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Robert Leone wins life-time achievement award

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# CURTAIN CALL?



## Fort Worth community joins movement to preserve Ridglea Theater.

### CORRECTION

An editorial cartoon in Wednesday's edition of the Skiff was drawn by Robert Slack, a junior theatre major from El Paso.


Taylor Featherston and Matt Curry were not identified in a picture in Tuesday's paper.



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## Keeping it cool



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Quinn Garcia, left, a Brite Divinity graduate student has a conversation with David Brower, another Brite graduate student, and Bennett Parsons, a senior music education major, at a BBQ in the Tom Brown Pete Wright commons on Wednesday night.

SPEAKER

## Humanities lecture Thursday

Staff Report

Frances Smith Foster, recipient of the 2009 Association of Departments of English award for Distinguished Service to the Profession, will give a presentation Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Beck-Geren Room of the Brown-Lupton University Union. The presentation, titled "The Current Direction of the Humanities and the Graduate Curriculum," will be free and open to the public. Foster will visit the university as a consultant for the TCU English Graduate Curriculum Revision Initiative. She is Charles Howard Candler Professor



Foster

of English and Women's Studies at Emory University and chaired the Emory English Department.

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## ENERGY

# Increased air quality testing planned for Barnett Shale

By Sara Neal  
Staff Reporter

Members of the Texas Legislature and Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief said Monday that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality would increase the number of automated gas chromatograph monitors, which test air quality, operating in the Barnett Shale.

The Barnett Shale is a sedimentary rock formation beneath 20 counties in central North Texas containing natural gas.

According to a press release from the City of Fort Worth, the monitors that TCEQ plans to install would operate 24 hours a day, measuring levels of volatile organic compounds and the data gathered would be used to assess air quality for the region. The monitors' results are to be posted online.

Andy Saenz, spokesperson for the TCEQ, said three monitors would be added in the next two months, followed quickly by eight more, though no end-date has been set. The location of the monitors will be determined by certain criteria, including the amount

of industry and population density in an area.

It is likely, Saenz said, at least one additional monitor could be placed on the outskirts of Fort Worth in an area that was heavily populated with a high concentration of oil and gas drilling facilities.

In October 2008, Chesapeake Energy, the drilling company that has a natural gas exploration lease with the university, withdrew its request for a permit to drill in a campus parking lot north of Amon G. Carter Stadium.

Though other on-campus drill sites were considered, Chesapeake instead devised a development plan in January 2009 to drill at seven off-campus locations to harvest natural gas underneath the university, the Fort Worth Zoo and surrounding areas. Now, according to askchesapeake.com, those sites are either active or on schedule to begin construction this fall.

Jason Lamers, public information officer for the City of Fort Worth, said the mayor and the Fort Worth City Council began efforts several months ago to ask the state for assistance in ensuring healthy air quality in areas

affected by natural gas drilling.

The City of Fort Worth will also begin its own independent air quality study at the end of August lasting through the end of September, Lamers said. The study will focus on areas in and immediately surrounding drill sites, rather than on ambient air quality like the automated gas chromatograph monitors installed by TCEQ.

"[The city is] going to monitor point source testing at pad sites," Lamers said. "There will also be some modeling done to explain the difference between air quality in an urban setting and a rural setting."

The study, Lamers said, would be paid for entirely by revenue from city-leased mineral properties.

Saenz said drilling companies were supportive of efforts to increase air quality monitoring.

"They've told us that the more monitors they have, the more secure their consumers will feel because they will be able to turn on their computer, find the monitor closest to them and check it," he said.

Alumnus Cooper Raden said the efforts to monitor air quality in Fort

Worth increased his confidence in urban gas drilling.

"It shows that the community's safety is not taken lightly and it makes me feel more comfortable living and working near drill sites," he said.

Ed Ireland, executive director of the Barnett Shale Energy Education Council, said he did not expect increased monitoring to show raised levels of volatile organic compounds such as benzene, a known carcinogen.

"There are already four monitors in the Barnett Shale," Ireland said. "One is in Fort Worth at Meacham airport. It's been operating since 2002 and that monitor has consistently shown that the air in Fort Worth has very low levels of everything."

Ireland also said that, though there were no drilling sites near a monitor in Dallas, that monitor frequently measured higher levels of volatile organic compounds than the Fort Worth monitor.

In January, the TCEQ released the results of the preliminary survey of an emissions study that found two oil and gas monitoring sites, the Targa North Texas LP Bryan Compressor

Station and the nearby Devon Energy natural gas well, had relatively high concentrations of benzene.

"The TCEQ has drawn over 250 samples of air around gas mines and they found only two that were elevated," Ireland said. "They haven't found any since."

Terry Clawson, also a TCEQ spokesperson, said drilling companies were immediately notified of the high levels of benzene detected and that they were corrected "within days."

Saenz said it was natural to occasionally find higher levels of toxins in the air in areas closest to facilities.

"It will happen at such low levels that we can react quickly," he said. "We have said from the very beginning that we don't think we have a widespread health problem in that area. It's just not happening. The monitors tell us differently."

Stephanie Sunico, an environmental science lecturer, said, statistically, urban gas drilling poses few health risks, but that it is in a company like Chesapeake's best interest to drill safely.

## NEELEY SCHOOL

## Professor honored for lifetime contributions to marketing field

By Amelia Wenzel and Alex Collins  
Staff Reporter

Marketing professor Robert Leone was named the winner of the Gilbert A. Churchill Award by the American Marketing Association for lifetime achievement in the academic study of marketing research, according to a press release by the American Marketing Association.

Leone, a professor in the Neeley School of Business, said he wrote more than 30 articles related to the topic of market research, worked with Fortune 500 companies and co-authored a marketing textbook which he taught from for 30 years.

George Low, an associate marketing professor, said that the Neeley School was fortunate to have Leone working in the marketing department.

"[The award] validated what we've known all along," Low said. "He is one of the top marketing faculty in the world, in particular in his area in market research, and that is what this award recognizes."

Though the award is based on a candidate's contribution, practice and teaching of market research, Leone said he balanced those responsibilities with being available to his students.

"It's not like I lock myself in an office and crank out articles and don't engage with other students," he said.

One of the things that separates his class from others like it around the country is that he is engaged in working with top companies and researchers, Leone said. This experience gave him an edge on market research.

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**George Low**  
Associate marketing professor

Leone said that he credited much of his award to being around people who pushed him and challenged his thinking.

Of the fewer than 20 researchers who have won the award, one of Leone's mentors, one of his classmates in graduate school and one of his students have been recipients as well, Leone said.

"Out of the short list of people who have won the award I feel a connectedness to those individuals, and again I think that is part of it—you are lucky enough to be around good people and good things happen to you," Leone said.

Tyler Kettle, a former student of Leone's, said that Leone was definitely the best professor he had at the university.

Kettle said marketing students who took Leone's class believed he was a great professor of marketing research and he made class material easy to understand.

Leone currently serves as J. Vaughn and Evelyn H. Wilson Chair and teaches market research and Brand Management.

## WEATHER

## Welcome break from heat

By Emily Agee  
Staff Reporter

Cooler temperatures brought welcome relief to students after days of near-record breaking heat.

According to the National Weather Service, temperatures reached only the mid-80s Tuesday and Wednesday. Average temperatures are usually in the mid-90s this time of year.

The cooler temperatures were accompanied by some much-needed rainfall in the area. More than an inch of rain fell on both Tuesday and Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service.

Junior nursing major Bradleigh Lowry said she welcomed the cooler weather.

"Seventy-five degree tempera-

tures felt great compared to the 105 degree temperatures we've been having," she said.

This week's cool front broke a 23-day streak of triple-digit temperatures in the area, according to the National Weather Service.

Junior nursing major Katie Lybbert transferred to the university this semester and said she was still getting used to the Texas weather.

"This week has been a little bit closer to the weather I'm used to in Louisiana," she said. "It's good to get a break from the heat."

The rain and cooler temperatures will not stick around for long. According to the National Weather service, temperatures are expected to rise the rest of the week to the mid-90s and will remain there through the weekend.

### Week of Wacky Weather



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## PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

## Rebuilt Ridglea would be great loss

**W**e all have some places in our lives that hold special memories.

For some Fort Worth residents, one of those places could be in danger of losing at least some of that significance.

Bank of America is considering buying the Ridglea Theater, located on Camp Bowie Boulevard, and turning it into another Fort Worth bank location. The bank would keep the theater's facade intact while remodeling the inside.

It is unfortunate that the Ridglea is in this situation. The theater should be preserved and continue to be put to use as an entertainment venue, much like it is used now as a concert venue for local bands.

However, the Ridglea should not even be in this situation.

*Fort Worth Star-Telegram* columnist Bud Kennedy wrote Wednesday that efforts to save the Ridglea should have begun earlier with a real business plan as opposed to the current last-gasp pleas.

This could hardly be truer. People who really wanted to save theater should have formed a plan when FixFunding, owner of the theater, put it up for sale.

If someone does not step up soon with an offer to compete with Bank of America, a Fort Worth treasure will be lost.

And if that happens, many memories will be too.

*News editor Marshall Doig for the editorial board.*

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## Going potluck usually worth the risk



Sarah Ziomek

It is that time of year again: move-in time. Thousands of students are descending upon college campuses across the nation, prepared, or maybe not, to make the most of sharing a small space with one or more students for the next school year. While many upperclassmen eagerly await this opportunity to be reunited with old friends, freshmen may approach the day with a mixture of apprehension and excitement.

What will their new roommate be like? What if he or she is a total weirdo?

Students are increasingly turning to online methods of finding a roommate in order to avoid what they believe could be an unbearable experience of being randomly paired with an individual with different moral or social ideals.

Over 400 university students are registered on Uroomsurf.com, a website

that allows users to take a survey and then "review all same sex users [from their college network] ranked by compatibility percentage." Users can message an individual that appears to be a good match and decide whether or not to apply to room together at their campus.

Sites like Uroomsurf may be convenient tools in finding a roommate with similar interests, but they cannot beat the excitement and rewards of going potluck. At the university, this option means the Office of Housing and Residence Life makes your room assignment based on the information you submit in a short questionnaire. The questionnaire contains only a few basic questions about whether or not you smoke, prefer a clean room and your regular sleeping hours. With this system, you are not automatically guaranteed a good match.

I have heard the horror stories about going potluck, but as a veteran of the system, I can say that it can result in a happy ending.

I decided to go potluck my freshman year, and my roommate and I eventually became very close friends. The key to our success was our mindset going in. We were open and accepting of each other's differences and we embraced our simi-

*Although being matched randomly with another student may not always work, it is worth the risk. You may end up finding a friend you would have never been interested in knowing otherwise.*

larities. We were willing to compromise on our desires when they conflicted.

Being open-minded in this type of situation may seem like an overly simple solution, but it often works. If you and your roommate refuse to respect each other, your relationship is almost certainly doomed to join the ranks of those that have failed.

Although being matched randomly with another student may not always work, it is worth the risk. You may end up finding a friend you would have never been interested in knowing otherwise. After all, opposites do attract. And if all else fails, you can always switch roommates at the end of the semester. Whether going potluck ends well or is a disaster, the experience is surely one to be remembered.

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## PERSPECTIVES

# Prop 8 preventing civil rights Same-sex marriage harmful



Chris Varano

The unalienable freedom to marry cannot be put to vote because it violates civil liberties based solely on sexual orientation. Proposition 8 in the state of California is a perfect example of a law that cannot be enacted no matter how many citizens vote for it because the intent of the law is unconstitutional. This is expressed in U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker's decision in a legal challenge to the voter-approved ban on same-sex marriages passed in 2008.

"Proposition 8 both unconstitutionally burdens the exercise of the fundamental right to marry and creates an irrational classification on the basis of sexual orientation," Walker wrote.

Discriminating against people because of their sexual orientation is the same as being prejudiced against people of certain races or religions. The 14th Amendment did not exclude gays in the Equal Protection Clause, so that clause must apply to gays and lesbians as well.

Walker addressed this issue when he wrote, "Proposition 8 does nothing more than enshrine...the notion that opposite-sex couples are superior to same-sex couples."

This attitude of false superiority is not enough to prevent a group of people from having access to all of their civil rights. Civil

rights cannot be undone just because the majority of citizens feel it is justified.

As Ted Olson, the attorney representing those challenging to legalize same-sex marriages, said on Fox News Sunday, "Would you like Fox's right to free press put to a vote?"

One cannot use religion as a justification for Proposition 8 because of the separation of church and state clause in the U.S. Constitution. Religious texts and attitudes are irrelevant to laws that concern the civil rights of citizens in the United States.

However, the courts cannot force religious organizations to marry same-sex couples in their places of worship. This case only concerns the issuing of state marriage licenses in California.

There are many benefits that go along with marriage that must be given to every married couple, regardless of sexual orientation. For instance, married people can file their taxes jointly or be on the same health insurance plan, which can lead to financial savings. Why should gays not be entitled to these same benefits?

I hope the U.S. Supreme Court will hear this case and I am cautiously optimistic this strikingly conservative court will follow in the footsteps of justices before them who set aside the biased attitudes and prejudices of the people to satisfy the Constitution and the unalienable rights of all people.

*Chris Varano is a sophomore sports broadcasting major from Dallas.*

## Shane Smith

The state of California continues to expose the culture wars of America.

Recently, U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker concluded that the voter-approved ban on same-sex marriages known as Proposition 8 was unconstitutional. Proposition 8 was passed by a majority vote in California in 2008, thus banning same-sex marriages in the state at the time.

On August 16 a panel that consisted of three judges from a federal appeals court in San Francisco ruled to extend the bill until December of this year, overruling Walker's decision from earlier this month.

Other states will look to see how California responds to the situation. American citizens have the right to live however they choose, as long as their way of life

does not harm another human being. Same-sex marriage is harmful to social roles and relationships of today's youth. Children should not grow up in a society that has no boundaries or value sets.

The United States was founded in the late 18th century based upon Judeo-Christian principles and values. The writings of George Washington, Samuel Adams and other founding fathers mention how the creation of the United States

was guided by the hand of Divine Providence. The founders felt this nation was God's nation. Many of the founders were Anglican as well as Protestant, which all the more signifies the values and principles of America. Homosexuality was not a part of the values and principles that founded this country and for this country to stay strong, America's values and principles must be protected.

Is a possible permanent repeal of Proposition 8 good for the future of America? Absolutely not. It opposes a previously set precedent by the U.S. Supreme Court and it goes against the very principles of American society as defined by Judeo-Christian beliefs.

Proposition 8 is a document that adds to the precedent already set by the U.S. Supreme Court in the 1972 Baker v. Nelson case. That case ruled a refusal to acknowledge same-sex marriage did not violate equal protection under the 14th amendment. The negative effects of repealing Proposition 8 far outnumber the positives. By repealing the bill, society becomes more out of touch with its core Judeo-Christian values.

We must keep this country connected to its founding principles and support the rights of society to choose its own boundaries. Californians decided that same-sex marriage is not within societal boundaries and agreed with the precedent set by the U.S. Supreme Court in Baker v. Nelson.

*Shane Smith is a senior secondary education major from Fort Worth.*

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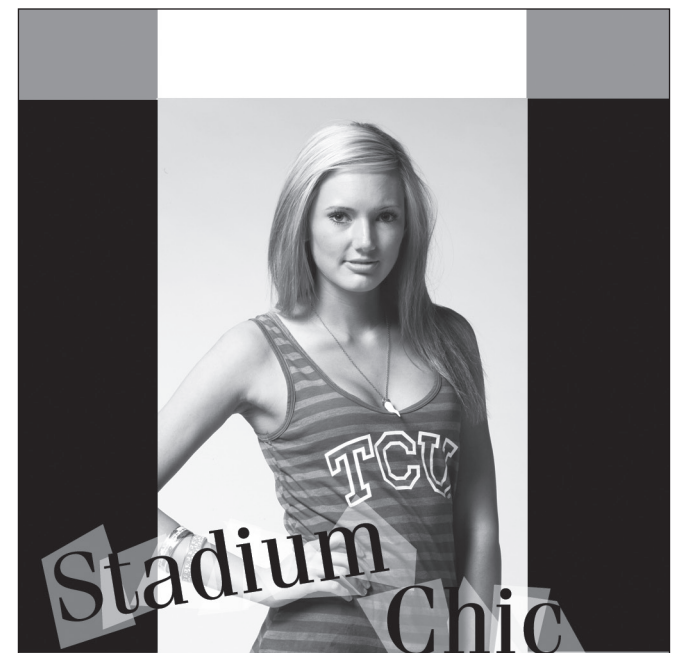
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Although Ridglea Theater opened in 1950, the building remains a part of Fort Worth's historic architecture scene. Locals know the space as both a live music venue and a place to host special events.

## Bank owners look to open branch at historic site

By **Mary Muller**

Staff Writer

On the west side of Fort Worth, the Ridglea Theater used to be the place to go to see a movie, take a date or to come spend time in the air conditioning. Currently, it is home to a concert venue.

Construction of the theater began in 1948 and it opened in 1950, but Bank of America is currently considering purchasing the 60-year-old theater to turn it into a bank branch. There are 21 Bank of America ATMs or branches within five miles of the Ridglea Theater, according to the Bank of America website. The building itself is within eyesight of one.

A married couple, Richard Van Zandt and Wesley Hathaway, currently lease the theater.

"We got this building on a whim of mine," Van Zandt said. "I used to do laser shows and I just wanted a place to do them and this opened up."

Van Zandt said he and Hathaway should have left the building for financial reasons, but decided to stay after falling in love with the space.

"It wasn't so much about what we're doing—it's about where we're doing the event," Van Zandt said. "Being here in the Ridglea meant more to us than making money."

David Rockaway, president of FixFund-ing, which currently owns the Ridglea Theater, said talks with other potential buyers

lead the company to conclude that Bank of America had the best capability to pay and care for the building.

Executive Director of Historic Fort Worth Jerre Tracy said the theater and office space were part of an Urban Village—a mixed-use concept that incorporates entertainment, office, retail and living space into a small area.

"The Ridglea Theater and office building were ahead of their time because they were constructed as mixed-use. However, the bank proposal is just for one use...a bank," Tracy said.

Fort Worth City Council member W.B. Zimmerman said the Bank of America plans would probably include tearing down the back wall of the theater and all of the office space on the west side that belong with the theater.

"From the tentative plans we've heard, Bank of America definitely is going to keep the front of the building, including the tower and the marquee," Zimmerman said.

In response to the modeling decision, a petition on-site at the Ridglea had more than 2,000 signatures opposing the changes. An opposition Facebook group had 8,488 members and the "Save the Ridglea Theater" fan page on Facebook had 763 "likes" as of Wednesday evening.

Hathaway said many people had come to her appealing the changes with their personal stories.

"We've had people come in here and say,

"This is where I asked my wife to marry me when we were kids,' and 'This is where I had my first date,' and 'This building needs to be preserved. It's part of Fort Worth's history,'" Hathaway said.

Van Zandt and Hathaway's lease lasts through June of next year, at which point the new owners would take over the building.

While Bank of America has an agreement to purchase contract on the theater, others would like to buy the building should the deal fell through.

Levi Weaver, creator of the advocacy site RidgleaTheater.org, said he originally just wanted to help people get their opinions known about that was going on with the theater. Later, he began hoping that if the deal fell through, he could get the chance to purchase it.

"Originally, my wife and I decided to see if there was anything we could do to save the theater because it has a lot of sentimental value to us," Weaver said. "The response has been overwhelming that the building means a lot."

After he and his wife were married at the theater, Weaver said he would like to take over and operate the space. He said he believed a bank would not be the best use for the building.

Van Zandt echoed Weaver's sentiments, saying, when he became owner of the building, he had not planned to outlive the historic theater.

"I had a realization about three weeks ago," Van Zandt said. "I was going through the building, just shutting the place down, and as I'm going around and checking all the doors and turning lights off, I realized that at some point, I might be the last person to turn these lights off, and to go through and lock up these doors."

New Providence Capital representative R. Mark Pitzer said he thought one major problem with the building's current state was the lack of parking. The lease on the parking lot behind

the theater was defaulted by the previous owner, he said.

"There isn't the necessary parking and without any parking the building is basically unusable," Pitzer said.

If the theater was not sold, he said, it would become an abandoned building in the neighborhood.

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**Wesley Hathaway**  
Current theater leaser

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SKIFF ARCHIVES

Former player Lizzy Karoly, tries to get the ball back from a Texas Tech player last season, the Horned Frogs would go on to lose that game 4-3.



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Kaylie Garcia dribbles the ball past Texas Tech defenders. The Frogs finished the season 9-10.

SOCCER

# Team relies on young players

**Alex Apple**  
Staff Writer

The Horned Frog women's soccer team will rely on contributions from younger players for the upcoming season, Head Coach Dan Abdalla said.

Abdalla said defensively the team will rely on underclassmen like Katie Taylor and Alex Mechalske to step up. Taylor and Mechalske will be vying for playing time early in the season, he said. The team will also look to junior Jordan Calhoun and senior Jackie Torda in leading the offense this season.

Torda and Taylor were named in the top 38 players in the country last season by Soccer News Net.

Calhoun stands only two goals from breaking the team's career scoring record, but said she is not worried about breaking the record.

"I may get a lot of assists this year, so I'm not worried about breaking the record because I just hope we win," Calhoun said.

Calhoun said she thought one of the team's biggest strengths this year was the excess of players on the bench, unlike

previous years.

"Players can get in and work as hard as they can," she said. "And then we can sub them out without the performance level dropping."

He said he has been preaching for the players to play a full 90-minute game without any lapses in concentration and emphasizing simulating games in practice to help players find their rhythm.

After a loss in the season opener at Texas Tech Friday and a home win against Texas Southern Saturday, the Frogs will continue to play at home for the next three non-conference games. The Horned Frogs will have a chance to establish some momentum early in the season against the University of Southern California Friday night at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium.

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## SPACE

# Antimatter detector to ride last shuttle to space

**Frank Jordans**  
Associated Press Writer

GENEVA (AP) — A \$2 billion machine that will jump-start the search for antimatter and other phenomena was loaded onto a massive U.S. Air Force plane Wednesday for the final leg of its journey on Earth before it catches the last scheduled shuttle flight into space.

Airmen struggled to stow the 8.3-ton (7.5 metric ton) Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer into a C-5M Super Galaxy at Geneva airport ahead of Thursday's takeoff to Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The military planes are normally used to fly tanks and helicopters around the world, but scientists at the European Center for Nuclear Research, or CERN, had to ask the U.S. Air Force to help them out when they found their 8.3-ton (7.5 metric ton) device wouldn't fit into a 747 jumbo jet.

Even then, workers had to saw off part of the giant shipping crate to squeeze the machine into the Galaxy's hold.

Sam Ting, a Nobel laureate and professor of physics at the Massa-

chusetts Institute of Technology, said the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer would be docked to the International Space Station to collect evidence of antimatter, dark matter and other elusive elements of the universe over the next 20 years.

The AMS detector will complement CERN's Large Hadron Collider, a massive atom smasher deep beneath the Swiss-French border that scientists are using to simulate conditions similar to those just after the Big Bang in the hope of better understanding the makeup of the universe.

Antimatter, which the device was primarily designed to find, is sometimes referred to as the 'evil twin' of ordinary matter and scientists believe the Big Bang created both in roughly equal amounts — meaning that, in theory, there could be an identical universe to ours out there made entirely of antimatter.

But so far scientists have been unable to detect antimatter except in the lab. By searching outside the protective shell of Earth's atmosphere they hope to find solid proof of the elusive particle's existence — or reasons for its absence.

The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, which took about 15 years to build and was part-funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, will be one of two payloads carried to the space station on Endeavour STS-134, NASA's last shuttle mission scheduled for Feb. 26, 2011.

Member states have pressed CERN to sharply reduce its 5 billion Swiss francs (\$4.87 billion) budget for the period from 2011 to 2015. The organization recently offered to cut back its funding demands by about 480 million Swiss francs (\$467 million) — a move that will require all particle accelerators to be switched in 2012. The \$10 billion Large Hadron Collider had already been scheduled to rest that year while technical upgrades take place.

"I don't think this is going to have a major effect on our research program," CERN spokesman James Gillies said of the proposed budget cuts.

The AMS detector was funded separately and wouldn't be affected by any cuts that might be agreed when the organization's finance committee meets Sept. 16, he said.



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U.S. army personnel and employees of the Geneva airport load the giant Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer of the European Particle Physics laboratory.



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# MUSEUM Original Kermit the Frog makes new home in the Smithsonian

By Brett Zongker  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The original Kermit the Frog, his body created with an old dull-green coat and his eyes made of pingpong balls, has returned home to the nation's capital, where the puppet got his start.

The first Kermit creation from Jim Henson's Muppet's collection appeared in 1955 on the early TV show "Sam and Friends," produced at Washington's WRC-TV. Henson's widow Jane Henson on Wednesday donated 10 characters from the show to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

She said the original characters provided five minutes of fun each night after the local news.

"I think people realized that if you put Kermit's face up there, it was just as powerful," Jane Henson, 76, said. "We were mostly just doing it to entertain ourselves."

Some of the other early Muppets donated to the museum include the puppets that inspired Cookie Monster and Oscar the Grouch, as well as Sam from "Sam and Friends." The group also includes Henson's oldest surviving puppet, Pierre the French Rat. The puppets mostly mimed on the show and would lip-sync to popular music.

Their first hit was "I've Grown Accustomed to Your Face," by Rosemary Clooney. Donning a wig, Kermit took the lead as "Kermina," Jane Henson said. In 1969, Kermit made it big and joined "Sesame Street."

Other puppets from Henson's collection will eventually be given to the Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta to create a Henson gallery there, perhaps as soon as 2014, Novell said.

"We would like very much to get them out while they're still in relatively good condition," Jane Henson said. "I think when you grow up in Washington, you get the feeling that everything important in the country goes to the Smithsonian."

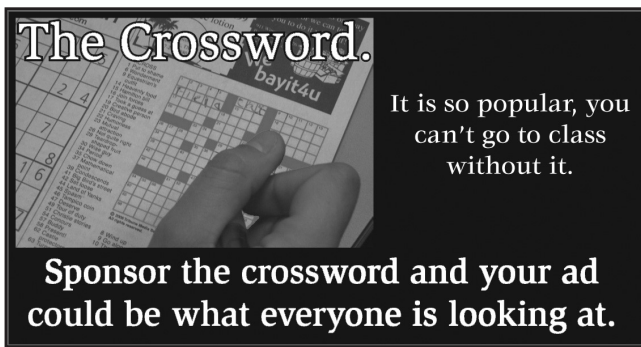


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Jane Henson makes some final touches before donating some of Jim Henson's early puppets to the Smithsonian.

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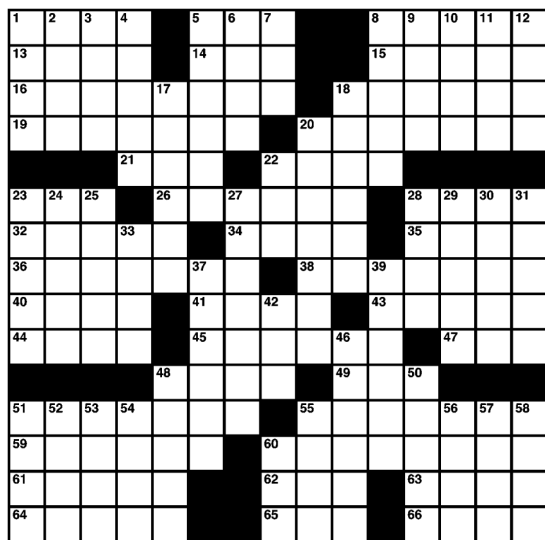


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  - Longtime portrait studio \_\_\_ Mills
  - Strasbourg street
  - For this reason
  - \*Road surface
  - \*Holdup causes?
  - More than frown on
  - Morrie Turner comic strip about ethnically diverse kids
  - D-Day carrier
  - \* \_\_\_ Tonic": 1945 Bugs Bunny title
  - Green source, briefly
  - Give as a task
  - \*Rain protection
  - Southern stretch?
  - Yours, in Tours
  - On Vine St., say
  - Like many cameras
  - Retailer offering video streaming
  - Legendary work, often
  - Miller \_\_\_
  - Emit, as a sigh
  - \*Grilling site
  - Musical satirist Tom
  - "Indubitably!"
  - D-Day month
  - Pep
  - To some degree
  - Bridge supports
  - \*Cola holder
  - \*Range target
  - \_\_\_ ease
  - Braves, on scoreboards
  - 1998 skating gold medalist Lipinski
  - \*Warehouse aids
  - \*Guinea pig food
  - \*Location
- DOWN**
- Cleans (up) using Bounty
  - Greenspan concerned with green
  - Batman's hideout
  - Get down to earth?
  - Immortals
  - Patty or Selma, to Lisa Simpson
  - Combo's group of numbers
  - Number in a combo, maybe
  - Collect
  - "My Way" lyricist
  - ATARI
  - DARN
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  - RIEN
  - XRAY
  - SPADS
  - STYE
  - Many business letters
  - Hun king, in Scandinavian legend
  - Oil lamp feature
  - Siren quality
  - It might be cheap
  - See 22-Down
  - How villains laugh
  - Throws for a loop
  - Waters gently
  - Asian sashes
  - Acoustic guitar genre
  - Dutch town
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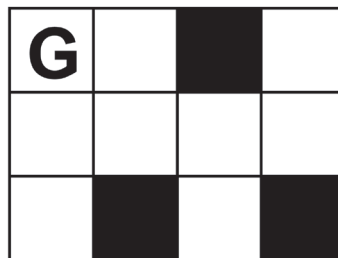


By Don Gagliardo 8/26/10

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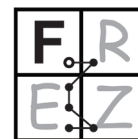
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### "Get Him To The Greek"

#### How to play:

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.



### "Freeze"

#### Wednesday's Solutions



### "Twilight: Eclipse"

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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.

#### Wednesday's Solution

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## LEGAL

# DeLay's request for Austin trial relocation denied

**KELLEY SHANNON**  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A judge denied former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay's request Wednesday to have his money laundering trial moved from Austin, which DeLay calls a liberal bastion where he alleges a rogue prosecutor crusaded against him.

Senior Judge Pat Priest ruled that appropriate safeguards could be taken to give the Republican a fair trial in Democratic-leaning Travis County. Priest set a trial date for Oct. 26.

"I hope I can get a fair trial here. We'll find out," DeLay said. "We're ready."

The former congressman was indicted in 2005 on charges that he illegally sent \$190,000 in corporate money through the Republican National Committee to help elect GOP Texas legislative candidates in 2002. DeLay said he has done nothing wrong and that a trial will prove it.

If convicted of money laundering, DeLay could face between five years to life in prison, though lawyers could ask for probation.

District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg said she was pleased the judge heard arguments about a change of venue and decided a fair trial could be held in Travis County. She said the trial would likely take less than a month,

**"I think the poll is very accurate, so that's why we're so concerned."**

**Tom DeLay**  
Former U.S. House Majority Leader

and include "some bank records and looking at some numbers, but also a lot of testimony."

DeLay wanted the trial moved to his conservative home county of Fort Bend.

A Republican pollster who tested public opinion on DeLay as recently as this week testified for the defense Wednesday, saying a large percentage of those polled in Travis County knew who DeLay was and had a negative impression of him. Pollster Marc DelSignore also said a big chunk of voters questioned believed DeLay was guilty of a crime.

"I think the poll is very accurate, so that's why we're so concerned," said DeLay's attorney, Dick DeGuerin.

DeGuerin presented news articles during Wednesday's hearing about DeLay from the Austin American-Statesman newspaper and its website. He also called lawyers who have been involved in many jury trials who said they didn't think DeLay could get a fair trial in the county.

Prosecutors disputed the poll numbers, and although they acknowledged the county was heavily Democratic, they said it wasn't anti-Republican. They also suggested that DeLay's name recognition in Austin could be because of his stint last year on the television show "Dancing With the Stars."

"His visibility is up there," media buyer Monica Davis testified, referring to DeLay's dance gig. Davis completed a news monitoring study for prosecutors that showed the percentage of news stories on DeLay in the Austin market peaked in 2005, the year he was indicted, and has been lower since then.

Priest had already ruled that DeLay would be tried before his co-defen-

dants, John Colyandro and Jim Ellis, who now face lesser charges.

Along with criticizing Travis County as liberal and thus unfair to DeLay, the defense team also attacked its former district attorney, Democrat Ronnie Earle, who they say sought politically motivated indictments. On Tuesday, in a secret hearing purportedly about grand jury proceedings, DeGuerin got his chance to question Earle.

Unlike other witnesses, Earle came and went through private courtroom entrances, out of sight of reporters and other members of the public. Attorneys and others were banned by the judge from discussing the closed-door session. On Tuesday, prosecutor Holly Taylor said Earle did not seek

indictments based on politics and prosecuted Democrats as well as Republicans.

Priest ruled against DeLay's defense team on the allegation of prosecutorial misconduct.

DeLay, 63, has been pressing for a trial for five years while pretrial appeals have slowed down the case. He served in Congress for more than two decades representing a suburban Houston area. The state charges cost him his leadership post, and he resigned from Congress in 2006.

DeLay learned just last week that the U.S. Justice Department was ending a federal investigation into his ties to disgraced ex-lobbyist Jack Abramoff without filing any charges against him.



Former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay speaks to the media during a break at his pre-trial hearing at the Blackwell-Thurman Criminal Justice Center on Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010.

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## SPORTS

## FOOTBALL

## Conference movements influence TCU bowl chances

Mike Zeko

The opening weekend of college football holds some of the year's most important games, including TCU's game against Oregon State University at Cowboys Stadium on Saturday night.

The following Monday, Boise State University will play the Hokies of Virginia Tech at FedEx Field in Landover, Md.

Horned Frog fans will be hoping for a Boise State loss, so the Horned Frogs can take sole possession of the Cinderella-role for the non-automatic qualifier schools. Both games are on ESPN, and both will come with a tough test.

These are two non-BCS schools in the top seven for the first time in history in pre-season rankings, so neither Boise State nor TCU can afford to lose their first game. A loss by either team will hurt their chances for a BCS game.

The non-automatic qualifier schools are storming through the

headlines, but both these teams are in for a rough beginning come week one.

The main sports headline this past week was a surprising one, because Brigham Young University (BYU) announced its willingness to be an independent. BYU officials stated that the school would leave the Mountain West Conference. It questioned the competitiveness of the MWC, even though underdog Boise is joining this season.

Craig Thompson, MWC commissioner, said he was shocked to see that BYU, one of the perennial powerhouses of the conference, was going independent. He answered critics and hopefully swayed the BYU-faithful by inviting Fresno State and Nevada to join the MWC.

Those two teams have been the up-and-coming programs of the Western Athletic Conference who could actually keep up with Boise State. The MWC has actually favored each team to go to a BCS bowl game.

Will going independent help

BYU pursue a BCS bowl game? It all depends on the schedule, because if it goes independent, BYU will not be playing TCU and Utah as in-conference games.

Horned Frog head coach Gary Patterson said, "It's not my job to worry about what Utah does [or] what BYU does, but I can tell you this—if you think being an independent is an easier way to get to a national championship, you're kidding yourself."

BYU hoped to take Utah's and TCU's BCS thunder, because they have seemingly become the second or third team in the MWC.

Last season TCU had the best shot at being the first non-automatic qualifier team to go to the national championship. Two years ago, Utah put up a beating on Alabama and many believed Utah could have played for the national title that year.

The question of whether or not BYU will leave may or may not solve problems because if anything, the BCS computers have favored the MWC teams in seasons past.

## Frog Football 2010 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 4	Oregon State	Arlington, Texas	6:45p.m.
Sept. 11	Tennessee Tech	Fort Worth, Texas	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 18	Baylor	Fort Worth, Texas	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	at SMU	Dallas, Texas	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Colorado State	Fort Collins, Colo.	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	Wyoming	Fort Worth, Texas	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	BYU	Fort Worth, Texas	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Air Force	Fort Worth, Texas	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	at UNLV	Las Vegas, Nev.	10:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	San Diego State	Fort Worth, Texas	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 27	at New Mexico	Albuquerque, N.M.	3:00 p.m.

## NFL

## Talks for extended season begin

Paul Newberry

Associated Press Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — NFL owners are eager to increase the regular season from 16 to 18 games.

The players aren't so sure.

During a five-hour meeting at a posh hotel in downtown Atlanta, the push to add two more games to the regular season picked up steam Wednesday — at least among those who sign the checks.

Goodell pointed out that the league already has the right to impose an 18-game schedule — and keep four preseason games for each team — under the current labor agreement with the players. But that contract expires after this season, and it's clear the expanded schedule will be a central issue in talks on a new collective bargaining agreement.

The owners would like to keep the season at 20 weeks, reducing the number of preseason games from four to two.

"We want to do it the right

way for everyone, including the players, the fans and the game in general," Goodell said. "There's a tremendous amount of momentum for it. We think it's the right step."

The owners held off on voting on a specific proposal that could be presented to the players union. Among the issues that still must be resolved: when to start the expanded regular season, possible roster expansion to cope with more games, and changes in training camp and offseason routines to come up with ways for evaluating younger players who wouldn't have as many preseason games to make an impression.

The players clearly expect to be receive a bigger chunk of the multi-billion-dollar NFL pie if they're going to be putting their bodies on the line in two more games that count.

They are also concerned about an increased risk of injuries and fret that it could shorten their careers or increase the number of health problems they endure after retirement.

Several players and coaches have pointed out that having only two preseason games would likely make it more difficult for fringe players to get enough of a look to make the team.

"If it was a two-game preseason, then the starters are going to see most of that time because they've got to get ready for the season, so if you're third string, good luck," said Indianapolis linebacker

But some figure it's a foregone conclusion that the owners will get their way.

"Personally, I don't see how it helps the game, or the quality of the game," said Barry Cofield, a defensive tackle for the New York Giants. "But if they demand it, they will probably get it."

AP Sports Writers Joe Kay in Cincinnati, Andrew Seligman in Chicago, Tom Canavan in East Rutherford, N.J., Janie McCauley in San Francisco, Tom Withers in Cleveland, Jon Krawczynski in Minneapolis, Michael Marot in Indianapolis and Joseph White in Washington, D.C., contributed to this report.

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**FOOTBALL**

BYU's conference leap influences bowl chance. Page 11

# SPORTS

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Friday: Soccer takes on University of Southern California.

## ON TO THE MAJORS



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Home plate umpire Mark Ditsworth, right, holds back celebrating TCU players after teammate Matt Curry hit a go-ahead grand slam against Florida State in the eighth inning of an NCAA College World Series baseball elimination game in Omaha, Neb., Wednesday, June 23, 2010.



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TCU's Matt Curry, right, reacts after he hit a go-ahead grand slam against Florida State in the eighth inning of an NCAA College World Series baseball elimination game in Omaha, Neb., Wednesday, June 23, 2010.

# Five Frogs drafted into major league

By Leah Watkins  
Staff Reporter

Five Horned Frog baseball players were drafted in the 2010 Major League Baseball draft and were placed on the rosters of minor league teams across the country this past June.

The former players include Bryan Holaday, Greg Holle, Matt Curry, Tyler Lockwood and Paul Gerrish, assistant director of athletics media relations, Brandie Davidson, said.

Junior outfielder Jason Coats said the drafted players set a high standard for the team.

"That's the benchmark for every team that comes through here now," Coats said.

However, Holaday said he did not think the level of achievement reached by the former players created an unattainable legacy for the current lineup.

"I know that this year, this team is going to be just as good, if not better," Holaday said.

Holle described leaving Horned Frog baseball at such a peak time of success as bittersweet, but said he is looking forward to starting a career in professional baseball. Being on the first team to make it to Omaha was definitely the right way to go out, he said.

"I'm pretty excited about the position I'm in," Holle said. "I've been throwing the ball well so far."

Both Holle and Holaday said they thought the training they endured as mem-



Holaday



Holle



Gerrish



Curry



Lockwood

bers of the Horned Frog baseball program prepared them for their future in the game.

"The coaching staff did a great job in terms of trying to evolve me as a baseball player and to becoming a professional baseball player," Holaday said.

Holle said the Horned Frogs have one of the best physical strength programs in the country.

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle said adjust-

ing to the way minor leagues run versus the way the university does things would be tough on the guys. However, he said he had confidence that the former players would work hard and advance as far as their abilities would allow.

Holaday said he has one thing to share with his former team, "Don't count the days, make the days count."