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CHOW DOWN



Lonesome Dove chef Tim Love (right) assistant dean and director of Student Development Carrie Zimmerman (middle) and Zeta Tau Alpha president Aly Pollard (left) taste food made by Delta Tau Delta and Delta Gamma members during the Zeta Tau Alpha Cook for the Crown event at Worth Hills on Thursday night.

Greeks cook for cancer awareness

By Paige McArdle
Staff Reporter

Former "Iron Chef" champion and Texas native Tim Love's food has been critiqued numerous times over the years, but Thursday night, it was his turn to sit in the judge's seat.

Love was one of three judges for the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority's third annual philanthropy cook-off, Cook for the Crown, which took place in the Worth Hills parking lot. Proceeds from sponsor donations and team entry fees will be given to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation, which supports breast cancer education and awareness, said Abby Osvog, the chairwoman of the event.

Love, who has made multiple appearances on the Food Network, is well known for his Fort Worth restaurants Lonesome

Dove, the Love Shack and the White Elephant Saloon. His involvement with the event enticed more people to attend, Osvog said.

Breast cancer awareness is a great cause, Love said.

"Anything I can do to help out other people, I'm always willing to do it," Love said.

Last year, the event raised more than \$25,000 dollars for the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation, Osvog said. The sorority anticipated meeting and potentially exceeding that amount this year.

The cook-off was a competition between eight teams, each of which consisted of one sorority and one fraternity. Each sorority prepared a side dish before the event and each fraternity prepared an entree during the cook-off and participated in several eating contests throughout the evening.

Contestants wore pink ribbons

For a slideshow of the cook off, visit dailyskiff.com.

that read "ZTA" and "THINK PINK" in honor of breast cancer awareness.

Judges Love, assistant dean and director of Student Development Carrie Zimmerman, and Zeta president Aly Pollard judged teams on creativeness, appearance and taste.

Rock singer and Texas native Josh Tatum, who said he was excited to help out with the philanthropy, played a free show with his band throughout the event.

The team of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Pi Beta Phi won the cook off. Love presented each member of the team with a \$100 gift card to any one of his restaurants.

CAMPUS RECREATION

New show highlights Rec activities

By Jourdan Sullivan
Staff Reporter

When Brad Christianson arrived at the university in the fall of 2006, he never thought he would produce a television show about the University Recreation Center.

Christianson, a senior film-TV-digital media major and employee of the Recreation Center's marketing office, presented the idea this past summer to start a show called "Rec 360," which highlights activities at the Recreation Center.

The show was named "Rec 360" because it gave a "circular look at Campus Recreation," Jay Iorizzo, associate director of Campus Recreation facilities, wrote in an e-mail.

The Recreation Center marketing staff supported experiential learning, Iorizzo said. The marketing office looked for new ways to promote the Recreation Center and viewed the show as an opportunity to allow Christianson real experience, Iorizzo said.

The student said the show was an opportunity to get some experience in his field of study and other areas.

"This is really a way to not only help the Rec Center out in market-

ing different programs and different aspects but also gives me a chance to gain some experience in both of those and help prepare me for things I can do after I graduate," Christianson said.

Christianson, along with Jon Wulf

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Brad Christianson
senior film-TV-digital media major and employee of the Recreation Center's marketing office

and Phil Mann, both senior film-TV-digital media majors, edit and produce "Rec 360."

About 30 minutes long, the show will be divided into sections, Christianson said. The first half of the

show will include intramural highlights. The second half of the show will include features about Recreation Center programs such as outdoor programming and personal training, as well as a guest interview. Christianson said he wanted to give the show a "Sports Center" feel but include pretty much every aspect of the Recreation Center.

With only four people to work on the show, Christianson said he was charged with producing, directing, running the camera and editing. He said Iorizzo served as executive producer and provided the funding for the show through the Recreation Center's marketing department.

Wulf said he helped film and edit. As an employee of intramural sports at the Recreation Center, Wulf said it was easy to film intramurals because he was already at the events.

"We like to include intramurals as well as club sports," Wulf said.

Mann and Marcus Bahena, a senior film-TV-digital media major, helped run camera, Wulf said.

Christianson said Mann and Wulf switched off co-hosting the show with him.

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ATHLETICS

Game day viewing options available

By Melanie Cruthirds
Staff Reporter

An impasse in negotiations between the university's cable provider and the channel that carries Horned Frog football games will not prevent students from getting their game-watching fix, a university official said.

"We were able to obtain an alternate feed, and it will be broadcast to the entire campus," said Travis Cook, director of business services at the university.

Kim Turner, assistant director of student activities, said that even with the deadlock between TV providers, students would still have several viewing options available. The Brown-Lupton University Union's 1873 Grill will stream Saturday's game to TVs throughout the building and the campus, she said.

Turner said the game-day event, put on by HyperFrogs, Residence Hall Association and the BLUU, would include food specials and door prizes for students as well.

Robert Mercer, director of public relations at DirecTV, said the company, which is the university's current cable provider, was still in negotiations with the Versus channel to try

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Research findings featured in DVD series

By Chandler Cochran
Staff Reporter

When psychologists Karyn Purvis and David Cross were approached by adoptive parents who had concerns about their children's transitions into their new families, they decided that the consequences of ignoring their pleas were too great to remain inactive. The following summer they started Hope Connection, a camp to create an environment where they could observe and research adopted, neglected, at-risk and traumatized children.

Their findings at Hope Connection prompted the creation of the TCU Institute on Child Development's video series "Healing Families." The institute released their second DVD, "Playful Interaction," at the beginning of September.

Purvis, director of the institute, said she and Cross, a professor at the university, created the series to help adopted children and their parents connect and learn to trust each other.

The first DVD, "Healthy Touch," features research about touch and provides practical applications for adding healthy touch into daily life, according to a university press re-

"Healthy Families" series

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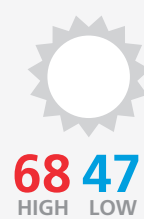
Marriages shouldn't be denied on the basis of race.
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PALERMO, Sicily – A Sicilian builder transferred from prison to house arrest tried to get himself locked up again to escape arguments with his wife at home, Italian media reported Thursday.

—Reuters

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NEWS

QUICK NEWS

Defense Classes

A surge in interest in the Rape Aggression Defense workshop has prompted TCU Police to add a third class this fall, an officer said.

Campus police usually offers one class every semester, but the number of students who want to take the class has increased in light of the recent reports of sexual assault, Crime Prevention Officer Pam Christian said. The other two classes scheduled are already full, she said.

If more students continue to show interest in the workshop, there will be more than one class next semester, Christian said. Students

are noticing RAD is a good way to take responsibility for their safety, she said.

The two-day program is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 21 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 in classroom No. 44 in the University Recreation Center. Students must be able to attend class both days.

The workshop teaches women realistic self-defense tactics and techniques.

RAD is a free program. Women can sign up for the class online at www.police.tcu.edu/RADonlineeregis.htm.

— Staff Reporter
Jessica Lawrence

VERSUS

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to get the network back on the DirecTV lineup. A fair deal for the company and for customers was the main focus of the company's negotiations, he said.

"Thus far, Versus hasn't presented a deal to us that is acceptable with respect to all the material terms and conditions," Mercer said. "We certainly don't want to disappoint our customers or fans of TCU football."

In response, Versus President Jamie Davis, in an interview with KTCU, said his company was, in fact, the victim in the situation.

"The fact is that we have offered (DirecTV) the exact same deal that they had coming in — the same price, the same amount of carriage and

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Jason Byrne
director of athletic marketing

everything," Davis said. "They're out there simply trying to cloud the facts and (to) say that we're trying to charge them more."

Mercer said DirecTV would not reveal specifics about the Versus deal because it would not add anything to the continuing negotiations.

"We feel the best way to get a deal done is through face-to-face negotiations, not negotiating through the media or the public," Mercer said. "We're working hard to reach an appropriate agreement."

Versus' Davis said both sides were speaking so an amicable solution could be reached soon.

Jason Byrne, director of athletic marketing, said that unlike with the away game at Clemson University last month, the university's athletics department would not be able to show the game at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum because of licensing issues.

"You need approvals from some of the different folks to be able to show the game inside Daniel-Meyer, and we don't have those approvals," Byrne said. "We'd love to do that for the BYU game, (but) we have to respect our conference affiliation with Versus (too)."

Although the Clemson game-watching night successfully brought out more than 1,000 fans, Byrne said respectfully choosing not to air Versus footage would be the best option.

In addition to the event at the 1873 Grill, Horned Frog football fans can catch the game at a variety of local eateries including Buffalo Bros., Fuzzy's Taco Shop and Chili's Grill & Bar.

DVD

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lease. "Playful Connection" outlines the importance of play and provides practical examples of playful interaction, according to the release.

Purvis said a former "Date-line NBC" producer came on board with the DVD series, and the institute now expects to complete the "Healing Families" series in the next 18 to 24 months.

The institute's administrative assistant, Emmelie Cox, said "Healthy Touch," was broadcast on KERA in August. Cox said the rest of the DVDs will be formatted the same way for broadcast as well.

Purvis said she and other members of the institute "dreamed of being able to do a TV-quality series with pictures and examples involving professionals and parents." The series was funded through grants from The Rees-Jones Foundation, Harold Simmons Foundation, Lesley Family Foundation, The Meadows Foundation and the Mabel Peters Caruth Fund at Communities Foundation of Texas.

In 2004, the institute sponsored a lecture series that explores essential themes for helping families, including touch, play, attachment and brain chemistry, Purvis said. The lecture series is also available on DVD.

She said she hoped the DVDs would eventually be used as a tool for parents, teachers, students and professionals in contact with children through their work.

"We originally started researching to help adoptive parents know how to help their children grow," Purvis

said. "We knew we had something when moms came up to us crying at the summer camp, saying their child had let them rock them to sleep the night before for the first time since coming home."

Claire Ramsey, senior early childhood education major, said Purvis spoke to her class about the themes of the "Healing Families" series.

"It's just something I don't think people think about enough, how it emotionally hinders children being unstable and moving around in foster care," Ramsey said.

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Karyn Purvis
director of Hope Connection

Vision-In-Action program of the university in 2005 and was funded by donations from private foundations for the first three years of operation.

Funding allowed Purvis to travel internationally on the institute's behalf, making connections and creating a respected reputation for the institute, she said. Purvis said she is still in touch with contacts overseas and would eventually want to see the DVDs available in multiple language subtitles.

REC 360

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The first episode aired Oct. 2 and featured intramural softball, men's and women's club soccer teams and a paper football tournament, Wulf said.

Christianson said "Rec 360" will air every other week on TCU cable channel 20.

The team of four encountered a few technical difficulties with the first show, but those glitches have been fixed, Christianson said.

Only two weeks after the premiere, Iorizzo said it was too soon to know what the impact of the show had on Recreation Center activities.

Most of the feedback had been from employees at the Recreation Center or those featured in the first episode, Wulf said. The employees enjoy having more exposure on

campus, he said.

Iorizzo said "Rec 360" will be available on YouTube soon and on the campus recreation Web site, www.campusrec.tcu.edu. The episodes will be uploaded in segments so people can watch the sections they want, and the Web site will provide information about what was featured on the current episode, and what is going to run in the next episode, Iorizzo said.

Christianson said the group is looking to recruit other students who will carry on the show after he and his peers graduate.

"We're ultimately looking for more people to help," Christianson said. "We're all seniors that

are working on it now, graduating in May and we would like it to continue after we graduate. So we need to find younger students with similar interest that want to pick it up."



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The Skiff View

Lack of football calls for new cable provider

A contract dispute between the sports channel Versus and the university's TV provider DirecTV will leave campus fans hoping to check out this weekend's football game against BYU with a blank screen.

The game will still be available to watch on campus, but not in individual residence hall rooms. In the meantime, the Frog faithful will have to watch the game at local bars or in the 1873 restaurant in the Brown-Lupton University Union.

This inconvenience may seem minor to some, but it's a shame that the No. 8 team in the nation will have its fan support fractured by the legal red tape of third parties. Both companies are saying they are the victim in the matter, but the real victim is the university fan base.

While it's understandable that the university has no control over the relationships between TV providers and channels, it does have a say in which provider it uses. Disputes between providers and channels are nothing new in broadcasting, but students are entitled to a stable source of programming with the amount of money they pay for room and board each semester.

If there are enough fans on campus watching TCU football on TV, the demand outweighs the penalty of having to break a contract with a provider. The university should consider another TV provider.

When a college campus doesn't even have access to watch its own team, something is wrong.

Multimedia editor Chance Welch for the editorial board.

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

Race not a barrier to love, marriage



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

Going to the justice of the peace with your sweetie to obtain your marriage license should be a cause for celebration. It wasn't very much fun last week for Beth Humphrey and Terence McKay, residents of Hammond, La.. This young, happy couple was denied their right to a marriage license by Justice Keith Bardwell. Apparently, Bardwell never heard what I told my own daughter when she was a toddler. God makes us all different on the outside, but we are all the same underneath; we all have the same heart. Bardwell begrudged the rights of this couple because Humphrey is white and McKay is black.

This is abhorrent behavior, especially in light of the fact that the Supreme Court ruled in 1967 that we can all marry whomever we choose. It's just another example of people trying to self-righteously inflict their own prejudices on others. Bardwell defended himself by stating that he was only thinking about the couple's future children, and how being "mixed" would affect them later in life. He denies that he is a racist and says he just thinks that the races shouldn't mix. I hate to be the one to tell him, but that ship has sailed.

According to msnbc.com, interracial marriages now account for more than 7 percent of total marriages in the U.S.. The numbers are rising steadily because today's young people don't see race as a big deal. It is less stigmatized to date someone of a different race today than it used to be.

Getting married is a serious deci-

If this guy is going to tell mixed-race couples not to marry, is he also going to question if people drink too much or do drugs?

sion and an epic life change. I'm fairly sure that Humphrey and McKay have already discussed the big issues that can come up in a marriage such as finances, child-rearing and day-to-day problems. They probably had no idea there would be a roadblock before they even got that far. How dare Justice Bardwell think he has any right to tell anyone how to live? Only God can do that, and according to the cute, little song I learned at church as a child, God loves us no matter what color we are.

We enter into marriage knowing there are risks and that there could be problems. If this guy is going to tell mixed-race couples not to marry, is he also going to question if people drink too much or do drugs? Maybe those people shouldn't procreate either. Where is the line of judgment drawn?

In this crazy, heartbreaking world we live in, people who find their soulmates should grab them up, no matter "what color they are on the outside" as my young daughter said. I hope Bardwell enjoys the judgment from the Louisiana Judiciary Committee, prodded by the American Civil Liberties Union, to give Bardwell the strictest sanctions for breaking the law. That's karma for you.

Humphrey and McKay found another justice to marry them, and I hope they have a blessed, loving marriage and healthy, happy children. Those children should know no color.

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Abortion addiction abhorrent



KAIT STAFFIERI

Irene Vilar is a mother, an author, a literary agent, an editor and an incredibly intelligent woman. Yet, she has a disturbing secret that she is ready to share with the world. She has an addiction to receiving the medical procedure known as abortion.

According to the ABC News Web site, she has had 15 abortions in the past 16 years, and she has been married for the majority of those years. Vilar, who now has two children, has decided to write a book titled "Impossible Motherhood," in which she discusses her decision to have repeat abortions and advocates the concept of pro-choice.

Vilar discusses her addiction to abortion. After she had her ninth and 10th abortions, she needed the high that she received from the procedure.

"In the beginning I was taking pills, and I'd skip a day or two or give up one month," she said. "I'd think, 'I'll be better next time.' But slowly, my days took on a balancing act, and

there was a specific high. I would get my period and be sad, then discover I was pregnant, being afraid, yet also so excited."

Yet she was not excited at the prospect of having the child; she knew before she even conceived what the fate of that fetus was.

ABC News looked at another woman, Mary, who had her first abortion when she was 21. She did not think it was the right time to have a child. She has had three abortions to date, but she describes abortion as something she didn't want to go through again.

"It's a physically painful thing to do – not something I'd ever want to use as a form of birth control," Mary said. "Who wants to go through that pain to end the lives of potential children?"

Specialists look at women who have multiple abortions as women who are addicted to self-mutilation. You may have heard this term before in another context. Cutting, burning or causing any sort of physical injury to one's self on purpose is known as self-mutilation, and is considered by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders as a symptom of borderline personality disorder and

She knew before she even conceived what the fate of that fetus was.

depressive disorders.

Why does Vilar, a mentally-disturbed woman, have the right to end multiple fetuses' heartbeats for her own addiction? And even so, why should her book describing it be published?

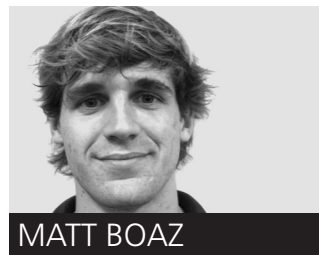
Abortion is a touchy subject for most people, and everyone seems to have an opinion. Whether your opinion is pro-life or pro-choice, neither of those makes you "anti-life" like this deranged woman. She should not have the right to have the blessing of children of her own after purposefully getting pregnant just to destroy an unborn child.

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Hugo Chavez not all bad



MATT BOAZ

The mention of Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez in today's political sphere, or even general society, seems to elicit no less than vigorous chair-throwing and shouting matches of great amplitude involving neck veins and eye bulges. Yet upon what is all of this anger founded?

To begin with, there is the not-so-discrete anti-American rhetoric utilized by the leader himself in which he compares the U.S. to a power-hungry locust, devoid of inhibition and spurred on by its own selfish, imperialistic desire. To compound this effect of damaged pride, Chavez openly touts his relationship with Cuba and Iran, and is in open negotiation for arms trade and oil distribution with China and Russia.

It is the first of these associations which causes the most outrage. The former leader of the "autocratic," communist state of Cuba is the infamous Fidel Castro. Known for his suppression of free speech and strong stance against all U.S. policies, his passing of the figurative torch of leadership to his brother, Raul, was seen as a plucking of a small thorn from the body of the U.S. and replacing it with the forceful jab of a sharpened arrow. Chavez, thusly, is tossed

into this heap of villains against whom the U.S. will not waiver.

However, it is important to educate oneself on what exactly the faults are of Venezuela and Cuba and other enmity-worthy institutions.

Venezuela, a populist state, elected Chavez because of the great economic disparity between the upper and lower classes.

As a majority of its population was impoverished, a campaign against corruption and in support of more equal economic distribution arose. After a failed coup, Chavez was finally elected as president in 1998. The publicized result has been his foreign policy – that of engaging non-typical allies, especially those who are opposed to the policies of the U.S. However, his goal is not to undercut or even threaten the goals of the U.S. Instead, he is hoping to provide a response to what he views as a hegemonic power. Chavez believes larger economic policies have allowed for large corporations to exploit small groups within his borders.

Since he became president, he has instituted a variety of social, educational, and health care institutions into even the most remote villages of his country. Literacy rates have sky rocketed, and doctors and nurses are spreading their influence into areas that were formerly unreachable. Now, these initiatives are funded primarily through oil revenue controlled by the state, an unstable resource both in price and availability.

However, perhaps these efforts

Chavez believes larger economic policies have allowed for large corporations to exploit small groups within his borders.

of attempting to establish a positive improvement in domestic policy should be more agreeably acknowledged. Chavez has also provided oil at reduced-prices to Third World countries and has provided aid to Bolivia, a country with a majority indigenous population that is plagued by similar problems of poverty, illiteracy and poor health care. Therefore, before fiery fingers of blame and outrage are asserted, perhaps the average citizen could pursue a little more research into the subject. After all, Che Guevara and Castro were best friends and revolutionaries growing up together.

Look at Che, his face is now an iconic t-shirt and his story is characterized as one of ambition and how it can lead to success in the "Motorcycle Diaries." There are certainly negative components to Chavez's policies, and he too has been accused of limiting freedom of the press and allowing corruption to occur. But a better policy may be to encourage the spread of these social programs rather than condemning his regime in general. A small smile would go a long way.

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NEWS

Nursing students to give free flu vaccinations

By Lauren Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Nursing students will be helping to ward off the seasonal flu by administering free vaccinations today in the University Recreation Center — one of several efforts to educate the campus community about H1N1 and the seasonal flu.

Students will be helping at the clinic as part of a project for clinical instructor Sharon Canclini's Community Health Practicum class.

"This student population has done an amazing job because they have been working with what I call a moving target," Canclini said, "(This) is very

different than any clinical the students have done in the past because they're not in a hospital. This is very foreign to them to work with aggregate care, meaning working with all of the community, not just a sick person in the community."

The clinic, offered by the university every fall, will last from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.. Vaccinations are free to students with their TCU ID card.

But volunteering at the clinic is not the only task nursing students in Canclini's class have taken on this fall, said senior nursing major Traci Murray, a student in Canclini's class and co-leader of one project.

"Our project this semester

was to educate the TCU community on seasonal and H1N1 flu, and ways to prevent spreading the flu," Murray said.

Murray's group created informative fliers, a Web site, care packages for the University Health Center and posters for educational presentations, she said. Several hundred fliers were placed in Barnes & Noble, on campus and in restrooms all over the university providing tips on proper hand washing and coughing etiquette.

"We recognize the need in the TCU community that there needs to be a heightened awareness of how to prevent the spread of seasonal and H1N1

flu, because we have a predominantly residential campus and everyone lives in close proximity to each other," Murray said. "So that just increases the spread if we don't know how to control it and wash our hands effectively and cough better."

Murray said the group came up with the idea for the project as a response to relevant community needs.

She said that to understand community necessities, the group conducted windshield surveys, which consisted of observing the surroundings by driving or walking through the community. Group members also spoke with stakeholders in the campus community.

Canclini said this was a Harris College of Nursing project. The students relied on the cooperation of their professors to get out of classes to work on the pilot study Sept. 21.

The pilot immunization was an opportunity for the students to see how the vaccination clinic would run. All nursing students and faculty were vaccinated at the pilot.

"It is like a capstone project for these students, and you can see the incredible amount of energy they put into it," Canclini said of the students' work.

Murray said that although a portion of the project will end with the semester, the

Free Flu Shots

Where: University Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room 1
When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today
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educational portion will continue. The group will not take down the fliers it put up or make the information unavailable.

She said that her group received a lot of community support through donations like free copies, thermometers and gift cards, which made the fliers and care packages possible.

Ala. mayor in corruption trial

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press Writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — An investment banker who pleaded guilty to bribing Birmingham Mayor Larry Langford testified Thursday he hoped to get lucrative bond work when he began giving money to Langford, who was in "very dire" financial straits.

The plan worked, banker Bill Blount testified during Langford's corruption trial. Soon after Langford took over as president of the Jefferson County Commission, Blount's firm was included in a string of county bond deals.

Prosecutors said Blount Parish & Co. Inc. made \$7.1 million from county deals while Blount showered Langford with some \$235,000 in expensive gifts, checks and hefty loans.

Langford, 63, left the Jefferson County Commission after he was elected mayor of Birmingham in 2007. Bond deals during his tenure with the coun-

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Bill Blount
banker and former chairman of the Alabama Democratic Party

ty turned sour, and the county is now trying to avoid filing what would be the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history over some \$3.9 billion in debt.

Blount, of Montgomery, is the prosecution's main witness against Langford, who will be removed from office if convicted on any of multiple counts of bribery, fraud, conspiracy, money laundering or filing false tax returns.

Blount, a former chairman of the Alabama Democratic Party, recounted how he first began providing a string of loans,

checks and lavish gifts to Langford. He hired lobbyist Al LaPiere to be his "eyes and ears" in Jefferson County, Alabama's most populous county and financial center.

After Langford won the Democratic primary for a commission seat in June 2002, LaPiere told Blount that Langford was in "very dire need" of money to pay clothing bills.

Blount said he arranged a \$50,000 loan for Langford because he didn't want the debt problems to become public and ruin a promising political career.

Prosecutor George Martin asked Blount if he had other motives.

"I certainly hoped that in the event Jefferson County did any public finance work my firm would be included," Blount said.

Langford contends he and Blount were only old friends exchanging gifts. Defense lawyer Mike Rasmussen told jurors in opening arguments Langford didn't consider any of Blount's largesse to be bribes.



Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden speaks at a news conference in Fort Collins, Colo. on Oct. 18. Alderden said it was a hoax when parents reported that their 6-year-old son was in a flying saucer-like helium balloon.

Sheriff thrust into spotlight

By Catherine Tsai
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — Spectators watching the alleged balloon boy hoax unfold on live TV suggested paragliders, skydivers, fishing hooks and more to bring down the flying saucer-shaped craft thought to be carrying a 6-year-old boy.

Since the boy, Falcon Heene, was found at home and investigators declared the whole saga a hoax by the boy's parents, the e-mails flooding Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden's e-mail inbox have turned to criticism of his actions in the case.

In his online newsletter Thursday — titled "Up, Up and Away" — Alderden writes that people sent e-mails from around the world, some of them calling him gullible, fat and bald with an over-inflated ego. They compared him to Barney Fife, the bumbling sheriff's deputy on the 1960s TV show "The Andy Griffith Show."

Alderden conceded he's fat and bald. He disagreed with most of the rest.

Though he led a weekend news conference announcing his office was pursuing crimi-

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Jim Alderden
Larimer County Sheriff

nal charges against Richard and Mayumi Heene and then appeared on Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor" Monday, Alderden said he really doesn't enjoy the media spotlight.

"In fact, I'm pretty ticked off that I had to spend my week-end dealing with them instead of some quality time in the saddle," Alderden wrote. "That said, sometimes the Sheriff just has to be the spokesperson instead of putting it off on the Press Information Officer. I did my best to put an end to the media circus and have refused to do any more interviews or morning TV shows, even turning down Dr. Phil."

Richard and Mayumi Heene of Fort Collins haven't been arrested yet, and have denied

it was a publicity stunt. The Heenes appeared on ABC's "Wife Swap" late last year and again in March, and investigators said the couple wanted to use publicity from the balloon episode to get their own reality TV show.

Alderden said he might address criticism next week that he misled the media in the hours after the boy was found, when he told reporters that investigators still believed the Heenes were sincere. Alderden since has said he told reporters that because he didn't want the Heenes to be tipped off to the criminal investigation.

The semi-regular newsletter, "The Bull's-eye," is posted on a private site linked to the official sheriff's site. It carries the subtitle, "Straight Shooting from the Sheriff."

Alderden wrote that one on-looker's suggestion for bringing down the balloon involved multiple helicopters and a large net. Others suggested using blimps, skydivers, paragliders, and fishing hook and line.

Alderden thanked everyone who sent ideas to rescue the craft.

"Some suggestions were actually pretty sound. Others — not so sound," the sheriff wrote.

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Sports editor spat: Will Frogs continue road to BCS dreams?

Frogs must put constant pressure on Hall

Hall and Unga will carry Cougars to victory



TRAVIS L. BROWN

The Frogs have faced teams with prolific offenses for the past two years with great star power to back up highly-ranked team stats. This season the Frogs have already stopped Clemson running back C.J. Spiller and have come out victorious against an Air Force team that was ranked second in the nation in rush offense at the time.

But TCU hasn't faced an offense like this.

BYU has star power at almost every skill position, the biggest at quarterback in Max Hall. Earlier in the season, Hall picked part a good Oklahoma defense in their biggest win of the season so far. But despite the other key players the Cougars have out

on the field, BYU's success hinges completely on Hall.

In their only loss of the season, Hall was forced to get rid of the ball by the persistent zone blitz of Florida State. Last year, the Frogs were able to flush Hall out of the pocket and forced him to make decisions on the run, causing a complete offensive meltdown by the Cougars.

The Frogs have proven they have four key assets in putting a quarterback to the turf in Jerry Hughes, Wayne Daniels, Tank Carder and Daryl Washington. These four should already be giving Hall nightmares about the havoc they will be bringing on him.

BYU tight end Dennis Pitta leads the team in receiving yards, but will be a non-factor in the game with the extra help needed to block Hughes, Daniels, Carder and Washington. If the Cougars do roll him out, he will be well covered by the extremely athletic Washington. The height mismatch

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will be countered by sheer athleticism.

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Sports editor Travis L. Brown is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Dallas.



MATT PAYNE

At a time when the rankings often favor style over substance, BYU football coach Bronco Mendenhall stands stoically on the side of conservatism.

Both TCU (No. 8 in BCS standings) and BYU (No. 16 in BCS standings) were ranked in the first BCS poll of the season, and each team has a chance to make a significant leap with a victory. Coming in without a loss, TCU has more to lose and could hop ahead of Boise State as the favorite non-BCS school in the country with a victory.

And for BYU, which already had a huge win over Oklahoma nullified when it laid an egg at home against a schizophrenic Florida State team, this year's game against

the Horned Frogs could be the statement game they need to get back into the fringe of the BCS picture. Who knows what could happen if Boise State were to miraculously lose to one of the cream puffs on its remaining schedule?

The Horned Frogs made the Cougars look foolish in Texas last year, when an undefeated BYU team came in with visions of a BCS-bowl invitation and left with their tails between their legs. They couldn't keep up with TCU's speed and athleticism, and the combination of Jerry Hughes and Jeremy Kerley created problems for BYU throughout TCU's 32-7 route.

Keeping those two in check, along with finding ways to get Harvey Unga the ball in space will be the keys to victory for BYU. After battling interception problems earlier this season, Max Hall has thrown six touchdowns without a pick the last two games. This has everything to do with his decision making — choosing to take the underneath routes

The stage is set for what will probably be the best Mountain West Conference game of the year.

rather than forcing the ball downfield — and he'll have to continue this against TCU to give BYU a shot.

On defense, BYU will be toast if they pull a repeat of the Florida State game, giving a mobile quarterback an eternity to throw (or run) on every play. Andy Dalton will pick the Cougars apart if they can't get any sustained pressure on him.

The stage is set for what will probably be the best Mountain West Conference game of the year. And for perhaps the only time this season, the winning team won't have to rely on style points to get their due credit in national polls.

Matt Payne is the sports editor for the BYU Daily Universe.

New triathlon club to participate in first meet Sunday

By Paige McArdle
Staff Reporter

2,500 yards of swimming, 30 miles of biking and 10 miles of running. For the average person, this could be a daunting task. For members of the TCU triathlon club, it's just an average week.

After less than two months of training as a group, members of the triathlon club, Tri Frogs, are preparing to compete in the club's first triathlon event, the Monster Triathlon, in Keller on Sunday. The group, which is in its first semester as an official club, is open to students, faculty and staff, said Tri Frog member Jason Eagar, associate director of the TCU Leadership Center.

Triathlons are multi-sport races that consist of swimming, biking and running and are typically one of four distances: sprint, intermediate, long course and ultra distance. Sprint triathlons are usually 750 meters of swimming, 20 kilometers of biking, followed by five kilometers of running while ultra distance triathlons are significantly longer (2.4 miles of swimming, 112 miles of biking and 26.2 miles of running), according to usatriathlon.org.

Eagar formed a training group in the spring while training for his first triathlon, which was scheduled for September prior to its cancellation. After placing an ad in TCU Announce, Eagar was contacted by about two dozen people, he said.

Now, with about 50 members, Tri Frogs is hoping to attract the attention of people

who have considered participating in a triathlon in the past, but maybe didn't have the support they needed to make their consideration a reality, said Carlo Capua, the running coordinator for the group.

"A lot of people, they have it on their radar," Capua said. "It just seems like something that's insurmountable. We make it real, we break it down into little bitty pieces and little bitty steps, and with baby steps ... you can accomplish anything."

Eagar said the club was a melting pot of experience. The

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running coordinator

group consists of members of varying experience and beginners are encouraged to join, he said.

Triathlons can be intimidating for first-time competitors, but with the training and support of club members, it's a doable task, Capua said.

"(The club is) very low-key, very low-pressure," he said. "We're all just trying to become fitter and healthier and encourage each other to get to that starting line."

Eric Olson, a senior move-

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ment science major, started triathlon competitions in summer 2008. The club allows members to train with people who have similar goals, which helps push beginners, he said.

Tri Frog training consists of about three swimming workouts, three biking workouts and three running workouts each week for individual members, Capua said. There are one or two group workouts in each sport throughout the week as well.

Although the club doesn't have an official coach, there are coordinators for each of the three sports, Eagar said. The club also relies on non-member triathlon enthusiasts and experienced members for guidance.

If the club generates enough interest, it could become a registered USA Triathlon club in spring 2010, said Tri Frogs president Wendy Farrens, an education administration graduate student. USAT membership would allow the club to compete in collegiate races as a team, she said.

Those who are interested in the club are invited to watch or participate in training sessions, Capua said. People interested in Tri Frogs should contact Farrens via e-mail at w.farrens@tcu.edu.



Top right: Tri Frog running coordinator Carlo Capua leads club members and Team in Training participants in a warm up jog. Bottom left: Freshman biology major Milan Podrecca swims the freestyle stroke during a Tri Frog practice Tuesday evening. Right: Freshman biology major Milan Podrecca and sophomore biology major Jessica Latimer spin during a cycling class Thursday morning.

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NEWS



A man drives a Reva car, a product of Reva Electric Car Co., as others are seen parked in a row at its launch in July 2007 in Bangalore, India. Reva recently chose Syracuse, N.Y. as the site for its new North American plant.

Indian company to produce electric vehicles in New York

By William Kates
Associated Press Writer

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — An Indian car company has chosen upstate New York for a factory to build a new generation of electric cars for North America, a state official said Thursday.

The Reva Electric Car Co. will work with Bannan Automotive, a new electric car company in Freeport, N.Y., to assemble a three-door plug-in hatchback, the NXR, at a site in the Syracuse area, according to the official, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the announcement hadn't been made.

The Metropolitan Development Agency scheduled a news conference Friday afternoon to announce the deal, and an agency spokesman declined to release details until that time. Gov. David Paterson and Sen. Charles Schumer were scheduled to take part in the announcement.

Bannan Automotive has secured an exclusive North American licensing deal with Reva, and the companies have agreed to spend \$26.5 million on the plant, The Post-Standard of Syracuse reported this week. Bannan officials could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Bannan will renovate a 150,000-square-foot building in Clay, a Syracuse suburb, the newspaper reported.

The state will provide \$3 million in Empire State Development Corp. grants and \$3.76 million in tax incentives and breaks, the state official said. Paterson met with Reva officials in May, and touted the fact that New York would receive federal stimulus grant money for research into advanced battery technology.

The source also said the state Assembly and Senate will kick in other funding, pushing the package over \$10 million.

Bannan also has applied for \$40 million in loans from the U.S. Department of Energy and \$12 million in loan guarantees from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Agency. Those requests are still pending, a Schumer spokesman said.

The plant is expected to be operating next year, with an initial work force of 100 that will grow to 250 workers over three years.

Reva is based in Bangalore, India. It unveiled the three-door NXR hatchback last month at an international auto show in Frankfurt, Germany.

The NXR can reach speeds of 65 mph with a

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NXR's maximum speed in mph

100

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Minutes it takes to charge the NXR

range of 100 miles on a single charge of its lithium-ion battery pack. The car will come with a 15-minute fast-charge capability, although the full charge would take eight hours from a standard household outlet.

Reva was established in 1994 as a joint venture between the Maini Group of India and AEV LLC, a California company, to manufacture environmentally friendly and cost-effective electric vehicles. The cars are now sold across Asia and Europe.

There are more than two dozen companies now manufacturing or planning to manufacture electric cars in the United States, according to industry figures.

Old gun case could land popular rapper in jail

By Jennifer Peltz and Nekesa Mumbi Moody
Associated Press Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — In the midst of a career surge that has made him one of rap's biggest stars, Lil Wayne is bracing for a year behind bars after pleading guilty Thursday in a two-year-old gun case.

A glum Lil Wayne said little as he admitted illegally having a loaded gun on his tour bus in 2007, moving to end a case that had churned along as he collected Grammys and gold records. He's expected to get a year in jail at his sentencing, set for February.

The plea, which came as he boasted the country's No. 1 pop song, makes Lil Wayne the latest in a long line of rappers to face incarceration after topping the charts.

Arguably rap's most popular artist, Lil Wayne somberly answered his judge's questions with "yes, sir" and "no, sir" as he pleaded guilty to a felony charge of attempted criminal possession of a weapon.

He acknowledged he had a loaded .40-caliber semiautomatic gun when the bus was stopped shortly after a Manhattan concert on July 22, 2007. His lawyer had previously disputed the gun was the rapper's, in part by questioning the reliability of a highly sensitive DNA test that prosecutors said tied him to the weapon.

State Supreme Court Justice Charles Solomon warned Lil Wayne that he wouldn't be able later to withdraw the plea, as some people try to do.

"I'm not one of those people," said the rapper, who sat in court in jeans and a hooded parka. He pulled up the hood and didn't speak as he left the courthouse with members of his entourage, who piled into four black SUVs. He's due back in court Dec. 15 before his sentencing date, which has yet to be set.

He had faced at least 3 1/2 years in prison if convicted of the original weapons-possession charges against him.

Lil Wayne, 27, also is scheduled for trial in Arizona in March on felony drug possession and weapons charges stemming from a January 2008 arrest at a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint. He has pleaded not guilty in that case.

In March, an Atlanta judge dismissed felony drug charges against Lil Wayne. His lawyer had said the rapper wasn't staying in the hotel room where police said the drugs were found in 2006.

Over the past two years, Lil Wayne — born Dwayne Carter — has emerged as the best-selling figure in music. His "Tha Carter III" topped all album sales in 2008 with 2.8 million copies sold off of such hits as the No. 1 smash "Lollipop." His Grammys include last year's best rap solo performance award, for "A Milli."

A rapper since he was a teen,

Lil Wayne exploded in popularity thanks to his voluminous output on the mixtape circuit and collaborations with other artists. He currently has the No. 1 song in the country with Jay Sean, "Down."

While his lyrics sometimes are laced with violence, he's more known for clever wordplay and risqué material.

The relationship between chronicling crime and living it has long been an issue in rap. Some of the genre's big names — including Tupac Shakur, Lil' Kim, Beanie Sigel, Shyne, Mystikal and C-Murder — have done a few months to several years behind bars for crimes committed after they became famous.

T.I., another of rap's top sellers, reported to a federal prison in May for his conviction on weapons charges. He's expected to serve a year and a day.

While some rappers haven't regained their chart status after prison or jail, Shakur became even more popular, and T.I. remains popular on the radio.

Police pulled over Lil Wayne's tour bus shortly after it left a concert venue, saying they had seen and smelled marijuana smoke wafting out the door when it was parked.

After ordering roughly a dozen or so other people off the bus, police found a freshly showered Lil Wayne in his boxer shorts in a bedroom at the back of the bus. Police said that as an officer approached, the rapper tossed away a Louis Vuitton bag containing the gun.

The Miami-based rapper wasn't licensed to carry a gun in New York, prosecutors said.

The Manhattan District Attorney's office said small amounts of DNA found on the

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2007

The year Lil Wayne was found illegally in possession of a loaded gun in his tour bus.

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Number of years Lil Wayne could be behind bars.

2.8 million

Number of copies of Lil Wayne's most recent album sold.

gun connected it to Lil Wayne. Defense lawyer Stacey Richman had raised questions about the relatively new technique, used to derive the results from DNA samples that can consist of fewer than roughly 16 human cells.

A hearing on the method's level of scientific acceptance started Wednesday and had been expected to continue for days. After Lil Wayne's guilty plea, both prosecutors and Richman stressed that they stood by their contrasting positions on the technique.

But, Solomon said, "The issue is not going to be decided in this courtroom, in this case."

Meanwhile, another platinum-selling rapper, Ja Rule, still faces gun-possession charges stemming from his separate arrest after playing the same July 2007 show as Lil Wayne. Ja Rule, known to the court as Jeff Atkins, has pleaded not guilty. He has a court date next month.



Rapper Lil Wayne enters Manhattan criminal court Wednesday in New York. A hearing on a DNA profiling technique used in the rapper's 2007 gun-possession case was due to start Wednesday. The 27-year-old has pleaded not guilty.

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Wide receiver Jimmy Young carries the ball across the goal line for a Frog Touchdown in this week's NCAA 10 game simulation. The Frogs blew away the BYU Cougars in Provo, Utah, by the score of 35 to 14, dominating play the entire game. Check dailyskiff.com for video highlights of the game called by sports editor Travis L. Brown and editor-in-chief David Hall.

FOOTBALL

Frogs look to shine in spotlight

By Mary Sue Greenleaf
Staff Reporter

With a 6-0 record so far this season, the Horned Frog football team heads to Provo, Utah to square off against nationally-ranked Brigham Young University. They face off against the Cougars Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

The upcoming game has received attention on the national level because of both teams' high poll standings. The Cougars are currently ranked No. 16 in the AP poll with a 6-1 record.

Both teams head into the weekend undefeated in the Mountain West Conference.

ESPN's College Football GameDay will be broadcasting this weekend from Provo, bringing additional national coverage to the game.

In the 2008 season, the Horned Frogs defeated BYU 32-7, removing them from consideration as Bowl Championship Series contenders. With TCU in a similar position this year, head coach Gary Patterson said the team is preparing for a grudge match with BYU.

The Cougars are ranked sixth nationally in scoring, and second in pass efficiency.

On offense, junior running back Harvey Unga leads BYU with 575 net rushing yards and nine touchdowns in 2009.

Senior quarterback Max Hall leads BYU in passing with 152 completed passes out of 219 attempts. This season Hall has already thrown for 2069 yards and 16 touchdowns.

"I call them a precision of offense," Patterson said. "They are always on the attack."

He also said BYU has strong players on both offense and defense this year.

On defense, junior defensive back Andrew Rich leads the Cougars in tackles with 41.

In the past 22 seasons, TCU and BYU have competed eight times. BYU holds the edge over the Horned Frogs with a 5-3 record.

Last year's Frog victory against BYU ended the Cougars' 16-game winning streak. It was the longest winning streak in college football at the time.

Going into Saturday's game, Patterson said that the team is more focused on winning than

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head coach

on their hopes of remaining a BCS-busting candidate.

"You can have a lot more conversation ... if it turns out well at BYU," Patterson said regarding the BCS. "Then you've achieved what we need to achieve in the first seven ball games."

He said that every team is different, and that this year's team has proven they can han-

WHERE TO WATCH

Fuzzy's Taco Shop: showing game; no specials

Chili's Grill & Bar on S. University: showing game; no specials, accepts FrogBucks

Fox & Hound in Downtown Fort Worth: showing game; usual Saturday happy hour specials

Boomer Jack's on W. 7th: showing game; free appetizer with TCU ID card

Buffalo Bros. Pizza: showing game; shot specials during game

dle tough competition.

"You've got to get ready for the games you are supposed to win, and the big games take care of themselves," Patterson said.

He expressed the same sentiment heading into the Clemson game in week three.

Playing the Cougars in Provo will add another difficult dynamic for the Horned Frogs, Patterson said.

Patterson said that playing at home gives teams a greater advantage because they get to play with a full roster, which normally doesn't travel on the road.

Junior quarterback Andy Dalton said that this game is just like any other and that each game counts as one. He did add that the atmosphere this weekend should be great, especially with the presence of ESPN College Football GameDay.

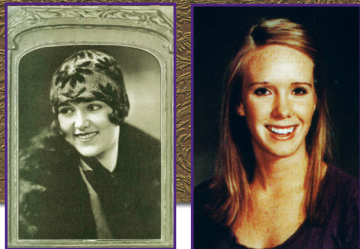
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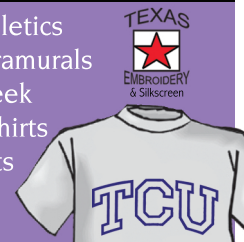
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