

"Who knows what really happened," said Father Charles Calabrese, Roman Catholic minister at TCU. "It's a recorded interpretation of events and obviously in the early community there was a controversy about what really happened and what parts people played."

Carolyn Osiek, the Charles Fischer Catholic Professor of Art in Basel, Switzerland in New Testament at the Brite Divinity School, said there's "not a chance" the text was actually authored by Judas. However, Osiek said many canonical gospels were

authored around that time. "This must have been a flourishing time for Christian literature," Osiek said.

Katie Low, associate United Methodist minister at TCU, said she brought the text up with her Monday night Bible study class.

"It didn't seem to cause much controversy among my group," Low said.

Non-canonical gospels "have existed for quite some time and haven't caused too much controversy among ordinary readers as much as they have in academics," Low said.

The date of authorship of the work is estimated between 130-170 A.D., over 100 years after Judas' death, said Claudia Camp, a religion professor.

As to the historical reliability of the document, Camp says that all biblical writings face authenticity issues.

"Is there a problem with historical credibility? Well yes, but that's a problem we've got with all the canonical gospels," Camp said. "We don't have anything in the Bible that's an eyewitness account."

In 2000, Frieda Nussberger-Tchacos, a Zürich-based antiquities dealer, bought the text and turned it over to the Maecenas Foundation for Ancient Art in Basel, Switzerland in 2001 due to the deteriorating state of the manuscript.

Herb Krosney, co-author of "The Lost Gospel: The Quest for the Gospel of Judas Iscariot," told NPR.com that when

the book was originally discovered, nobody realized its significance because it was written in an ancient Coptic language. Krosney believes the original document was written in Greek and later translated to Coptic.

Osiek said, "It should be another piece of evidence of the great variety of Christian reflection on the mysteries surrounding the life of Jesus. Those reflections did not stop with the writing of the New Testament."

Because of the language barrier the text was not actually identified as the gospel of Judas until 2000. The same calligraphy that created the language barrier however also helped experts identify the document as authentic.

Krosney also told NPR.com that the document's authenticity is furthered because of a condemnation of the document written in 1880 A.D. by St. Irenaeus who lived in modern-day Lyon, France.

"We know that original document written in Greek was a valid document — [that it] was in currency in the early Christian world," Krosney said.

The text, recorded in Coptic about 300 A.D., was unearthed in the 1970s in the Egyptian desert. After passing through multiple antiquities traders, the document eventually ended up in Long Island, N.Y. in a safety deposit box where it stayed for 16 years, according to the National Geographic Society.

The text has gained notoriety through the society's two-hour

television special that aired on the National Geographic Channel Sunday. Also, two books entitled "The Lost Gospel: The Quest for the Gospel of Judas Iscariot" and "The Gospel of Judas" that were released on April 6 have further added to the document's notoriety. "I think it's a good thing that

this introduces people to the notion that Judas could've been a good guy," said Ryan Motter, a junior religion and English major. "The gospel of Judas should be respected for what it is — an ancient work."

The manuscript opened as an exhibition at the society's New York headquarters on April 7.



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—Darren White

# spring fever

The weather is starting to warm up, and many students are looking out classroom windows. Here are some inexpensive ways to get outside.



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Assistant Photo Editor

### Fort Woof Dog Park

For students with canine companions, the Fort Woof Dog Park is a place to stretch your legs while your dog plays.

Let your puppy play catch with other pets or even in the water sprinklers.

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Before you grab the leash, make sure you have your dog's papers in order because Fort

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For the smaller dogs, the park is split into two parts, one for dogs larger than 40 pounds and one for dogs smaller than 40 pounds.

The park is open from 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and is located at 1700 N Beach Street.

—Darren White



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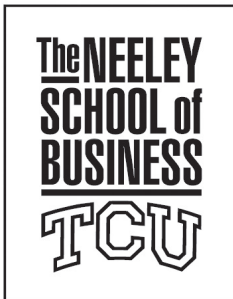
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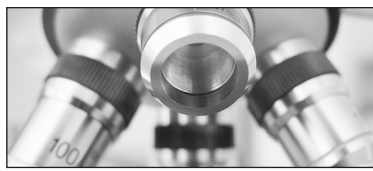
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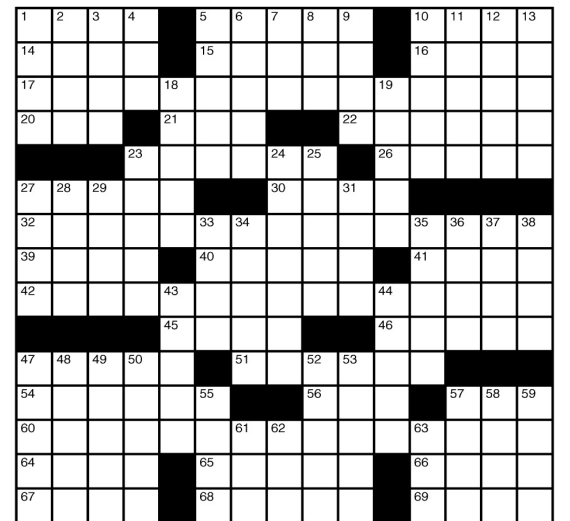
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By Alan P. Olschwang  
Huntington Beach, CA

4/13/06

### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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2 Data  
3 Cameo stone  
4 The way to Lao-tzu  
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6 Bounded  
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9 Fashion lines  
10 Tired of it all

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28 Mad as a Spaniard  
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35 Oar holder  
36 \_\_\_ better watch out!  
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52 Tunnel of the NFL  
53 "The Highwayman" poet  
55 Takes to court  
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58 Tanker or cruiser  
59 On the peak of  
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62 Greek letter  
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See the April 18 paper for answers to today's crossword.

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MATT SLOCUM / Associated Press  
 Carl Edwards, left, and Greg Biffle walk down pit road after qualifying for Saturday's NASCAR Busch Series O'Reilly 300 auto race, Thursday, at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth.

## Drivers' girlfriends squabble

By JENNA FRYER  
 Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Greg Biffle's girlfriend races a reprimand from NASCAR about her pit-road confrontation with Kurt Busch's fiancée after the two drivers wrecked at Texas Motor Speedway. Busch hit the back of Biffle's car early in Sunday's race, causing an accident that ended Biffle's day. Biffle, the defending race winner, had led 49 of the first 82 laps before the crash and wound up 42nd. Moments after the wreck, TV cameras caught girlfriend Nicole Lunders slamming a water bottle on Biffle's pit box. She then marched down pit road and climbed halfway up Busch's box and had a heated exchange with Eva Bryan.

The brief confrontation created a buzz in NASCAR, and the sanctioning body wants to cool down the emotions. "There will be some conversations that will be had with the people that participated, and we'll make sure that this doesn't carry on and into the garage or anywhere else," Robin Pemberton, vice president of competition, said Wednesday. "You've got to remember, most everybody in the garage area is friends, and those two girls in particular have a close relationship. Tempers flare, and we'll look at that and we'll make sure it doesn't carry on any further than that." Biffle and Busch spent three seasons as Cup teammates at Roush Racing and had a friendly relation-

ship that often put their girlfriends in the same social settings. Both drivers were testing at Richmond International Raceway on Wednesday and not immediately available for comment. NASCAR does not have a steadfast rule against team members entering other pit boxes, but generally frowns upon it if the reason for approaching the area stems from something that happened in a race. Family members are typically given entrance to the track on a "license" that recognizes them as a team member, meaning their actions can be policed by NASCAR and the sanctioning body reserves the right to revoke their pass at any time.

## Entertainment company purchases boxer's name

By TIM DAHLBERG  
 Associated Press

Muhammad Ali is for sale. Actually, he's already been sold. A New York company bought his name the other day, proving that even the Greatest has a price tag. What's in a name? The entertainment company CKX must think there's plenty, because it gave Ali \$50 million for the right to use his name and image on the open market. That's a lot of money — more than Ali made his entire career in the ring. But think of the possibilities. My first thought was that I'd finally be able to buy that T-shirt I have always wanted with the picture of Ali on the front and "I ain't got no quarrel with those Vietcong" in big letters on the back.

Dated, yes, but still somewhat relevant in today's world. Soon, surely, there will be the Ali doll slapping a miniature gorilla on the market to commemorate the Thrilla in Manila. Push his chest and he'll even talk: "It'll be a chilla, and a killa, and a thrilla, when I get the gorilla in Manila." George Foreman has the small appliance market cornered, so it's hard to figure out what Ali's image could sell in the kitchen. But no family room would be complete without the Ali bobblehead showing the former heavyweight champion climbing the stairs and lighting the Olympic torch in 1996 in Atlanta. Flip on a switch and Ali even trembles while he does it. Yes, it's business.

And, for \$50 million, CKX will need to generate a product that sells. It's also sad. Because it makes you wonder why everything — icons included — is eventually put up for sale. Can't we remember Ali for what he did in a glorious career that was like nothing sports had ever seen before? Isn't his new Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville enough to show future generations how Ali managed to transcend his sport? Do we need a new generation remembering Ali for selling something rather than for what he did in the ring and in his life? Will he go down as Joe Dimaggio did, known to most at the end of his life as Mr. Coffee rather than one of the greatest outfielders who ever lived? Robert F.X. Sillerman says no. And he has something to say about it because he's the chairman of the company that put up the \$50 million to buy 80 percent of Ali's name. He's also the same guy who owns the rights to Elvis, perhaps the most commercialized American icon ever. But Sillerman said Ali won't be marketed like the King, whose likeness adorns everything from dinner plates to belt buckles. "You will have to wait a long time before you see Muhammad Ali's picture on a coffee mug," Sillerman said. Right now, I'm tempted to give Sillerman the benefit of the doubt, and not just because he could have financed the Ali purchase with money found under the seat cushions of his favorite easy chair. The business could be in worse hands, but it still doesn't seem right.

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