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The TCU Marching Band performs in front of Cowboys Stadium before the game against Oregon State Sept. 4.



Band in running for TV show gig

By Christa Acuna
 Staff Reporter

An everyday rehearsal got a lot more exciting for the TCU Marching Band when members found out they had the opportunity to be featured on national television and win \$25,000.

Bands from across the nation submitted videos from Sept. 4-19, as part of a contest to appear on an episode of the television series "Hawaii Five-0." The TCU band was one of 17 chosen for the chance to appear on national television sometime this fall, Associate Director of Bands Jeremy Strickland said.

According to the CBS website, the 2010 "Hawaii Five-0" series is a crime drama and a revival of the 1968 series.

Sophomore band member Matt Gomez said band members were confused when they were handed the music for "Hawaii Five-0" until they heard about the contest.

Strickland said he wanted the band involved in the contest because it was a good opportunity to have a video promoted around the nation, have the band talked about and put the program in the mix with some of the most historic band programs in the nation.

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Forum on misconceptions of Islam sparked debate, ideas

By Sara Neal
 Staff Reporter

The heated commentary of two women from the Fort Worth community at the "Who's Afraid of Muslims?" public forum Thursday helped to humanize Muslims for students in attendance, a university professor said.

The two female audience members stood up during the discussion period and raised questions about Islamic law in the U.S. One woman, who said she was a TCU alumna, held a stack

of papers in the air and said she could cite a modern Muslim scholar who taught that Islamic law was not compatible with democracy.

Andy Fort, a professor of religion and the event moderator, said the latter woman's dissenting, minority view was a perfect example of how a person has taken an abstract position without listening to human beings.

Alex Cutler, a senior religion and anthropology double major and president of TCU Interfaith Community, said he would have liked to engage in conversation with the two women.

"A lot of what came out of [their commentary] was misunderstanding," he said. "And misunderstanding can be easily rectified."

The forum took place front of a nearly-full audience made up mostly of students and some community members. Cutler said he thought it was a "phenomenal" turnout.

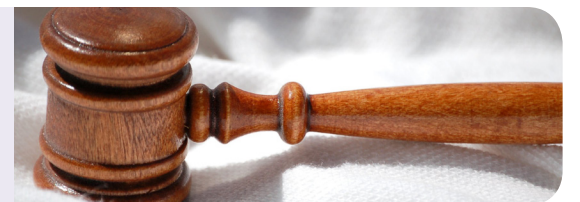
Fort welcomed the audience and introduced the panel, made up of three religion professors and one Muslim TCU alumna.

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 Drum Cafe brings campus community together.



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Yasmine Javeed, Sage Elwell and Yushau Sodiq spoke about conflicting views Americans have of Muslims and Islam.

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Religion

Each member of the panel spoke for about 10 minutes about different aspects of Islam.

Mark Dennis, assistant professor of religion, spoke about violence in religion and the misrepresentation of facts that could affect non-Muslim Americans' views of Islam.

During this portion, Yushau Sodiq, an associate professor of religion, dispelled myths and stated little-known facts about the religion in America. For example, Sodiq said only 18 percent of Muslims in the world are Arab. In fact, he said, the majority of Muslims in America are African-American.

Later, Sage Elwell, assistant professor of re-

ligion, spoke about recent controversies surrounding depictions of the prophet Muhammad, who is traditionally not pictured in Islamic art to prevent idolization.

Finally, Yasmine Javeed, a TCU alumna who practices Islam, spoke about what it is like to be Muslim today and how she faces misinformed opinions of her faith.

After each of the panel members spoke, the floor was opened for a discussion moderated by Fort, during which several students stood and asked questions.

Fort said he thought the participation of the speakers helped humanize the sometimes-misunderstood religion.

"What I wanted to do was put a human face on Islam," Fort said. "I really think that happened."

CAMPUS



EMILY AGEE / STAFF REPORTER

DeVonna Wicks, a early childhood and parent trainer, spoke Thursday about raising responsible children.

Speaker: Verbal praise best way to reward children

By Emily Agee
Staff Reporter

The greatest reward parents can give their children is verbal praise, an early childhood and parent trainer said Thursday at a parenting workshop for faculty and staff.

That was part of the advice passed on by DeVonna Wicks, who gave a presentation titled "Developing Responsible and Independent Children." The "Lunch and Learn" event was a part of the Child Care Network, which is a pilot program through Camp Fire USA.

Wicks discussed parenting skills from disciplining to teaching responsibility skills. She said it was im-

portant to redirect children's negative behavior in a positive way.

"We want to teach our children to make good choices for the sake of making good choices," she said.

The event was open to all university faculty and staff.

Financial Services employee Bridget Ledesma, who has three children ranging in age from 7 to 18 years, said she thought the presentation was more beneficial to parents with toddlers.

"I don't know if I necessarily learned anything new," Ledesma said. "It was more of a reinforcement."

Future parents Matthew and Lindsey Millns said they found the information extremely helpful. Matthew

Millns was one of the only fathers in attendance.

"It's nice to have both spouses come in to a lot of training that we do because communication isn't always great at home—we forget things," he said.

Wicks said she had given parenting presentations for more than eight years. Thursday's seminar defined many terms that relate to parenthood and raising children, including the "Seven R's of Responsibility."

Camp Fire USA and the university began their partnership in April to help faculty and staff find child care. For information on other upcoming events, call the human resources office at 817-257-7979.

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JOURNALISM

Schieffer honored with award

By Carter Babb
Staff Reporter

Bob Schieffer, the namesake of the university's Schieffer School of Journalism, will receive the National Press Club's renowned Fourth Estate Award later this month, according to the club's website.

The award, the organization's top honor, recognizes Schieffer for his "lifetime of distinguished contribution to American journalism," according to the website.

Director of the Schieffer School John

Lumpkin wrote in an e-mail that the award is an honor for the Schieffer School.

"This is...more testimony to the profound role that our school's namesake has played in broadcast journalism in the United States," he wrote.

Lumpkin wrote that the recognition was special because participants in the first class of the Schieffer School of Journalism's Washington D.C. internship program would be with the honoree when he accepts the award.

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Gomez, a business information systems major, said he thought the contest offered the band a chance to make a name for itself.

"I think it's a really good opportunity for private schools and for smaller schools, like TCU, who have an excellent music program and an excellent marching band to get recognition on a national level," Gomez said.

According to the competition website, the University of South Carolina, the University of Notre Dame and Texas State University were just a few of the bands selected for the competition.

"We didn't get into it expecting that we were going to win," Gomez said. "We'd like to, but we got into it because we wanted people to see the TCU Band as one of the big players around the country."

Gomez said CBS required them to perform in front of a news team and turn in a video of their own with integrated live recordings.

Drum major and junior nursing major Spencer Heath said the band didn't perform the original "Hawaii Five-0" stock arrangement, but instead performed a unique arrangement for the video.

"Our video showcases our attitude and who we are as a band, people dancing and slamming their faces into the camera and just being ridiculous," he said. "That's more who we are; we're here to have fun."

The band shot the video in several locations, including the practice lot, the indoor practice field and a football game, he said.

Gomez said he thought the band had a good chance of winning because of the unique montage video they submitted.

Strickland said he wanted people to see the many facets of the TCU Marching Band in the minute-and-a-half video.

The band decided it was really important that members would be proud to have a nationally exposed, high-quality video that showed the best assets of the band, he said.

In addition, he said the band's goals this year included supporting the winning football team, cheering the crowd on and performing challenging halftime routines.

"We've made many jokes about what we would do with \$25,000," he said. "But I'm sure we would turn it right around and pour it back into the band for things we'd like to have in order to make our program more successful."

According to the CBS website, videos will be judged on musicianship, band choreography, originality of performance and evaluation of the performance as a whole, as well as votes.

Votes can be cast on the Marching Band Mania website, which is open until October 4th.

The winning band will be announced on October 11th.

CAMPUS

Drumming a means for social change

By Andrea Drusch
News Editor

More than 200 students drummed in unison to celebrate the final meeting of Connections, a bonding program for first-year students, and formal beginning of the Community Renewal program at TCU Thursday evening.

An interactive team-building group, Drum Cafe, performed traditional African dances and percussion routines, while incorporating students and faculty who filled the western portion of the Campus Commons. Daniel Terry, assistant director leadership & Community Renewal in Student Development Services, said the event was meant to give students a sense of unity, one of the major components of Community Renewal at the university.

Community Renewal International began as a foundation that's mission was to rebuild disintegrating communities, plagued by criminal activity, domestic violence and other social breakdowns. Alumnus Mack McCarter started the project in neighborhoods near the Shreveport-Bossier City area in Louisiana to fight what he called the world's second biggest problem.

"What we wanted to do is undertake the second greatest challenge that's facing humankind," McCarter said. "The first is that we've got to have a healthy planet, but the second is that we've never grown a society that's gotten better and better, every society has grown and collapsed."

Now McCarter's model for social change is being implemented into university settings, starting with TCU, Terry said.



LINDSAY WEAVER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore ballet major Clay York dances with maracas at the Drum Cafe event on Thursday.

Terry said that several years ago, Student Affairs staff members began to take notice of McCarter's work in Louisiana. They were impressed with his organization's ability to unite a community through simple bonding initiatives.

"Obviously TCU doesn't have much in common with a disintegrating neighborhood," Terry said. "But we thought there may be things in his model of community transformation that could be applied to the campus community to get people more connected to each other."

Terry said that the appearance by Drum Cafe was the formal launch of this program on campus. Drumming was an ancient bonding method that allowed people to feel like a part of something larger than one's self, precisely the mission Community Renewal strived for.

While the Community Renewal pro-

gram was not designed to combat any certain problem on campus, Terry said every community has something to gain from a program like this.

"[In] every community or group of people, in order for it to continue to survive, you have to be intentional about relationships and getting people to buy into that community," Terry said.

McCarter said representatives from four other universities were in the audience at Drum Cafe, observing the ways Community Renewal could be adopted on a college campus. TCU is the first university in the nation to use Community Renewal, but McCarter said the concept would carry over to any kind of community.

McCarter said seeing the program at work at his alma mater was a proud moment.

News Brief

Third annual Tour de Frogs on Monday

By Sean McDermott
Staff Reporter

Sociology professor Keith Whitworth's sustainability class will hold the third annual Tour de Frogs event from 5-8 p.m. Monday in the Campus Commons.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the TCU Purple Bike Program as well as Habitat for Humanity.

Students, faculty, staff and the community will have an opportunity to learn more about sustainable liv-

ing and social justice issues at this event, according to a press release. Participants will either walk, run or ride a bike on a course around campus, beginning in the Campus Commons.

Participants will recruit sponsors to donate money based on how many laps the participant completes, raising money for the two philanthropies.

For more information and to enter the event, contact Whitworth at k.whitworth@tcu.edu.

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The Skiff View

Highs and lows of September

Frogs up to finally bringing live horned frog mascots to the university. If LSU can have a tiger and Baylor can have a bear, then two blood-squirting lizards shouldn't be asking too much.

Pony down to continued problems with freshman housing. Students live in converted community space for the fourth year in a row because there are too few rooms to accommodate incoming students. After four years, the university needs to fix this situation once and for all.

Frogs up for the entertaining events brought to campus this semester. Informative speakers and more free activities around campus have contributed to keeping students busy. Pillow fights and free henna put on by TheCrew are entertaining to watch even when you don't participate.

Pony down to low attendance at some of these events. Too often speakers are met with poor student turnout — one had only six students in attendance.

Frogs up to the Horned Frog football team for its 4-0 start and the defeat of rival schools Baylor and SMU. The national exposure from the team's success is beneficial to the university's reputation and student morale.

Pony down to Virginia Tech and Oregon State for not bursting Boise State's BCS-bubble, leaving the Frogs at the mercy of the polls.

Frogs up to the library for compiling historic photos and making them available online in digital archives. Now these priceless photos and documents can be accessed by anyone.

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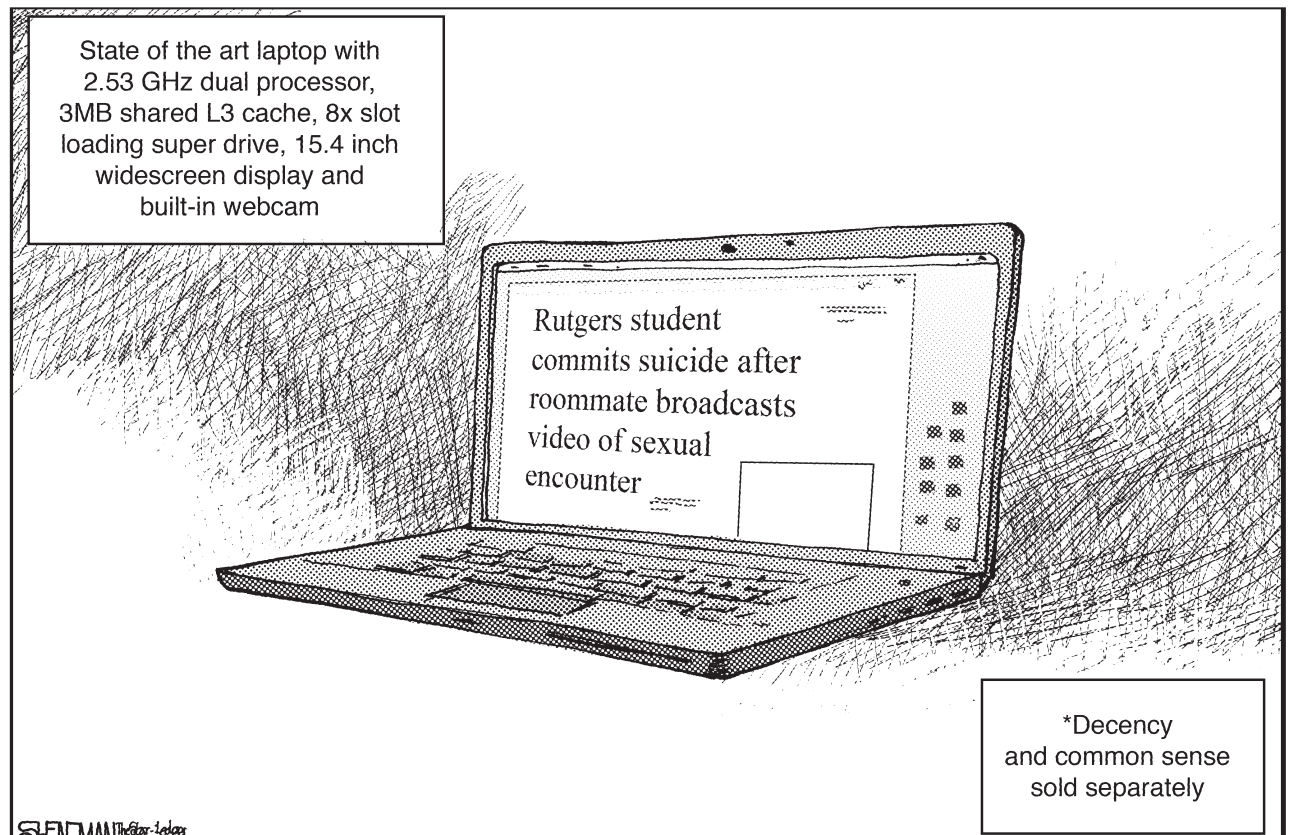
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your view

What do you have to say?

Teachers continue to battle misconceptions

Dear Skiff Editors,

I was confused and a little annoyed this morning when I opened my paper to a piece entitled "Teachers already well-off in salary." I became more upset as I continued to read the article. I found Mr. Lauck's opinion predictably stereotypical of what teachers have been battling for decades, starting with his presumption that teachers "wish [they] made more money."

Sure, Mr. Lauck found a statistic that the average teacher salary in America is between \$47,100-\$51,180. Let's stop to think about this average. Did you know that many high school football coaches make over \$100,000 per year? In fact, many coaches and other extra-curricular teachers make far more than their academic counterparts due to the large amount of extra time spent at school. If my understanding of calculating an average is correct, those few high numbers drive the average up considerably. In fact, according to teacherportal.com, the average teacher salary in Texas is \$41,744 and the average starting salary is \$33,775. While this number may still be above the average American wage, the question remains if it is enough.

I would also like to address Mr.

Lauck's suggestion that teachers get a lot of time off. Officially, yes, teachers have the summer off. But all teachers spend the summer preparing lesson plans, creating new games and activities and generally getting ready for the fall. I also know a lot of teachers that spend the summers attending workshops to become better teachers. As a future teacher I plan on being like all of the teachers I had in school, missing only in the event of family emergencies and very sick children. I can probably count the number of substitute teachers I had in middle and high school on my fingers and toes. In seven years with over 40 teachers that's not a lot of missed school.

But the question still comes, with all this in mind, do teachers get paid enough? It all comes down to your opinion of the value of education. Is the future of America worth just above the average salary? I don't think so. I think for preparing the future leaders of this world, the future work force, the future, teachers deserve as much as we can give them and certainly well above average. I've always said that I think the people who should be paid most in the world aren't athletes and movie stars, but doctors and teachers.

To alleviate any worry of bias, yes, I will be a teacher this time next year. But because I will teach secondary music I'll be making well above the average starting salary and certainly enough for me. I am not worried for myself, but for my friends who will be making so much less than me but working just as hard. I am concerned for Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf who were both teachers at my high school and who both made less than I will this time next year. They have two kids to put through college. And I'm worried that the general lack of respect that teachers receive from the rest of the work force will result in the continued decline of education in America. Don't believe the part about lack of respect? Go to an education class and ask how many students have been told they're wasting promising talent to teach. It's usually over half of the students in my classes.

Finally, Mr. Lauck, if you think teaching sounds more pleasant than sitting in a cubicle, I suggest you change your major and get out there and try it. Let me know what you think.

Katie Croll

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PERSPECTIVES

Should handguns be allowed on campuses?

No - more guns in the hands of improperly trained college kids will only result in more danger and violence.



Andrea Bolt

Martin Luther King, Jr. made a timeless point when he said, "Hate begets hate; violence begets violence; toughness begets a greater toughness." An act of violence, in general, is bad enough. Add to that the possibility of worsening or encouraging that act, especially when such action would be preventable, and you have exactly the issue I have with allowing college students to carry guns on campus.

The 2007 Virginia Tech University shooting remains a tragedy in the minds of many college kids, as does the recent student suicide on the University of Texas at Austin campus. Imagine if a handful of armed students had attempted to play heroes and step in. Imagine how much worse either situation could have been.

Even on a smaller campus, like ours, people are everywhere. Students and faculty are constantly traversing the campus, going to and from classes, the library, the Brown-Lupton University Union, restaurants, apartments, dorms, etc. Insert someone with a gun into that situation and utter chaos erupts. Primal instinct takes over and people begin sprinting in every direction and screaming.

What if a few people pulled out their guns? Where would they shoot? When is it safe to shoot? How many would get caught in crossfire? As good as their intentions may be, they are not trained to perform in high pressure situations. They are not law enforcement officers who go through rigorous practice exercises and potential scenarios for years to prepare for, and even anticipate, people's ac-

tions in such stressful events.

Adrenaline is pumping and the scene is already an extremely dangerous one. Adding improperly trained college-aged kids with guns would only serve to make the situation a worse and potentially more tragic one.

The Second Amendment protects Americans' rights to keep and bear arms. It also states a well-regulated militia is necessary for the security of a free state, which I completely would have agreed with back in 1791. It's the 21st century. Society has evolved for a reason, and if you don't feel safe without a gun on your person at all times, then I would begin looking inward and try to diagnose that reasoning.

Most proponents for concealed handguns on campuses, like the grassroots organization Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, argue that they should be "allowed the same measure of personal protection on college campuses that they enjoy virtually everywhere else."

I know I would feel the exact opposite of safe if the ban on carrying handguns on campus was lifted. On its website, the organization has an argument and answer section, explaining common arguments against carrying on campuses. One apparently common line of argument reads, "The answer to bullets flying is not more bullets flying." The answer the group provides is, "Actually, the answer to bullets flying is almost always more bullets flying. That's why the police bring so many guns with them when they respond to a report of 'shots fired.'"

Leave the gun-firing to the trained, experienced law enforcement professionals and off of our campuses.

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Yes - guns allow those involved in a shooting spree to defend themselves until police arrive.



Jack Enright

A gunman fired several shots on the University of Texas at Austin campus Monday before killing himself on the sixth floor of the Perry-Castañeda library. Fortunately, no one else was harmed in the incident, however, it does highlight a major issue affecting college campuses around the country: the right to bear arms on campus. Most campuses do not allow civilians to carry guns and I believe this incident is another reminder of what a mistake that is.

A similar incident at Virginia Tech University in 2007 was an even more poignant reminder. A student killed himself and 32 others and wounded another 17, making it the worst peacetime shooting in United States history. Virginia Tech had and has a prohibition on possession or storage of firearms by civilians, even with a concealed handgun permit. This means that the students and faculty could not defend themselves against the shooting spree. Instead, they had to wait for police to get a call and arrive after scores had been injured and killed.

After the incident, the Virginia Tech review panel decided that more gun control was necessary, and recommended that Virginia pass legislation "estab-

lishing the right of every institution of higher education to regulate the possession of firearms on campus if it so desires" and even went on to recommend campus gun bans "unless mandated by law." Some students disagreed and an organization named Students for Concealed Carry on Campus was formed shortly after the shooting to reverse these laws.

But even if campuses change their rules, it wouldn't make much of a difference. The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act requires that U.S. citizens be 21 years of age to get a concealed carry license from their state. Most states then require applicants to take a class and wait for the application to be approved. This means most students would not be able to carry a gun regardless of their campus or state policy. The website ConcealedCampus.org notes that out of the 50,000 students at UT-Austin, only about 10-20 would be concealed handgun license holders living in on-campus housing if they had the choice, but still had to be 21 and apply for the license.

Time and time again, gun control has proven ineffective in reducing crime. For example, in 2008 the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a strict Washington, D.C. handgun ban as unconstitutional. During the ban, the Washington, D.C. murder rate averaged 73 percent higher than it was after the law was struck down. Gun control only prevents law-abiding citizens from obtaining guns, not criminals. This means criminals can commit crimes before police have any time to respond, as happened tragically during the Virginia Tech massacre. Let's not let another tragedy go out of control with police unable to respond in time.

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University of Texas at Austin Police Department officers stand at the intersection of 21st and Speedway, in front of the Perry-Castañeda Library, where shots were fired Tuesday morning. Police say a gunman opened fire inside the library, then shot and killed himself.

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STUDENT SERVICES

Grant money means big changes

By **Katey Muldrow**

Staff Reporter

A \$1.33 million five-year grant from the Department of Education in early September prompted big changes in Student Support Services, director of TCU TRIO Programs, Steven Hodnett said.

The first of which will be a freshman luncheon at noon today, designed to help first-year students develop study skills and strategies for adjusting to university life.

Director Margarita Garza said Student Support Services is a branch of the TRIO Programs under the College of Education that helps first-generation students who are financially disadvantaged or who have a physical or learning disability.

Student Support Services made changes to workshops and activities and planned to increase its involvement around campus beginning in September, Garza said.

Cynthia Montes, an SSS academic adviser, said the new workshops would be more focused and organized by class to provide students with skills and knowledge more relevant to their needs.

Workshops for sophomores, juniors and seniors would help students in areas such as applying to graduate school and professional development, she said.

Montes said the program also increased efforts to work with other departments, like Student Disabilities Services, to reach more students who qualified for the program.

Senior Luis Gonzalez, head student ambassador for SSS, said the workshops he attended made a difference in his time at the university.

"Through SSS I've learned study skills. I've learned better time management," Gonzalez said. "All those workshops that I have gone to have helped me better

understand what I want to do with my career."

The program helped him get a scholarship and remain at the university, he said.

Gonzalez said the staff really cared about its students and was open to anyone who needed the extra help.

"There is a huge misconception about SSS," Gonzalez said. "You see a lot of color, but it's not just if you are a minority or not. It's if you need help — that's the main thing."

Garza said the leaders in the program took pride in helping qualifying students with whatever they needed academically, financially and personally.

"What I like about our program, and what I think our students enjoy most, is that they have a place where they can call home," Garza said. "They feel comfortable here [and] they don't feel weird about asking questions."

The program provided a wide range of resources for students such as a computer lab, private tutoring for any subject and specialized academic advising, she said. Students could also get guidance for their finances by discussing financial aid, loans and budget management.

She said the program's faculty continued to be involved in students' lives throughout their time at the university. Students also got the resources they needed and advice on the problems they faced in almost any area of life.

"I think we build relationships with the students where they feel comfortable enough to open up to us and share those things with us," Garza said. "So I think that's one of the main things. They have a meeting place and we try to make it as comfortable as possible."

Montes said the members of the program hoped to continue improvements with the help of the grant, beginning with the new workshops.



KATEY MULDROW / STAFF REPORTER

Margarita Garza talks to students about the new handbook and the upcoming changes of the year. The program planned to increase activities and workshops for students and increase its involvement around campus.

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In this May 2 photo, a Continental Airlines plane passes an United Airlines plane parked at a gate at George Bush Intercontinental Airport, in Houston.

HOUSTON (AP) — Continental Airlines says it has a labor-contract deal with its flight attendants just ahead of combining with United Airlines to form the world's biggest airline.

Continental said Thursday it reached a tentative contract agreement with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, which represents about 9,300 flight attendants at the Houston company.

Few terms of the contract were released, although the union said it would run for 26 months and included pay raises and provisions to protect jobs as Continental is folded into United.

The union's negotiating committee endorsed the deal, saying it wanted to lock in wage increases and merger protections and still have the right to return to the bargaining table in 2012 or sooner. A ratification vote is likely to start in mid-October.

Continental expects to close its deal with United this week. The new United will overtake Delta Air Lines to become the world's No. 1 carrier.

Workers for both United and Continental must figure out how to combine seniority lists.

Continental shares rose 24 cents to \$24.77 in midday trading.

ENTERTAINMENT

Date of concert nears, guidelines for attendance set

By Rebecca Jeffrey

Staff Reporter

Lady Antebellum will perform at the university Saturday Oct. 2 in the Campus Commons.

Gates will open at 6 p.m. and the concert is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free for all university students, faculty and staff with a valid ID card. Each attendant may bring one guest to the concert. Outside beverages are not permitted, but food and drinks will be available for purchase on the TCU meal plan or with cash at the event.

The Brown-Lupton University Union will close at 6 p.m. Saturday and reopen 7 a.m. Sunday. Concert merchandise will be available for purchase in the Carter Tech Center. Parking will be free and all university parking rules will be in effect.



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Lady Antebellum, from left, Dave Haywood, Hillary Scott and Charles Kelley, at the 52nd Annual Grammy Awards at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, California, on Sunday, January 31, 2010.

LEGAL

Trial date moved for former student's suit

By Kerri Feczko and
Amelia Wenzel

Staff Reporters

The trial stemming from the lawsuit filed by a former student against the university for its alleged actions before and after a 2006 sexual assault case, originally set for Monday, has been postponed, according to a university defense attorney.

The attorney, Jennifer Littman, wrote in an e-mail that the law firm representing the university was notified yesterday afternoon that the trial had been reset. Calls and e-mails to clarify whether individuals associated with the university named in the suit are still being held personally liable were not immediately returned.

The trial was set to address the personal injury lawsuit filed against the university by a former student, identified as K.S., for negligence on behalf of the university and its staff. According to the lawsuit, the plaintiff was drugged and raped by two former basketball players, Shannon Monroe Behling and Virgil Allen Taylor, and former football player, Lorenzo Labell Jones, in Oct. 2006.

Defense Attorney Gwinda Burns, who is representing Taylor, did not immediately respond to calls. At the time of publication, it was not immediately clear who was representing Behling and Jones.

Plaintiff Attorney Todd Kelly said that K.S. requested a motion to transfer venues because of the university's reputation in Fort Worth.

"We felt like our client would have a better chance at justice...at some place other than Fort Worth, Texas," Kelly said.

Cydney Grubb, coordinator of the 141st District Court in Tarrant County, said that as of yesterday the trial would still take place in the same district, but a new date had not been set.

"This lawsuit highlights the fact that sometimes administrators of schools put their athletic departments and the success of their athletic departments ahead of the safety of their students."

Todd Kelly
Attorney for Plaintiff K.S.

According to the plaintiff's original petition, the university did not take the precautionary measures to prevent the alleged assault, including "knowingly and/or negligently recruiting athletes with known histories of sexual misconduct and criminal misbehavior."

"This lawsuit highlights the fact that sometimes administrators of schools put their athletic departments and the success of their athletic departments ahead of the safety of their students," Kelly said.

Littman wrote that the alleged sexual assault was due to the actions of

three former students, not the university.

"TCU's response to the incident once it was reported was immediate, cooperative, forthcoming and consistent with the best practices used by universities to address the sexual assault of a student," Littman wrote.

Kelly said the alleged assailants had a history of violence and assault before being admitted to the university as recruited athletes.

"And yet, they put them in a situation where they were able to drug and rape my client," Kelly said.

According to Littman's e-mail, the university took prompt disciplinary action as soon as the sexual assault was reported by notifying the police and immediately removing the students accused of the assault from the university and eventually permanently separating them from the university.

The university also provided emotional support and assistance through its Victim Advocate Program, Littman wrote.

The goal of the TCU Victim Advocate Program is to assist the individual in the recovery process by providing confidential support and timely information, according to the TCU Victim Advocate Program website. The program provides campus and community resources for students and faculty affected by crime including the TCU and Fort Worth Police Departments, Rape Crisis Center & Victim Services and the TCU Counseling Center.

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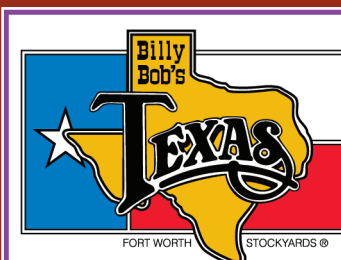
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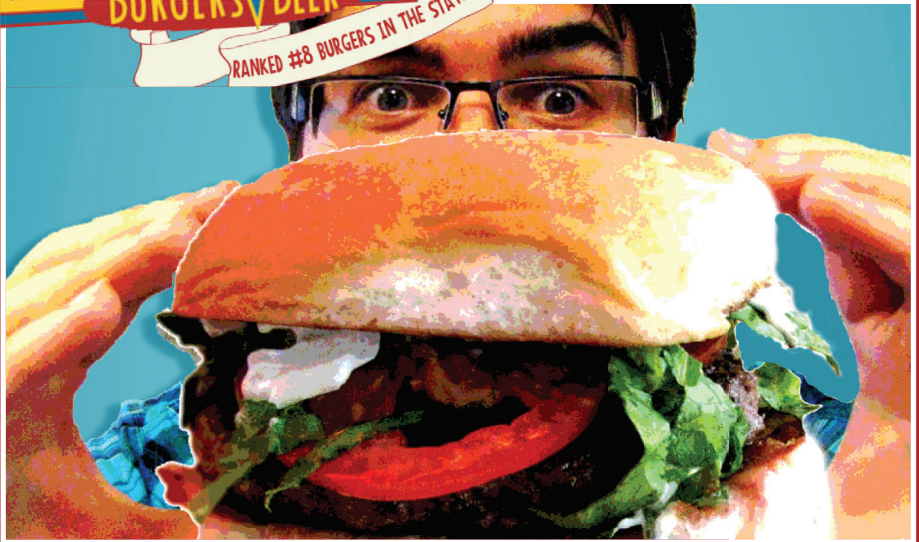


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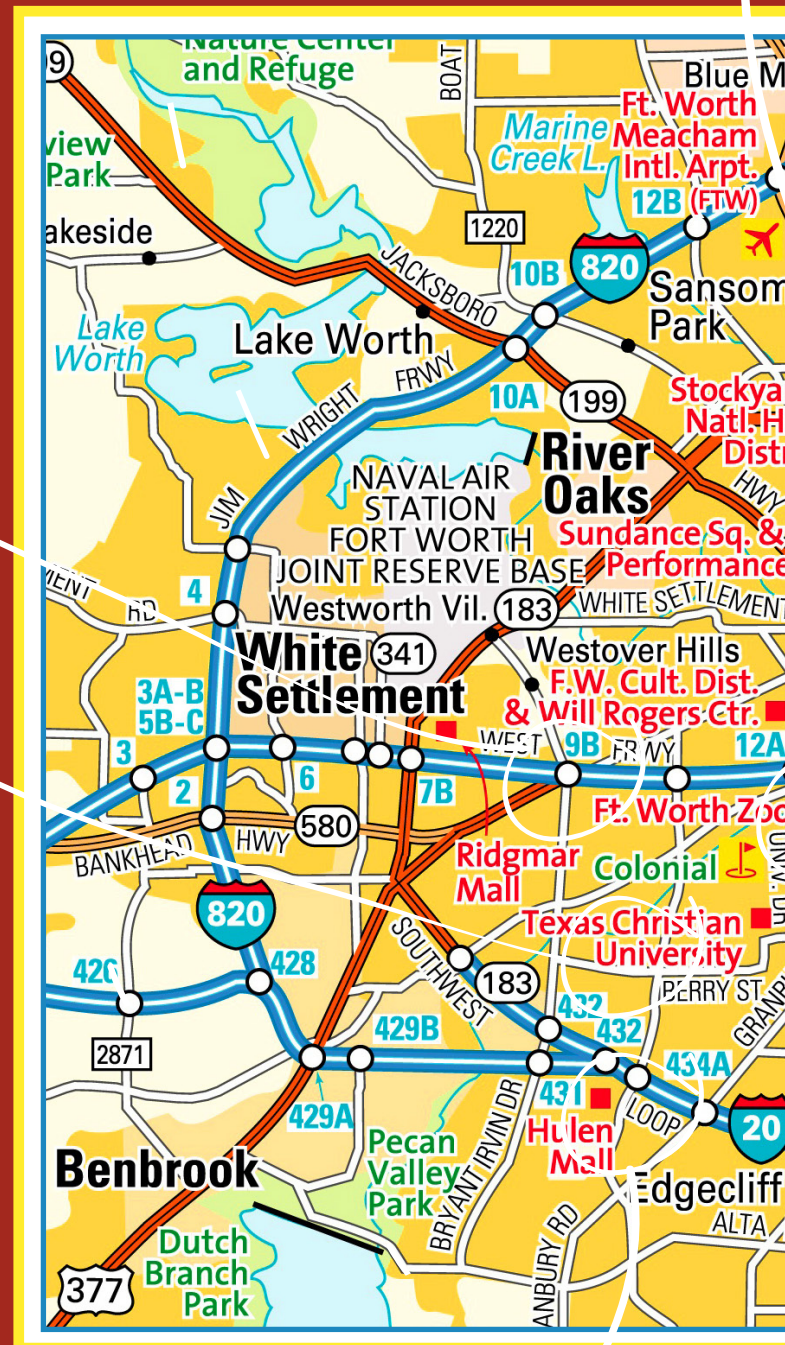
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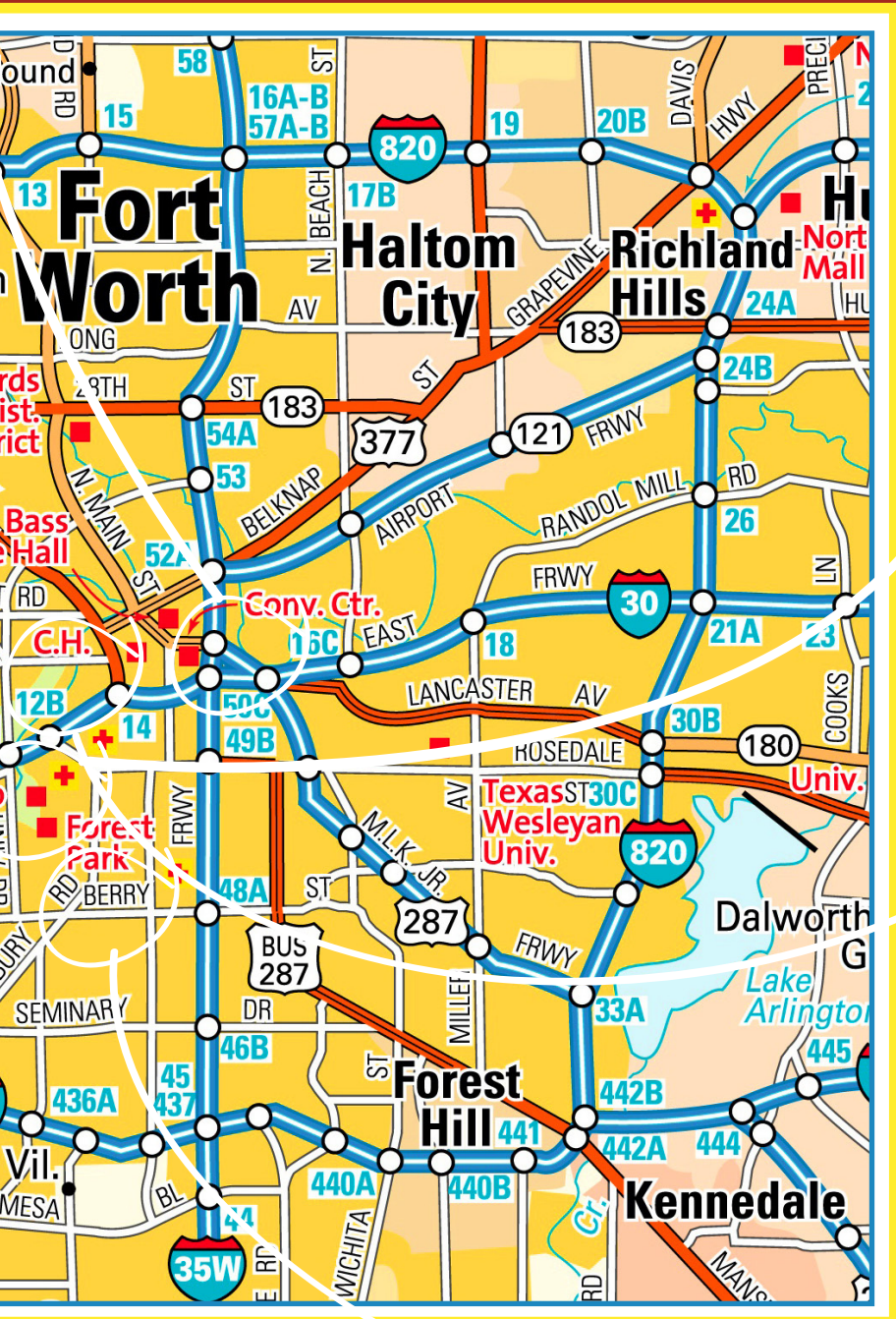
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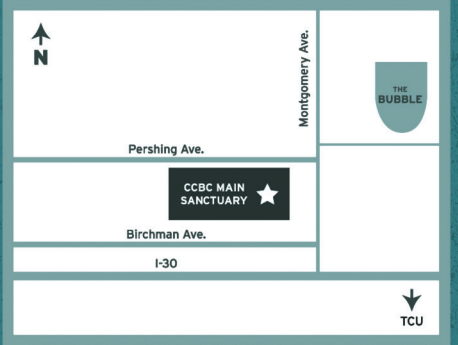
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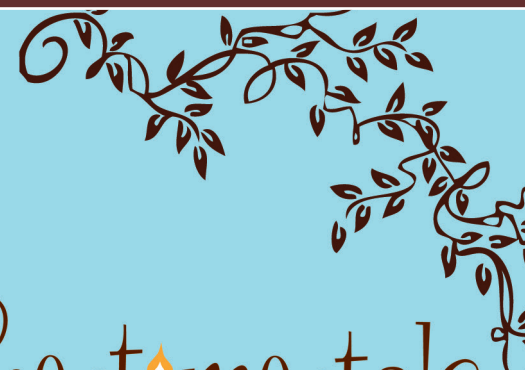
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FREE SPEECH

Supreme Court set to decide constitutionality of protests

By Mark Sherman

Associated Press Writer

YORK, Pa. (AP) — One thing Al Snyder wants to make clear: His boy fought and died for freedom in Iraq, but not for the right of some “wackos” to spew hate at soldiers’ funerals under the protection of the Constitution.

“It’s an insult to myself, my family and the veterans to say this is what our military men and women died for,” Snyder says, barely concealing his anger.

Yet more than four years after the death of his only son, Matthew, Snyder is in the middle of a Supreme Court case that raises that issue.

The court is set to decide whether members of a fundamentalist church in Kansas who picketed Matthew’s funeral with signs bearing anti-gay and anti-Catholic invective have a constitutional right to say what they want.

Or, in intruding on a private citizen’s funeral in a hurtful way, have the protesters crossed a line and given Snyder the right to collect millions of dollars for the emotional pain they caused?

The justices will hear arguments in the case next Wednesday.

The case is shaping up as a potentially important test of the First Amendment. “The difficulty in this case is that the speech occurs at the most personal and sensitive of times,” said Cliff Sloan, a First Amendment expert at the Skadden, Arps law firm and the former publisher of Slate magazine.

Margie Phelps, a daughter of the pastor of the Westboro Baptist Church and the lawyer representing her family members at the Supreme Court, said that if the justices reinstate the \$5 million judgment to Snyder, anyone who says anything upsetting to a mourner “is subject to a crushing penalty.”

But Snyder said in an interview with The Associated Press that if he had the chance, he would tell the justices “that this isn’t a case of free speech. It’s case of harassment.”

Snyder’s nightmare began on a late winter night in 2006 when he flipped on the porch light and saw two uniformed Marines standing at the front door of his home in this small south central Pennsylvania city.

He knew right away that Matthew was dead, after just five weeks in Iraq.

He could accept his son’s death because Matthew always wanted to be a soldier.

But Snyder was not prepared for what came next.

Eleven hundred miles away, in Topeka, Kan., the Rev. Fred Phelps and other family members who make up most of the Westboro Baptist Church decided that Snyder’s funeral at a Catholic church in Westminster, Md., would be their next stop.

Phelps and his small band of followers have picketed many military funerals in their quest to draw attention to their incendiary view that U.S. deaths in Afghanistan and Iraq are God’s punishment for the nation’s tolerance of homosexuality.

They showed up with the usual

signs, including “Thank God for dead soldiers,” “You’re Going to Hell,” “God Hates the USA/Thank God for 9/11,” and one that combined the U.S. Marine Corps motto, Semper Paratus, with a slur against gay men.

The church members drew counter-demonstrators, as well as media coverage and a heavy police presence to maintain order. The result was a spectacle that led to altering the route of the funeral procession.

Several weeks later, Snyder surfed the Internet for tributes to Matthew from other soldiers and strangers, he came upon a poem on the church’s website that attacked Snyder and his ex-wife for the way they brought up Matthew.

That’s when he decided to take action and soon filed a lawsuit accusing the Phelps of intentionally inflicting emotional distress. He won \$11 million at trial, later reduced by a judge to \$5 million.

Then the federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., threw out the verdict and said the Constitution shielded the church members from liability.

The idea that the picketers’ rights might trump his own led Snyder to continue the lawsuit. “They want to use the First Amendment as both a sword and a shield and that’s not right,” he said.

The Supreme Court gave him some hope, in hearing the case, the justices might say funerals are different.

Phelps and his followers do not limit themselves to funerals. They have been protesting for decades, about

homosexuality, abortion, Catholics and Jews. The court is made up of six Catholics and three Jews.

The Phelps have even picketed unlikely targets, college students and breast-cancer survivors, to call attention to their belief that God is angry with the U.S.

When Chief Justice John Roberts appeared in Lawrence, Kan., in 2008, Westboro protesters were there as well.

Asked about free speech cases that day, Roberts said, “It’s certainly the responsibility of the Supreme Court to uphold freedom of speech, even when it’s unpopular.”

Media organizations, including The Associated Press, are urging the court to side with the Phelps despite what they call the church’s “deeply offensive” message.

The groups said that “to silence a fringe messenger because of the distastefulness of the message is antithetical to the First Amendment’s most basic precepts.”

Other groups, including the Anti-Defamation League, are not taking sides, but say the case is a poor one for making any broad pronouncements about the First Amendment that could inhibit religious expres-



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Albert Snyder, 55, talks about his son, Matthew, a Marine who was killed in Iraq, and about the upcoming Supreme Court case that will focus on a lawsuit he filed against Rev. Fred Phelps and the Westboro Baptist Church for protesting his son’s funeral Wednesday, Sept. 22.

Some conservative groups are concerned that a ruling for Snyder could be used to limit anti-abortion protests.

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NEW YORK CITY

Mayor: interaction with constituents the best

Sara Kugler Frazier

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg revealed during his first sit-down interview on David Letterman’s “Late Show” that he thinks being governor is a “terrible job” and said he’s not embarrassed to be ranked the 10th richest person in the nation.

The billionaire mayor said he prefers being mayor because mayors can interact more with their constituents and “the state is so spread out.”

Bloomberg, a Democrat-turned-Republican-turned-independent, last week endorsed Democrat Andrew Cuomo in New York’s gubernatorial race.

During the 15-minute “Late Show” appearance, Letterman also teased Bloomberg about how his city has recently closed parts of Broadway in midtown Manhattan to create pedestrian plazas. Letterman called them “petting zoos.”

Before Bloomberg went onstage at the start of the segment, a tree was partially blocking the camera and people were sipping coffee at small tables on set, mocking the patio furniture that the Bloomberg administration installed in the Broadway pedestrian plazas in Times Square and Herald Square.

From behind the camera, Letterman was informed that “during the commercial break, Mayor Bloomberg installed a pedestrian plaza.”

During Bloomberg’s nearly nine years in office, he has appeared several times on Letterman’s CBS show to read the Top 10 list or to participate in jokes, like when he gave Letterman’s beard a key to the city.

On Wednesday, Letterman asked him about a wide range of topics, including World Trade Center rebuilding, the mosque planned in lower Manhattan near ground zero, the tea party movement and even rats and bedbugs, which have been discovered throughout the city.

“The bedbugs are probably tougher,” Bloomberg said.

Letterman mentioned where Bloomberg, who founded the financial information company Bloomberg LP, was ranked on a list of richest Americans. Forbes magazine estimates his fortune at \$18 billion.

“I saw a thing today where, and it’s probably embarrassing, you’re like the 10th wealthiest person in the world or something?” Letterman asked.

“That’s not embarrassing,” Bloomberg said. “Try it sometime. You’ll like it.”

The show was taped Wednesday and aired that night.

HEALTH

CDC director announces top health concerns to mixed reviews

By Mike Stobbe

AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Where would you start if you were charged with keeping the nation healthy? Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has chosen six priorities — winnable battles, he calls them.

They are smoking, AIDS, obesity/nutrition, teen pregnancy, auto injuries and health care infections. These are long-standing, major challenges that get a lot of attention already.

But elevating a handful of problems above dozens of others is a bold move for a public health official. So far, it's been received like a bucket of cold water — invigorating some, infuriating others.

Many advocates, legislators and others in public health have devoted their lives to problems that did not make Frieden's short list. So there are complaints.

A CDC employee blog is peppered with postings like, "I guess climate change is not a battle worth

winning," and "Don't we still owe the patients of tomorrow an investment in things that may not pay off immediately?"

"In each of these areas we know what to do to make a difference and we need to do it to a much greater extent."

Thomas Frieden
director of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention

Some advocates wonder aloud just how targeted federal public health dollars are going to be. A particular point of concern is hepatitis C, a long under-recognized liver-destroying virus which has infected more than 3 million Americans. Some experts consider the issue a ticking time bomb and have called for the government to step up efforts to prevent it and better diagnose and treat people who already are infected.

Hepatitis B and C already are "badly neglected" by the CDC, and their omission from Frieden's winnable battles list is more bad news, said Bruce Burkett, past president of the National Hepatitis C Advocacy Council.

"I was very disappointed that it wasn't on there. This is going to affect millions by not being on there," he said.

Frieden, who took over CDC in June last year, already had a reputation as something of a public health maverick. When he started his previous job as New York City's health commissioner in 2002, he began by identifying the city's most pressing health issues. He led campaigns to ban smoking in the workplace, tax soda, cut salt in processed foods, and ban artificial trans fats in restaurants.

It's no surprise that he is boldly painting targets at the CDC, said Dr. Jo Ivey Boufford, president of the New York Academy of Medicine. She's a fan of Frieden's who worked with him as a member of an advisory council to the city health

department.

Frieden's CDC job, ironically, does not provide the same kind of power he had in New York City to engineer bans or tax increases. But Frieden calls his new short list "winnable battles" because, he says, proven programs can save lives and reduce harm from each of these health problems. He believes government can make dramatic improvements if available money and manpower are focused.

"In each of these areas we know what to do to make a difference and we need to do it to a much greater extent," he said in an interview.

Frieden has said relatively little about this to the public, though he seems to be building support within the public health community.



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Lynn Dille weighs in for the last time after six months as he "graduates" from the YMCA's Wellchive program in Boise, Idaho on Thursday, Sept. 2.

OFFSHORE DRILLING

Obama administration sets new rules for offshore drilling certifications

By Matthew Daly

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration on Thursday announced new rules requiring that offshore drilling rigs certify they have working blowout preventers and standards for cementing wells.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said the new rules will improve safety and reduce the chance of catastrophic blowouts such as the massive BP spill in the Gulf of Mexico. He said the rules also should improve workplace safety by reducing the risk of human error.

"We are raising the bar for safety, oversight and environmental protection," Salazar said Thursday in a speech at a Washington think tank. "The oil and gas industry needs to expect a dynamic regulatory environment as we bring the U.S.'s offshore programs up to the gold standard we need to have."

Under the new rules, operators will be required to comply with tougher requirements for everything from well design and ce-

menting practices to blowout preventers and employee training, Salazar said. They will also need to develop comprehensive plans to manage risks and improve workplace safety, he said.

"The oil and gas industry needs to expect a dynamic regulatory environment as we bring the U.S.'s offshore programs up to the gold standard we need to have."

Ken Salazar
Interior Secretary

Salazar has said the new rules must be in place before the Interior Department lifts a ban on deepwater drilling. The ban is set to expire Nov. 30, but officials have said they hope to end it early.

Salazar offered no timetable Thursday for lifting the drilling freeze, but said he will not do so "until I am comfortable we have significantly reduced those risks" of deepwater drilling.

The rules announced

Thursday are not the final step, Salazar said, noting that the Interior Department is likely to propose requiring that emergency cutoff devices known as blowout preventers have a second set of blind shear rams — the parts that can shear off and shut down wells in the event of a catastrophic blowout.

A spokesman for the American Petroleum Institute said the oil industry group will review the rule and offer comments. The API has called for a clear, practical and well-defined review process that will protect the environment and allow drilling to resume.

"We cannot have an approval process that creates unpredictable delays that could place at risk the flow of domestic energy in our country," said Erik Milito, an API official. "Operators want regulations that provide certainty."

Extended delays in permit reviews and approvals are likely to discourage investment in new projects, Milito said.

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Weekend Preview

GOLF

The women's golf team opens up play in the Windy City Collegiate Classic in Chicago on Sunday and Monday. Sanna Nuutinen goes into the tournament after being named TCU female athlete of the week.

Windy City Collegiate Classic
Date: Oct. 4 - 5
Location: Chicago, Ill.
Time: All day

SOCCER

The TCU soccer team will battle San Diego State on Friday at 6:00 p.m. in San Diego. The Frogs return home against Houston Baptist on Sunday. TCU moved to 5-5-1 on the year after a loss to the Texas State Bobcats on Sunday.

TCU vs. San Diego State
Date: Tonight
Location: San Diego, Calif.
Time: 6 p.m. CST

TENNIS

The TCU women's tennis team opens the fall portion of its schedule this weekend at the ITA/Riviera All-American Championship.

ITA/Riviera All-American Championships
Date: Oct. 2 - 10
Location: Tulsa, Okla.

EQUESTRIAN

After a season-opening win against Metroplex rival SMU, the Horned Frogs take on Tennessee-Martin on Saturday. Milana Trimino will seek MVP honors for the second straight week.

TCU vs. Tennessee-Martin
Date: Oct. 2
Location: Martin, Tenn.

VOLLEYBALL

TCU takes on conference rival Air Force on Saturday at home. The Frogs are now 10-6 on the season.

TCU vs. Air Force
Date: Oct. 2
Location: Fort Worth, Texas
Time: 1 p.m.



NFL

Delhomme: not playing is worse than physical pain

By Tom Withers

Associated Press Sports Writer

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Jake Delhomme can tolerate the pain in his severely sprained right ankle. It's the deep ache in his stomach that's been unbearable for Cleveland's quarterback.

Standing on the sideline for two Sundays have been excruciating.

Inactive the last two games because of a high ankle sprain suffered in the Browns' season opener, Delhomme returned to practice for the first time in more than two weeks on Thursday as the Browns (0-3) continued to prepare for this week's game against Cincinnati (2-1).

Delhomme was noticeably favoring his ankle in the locker room and on the field, but it was a major step for the veteran, who hopes to start against the Bengals.

He can't bear the thought of not playing — again.

"It's very difficult when you got to the stadium on Sunday and there's a hollow feeling inside," he said. "To me, that's always something that you just don't feel like you're there for your teammates. That's always something that bothered me a great deal."

Delhomme said he needed to test his ankle before he would know if he can play. It's possible he could be listed as Cleveland's No. 2 quarterback against the Bengals.

Browns coach Eric Mangini said Delhomme will start on Sunday — if he can.

"He's our starting quarterback," Mangini said. "So when he's ready to start, he'll start."

During the 30 minutes of practice opened to the media, Delhomme favored his ankle, which he injured while throwing a costly interception late in the first half of Cleveland's 17-14 loss in Week 1. During drills, he struggled pushing off on some of his throws.

Seneca Wallace has filled in the past two weeks for Delhomme in losses to Kansas City and Baltimore. Mangini has been pleased with how Wallace, a career backup, has played. But if Delhomme is ready, there is zero debate among Cleveland's coaching staff on who will play.

Delhomme is the starter. Period.

Mangini had a quarterback controversy last season with Derek Anderson and Brady Quinn.

There's no such problem now.

"Jake does a lot of things really well. Seneca does a lot of things really well," Mangini explained. "In looking at what they both do well, I felt that Jake should be the starter. Jake has a great command of the offense. He has a great presence. I think he gets us into good plays, he gets us out of plays that aren't very good. He's got a lot of experience but that's not a comparative to Seneca, it's things that he does well."

Delhomme has never had an ankle injury before, so he didn't recognize the se-

verity during the Sept. 12 game in Tampa Bay. He played the entire second half not knowing how badly he was injured.

"I knew something was bothering me, but in the course of a game adrenaline is flowing," he said, looking down at his ankle. "I didn't think it would be this."

Delhomme has attended meetings while rehabbing his injury, and he's prepared the past two weeks as if he was going to play. Not dressing for games has been tough. But on the bright side, it has given the 35-year-old a unique chance to evaluate Cleveland's offense.

He now has a better sense of what his new teammates can — and can't — do.

"It gives you the perspective of watching guys play," said Delhomme, who signed as a free agent with Cleveland in March after seven seasons with Carolina. "You're still getting familiar with a lot of guys, but watching them play, watching what they do well, watching them through the course of the game, I think that's always a positive thing in a way."

"This team is fighting. I think that was evident in how the Browns finished last year, being 1-11 and finishing off. There will not be any quit in this team."

Jake Delhomme

Cleveland Browns quarterback

The Browns signed Delhomme for some much-needed leadership and to stabilize a position that has been anything but a strength for a decade. But with Cleveland off to an 0-3 start after blowing leads in each of its first three games, little has changed.

Delhomme, though, believes this season is more than salvageable.

"It's still very, very early," he said. "Strange things happen in this league. You just got to take one week at a time and try to build on that."

When Delhomme was with Carolina, the Panthers were one of the league's streakiest teams. A three-game losing streak would invariably be followed by a five-game winning streak. Delhomme recalled that the year after making the Super Bowl, Carolina opened 1-7 before winning six of eight.

"A couple of times we went on five- and six-game winning streaks," he said. "You just go with it. We're in a week-to-week business. We all know how this is."

Delhomme said he has not yet been asked to deliver that message to the Browns. It sounds as if he's prepared to anyway.

"We're getting close," he said. "This team is fighting. I think that was evident in how the Browns finished last year, being 1-11 and finishing off."

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NBA

LeBron's agent says media coverage driven by race

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. (AP) — LeBron James' manager said he believes race played a factor in how the two-time reigning NBA MVP's decision to join the Miami Heat was covered this summer.

Maverick Carter did not cite specifics when talking to CNN for a story that aired Wednesday night, other than saying race "definitely played a role in some of the stuff coming out of the media" during coverage of James' free-agent saga.

It's not the first time race has been a discussion point in the af-

termath of what was called "The Decision," an oft-criticized televised special that raised \$3 million for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

James did not want to spend much time on the subject after Thursday's Heat practice.

"I think people are looking too far into it," James said. "But at the same time, sometimes it does play a part in it. I've said what I had to say, and I'll continue to move on."

After James made his announcement July 8, Cavaliers owner Dan

Gilbert responded that same evening by releasing a fiery letter to fans of his team, saying James was being "narcissistic" and "cowardly." That prompted Rev. Jesse Jackson to enter the fray, saying the Cavs owner saw James as a "runaway slave."

An e-mail to Carter's representative requesting further comment was not immediately answered.

"I don't walk in LeBron's shoes," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "From our standpoint, we've moved on from the summer."



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Miami Heat forward LeBron James speaks to members of the media after NBA basketball training camp, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010 in Hurlburt Field, Fla.

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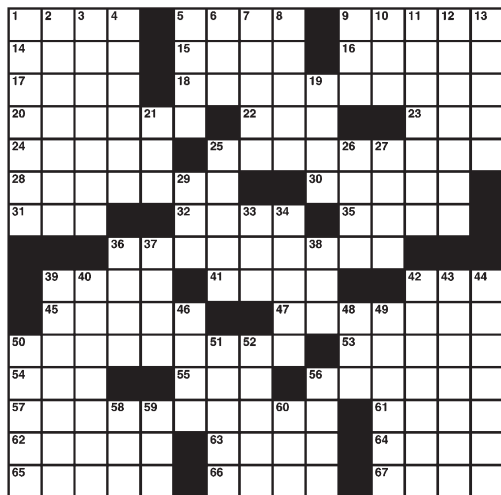
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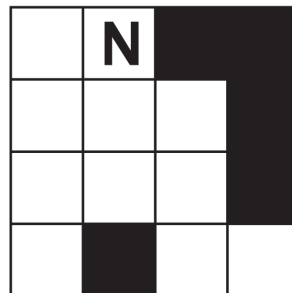
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By Scott Atkinson 10/1/10

- Thursday's Puzzle Solved**
- 4 Old-fashioned "Way to go!"
- 5 Wheel parts
- 6 Paul's "Exodus" role
- 7 With 56-Down, eponymous bacteriologist
- 8 Saxon opening
- 9 Star Wars letters
- 10 Witchy woman
- 11 Lackin' gumption
- 12 Under-the-table diversion
- 13 Article of faith
- 19 Keystone State founder
- 21 It may be evil
- 25 "The Optimist's Daughter" writer
- 26 Generic pooch
- 27 "Out of Africa" author Dinesen
- 29 Good name, briefly
- 33 He said "Learn from the masses, and then teach them"
- 34 Common sense?
- 36 Atkins diet no-no
- 37 Gas brand seen at ampm stores
- 38 Peeples of "Fame"
- 39 Reached across
- 40 Powwow communication source
- 42 Dismissal, and a hint to how the answers to starred clues were derived
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- 44 Analysts' concerns
- 46 Clopper
- 48 Former RFK Stadium NLER
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- 50 Ballet rail
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- 60 Prez, to GIs



"New York Cheesecake"

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Sample



"Freeze"

Thursday's Solution



"Chicken And Waffles"

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Directions

Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Thursday's Solution

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Junior Kristen Hester hits the ball against UNLV Thursday. The Horned Frogs went on to beat the Rebels 3-1 with help from standout players Irene Hester, Christy Hudson, Jordan Raines and Meghan Horio.

OPINION

CSU poses no threat to TCU



Tyler Christensen

With an undefeated season and many accolades under its belt, TCU is going to dominate the first conference game against Colorado State at Hughes Stadium in Fort Collins, Colo.

Last week, senior quarterback Andy Dalton threw two interceptions against SMU, which gave the Mustangs a 17-14 lead early in the third quarter. Coming off a game that shouldn't have been that close, Dalton should redeem himself in Colorado. After an injury sidelined him for his first appearance at Fort Collins in 2008, Dalton will have his first career start at Hughes Stadium.

Senior wide receiver Jeremy Kerley has

17 receptions and three touchdowns this season and is sure to be a key factor this Saturday. Kerley had an 83-yard kickoff return against the Mustangs last week, which led to an 11-yard Bart Johnson touchdown reception that gave the Frogs the lead for good.

Even though running back Ed Wesley is out for this week's game due to a concussion sustained last week, the Frogs will have no problem picking up the slack against the Rams defense.

The TCU defense, which has only allowed an average of 257.2 yards per game this season, will have no problem keeping the Rams out of the end zone. Junior linebacker Tank Carder had eight tackles against SMU to complement his career total of 120. With Carder keeping the running game out of whack, the defense is sure to keep Colorado State on lock this weekend.

Tyler Christensen is a freshman broadcast journalism major from Crawford.

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 Marion Figueroa Student Body President Last Week (3-2) Overall (12-8)					
 Chris Blake TCU News Now Last Week (5-0) Overall (16-4)					

BASKETBALL

Revered coach visits practice

By Mike Cranston,
Associated Press Sports Writer



CHUCK BURTON/ AP PHOTO
North Carolina coach Dean Smith, right, talks with Charlotte Bobcats coach Larry Brown.

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Dean Smith was a popular man on Thursday. From his seat on the floor at midcourt, the former North Carolina coach took turns watching the Charlotte Bobcats practice and chatting with numerous old friends as a special guest of coach Larry Brown.

It was the second straight day the 79-year-old Smith took in a training camp workout, one of the few times he's been seen since his family announced in July that he has a "progressive neurocognitive disorder" that affects his memory. "It's great," said Brown, who had dinner with Smith Wednesday night. "It's great seeing him."

Wearing a golf shirt, slacks, sneakers and with a Tar Heel blue jacket draped over his leg, Smith sat next to his son, Scott. The Hall of Fame coach was seen chatting with former rival coach Cliff Ellis, now at Coastal Carolina, and numerous other coaches and basketball officials watching the practice.

Smith didn't speak to reporters. "He looks good and we just went back about old times," said Ellis, once Smith's rival when he coached at Clemson. "We talked a lot about golf because we're both avid golfers. I told him, 'You were one of the toughest that I've ever had to deal with as far as just teaching the game.'"

"I let him know how much I really loved him and how much competing

against him meant and still means to me."

Ellis said Smith looked "very alert." While he was moving slowly, he was steady and smiled as he talked to players and coaches.

Smith won 879 games and two national titles at North Carolina before his retirement in 1997. Brown was on Smith's first team at the school in 1961-62 and they have remained close.

Brown said that when Smith last attended Bobcats training camp in 2008, he told Brown he wasn't sure Charlotte could win the Atlantic Coast Conference. Since then the team has made numerous trades and former Smith player Michael Jordan became majority owner.

So does Smith think the Bobcats can win the ACC now?

"I'm not commenting on that," Brown said, smiling.

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Tuesday: How former Frogs are doing in the NFL.



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SKIFF ARCHIVES

Wide receiver Jeremy Kerley brushes off a CSU defender for a first down last season. Saturday's game will be the first conference match of the season.

MWC teams pose various challenges for TCU

By Chris Blake

TCU News Now Sports Director

This season, head football coach Gary Patterson put a pyramid on the wall in the team room before fall camp the same way he did last season. Even though the Frogs reached the Fiesta Bowl last season, the first postseason goal on the pyramid is to win the Mountain West Conference.

TCU won the conference last season with an unblemished 8-0 record in conference play. The closest the Frogs came to a loss was a 20-17 win at Air Force played in single-digit temperatures. Other than that, no conference team came within 27 points of upsetting TCU.

Colorado State

The Rams beat Idaho 36-34 last week to snap a 12-game losing streak, the third-longest in the nation. True freshman quarterback Pete Thom-

as had career day against the Vandals when he threw for 386 yards and three touchdowns.

Wyoming

On the opposite end of the spectrum of Air Force, the Cowboys feature a rushing offense that ranks in bottom-five in the nation, gaining 61.75 per game on the ground. Quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuels won MWC Freshman of the Year honors last season, but has already been intercepted four times in as many games this year. Linebacker Shamiel Gary leads the conference with 48 tackles.

BYU

The Cougars lost players in the top three in passing, rushing and receiving in school history after this past season, so true freshman Jake Heaps was forced into the starting role at quarterback. Heaps became the first true freshman right out of high school to start for BYU since 1997.

Air Force

Owners of the nation's top rushing offense, the Falcons play TCU at Amon G. Carter Stadium this season. Running back Jared Tew has led the charge with 371 yards and two touchdowns. Air Force's only loss was a three-point defeat to No. 8 Oklahoma.

UNLV

Bobby Hauck spent the last seven seasons compiling the most wins of any Football Championship Subdivision coach before he was named the Running Rebels' head coach this season. Cornerback Will Chandler leads the MWC with three interceptions.

No. 13 Utah

The only ranked team in the MWC other than TCU, the Utes have an MWC record 20-game home winning streak and play the Frogs in Salt Lake City this season. TCU has never won a game against Utah in Salt Lake City.

San Diego State

At 3-1, the Aztecs are off to their best start since 1981. San Diego State's only loss came at Missouri on a Tigers touchdown in the game's last minute. SDSU freshman running back Ronnie Hillman has won conference Offensive Player of the Week award twice in the season's first four weeks and has run for 532 yards and eight touchdowns this season.

New Mexico

The Lobos have won just once of their past 16 games and have been outscored 225-41 this season. New Mexico finished fourth in the conference in 2007, but since then has won just three conference games. The Lobos became the third team in the conference to start a true freshman quarterback this season when Tarean Austin started last week and completed 17 passes for 177 yards.

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