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THE PRESIDENT ADDRESSES THE NATION ON THE END OF COMBAT OPERATIONS IN IRAQ

President Barack Obama greets members of the military at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, Tuesday. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/ **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

CAMPUS 6 New drink machine offers students more choices



LOCAL Alumnus donates vintage wagon to local museum



Study: frequent communication between parents and college students could slow independent development

By J.D. Moore Staff Writer

Unlimited cell-phone plans, Skype and e-mail are changing the ways students communicate with their parents, and according to a recent study, it is causing problems with development and independence among college students.

According to a 2008 study by Barbara Hofer, co-author of *The iConnected Parent*, college students contact their parents 13 times per week, mainly via cell-phone calls and e-mail.

According to a recent *Post and Courier* article, Hofer said that sometimes students who communicate with their parents often are not being as autonomous and self-sufficient as they should be.

However, students argue that increased communication with their parents helps them stay in touch with their families and prevent homesickness. Freshman business major Tommy Jewett said that his mom used text messaging as her main medium of communication. She texted him about once a day, usually in the evening, he said.

"It really doesn't bother me," Jewett said. "My family is very important to me. It doesn't bug me to take two minutes to tell my mom about my day."

Elyse Mosier, a sophomore nursing major, said she enjoys her daily 30-minute phone call from her parents.

"We basically talk about our days and catch up," Mosier said. "It especially helps with the homesickness and reminds me that there's a world outside of my own little TCU bubble."

Antonio Pee, Moncrief hall director, said there was a distinct difference in communication now from when he was in college. "There's definitely been a shift from the days in the '60s and '70s when students would call home and check in on a Sunday." Pee said. "We communicate more freely now, and there's a definite new style."

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Pee said he knows students who talk to their parents up to five times per day.

"I can't say if it's for better or worse," he said. "It definitely impedes when the parents don't recognize that their child is an adult." According to Hofer's study, problems arise when students turn to their parents for quick advice and solutions rather than seeking out answers on their own. Conversely, parents use the technology to stay on top of their children's assignments and monitor their social life.

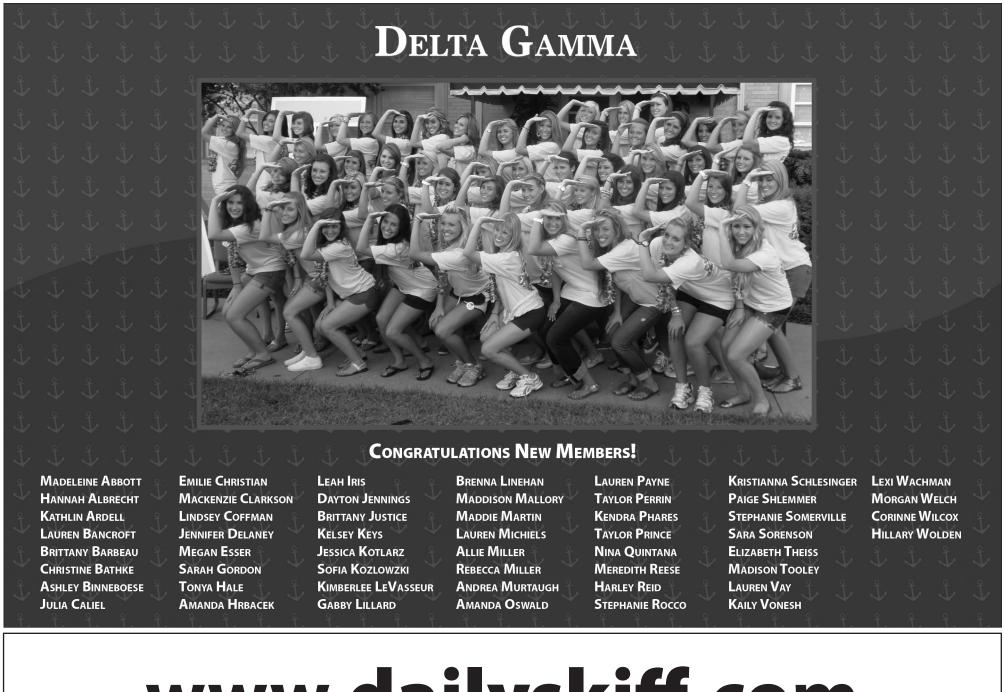
Freshman journalism major Ryan Osborne said that under the right circumstances, he didn't mind at all if his mom treated him like a child.

"I've called my mom and asked her for advice about laundry," Osborne said.

While texting and talking on the phone remain popular means of communication, some students also said they use other technologies to talk with their parents.

Mark Neal, a freshman social work major, said he often uses games like *Words with Friends* to communicate with his family.

"It's not a big issue to me and it actually kind of helps with homesickness," he said.



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Proposed marijuana farm angers nearby residents

By Ivan Moreno

Associated Press Writer

LONGMONT, Colo. (AP) — The investor saw potential in the scrubby 67 acres tucked away amid multimillion dollar homes: He would turn the land into a vast pot farm and capitalize on the booming medical marijuana industry.

But Scott Mullner, a city councilman from Laramie, Wyo., infuriated his Colorado neighbors with his plan to place a marijuana farm in the midst of their idyllic Northern Colorado countryside.

They say the project will damage property values and attract more unwanted attention than the previous business at the location — an organic egg farm.

"Nobody is going to come out and steal a chicken," said Lance Messinger, 56, who lives less than a mile from the proposed marijuana site. "So it was pretty benign to the neighborhood, is what I'm saying."

Despite a flurry of e-mails and calls from residents opposed to the idea, Boulder County commissioners decided against holding a public hearing on the issue on Tuesday, allowing Mullner's application to proceed.

The county banned medical marijuana growing operations in agricultural areas in June but Mullner was able to get his application in before that. Commissioners said they had to abide by the rules at the time.

Mullner still must proceed through the rest of the regulatory process and opponents say they'll continue the fight.

"We're going to keep working on it, we're going to make it difficult for them and we're going to grow our numbers. It's unconscionable, I cannot believe that they did that," said resident Nancy Peters, 62, one of 40 opponents who attended the meeting.

In addition to upsetting the locals, Mullner's plan is raising questions about the future of growing medical pot in Colorado, one of 14 states where it is legal. D.C. also allows marijuana for medical use.

One question is whether out-of-state investors can profit from the state-regulated industry. Under state law, Mullner can't grow the marijuana because he's not a Colorado resident. But if his request is approved, he could make a profit by selling or leasing the land to someone who is eligible, or he could move to Colorado, wait two years to become eligible, then grow it himself.

New state rules that went into effect this year state that a grower can supply only one dispensary. But, if the farm is divided into subplots, each serving a different dispensary business, it could theoretically serve many, said Brian Vicente, executive director of Sensible Colorado, a medical marijuana patients' group.

Dispensaries have a Wednesday deadline to meet a state requirement that they're growing 70 percent of the marijuana they sell, and industry watchers see a potential for subdivided farms supplying pot shops.

"I think this is the beginning of marijuana being treated more like a legitimate agriculture product," said Vicente.

The proposed pot farm would be unprecedented in terms of its size and wide-open nature, even by national standards.

In New Mexico and Washington state, for example, growing operations are secretly located. In California, the locales of growing operations are not publicly disclosed. The exception



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A sign discouraging marijuana growing sits on property next to what was once a egg farm near Longmont, Colo., on Monday, Aug. 30, 2010. Surrounding property owners are furious about a proposal from Scott Mullner, a city councilman from Laramie, Wyo., to turn the property into a marijuana farm.

is the city of Oakland, which has approved a plan to authorize large-scale pot cultivation beginning in January, but the operations would be in industrial, not residential, areas.

While Colorado has hundreds of medical marijuana plots, most of them are indoors in warehouses or in the grower's basement, said Jeff Gard, a medical marijuana attorney in Boulder.

"This will be the first one that will be out in the open for everyone to see," Gard said.

That doesn't set well with the people who built their dream houses in the countryside about 40 miles north of Denver, Messinger said. The area offers small lakes and homes and land surrounded by white wooden fences. Residents grow alfalfa and sunflowers and advertise the sale of hay.

Those who have written or called county officials are concerned that a marijuana farm will disrupt their tranquility and make them vulnerable to crime.

Mullner did not return repeated messages left at his Laramie city office. He previously told local newspapers that having the land designated to grow marijuana was an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

"It's the highest and best use as far as farming goes," Mullner told the Boulder Daily Camera.

Lost painting prompts lawsuit

Jennifer Peltz

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Call it the lost art of drinking responsibly: A man entrusted with helping to sell a \$1.3 million painting said it disappeared while he was in a drunken haze, according to a lawsuit filed by a co-owner of the canvas.

James Carl Haggerty took the painting, noted French artist Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot's circa 1857 "Portrait of a Girl," to a Manhattan hotel on July 28 for a potential buyer to examine, Kristyn Trudgeon's lawsuit said. Then Haggerty hung out at the hotel bar and was seen on security cameras leaving the building with the painting after midnight, according to the lawsuit

But there was no sign of the portrait on cameras at his

Manhattan apartment building when he got home nearly two hours later, the lawsuit said. The next morning, Haggerty told painting co-owner Thomas A. Doyle III he "could not recall its whereabouts, citing that he had had too much to drink the previous evening," according to the lawsuit filed Monday in a Manhattan state court.

Trudgeon is seeking what she says is the roughly \$1.3 million value of the painting, which spent years in the collection of the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles, according to museum spokeswoman Sarah Stifler.

Haggerty didn't immediately return phone messages left Tuesday at two possible home numbers for him and at his office at a company that leases out private jets.

Doyle isn't involved in the lawsuit and didn't return a

message left for him at his office at the same jet company. He is a friend of Haggerty's and involved him in the effort to sell the painting, according to Trudgeon's lawyer, Max Di Fabio. Corot, who lived from

1796 to 1875, was an important figure among the proto-Impressionist group known as the Barbizon School. Members turned their backs on Parisian urbanity to embrace a back-to-the-land emphasis on painting scenes of rural French life, often doing their artwork outdoors.

Trudgeon owns a small portion of the painting, Di Fabio said. He said he had no information on whether it was insured.

Trudgeon "was terribly hurt and dismayed and disappointed," Di Fabio said. "She just would like some answers."



PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Shuttle ride a smart choice for students

he complimentary shuttle rides to and from Cowboys Stadium will provide a safe alternative for students planning to tailgate at the season opening game.

In an effort to prevent drinking and driving, students should take advantage of the Student Government Association's shuttle service instead.

Unlike Cowboys Stadium, Amon G. Carter Stadium does not serve alcohol in its concession stands, so students often tailgate, but have the whole game to sober up before driving home. At the Oregon State game, fans will be able to drink during both the game and tailgating festivities.

The university's Greek organizations have required buses for years to transport guests to and from events in an effort to prevent drinking and driving. The SGA-sponsored shuttle system to the Oregon State game is a good effort to minimize potential drunken driving incidents.

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority will also offer a shuttle service to anyone attending the season opener, not just university students. The T will charge \$5 for parking at bus pick-up sites and \$10 for a round-trip ticket.

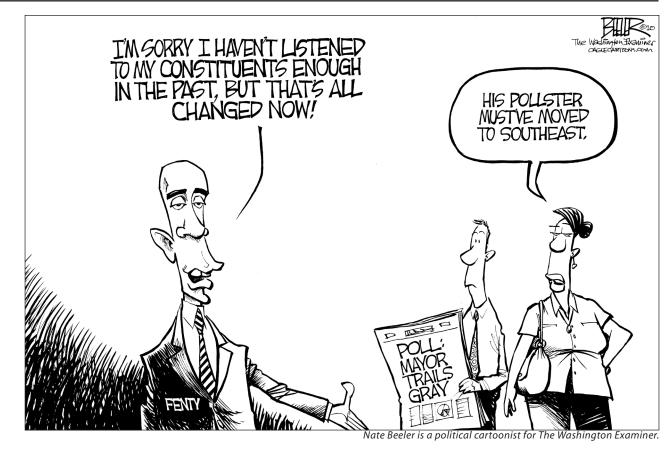
While the university can not officially do anything to stop drinking and driving, providing a shuttle to the football season opener is one step toward preventing dangerous alcohol-related situations.

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YOUT VIEW What do you have to say?

Gay marriage a universal right

I regularly read the Skiff and usually find the articles to be quite interesting and informative about the happenings on campus. Unfortunately, this was not the case on Thursday, August 26th. The perspective offered by Shane Smith in his piece "Same-sex marriage harmful" was extremely offending and some of the conclusions he has drawn are simply ridiculous. I hoped that the students at our school were more tolerant of different lifestyles than our own, but Mr. Smith clearly is not.

I was confused as I began reading because the first third of the article states no opinion what so ever, and then as I read the last few sentences of his second paragraph, I was outraged. He writes, "American citizens have the right to live however they choose, as long as their way of life does not harm another human being." I have many issues with this opinion, mostly because it isn't true (Americans have plenty of life choices that are harmful to others and still more harmless choices are against the law), but I'll focus only on its application to same-sex marriage. He then goes on, writing, "Same-sex marriage is harmful to social roles and relationships of today's youth." To say that one person loving another person is harmful to social roles is completely absurd. To which 'social roles' is Mr. Smith referring? The

same 'social roles' of men in the 1950s to be the bread winner for their family and his housewife whose sole responsibility was to put dinner in front of her husband and take care of the children? It seems to me as though 'social roles' have changed dramatically over the years and the changes have been for the better.

Mr. Smith further comments that our society has no boundaries or value sets and children should not grow up in such a society. There are more pressing issues than same-sex marriage regarding the destruction of boundaries and value sets in America. Children are being pelted with messages of consumerism, unhealthy lifestyles, body image, etc. every time they turn on the TV or use the internet. To say that children should not grow up in a society with same-sex marriage is insulting.

marriage is insulting. I truly hope that Mr. Smith is not insinuating that children should not grow up with same-sex parents. In my opinion, it is more important that children grow up in a loving home with people who care about their well being, that they have food to eat and a place to sleep at night, that those who love them make sure they go to school, and help them with their homework. All of these things and countless others are much more important to a child growing up in America than who their parents are and whether or not they happen to be gay. Being in a same-sex relationship does not make you incapable of taking care of a child, just like being in an opposite-sex relationship does not make you a fit parent.

I am also going to conveniently skip over the third paragraph like Mr. Smith skipped over the fact that several of the founding fathers were deists and anti-religious, Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin for example.

The next few paragraphs state the fact that overturning Proposition 8 goes against Supreme Court precedent as an argument for its negative effects. This logic is flawed. If judicial precedents were never overturned, America would still have slaves, interracial marriage would be illegal, and our schools would still be segregated. Perhaps most importantly to Mr. Smith, would be the ruling of Tinker v. Des Moines which gave students the right to express their views and opinions while at school.

Same-sex marriage is not a religious issue or a 'values' issue, or an issue about 'social roles' in America. Same-sex marriage is an equal rights issue and to deny the rights of any American is to deny the rights of all Americans.

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PERSPECTIVES

Rally represented faith and hope

Shane Smith

Saturday was the 47th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, and will forever be remembered in history as the day which extended King's dreams for future generations of Americans. The 8/28 Restoring Honor rally at the Lincoln Memorial was one of faith, hope and charity.

The highlight of the event was Dr. King's niece, Dr. Alveda King, giving a speech of her own dreams for our great country of America. Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy was not changed by Glenn Beck's rally. Instead it was restored and brought back to the forefront of American society.

From the Lincoln Memorial to the Washington Monument and beyond, a massive crowd engulfed the reflecting pool in an attempt to reflect on not only the beginning of America but on themselves as human beings. The rally had nothing to do with Beck or a political agenda, as organizations such as Media Matters and MSNBC claim. The Restoring Honor rally was all about love and the incredible possibilities that arise when human beings come together and allow themselves to be guided by the hand of God through Divine Providence.

I find it interesting that progressives in today's America preach tolerance, however, they appear the most intolerant towards people who walk through daily life with a faith in a higher being. George Washington expressed in his own writings that the hand of Divine Providence was involved in the creation of America and will always be involved in the lives of Americans. Without standing firm to the beliefs held by our founding fathers, this country will only sink into a deep darkness.

In the last century, the rewriting of American history has occurred. The 8/28 rally of 2010

was all about restoring the true history of this great nation; a history guided by the Divine Providence of God. Individuals who attempt to put their own interest in front of God's interest make up the only stains in America's history.

Honoring people such as philanthropist Jon Huntsman and the amazing men and women of the armed forces, who sacrifice their lives so that Americans can have the freedom to live the life they choose. Without the core values of faith, hope and love, Americans would not be living the life of freedom they now enjoy.

The Restoring Honor rally truly took the dream of Martin Luther King Jr. and restored his dream in an attempt to wake up those who have let the dream slip away. Life on earth is

about judging a person by his or her character and making the choice to do either what is right or what is wrong. Life is not relative, as every human being was created with inalienable rights that allow them to live a life in search of always doing what's right.

Americans wake up every day knowing they have the freedom to choose between right and wrong. Glenn Beck is not about his ego. Glenn

Beck is only using his platform to show Americans what their lives can be about: faith, hope and love. I applaud Beck and I applaud all those Americans who stand up for God and for doing what's right, even when it seems so difficult. I call upon the people reading this column to reflect on their own lives and restore their own life with honor and love. Join one another and unite the USA. God Bless America.

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Beck rally full of contradictions

Jack Enright

On Saturday, hundreds of thousands of people turned out in Washington, D.C. to hear conservative icons Glenn Beck and Sarah Palin speak about "restoring honor" to our country. Beck, the organizer of the rally, spoke about the mistakes America has made and a need for restoring honor to our country to compensate for the past. As good as his intents may sound, his rhetoric is counterproductive.

The date, Aug. 28, happened to be the 47th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. Beck claimed

that being in the same location and having it on the same date as Dr. King's legendary speech was mere coincidence. I find this hard to believe.

Now, you may be asking yourself, would Glenn Beck ever lie? A few months ago on his talk radio program he interviewed Debra Medina, a candidate for governor of Texas. He started the interview by saying that he knew nothing about her, but

immediately followed by asking questions about the amount of 9/11 Truth Movement supporters behind her. The self-proclaimed "truthers" are a group of activists dedicated to uncovering facts about the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Not only did he blatantly lie and contradict himself, he quite likely cost Medina the Republican nomination for governor.

While holding a rally the same day as MLK's speech is not necessarily disrespectful to King on its own, it becomes a slap in the face when the leader of it claims the first African-American President of the United States has a "deep-seated hatred for white people" and calls him a "racist" as Beck did in July 2009 on Fox News program *Fox* & *Friends*.

Beck thinks he is in line talking this way because he erroneously believes whites started the civil rights movement. On the May 26 edition of his radio show he arrogantly promised, "We will take that [civil rights] movement [back] because we were the people that did it in the first place."

Quick history lesson for Beck: two African-Americans, two white socialists, and one Jew founded the NAACP. Not exactly the 'we' [white people] he was referring to, and certainly not the composition of the crowd at his rally.

Beck conceded that he is no MLK, and had a novel idea for proving it. He said on his radio show, "I am not going to be standing on the stair that Martin Luther King was standing on."

Instead he was two flights down from that stair. Doesn't that make it a whole lot better?

Beck tried to paint the rally as a religious yet apolitical rally, a time for America to come back to God, restore its values and correct the mistakes of the past. But it was clearly a Tea Party protest on steroids. With a slew of conservative speakers and a mostly white audience, it was not difficult for one to observe the striking similarities.

The Tea Party and conservatives alike need to wake up to the destructive agent provocateur that is Glenn Beck.

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Pro Con COVER STORY

Obama: war in Iraq over, focus on U.S.

By Sara Neal Staff Reporter

Operation Iraqi Freedom is over and it is time for a shift in focus to serving American interests, President Barack Obama said in a televised address Tuesday night. The address lasted just over 18 minutes and was given from the Oval Office.

"Through this remarkable chapter in the history of the United States and Iraq we have met our responsibility," Obama said. "Now, it is time to turn the page."

Senior strategic communication major Sean Strasburger said he thought the address was formal and signified the end of something.

"It was tying the ribbon," he said. "It's like he's finishing off the job, but at the same time there could be more to be done with it."

Even so, Strasburger said he thought a shift in focus is exactly what Americans need.

"We could use the much needed resources, manpower and everything, back [in] the workforce because those are qualified people coming back," he said.

Obama supported his decision to conclude America's combat mission in Iraq by reminding audience members of the promise he made when he took office as well as the current condition in Iraq. "Last February, I announced a plan that would bring our combat brigades out of Iraq, while redoubling our efforts to strengthen Iraq's security forces and support its government and people," Obama said. "That is what we have done."

He went on to encourage Iraq's elected leaders to continue to build a "representative [and] accountable" government and that the U.S. commitment to Iraq does not terminate with the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Only Iraqis can build a democracy within their borders," he said. "What America can do, and will do, is provide support for the Iraqi people as both a friend and a partner."

With the reduction of forces in Iraq, Obama said he intends to reallocate military resources to fighting al-Qaida forces still plotting against the U.S. in Afghanistan.

"As with the surge in Iraq, these forces will be in place for a limited time to provide space for Afghans to build their capacity and secure their own future," he said.

Obama also said he wanted to place more importance on issues facing Americans within American borders—in particular unemployment rates and reviving the education system.

Throughout the address, the president



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In this image from video, President Barack Obama speaks from the Oval Office at the White House on Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, about the end of the U.S. combat role in Iraq.

recognized the many sacrifices of troops and their families over the past seven and a half years. He said veterans returning home would receive health care and benefits, as well as the means to pursue college degrees.

"Part of ending a war responsibly is standing by those who have fought it," he said.

Obama concluded his speech by again

recognizing the loss and sacrifice faced by American troops and their families and the significance of their actions to the future our nation.

"Our troops are the steel in our ship of state," he said. "Though our nation may be travelling through rough waters, they give us confidence that our course is true and that beyond the pre-dawn darkness, better days lie ahead."

New soda fountain well-received

By Jennifer Iller

Staff Reporter

DINING

What used to be seen only in sciencefiction films is now situated in the Brown-Lupton University Union. With a touchscreen interface machine, the Freestyle lets you point and tap to receive your favorite form of Coca-Cola refreshment.

Heralded by Popular Science magazine as "the most advanced soda fountain ever," new Coca-Cola Freestyle fountains have been met with rave reviews from students on campus.

The Freestyle fountains, located in 1873 and Market Square, offer 106 individual flavors, with the possibility for endless combinations. The machines are creating a stir not only with technology magazines, but also with university students.

The machine uses a touchscreen interface that first displays brands the user can choose from. After selecting a brand, a variety of flavors appear, and one simply selects their flavor of choice, presses "pour" and voilà, the selection flows into the cup.

Director of Operations for TCU Dining Services Yves Duguay said the Freestyle was well-received. "It's like sliced bread all over again," Duguaysaid.

The Freestyle works differently than other soda machines in Market Square. Duguay said it was more efficient because it did not require hoses, bags and connections like typical soda fountains. Instead, Duguay said, the machine was self-contained with a 46-ounce cartridge holding the flavors.

Local businesses praised the Freestyle as well. General Manager of the Bryant Irvin Schlotzsky's Deli, John Kamonde, said people come in to the business just to use the machine because the drinks are "so fresh."

Kamonde said drink sales are up 4 percent and said the Freestyle is the "iPhone of drink machines."

The Freestyle is currently in the pilot testing stage with Coca-Cola, and Duguay said the university is the first Sodexo-using campus to have these machines. He also said there was a great probability that they would become permanent, dependent upon surveys done by Coca-Cola.

Sophomore pre-major Drew Stone said he loved the new machines and that the only bad thing about them was long lines.

According to an article by Fast Company magazine, Freestyle machines use "Pure-



Junior biology major Stephen O'Neal uses the Coca-Cola Freestyle fountain in Market Square to select his drink on Tuesday.

Pour" technology to mix flavors. PurePour was originally developed to measure precise amounts of dialysis and cancer drugs.

According to *Popular Science* magazine, the new machine can also upload data such as beverage consumption and peak times to Coca-Cola for market research.

According to the *Fast Company* article, Coca-Cola can also "talk back to the machine," causing it to stop serving a specific drink immediately in case of recall or discontinuance.

Frog Feature

Getting to know Alexis Olympia, the assistant director of admission.

By Caitlin Shaw

Staff Writer

Admission counselor and mother-to-be Alexis Olympia wanted the gender of her first baby to be a surprise. Unlike most mothers, however, Olympia did not wait to find out her child's gender at the baby's birth. Instead, she found out by cutting into a custom-made cake, revealing either blue or pink filling, during a live broadcast of *Good Morning Texas*.

First of all, is it a boy or a girl? "It's a boy!"

What made you want to find out your baby's gender this way?

"I was actually at a doctor's visit...and she just asked me if I would be interested in finding out that way. She is good friends with the Sublime Bakery...so they were kind of working together to promote this new idea. They're called baby reveal cakes. So she said, 'How would you feel about finding out on live television?' And I said, 'OK...tell me more!' I thought, why not? What better way to share it with everyone?" What was it like to find out on live television? "It was a lot of fun, actually. I think I was more nervous about just finding out than really being on TV."

The producers of the show tried to get your husband, who was stationed in Afghanistan at the time, on the phone for the reveal, but couldn't reach him. Were you eventually able to contact him and let him know the result?

"Yes, we did. It didn't work in the segment they had planned, but then in the last...three minutes of the show, they had some time left, and at that point we called again and were able to get through. So we did make it, even though that isn't online, it was on TV."

What was his reaction?

"Oh, [he was] so surprised, so happy. He did think it was a girl, so he was very shocked. Of course, every man wants a boy, so he was really excited. And then, his reaction was funny too. He was like, 'Well, my wife is right again.' That was really cute, too. And I think that once I told him, that made it very real. It was kind of cool."

Go to dailyskiff.com to nominate someone for the Frog Feature.



TEXAS

Legally married gay couples not allowed to divorce

By Jamie Stengle

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) - Gay couples legally married in other states cannot get a divorce in Texas, where same-sex marriage is banned, a state appeals court ruled Tuesday.

The 5th Texas Court of Appeals ruled that a Dallas district court judge didn't have the authority to hear a divorce case involving two Dallas men who married in Massachusetts in 2006.

Republican state Attorney General Greg Abbott's office had appealed after Judge Tena Callahan, a Democrat, said she did have jurisdiction and dismissed the state's attempt to intervene.

"Today's court of appeals decision overruled the district court's improper ruling, confirmed the constitutionality of Texas' traditional definition of marriage and correctly found that Texas courts lack the legal authority to grant divorces to same-sex couples," said Abbott spokesman Jerry Strickland.

Callahan also had ruled Texas couldn't limit marriage to a man and a woman, but the appeals court said the state's same-sex marriage ban was constitutional.

"A person does not and cannot seek a divorce without simultaneously asserting the existence and validity of a lawful marriage," Justice Kerry P. Fitzgerald wrote on behalf of three Republican appeals court justices. "Texas law, as embodied in our constitution and statutes, requires that a valid marriage must be a union of one man and one woman, and only when a union comprises one man and one woman can there be a divorce under Texas law"

The appeals court ordered the case be sent back to Callahan, who must vacate her order.

The men, known only as J.B. and H.B. in court filings, separated amicably two years after getting married.

J.B.'s attorney, Peter Schulte, has said the two men had no children and weren't arguing over how to divide their property, but wanted an official divorce.

"A person does not and cannot seek a divorce without simultaneously asserting the existence and validity of a lawful marriage."

Justice Kerry P. Fitzgerald 5th Texas Court of Appeals

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Schulte said Tuesday they had not yet decided whether to appeal to the Texas Supreme Court.

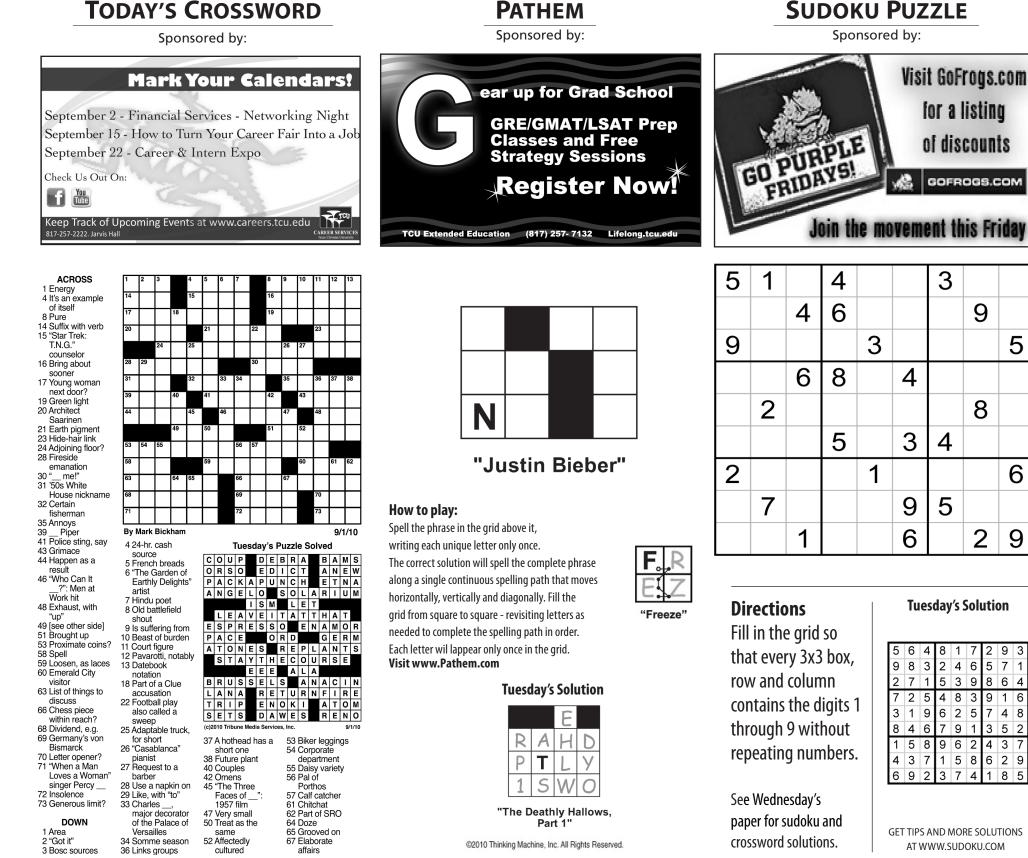
"We obviously disagree with the justices' ruling, but we respect the process and respect the court," Schulte said.

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DONATIONS Alumnus donates antique wagon

By David Stein

Staff Reporter

TCU alumnus I.B. "Barney" Chapman, Sr. and the Chapman Family Ranch recently donated an antique wagon to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, Gene Smith, a university history professor said.

Smith, also the curator of history at the museum, said the information was limited on the wagon, but they believed it to be a 1918 C. Cretors & Company Improved Special Model D wagon.

According to a press release from the TCU Alumni Association, the horsedrawn wagon was originally used to make popcorn and peanuts to sell at rodeos, carnivals and other special events. If it was not donated to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, the

Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. would have accepted it.

Smith said the wagon was placed in the Omni Theater at the museum. He said popcorn could be sold out of the wagon at some point, but they would not use the wagon to make popcorn or peanuts because it would not meet health standards.

"It's a wonderful artifact to a time and an era long passed," Smith said.

According to the C. Cretors & Company website, the company celebrated its 125th anniversary this year and still produces popcorn makers along with other concession products.

Chapman said he donated the wagon to the museum because he preferred that the wagon stayed in Fort Worth since he and his family were from the area.

"It's just one more item to help make the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History one of the most successful museums in the Southwest," Chapman said.

Chapman said that a construction and transportation crew helped to move the wagon from the original building it was stored in to the museum, and a third team disassembled the wagon. The process started at around 5 p.m. that evening and took until the next morning to complete. A brick wall had to be removed so the wagon could be taken out of the original building.

The Chapman Family Ranch was established in 1844, and its primary location is in Clarksville, Texas in the northeastern part of the state, according to its website.



COURTESY OF TCU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TCU alumnus I.B. "Barney" Chapman donated a priceless antique wagon to

the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

ALEXANDRE MENEGHINI / AP PHOTO Federal police stand guard by Texas-born kingpin Edgar Valdez Villarreal, alias "the Barbie," center, during his presentation to the press in Mexico City, Tuesday Aug. 31, 2010.

MEXICAN DRUG WAR Texas-born assassin, drug lord captured

By Mark Stevenson and Paul J. Weber

Associated Press Writers

MEXICO CITY (AP) - A former Texas high school football player and petty street dealer who allegedly rose to become one of Mexico's most savage assassins became the third major drug lord brought down by Mexico in less than a year, and could provide intelligence on even bigger kingpins.

Edgar Valdez Villarreal, known as "the Barbie" for his fair complexion and green eyes, grinned broadly Tuesday as police described a life of luxury and violence that made a battleground of central Mexico, where he waged a war for control against his slain boss's brother.

The 37-year-old Valdez faces charges in three U.S. states for trucking in tons of cocaine. As

Mexico, Valdez could be deported to the United States if Mexico agrees, or he could face prosecution in Mexico for drug-related crimes. Mexican authorities say he could be responsible for dozens of murders.

The arrest was portrayed by Mexico's government as a victory for President Felipe Calderon as he tries to recover public support for his war on organized crime in the face of escalating violence.

Mexican police said they chased Valdez across five Mexican states for a year, a pursuit that intensified in recent months as they raided home after home owned by the drug lord, missing him but nabbing several of his allies. Among those taken into custody was his girlfriend and her mother, Valdez's U.S. lawyer said.

"This has been going on for quite a while," attorney Kent Schaffer told The Associated Press. "So you figure it's just a matter of time."

Born in the border city of Laredo, Texas, Valdez grew up in a middle-class subdivision popular with Border Patrol agents, police officers and firefighters. His father was a nightclub and bar owner.

The former Laredo United High School linebacker became a small-time street dealer as a teen, before rising to become the head of a group of assassins for Mexico's notorious Beltran Leyva gang, allied with the powerful Sinaloa cartel, according to U.S. and Mexican officials.



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a U.S. citizen living illegally in

U.S. and Mexican officials

described Valdez's arrest on Monday as the culmination of a yearlong pursuit and stronger intelligence sharing between the two countries.

SPORTS

Johnson nominated for success on and off the field

By Mason Kerwick Staff Reporter

Senior safety Tejay Johnson was one of 30 college football players nominated for the Lowe's Senior

CLASS Award. Johnson was the second TCU football player to be nominated, following last year's nomination of former



Horned Frog and defensive end Jerry Hughes.

Johnson said he was probably the most surprised to hear about his nomination. He said he had to look up what the Senior CLASS Award was when he was told about his selection as a candidate.

"When I looked into it and saw what it was for, I was kind of impressed and a little shocked, but I also I thought it was neat," Johnson said.

The Senior CLASS Award, which stands for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, measures four categories: classroom, community, character and competition. In addition to football, Senior CLASS Awards are given to athletes from men and women's basketball, baseball, hockey, lacrosse, men and women's soccer, softball and volleyball.

Lowe's Public Relations Coordinator Gerard Littlejohn said, "Other than being a Division I senior, the award is selected on personal qualities on a complete student athlete."

TCU Director of Athletics Media Relations Mark Cohen said Johnson has a strong commitment to both football and academics.

"He is very active in the community," Cohen said. "He should probably do a seminar in time management with all that he has on his plate, with academics, football, his fraternity and time to sing in his gospel choir."

Johnson said time management was crucial to his success in both the community and on the field.

"I took a class freshman year [at TCU] that was based around time management and college preparation," Johnson said. "I learned to manage my time so I could do football as well as extracurricular activities."

Johnson, the oldest of 11 children, said knowing his younger siblings look up to him makes him strive daily to be a good person with good ethics and values.

The winner of the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award will be announced toward the end of the collegiate season.

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE BYU leaving MWC to join WCC

Associated Press

PROVO, Utah (AP) — BYU is going independent in football, after all.

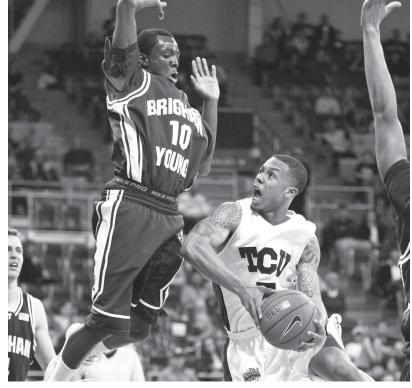
BYU says it is leaving the Mountain West Conference and will go independent in football while joining the West Coast Conference in all other sports in the 2011-2012 school year.

BYU and its new conference announced the moves in simultaneous releases late Tuesday afternoon, saying further details would be given at a news conference Wednesday at BYU's LaVell Edwards Stadium.

The announcement ended nearly two weeks of speculation since BYU's original plan to go independent surfaced, then unraveled within hours when the Mountain West Conference made a protective move and invited Nevada and Fresno State to leave the WAC for the MWC.

BYU had an agreement worked out with the WAC to join in all sports except football, which would play as a Bowl Subdivision independent. The Mountain West's catch of Nevada and Fresno State foiled the plan and left BYU with little time to come up with something else before Sept. 1, the deadline to notify the Mountain West of any plans to leave before the 2011 school year.

Shortly after the BYU and WCC releases, Mountain West commissioner Craig Thompson released his own, saying the league would continue to explore options for the future. It did not mention BYU by name or the



PAUL MOSELEY / FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

TCU's Ronnie Moss (right) goes up against Brigham Young's Michael Loyd, Jr. in the first half of NCAA men's basketball action at Daniel Meyer Coliseum.

Cougars' decision to leave.

"We look forward to the future with great excitement — particularly welcoming recent additions Boise State, Fresno State and Nevada into the Mountain West," Thompson said in the statement.

Boise State joins the Mountain West next year, when Utah leaves for the Pac-

10, and now BYU departs as one of just four independent teams in the NCAA's Bowl Subdivision. The only other football teams without conferences are Notre Dame, Army and Navy.

BYU, owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has been looking into football independence as a way to get the school exposure.



Dear Horned Frogs,

The Mountain West Conference Student-Athlete Committee (SAAC) believes the most important aspects of sports are good ethics and positive sportsmanship. We are very pleased the Conference continues its initiative to enhance this philosophy. We need your assistance to make this effort a success.

The SAAC believes that, in order for an institution to convey a message of good ethics and positive sportsmanship, it must have the involvement and participation of everyone involved with the athletics on campus. This includes, but is not limited to, the President, athletics administrators, coaches, student-athletes and you- the student fans. It is our behavior that will shape the perception of our institutions and teams by the public, the media and our opponents.

Good ethics and positive sportsmanship are philosophies that must be displayed both on and off the playing field. We must take a leadership role to compete at the highest levels, always endeavoring to win, but doing so with grace, class, dignity, and respect.

Please join us in supporting the Conference's Sportsmanship Initiative. Such effort will help make the Mountain West Conference one of the premier conferences in the country, and represent our institutions well.

Cordially,

The Mountain West Conference 2010-11 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee



Working way up the goal pyramid

By Stephen Hawkins

Associated Press Sport Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The pyramid of goals that hangs prominently in TCU's meeting room is a visual reminder of what the Horned Frogs have accomplished and what their goals are.

Each time a goal is reached, sixth-ranked TCU shades that box in with the school color.

The chart that was mostly filled out in purple last season when the Horned Frogs became a BCS buster has been replaced by a fresh one. Only the bottom rungs are shaded, with a lot of uncolored boxes above that.

"To see that every day, it kind of ingrains it in your mind," center Jake Kirkpatrick said Tuesday. "It's hard to know that we got so high last year and now we have to restart."

Never before had TCU filled in as much of its pyramid as last year with its first undefeated regular season since 1938.

The only boxes left unshaded on last season's pyramid were "Go To BCS Game — and Win" since the Frogs lost to Boise State in the Fiesta Bowl, and the ultimate goal at the pinnacle that has never changed in coach Gary Patterson's 10 seasons as head coach: "No. 1, National Champions."

Now the Frogs are starting at the bottom and trying to work their way back up the pyramid again. The shaded pieces for now include attitude, extra effort, mental toughness, chemistry and accountability.

"If you went through what we just went through the last three weeks of two-a-days and as hot as it was, and understand our kids came out of it, you'd color that in purple," Patterson said. "I wish I had a darker shade of purple."

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The only way to shade in more boxes now is by winning games.

TCU opens its season Saturday night against No. 24 Oregon State at Cowboys Stadium. The Frogs have held two workouts at the \$1.2 billion showplace, about 20 miles from campus where the next Super Bowl is being played, to get out the "oohs" and "aahs" of being inside.

Only the middle of the pyramid changes each year, to reflect the

games being played. The top two and bottom two rungs are always the same on the pyramid, which is surrounded by the signature of every player.

"It starts at the bottom, it doesn't have anything to do with wins," Patterson said. "It has all do with you, what kind of football team do you have, and how do you grow up. And then as you climb that deal, it has to do with wins."

While the goals are very visible, Patterson knows the pyramid what's shaded, and more impressionably, what is not — helps keep the team from focusing on what's at the top.

"Right there," he said, pointing to the pyramid. "I don't talk about BCS bid, I don't talk about being 12-0. That's where you make mistakes. ... If you start talking we're going to start in the middle of the pyramid, then you'll be sadly disappointed. And hopefully our team's not doing that."

Senior and fourth-year starting quarterback Andy Dalton, who is tied with Sammy Baugh for the most career victories (29), likes having the pyramid to see every day.

"We're hoping to get back where we were last year. We saw it last year, we came so close," Dalton said. "You hear it all, but to see it up there, to see the things that you've done. ... Work you way up there. It all starts with the foundation."



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In this Nov. 14, 2009 file photo, TCU coach Gary Patterson yells toward an official as he walks onto the field during a timeout in the first half of an NCAA college football game against Utah in Fort Worth, Texas.



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In this Jan. 4, 2010 file photo, TCU's Andy Dalton, left, congratulates Boise State's Kellen Moore (11) after the Fiesta Bowl NCAA college football game Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, in Glendale, Ariz. Boise State defeated TCU 17-10.



Ready to give 'em hell?

TOMORROW: The Gary Patterson Radio Show returns this season

SPORTS

PAGE 10 TCU student athlete nominated for the Lowe's Senior CLASS award



MEDIA RELATIONS

Fans watch from the recent addition to the Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium, the Jane Justin Field House, at the TCU soccer season home opener Friday. The Frogs lost to USC 1-0.

Soccer team taking pride in Jane Justin Field House

By Brett Anderson

Staff Writer

Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium has a new look this season with the recent completion of the Jane Justin Field House on the north side of the stadium.

According to GoFrogs.com, the new complex offers many amenities that were not available to players in the past. It includes home and visitor locker rooms, an officials' locker room, a training room, a sports medicine office, a conference room for coaches and a wrap-around viewing terrace.

Associate Athletics Director and Senior Woman Administrator Kim Johnson said the new space was a significant improvement because each player had a locker with storage space for equipment and personal items.

Johnson said the new field house allows for players to shower after games on-site, unlike in the past where they had to shower at their respective homes. Players previously used a storage shed at the stadium as a changing room on game days.

Senior midfielder Jackie Torda said she

thought the overall quality of university buildings, including the Jane Justin Field House, was excellent.

"I would put the Jane Justin Field House up there with the best of [the buildings]. It is an incredible building and one that will really help take our program to the next level," she said.

Johnson said construction of the field house, approximately 5,000 square feet, cost \$1.8 million.

The complex had its first public debut Aug. 22 with the Frog's home opener against Texas Southern University.

"The new facility was well-received by the team, coaches, officials and fans," Johnson said. "Every group remarked about how beautiful and functional the Jane Justin Field House [is]."

Torda said the construction of the field house meant the soccer program had a building it could take pride in.

Johnson said there would be more benefits to the soccer program in the future.

"This facility will enhance their experience as student-athletes and it will make our program more attractive to prospective studentathletes," she said.