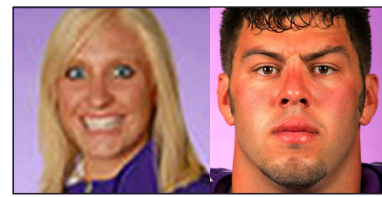




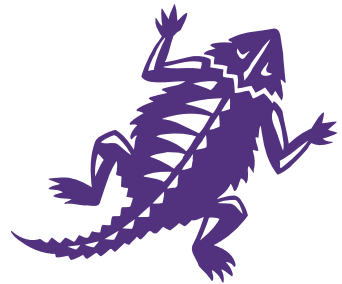
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SGA resolution asks to bring back KTCU jazz

By ALLIE BROWN
Staff Reporter

As the meeting doors of Student Government Association's House of Representatives opened, legislation flooded in.

Three bills and three resolutions were voted on and passed Tuesday at the weekly House of Representatives meeting.

The bills, two of which called for the allocation of a combined \$13,000 in funds toward univer-

sity projects, all passed unanimously.

However, it was one of the resolutions that caused the most debate.

A resolution to request the immediate return of jazz programming to KTCU FM 88.7 "The Choice" was passed by a vote of 16-11 with four abstentions.

Justin Brown, Student Relations Committee chairman and

author of the resolution, said as a member of the jazz community, he feels jazz has been "successful in increasing campus allure."

"I think jazz is an important art form to America and the college arena," Brown said. "The college community is where students are getting the opportunity to perform."

Brown said as the title suggests, he is only requesting for the immediate return of jazz to

the program.

"We are requesting it and looking at our options," Brown said. "If they don't agree, we look at community desire. We want to work with KTCU, not against them."

Jace Thompson, Student Body president, opposed the resolution because of the precedent he believes it sets.

"When we start requesting for immediate changes, what does

that mean for our organization?" Thompson said.

Brown said he believes SGA should be making changes.

"As SGA, we advocate and meet to discuss grounds for change," Brown said. "I have written over 30 pieces of legislation, and we have requested change for years."

Jeff Yale, KTCU program director, said he thinks the job of the radio station is to increase

student listenership as the programming needs of students change.

"I have a lot of respect for jazz," Yale said. "There is a lot of talent in jazz, but KTCU exists to educate people in radio, and one of the big things in radio is programming."

Music manager Kari Shuler agreed but said she was still sad to see jazz go.

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Johnny James and Ryan Bates, who work for Lone Star Electric, look at the TCU banner they just attached to wires above the Christmas tree in front of Sadler Hall. The poster and the tree will both be lit at 8 p.m. today at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting sponsored by the Programming Council.

Holiday spirit arrives with annual tree lighting

By LIZ DAVIS
Staff Reporter

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and TCU is spreading the spirit with the annual lighting of the Christmas tree tonight on the Sadler lawn.

Mr. and Ms. TCU, senior political science and broadcast journalism major David Spencer and junior Spanish and biology major Lindsay Morgan Taylor, will be conducting the ceremonies, which will begin at 8 p.m. and will include caroling, hot cocoa and candle lighting.

As per tradition, Chancellor Victor Boschini will do the honors of lighting the tree, said Natalie Boone, assistant director of Student Government Association.

The Programming Council has decided to expand the TCU holiday celebration this year, said Aaron Wolfe, vice chairman of Programming Council.

"This year, we wanted to make this a bigger deal, along the lines of Howdy Week and Homecoming," Wolfe said.

Programming Council want-

ed to think of something to get the community involved and has added a new twist to an old tradition, Wolfe said.

After the chancellor turns on the tree, there will be a three-minute Christmas light show with carols, ending with the TCU fight song, Wolfe said.

Wolfe said former student Michael McKenzie and his company, the McKenzie Group, are putting on the light show.

The light show will be on See **CHRISTMAS**, page 2

FOR YOUR INFO

Holiday Events

Christmas Tree Lighting: 8 p.m. today, Sadler Lawn

Holiday Craft Fair: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Student Center Lounge

Holiday Light Show: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday through Dec. 21, Sadler Lawn

Late Night Breakfast: 10:30 p.m. to midnight Dec. 11, Student Center Ballroom

New language minor awaits approval vote

By CAROLINE LOCKWOOD
Staff Reporter

Italian enthusiasts may soon get what they've asked for.

Out of popular demand by students, the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures is working to have an Italian minor by Spring 2008, said Sharon Fairchild, department chairwoman.

"The creation of an Italian minor was driven by high enrollment and strong demand for the Italian courses," Fairchild said.

Before it is declared a minor, the AddRan Curricular Committee, Undergraduate Council and University Council must approve the subject, Fairchild said.

"We have been approved by the Curricular Committee and Undergraduate Committee, so now we're just waiting on the University Council," Fairchild said. "We are not exactly sure when the council will meet or decide if it will pass."

Fairchild said a schedule has already been made for next spring that will include four or five Italian courses. One of the courses will be about Italian cinema.

"There will also be a study abroad course in Italy worth six credit hours," Fairchild said. "This will be a strong plus for the program."

In the past two years, Italian has become a popular subject, said Nicholas Lindsey, an international communications major and an Italian minor hopeful.

"When I took classes last year, there was maybe a total of 35 students taking Italian courses with me," Lindsey said. "But over one

year, it blew up, and every class now is full."

Robin Wright, professor of Italian, said her classes are full with students from all different majors including music, art history, international communication and others interested in

Italian. She also said she has students of Italian descent take her courses. She said there is no need for any experience to begin the minor.

Lindsey said he will enroll as an Italian minor in the spring if it passes. He said students should consider tak-

ing Italian because of the many benefits they could receive. He said he owes much of his success to speaking the language.

"I have an internship at Vogue in Italy next year, and I owe it all to taking Italian courses," Lindsey said.

Fairchild credited Wright for the growth of the Italian program.

"She has been very active in organizing events outside of the classroom including excursions to the Fort Worth Opera and an Italian conversation hour," Fairchild said.

Wright said the ultimate goal is to someday have an Italian studies major where students can study more than just the language. For example, if a student was interested in Italian architecture, the student could take a course on this with an Italian studies major, she said.

Though an Italian studies program is the long-term goal, there is no time line of when a major could be created, Fairchild said.

Repairs completed in flooded hall

By VICTORIA PUENTE
Staff Reporter

The final repairs to Samuelson Hall were completed over Thanksgiving break after a sprinkler head burst in late October and flooded parts of the building, said the hall director.

Rachel Siron, the hall director of Samuelson and Carter halls, said repairs were made to damaged walls, baseboards were removed to allow water to dry out from inside the walls and the carpets were cleaned before most students moved back into their dorms Nov. 5.

"One room still needed to have the carpet cleaned, and we agreed to do that over Thanksgiving break while the resident was not inconvenienced," Siron said.

On Oct. 29, a jacket was hung on one of the sprinkler heads in a resident's bathroom, which caused the pipe to burst and water to build up and flow primarily into five suites, said Craig Allen, director of Residential Services.

The person who caused the sprinkler head to break was not a resident, Siron said.

"We always inform residents of the proper way of

using safety items, but this was a guest of the building," Siron said. "We will be working to better inform our guests of these policies."

About 25 students were displaced, Siron said.

"We've followed up and continue to follow up with the residents of those rooms and made sure that we are taking care of any questions and concerns that they have," Siron said.

Most students chose to stay with friends while repairs were being made, but a few students were temporarily See **FLOOD**, page 2

Sustainability class to commence next spring

By VICTORIA PUENTE
Staff Reporter

A new "super course" will consist of several experts from different disciplines providing a well-rounded understanding of a broad topic called "sustainability."

The course takes a unique team-learning approach coupled with undergraduate research, said Keith Whitworth, professor of sociology.

Whitworth will utilize his new course model in "Sustainability is Sexy: Social Justice and Environmental Sustainability Across the Global Economy" this spring. The course is concerned with

environmental stewardship, economic development and social justice issues, he said.

Experts in eight disciplines: anthropology, business, criminal justice, environmental science, history, interior design, political science and sociology, will provide insight into sustainability from their fields of study, Whitworth said.

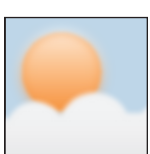
"It is set up on a team-based learning approach where the students will be in teams all semester long and those teams range from six to eight students — research indicates it is very effective," said Whitworth, who has been trying

out the approach in two of his courses this semester.

The teams will each conduct research with the assistance of the National Wildlife Federation to determine the environmental impact of TCU's campus. At the end of the semester the teams will present their findings at the Spring Undergraduate Research Festival, Whitworth said.

"What they'll be doing is working on different components of a greenhouse gas emissions audit," Whitworth said. "In other words, they will measure the environmental footprint of the university."

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SGA

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"I think trying to bring jazz back is a really great idea but there doesn't need to be an uprising in students," Shuler said.

Shuler said she likes jazz but supports the decision of the station.

"Not all change is negative," Shuler said. "The music is still good now."

Chance Welch, a sophomore radio-TV-film major and member of the House, said as a radio station that represents all students, KTCU should represent all genres.

"Even if the demand for jazz is not as much as the demand for rock or country, it's still a demand," Welch said.

Welch said he agreed the terminology of the resolution was harsh but said that doesn't necessarily mean the idea has to be harsh.

"I think there can be compromise," Welch said. "If that means reducing jazz airtime (from what it was before), then make that happen."

Yale said he understands the different points of view but overall the people working at KTCU have done what they feel is best for the audience it caters to.

"What we've done is try to make the station younger but still keep it mixed," Yale said. "Part of radio education is teaching how to program to a target audience, and I feel like we've done that here."

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every night from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting every 15 minutes until Dec. 21, said Kristen Chapman, Programming Council chair.

Wolfe said although PC is adding new things to the tree lighting ceremony, the old traditions are still strong.

"We will still be collecting gifts, and there will be a toy line," Wolfe said. "This has become a tradition for a lot of students."

The Order of Omega, a Greek honors society, sponsors the toy drive every

year, Chapman said.

Wolfe said he knows of students who get very excited about giving gifts to kids, and they can't wait to choose one of the children's cards.

"The kids' cards include information on local kids, their names and ages, and a few things they want for Christmas," Wolfe said. "There are usually essentials on the cards, like clothes, but they also ask for toys."

Wolfe said the holiday events are a gift from the Programming Council to the students. They start with coffee, donuts and free music Tuesday and end with a late night breakfast Dec. 11.

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moved to different halls on campus, Siron said.

"We provided temporary access cards, keys to the other rooms on campus and linens — as much as we could do to make their stay pleasant in another building," Siron said. "They were allowed to access the room during the day, we just recommended they didn't stay there at night because of the fans and the loud noises and just to ensure their safety."

Senior nursing major Sarah Bachman, a resident assistant on the first floor of Samuelson Hall, was the RA for some of the dorm rooms affected by the flood.

"I was really proud of them," Bachman said. "They did a great job of being flexible and working with us, which is the most you can ask for. It made the situation easier for everybody."

SUSTAINABILITY

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Whitworth said he would like there to be four or five other super courses so students can have the option to minor in undergraduate research.

Sarah Warner, senior sociology major, has taken three courses with Whitworth and participated in his Purple Bike Program and said she would like to take the course next semester, however, she already understands the topic from her previous classes with Whitworth.

"I think his learning environment is really upbeat and positive, so anything you are learning, he's going to make interesting," Warner said. "He's really passionate about sustainability and you can see that in his teaching and his everyday life."

Whitworth said his 9-year-old son was the reason he became interested in sustainability. He said he wanted to expose students and the community to the concept and teach them how to use current resources so they are not compromised for future generations.

"If we don't begin thinking about it seriously and making policies about climate change and other things like that then it may not bode well for my

child's and your child's future," Whitworth said.

Patrick Kinkade, chairman of the sociology department, said he supported the promotion of sustainability on campus and in the community, along with several other professors who he called the "greenies."

"Obviously we are confronting a variety of crises in the environment and we, as a group of educators, need to think about what best serves our students in relation to getting them attuned to this issue," Kinkade said.

Kinkade said eventually he would like a sustainability class to become a required course for all majors and would like to see a cultural change toward the way both the university and the larger community perceive environmental issues.

The course is listed under the sociology, anthropology and criminal justice majors.

Whitworth said another university came up with the phrase "sustainability is sexy" as an eye-catcher to raise awareness about the concept of sustainability. Although the phrase is not included in the registrar's title for the course, he will use the buzzword when he refers to the three-hour course.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Have the courage to be ignorant of a great number of things, in order to avoid the calamity of being ignorant of everything."

— Sydney Smith

THE SKIFF VIEW

Italian minor beneficial to students

When urging students to develop a more worldly perspective during their years at TCU, the university's efforts might fall flat on their face before they can gain any traction. But this cannot be said of TCU officials in their pursuit of a more diverse college experience, especially when an Italian minor is close to being finalized. The move to make Italian available as a minor is a step in the right direction in order to help solidify the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures as a viable and valuable part of the university. Opportunities made available to those requiring adequate communication skills in a language other than English are only expanding, and it is a sign of the times. In having university officials that are able to recognize that students fluent in multiple languages will benefit from this whenever they leave the classroom, the university is serving the best interests of its student body.

For a lack of a better description, that is pretty awesome. Implementing Italian as a minor also gives a much-needed dose of culture and diversity to a campus that is sometimes considered otherwise. Sure, studying abroad is an experience that cannot be duplicated in Fort Worth. But what about students who do not have the funding to experience that kind of once-in-a-lifetime opportunity? Reed Hall classrooms might not be the same as a summer or semester at the Università di Perugia, but the inspiration, dedication and motivation displayed in these classes give students a less expensive avenue to have an eye-opening experience. This kind of forward-thinking and willingness to put a greater emphasis on languages and literatures as important parts of a student's learning experience should have students saying, "Grazie, TCU."

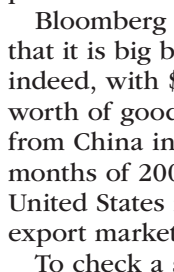
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BY WAYNE STAYSKAL



Inspectors not high priority for toy company executive

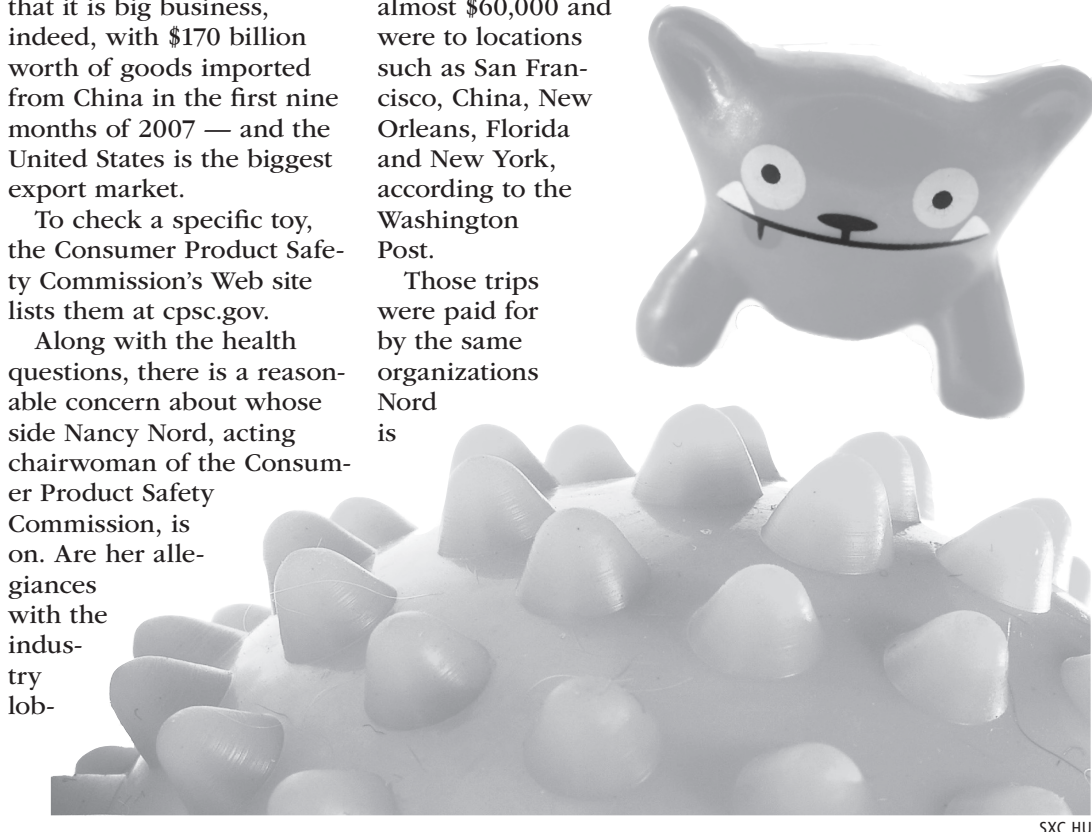
Safety is always a concern for those who buy toys for children. But this Christmas, that's a real concern, more so than any other in recent memory. Bloomberg News reports that China produces 80 percent of the toys sold in the U.S. and that Mattel alone has recalled at least 21 million items this year because of fears about lead paint and other concerns. Bloomberg also reports that it is big business, indeed, with \$170 billion worth of goods imported from China in the first nine months of 2007 — and the United States is the biggest export market. To check a specific toy, the Consumer Product Safety Commission's Web site lists them at cpsc.gov. Along with the health questions, there is a reasonable concern about whose side Nancy Nord, acting chairwoman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, is on. Are her allegiances with the industry lob-



Billy Wessels

byists or the consumers? Nord joined those lobbyists in opposition of a Senate bill, which would expand staffing at her organization, which has only one full-time toy tester and is responsible for examining more than 15,000 products. This leaves room for error in the product inspection category. Nord, along with Hal Stratton, Nord's predecessor, have taken a combined total of 30 trips, paid for by toy, appliance and children's furniture industries since 2002. The cost of the trips, food and hotels totaled almost \$60,000 and were to locations such as San Francisco, China, New Orleans, Florida and New York, according to the Washington Post. Those trips were paid for by the same organizations Nord is

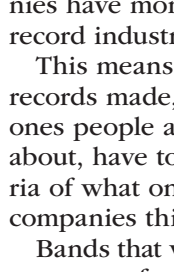
supposed to oversee. In light of these trips, seven Democratic lawmakers have offered a proposal to stop travel by federal regulators paid for by industries they are supposed to be inspecting. Here's a question we never thought we'd seriously have to ask — can we trust the toy industry? Everyone loves toys and games, but no one likes it when those toy makers play "Risk" with our safety. *Billy Wessels is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Waxahachie.*



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Mainstream labels dilute music

Bob Dylan is almost too old to perform, Luciano Pavarotti just died, the six or seven major radio stations in every town are exactly the same and "artists" like Hannah Montana can sell out the Fort Worth Convention Center in a matter of minutes. Money and greed have taken their toll on the music business, and now there is more bad music than ever before. So exactly where does this bad music come from? Five multinational companies have monopolized the record industry. This means that most records made, or at least the ones people actually know about, have to fit the criteria of what one of these five companies thinks will sell. Bands that want to make money are forced to change their sound to fit the model of what sells. And that's where bad music comes from. Bad music also thrives on the radio. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 removed limits on how many stations a single company can own. So now two companies, Clear Channel Communications and Infinity Broadcasting, own the major stations in most cities. These two companies don't really have any obligation or incentive to promote local artists, and as a result, a lot of good music isn't getting



Alex Zobel



Miley Cyrus stars in "Hannah Montana," about a teenager who relocates from Tennessee to the Los Angeles area to pursue a singing career.

exposed as well as it could. People just got too good at making money off of music. Record companies and radio stations know that taking risks on artists that sound different from what is selling is a bad business move. For people who really care about and appreciate good music this is heartbreaking. Granted they don't have to listen to the sea of over-commercialized music out there, but it's cultural pollution. It's an exploitation of art. The Baby Boomers grew up hearing Bob Dylan tell

them how "the times, they are a-changing," and their children heard bands like Rage Against The Machine scream, "You'll never silence the voice of the voiceless." Now there is Hannah Montana spouting off lines about how she's "got the best of both worlds." But don't worry too much. Nobody can really hear what she's saying with all the high-pitched 15-year-old girls screaming. *Alex Zobel is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Albuquerque, N.M.*

Passivism poor method of expressing environmentalism

During a sketch on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," an important question was raised in the form of a fake questionnaire. What can we do to reduce our "carbon footprint?" Even though the answer created for President Bush was a humorous "Wear smaller carbon shoes," the question itself is quite serious. Last Sunday a container ship, the Cosco Busan, was torn open after striking a support column of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge on a foggy morning. The result of this collision was the release of 58,000 gallons of bunker fuel, a thick oil rich in pollutants, into the bay.

The cleanup of this environmental disaster is underway, with more than 12,000 gallons already cleaned, but most of the damage has already been done. The spilled bunker oil has polluted over two dozen beaches, claimed the life of hundreds of birds and left nearly 500 more covered in oil. Even though this oil spill is just one of many accidental environmental disasters, it does raise one question. How are we still allowing these devastating events to occur? You would think in a world that is becoming so focused on reducing global warming, we would be able to prevent a cargo ship

from dumping oil onto our beaches. Multiple scientific breakthroughs are showing that the effects of mankind's fast-paced lifestyle are throwing the planet's ecosystem off balance. As more people begin to accept global warming as the cause of various environmental anomalies, such as a rise in the number of hurricanes, the concern for the well being of the planet is becoming somewhat unavoidable. But if the planet is in such bad shape, why are

we not doing more to prevent further damage? I'm tired of hearing passive environmentalists rant on and on about the dire state our planet is in, but never seeing any action being taken to fix the problem. While the people who usually fight for the environment tend to be more passive, this particular issue requires people who are more willing to take aggressive action to get things done. But unlike the majority of people who claim to be environmentally conscious,

there are some people who have chosen to take action to improve this planet. In 1997 General Motors released the EV1, a lead acid battery car with zero emissions. This vehicle was not sold to the public, but instead leased to those who wanted it. Each of the EV1s produced found a lessee. Even with the widespread popularity of these environmentally-friendly vehicles, GM repossessed each and every one of these cars, much to the dissatisfaction of the lessees. As GM was in the process of collecting all the EV1s for demolition, the owners who opposed the company's decision organized protests outside the offices

where the vehicles were being stored. These activists went as far as blocking semi-trucks to prevent the destruction of the cars these people grew so fond of, resulting in the arrests of each of these people. Although their attempts to keep their vehicles were unsuccessful, at the very least their attempts were admirable. The efforts made by these people are exactly what is needed when fighting for this cause. When it comes to protecting the environment, people cannot afford to be passive in their efforts to make change. *This column by Robert Stroud appeared in the Daily Titan at Cal State-Fullerton.*

"I'm tired of hearing passive environmentalists rant on and on about the dire state our planet is in, but never seeing any action being taken to fix the problem."
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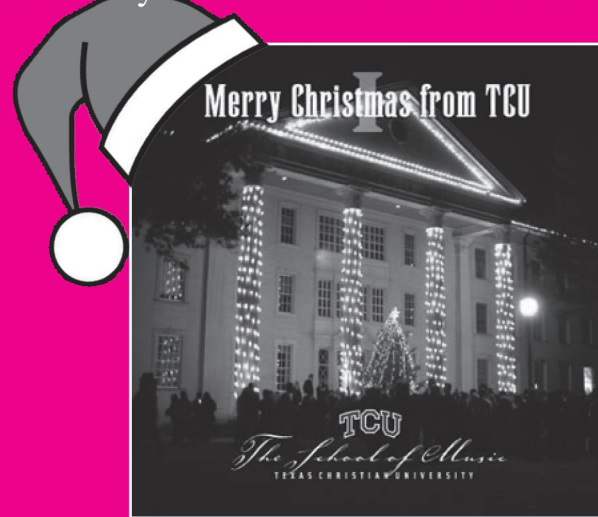
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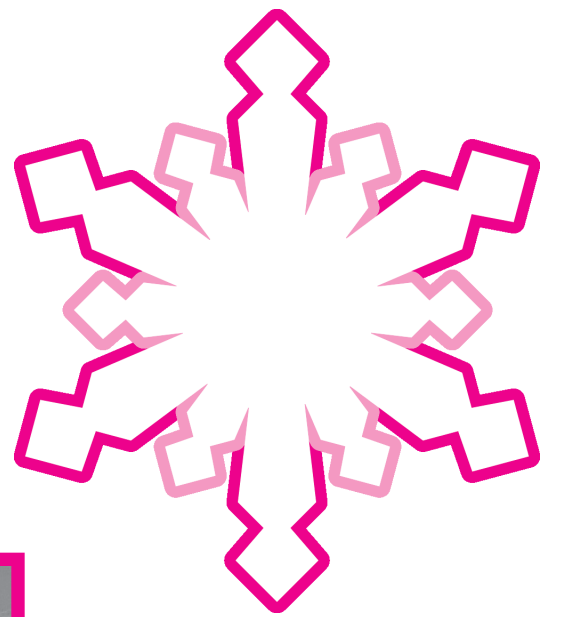
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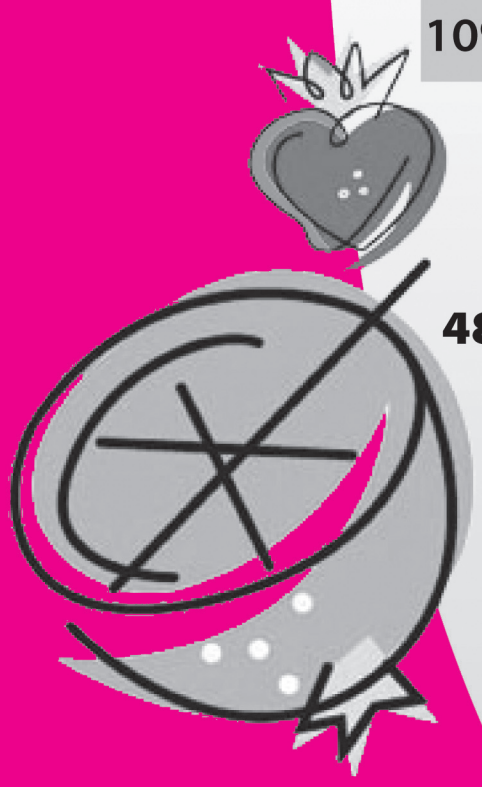




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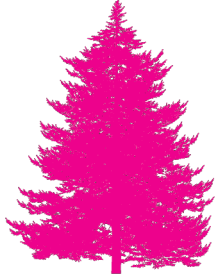
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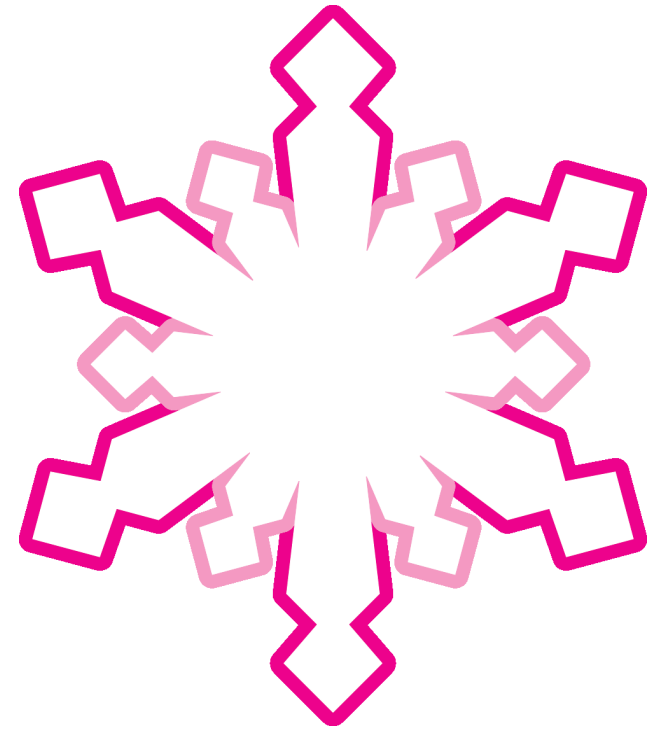
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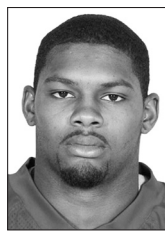


PRO FOOTBALL

Athlete's murder incites police investigation

By PATRICIA MAZZEI, REBECCA DELLAGLORIA and OSCAR CORRAL
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — The shooting of NFL star Sean Taylor has now turned into a high-profile murder investigation, with homicide detectives searching for leads from Palmetto Bay to Perrine to try to piece together a crime that has garnered national attention. Taylor, a Washington Redskins defensive back, died Tuesday morning, a day after he was shot by an intruder at his home in Palmetto Bay.



TAYLOR

He was 24. The one-time standout with the Miami Hurricanes died at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, where he was airlifted after the shooting Monday morning. Shot in the groin, he suffered massive blood loss from a severed femoral artery. Surgery conducted later in the afternoon could not save him, although he was able to squeeze a doctor's hand, giving his family reason for hope. That hope was crushed before dawn Tuesday. Family and other loved ones, who maintained a vigil overnight, were seen leaving the hospital in tears. Taylor's girl-

friend, Jackie Garcia, who was in the bedroom with Taylor when he was shot, could not be reached for comment. Taylor's father, Pedro Taylor, and his family issued a statement honoring Sean and saying funeral arrangements would be announced soon. "It is with deep regret that a young man had to come to his end so soon," Pedro Taylor's statement said. "Many of his fans loved him because of the way he played football. Many of his opponents feared him, the way he approached the game. Others misunderstood him, many appreciated him and his family loved him. I can only hope and pray that Sean's life was not in vain, that it might touch others

in a special way." The gunman remained on the loose. "It's still early in the investigation and homicide detectives are still working this case," Miami-Dade police spokesman Robert Williams said Tuesday. "They're seeking anyone that will be able to help us." Richard Sharpstein, Taylor's attorney, called his death "a tragic, horrible, unnecessary death — another example of the incessant violence in this city and this country."

According to Sharpstein and friends, Garcia and Taylor had been dating since high school at Gulliver Preparatory, and attended the University of Miami together. The couple had their first baby, who is also named Jackie, last year. The baby slept in a crib in the bedroom with her parents, and did not wake up during the shooting.

His client, born and raised in west Perrine, was a paradox. On and off in recent years, he found himself in trouble with the law and once was fined by the NFL for spitting in the face of an adversary. But he was also praised by teammates and others for his kindness and maturity, especially since the birth of his infant daughter.

"The public perception was that he was an outcast," said Clinton Portis, a teammate with both the Hurricanes and the Redskins. "He wasn't. He just was to himself." There wasn't anything about him thuggish. Off the field he was quiet, nice, friendly, fun to be around. A character...."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ANOTHER 'W'



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Junior forward John Ortiz takes a shot during TCU's 76-49 victory against the Rice Owls on Nov. 13. The Horned Frogs travel to Lubbock to face the Texas Tech Red Raiders at 7 p.m. Head coach Neil Dougherty's club will try to avenge last season's 70-60 loss at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.



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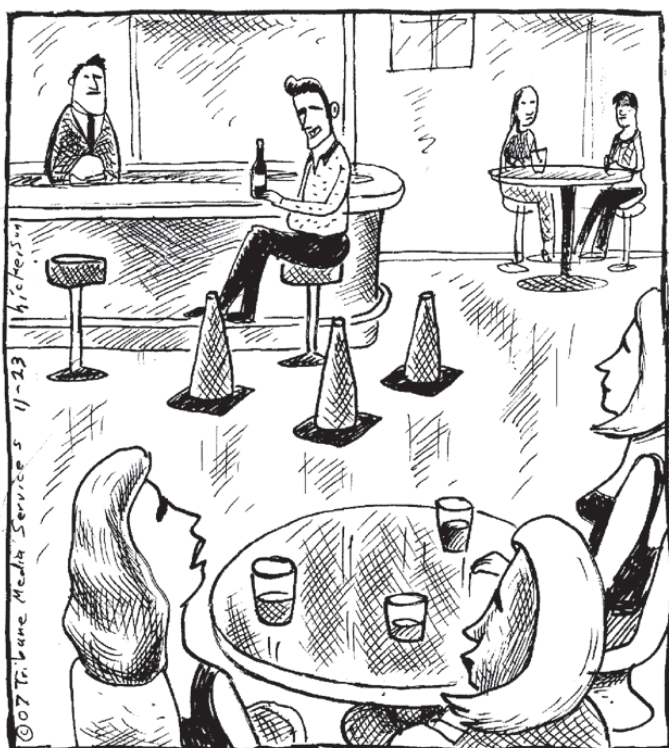
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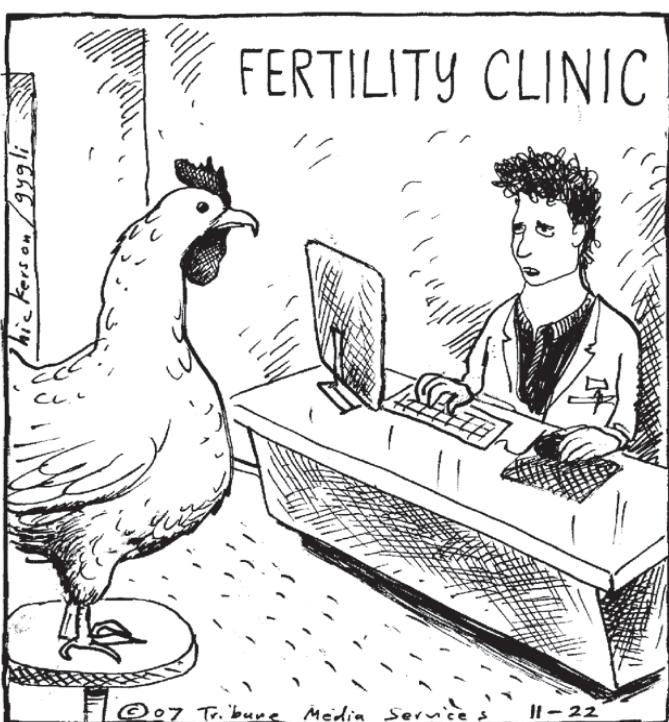
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Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

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

Tuesday's Solutions

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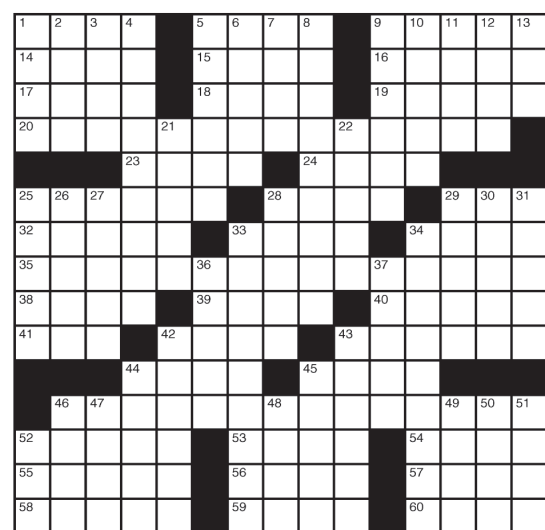
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16 Convened again
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18 Con job
19 Saudis
20 Perry Mason's admission?
23 "The Virginian" author Wister
24 Govern
25 Impassive
28 Rhine tributary
29 Roast hosts, briefly
32 Imminent danger
33 "My Friend"
34 Flue collection
35 Aesop's word
38 Dove sounds
39 Privy to
40 Actress Eve
41 Raggedy doll
42 Garbage vessel
43 Magician's word
44 Recipe directive
45 Hunter's quarry
46 Captain Bligh's admission?
52 Villain's look
53 Ditch around a castle
54 Astronomer Sagan
55 Bare
56 Take apart
57 One-celled plant
58 Color shades
59 Observed
60 Antique autos



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Portland, OR

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 5 Engaged, as gears
6 Old highway to Fairbanks
7 Eastern European
8 Film set employees
9 Delphi attraction
10 "Mr. Television"
11 Biblical twin
12 Kemo
13 UFO passengers
21 Tough fabric
22 Surrounding glows
25 Virgo star
26 Grand National Park
27 "Citizen Kane" director Welles
28 Traffic director
29 Sulking periods
30 Ajax competitor
31 Shorthand, for short
33 Know-nothing
34 Public conveyance

- DOWN**
1 Spumante
2 Fizzled out
3 Florence's river
4 Flowering trees

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By **BRETT LARSON**
Staff Reporter

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The TCU women's basketball team has had an up-and-down start to its season, losing to two nationally-ranked opponents en route to a 2-3 start.

Fresno State is playing for its first win of the season after starting 0-3. Like the Lady Frogs, the Lady Bulldogs' record is slightly deceiving because they also started the season with tough competition against the University of California at Berkeley, Brigham Young University and Oklahoma State University.

Both teams fell to Cal this season, with Fresno State dropping to the Golden Bears by four, while the Lady Frogs lost by 19 points.

The two teams met six times when TCU was a member of the WAC from 1996 to 2001 in which TCU had a 4-2 advantage.

Fresno State exhibits a quick-off-the-dribble slashing style of play, head coach Jeff Mittie said.

TCU hasn't yet played a team like the Bulldogs that is completely committed to dribble attack in the half court, Mittie said.

TCU needs to equal the Bulldogs' aggressiveness to stay in the game, senior point guard Moneka Knight said.

"They're a fast-running athletic team, and they're going to take it to us and we need to take it to them," Knight said.

Redshirt freshman forward Emily Carter is coming off her first start for the Frogs and said the team is going to have to step up on defense to stop Fresno State's penetration.

Mittie said the team has struggled because of poor offensive play, which has added pressure to the defensive end.

"This team just needs to fight through the offensive end, defensively continue to fight harder, and I think if we do that against Fresno, we'll have some opportunities," Mittie said.

He said TCU's competition this year has been tough, but the poor play has more to do with the team hurting itself.

The team's slow start and offensive struggles are obstacles teams can expect sometimes at the beginning of a season, Knight said.

"We just have to get into the flow of the game and get comfortable with each other and we'll be fine," Knight said.

The team has lost its last two games and hopes to get its groove and season going this week.

"Hopefully, this will be the week," Mittie said. "This would be a good week to do it because we need to get on the right track."



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Sophomore guard Danielle Nunn attempts a free throw during the Lady Frogs' 78-47 exhibition victory against the All-Stars on Nov. 1. TCU will host the Fresno State Bulldogs at 6:30 p.m. at home.

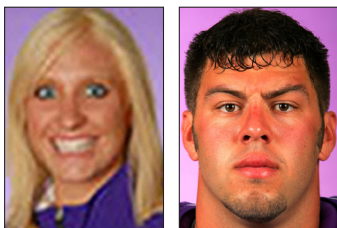
ANALYSIS

Outstanding athletic performances worthy of recognition

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MVP OF THE FALL



CORLEY

ORTIZ

Women: Calli Corley, senior libero, volleyball

Men: Chase Ortiz, senior defensive end, football

No two student-athletes saw their individual efforts lift their respective teams quite like Corley and Ortiz did this fall. Corley was the catalyst for a team that accumulated 22 wins, second most all-time for the program. Her 568-dig season, good for nearly five a game, made her the all-time leader in the statistic.

In a roller coaster season for the football team, Ortiz's strong play was one of the few constants for the Frogs. For the season, Ortiz racked up eight sacks, three forced fumbles and 41 tackles, with 15.5 of those going for a loss. The League City native is tabbed to play in the East-West Shrine Game on Jan. 19 in Houston. Simply put, these two got it done.

BREAKTHROUGH ATHLETE OF THE FALL



TORDA

HODGE

Women: Jackie Torda, freshman forward, soccer

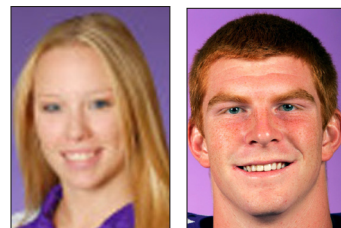
Men: Stephen Hodge, junior safety, football

Lighting up the scoreboard and the opposition was the common theme for this fall's breakthrough athletes. The soccer team got a much-appreciated scoring punch in welcoming Torda to this year's squad. Torda would finish the season as the leader in goals, points and shots on goal. A hat trick against Prairie View A&M on Oct. 3 made a few people realize Dan Abdalla's team has a special kind of offensive force for the foreseeable future.

For the men, it is another no-brainer. If Hodge's performance this season is any indication, he should be ready for an awesome senior campaign. His seven sacks at the safety position (you read that right) and a memorable touchdown return off a blocked punt on Oct. 18 highlighted a season

that saw Hodge's game go to the next level. Conference opponents, take notice.

NEWCOMER OF THE FALL



MILES

DALTON

Women: Jessica Miles, free-style distance, swimming and diving

Men: Andy Dalton, quarterback, football

Promising performances by a couple of new faces have given the swimming and diving and football programs student-athletes to look to in the future. Miles wowed swimming and diving fans with early-season success, winning four events

in her first three meets in the 200-free, 500-free, 1,000-free, and 1,000-free. In the home meet against Wyoming on Nov. 10, she finished two seconds off the school record in the 1,000-free. How good can she be in a few years under the tutelage of Richard Sybesma? The sky is the limit.

On the gridiron, Dalton showed flashes of being the next great thing as well as inexperience that comes with being a redshirt freshman expected to be the starting quarterback. With that being said, Dalton is coming off a magnificent performance against San Diego State and will surely be under center when the Frogs head to Houston or Albuquerque for their bowl game. Not bad for a couple of freshmen.

GAME OF THE FALL

Tie — Soccer's 3-0 win against No. 22 Utah on Oct. 26 and Volleyball's 3-2 win against No. 17 Colorado State on Nov. 15

These were landmark wins at home against nationally-

ranked opponents, both of which happened to be conference rivals, for two programs that brought some excitement during the fall to Horned Frogs nation. The best part? Both happened on the respective senior nights.

The 3-0 shutout of a Utah team that had a 13-match unbeaten streak heading into the match gave the team necessary momentum to catapult them to the conference tournament. Sophomore forward Lizzy Karoly's two-goal showing was one for the books considering the opponent and the atmosphere surrounding the game that night.

A double-double outing from sophomore outside hitter Lauren Otto along with exceptional nights from junior setter Nirelle Hampton and Corley carried Prentice Lewis' squad to one of its biggest wins, if not the biggest win, of the season. And it all happened on the night they said good-bye. How appropriate.

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