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Former basketball player indicted on sexual assault charge

From wire and staff reports

One of three former TCU athletes accused of sexually assaulting another student in a dorm room last year has been indicted by a Tarrant County grand jury, according to court records.

Shannon Monroe Behling, 20, a former basketball player, was indicted Tuesday on a charge of aggravated sexual assault by threat, according to court records.

The two other men accused in the assault, Lorenzo L. Jones, 21, a former football player, and former basketball player Virgil Allen Taylor, 20, have not been indicted and it's unclear whether their cases have been presented to a grand jury. All three men are currently out on bail.

Prosecutor Sheila Wynn declined to comment on the cases Wednesday.

In October 2006, Behling, Taylor and Jones were arrested after an 18-year-old woman reported that Taylor sexually assaulted her in Taylor's room on the third floor of Moncrief Hall, according to court documents.

Police have said Taylor lured the woman to his dorm room on the pretext of repaying her money he owed her. There, the woman

told police, she was given a sports drink that caused her to pass out sometime between 8 p.m. on Oct. 13 and 7 a.m. of the following day.

Police searched the room and recovered \$100 and a bra, both items the victim reported stolen, according to court records.

The victim went to the Health Center and said she had been sexually assaulted.

The Health Center alerted the dean of Campus Life who contacted police, according to a police report.

The woman told police she awoke briefly to find Taylor having sex with her, and Taylor later implicated Behling and Jones, according to court records.

Behling never played in a game for the Horned Frogs after transferring from Aiken Technical College in

Graniteville, S.C. Taylor had not been with the team since September 2006.

Behling was removed from the basketball team after the arrest. Taylor and Jones were removed from their respective teams before the arrest.

Behling, Jones and Taylor were all separated from the school after the incident, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Phi Delt's suspended, under investigation

By ANA BAK
Staff Reporter

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity is under investigation by its national headquarters after allegations of hazing and underage drinking, the province president said.

The chapter has been suspended from pledge, social and intramural activities, said Hugh King, province president of Phi Delt.

King said probation is pending because the investigation is ongoing.

James Parker, assistant dean of Campus Life, said Wednesday evening Phi Delt was not suspended by the university.

Parker said he could not comment further because the investigation is ongoing.

King said he didn't know how the incident was reported but said there was most likely a phone call either to the university or to chapter headquarters.

Louis Bauer, president of Phi Delt, denied the allegations and said, "According to James Parker, we are not on suspension."

Bauer said he had no further comments.

"I don't want Phi Delt's reputation dragged through the mud," Bauer said.

Will Sealy, vice president of Phi Delt, declined to comment.

The investigation is going on in cooperation with the university, King said.

King said the chapter may have violated the university student code and codes of the fraternity, and the hearing for disciplinary action will be sometime this month.

Although King was aware of the incident, he said the details of the proceedings were not within his purview.

King said the suspension was after Oct. 24 but he wasn't sure of the actual date.

New plan may create cross-campus walkway

By VICTORIA PUENTE
Staff Reporter

If the proposal to tear down the Brown-Lupton Student Center is passed by the Board of Trustees on Friday, the section connecting it to Reed Hall will be demolished this summer and replaced with a courtyard, said the vice chancellor for finance and administration.

A new, smaller building with a better design for the purpose of supporting programs in the AddRan College, which would be more efficient and would allow for more green space between the new Brown-Lupton Student Union and Reed Hall, said Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration.

"The cost to completely remodel the existing structure inside and out is significant in comparison to the cost of new construction," said Gutierrez in an e-mail about why the proposal calls for the destruction of the building.

"There's almost no way to effectively go north and south on the campus and what we want to do is create a very nice walk way," said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The removal of the section connecting the two buildings will be demolished along with Eden's Greens and Deco Deli in the lower level of Reed, the AddRan Dean's office suites on the first level and the Faculty Center on the second level, Mills said.

Rumors that there are no plans to replace the Faculty Center have caused concern among some faculty and staff, said Gladys Cleaver, who has been the Faculty Center attendant for the last seven years.

The Faculty Center is a room in Reed Hall where lunch is available for faculty and staff during the week, said Spanish professor Donald Frischmann, whose office is located across from the Faculty Center. The Faculty Center is also used for activities and events such as award ceremonies, book signings and interviews, Frischmann said.

Cleaver said the faculty and staff are just as important as the students and they should have a special space on campus to relax and congregate.

"I was very surprised that

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LIFELINE



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor

Megan Marks, a sophomore nursing major, makes a general assessment of Alex Hall, a sophomore nursing major. Over the next 15 years, 70 percent of Texas nursing instructors will retire causing a shortage of over a million nurses by 2020.

BY THE NUMBERS

71,000
nurses needed by 2020 in Texas.

41,683
qualified applicants that were turned away from graduate nursing programs in 2005 because of limited faculty, classroom space and budgets.

6,300
total new graduates produced in Texas in its 84 nursing programs.

48
Texas' 2004 rank in having the lowest state supply of registered nurses.

46
median age of registered nurses in 2005.

48
median age of registered nurses in Texas in 2005.

SOURCES: Highlights: The Supply of Registered Nurses in Texas - 2005 composed by the Center for Health Statistics, Health Professions Resource Center, Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies and Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Program aims to counter nurse shortage

By ALYSSA DIZON
Staff Reporter

To combat a nursing shortage that is predicted to increase to more than 1 million nurses by 2020, the College of Health and Human Sciences is focusing on student retention and graduate studies.

Donna Tilley, associate professor and director of the Harris College of Nursing, said the college already has a high retention rate ranging from 85 to 100 percent, but she wants to be more aggressive in keeping students in nursing.

About 550 students are declared nursing majors, Tilley said, with about 110 graduates each year.

The college recently created the ACE program, Academic Excellence, which offers tutoring, test-taking strategies and study skills to help students with their grades, Tilley said.

Tilley said the program was designed to help students with any problems early on to make sure all nursing students graduate.

To help with the growing demand for nurses, nursing professor Dennis Cheek said TCU offers an accelerated baccalaureate nursing program that allows people with a degree in another field to get a nursing degree in 15 months.

"This year, we doubled the number of students we have accepted into our accelerated baccalaureate track," said Paulette Burns, dean of the college.

Orpheulia Rivers, Student Nursing Association president, said retaining young nurses was also her main concern. Rivers, a junior nursing major, said the association acts as a support system and makes students "feel like they're part of a professional organization." It helps members get through school and find the right job, Rivers said.

The major causes of the shortage are the aging workforce, less nursing faculty and an increasing need for better healthcare, Tilley said.

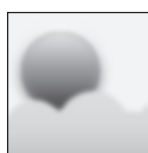
With the baby boomer generation reaching its 60s, Tilley said, there will be an increased need for geriatric nurses and nurses to replace those retiring.

Nursing faculty is aging, as well. A November 2006 report from several Texas health organizations stated that over the next five to 15 years, 70 percent of Texas nursing instructors will retire.

Cheek said there are already too few instructors because nurses working in hospitals receive higher salaries.

Tilley said most nursing faculty members have a master's degree, but a doctorate is required to get tenure and move to levels above that of assistant professor.

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WEATHER
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Talent show to benefit campus organizations

By JORDAN HAYGOOD
Staff Reporter

The stars will come out on campus tonight.

The Mu Phi Epsilon music fraternity and the Music Educators Organization will present "The Stars at TCU" talent show in PepsiCo Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.

From baton twirlers to dancers, to singer/songwriters, Christa Bentley, director of the talent show and member of Mu Phi Epsilon, said there will be an eclectic group of acts.

"All the acts are really incredible," Bentley said. "I just hope that people come out and watch the talent that the students have."

Bentley said about 20 acts auditioned Oct. 17 to be one of 12 acts featured in the show. Sophomore sociology major Aaron Mullenix was one of them.

Mullenix, who sings and plays piano, will be performing "Happiness is a Warm Gun" by The Beatles with his roommate Bryce Gammill, sophomore music major.

"Just auditioning for the talent show was a blast, and now I

am really excited about our performance," Mullenix said. "We have practiced about every day for the past two weeks and our audition went really well, so I am sure our performance will be great."

Mullenix also said most of all, he hopes students will come out and listen to great music.

The money raised for the show will benefit Mu Phi Epsilon and the Music Educators Organization, Bentley said.

"When our fraternity decided to put on a talent show, I felt like it was something I wanted to take on," she said. "The money made will benefit our new member class by allowing us to have more recitals."

Robert Meckna, professor of art history and the Mu Phi Epsilon faculty adviser, said the event is shaping up nicely and is expected to be a success.

"Anyone who goes will have their spirits elevated, and the money goes to good causes, such as Frog House," he said. "These are really good students with loads of talent, and they're sure to put on a memorable show."

FACULTY

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we were overlooked," Frischmann said. "I know there's going to be a super student center and the new residence halls are all state of the art and I feel that we the faculty also deserve a special place."

Mills said there are no plans to replace the Faculty Center at this time. But whether the building is remodeled or replaced, there will still be areas of the building where faculty can carry out activities previously conducted in the Faculty Center, he said.

"I personally expected that there would be a new faculty club announced, something that would be in some ways even better," Frischmann said.

Mills said in order to operate a faculty club at a school the size of TCU, it would either be very expensive for faculty or there would have to be a raise in tuition, therefore, the university decided not to add a faculty club at this time.

NURSING

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The college encourages students early to pursue graduate studies with a focus on education to fill the need for instructors. She said most graduates work whether they are in graduate school or not, but less than 5 percent of those students pursue graduate studies.

Tilley said the college does not have to do much recruiting because nursing has grown more attractive.

The Johnson & Johnson Co. uses profiles of male nurses in ads specifically to boost male recruitment, she said, and hospitals have marketed nursing as a respectable job with good pay, flexible hours and plenty

of options. Many are interested, but according to the November 2006 report, U.S. nursing schools turned away 41,683 applicants in 2005 because of limited faculty, space and budget. Tilley said TCU has to turn away about 40 transfer students each semester because the college already reached its limit of 60 students per class.

Both Tilley and Burns said they want to provide more hands-on learning, but limited faculty and space make it difficult. Tilley said the college is outgrowing its space and sending some faculty to offices in the basement of the Tucker Technology Center.

According to the November 2006 report, Texas will be short 71,000 full-time nurses in 2020. There have been shortages in

the past, Tilley said, but this one is different because it is worldwide and "is not going to go away in our lifetime probably."

FOR YOUR INFO

Nursing facts

- Texas has a shortage of psychiatric nurses, which contributes to an already existing shortage of mental health workers.
- Few registered nurses do not earn a graduate degree to become nurse educators.
- The nursing profession has many challenges including long hours, exhaustion and physical difficulties such as lifting and moving patients.
- The shortage of nurses in rural areas is worsened by many nurses moving to work in urban areas.

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THE SKIFF VIEW

Athletics smart to emphasize studies

Student-athletes have been long maligned by education and media outlets for putting the "athlete" before the "student."

The relatively low graduation rates among athletics programs nationwide, long considered one of the gold standards for having a successful program, have even gone so far as to question whether institutions of higher learning put too much emphasis on successful athletics.

With that being said, it should make the TCU football program and their fans feel proud knowing the program has maintained graduation rates above the national average for its sport.

The outlook on today's college athletics can be as ugly as the stories that attempt to depict student-athletes as hired guns serving only one purpose: to win.

This is not one of those stories. Instead, maybe it will downplay that stereotype and remind critics that some athletes do indeed do not want to play professional sports for a living and have

higher aspirations away from on-campus glory.

The graduation success rate of the program should also serve as a challenge to the other athletic programs to rise above the NCAA average.

If head coach Gary Patterson can have his team above the graduation success rate average in a sport that is one of the two most criticized for its low graduation rate, then one can only hope it will push coaches and administrators to put even more emphasis on success in the classroom than success on the field of play.

Though these numbers are encouraging, this should only be the beginning. Whether it is a program as big as football or as small as equestrian, coaches and administrators need to further the academic progression of its student-athletes whenever and however possible.

Smart student-athletes could give way to a smarter team on the field. That is why the student comes first in student-athlete.

Sports editor Tim Bella for the editorial board.

BY JORDAN HAYGOOD



Social skills impeded by technology

You walk across campus. You see a friend from class. You wave at him but instead of waving back, he continues, focusing his eyes on his cell phone screen, texting intently.

COMMENTARY



Christina Durano

You walk through the Student Center lounge on your way back to the dorm. You see your roommate hanging out there. You try to say hi, but your words are wasted because he has headphones on, blasting music into his ears.

Perhaps you want to study with a group of people Thursday night for your test Friday. You try to set up a time, but everyone has appointments throughout the evening — not with friends — but with the television. To miss "Grey's Anatomy" or "The Office" is an unforgivable sin.

It seems that in today's culture, people are addicted to electronics. They are everywhere. What happened to the days when people actually socialized face-to-face? People today seem to interact more with digital devices than with each other.

Yes, electronics have opened a new door to communication possibilities and have made life much more convenient. However, elec-

tronics also have disadvantages.

One of the most egregious faults of electronic devices is hindering interpersonal skills.

Imagine a world without electronics.

Now, imagine you're walking across campus and see somebody you know. What do you do? Maybe you might stop by and say a few words, thereby cultivating your friendship.

You head to the library. People are actually studying. Nobody is surfing the internet to check the latest celebrity gossip or Facebook-stalk their cousin's ex-boyfriend's roommate.

But let's snap back to reality.

A recent study by mobile industry tracker Telephia showed that 18 to 24-year-olds spend nearly 22 hours per month using their cell phones.

Another study showed that students listen to music about 2.5 hours per day. When you walk across campus, you can easily see why these numbers are so high. Almost everyone is either talking on their cell phone or listening to their iPod.

Not only do electronics hinder the development of our interpersonal communication skills, but they can also be just plain rude. Sometimes I want to grab the phone out of someone's hands and throw

it on the ground so they actually look at me during our conversation. It's not that I think I'm so high and mighty that I actually deserve people's attention; it's just that there are some basic rights everyone deserves — one of which is the right to have a two-way conversation.

Electronics have greatly enhanced our lives, however, today's society is addicted to them. Electronics are like an opiate.

They provide security: "If I'm not cool enough to have somebody call me at 9:55 a.m., then I at least need to call my mom while I'm walking so people think I'm popular when they see me on my cell phone."

If people in this generation are so obsessed with electronics, just imagine what it will be like in future generations.

I challenge you for a day — just a day — to try not to text while you are talking with someone. Resist the urge to check e-mail in class. Say hello to the people you know when you see them walking across campus rather than ranting to your mother about how nobody calls you. Just try it. Who knows, you might actually enjoy interacting with other people instead of electronics.

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Global change brought forth by political activism of youth

"Me and all my friends, we're all misunderstood. They say we stand for nothing, and there's no way we ever could." — "Waiting on the World to Change" by John Mayer.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed the executive order that created the Peace Corps, and young adults

across the nation joined and embarked on missions across the globe. That same year, college-aged students served as freedom riders, rallying and protesting for civil rights in the South. There is no doubt that the youth movement of the 1960s played a crucial role in changing race relations, women's rights and war and peace in America.

"Now we see everything that's going wrong with the world and those who lead it. We just feel like we don't have the means to rise above and beat it..."

But, it seems our generation — generation Y — is under constant scrutiny for not living up to the intense political activism of the 1960s baby-boomers. To an extent, this stereotype of college-aged students is true. We frequently aren't found protesting in the streets, but we are still about more than blogs, text messaging and Myspace.

A study by political sci-

"We frequently aren't found protesting in the streets, but we are still about more than blogs, text messaging and Myspace."

Jenighi Powell

entist Kent Portney at Tufts University found that out of 1,000 non-military men and women, college and non-college citizens between the ages of 18 and 24, more than 70 percent said they voted in the November 2006 elections. And the University of California's annual survey of the nation's entering undergraduates showed that more students entering college are discussing politics more frequently than at any point in the past 40 years.

"It's hard to beat the system when we're standing at a distance..."

So why is there still skepticism of our generation's desire for political activism?

More research from the Panetta Institute in Washington, D.C., found students do not see politics as a primary means of bringing about positive change. Panetta's study showed that a majority of students felt it is not always easy to see that an individual's involvement makes a

difference in politics; therefore many students prefer the direct benefits of community service rather than helping on political campaigns.

"It's not that we don't care, we just know that the fight ain't fair..."

But, whether we think we can make a difference or not, politics do matter. The 2008 presidential election will mirror some of the same controversies of the 1960s and 1970s elections. Vietnam, the Watergate scandal and Roe v. Wade were a few of the issues that rattled the political arena in that era. In 2008, Americans will not only be facing foreign policy issues such as the war on terror but also issues such as global warming, energy dependence and the cost of education.

"One day our generation is going to rule the population..."

In 2008, we will be shaping not only the next four years, but the rest of our lives. It doesn't matter how we educate ourselves whether it's e-mail updates on our iPhones or reading candidates' Web sites, as long as we are willing to learn.

"We keep on waiting, waiting on the world to change."

Jenighi Powell is a junior international relations major from Austin.

Gore not always strongest method of inciting fear

Another Halloween has come and gone, but some timeless horror classics are still around for us to be

COMMENTARY



Marcus Murphree

shocked, appalled and amazed by.

So even if it is November, dig through the discount bin at a local blockbuster for these thrilling gems. "I'm Chucky, wanna play?" "The power of Christ compels you!" "Priority One. Insure return of organism for analysis. All other considerations secondary. Crew expendable."

For some reason hearing these lines when I watch "Child's Play," "The Exorcist" and "Alien" still gives me the willies, no matter how many times I have seen them.

Fear is something difficult to pinpoint in the human psyche. The classics by Alfred Hitchcock will forever be glorified as some type of golden horror era, but the 15 years from the mid-1970s through the late 1980s put out some of the most chilling movies I have ever seen.

Something amidst gut-splattering violence makes the hair along my spine prickle. It is a fear of something in your house, underneath the bed. It is the constant fright that something may already be inside you, taking away everything you have. It may just be scaring yourself.

In 1973, "The Exorcist" blended fact and fiction into a story that makes for one of the most recognizable, albeit graphic, moments in cinema history.

The little girl, Regan MacNeil, played by Linda Blair,

became a horror movie icon. Briefly, after her possession by the devil she made the famous backward descent down the staircase.

A 6-year-old girl crab-walking down a flight of stairs is not necessarily a frightening sight, but the abrupt vomiting of blood and overall concept can strike fear into any God-fearing Christian's heart.

The screenplay author, who also wrote the original book, based the story off documented exorcisms in the areas surrounding Washington, D.C.

Fright springs forth when these events are depicted as reality. The possibility of something beyond medical explanation gives this story a suspense factor and some shock value. Exorcisms exist, giving a new element to a tale of horror that can happen to anyone.

From bodily possession to personal possessions, "Child's Play" is another one of the classic horror movies from the 1980s. Honestly, if any of my toys came to life I would be screaming for my mother and pouring tears from my eyes. I don't care if my "Good Guys" doll was just there as a companion. A knife-wielding toy is just plain frightening. And that high-pitched voice accompanying it was just another feather in creator Don Mancini's cap.

The crown jewel of horror and suspense comes from 1979 with Ridley Scott's "Alien."

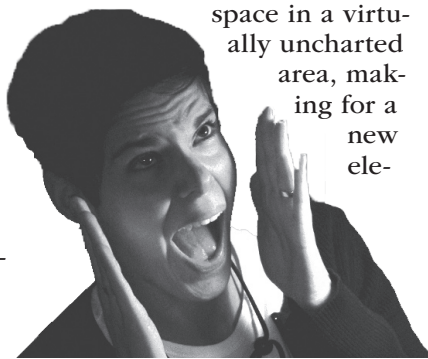
When I bought the full director's cut of the movie last summer, I was still amazed at the way minimal special effects could incite hair-raising chills in a viewer. I have seen

the movie dozens of times both with and without the director's commentary, and it never ceases to amaze me how a creature dripping with slime can be that eerie.

The movie takes a classic B-movie tactic and just changes the venue from Earth to outer-space: seven people trapped in a house, one goes crazy and there is a killer on the loose.

These simple elements of a classic slasher film put the bleak environment of outer space in a virtually uncharted area, making for a new ele-

ment of fear: the unexpected.



ment of fear: the unexpected.

Not to mention the audio for the movie exemplifies every brutal scene as an omniscient heart-beat murmurs in the background when the creature approaches. The first such slaying occurs during the famed "chestburster" scene when the crew is dining in the mess hall. Silence at the dinner table is followed by another one of the more recognizable moments in on-screen horror. A spider-like creature erupts from a man's chest cavity and escapes in the confined ship, leaving the crew helpless with a murderous alien running free.

Reality, fantasy and an old story in a new way are all methods of inducing fright on the silver screen.

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VOLLEYBALL

Opponents come in hungry for win

By MICHELLE NICOU
Staff Reporter

The volleyball team welcomes two conference opponents from the state of Utah to the University Recreation Center starting tonight. The Horned Frogs take on BYU tonight and will follow up with a Friday match with the Utah Utes.

At 15-6 overall and 7-4 in conference play, BYU has already proven it can beat TCU when it swept the Frogs on Oct. 5 in Provo, Utah.

"BYU is a very good program," head coach Prentice Lewis said. "They're ranked in the top three in our conference, and they're nobody to be taken lightly."

The Utes (10-12, 6-5 in conference) will probably be looking for revenge after TCU fought back from a 0-2 deficit to win an Oct. 6 match in five games, Lewis said.

"We beat them on their home court, so it's kind of payback time," Lewis said. "Our ladies have to be ready to come out and play hard."

The Horned Frogs (19-9, 6-5 in conference) are the first opponent for both teams as they are playing Thursday and Friday matches this week as well, Lewis said.

Sophomore defensive specialist Katelyn Blackwood said the team hasn't altered its strategy for either opponent just because it is the second meeting of the season.

"We haven't really adjusted our strategy," Blackwood

said. "We just work on coming in every day and getting better."

Lewis said she prefers to evaluate the team's game as a whole during practice, instead of just focusing on certain aspects. Players know what they have to do individually to improve the team's overall play, she said.

"There are numerous things we have to get better at, and we try to use all of them every day," Lewis said.

Junior outside hitter Devon Kirk said she has been working on her blocking skills. Currently, she is second on the team in blocks per game

"We beat them on their home court, so it's kind of payback time."

Prentice Lewis
head volleyball coach

with .98 behind sophomore middle blocker Kourtney Edwards' 1.15 average.

TCU is averaging 2.5 blocks per game, while BYU and Utah are averaging 2.9, respectively.

"I had a meeting with one of my coaches this week, and we talked about blocking," Kirk said. "That was an improvement in the New Mexico match versus last week. That's something that will definitely help us against BYU and Utah."

NATIONAL

Phone companies integrate streaming sports services

By JASON GERTZEN
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Sometimes you can't watch the big game on a big screen.

You might be catching your child's Sunday soccer match and miss the kickoff of the big game that same afternoon. Peyton Manning could be your favorite player, but the Indianapolis Colts are not on local TV broadcasts that week. Weekend errands could divert you from your family room. Or you just want to toss a football with your kid in the front yard, but still would not mind alerts about the exciting plays from an ongoing National Football League game.

Mobile phone companies, particularly Sprint Nextel Corp. and Verizon Wireless, have developed new sports services with hopes they can score big by winning subscribers and boosting sales.

"We are targeting avid fans in the NFL," said Steve Gaffney, Sprint's director of sports marketing.

Don't expect the 2-inch screen on a cell phone and sometimes herky-jerky video to offer an adequate substitute for the you-are-almost-there images on a high-definition television.

The cell phone sports services, however, offer some intriguing alerts, updates on a fantasy football squad, access to interesting audio and video highlights from games, and news conferences.

Sprint and Verizon have been particularly aggressive at touting the ability to watch video or surf the Web with a cell phone. When it comes to the NFL, Sprint has an edge with a five-year exclusive sponsorship.

While the cell phone companies are spending big dollars and making big claims,

demand for many of these video services so far has been tepid, said David Chamberlain, who tracks the wireless industry for In-Stat, an Arizona research firm.

"A lot of people point to the fact it is a small screen, and nobody wants to watch video on a small screen," Chamberlain said. "That is really a major oversimplification. What is far more important is that people don't want to pay for it."

In a recent survey, Chamberlain said, a majority of wireless-phone consumers expressed at least moderate interest in watching video over the advanced technology networks constructed by carriers such as Sprint and Verizon. When told about extra costs, however, much of that interest faded.

"People are pushing their mobile phone bills pretty hard right now," Chamberlain said.

Sprint appears to enjoy more success than most in persuading subscribers to give data-oriented services a try.

The nation's No. 3 wireless carrier brings in an average of about \$60 a month from each of its customers for voice calls and other services, a performance besting top Sprint rivals. For those customers with phones running on the Sprint portion of the company's network, Sprint brings in an average of \$12.75 each for monthly Internet access and other data usage on cell phones.

Sprint initially required consumers to sign up for a data plan of about \$15 to \$20 plus pay an extra fee for the NFL service. The company since has scrapped the extra fee for NFL Mobile.

So far, customers have downloaded the NFL Mobile service about 1 million times on Sprint phones, making it the "best-performing stand-alone



CHARLES OSGOOD / Chicago Tribune via MCT
TV images such as streaming NFL coverage will be available thanks to new sports services developed by Sprint Nextel Corp. and Verizon Wireless.

application" in the company's history, Gaffney said.

Sprint is working to enhance its current NFL menu, talking with league officials about streaming full-length games or sending alerts linked to live video feeds once a fan's team enters the red zone.

Verizon can't match Sprint's NFL video lineup for now, but the nation's No. 2 wireless company has a high-profile deal with ESPN.

The ESPN MVP service is packed with video clips of other sports and offers plenty of score updates, breaking sports

news alerts, analysis and fantasy sports tracking.

"On NFL Sundays we see a tremendous amount of traffic," said John Vehr, ESPN's senior vice president of digital products.

Making the service easy to use and constantly improving the video and other features can be effective at encouraging more consumers to rely on their cell phones for more than making calls, Vehr said.

"We are trying to get in the consumer's mind that this is justifying the cost of their connection," Vehr said.

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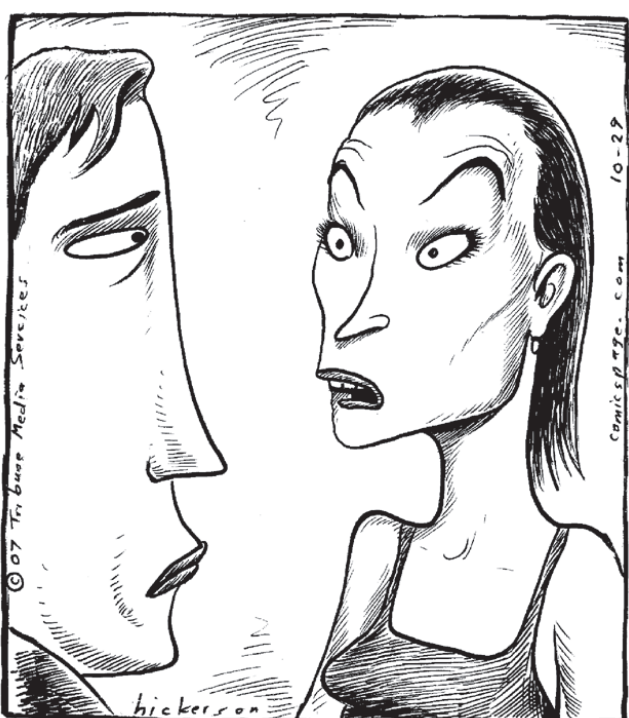
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Q: What did the tie say to the hat?

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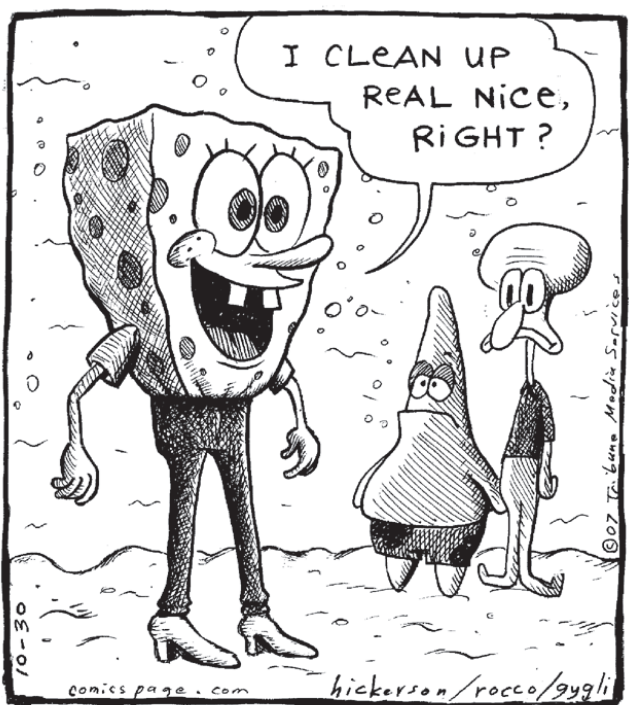
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Directions
Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Friday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

Wednesday's Solutions

2	6	7	3	1	9	4	8	5
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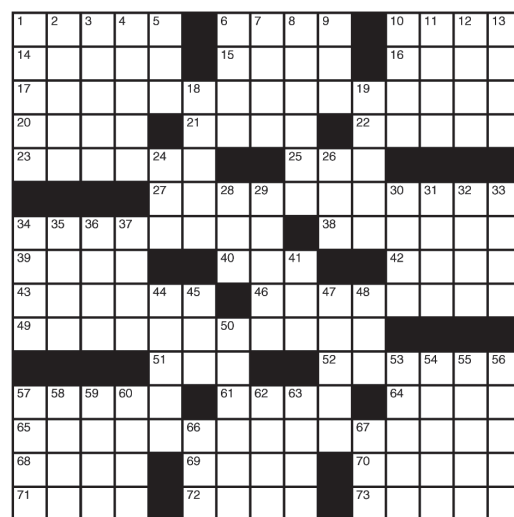
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1 Pares down
6 Webber play
10 Dines
14 Tippy vessel
15 Curved molding
16 Fencer's foil
17 Start of definition of a scholar
20 Irritate
21 And others, briefly
22 Poster star
23 Miss a step
25 Simile center
27 Part 2 of definition
34 Light lager
38 Remove cargo
39 Coll. course
40 Cave denizen
42 Extra dry
43 Chocolate browns
46 Amicable
49 Part 3 of definition
51 Made a lap
52 Wildcatter, e.g.
57 ___ nous (confidentially)
61 Soviet news agency
64 First-class
65 End of definition
68 Terrible ruler?
69 Popeye's ___
70 Great brilliance
71 Engrossed
72 Shooting marbles
73 Approaches



By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA
11/1/07

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- DOWN**
1 Head wrap
2 Female vampire
3 Omitting nothing
4 Impressionist painter
5 Do tailoring
6 Codger
7 Spanish water
8 Units of magnetic flux
9 Behold

- 10 Tractor-trailer
11 Stratford-___ Avon
12 Lima's land
13 Ooze
18 Shallow-water hunter
19 Legendary Brave southpaw
24 Ram's partner
26 Actor Erwin
28 Civil War soldier, briefly
29 Air current
30 King of comedy
31 North of Paris
32 Attract a cab
33 Form a vortex
34 Actor Gregory
35 Graphics image
36 Start of a motive?
37 Overwhelm with flattery
41 Three in Italy
44 Item of value
45 Rwy. stop
47 Concise concession

- 48 QB Manning
50 North American capital
53 Spear
54 Dough
55 Sadat of Egypt
56 Brooding places
57 Bahrain ruler
58 PBS program
59 Lobster pot
60 Big budget item
62 From the start
63 Females of a species
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Senior Lorie Butler-Rayford defends against a Wyoming player in a February game last season. Fans will get a sneak peak of this season's women's basketball team as Butler-Rayford and the Lady Frogs welcome the Lake Truck Lines all-star team for an exhibition showcase at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum at 6:30 p.m. The exhibition will serve as a warm-up before the team's Nov. 9 season opener against Radford.

SOCCER

Team preps for playoffs

By CAROLINE LOCKWOOD
 Staff Reporter

With last week's 3-0 victory against Utah, the Horned Frogs clinched a conference tournament spot and a couple of team honors.

Sophomore forward Lizzy Karoly was named the Mountain West Conference co-offensive player of the week for her two-goal performance against Utah. Karoly also earned a place on the Soccer America team of the week for the second time this season.

Karoly said the credit she received also belongs to her teammates.

"Being recognized like this is so great, because it finally shows that the hard work of the whole team is paying off," Karoly said.

Freshman goalkeeper Kelsey Walters became the first player in team history to be placed on the Soccer Buzz Elite team of the week. She was also named the Mountain West Conference defensive player of the week.

Against Utah, Walters made 10 saves and kept the Utes off the scoreboard.

Walters said the recognition she received this week made her set higher goals for herself.

Head coach Dan

Abdalla also said Walters and Karoly are not the only players who should receive credit.

"These two definitely deserve the recognition they got, but we could've had 13 players who also got it," Abdalla said. "That was nice to have a couple of special performances and see other players do some exceptional things as well."

With a Mountain West Conference tournament berth coming from the victory against Utah, Abdalla said the team must also focus on beating San Diego State on the road, in the last game of the regular season Friday. Last season the team fell short of reaching the postseason.

We have to play to win this week, at the same we have to get ready for next week, as well as the tournament, Abdalla said.

"It's a balance between those two things this weekend," he said.

Abdalla said the toughest challenge the Aztecs will bring is their defense.

"They're one of the toughest defensive teams in the nation," Abdalla said. "They're tough as nails."

In order to get past



Sophomore midfielder Michelle Nguyen tries to get the offense going in a match this season. Fresh off a 3-0 win against Utah, the soccer team hits the road against San Diego State on Friday.

them, Abdalla said the team must be willing to be creative, take chances and stay focused on defense as well.

"We must make sure we maintain focus, because they also have some individuals offensively who are very good," Abdalla said.

The team held Wednesday's practice

in Halloween tradition when all the players and coaches were dressed in costumes. Some outfits included a banana, Tina Turner and the Grim Reaper.

"As long as we can practice and get a good session in, we like to have a little fun during this part of the season," Abdalla said.

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