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HOLIDAYS AT TCU

NEW BEGINNINGS



Groups of TCU students exchange presents while standing in front of the Sadler tree lighting December 3, 2008. SKIFF ARCHIVES

Tree relocates to Campus Commons

By McKenzie Zieser
Staff Writer

This holiday season students may be surprised to find there will be no Christmas tree on the steps of Sadler Hall. The traditional tree at Sadler during Holidays at TCU will be relocated to the Campus Commons.

Brad Thompson, student activities coordinator, said the 6,000 pound, 46-foot tree will be lifted by a 168,000-pound crane up and over the Brown-Lupton University

Union Auditorium to place it in the BLUU Plaza on Nov. 23.

The tree is currently in Lake Michigan where it is "chilling" so that it doesn't die before the season, Thompson said.

"This decision has involved months of talking that have led to the evaluation of what's best for TCU and the program," Thompson said.

The relocation of the tree will lead to a stronger tradition as it opens up to the whole university community,

Thompson said.

Kelsie Johnson, student body president, said it would simply not be fiscally responsible to have two trees on campus.

Although there were two trees last year, the tree this year will be even bigger than the one last year. The tree, which is funded by the general Student Government Association programming budget, will stand in the large brick circle of

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Ice rink joins holiday festivities lineup

By Chris Blake
Staff Reporter

Christmas tree? Check. Light show? Check. Reindeer? Check. Ice rink? Check.

This year for the university's celebration of the holiday season, the Student Government Association will set up an artificial ice rink in the Campus Com-

mons to add to the festivities.

Programming Council Chair Kennedy Stewart described the 20-by-30-foot rink, which will be provided by Artificial Ice Events, as a wax board that would be pieced together on the ground. She said that when she saw the artificial rink at a programming council conference last winter, she started to imagine one in

Ice Rink Hours

Dec. 1: 4-8 p.m.
Dec. 2: 8 p.m.-midnight (after Christmas tree lighting)
Dec. 3: 1-4 p.m. (for students), 4-6 p.m. (for children in the community)

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Jewelry sale to help Ugandan women

By Andrea Bolt
Staff Reporter

Members of Pi Beta Phi raised \$2,000 for impoverished Ugandan women with their first ever BeadforLife party Friday at the Brown-Lupton University Union, said a student who helped organize the event.

Items sold at the event included various styles of necklaces, bracelets, earrings, beads and jewelry bags. The actual beads are made by the Ugandan women out of types of recycled paper and magazines. Prices ranged from \$5 for bangle bracelets to \$30 for five-strand necklaces.

McKenzie Zieser, a junior strategic communication major, helped organize and bring the program to the university after a visit to a Colorado music festival last summer.

Zieser said she spoke with a representative of BeadforLife, corresponded with him through e-mail and went to the Web site, www.BeadforLife.org, to find out more about the organization.

Junior education major Melissa Crutchfield attended the event and contributed to the organization by purchasing some bracelets.

"I actually already had some (bracelets), but it's a really cool cause because it directly benefits the women of Uganda and (the bracelets) are very stylish and cute," Crutchfield said.

Pi Beta Phi member and sophomore strategic communication major Natalie Look worked at the BeadforLife event and said she supported the cause and thought having the event could help make a difference for the women in Uganda.

"They need basic necessities," Look said. "We just want to try to help their standard of living."

Look said Zieser brought samples of the beads to a Pi Beta Phi meeting and sparked an interest in the sorority.

Pi Beta Phi President Polly Niccoli said she was proud of Zieser and members of her sorority.

"It's so wonderful that one of our members thought to bring this to our campus," Niccoli said. "It's such a wonderful cause, and we can really help the needs of others."

According to www.BeadforLife.org, the organization is a nonprofit that provides impoverished Ugandan women opportunities to "lift their families out of poverty by making beaded jewelry out of recycled paper." Many of the women

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Governor hopefuls to visit students

By Xan Angelovich
Staff Reporter

Four Democratic primary candidates for Texas governor will kick off their 2010 campaigns today with a debate at the university.

The TCU Democrats and the Tarrant County Young Democrats worked together to present the first Gubernatorial Candidates Forum for the election. The featured candidates include Tom Schieffer, Kinky Friedman, Felix Alvarado and Hank Gilbert. In addition, Barbara Ann Radnofsky, candidate for Texas attorney general, agreed to attend as a guest speaker for the event.

According to the Tarrant County Young Democrats Web site, the forum will feature a debate over current issues. Students are invited to participate. The event is scheduled in the Brown-Lupton University Union ballroom from 7 to 9 p.m., but seating will be limited.

Greg Snow, president of the TCU Democrats and social director of the Tarrant County Young Democrats, wrote in an e-mail that the organizations came up with the idea in an effort to energize the democratic youth vote in Tarrant County.

"We wanted this forum to be about the issues that are affecting the youth in Texas," Snow said.

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CULTURAL AWARENESS

Speaker: Pakistani poverty a problem

By Allison Erickson
Staff Reporter

Ethan Casey and Fawad Butt gave two main reasons for the current Pakistani situation: lack of education and poverty.

In a Tuesday lecture called "Pakistan: The Human Dimension," American journalist Ethan Casey and collaborator Fawad Butt provided insight into the human element between the West and Pakistan. Casey read excerpts from his new book "Overtaken By Events: A Pakistan Road Trip." He used quotes and examples from interviews and interactions he had with people during his trip earlier this year through India and Pakistan. A slide show of photos by amateur photographer Pete Sabo, who accompanied Casey on the journey, played in the background of the room at University Christian Church.

Butt, who did not accompany Casey on the overland trip, offered his insight from the perspective of a Pakistani-American. Butt said it was not enough to educate small numbers of Pakistani people because a competitive market did not exist in the country. Those able to receive an education, Butt said, traveled elsewhere, exporting the country's talent.

Butt described the Pakistani people as those lacking opportunity, not intelligence. He said the envi-

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Children's books shouldn't indoctrinate them against the president.
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ronment, including poverty, placed a limit on achieving potential.

"You could take Einstein and put him in Pakistan and he would be riding a donkey," Butt said.

According to Maslow's hierarchy of needs, a psychology theory, human needs — physiological, safety, belonging, esteem and self-actualization — must be met from the bottom up. Butt said that by meeting the basic needs of Maslow's hierarchy of needs, there would be more hope among the Pakistani people. Butt mentioned primary and secondary education as part of a solution.

Both Casey's and Butt's ar-

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Ethan Casey
author and travel
journalist

guments pointed toward education as a key component for a more stable Pakistan. But their main focus remained on the human element.

In their lecture, Casey and Butt presented stories from real people on both sides of the Pakistani-American gap. Stories included local perspec-

tives on Americans from Pakistan, and American examples of goodwill toward the human connection and understanding.

"Human nature and human experience — that's all the stuff that doesn't make it into newspapers," Casey said.

Butt said the West took unthinking and insensitive approach toward its actions, including the increase of drone attacks.

Kristen Deptula, a senior international politics and Spanish major, said her studies focused primarily on Europe and South America, but found the insight valuable.

"Focus starts from a bottom-up perspective and not a top-down perspective," Deptula said.

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the BLUU Plaza in hopes that the BLUU will be a high-traffic location and make the tree lighting event more successful, with an expected attendance of more than 600, Johnson said. Each student who attends the university pays the annual fee of \$25 that goes to the general SGA programming budget.

Johnson said she did not know the tree's price tag. Thompson declined to say how much the tree cost.

Sean Brindley, a senior advertising and public relations major, said he opposes the relocation of the tree because most juniors and seniors live off campus.

"If they move it to the BLUU, I think it takes away from the tradition because it appeals only to the residential part of cam-

pus," he said.

Rachel Chambers, a freshman pre-major, said the relocation is a good idea because the BLUU is in the center of campus.

"If it was just at Sadler, I would only see it if I was walking to class," she said.

Cody Simmonds, a junior international communication major, said he understood why the change in location occurred.

"I think the BLUU is going to become the new center of the university, so it was going to happen eventually," Simmonds said.

Kennedy Stewart, Programming Council chair, said the tree lighting ceremony will now take place at the BLUU Plaza where the large tree was last year.

"During the lighting celebration, students will be able to listen to music and even pet a herd

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junior international
communication major

of live reindeer," Stewart said.

SGA views the tree relocation as improving the tradition and making it even bigger and better, Stewart said.

Although the annual tradition at Sadler has been a long-standing part of Holidays at TCU, Johnson said she can see both sides of the issue about the relocation of the tree but thinks that students should run with the changes and try it out.

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The opportunity to bring a candidate like Schieffer to the university is important given his lifetime achievements, Snow said. Schieffer served three terms in the Texas House of Representatives and has served as the U.S. ambassador to Australia and Japan. While serving as the current ambassador to Japan, Schieffer received the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service.

"I hope TCU students can learn many things from Ambassador Schieffer while he's

at TCU," Snow said.

Students may submit questions to lee@tcyd.org for approval. Students whose questions are selected must be present at the event or alternates will be given the opportunity to ask their questions, according to the Tarrant County Young Democrats Web site.

Snow said he hoped students would be informed on current issues related to Texas government. He said the forum would help students make informed voting decisions.

"We hope to engage them in primary contests, and not just in the general election," Snow said.

Here is a look at the candidates:

Felix Alvarado

Veteran of the Air Force, where he attained the rank of Chief Master Sergeant

Kinky Friedman

Peace Corps alumnus, lead singer of The Texas Jewboys, 2006 Texas governor candidate

Hank Gilbert

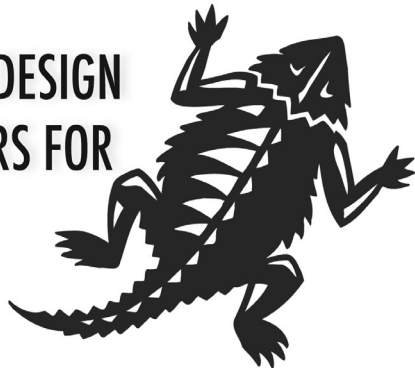
Rancher, former school teacher, 2006 agriculture commissioner candidate

Tom Schieffer

Lawyer, U.S. ambassador to Japan, former Texas legislator

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Fort Worth.

"We're trying to always bring something new and exciting to the tree lighting every year," Stewart said. "The year (before last) we had the light show, and last year we had a reindeer, so this year we really wanted to do something big."

According to the Artificial Ice Events Web site, the synthetic ice is made of plastic polymer that resembles a large cutting board. The rink is pieced together in 4-by-8 foot synthetic ice sheets and treated with a lubricating solution that would make it easier to glide on with ice skates.

From 50 to 60 students will be allowed on the rink at one time and use skates that Artificial Ice Events will provide, Stewart said.

SGA will not know the final cost of the rink until after it is set up, she said.

Some people have complained that the holiday celebration will be moved from Sadler Lawn to the Campus Commons, but that is not how Programming Council viewed it, Stewart said.

"We don't really look at it as changing the tradition, we just look at it as moving it," Stewart said. "We've made it as big and as grand as we can at Sadler, so we're going to move it to the Commons because it's a great location, it's very centralized for campus, and we can really do a lot more at that location."

The rink will be on the paved stone close to the Brown-Lupton University Union, next to the 42-foot tall Christmas tree, which will be transported from Michigan, Stewart said.

Junior sports broadcasting major Leah Watkins said she looked forward to the rink.

"I think that it would be a fun activity for students and it would be something new and different to bring to the TCU campus," Watkins said.

The rink will be open Dec. 1-3 for three to four hours, with the Christmas tree lighting scheduled for Dec. 2. Stewart said the rink would stay open for an extra two hours on Dec. 3 for children in the community to use because the university would receive two free hours of the rink if it opened it to the community.

After children skate, they will be able to take a trackless train ride to Worth Hills for Interfraternity Council's Winter Wonderland.

The rink will be free for all students and for the community skate, Stewart said.

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are refugees and HIV positive mothers who are living in extreme poverty and struggle to provide basic necessities for their families. The brochures and information provided by Pi Beta Phi said \$7.52 out of every \$10 go directly to the Ugandan women to aid in their poverty.

"In addition to buying and selling the beads, BeadforLife sponsors community development projects in health, vocational training for impoverished youth, affordable housing, and business development... Projects are supported with the

net profits from the sale of the beads, and support not only bead makers, but other impoverished people living in Uganda," according to the BeadforLife Web site.

Zieser said the \$5 bangle bracelets were the most popular items sold Friday. She said she wasn't sure if Pi Beta Phi would sponsor the event again next year.

"There is a possibility we'll bring (the event) back," she said. "We first have to figure out how successful it was for the chapter."

Niccoli said the only reason the sorority would not sponsor the event again would be if next year's Pi Beta Phi executive council didn't approve. Niccoli said she thinks

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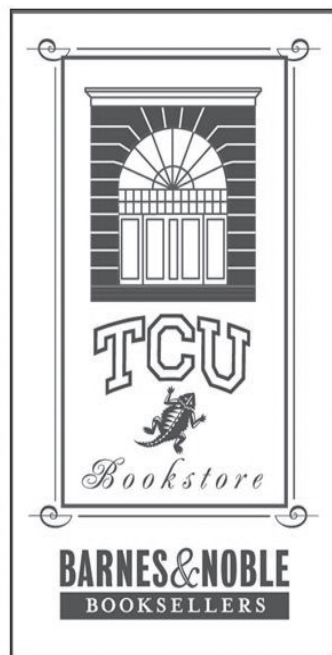
Polly Niccoli
Pi Beta Phi President

the sorority will hold another BeadforLife party, especially given the success of the event and the high number of sorority members that volunteered.

"I really don't think that will happen," Niccoli said of the possibility of not hosting another BeadforLife party. "It was so easy and fun, but it will depend on the new leadership."

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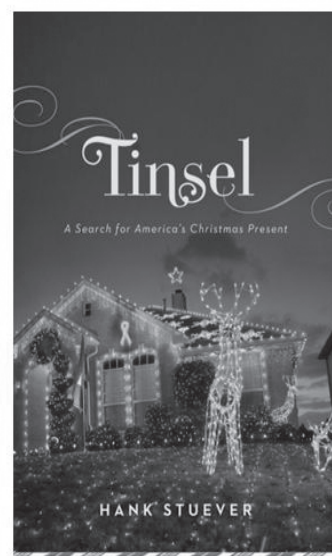


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Tinsel

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The Skiff View

Speeches an occasion to grow politically

With the Texas gubernatorial election still a little less than a year away and Frog football hysteria gripping most of the city and the university, it might be difficult for students to suddenly shift into political mode. But tonight's debate between four Democratic primary candidates for Texas governor is an opportunity of which all students should take advantage.

The TCU Democrats – a group that hopes to energize the area's democratic youth vote with tonight's event – should be commended for putting the debate together. Tom Schieffer and Kinky Friedman are two familiar names, and getting them to visit the campus, along with Felix Alvarado and Hank Gilbert, was likely no small feat.

Tonight's debate, and other events like it, should encourage students to take a more active role in their government. Yes, young people hear that statement all the time, but far too often college-aged students take a back seat when it comes to politics, forgetting that their choices and involvement could greatly impact their lives in the future.

The Democrats and Republicans will select their nominees for governor in March after the primary elections take place. Students and other young people should take time between now and then to familiarize themselves with all of the candidates running for office in order to make an educated choice on election day. Voting for a name does about as much good as arriving at the polls blindfolded.

So go to tonight's debate, get to know the candidates on the Democratic ticket and take the necessary steps toward making the state you live in – and go to school in – a better place.

News editor Michael Carroll for the editorial board.

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

Political children's book inappropriate



PATRICK YOXALL

Conservative Katharine DeBrecht, author of "Help! Mom! Radicals are Ruining my Country," portrays Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi as "an elitist, tiara-donning radical out of touch with everyday Americans" in her new book. Is this really the kind of thing we want our children to be reading?

The book is a true children's book, with bright illustrations and child-friendly vocabulary and structure. An amateur estimation by this writer suggests that the book's target age is 4 to 7. Think about that; reading about politics at that age. This is well before the preteen years, the time when children form their earliest political beliefs. What gives DeBrecht the right to indoctrinate children at ages 4 to 7? Why would she do this?

There is that word: indoctrinate. Just a few short months ago, conservatives cried bloody murder when President Barack Obama spoke to children in schools around the country. All the fuss was about a portion of the lesson plan that went with the speech asking kids about how they can help the president improve America. That portion of the lesson plan was removed after the outcry.

And yet here we are, with a book targeted to children in kindergarten to second grade that portrays the Speaker of the House as an "elitist." So who is doing the indoctrinating now? This isn't about what is said to children; this is about who talks to the children. In DeBrecht's mind, conservatives are being patriotic

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and pro-American when they talk to children about their dreams and how they can succeed in life, but God forbid that people with a D beside their name talk to children because of the mass conspiracy to indoctrinate the young with their liberal ideas. Never mind the fact that every president since Ronald Reagan has talked to schoolchildren at one time or another. If they are a Democrat, they are clearly unworthy to talk to schoolchildren.

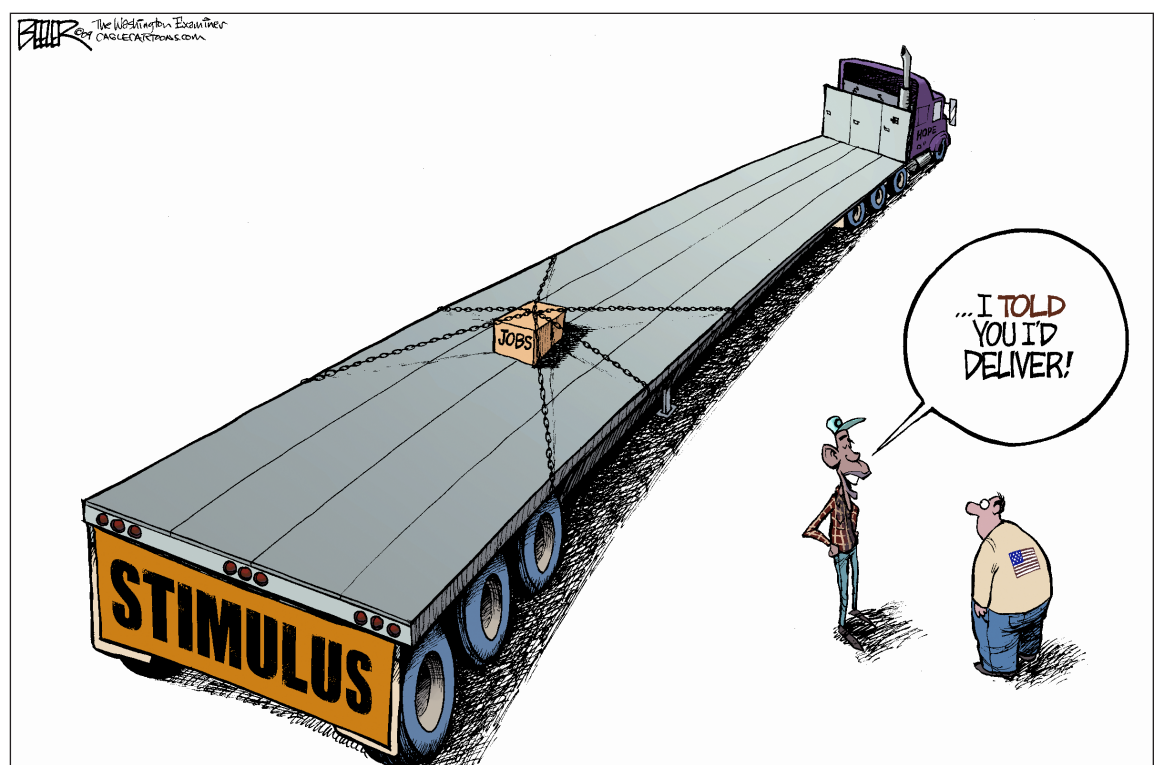
For goodness sake, DeBrecht, the president was telling children that they could do anything in life if they applied and believed in themselves. Isn't that the kind of rah-rah message parents give to their children at that age? Clearly DeBrecht's time and energy would be better spent writing a book about how children can succeed in life free from any political message. But alas, she thinks indoctrinating children against the president and his party is a better use of her talent.

To use an old cliché, "leave the kids out of this." Childhood is one of the few times in life with minimal worries. At that age, children don't care who the president is or why he is bad. They care about riding bikes and playing with dolls. DeBrecht, please let children be children and not pawns in your campaign against the president. Have the decency to come out with your hatred for the president and his party like all your other conservative friends, and leave children alone.

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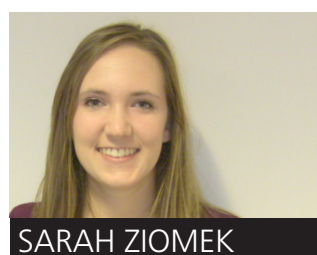


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Exotic creatures unfit pets



SARAH ZIOMEK

Lions and tigers and chimps, oh my! Exotic creatures from far-away lands have mesmerized Americans for decades, but the past few years have shown that keeping these animals as pets can have serious consequences.

Last February, a Connecticut woman was mauled by her friend's 200-pound chimpanzee. The chimp, named Travis, ripped off 56-year-old Charla Nash's hands, nose, lips and eyes. This past week, Nash appeared on "Oprah" and emphasized how dangerous keeping these animals at home can be.

Attacks such as the one Nash endured bring to light a sad but true fact: some wild animals can never truly be domesticated. No matter how long the animal has lived peacefully in captivity, there is always the chance that it will turn on its caretaker. Consider, for example, the tiger that attacked Roy Horn and punctured an artery in his neck during his famous Las Vegas show. Horn was a professional with years of experience, yet even he could not anticipate the tiger's actions.

The safety of the owners is not the only issue at hand. The well being of the animals is also at stake. These animals can be high-maintenance, even requiring special diets. The right type of food could be challenging to find or expensive to purchase

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in large quantities. Additionally, the habitat and space the animal needs to live comfortably is another issue that is often overlooked. When these animals are taken in, it is difficult to simulate their natural environment and replicate normal interaction between creatures of the same species. The financial and time commitments, as well as lifestyle changes, that owning an exotic animal require are an aspect many Americans are unprepared.

Some exotic pets have been abandoned when their owners have found caring for them to be too great of a burden. This action can pose a serious ecological problem. Imported animals may have no natural predators, and their populations can explode when left to their own devices in the wild. Such invasive species provide native animals with competition for food and space.

The Burmese python, which is native to Southeast Asia, is a perfect example of such a problem. A little more than 30 years ago, Burmese pythons were nowhere to be seen in the Everglades. Now their numbers are estimated to be somewhere in the thousands, and park staff are constantly working to remove them. How did this happen? Officials believe the snake was introduced to the park by pet owners who

released it when it grew too large to handle. Pythons gobble up the same small animals that alligators and other large predators rely on for their meals, thus introducing more competition to the environment.

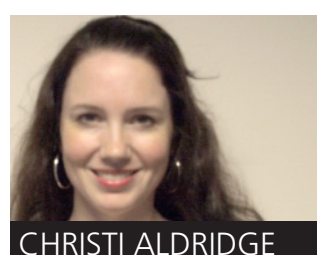
I am not advocating a ban on exotic pets; it would undoubtedly be unpopular and difficult to pass. I simply believe it is vital for Americans to seriously consider the ramifications of adopting one before they do so. There are many potential hazards involved, both for the human and the animal. If you choose to adopt, be aware of local, state, and federal regulations, and do your homework before, not after, your pet arrives.

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Mind your concert manners



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

Why do perfectly sane individuals feel the need to turn crazy at rock concerts? Did I miss the part where you check your self respect at the door?

I attended a rock concert Friday night. It was one of those standing-room-only venues, which perpetuates uncomfortable closeness between strangers. I was chagrined when I realized I had accidentally felt up the guy standing in front of me, and spent several songs spooning someone else from behind. When he turned to look at me, I shrugged my shoulders and gave him a look that said, "Hey, it's a concert. Sometimes unintentional spooning and getting to first base with people you don't know happens."

If I was embarrassed about that, the girls who committed other moral mishaps should be more humiliated. While the natives were getting restless waiting for the headlining band, several girls began to take their tops off and flashed what the good Lord gave them for

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a ballroom full of people to see, videotape, photograph and put on YouTube. I shook my head in reproach. I don't know if it's because I have a daughter or simply because I respect myself, but I wanted to shake a cane and say things like, "You young people today simply have no self worth or sense of personal ethics."

I watched as both sexes pounded beers and several people passed out before the main act began. I wondered why anyone would pay good, recession-era money to go to a show only to get wasted and end up being carried out by security, wearing nothing but your bra and sweat-soaked blue jeans. I will never understand.

As a woman who is barely over 5 feet tall, my main complaint at concerts is not being able to see. At one point I believe the tallest man in the room noticed me, the shortest person in the room, and purposefully strode over and stood right in front of me. I know that

isn't likely, but as I stood with my nose in the middle of this guy's back, I had to wonder. Between that and the people holding up their cell phones to take pictures, I felt like a munchkin in the land of giants.

Finally staking out a spot near the side of the stage, I was able to see the band perform. While people pushed and pulled to get closer to the stage, I edged further and further out. Unlike these folks, I didn't pay my good money to get the air squeezed out of my lungs by a headbanging mob of people, who would throw me aside like a rag doll in a second to get closer to the artist. In fact, once I got to my spot, I noticed a short girl behind me and moved my head so she could see as well. Once I was comfortable I realized there was an even tinier woman in front of me, and she had the biggest, fluffiest head of hair I had ever seen. Normally I would admire her beautiful curly 'do, but on that night, I swallowed so much of her hair while she was dancing in front of me that I probably could have hacked up a hairball. It didn't matter though because I could breathe and I could see the show. See, you can be respectful, clothed and not pushy and still enjoy a rock show.

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NEWS

Group asking women to talk about killer

By Thomas J. Sheeran
Associated Press Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Now that most of the bodies found at the home of a suspected serial killer have been identified, Cleveland is turning its attention to the living — to any women who might be reluctant to come forward after encounters with a man now charged with murder and rape.

The nonprofit Cleveland Rape Crisis Center has set up a hot line in hopes of hearing from any surviving victims of Anthony Sowell, who lived among the remains of at least 11 people, all black women, most of them disadvantaged, stashed around his house and yard.

Women who might have been attacked by Sowell need to hear that “it wasn’t their fault that we were in the midst of a maniac, and it’s just not their fault,” was the message of Tammy Davis, 44, who lives two blocks away from Sowell’s house.

Authorities have indicated they’re searching around places where Sowell, a 50-year-old former Marine, previously lived for any evidence of earlier crimes. At least three women have come forward alleging that Sowell attacked them.

As of now, Sowell is charged with five counts of aggravated murder and, separately, two counts of rape in a Sept. 22 attack, and is jailed on \$5 million bond.

Advocates fear that sensitivities including shame, checkered backgrounds and mistrust on the part of the women he tended to befriend might make it tricky to learn of more victims. In Sowell’s neighborhood, some people

said Tuesday that community and family attitudes toward so-called “throwaway” street addicts must change to make them feel comfortable reporting a rape.

Davis said she senses a change as the saga has unfolded — 10 bodies and a skull found at the Sowell home, most of the victims strangled, living alone or homeless, dealing with drug or alcohol addictions.

It soon emerged that a prosecutor declined to file charges after a woman fled from Sowell’s home last December, bleeding and injured, because she wasn’t considered credible. Police argued

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Sherri Smith
Church worker

that they handled the case properly and that it was up to the prosecutor whether to press charges. After the bodies were found, many people came forward, concerned that their long-missing but troubled loved ones might be among the dead — and some of them were right.

Another woman, 43-year-old Tanja Doss, told The Associated Press two weeks ago that she was attacked by Sowell in April at his home and escaped the next morning. She said she didn’t tell police because she felt her past

conviction on a drug charge made it unlikely they would take her seriously.

Any other survivors need to know “no matter what walk of life you chose, were actually pushed into, you’re still a person. Don’t give up on people that sometimes choose a different path of life, as they call them ‘throwaways,’” Davis said.

The rape crisis center, which has a 24-hour hot line, opened a second line Monday dedicated to handling calls about the Sowell case with the goal of getting help for any rape victim. The line has gotten calls, but the center won’t disclose the number or whether any were related to the Sowell case, executive director Megan O’Byrne said Tuesday.

The center held a community forum on sexual assault last week in Sowell’s neighborhood, and clergy members and elected officials have encouraged victims to come forward.

Cleveland police do not have any specific initiative to identify more possible Sowell rape victims, Lt. Thomas Stacho said. Chief Michael McGrath has addressed community gatherings to stress that any victim will get police help, no matter what their personal history.

Margaret Kanellis, who handles rape cases in Akron for the Summit County prosecutor, said rapes can be reported in nontraditional ways, including by a doctor or mental health counselor who treats the woman, by a clergy member, or through a support group.

Those avenues can be less traumatic than walking into a police station to report a rape, she said. “Lots of times



The missing persons board across the street from Anthony Sowell’s home is shown Tuesday in Cleveland. TONY DEJAK / AP Photo

we see people being convinced through other ways rather than right after it happens, we just walk into the police station,” Kanellis said.

Perhaps 80 percent of rape victims never report it, in part out of shame, and the backgrounds of Sowell’s alleged victims left them vulnerable because many had lost contact with families, according to Elizabeth Fokes-El, a social worker who visited the suspect’s street on Tuesday to see a growing

memorial of stuffed animals and mementoes for both the victims and people who remain missing.

Victims might come forward if they feel they won’t be seen as worthless, she said. People “need to let her know that she’s worthy,” Fokes-El said. “She needs to know she’s OK, that she didn’t deserve to be raped.”

Sherri Smith, who works with churches in the Sowell neighborhood and has encouraged rape victims to seek

help, said some might be hesitant for fear of being seen as “a certain profile of the women” that he allegedly targeted.

“In our community, a lot of times it’s best to just keep quiet and maybe it will go away. That’s sometimes the thought: embarrassment, shame, all of that,” she said.

Those barriers to reporting rape mean “there’s a dire need to have multiple routes” for victims to use to get help, Smith said.

Ancient mummies show signs of heart problems

By Marilyn Marchione
AP Medical Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — You can’t blame this one on McDonald’s: Researchers have found signs of heart disease in 3,500-year-old mummies.

“We think of it as being caused by modern risk factors,” such as fast food, smoking and a lack of exercise, but the findings show that these aren’t the only reasons arteries clog, said Dr. Randall Thompson, a cardiologist at the Mid America Heart Institute in Kansas City.

He and several other researchers used CT scans, a type of X-ray, on 22 mummies kept in the Egyptian National Museum of Antiquities in Cairo. The subjects were from 1981 B.C. to 334 A.D. Half were thought to be over 45 when they died, and average lifespan was under 50 back then.

Sixteen mummies had heart and blood vessel tissue to analyze. Definite or probable hardening of the arteries was seen in nine.

“We were struck by the similar appearance of vascular calcification in the mummies and our present-day patients,” said another researcher, Dr. Michael Miyamoto of the University of California at San Diego. “Perhaps the development of atherosclerosis is a part of being human.”

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Researcher at University of California, San Diego

One mummy had evidence of a possible heart attack but scientists don’t know if it was fatal. Nor can they tell how much these people weighed — mummification dehydrates the body.

Of those whose identities could be determined, all were of high social status, and many served in the court of the Pharaoh or as priests or priestesses.

“Rich people ate meat, and they did salt meat, so maybe they had hypertension (high blood pressure), but that’s speculation,” Thompson said.

With modern diets, “we all sort of live in the Pharaoh’s court,” said another of the researchers, Dr. Samuel Wann of the Wisconsin Heart Hospital in Milwaukee.

The oldest mummy with heart disease signs was Lady Rai, a nursemaid to Queen Ahmose Nefertari who died around 1530 B.C. — 200 years before King Tutankhamun.

German imaging company Siemens AG, the National Bank of Egypt and the Mid-America Heart Institute paid for the work. Results are in this week’s Journal of the American Medical Association and were reported Tuesday at an American Heart Association conference.



DR. MICHAEL MIYAMOTO / AP Photo
This undated photo provided by Dr. Michael I. Miyamoto shows the mummified remains of Esankh, who lived in the third Intermediate period (1070-712 BCE), entering a CT scanner tube set up outside of the Egyptian National Museum of Antiquities.

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Plaque seeks compromise in 'Dred Scott' justice case

By David Dishneau
Associated Press Writer

FREDERICK, Md. (AP) — More than 150 years after the U.S. Supreme Court issued the notorious Dred Scott decision affirming slavery, a Maryland city unveiled a plaque Tuesday to educate visitors about the opinion and the local man who wrote it — and to quell a local controversy.

The rectangular bronze marker stands on a granite pedestal at Frederick City Hall about eight feet from a stern bust of Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney that has occupied the plaza for nearly 80 years despite calls for its removal.

The plaque is a compromise between residents who wanted the Taney statue gone and those who consider him a great jurist whose racial views reflected the tenor of his times. Frederick, roughly 50 miles from Washington and Baltimore, has population of about 59,000, and is about 15 percent black.

Taney practiced law in Frederick from 1801 to 1823. As a Supreme Court justice, he wrote

the 1857 decision that said even freed slaves and their descendants could never be U.S. citizens. The case became a catalyst for the Civil War.

He based the ruling upon his assertion that when the Constitution was framed, educated whites generally regarded "negroes" as "beings of an inferior order, and altogether unfit to associate with the white race."

The 7-2 decision also held that Congress had no authority to prohibit slavery in new territories.

Maryland Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert Bell said Tuesday that the Dred Scott opinion was "the ultimate bad decision," written by a justice who "relied on poor scholarship and weak reasoning."

The ruling, Bell said, "left America in shock and throes and convulsions" that could only be cured by slavery's abolition.

The plaque's dedication comes two and a half years after some local civil-rights leaders called for removal of the Taney statue. Frederick County NAACP President Guy Djoken said the plaque turned out to

be a better solution. By seeing both Taney's face and his words, "children will now have the opportunity to know why this was a problem," Djoken said.

A similar plaque should be placed near a Taney statue at the Maryland State House in Annapolis, said Theodore Mack, chairman of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture.

"You have to level the playing field," Mack said. "You can't have one side of the story and not the other."

Dred Scott and his wife Harriet were slaves who sued for their freedom after they were taken from the slave state of Missouri into territory where slavery had been prohibited by the Missouri Compromise.

Bell said that while the Supreme Court decision incensed most abolitionists, it heartened fellow Maryland native Frederick Douglass, who saw the outrage it generated as a step toward abolishment of what Southern slavery supporters euphemistically called "our peculiar institution."



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Maryland Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert Bell, center, applauds after unveiling a plaque honoring Dred and Harriet Scott during a ceremony Tuesday in Frederick, Md.

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Conductor Miguel Harth-Bedoya directs TCU student ensembles in the Latin American Music Festival on Tuesday night. The festival celebrated pieces by Latin American composers.

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was done safely. He said it appeared to be a lot of fun for the students who got to celebrate on the field alongside the team.

Neal said the only issue she encountered while rushing the field was her lack of preparation for the height of the jump over the rail.

"The jump from the stands to the field was much further than I thought it would be, and once I got to the edge I didn't really have a choice whether or not I could go because of everyone behind

me," Neal said. "I was sort of forced over the edge, but it ended up not being a bad thing."

Head coach Gary Patterson said he enjoyed the students on the field after Saturday's game. He said he wished it was a tradition, but understands the security concerns.

"It's like going on vacation, if you go by yourself and you don't have anybody to share it with, what fun is that?" Patterson said.

He said it was exciting for students to celebrate with team after Saturday's victory over Utah.

"It's a lot of fun when you

get a chance to share it with a whole bunch of other people," Patterson said.

Neal described the excitement and spirit on the field as contagious.

"My one major disappointment when I came to TCU as a freshman was the lack of school spirit and attendance at the football games. I thought that I had been lied to when at orientation and other events students told me how packed and how much fun the games were," Neal said. "So (Saturday) definitely gave me a taste of what I had wanted, so I hope every game is like that from now on."

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have set the bar high.

In the long run, though, this needed to happen. As the team moves forward to play a pair of games in which they shouldn't be challenged, they needed to see room for improvement, and you better believe head coach Gary Patterson will point that out.

Saturday's game at the University of Wyoming has the recipe for a trap game.

That means the team will have to get its mind off what it did to the Utes last Saturday and focus on what it needs to do to the Cowboys. The need to improve upon those mistakes, though few and far between, will aid in the process of getting their minds right for the next opponent.

The Frogs have shown a maturity level to match their talent all season long by not looking ahead or admiring their body of work. Patterson hasn't let them buy into

the hype built around them as BCS busters or potential title contenders. That won't change even after they plowed through their biggest road block this weekend without playing their best football.

It doesn't take scales and blood lines for this to be a very scary team, and the Frogs will continue to show that in the coming weeks.

Robert Bember is a news-editorial journalist major from Houston.

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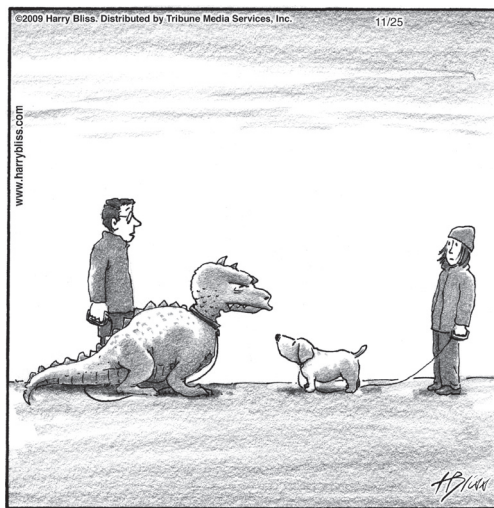
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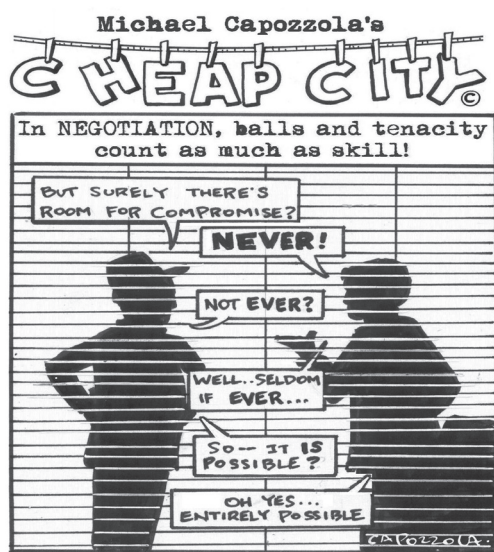
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22 1963 role for Liz
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24 Nissan sedan
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29 Part of TNT
32 "Longtime "American Bandstand" host
36 Lover of Christine, in "The Phantom of the Opera"
38 Gardner of "Mogambo"
39 Parkinsonism drug
41 Hagen of Broadway
42 Bette's "Divine" nickname
45 "Notable member of The Second City improv group
48 "The Merry Widow" composer
50 Time-share units
51 Rolled oats cereal
55 Banned pesticide
56 Voice above tenor
59 "French writer who befriended Chopin
63 "The Mark of Zorro" star (1940)
65 Happy hour site, and word that can follow each last name in the answers to starred clues
66 World's largest river by volume
67 King, to a subject
68 Greater N.Y.C. campus
69 Not naked

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1 "Bonanza" brother
2 Pained cry
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8 Best type of situation
9 Fruit drink suffix
10 Bach work
11 Catchall abbr.
12 Went up
13 Fashionable London area
19 "Just kidding!"
21 Gibraltar landmark
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By Dan Naddor 11/18/09

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FOOTBALL

NOVEMBER RUSH



Thousands of fans celebrate the Horned Frog victory over Utah with the football team after the game Saturday.

ROSE BACA / Web Editor

Field rush met officials' approval

By Mary Sue Greenleaf
Staff Reporter

As the clock ran out on Saturday's game against the Utah Utes, thousands of students flooded the field in Amon Carter Stadium with surprising ease.

Junior writing major Sara Neal said that was the most school spirit displayed in her time at the university.

"I ran around saying hi to friends and screaming for TCU," Neal said. "It was sort of frenzied, but really fun being able to say hey to some of my friends on the team after the game and to be on the field for the school song."

Ross Bailey, associate athletics director for operations, said that in past seasons, the university did not allow students on the field for any game.

"We have had ... a no-body-on-the-field policy," Bailey said. "And that's really a safety thing."

He explained that a combination of students and players on the field creates a potential hazard for everyone. Whether students say something to opposing team players causing a fight, or rush over the top of the opposing team's bench, a multitude of dangerous situations present themselves in the event that students rush

the field, Bailey said.

While the university openly opposed students on the field in the past, Bailey said that a plan was put in place to allow students to rush the field as of Tuesday last week.

"We wanted students to be able to come celebrate with the team, so we tried to put together...a safety plan on how we could get people on the field without having mob mentality so the students could come down and enjoy the moment," Bailey said.

Bailey said the TCU Police Department and the Fort Worth Police Department assisted in imple-

menting the safety plan and maintaining order on the field.

He added that officials were especially careful in protecting the goalposts to prevent potential injuries in the event that students tore them down. Bailey said officers were stationed around the goalposts to keep students from getting too close.

He said the order came from Athletics Director Chris Del Conte's office as well as the office of Chancellor Victor Boschini.

Boschini said Del Conte developed the idea and he was in support as long as it

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FOOTBALL COMMENTARY

Minor lapses will pay off later in the long run



ROBERT BEMBER

Utah head coach Kyle Whittingham said the No. 4 Horned Frogs were the best team he had ever faced after the 55-28 beat down he and his Utah Utes suffered Saturday night in front of a sellout crowd in Amon G. Carter Stadium.

This is the same Whittingham who went undefeated in 2008 before rolling the Crimson Tide of Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. But Whittingham needs to be thanking the football gods that he caught the 10-0 Frogs on somewhat of an off night.

To quote Dennis Green, whose press conference theatrics have immortalized him in a Coors Light commercial: "We let 'em off the hook!"

I'm in no way discrediting what the Frogs accomplished on Saturday. From the second they came out of the tunnel in their spiffy new Nike uniforms, they were ready to put a spanking on Utah that would have the Utes not wanting to sit down on their flight home. But the fact of the matter is the Frogs made their share of mistakes.

The Frogs have been nearly automatic inside the 20 this season, converting 43 of their 49 visits to the red zone into points. Two of those six failed visits came Saturday night.

The Frogs couldn't capital-

ize on a Utah fumble at their own 16. Tyler Luttrell unloaded on Utah return man David Reed to force the fumble Malcolm Williams recovered. Four plays later, sophomore Ross Evans shanked a 26-yard field goal attempt and missed.

In the second quarter, junior quarterback Andy Dalton tried to squeeze a pass into junior wide receiver Curtis Clay. The ball was deflected and intercepted in the end zone. It was Dalton's first interception since the Oct. 10 ice bowl at the Air Force Academy.

Senior running back Joseph Turner continued to run hard and pound opposing defenders. Turner carried the ball 11 times for 63 of the Frogs' ridiculous 342 rushing yards, but he also put the ball on the ground three times. His third fumble was the only one lost to Utah.

The defense allowed more points than any other game this season with 28. In the past four games, the unit had surrendered a total of 25. More often than not, the defense was wreaking havoc on the Utes, forcing nine punts and only allowing 11 first downs.

The way I see it through my purple-tinted glasses, the Frogs could've, if not should've, put up another 28 points with ease. Yeah, that's 83 points on the No. 16 team in the land. Three years of losses at the hands of Utah had me wanting to see triple digits. Yes I'm being greedy and nitpicky, but the Frogs

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