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Jazz ensemble to be international guest at Cuban music festival

By **Christa Acuna**
Staff Reporter

The TCU Jazz Ensemble has performed with several international artists in the past, but the tables have turned since the group was invited to be an international guest at the Havana International Jazz Festival Dec. 15-20, Director of Jazz Studies Curt Wilson said.

Wilson said Harmony International, a travel group, invited the jazz band to the festival after the band's performance as the featured college band last February at the Texas Music Educators Conference in San Antonio.

He said the ensemble was the only American band invited to perform at the festival, but other

bands from South America and Europe would be there. The university's ensemble will be one of the first American bands allowed to perform in Cuba in the last 50 years, he said.

Freshman jazz ensemble member Tanner Webb said he was shocked when he found out about the invitation because he didn't think the trip was possible due to U.S. relations with Cuba. He said he was very excited also for the experience and opportunity to learn about jazz in Cuba.

Wilson said that although the jazz ensemble was invited in February, the trip didn't become a reality until August because of the approval required for the band to attend.

He said Harmony International took care of

contacting the U.S. State Department to get approval and visas for the attendees.

Webb, a music education major, said one of the reasons Americans were allowed to travel to Cuba for was for educational purposes.

Wilson said the trip would be a great opportunity for cultural exchange. He said he did not know of any potential restrictions the group could face from the Cuban government, and that his only requirement was that the ensemble members represent the university honorably.

In addition to performing approximately 30 different songs at the festival, Wilson said the band will also perform and give master classes at the National School of Music in Havana.

Webb said the ensemble started practicing

music for the festival at the beginning of the school year because it wanted to make a good impression. He said the group focused on the Havana performance during regular practices.

Wilson said the band hoped to use the trip as an opportunity to learn about Cuban music because of the music's influence on jazz in the 1940s and 1950s, when the Cuban jazz style was called Afro-Cuban.

Webb said he hoped his eyes would be opened to different jazz styles around the world.

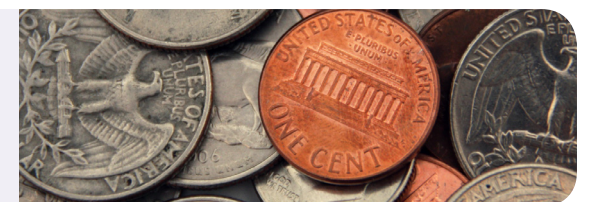
"There are already different kinds of jazz in America," he said. "But I feel like in different parts of the world, there would be completely different areas that aren't touched on all the time by American groups."

CORRECTION

Tuesday's issue stated that the Center For International Studies: TCU Abroad is sponsoring the Pennies for Peace fundraiser. Members of the Neeley Fellows Program, Campaign for TCU and communication studies classes are also sponsoring the fundraiser.

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Classes' fundraiser to benefit Pennies for Peace.



CAMPUS

University ranked 14th in scholarship contest

By Kerri Feczko
Staff Reporter

A place in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll brings more than just football recognition.

As a location-based mobile and web service, Gowalla has partnered with the Associated Press to launch the AP Top 25 Gowalla Check-in Challenge.

Gowalla has offered the opportunity to those select universities to check-in at designated "spots" on campus using the Gowalla application via phone or on the web, said Gowalla Marketing and Communications Manager Pia Arthur.

With every spot check-in, points will be granted to that university. The school with the most points by the end of the regular season will receive a \$10,000 donation for its scholarship fund.

In addition to the scholarship, each university student, faculty or staff member will be eligible for the chance to receive prizes such as an iPad, iPod nano or MacBook Air, Arthur said.

One of the main goals of Gowalla has always been to encourage people to go out and discover new places and things, Arthur said. It allows people to keep up with friends and share the places they go.

Arthur said partnering with the AP was a great way to get students involved in the website.

"We've seen a major uptake of

people checking in on universities and more interest from university students," Arthur said. "It's a great way to continue to build camaraderie in schools."

According to the website, the university was ranked No. 14, just one rank behind Mountain West Conference rival University of Utah. The University of Texas at Austin held the No. 1 spot with more than 650 points.

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Gowalla Marketing and
Communications Manager

Schieffer School of Journalism instructor Steve Levering, a Top 10 TCU visitor on Gowalla, wrote in an e-mail that he decided to try Gowalla after using foursquare, a similar application that will also track locations, and because he knew friends who also used Gowalla. Levering said the benefits were worth the effort.

"TCU could get a scholarship out of it, and I could potentially win a MacBook," Levering wrote.

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Once Gowalla is downloaded, users on campus will notice an extra tab added to the application page that will read, "Associated Press Top 25 Check-in Challenge," Arthur said. Once the tab is clicked, all the designated "spots" on campus would be revealed in order to gain more points. Users will be able to check-in at one or all

five spots in one day, she said.

Every time Gowalla users check-in somewhere, a custom-designed stamp is added to their Gowalla Passport, a digital collection of stamps representative of all the places visited. This will allow them to upload pictures from the different places, highlight meaningful events and comment on the places

that friends have visited, according to the website.

"What we're hoping to do is encourage students in a fun way to compete to see if their school can win a \$10,000 scholarship," Arthur said.

According to the website, Gowalla is a free application that can be downloaded on an iPhone, Android, BlackBerry or Palm webOS phone.

POLITICS

Rhode Island's name change up to voters

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — This state's official name — The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations — is more than just a mouthful. To many, it evokes stinging reminders of Rhode Island's prime role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Voters next Tuesday will decide whether to change the name by dropping the words "and Providence Plantations." The issue has been debated for years, but lawmakers last year authorized a ballot question for the first time following an impassioned debate over race relations, ancestry and history.

"You go anywhere and you mention plantations and what automatically comes to a person's mind is slavery," said Nick Figueroa, 41, a member of a legislative minority advisory coalition that backs changing the name.

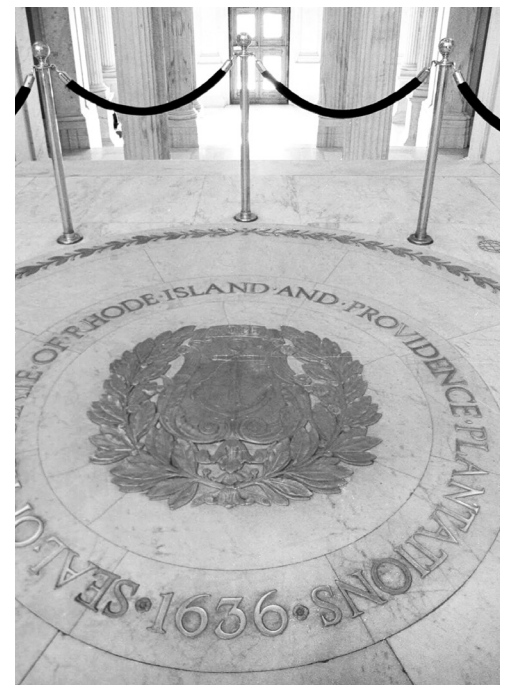
Supporters of the referendum see the ballot question as a chance to

erase the state's links to slavery and remove a word they associate with human bondage and suffering. But opponents, including Gov. Don Carcieri, note that the state name actually has nothing to do with slavery and that, in any case, changing it will do nothing to alter history.

Michael Vorenberg, a Brown University history professor, said he understands the contemporary connotation of the word "plantations" but favors keeping the name because it provokes questions.

"People might naturally say, 'What does that word mean and why is it in the state name?' And that may lead to a discussion of the role of slavery in the history of Rhode Island, in the history of New England," Vorenberg said.

The referendum's prospects are unclear. The issue has been overshadowed by a competitive gubernatorial race and congressional elections, and advocates of the name change haven't run advertisements. The four leading gubernatorial candidates all oppose it.



SUSAN E. BOUCHARD / ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE - In this Jan. 21, 2000 file photo, the seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations is seen on the floor of the Statehouse rotunda in Providence, R.I.

CAMPUS

Film shows sides of Palestinian conflict

By **Katey Muldrow**
Staff Reporter

Conflicts that divide the Palestinian region and its people were showcased in a film screening and a question-and-answer session with filmmaker Matt Sienkiewicz Monday evening.

The documentary film "Live from Bethlehem" tells the stories of three journalists and the struggles they faced trying to produce news in a region torn by war and occupation, Sienkiewicz said.

The film followed the Ma'an News Agency over a one-year span and narrated the daily challenges that news makers in the region faced. According to its website, the Ma'an News Agency is the main independent news source in the Palestinian territories.

"I think we have a stereotype of Middle Eastern media which suggests that they have problems with objectivity or other things, and this isn't true," he said. "This is not my experience at all. But there are challenges that need to be addressed, and that's kind of what the film tries to draw out."

The film showed the limitations the news agency faced, such as poor-quality equipment and lack of funding. Sienkiewicz said, however, that more dangerous obstacles included political pressures and threats of violence.

"There are always complications politically, but this a very palpable and potentially violent kind of interference that does come," Sienkiewicz said. "So

in addition to dealing with all the technical aspects, there is also this really complex political situation."

Amber Watts, assistant professor in the Department of Film, Television and Digital Media, said she hoped the film would give students a more balanced view of the Palestinian region and how news is made.

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Assistant Film, Television and Digital Media professor

"The Middle East is a very politically contentious area, and in the U.S., we don't necessarily know that much about it," Watts said. "So when we think of people in Palestine, we think of them as either victims or terrorists basically. And what's great about this film is it shows that they're people, and it humanizes the struggle that we don't really think of in that kind of way."

More obstacles surfaced in the situations the journalists faced personally. During the film, viewers saw the individual struggles of photographer Fadi Tadas and news correspondent Amira Hanania.

Viewers heard Tadas tell how he never left for work without saying goodbye to his family. He explained that every time he went to cover the news, he never knew if he would come back alive.

Hanania showed similar strain as she sat on stone steps with her head held in her hands. She said in the film that she received a phone call from her boss telling her he could not pay her because the agency had not received enough funding.

Allison Schorr, a senior strategic communications major, said the film led her to realize how regional restrictions and conflict made news coverage in the Middle East difficult.

"It was very interesting to see because it was very personal and relatively in depth, and it still covered a variety of topics," Schorr said.

After the film ended, viewers asked Sienkiewicz questions about the Palestinian region, the making of the film and where the film's characters are now.

Sienkiewicz said he tried to always give viewers a background of the Palestinian region's geography and the political conflicts because many American students did not know that much about it.

"It's both a challenging and rewarding process," he said. "It's a controversial topic, and it's something that people bring very, very strong opinions to. And so I feel my job is to educate, and that's what I'm trying to do."

CANDLELIGHT WALK

Walk to benefit schools in Pakistan, Afghanistan

By **Jennifer Iller**
Staff Reporter

The Candlelight Walk for Peace, a university fundraiser for Pennies for Peace, will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Pennies for Peace is a national fundraising project to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Jeff Giraud, adjunct professor of communication studies, said he assigned Pennies for Peace to his group discussion and intercultural communication classes as a service learning project.

Students from Giraud's classes will raise awareness for the program as well as promote it throughout the campus community. The walk will start in the Moudy courtyard, continue through campus and end back in front of Moudy.

Giraud said students will carry plastic pumpkins to collect money as they walk. The walk is open to all members of the university community.

Candlelight Walk for Peace

When: 7 p.m. tonight

Where: Walk begins in Moudy courtyard

Open to all members of the university community

FINANCIAL AID

College students may receive tax credit

By **Brooke Crum**
Staff Writer

In the midst of steadily increasing college expenses, more students can get a better break from the government this year.

Students are eligible to receive a tax credit of up to \$2,500 thanks to the American Opportunity Tax Credit.

According to the IRS website, the tax break was designed to expand the reach of the existing Hope Credit, which applied to 2008 and earlier tax years and could not be refunded.

The Opportunity credit was meant to broaden the range of taxpayers eligible in tax years 2009 and 2010, like those who owe no taxes and those with higher incomes, according to the website.

"It's a step in the right direction," junior accounting and finance major David Russell said. "For students like myself, I think it should be sent to my school to cover expenses. That way, the money is going toward my education."

The Opportunity tax credit expires at the end of this year, but according to an article on *The Washington Post* website, President Barack Obama has been pushing to make it permanent, advocating the policy's assistance for middle-class fami-

lies struggling with the swelling cost of college tuition.

According to the article, the cost for such a higher-education tax break would be about \$58 billion over a period of 10 years added to the national budget.

"Some of the other things we've spent on in America, I feel like this is one of the things that needs to be pushed," Russell said. "We've wasted money on a lot of other things. We should not be so concerned with the financial burden that it will bring, but how it will better America and our society."

Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid Mike Scott said the credit will aid the families of students in covering tuition costs and would not affect aid eligibility.

"It can help the family overall," Scott said. "It's a benefit to the family as a whole or to the parents because they're being able to pay a little less in taxes, but it really doesn't affect their financial aid eligibility."

According to a report released by the Department of the Treasury, more students and families received a higher-education tax credit in 2009 than in 2008.

The report compares the American Opportunity Tax Credit with its predecessor, the Hope Credit. With the potential \$2,500 the Opportunity tax credit offers,

students and families may receive over 75 percent more than the Hope Credit's \$1,800 maximum benefit.


It incorporates a higher income level as well: \$160,000 for joint filers, instead of just \$100,000. Additionally, up to 40 percent of the Opportunity credit is refundable, so lower-income students without federal income tax liability can receive up to \$1,000 in the form of a tax refund, according to the report.

The report stated that 12.5 million students and families received a higher-education tax benefit in 2009. That is an increase of more than 400,000 from the previous year as a result of the Opportunity tax credit.

"This is one of the ways in which middle income families do get some help," Scott said. "Whereas through the traditional financial aid application process or the financial aid eligibility determination, a lot of the middle income families maybe aren't as eligible for grants and direct aid programs from the federal government."

Scott said middle-class families would benefit most from this program rather than lower- or higher-income families.

"From that standpoint of being able to help middle-income families, I think it's great," he said.

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The Skiff View

Jazz Ensemble to make international impact

While most students are home for the holidays this December, the TCU Jazz Ensemble will represent the university as one of the first American bands allowed to perform in Cuba in almost half a century. The band was invited by Harmony International after making a stellar performance at the company's Texas Music Educators Conference earlier this year.

An opportunity like this is unique and commendable for many reasons. It is a huge honor to be selected for a trip to a country most adults have not had the opportunity to visit since the U.S. banned travel to Cuba in 1963.

In this case, the U.S. State Department approved special visas for the band, an exception the department makes for reasons such as educational trips.

The novelty of visiting Cuba is especially exciting for Horned Frogs, who live by a mission statement of striving to become ethical leaders in the global community.

Being allowed to travel to this part of the world gives those students an opportunity to represent both the TCU and all American college students to a group of people who are relatively unfamiliar with American youth. This kind of educational experience benefits both parties through the cultural exchange of music and lifestyles.

Congratulations for earning such an exceptional opportunity. We are sure the band will represent the Horned Frog family with style and grace.

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Development of civil rights absent for too long



Jack Enright

On Sept. 9, U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips ruled "don't ask, don't tell," unconstitutional as a violation of free speech and equal protection rights. The policy is a prohibition on openly gay service members in the military. Last Wednesday, an appeals court temporarily overturned the measure by request of the Justice Department. This has led to tremendous confusion over whether veterans ousted from the military by the measure can re-enlist, and has caused controversy over whether the law should even remain in place.

The "don't ask don't tell" policy was passed in 1993 as a compromise between allowing gays to serve openly and prohibiting it completely. Proponents claim that it does not discriminate against gays and simply tells service members of any sexual orientation to refrain from discussing their orientation. However, the bill is clearly targeted exclusively at homosexuals. In addition, as Phillips noted, the act violates gay service members' rights to free speech and equal protection under the law.

The Obama administration said it is opposed to the bill. Unfortunately, members still support it through their actions.

Obama said he wanted the bill repealed by Congress, not via the judicial process. He claimed he would work with Congress to repeal the law after the elections.

Let's stop there for a minute. After the elections? When you hear those three words, you know it's just smoke and mirrors for "we'll never get it done." It's a claim made over and over again in politics. Even worse than that, Obama wants to delay the repeal until Congress can repeal it, rather than simply let the district court's ruling stand.

It's ironic that Obama can't see why this is such a bad idea. During the 1950s, the NAACP realized that Congress would not approve a civil rights bill, so they used the U.S. Supreme Court to get the civil rights ball rolling with desegregation of public schools in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

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Similarly, in repealing "don't ask, don't tell," the courts are more keen to the constitutional violations in the policy than Congress is. The courts are also more likely to oppose it, as the U.S. District Court's ruling indicates. The fact that Obama would want to reverse a decision overruling "don't ask, don't tell" shows that he says one thing but thinks the other.

It's time that Obama stops the hypocrisy and allows the District Court's ruling to stand. This will continue the development of civil rights that has been absent in this country for far too long.

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PERSPECTIVES

Advocate for democracy still jailed

By Jocelyn Gecker

Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — On the morning of Myanmar's first election in 20 years, the woman who has come to symbolize the struggle for democracy in her country will rise at 4 a.m. to meditate.

Then she will switch on her four short-wave radios to follow the event from inside the crumbling lakefront villa that is her home — and prison.

The popular and charismatic Aung San Suu Kyi is right where the ruling military junta wants her: locked away under house arrest. She is barred from running in the Nov. 7 election. Her political party has been dissolved, removing the only viable opposition in the country formerly known as Burma.

The results of the vote appear to be a foregone conclusion. The military, which has run Myanmar since 1962, is expected to continue to do so through a proxy party. Its so-called "roadmap to democracy" is widely seen at home and abroad as a sham to extend military rule with a civilian facade.

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Suu Kyi (pronounced Sue-Chee) carried her party to a landslide win in Myanmar's last election in 1990. The ruling generals ignored the results and have kept the Nobel Peace Prize winner locked up on-and-off ever since.

This time, the junta is not taking any chances. The 65-year-old Suu Kyi has been politically neutralized, reduced to a mere observer.

But her story may have a sequel. Her detention expires on Nov. 13, a few days after the election, and many analysts believe Suu Kyi will be granted limited freedom as an olive branch to the international community.

"The military has effectively marginalized Aung San Suu Kyi, because she cannot go out and campaign against the military's election," said Muang Zarni, an exiled dissident and Myanmar research fellow at the London School of Economics. "So in that sense, the military has won. But political struggles are not 100-meter sprints."

"As long as Aung San Suu Kyi walks the streets of Burmese cities, she can mobilize public opinion against the regime," Zarni said. "They are afraid of her popular appeal. And when you (combine) Aung San Suu Kyi and massive discontent, you've got a very explosive situation."

It is largely because of Suu Kyi that Myanmar is not forgotten.

Often compared to Nelson Mandela and Gandhi, the petite and poised Suu Kyi has inspired songs by the rock groups U2 and REM. On her birthdays, Hollywood stars such as George Clooney have joined world

leaders and global protests in calls for her freedom.

"She is our beacon of hope. She stands for freedom and democracy in Myanmar," said Moe Moe, a 44-year-old beauty salon owner, one of a dozen people interviewed about the elections in Yangon, the nation's teeming main city.

The military has a history of quashing dissent, instilling fear in the population. Soldiers put down uprisings in 1988 and 2007 with gunfire. The country's prisons hold 2,100 political prisoners, who otherwise might be candidates in the election.

Suu Kyi's lawyer, Nyan Win, said she will be closely watching the election from inside her police-ringed home. Her days follow a strict routine of meditating until 5:30 a.m., then turning on the four radios in her bedroom to listen to the BBC, Voice of America, Radio Free Asia and a dissident overseas station, the Democratic Voice of Burma.

No phones or Internet connections are allowed in her home, though Suu Kyi said through her lawyer recently that she looks forward to joining Twitter one day to chat with the younger generation.

She likes to paint nature scenes and is an avid reader; her lawyer recently dropped off a load of books that included English classics and biographies, French travelogues and history and Burmese-language Buddhist texts.

Suu Kyi has been described as an accidental leader. She grew up partly in India, where her mother was ambassador. She later attended Oxford, worked for the United Nations in New York and then married British academic Michael Aris and raised their two sons in England.

She stumbled into politics at age 43, when she returned to Myanmar in 1988 to nurse her dying mother just as an uprising erupted.

But politics was also her pedigree. Her father was Myanmar's independence hero, Gen. Aung San, who was gunned down by political rivals in 1947 when she was 2. She inherited her father's charisma, a fierce nationalism and stubborn streak.

Suu Kyi has been criticized, at times, for taking a moral high ground that allows little room for compromise. Some analysts and supporters believe she erred in encouraging her party, the National League for Democracy, to boycott the election, which she calls rigged and unfair. The boycott led to her party's dissolution.

Supporters praise Suu Kyi for never veering from her call for true democracy.

In an interview with The Associated Press in 1996, she asked, "How can you bring multiparty democracy to Burma if you do not allow the parties to operate freely?"

If she is released on Nov. 13, Myanmar experts say her freedom could be short-lived, as has been the case in the past. She also may need to redefine her role, now that her party no longer exists.

"I think she is trying to find new ground upon which to stand and really open a new era," said Josef Silverstein, a Myanmar expert at Rutgers University in New Jersey. "But that will depend on the military."

Newer models demand greater skill, investment

By Lou Kesten

Associated Press

I've spent so much time playing "Rock Band" and "Guitar Hero" over the last five years that, by now, I ought to be able to give Eric Clapton a run for his money.

That's what I thought, at least, before tackling "Rock Band 3" (MTV Games, for the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, Wii, \$59.99). Yes, I can still pretend I'm a rock star by strapping on the familiar plastic guitar and jamming along with Jimi Hendrix's greatest hits. But "RB3" also features a much more demanding Pro mode, and mastering "Crosstown Traffic" is suddenly a lot tougher.

Those who aspire to true guitar godhood will need to invest an extra \$150 for Mad Catz Inc.'s Pro Guitar peripheral, a solid piece of equipment with electronic frets and actual strings. For gamers who really want to learn how to play, "Rock Band 3" includes an exhaustive tutorial; after a weekend I was able to pull off a passable version of Joan Jett's "I Love Rock and Roll."

Mad Catz has also developed an \$80 keyboard for "Rock Band 3. Casual ivory-tickers can play along using just five keys; Elton John wannabes can learn to use all 25. The set list includes piano-heavy acts like The Doors and Yes, and you can liven up all your old downloaded tracks by playing the guitar or bass parts on the keyboard.

"Rock Band 3" is the kind of classy production we've come to expect from developer Harmonix. Four stars out of four.

In contrast, "Guitar Hero: Warriors of Rock" (Activision, for the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, Wii, \$59.99) shows the rhythm-game genre at its worst. After too many sequels and spinoffs, Activision has drained all the spark from the "GH" franchise, and the metal-heavy set list

of "Warriors" is one of the least imaginative in the series' history.

The major addition is the Quest mode, a tired fantasy in which you and your bandmates conquer evil with the power of rock. It's nowhere near as rewarding as the career mode in "Rock Band," and the narration by insufferable Kiss frontman Gene Simmons makes it almost unbearable. One star.

"Rock Band 3" is the kind of classy production we've come to expect from developer Harmonix. It's great for people who just want to have fun at parties, and for those who seriously want to learn musical skills. Four stars out of four.

Activision hasn't yet exhausted its second rhythm-game series, so "DJ Hero 2" (for the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, Wii, \$59.99) still feels innovative. The big question remains: Do video-game players really want to emulate turntable wizards like David Guetta and RZA, just as their parents played air guitar to Pete Townshend and Jimmy Page?

The essential gear is a faux turntable, which you can spin to create scratching effects, with a cross-fader that allows you to switch between two songs. (If you don't own the turntable, it'll cost you another \$30.) You score points by timing your actions to match on-screen cues, but "DJ Hero 2" does introduce some freestyle scratching and mixing sequences.

A second turntable brings a competitive element to the party, and you can also plug in a microphone and sing along. "DJ Hero 2" won't turn your living room into a sweaty Ibiza nightclub, but it will get you on your feet. Three stars.

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INDONESIA

Islands struck by volcano, tsunami

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Aide sentenced to death for Shiite persecution

By Barbara Surk and Hamid Ahmed
Associated Press

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Aziz, the only Christian in Saddam's mainly Sunni inner circle, was wearing a blue suit and sat alone in the court.

He bowed his head and frequently grasped the handrail in front of him, as the judge read out the verdict.

The Vatican urged Iraq to not carry out the death sentence and said it may intervene to try to halt it.

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His Jordan-based lawyer, Badee Izat Aref, accused the government of orchestrating the verdict to divert attention from recent revelations about prisoner abuse by Iraqi security forces

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- 5 Tizzy
- 11 Chest muscle, briefly
- 14 Bug tail?
- 15 Injury requiring emergency room treatment
- 16 Everyone
- 17 Track and field event
- 19 Double standard?
- 20 Hardly laid-back
- 21 Morsel
- 22 Corp. exec hopefuls
- 23 Agreed
- 27 Dilettante
- 31 "Nuts!"
- 32 Baby Arp's first word?
- 33 Metric prefix
- 36 Talk big
- 39 Lou Gossett Jr. played one in "An Officer and a Gentleman"
- 42 Ketal One alternative, familiarly
- 43 Señor's "Certainly!"
- 44 Bistro
- 45 Crash site?
- 47 In a way
- 49 Air traveler's need
- 53 Main Web page
- 54 Nashville sch.
- 55 Bond
- 60 Jackie's second
- 61 Folder holder
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- 65 Composer Debussy
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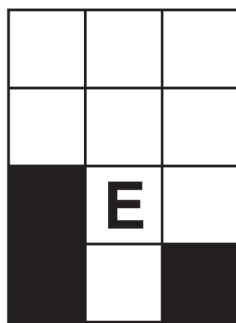
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once. The correct solution will spell the complete phrase along a single continuous spelling path that moves horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Fill the grid from square to square - revisiting letters as needed to complete the spelling path in order. Each letter will appear only once in the grid.

Sample



"Freeze"

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See Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

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NUCLEAR POWER

Iran sees progress as defiance



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A worker rides a bike in front of the reactor building of the Bushehr nuclear power plant, just outside the southern city of Bushehr, Iran, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010. Iran began loading fuel into the core of its first atomic power plant on Tuesday, moving closer to the start up of a facility that leaders have touted as defying of international efforts to curtail the country's nuclear ambitions.

By Ali Akbar Dareini

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran began the process of loading 163 fuel rods into the reactor core of its first nuclear power plant on Tuesday, celebrating the achievement as proof that Tehran can outmaneuver international sanctions.

The plant, built with Russian help in the southern port city of Bushehr, is not among the aspects of Iran's nuclear program that are of top concern to the international community and is not directly subject to sanctions. It has international approval and is supervised by the U.N.'s nuclear monitoring agency.

Nevertheless, Iran has touted its startup as an act of defiance in the face of the penalties and has held up the plant as evidence that it only has peaceful nuclear intentions. The United States and some of its allies believe Bushehr and Iran's other civil nuclear work is providing cover for a secret weapons program under development.

"The great Iranian nation can manage the sanctions with its resistance, efforts and endeavors and this is its proof," Vice President Ali Akbar Salehi told a news conference broadcast on state TV.

The U.N. Security Council has slapped four rounds of sanctions against Iran over a separate track of its nuclear program — its enrichment of uranium, which can be a gateway to developing atomic weapons.

Iran denies such an intention and says it only seeks to master the technology to produce fuel for a planned network of nuclear power facilities, starting with Bushehr.

On Tuesday, Iran loaded the first three fuel assemblies into the plant's reactor core, beginning a process that will take two months, said Salehi, who is also head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran.

The facility is expected to begin supplying electricity to the grid by mid-February.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton made it clear Tuesday that Washington sees a distinction between Bushehr and other nuclear tracks it suspects are meant to give Tehran potential pathways to weapons.

"Iran is entitled to the peaceful use of nuclear power," she said after speaking at a U.N. Security Council meeting to promote women's participation in peacekeeping. "They are not entitled to a nuclear weapons program."

She said she was hopeful that Iran would agree to resume negotiations over the other aspects of its nuclear work.

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The European Union has proposed a new round of talks with Iran in Vienna in mid-November with the participation of the United States, Britain, China, France, Russia and Germany. The negotiations founded a year ago, leading to the fourth round of U.N. sanctions.

The 1,000 megawatt Bushehr plant had been expected to start producing power by November, but a leak in a storage pool delayed the process.

Iranian officials denied the delay had any link to a complex and destructive computer worm, known as Stuxnet, that has swept through industrial sites in Iran and several other countries.

Iran said it believed the computer worm was part of a Western plot to sabotage its nuclear program. Who created the Stuxnet code and what its precise target is, if any, remains a mystery.

Around the same time, Iran acknowledged that some personnel at its nuclear facilities had been lured by promises of money to pass secrets to the West but insisted increased security had put a stop to the spying.

Edith M. Lederer contributed to this report from the United Nations.

POLITICS

Perry: Jobs his greatest contribution

By Kelley Shannon

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — To hear Republican Gov. Rick Perry tell it, the most important part of his record as the leader of Texas can be summed up in a four-letter word: Jobs.

Thousands of new private-sector jobs have been created on his long-ticking watch, Perry says, putting Texas in better shape than many states.

"It's the most important thing a governor does," Perry told The Associated Press recently. "One of the reasons that California, Michigan, New York and those states are having difficulties is because they focused too much on government programs and not enough on job creation."

Polls show Perry leading Democrat Bill White in his bid to win a third full term, and a close look shows that Perry's policies may have played a role in job growth. But other factors have contributed, such as an expanding population. Perry also has presided for 10 years over a state with occasional budget problems and ongoing social ills, and some of his pet projects have failed to come to fruition.

But White, the former Houston mayor, and dismal state budget predictions for 2011 have been unable to distract voters from Perry's continued emphasis on job creation during the campaign.

"So far, Gov. Perry has been able to define his record, and all attempts by Bill White to challenge that just aren't sticking," said Jerry Polinard, a political scientist at University of Texas-Pan American in the Rio Grande Valley. "It's who can control the story line."

One statistic that tells the story is the unemployment rate, which now stands at 8.1 percent. That's higher than in Perry's early years as governor but below the national figure of 9.6 percent.

Perry loves to crow that 129,000 jobs were created in Texas from August 2009 to August 2010, or more than half of all new jobs in the nation, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Perry attributes Texas' new jobs to a low tax and light regulatory environment for businesses and a clampdown on civil lawsuits. As governor he oversaw a revamp of the state's business tax to help pay for schools in 2006, and he and other Republican leaders pressed the passage of lawsuit limitation measures in 2003.



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Texas Gov. Rick Perry gives the thumbs-up after early voting in Austin, Texas on Monday, Oct. 18, 2010.

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ANALYSIS

Rangers' ability to score runs places them ahead of Giants



Allen Kellogg

Rangers starting pitching vs. Giants starting pitching

Good starting pitching will be the key to determine who will win the World Series this year. The Texas rotation will be Cliff Lee, C.J. Wilson, Colby Lewis and Tommy Hunter. The Giants will use Tim Lincecum, Matt Cain, Jonathan Sanchez and Madison Bumgarner. Six of the eight pitchers are under the age of 30, so it will be interesting to watch how the young pitchers handle the pressure of the World Series.

Both teams have the typical ace at the front of their rotations. Lee has dominated this postseason with a 34-1 strikeout-to-walk ratio to go along with a 0.75 ERA. Lincecum is also a strikeout machine and has 30 in three starts. Expect Game 1 to be a pitcher's duel with a lot of strikeouts. Cain will start Game 2 for the Giants and has yet to allow an earned run in the postseason. Wilson was dominant against the Rays, but struggled against the Yankees in Game 5 of the ALCS. Both back ends of the rotations for both teams are strong.

Advantage: Giants

Rangers offense vs. Giants offense

The Texas lineup has been hitting the ball well this postseason, both in power and average. Nelson Cruz leads the team in home runs with five, and Josh Hamilton is second with

four. As a team, the Rangers have hit 17 home runs this postseason. In comparison, the Giants have hit six. Cody Ross is the team leader with four. The Giants do not have a power offense, so they will be at a disadvantage when the series is in Arlington at a stadium known to give up the long ball. The Rangers have scored nearly twice as many runs as the Giants this postseason, so it will be difficult for the Giants to come back if they fall behind early.

One of the Rangers offensive keys will be aggressive base running. Ian Kinsler, Elvis Andrus, Cruz and Hamilton all are a threat to steal bases. With runs at a premium based on the excellent Giants pitching, the stolen base will be a decisive factor. The Giants offense was never the strength of the team during the regular season, which is why the team added players like Ross and Pat Burrell at the trade deadline. The Giants have some talented hitters, such as Buster Posey and Pablo Sandoval, but these players are young and inconsistent. One interesting thing to note is that Vlad Guerrero will have to play left field when the games are at AT&T Park. The outfield of AT&T Park is one of the biggest in the majors, so he may have trouble covering all the gaps in the field.

Advantage: Rangers

Rangers bullpen vs. Giants bullpen

Both the Rangers and Giants have had excellent closers, both in regular season and postseason play. Giants closer Brian Wilson has not allowed a run this postseason, and he led the National League in saves this year with 48. Neftali Feliz had an excellent rookie season with the Rangers by posting 40 saves. Both Feliz and Wilson have fastballs that can reach 100 mph. The strength of the Ranger bullpen is its depth. It has several young, hard-throwing pitchers who can come into the game at any



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From left to right, Texas Rangers starting pitchers Tommy Hunter, Cliff Lee, C.J. Wilson and outfielder Josh Hamilton attend during a team baseball practice for the World Series, Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, in Arlington, Texas.

point and provide long relief or perform in the set-up role.

The Giants have a strong set-up man in Sergio Romo, but they lack depth, especially at the back end of the bullpen.

Advantage: Rangers

Rangers in five

The Rangers will win this series because their offense is so much better than the Giants'. Both teams are capable of winning one-run games; however, the Giants do not have the

ability to score runs in bunches like the Rangers do. Because of this, when the teams move from AT&T Park to the Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, the Giants will not be able to match the powerful offense of Texas. The only hope the Giants have of winning is if their starting pitchers can completely shut down the red-hot Texas lineup, and this will be a tall order for a rotation that is so young.

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MLB

Lee's dominance difficult to pinpoint

By Ben Walker

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Buster Posey, Pablo Sandoval and the rest of the San Francisco Giants can study the scouting reports and videotape all they want, trying to find the secret to getting a hit against Cliff Lee.

Or, they can just ask Cody Ross.

Because many years ago, before he blossomed into the MVP of the NL championship series, Ross was a struggling rookie with the Detroit Tigers. Who happened to hit his first major league home run off Lee. A grand slam, at that.

Of course, Lee was early in his career, too. He hardly had become Mr. Perfect in the postseason, the left-hander who will pose a giant challenge for San Francisco when it faces the Texas Rangers in Game 1 of the World Series on Wednesday night.

"Cliff Lee, superhero," summed up Sandoval.

Watch Lee from the center-field cam-

era and it's difficult to tell exactly what makes him so dominant.

David Price brings more heat. Andy Pettitte brought more October experience. But Lee beat them in the playoffs.

Maybe it's the way he throws any of his pitches for strikes on any count. At any speed, too. A real-life version of a video game — try to duplicate that in "Major League Baseball 2K10."

Lee is 7-0 with a 1.26 ERA in eight lifetime postseason starts heading into his matchup with two-time NL Cy Young winner Tim Lincecum in the opener. Lee went 3-0 this year in the AL playoffs, striking out 34 and walking just one.

Lincecum and Lee pose an intriguing matchup of opposite artisans. The Giants' lanky ace's pitches have dizzying movement, while Lee is able to adjust his pinpoint control for an umpire's strike zone.

Lee's severe strikeout-to-walk ratio has prompted many to suggest the best strategy is to hit the first strike he throws, rather than risk falling behind in the count.

SPORTS

ANALYSIS

Mavs possess versatile players, veteran leadership



J.D. Moore

As the Dallas Mavericks start off their 2010-11 season tonight, fans should expect great things from this franchise. In a league full of superstar-powered teams like the Lakers, Heat and Celtics, too many people have written off the franchises that don't have a LeBron, Kobe or even a Kevin Garnett in their lineup. This year, the Mavs will show that superstars pale in comparison to a team that has the will and capability to fight.

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He's going to be able to attack opponents with a wide variety of lineups. Jason Kidd, Rodrigue Beaubois, Jose Barea and Jason Terry can all play both guard positions. Caron Butler and Shawn Marion can both switch up in either of the forward positions and Dirk Nowitzki can play the power forward or center.

Throw in big-men Brendan Haywood and Tyson Chandler, both of whom are more

than seven feet tall, and the Mavericks have the deepest, most interchangeable lineup in the league.

Beyond the lineup rotation, this Dallas club is stacked with veteran leadership. Nowitzki, Jason Terry and Kidd all have NBA Finals experience. Players like Marion, Chandler and Butler have all played deep into the postseason before.

What's even more impressive about these veterans is the fact that they are still producing results. Last year Kidd, Nowitzki, Terry and Marion combined to average 63.9 points, 21.5 rebounds and 17 assists a game.

Nowitzki, in particular, has been and will continue to be, the biggest factor in the Mavericks' success. He's a nine-time All-Star, 10 time All-NBA selection, the 2006-07 NBA MVP and he's showing no signs of slowing down.

Last year, Nowitzki averaged 25 points and 7.7 rebounds per game while shooting 48 percent from the field, 42 percent from

three-point range and over 90 percent from the free throw line. He has the experience, the talent and the teammates to make a serious run at a title this year.

All else aside, the Mavericks will be a contender based on their sheer desperation to win.

The veterans on the Mavericks squad know that their prime playing years are nearing their expiration date. In every game this season, expect Dallas to play their hearts out to their physical limits. For Kidd, Marion and Nowitzki, a cry of "do-or-die" will be shouted in every single match up. When they play with the intensity they are capable of, there will be few teams, if any, that can compete with Dallas.

If Dallas plays with their skill, deep bench and passion, expect a great season and an even better postseason run.

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NBA

James to make Heat debut versus Celtics

By Jimmy Golen

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — LeBron James sat court-side at the new Boston Garden, icing his right knee after a shootaround, tapping away at his phone and complaining about the Dallas Cowboys.

Beneath the Celtics' 17 NBA championship banners — the last one hung at James' expense — he sat in his Adidas warmups chatting with a Nike representative while reporters surrounded teammates Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh. When those scrums dispersed, nearly a dozen cameras sauntered over to take video of James, just sitting there.

"I feel like a fish in a fish tank," said James, who was not scheduled to talk to reporters until the pregame availability. "How fast can he swim?"

A two-time NBA MVP in Cleveland — and zero-time NBA champion — James makes his Heat debut on Tuesday night when Miami plays the Celtics in what could be the most anticipated regular-season game since Magic Johnson and Larry Bird hooked up as rookies.

A few hours before gametime, a single luxury suite ticket was listed for \$18,824 on StubHub. Perhaps 100 reporters (about 100 more than normal) attended the Heat's morning shootaround, and about 500 had been credentialed for the game — four times the usual number, Celtics spokesman Jeff Twiss said.

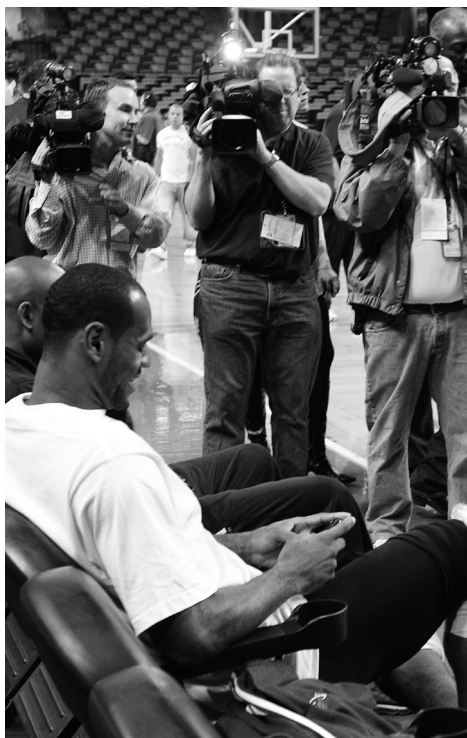
"You don't usually see this many cameras unless you're in the finals," Wade said told a media phalanx four rows deep. "And it's the first game of the season."

Wade won the 2006 NBA title in Miami, but the Heat lost to the Celtics in the first round of the playoffs last season and the Cavaliers followed them out in the next round

— through the very same locker room doors. Thus began the nationwide courtship that ended when James announced he was "taking his talents to South Beach."

Wade was disappointed but determined after the playoff loss, vowing that he would stay with the Heat only if he got some help. Team president Pat Riley got him Bosh and James, along with a handful of role players who flocked to Miami for the chance to be a part of a superteam.

Now they're back in the building where it all ended, and it all started.



AP PHOTO/STEPHAN SAVOIA

Members of the media surround Heat forward LeBron James as he ices his knees before their season opening NBA game against the Celtics.

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BASEBALL

The NCAA changes the type of bats required for college baseball. **Tomorrow**



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Sophomore tailback Matthew Tucker gets the handoff from senior quarterback Andy Dalton in Saturday's game against Air Force. The Frogs would win the game 38 - 7.

Coach says the excitement of Vegas won't distract team

By David Stein
Staff Reporter

The bright lights, casinos and entertainment of Las Vegas can be distracting, but when the Horned Frogs travel to Sin City Saturday to take on the UNLV Rebels, head coach Gary Patterson said his team will be focused. Patterson said the team would not spend much time in the city. The schedule for the weekend is simple: fly in to Vegas, sleep, eat, play football and come back home. Business as usual for the Horned Frogs.

If Las Vegas wasn't distracting enough, the

Frogs are scheduled to play conference rival No. 8 Utah the week after, a game that could have huge BCS implications. Patterson said he isn't worried about that either.

"I don't even have to talk to them about it. I haven't even heard it come up, to be honest with you," Patterson said at the weekly media luncheon.

Senior tight end Evan Frosch said he has seen good teams overlook opponents before, but that's a reason why he doesn't think TCU will do the same.

"You can't hide the fact that everybody sees Utah next week, but we're all focused on

UNLV right now," Frosch said.

Senior wide receiver Bart Johnson said experienced seniors will also help the Frogs stay focused.

"We're such a mature team. We have so many seniors on this team, and we've been in this situation before," Johnson said. "You can't overlook anybody. We're trying to get to 9-0, and UNLV is the next step to that."

UNLV has struggled this season under first-year head coach Bobby Hauck. The Rebels are 1-6, but had an extra week to prepare for the Frogs after coming back from a bye week. TCU will be the highest-ranked team

UNLV has ever played at home and the only team UNLV has never beaten in Mountain West Conference play. Patterson said UNLV has great skill players and is a very fast team.

Saturday's contest will be a late one for the Frogs, and Patterson said the team would adjust a little for the time difference, but would go through its usual game day routine.

The Frogs are coming off a 38-7 win over Air Force. Sophomore running back Ed Wesley rushed for a career-high 209 yards as TCU's defense held the nation's best rushing attack to just 184 yards, Air Force's lowest of the season.