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Elections for the Student Government Association's House of Representatives are on Monday.

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By Jessica Reho and Phil Mann Staff Reporters

New tailgating policies have some members of fraternities and sororities looking to make alternative plans, Greek leaders said.

Troy Pickering, Phi Delta Theta social chair, said his fraternity has no formal plans for this weekend's home opener, but said he suspects many members of legal drinking age will take part in pregame festivities at local bars or attend other informal gatherings.

Pickering said he understands the uni-

versity's policy but fears it will affect game attendance. He said he wishes there were a way to keep all students on campus.

Justin Bass, Delta Tau Delta president, said by banning alcohol at the tailgate, TCU administrators have inadvertently compromised student safety. Those who choose to drink off campus may then choose to drive to the game, he said.

"With organizations taking their tailgating off campus there is a much bigger risk involved," Bass said. "How can the administration not see this risk?'

Kirbie Johnson, Kappa Alpha Theta social chair, said she has mixed feelings about the new tailgate policy.

"I would be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed that alcohol is no longer allowed at the tailgates, especially since I am of legal age to drink," Johnson said. "But on a social and risk management standpoint, this is great for the Greek community. It should help to eliminate the all-too-common drinking fiascos we have to deal with."

She said while Theta has no formal plans this Saturday, that could change for future

games.

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Joshua Jemente, Kappa Sigma president, said even though he would prefer that his fraternity members not go to other bars or house parties, his group will probably go elsewhere in light of the new policy.

**Rec Center** has

gone unnoticed

"I would rather have people drinking in a safe environment, and before, TCU promoted a safe environment that was also school spirited," Jemente said. "Those who choose to drink even a little, and then

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# HOT WHEELS



# Newly hired **SOS** service to provide help abroad

Students and faculty overseas will now have access to a new *emergency service provider* 

#### By Yusi Cheng Staff Reporter

Students and employees traveling abroad will now have experts providing services from health care to political evacuations under guidance of TCU, an official in the Center for International Studies, TCU Abroad said.

TCU signed a contract with International SOS, an international emergency service provider, so students and employees who are studying or conducting research abroad with TCU will benefit from emergency medical, personal, travel, legal and security assistance services, said Trac Williams, associate director for the Center for International Studies, TCU Abroad. Williams said the services will come at no charge, and students and employees will receive a membership card for this service before they go abroad. She said the university purchased the service and referred questions about the cost to TCU Risk Management. Paul Fox, manager of Risk and Insurance, declined to comment on the cost of the service.



Obama should have chosen Michael Phelps as a running mate. Opinion, page 3

#### **PECULIAR FACT**

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Police didn't have much trouble finding a man accused of using a stolen credit card — he signed his own name on one of the receipts.

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RYLEE NYE / Staff Reporter

Keith Whitworth, professor of sociology, Bill Diong, professor of engineering, and Nathan Smith, a senior engineering major test their latest green initiative. The cart, which has three solar panals mounted on it, can power low-power applications, like a piano keyboard.

## Students work to harvest solar energy

**By Chance Welch** Staff Reporter

Keith Whitworth, professor of sociology, is known campuswide for the Purple Bike Program. His latest project revolves around the sun.

Whitworth partnered with engineering professor Bill Diong this fall to develop an environmental project that aims to exploit solar energy using solar-powered carts.

The carts can be wheeled outside to absorb sunlight through solar panels and power applications like a piano keyboard. The remaining energy is stored in a battery for when the cart is indoors or when there is no sunlight.

Diong, who has experience with fuel cell and wind turbine research, said he knew about Whitworth's interest in sustainability from his work with the Pur"We can begin thinking about renewable energy on a small scale so eventually we might be able to implement something on a larger scale."

### **Keith Whitworth**

professor of sociology

a free bike for up to a semester.

So when there was an opportunity to apply for a \$3,596 TCU Instructional improve teaching methods or develop new courses, the two collaborated.

"He mentioned he taught this class on environmental sustainability, and students had to work on a project related to sustainability," Diong said. "For this fall, we thought that we would have the students basically make use of what

ple Bike Program, which lends students we call a solar-powered mobile unit, which is a set of solar panels mounted on a cart."

The result is a new project for the Development grant offered to faculty to class "Contemporary Topics: Social Justice And Environmental Sustainability Across the Global Economy" or "Sustainability is Sexy." Whitworth said the 75 students in the class hope to demonstrate the power gathered from the sun using solar-powered carts at

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## Pat Green to take school out for a dance

By Matt Syme Staff Reporter

The university will mark the grand finale of the Brown-Lupton University Union Grand Opening Week today with a performance by country singer and Texas native Pat Green.

Programming Council chair Kristen Chapman said the Student Government Association landed Pat Green back in January.

"I am very excited," Chapman said. "We have been looking forward to having Pat Green here for a long time."

Green, born in San Antonio and raised in Waco, attended Texas Tech University, according to CMT.com. In college, he began his music career by playing in by showing their ID cards. Alumni can the concert.



Green

clubs and opening for other bands. Today, he has had more than 10 songs on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs list. His most popular hit is called 'Wave on Wave," according to CMT.com.

exclusively to students, faculty and alumni. Students and faculty are allowed to bring one non-TCU guest as long as they show their ID card at the entrance of the Commons, SGA adviser Brad Thompson said.

Admission is free. Students and faculty will be allowed into the concert

**Grand Finale Concert** What: Pat Green concert When: Friday 8 p.m. Where: Commons lawn

obtain tickets at the DJ Kelly Alumni Center.

Thompson said no alcohol will be allowed at the event to ensure everyone's safety. Refreshments will be offered at the concert, but concert attendants will not be allowed to bring any of their own. Thompson said TCU police will provide security at the event.

Micky and the Motorcars will open

Williams said The Center for Interna-

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## Safety concerns thwart plans for disc golf course

## By Phil Mann

Staff Reporter

Even though funds were allocated for it, a Frisbee golf course won't be built on campus.

A student proposal to build a Frisbee golf course was dismissed by the administration because of safety concerns, a Student Government Association official said.

Frisbee golf, also known as Disc golf or FROLF, is a game similar to golf where players throw discs at specified chained baskets or targets, such as trees or lampposts.

SGA vice president Brett Major said the Physical Plant raised concerns that people could throw discs close to the buildings and close to the street.

"Once the bill has been signed and passed on to the administration to approve, it is out of our hands," Major said.

The course had been planned for the open grassy field in Worth Hills across from the University Recreation Center, Major said.

SGA president Thomas Pressly said SGA had first passed a bill in November 2006, calling for \$5,000 in SGA funds to be put toward the course, but the administration denied the bill because the Frisbee golf course required more money. Pressly said a new bill was passed a year ago in November calling for an additional \$7,000, totaling \$12,000 for the Frisbee course, but the administration

The event is open

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drive, jeopardize the whole student body."

Delta Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega, Pi Kappa Phi and Phi Gamma Delta declined to comment on plans for the game. Chi Omega, Zeta Tau Alpha, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Phi Epsilon did not reply to an e-mail requesting comment.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the administration is supporting only the student tailgate at the Commons, but if or-

ganizations choose to go elsewhere, that is their decision. Students cannot purchase tailgate spots in the alumni parking lot, but invitations by alumni - past members, for example — are OK, he said.

Thomas Pressly, Student Government Association president, said the tailgating situation is unfortunate because in the past some underage took advantage of the situation and ruined it for others.

"You don't need alcohol to enjoy yourself," he said.

Pressly said he is expecting a good turnout at Saturday's tailgate, especially with fraternity rush still underway.

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on Sept. 13. Whitworth said he is asking TCU Athletic Marketing for approval and to iron out the details. He said the carts will most likely power laptop computers signing up football fans for the TCU "Live Green Pledge," a commitment to reduce their impact on the environment by pledging to recycle, buy locally-produced or organic food or join an environmental group on campus, among other activities.

Diong said senior engineering student Nathan Smith was responsible for building the carts with help from the engineering department staff. Diong said there are nine carts, each one having three silicon solar panels.

Whitworth said students will be divided into teams to think about ways in which the nine solar-powered carts can be utilized on campus.

"We can begin thinking about renewable energy on a small scale so eventually we might be able to implement something on a larger scale," Whitworth said.

Diong said solar power doesn't more students to the idea. come without its constraints, however. He said the maximum power that can be generated by the three solar panels on each cart is only anthropology credit without pre-45 watts, which is enough to fuel requisites.

small electronics or low-power laptop computers. Diong said he is still determining the range of a football game against Stanford capability for these carts and remains optimistic about the future of solar power.

"We could make use of the rooftops on buildings to place panels and use that power to complement the grid power," Diong said. "Since Texas has quite a lot of sunshine we should take advantage of it."

In terms of approaching the administration about putting solar panels on buildings, Whitworth said he doesn't have a formal plan, but he hopes this project will spark a conversation. Whitworth acknowledged that other colleges in Texas are utilizing alternative power sources like solar and wind energy.

The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A & M have participated in an international design contest in Washington, D.C., called the "Solar Decathlon" where teams from more than 20 universities build a solar-powered home. Diong said the students are not engineering majors and won't enter the project into a competition, but he hopes the class will attract

The "Sustainability is Sexy" class is available to all students as a sociology, criminal justice and

## HAVING A BALL



Two students play catch outside of the University Recreation Center on Thursday afternoon. Thursday brought relief from the summer heat with a high temperature of 89.



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tional Studies learned of International SOS through NAFSA: Association of International Educators. She said all the Ivy League schools are using this company, as well as or corporations She said in the past, staff members from the center had to independently research travel information for students, and students had to purchase an emergency evacuation supplement in addition to their study abroad tuition.

According to the emergency provider's Web site, 20 Harvard University affiliates were evacuated to safer locations by International SOS personnel during Israel's bombing of Lebanon in 2006.

Williams said students with sor of professional practice and ealth issues who were hesi-

abroad this summer in Japan, said he was satisfied with the safety while studying there, but his Japanese professor was the only person whom students could refer to while they were in Japan.

Rob Rhodes, associate profesdirector of international program

for the Neeley School of Business,

said one of the advantages is that

if he encounters students having

health issues he could call International SOS experts who can

speak fluent English and get the

"It's a real comforting resource,"

best health advice.

## Congratulations to all Alpha Chi's Fall 2008 New Members!

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"Together let us seek the heights.

"None of us could be an expert to the degree this company could be," Williams said.

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shot down the bill in the spring.

Major said SGA placed the money

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tant to take advantage of study abroad programs can contact International SOS for predeparture advice on how to manage the situation abroad. She said International SOS has its own clinics in remote locations where health care is not the same standard as

that in the United States. Rhodes said. "Students are far bet-Randall Bryant, a senior muter off being taken care of by prosic education major who studied fessionals."

for the Frisbee course in a reserve fund, a surplus of money budgeted but not used from previous SGA events. He said the money set aside

for the course will go toward future

SGA planning until the administration approves a course. Pressly said students and the administration are still in talks about the possibility of a Frisbee

golf course. In the meantime, students play Frisbee golf in makeshift courses campuswide, said Anthony Butorac, a junior radio-TV-film major.

"Considering there practically is one already, just not official, I don't understand why safety concerns are a problem," Butorac said. "Don't you think they would have done something about safety concerns with what we have been doing now?"

Butorac said most TCU Frisbee golfers can be found playing at night because there is less of a chance of hitting people with the discs, but having a course available all day would be preferred.



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## *The Skiff View*

## Rankings not sound way of judging colleges' quality

The university has dropped in the U.S. News and World Report rankings for the third year in a row.

Three years ago, TCU was in the top 100. Today, it sits on the No. 113 rung.

But fear not, Horned Frogs. Based on the administrators' comments and information from the U.S. News and World Report on how these numbers are determined, the process seems shoddy at best. A lot of weight is placed on peer review from administrators at other universities, which is too subjective to reflect the actual value of the education TCU offers. Some universities market to other universities for this very reason.

"I get stuff in the mail from other colleges trying to convince directors of admissions and deans of admissions that they're a good school," director of Freshman Admission Wes Waggoner said. "Some schools market to other college presidents because of this."

In Chancellor Victor Boschini's words, "It's a total popularity contest."

The swanky Union, upgraded football facilities and the new dorms indicate that administrators at TCU prioritize the students' lives on campus. The speakers who visit campus, the highly respected professors in their fields of study who occupy the classrooms and the continually expanding study abroad program indicate TCU administrators also prioritize the students' academic and cultural growth.

There is no need to spend tuition dollars on brochures that basically suck up to other university administrators so they would give TCU a good review.

The university and its students should feel secure in its quality, even if the number that supposedly represents it might not look so promising.

Administrators are doing well in standing firm to what they — and the students — believe to be beneficial to the university.

Thank you for not being sycophants.

*Web Editor Saerom Yoo for the Editorial Board.* The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

## Despite Obama's rhetoric American promise alive



tinction? Is it pro-American governments throughout the world? Are things as bad as the senator says they are when millions of people still flock here to escape their current conditions and seek better lives? There are people, of course, who are TEU TAILGATES MOVED TO ... THE CAMPUS COMMONS!

Nate Arnold is a senior business information systems major from Edmond, Ok.

# 24-hour library convenient



If you're one of those people, like I am, who remembers the assignment for the next class at 2 a.m. and suddenly realizes your friendly computer has betrayed you, there's no need to panic. You can take your time, gather your stuff and walk to the library at 3 a.m., or at your own convenience, thanks to our 24-hour library.

With the growing campus community, students will now have the choice of accessing the library on their own time. They don't have to worry about finishing their assignments in a hurry or waiting for someone to open the doors in the first hour so they can rush to their class.

With the convenience of a 24-hour library, students who want a secluded and silent area to study can find their place. Oftentimes, you might have an exam the next day, and you're constantly bugged by your roommate's loud music or the party next door. No worries. You can just leave them alone and get to your safe haven where you can study in peace. After all, it's your exam, and you have to do well. And hey, you do not have to yell at your roommate. afterall.

It is also good to know Bistro Burnett will be open — a 24-hour Starbucks. It will give students some snacks to munch on if their stomaches growl, and a cup of coffee will certainly help them to be awake to finish assignments.

Security is one of the concerns. When I walk toward the library at 3 a.m., how secure will I feel? It wouldn't be difficult to reconcile the fact that there might be some prowlers waiting outside near the library for someone to walk out in the middle of the night. I hope the TCU Police comes up with measures to tackle this issue unless the students are forced to stay within the library until dawn.

The success of the 24-hour library will certainly depend on the students. The university has offered us a benefit, and it is in our best interest that we utilize it. Most students might not be seen lingering in the library at 3 a.m. during normal school session, but I see many others, including myself, during the mid-term and the final week of school.

Having a 24-hour library is also a matter of pride for TCU and its students. This action shows the university's efforts to provide students with the best possible facilities, as well as how much it cares for its students' educations.

Bibek Bhandari is a senior international communication major from Nepal.

Barack Obama's speech last week at the Democratic National Convention was no doubt a good one. It accomplished what he wanted: inspiring Americans with powerful themes, appealing for noble causes. He demonstrated, once again, how his rhetorical prowess eclipses that of virtually every modern politician, sending the 80,000 in attendance into a frenzy of adoration.

Amid the cheering and the historic nature of the moment, given Obama's acceptance speech occurring on the 45th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, it was easy to get caught up in the master wordsmith's language. And if you did, you would probably think our country is worse off now than we have been in the last century.

"[O]ur economy is in turmoil, and the

The fact is we are better off than any previous generation, better of than our parents were and certianly better off than their parents were.

American promise has been threatened once more," Obama said.

Really, in turmoil? The economy grew 3.3 percent from April to June, according to the Department of Commerce. Unemployment rates remain lower than at any time in 2003 and we had record exports. The markets have been recovering since the subprime mortgage crisis bottomed out stocks earlier this year. It doesn't quite sound like a time of despair, does it?

Of course, these are just statistics that can only give a general snapshot of American prosperity at a particular time, but the point is the economy has seen far worse days.

As far as the American promise goes, what danger is forcing it to the brink of ex-

suffering. We're fighting a war. Gas prices are too high and many have lost their homes or jobs. We may not be in the best economic or political shape in our country's history, but we're not that far off either.

The fact is we are better off than any previous generation, better off than our parents were and certainly better off than their parents were.

Consider the thought of our everyday concerns compared to those Americans during the Great Depression or Civil War or those in Darfur or any other wretched place in the world or history. Having to sacrifice some of our pleasantries to pay for \$4 gasoline doesn't seem that bad.

Americans are naturally looking for inspiration, but Obama sees it through radical changes to our entire economy. He sees it through unprecedented spending, higher taxes on business and the nationalization of health care. He sees a nation where we can't even harvest some of our most precious natural resources and he can speak without preconditions to the most dangerous leaders on the planet. He sees his own grandiose vision as the solution to all of America's problems.

And because he sees inspiration only in the extraordinary, he ignores a wealth of true encouragement in the everyday acts and sacrifices of ordinary Americans. Those people who work their hardest in hope of a better future for themselves and their children might "cling to guns and religion" in their spare time, as Obama suggested earlier this year.

He sets aside the incredible sacrifices made by the gatekeepers of American promise, our soldiers. Monday they handed over control of Iraq's largest province to the Iraqi military, one of the greatest achievements since the war began. We haven't heard much from Obama about how much progress has been made there.

The American promise is alive and well, but you wouldn't know it by listening to Obama's speech. If that's how you judged our nation, we truly are in terrible shape and the only thing that can save us is more of him.

Max Landman is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Uvalde.

# Dems missed chance in VP pick



Last week's Democratic National Convention in Denver showcased the first time many Americans got a glimpse of Barack Obama's running mate, Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware.

Like any good patriot, I believe an open dialogue about political issues is necessary for the health of our nation. Therefore, let me express my outrage that Obama passed up on the most obvious choice for his potential vice president: Olympic swimming champion Michael Phelps.

First of all, Joe Biden will garner Obama virtually zero extra electoral votes. Biden hails from the tiny state of Delaware, which according to the Federal Election Commission, accounts for three of the 538 total electoral votes.

Basically, if your body were the United States Electoral College, Delaware would be the third eyelash on your right eyelid. Delaware isn't exactly going to swing the election.

Michael Phelps hails from the electoral colossus of Maryland, which carries 10 votes. Not only would Phelps' presence on the ticket assure a landslide victory usually reserved for an unopposed dictator in his home state, but Phelps could take his show on the road to win those crucial swing states.

All Phelps would have to do is show up in a hotly-contested area, find a large body of water, and beat a high-powered speed boat in a 15 mile swim.

Men would dig his athletic prowess, and women would be all over his washboard abs. Bam. Instant blue state.

Now it's on to the medal count. Joe Biden has zero career Olympic medals. Michael Phelps has 16.



#### The 14-time gold metal winner, Michael Phelps, swims in the Beijing Olympics.

Phelps has 14 golds that he presumably uses to woo women and prop up his couch.

He also has two bronze medals that have been rumored to lie at the bottom of a landfill in Taos, N.M. because Phelps wants everyone to forget about the time he didn't completely vaporize the competition with feats of swimming greatness.

When it comes to duties as speaker of the Senate, Phelps has Biden beat again.

Biden will try to solve problems with lame things like words and diplomacy.

Michael Phelps will eat any and all opponents.

According to Fox News, Michael Phelps eats 12,000 calories a day. This is roughly the equivalent of ingesting 12 grown human males.

A certain Republican senator from Alaska trying to blow up schools so he can drill for oil? A little closed-door meeting with Mr. Phelps would make sure all those children get the education they so desperately need. While the U.S. Constitution states that one must be at least 35 years old to be vice president, they also spell the word choose as "chuse," thus robbing it of any credibility.

So what if Phelps is 23? The Constitution was obviously written in a time when proper spelling was optional and our founding fathers could not foresee the existence of a dolphin/man hybrid that would take the nation by storm.

I propose we add the Phelps Amendment to the Constitution, because everyone knows the best laws are made hastily and without foresight into their effect on the public.

Remember Prohibition? America was a peaceful land completely devoid of gangsters and smuggling then, and it's not like people formed underground drinking clubs. Good job, Congress.

Obama-Phelps '08. It's not too late.

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# FEATURES



**Coming Next Tuesday** 

With all the food safety concerns in the news, how is Dining Services dealing?

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Below are stills from "Uncommon Sense," the new exhibit from TCU's Fort Worth Contemporary Arts gallery, which runs through October.

Left: Photo by B.J. Bellard Below: Film Stills

# Art exhibits fresh views

By B.J. Bellard Staff Writer

On display at the Fort Worth Contemporary Arts is an exhibition by artists Rebecca Barron, Richard Wentworth and Tom Sachs. Attempting to explain the world we live in, the artists examine the idea of archive as it exists within society and within culture. It is the first exhibition of the 2008 season and runs through Oct. 12.

"The archive can be anything from the library that you go into, and there are all these books, to personal archives, like your recipes," said Gavin Morrison, museum curator. "It's any place where all of this

derstanding is transferred in an accidental, unconscious sort of way. The artist finds instances within the urban landscape where people use what is around them to solve or get around immediate problems- a potted plant or block of concrete may be used to prop open a door. These instances of ingenuity are the seeds of the archive and may suggest of the archive being processed within the individual who views it. The individual then begins to see the world in the artist's light.

"There's this wide-wide range of work that I would term experimental," said Barron, a filmmaker. "It sort of falls

Wentworth suggests world meaning and un- film, how meaning lies within the discreet moments, and trying to piece it all together.

> Sachs used the fragments of bricolage to create a cultural questioning within the archive. He created an exact replica of the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing Module in his NASA film, examining the ways in which culture thinks about the space program, in particular during the 1960s, when there was a sense of heroics associated with the space program and there was reflection on The Cold War. Sachs seeks to introduce a wider understanding of what culture is by

information is brought together in kind of a systematic way."

Some of the works on exhibit are reflective of a dialogue about the nature of the archive within itself and within particular instances, and others question

archived within them.

Wentworth's photographic series, "Making Do and Getting By", finds meaning in the everyday task of roadway striping. Street painters cided to do some research," Barron said. Those use simple methods like measuring by their own foot length, to devise elaborate systems of drawing and measurement. From this system, ing the role of photographs, the relationship to



graphs from the 1897 how archives get meaning from things that are failed expedition of Swedish explorers who attempted to reach the North Pole by hydrogen balloon.

> "The images were so compelling that I deinitial found objects became the catalyst for considering, not just the expedition, but consider-

circumventing these ideals and introducing ideas with a different cultural context. He uses music, which obviously wasn't there, and presents scenes in which astronauts are smoking and drinking.

The Fort Worth Contemporary Arts, established in 2007, is funded through a university grant and is administered by the Art and Art History Departments.

"The university wanted to develop a facility for the university community and to reach out to the wider North Texas Community and provide international contemporary art that perhaps wouldn't be seen in the area otherwise," Morrison said.



## Local bakery a sweet breakaway

**By Erica Hochstedler** 

Staff Writer

Hidden away just off Camp Bowie is a small, yellow cottage called The Cupcake Cottage. This adorable, family-owned business opened in September 2006 and has been baking deliciously gorgeous cupcakes ever since.

The Cupcake Cottage has 31 flavors, including its seasonal ones, to choose from. Each day they bake five different flavors from scratch. The flavors available on each day are determined by the preorders customers make for that day. A list of the flavors they will be baking are listed on its Web site. My personal favorite is the peanut butter cup because it mixes pieces of peanut butter into the cake. My next favorite would have to be the double chocolate. This chocolate cupcake is enough to satisfy the worst of chocolate cravings you might have. The yummy, buttercream icing that tops each cupcake is a sugary goodness that makes these cupcakes absolutely delightful. Just the thought of it all puts a smile on my face. For a slightly different, but equally as lovely cupcake, The Cupcake Cottage also offers cream cheese, chocolate buttercream or chocolate fudge frosting by request on preorders.

The shop is quite small and minimally decorated, making the first and only thing you see when you walk in the door the display of wonderful cupcakes. There is always someone there to greet you with a smile and help you in the decision process of choosing a flavor. The simple sign above the register lists the price of the standard cupcakes as \$2.45, which may seem pricey at first, but I would much rather pay for an amazingly good cupcake than for a random pastry at a coffee shop. Although, there is one other option: the shop also bakes babycakes, or mini cupcakes, that are almost too cute to eat for 95 cents each. I almost



The Cupcake Cottage sells specially made cupcakes in a variety of unique

always get one each of the babycakes so I can have a taste of all the flavors it has. It is much more economical that way. If more than one cupcake simply will not do, the standard cupcakes are \$29.40 a dozen, and the babycakes are \$11.40 a dozen. The Cupcake Cottage takes preorders as these orders determine the flavors for the day. Their Web site is a great place to see all the options they have for any cupcake needs you may have. This cottage also has blogs about its cupcakes that explain many things about cupcakes, such as the most popular flavors.

You must be quick about things as the shop opens at 10 a.m. and closes when the last cupcake is sold. However, you can call or send an e-mail to the cottage requesting it to hold cupcakes for you, so you won't miss out on your favorite flavor.

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## NEWS

# Breakless bikes a growing trend

By Megan Twohey Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — It was dusk in Wicker Park, and cyclists wearing fitted jeans, caps and hooded sweat shirts were gathering for a nighttime ride.

Different frames and colors flashed in the streetlight — a Cinelli Vigorelli, sleek and white; a red Motobecane with purple grips.

But in a controversial and increasingly popular trend, not one of the bicycles had brakes. As the cyclists glided onto the streets on their fixed-gear bikes, the only way for them to slow down was to force the rear wheels into a skid.

Illinois law prohibits riding brakeless bikes on the streets, but that hasn't stopped a growing number of young people from hitting the road with bicycles they see as pure and stripped-down.

Although some cyclists say experienced riders are capable of safely handling these bikes, others insist no one should ride one on a public street. Critics say the bikes create potentially dangerous conditions at a time when cycling is on the rise.

"There's no way that someone could go out on the streets and ride safely without brakes," said Aram Bayzaee of Northbrook, who races a brakeless fixed-gear bike on an outdoor velodrome track.

Critics are particularly contemptuous of wannabe bike messengers they say are wiping out, flying through red lights and crashing into people.

"They're a public safety hazard," said Andrew Floyd, 31, of Chicago, a longtime cyclist who has ridden a fixed-gear bike without brakes on the street for years.

The Chicagoland Bicycle Federation says fixed-gear riders comprise an extremely small percentage of the cycling demo-

graphic. But Eric Pitts, owner of Smart Bike Parts in Avondale, said he thinks people would be surprised by their growing numbers.

"I'd say 1 out of 20 bikes in Chicago today is fixed-gear with no brakes," Pitts said. "The trend is exploding."

With a fixed-gear bike, the gear connecting the rear wheel and pedals is threaded onto the hub and secured with a lock ring. Whenever the rear wheel is turning, the pedals move in the same direction, and vice versa.

Stopping one of these bikes requires both skill and strength. When riding on the street, cyclists lift the back wheel off the ground by locking their legs, then in the 1990s, first in New York bring it back down, forcing it to hop or skid.

Riders say their fixed-gear bicycles are easy to maintain and make for a Zen-like riding experience because all the control comes from the legs and mental focus is crucial.

With the legs continuously in motion, it's easier to shed weight and beef up the calves, cyclists say. But perhaps most important are the aesthetics the streamlined bikes look sleek and cool.

cyclist, swore he would never ride a fixed-gear bike without brakes. The paralegal from Chicago thought they were simply too dangerous.

Then, two and a half years ago, he climbed on one at the urging of a friend.

"At first I said, 'Are you out of your mind?' " Magnus recalled. "But after five minutes of riding, I was hooked. I'll never ride another bike again."

Some fixed-gear bikes, called track bikes, are designed for use on velodromes — banked racing tracks — and do not have a hand brake. Other types come with brakes, which can be removed and often are. Prices range from



E. JASON WAMBSGANS / Chicago Tribune via MCT Mark Almaria brakes on his fixed-gear bike in Wicker Park in Chicago, Ill., in late August.

\$300 to thousands of dollars. Bike messengers started riding fixed-gear bikes without brakes and then in other cities. In the last several years, the urban hipster set has followed, with some stripping down old free-wheel bikes, like 10-speeds, and converting them to fixed gear.

But many buy new models, and manufacturers are scrambling to meet demand. California-based Specialized launched two fixed-gear Langster models in 2003 and now offers six, including the Langster Chicago decorated with an image of the city skyline. Five of the mod-Josh Magnus, 27, a longtime els come equipped with brakes, which the company recognizes don't always stay on.

"There are a lot of new people getting into it," said Don Langley, a specialized product manager and longtime velodrome racer for whom the Langster is named. "Some people take the brakes off to make it a more pure form of cycling."

Skateboarders and fans of BMX bikes are among those who have been drawn to the brakeless trend, said Alex Gonzalez, 20, who grew up in Chicago and recently moved back from Miami.

"Before I left, a lot of people were skating, but now everyone is riding fixed-gear," said Gonzalez, who is hooked on his Cinelli Su-

percorsa Pista. "It's like the new subculture. It's as dangerous as skating. You can cut through cars, go through red lights, do tricks."

Chicago does not track how many cycling accidents involve brakeless bikes. Reflecting the growing number of bicycles on the streets, total bike accidents in Chicago went from 1,247 in 2004 to 1,390 in 2006, the most recent data available, the Chicagoland Bicvcle Federation said.

Bike federation officials stress there are more serious threats to public safety than brakeless bikes, such as riding at night without lights. They argue the hazard is reckless riding — not the type of bike.

But cyclists complain that novices on brakeless bikes are especially dangerous. Even experienced riders of the bikes say they are destined to crash.

Ben Van Couvering, 26, of Chicago races a track bike on a velodrome in Northbrook and experimented on the streets with a fixed-gear bike without brakes. He said he climbed off for good after several months.

Most experienced cyclists try to reduce the already-sizable dangers by installing at least one brake on such bikes, he said.

"In the end," he said, "brakeless fixed-gear bikes belong on the velodrome and nowhere else."

## Candidates see benefit of surge in Afghanistan

#### By Kim Barker and Aamer Madhani Chicago Tribune

KABUL, Afghanistan — Abdullah Masjidi cannot go home anymore, though his village is only 30 miles from the capital. When he tried to drive there this summer, he was stopped by friendly villagers warning that he looked too Western. "You don't have a beard," he was told. "The Taliban will kill you."

Masjidi and other Afghans are looking for someone to re-establish law and order in their country, where Taliban-led insurgents have gained increasingly more power and now threaten provinces near Kabul, the capital.

For American military officials and both U.S. presidential candidates, the answer is more troops — a "mini-surge" of about 10,000 personnel. But those troops would find a far different scenario in Afghanistan than in Iraq, one complicated by mountainous terrain and a population famous for resisting foreign invasions and suspicious of U.S. motives. That suspicion has increased since the issue of civilian casualties in the conflict has tainted the image of international troops.

It also would probably be more difficult to separate Afghanistan's ethnic Pashtuns from the Taliban insurgency, which is a homegrown movement, than it was for U.S.-led forces to separate some of Iraq's Sunni insurgents from al-Qaida, which was born of a foreign ideology, analysts say.

And it's hard to imagine any victory as long as insurgents can find refuge in neighboring Pakistan.

On Monday, Pakistan's top security official acknowledged that

al-Qaida's leadership moved freely in and out of the country. Rehman Malik, the Interior Ministry chief, said the al-Qaida "syndicate" had been allowed to operate across the region and "free passage was given to them" to come to Pakistan.

Meanwhile, Pakistani intelligence and a witness told The Associated Press that at least 15 people were killed in an attack involving U.S.-led forces in a Pakistani village near the Afghan border. The U.S.led coalition in Afghanistan said it had no report of an incursion; Pakistan's army confirmed an attack but did not specify if it believed foreign troops were involved.

Masjidi, like many average Afghans, Afghan officials and Western analysts, does not think more troops alone are the answer to Afghanistan's Taliban-led insurgency. Some say more troops could even stiffen the resistance.

Those are the issues for the U.S. presidential candidates as they weigh plans to send more troops to Afghanistan.

Democratic candidate Barack Obama has put Afghanistan at the front of his foreign policy, calling for at least 7,000 more U.S. troops to be sent there. GOP candidate John McCain says at least 10,000 more troops are needed.

Many experts say the solution here is much more complicated than that applied in Iraq.

'It's not just troops or guns that will solve the issue, but in order to demonstrate the U.S. commitment and to provide the security to give the Afghan people the confidence

... a troop surge is necessary," said Lisa Curtis, a South Asia expert at the conservative Heritage Foundation.





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that we are going to take SFA lightly, they would be sadly mistaken."

One way the Frogs can hang on to the ball is by the play of sophomore quarterback Andy Dalton. The quarterback threw for 120 yards and ran for 56 more, while only throwing one interception.

"He only made one bad decision," said Patterson, referring to a third-quarter interception by Dalton. "Outside of that, I thought he managed the game very well."

The coach said focus is the biggest challenge facing his players going into the home opener.

"When it's a first game in your stadium, it's usually the first time they get to play in front of their parents, girlfriends and anyone else they know," Patterson said. "You will see them doing things differently. They can get distracted and not do their job the way they should."

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at all," Abdalla said.

For the second week in a row, a TCU player has been named the Mountain West Conference Offensive Player of the Week. Last week it was junior forward Lizzy Karoly, this week freshman forward Jordan Calhoun earned the honor. Calhoun, who was also named to Soccer Buzz Magazine's Elite Team of the Week, scored two goals against Xavier and had the equalizer against Ole Miss. She has now scored five goals in three games.

"I was really surprised," Calhoun said. "It's amazing. I couldn't have done it without all the support up top."

#### **QUICK SPORTS**

#### Club teams can now pay coaches

have permission to pay head coaches if they choose. The decision to give coaches payments is left up to each sport.

The payment that coaches can earn will come from the club's dues to cover the cost. If coaches do agree to get paid, each club can get in touch with Cristie Carpenter, the associate director of programs, to arrange the payment. The option to pay head coaches

was implemented to help push the

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the rest until their picture clears

up. As for Houston, Andre Johnson

and Owen Daniels will take their

usual positions in your starting

TCU Club Sports teams now competitive level for the clubs, she said. Payments can also be made in alternate ways. "Clubs can go as far as covering

the cost of gas for a coach to get (to campus) to help," Carpenter said.

The overall goal for paying coaches is to assist them in any way to accommodate their commitment to their team and enhance the competitive edge in their coaching.

Staff Reporter Matt Syme



DAVID L. POKRESS/ Newsday via MCT New York Jets' Brett Favre warms up before the Jets' game against the Washington Redskins in East Rutherford, N.J., in August.

> lineup while the rest of the roster should stay on the bench.

Dallas Cowboys at Cleveland Browns:

A good rule of thumb for this season, as it was last season, is if they are a starter for the Cowboys they should be a starter for you. Their offense should dominate the Browns defense easily. The only questions for both teams lie on the other side of the ball. The Cowboys need to show an improved defense on paper translates to the field, while Derek Anderson needs to prove he's healthy and can play at the level the Dawg Pound came to expect last season. For this week, Dallas' defense should sit while Anderson, Braylon Edwards and Kellen Winslow all stand.

# **Expect NFL premiere** to be filled with action

#### By Cam Inman Contra Costa Times

The premier and prescient Crystal Ball is back by popular demand after a one-year hiatus. OK, the only demand came from the Ball's boss, Zoltar. Before we begin, it's time for a refresher course of the Ball's weekly mission.

What you're about to read is not your typical, data-driven analysis. It's absolute nonsense. Except for the predicted results.

The Crystal Ball dominated its competition during its previous life on the sports page. But then, like Brett Favre, it got pressured into early retirement. And, like Favre, the Crystal Ball just can't go away, as much as you may eventually wish it did after these picks:

Cardinals 23, 49ers 16: Tired of hearing coach Mike Nolan explain another 49ers loss, the NFL commissioner takes a politically incorrect cue from the LPGA and demands that Nolan speak any language "other" than English.

Raiders 27, Broncos 26: This being the 25th anniversary of their last Super Bowl championship, the Raiders' triumphantly rely on No. 25 (running back Justin Fargas) and his 25 carries. It also helps that they've enlisted every ex-Broncos receiver they could find: Javon Walker, Ashley Lelie, Rod Smith, Ed McCaffrey, Ricky Nattiel and Rick Upchurch.

Cowboys 37, Browns 10: It's a 1990's flashback: The Cowboys look like contenders, "Beverly Hills 90210" is back on the air and America is celebrating a men's basketball gold medal.

Steelers 36, Texans 31: No one's faster than Steelers' running back "Fast" Willie Parker.

Lions 26, Falcons 21: With his stalking case delayed in Atlanta, Shaquille O'Neal finds time to bolster Detroit's defense as their new cover cornerback. Falcons receivers promptly file complaints that Shaq is eerily stalking them, too.

Dolphins 18, Jets 14: Brett Favre retires after the first quarter. Ricky Williams does, too. They return after halftime, only to retire again at the

Was that a dopedup Jamaican hurdler? Oh, no, that was just LaDainian Tomlinson ...

two-minute warning. Meanwhile, ex-Jet Chad Pennington lifts Miami to a stunning win, and then retires.

Patriots 24, Chiefs 13 Two questions emerge during this AFC tilt: Can the Patriots really repeat a 16-0 regular season, and, more intriguing, can the Chiefs post the league's first 0-16 campaign?

Saints 31, Buccaneers 20: Hurricane passes through town, the Superdome re-opens to a raucous crowd and the Saints feed off that energy for a rousing win. It's a familiar yet touching story.

Eagles 27, Rams 23: One minute Chase Utley is crashing into home plate for the Phillies, the next he's on the Eagles and running right through rookie Chris Long on the Rams defensive front. (Oh,

if only we still had two-sport stars like Deion Sanders and Bo Jackson.

Colts 24, Bears 17: In a surprise move, the Bears' latest quarterback isn't Kyle Orton, but rather the junior senator from Illinois, that being Barack Obama, who'll have to wait a couple months to get his big win.

Chargers 16, Panthers 10: Was that a doped-up Jamaican hurdler? Oh, no, that was just LaDainian Tomlinson sprinting past Carolina defenders, prompting L.T.'s fantasy-football owners to sprint to the fridge for a cold one.

Titans 16, Jaguars 10: While Tennessee fans still mourn the Volunteers' overtime loss to UCLA, their in-state NFL team comes up with a dose of revenge by shutting down former Bruins Maurice Jones-Drew and Mercedes Lewis.

Seahawks 21, Bills 20: As winners of the Arctic Circle Bowl, Seattle players go home with polar-bear pelts. The Bills must head to Santa's workshop to help with Christmas preparations.

Ravens 24, Bengals 23: Baltimore native Michael Phelps lines up in the Ravens backfield and auctions off his eight gold medals from the Beijing Olympics. Hey, anything to distract defenders from attacking Baltimore rookie quarterback Joe Flacco,

Packers 17, Vikings 16: Winner gets to take home Favre's old locker, and the Packers promptly put it on craigslist classifieds. But, first, they file tampering charges against the Vikings for simply sacking Aaron Rodgers and giving him grass stains.



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Joke of the Day Q: What does a cat sleep on? A: A caterpillow.



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Today in History 1972: At the Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany, a group of Palestinian terrorists storms the Olympic Village apartment of the Israeli athletes, killing two and taking nine others hostage.

## Bliss

by Harry Bliss



"Are we done yet? ... Because I'm turning around now."



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# WELCOME HOME



Junior cornerback Rafael Priest makes a tackle during last year's game against the Utah Utes. The Horned Frogs will begin their home football schedule against Stephen F. Austin tomorrow at 6 p.m. pinning them inside their

## Football team prepares for first home game

#### By Billy Wessels Sports Editor

The football team will ry to start the season 2-0 for the first time since 2006 when they host the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks on Saturday.

Despite being glad to open the season with a 26-3 win against the New Mexico Lobos, head foot- ahead to Stephen F. Austin ball coach Gary Patterson of the Southland Confersaid his team could have ence. The Lumberjacks played better.

"We are obviously excited to get through week against the Langston Unione with a victory," Patterson said. "We played hard and physical, but we need ready to face a Stephen F. to play smarter. We had some penalties on special teams that I would like to resolve."

from the collegiate debuts of kicker Ross Evans and punter Anson Kelton. Evans made two of his three the place." field goal attempts. Kelton average of 41.8 yards.

"I was proud of our young kicker and punter," Patterson said. "They were able to handle the pressure the football and move it of being on the road. Ross around," Patterson said. Evans nailed a 50-yarder on our first kick and Anson have it. If anybody thinks Kelton did a good job of

TCU vs. SFA What: First home football game

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own 20."

Now the Frogs look started their season last week with a 56-19 win versity Lions.

"We now have to get Austin team with an explosive offense," Patterson said. "They might not have a lot of experience coming The highlights from back, but they have some the special teams came transfers and some real good young players. They are a lot like Texas Tech. They will throw it all over

Patterson said the best punted four times for an way to keep the Lumberjacks from getting on the board is to keep the ball in the hands of his offense.

"We have to hold on to "They can't score if we

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## SOCCER

# Soccer team hits road for Arizona



PAIGE McARDLE / Staff Photographe Junior forward Lizzy Karoly heads the ball against Ole Miss last weekend. The soccer team will try to remain undefeated on a two-game road trip to Arizona.

**By Michael Carroll** Staff Reporter

The soccer team hopes to improve its 2-0-1 record with a weekend trip to Arizona.

The team will battle Arizona State University in Tempe, at 7 p.m. today, then will pack up and head north to Flagstaff to play Northern Arizona University at 12:05 p.m. Sunday.

different environment so I think the team will be enthused to get out and hit the road," said head coach Dan Abdalla.

Arizona State defeated TCU 2-0 when they visited Fort Worth last September. The team knows the Sun Devils will be even more of a challenge on their home field.

They're going to be a very disciplined, very athletic team," said Abdalla. "We know they're going to play with a lot of energy."

Less is known about Northern Arizona. The Lumberjacks currently possess a 1-2-1 record.

Coming off a weekend in which they beat Xavier University 3-0 and tied the University of Mississippi 2-2, TCU focused on a couple of key areas in practice this week in hopes of maintaining their undefeated record. "We had two breakdowns as

"It's always fun to get to see a a team last game against Ole Miss," sophomore defender Cheryl Martin said. "We need to work on not having those breakdowns."

Temperatures in Tempe today are expected to climb well above the 100-degree mark. Both the coach and his players aren't worried about the impact of the heat on their team.

"That's my type of weather. I don't think it will have any factor

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## **FANTASY FOOTBALL**

# Fantasy sleepers to shine first week

By Erick Moen

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don Marshall's one-week suspension. He flew up the depth chart by playing out of his mind this preseason, and he is showing no signs of slowing down.

Ray Rice (RB-Bal): He was drafted to be the future, but with a limping Willis McGahee in front of him and an impressive preseason behind him, he may be ready to go now.

Steve Slaton (RB-Hou): The former Mountaineer may be part of the quagmire that is the Texan's rushing offense for now, but thanks to Chris Brown being put on IR, and the fact he plays with the often and already injured Ahman Green,

Eddie Royal (WR-Den): This he could end up starting in Hous-

newly-drafted gems and soon-tobe-awakened sleepers, but here are a few things to help make some of those last minute tweaks a little bit easier. Week 1 Matchups:

should be mostly set, filled with

New York Jets at the Miami Dolphins:

Just a few months ago this would have been a blip on everyone's radar, but with the ever-stubbly Brett Favre at the Jets' helm and his New York predecessor down in Miami with Bill Parcells, this has become one of the most highly anticipated games of the first half of the season. Favre, Thomas Jones and Jerricho Cotchery should all be starting, but you may want to pass on the rest of this game, unless of course you don't have a starter better than

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#### 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.

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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 2008-2009 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee