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Dance classes moved to the Rec center and GrandMarc Apartments.

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TCU alumnus Clint Robertson sits with his family for a photo. Robertson was the runner-up on this season of NBC's "The Apprentice." He will speak to the public about his experience tonight at Castleberry High School.

COURTESY OF BILLI GARTMAN

# Robertson: Communication skills put me on 'Apprentice'

By Ashley Monismith

Staff Reporter

For TCU alumnus Clint Robertson, getting second place on "The Apprentice" was not as disappointing as one might think. Instead, he said he received hundreds of offers within hours after the season finale.

"The Apprentice," a TV show

hosted by Donald Trump, provides 16 contestants the opportunity to work for Trump himself. Through various challenges, the contestants are assessed by Trump to determine who will be the only one to not hear his famous words, "You're fired."

Robertson, who graduated from TCU in 1992, said that going to college at TCU and law school

at SMU taught him how to work with people.

"In life, whether it's 'The Apprentice' or whether it's your personal relationships at work, home, your friends, wherever you are, life is mainly about learning how to deal with people," he said.

Pam Stoker, assistant director for the Neeley Graduate Career Service Center, agreed that com-

munication skills are what make a difference for a prospective employee when trying to obtain a desired job.

"It doesn't matter how smart you are if you can't communicate what you can do for an employer," Stoker said.

Robertson also believes that another aspect that prospective employees need to do is think of

themselves as walking billboards.

"You are a walking advertisement for yourself," he said. "You're your best advertisement."

Robertson used his communication and self-advertising skills to go from one of thousands of applicants to one of 16 contestants.

According to Robertson's web-

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## MAZE

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Magic and Illusions show on campus tonight.



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Sing, network with TCU alumni and raise money for charity.





## CONSTRUCTION

# Dance students make way for renovations

By Bryn Zimmermann  
Staff Reporter

TCU dance students began the spring semester a little differently, with their classes moved to various rooms in the University Recreation Center and the GrandMarc apartments.

Ellen Shelton, director of the School for Classical and Contemporary Dance, said the school was making the best of their temporary move while workers made renovations to Lowe Hall, formerly known as the Ballet and Modern Dance Building.

Lowe Hall had not been renovated since it was built in 1921, Shelton said, and was in need of new dance studios, improved wheelchair accessibility and public restrooms. The renovation would be completed in time for classes for the 2011 fall semester, she said.

Senior Amy Bramlett, a ballet/modern dance major, said the location of classes was not as important as the program itself. She added that dancing at the rec center helped the rest of campus to see the dance program in action.

gram in action.

"All of us are interested in what we do," Bramlett said. "You have to be so passionate and dedicated, so it doesn't really distract you."

"Lots of people have given lots of space and energy to this [and] to making this happen. We are surviving and being hosted wonderfully by the staff at the rec center."

## Ellen Shelton

Director of the School for Classical and Contemporary Dance

Molly McGregor, assistant director of campus recreation, said the rec center was trying to help as much as possible to accommodate the dance students, faculty and staff. The dance school also worked with the rec center to make the space more functional.

The dance school began using Multipurpose Room 1 in the rec center as a dance

space, as well as rooms downstairs for Pilates and costumes spaces, McGregor said. The school also moved its office to Rickel 244.

In addition, the dance school put in Marley floors to make the surface better for dance students, McGregor said. These floors absorb shock and give the floor a softer feel.

Staff also divided Multipurpose Room 1 into two rooms for more dance space, she said.

McGregor said the rec center staff was more than happy to host the dance program during their renovation. She added that although students used Multipurpose Room 1 as a dance studio, the Mind and Body Studio was still hosting daily group exercise classes.

"In terms of numbers of classes, I kept it almost the exact same as previous semesters [and] the quality of programming [is] just as good," McGregor said. "So really, I feel as though we haven't skipped a beat."

McGregor hoped that even though the group exercise classes would be



BRYN ZIMMERMANN / STAFF REPORTER

Lowe Hall, formerly known as the Ballet and Modern Dance Building, undergoes renovation forcing dance classes to be held elsewhere around campus.

downstairs in the Mind and Body Studio this semester, just as many participants would come as in the past, she said.

Shelton said the move was going as well as can be expected.

"Lots of people have giv-

en lots of space and energy to this [and] to making this happen," Shelton said. "We are surviving and being hosted wonderfully by the staff at the rec center."

Senior modern dance major Lindsey Parker said it was nice to have a workout

area so close to the classrooms and felt dancing at the rec center was not as different as she expected.

"I feel like we are used to dancing in strange places," Parker said. "You are used to dancing or performing whenever you can."

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site, Robertson sold his house and belongings months before he auditioned for the show to survive after the companies he worked for had a financial crisis.

Even though he, along with the thousands of people who waited in line, had a small chance to appear on the show, he said he never gave up hope.

Despite the odds, it was an opportunity for him to find a job, he said, and a door opened to help him.

"When that door came, you bet I jumped through it," Robertson said.

However Robertson was not the only one given an opportunity to have a job. With the hundreds of offers he received, he referred two people he knew for jobs that were not fit for him.

"It's a tough economy for everyone, not just me and real estate," he said. "It's



COURTESY OF BILLI GARTMAN

TCU alumnus Clint Robertson listens to Donald Trump in a board room meeting during an episode of NBC's "The Apprentice."

tough for everyone and you gotta help everyone — you can help someone — because a lot of people helped me."

Today, Robertson will be in Fort Worth at Castleberry High School. In the morning he will speak to students and at night, to the rest of the public. The public to ask him questions about his journey before,

during and after competing on "The Apprentice."

## Clint Robertson Appearance

When: 6:30 p.m. today  
Where: Castleberry High School 215 Churchill Road Fort Worth, TX 76114

The event is free and open to the public.

## MEXICAN DRUG WAR

# Drug-related killings at over 34,000

## Mark Stevenson

Associated Press

A total of 34,612 people have died in drug-related killings in Mexico in the four years since Mexican President Felipe Calderon declared an offensive against drug cartels, officials said Wednesday.

The killings reached their highest level in 2010, jumping by almost 60 percent to 15,273 deaths from 9,616 the previous year.

The rate of killings grew in the first half of 2010, but then stabilized and began to decline in the last quarter of the year, federal security spokesman Alejandro Poiré said.

Calderon said Wednesday that 2010 "has been a year of extreme violence."

"We are aware that we are going through a very difficult time on security issues," he said at a meeting with

anti-crime groups during which the government presented a new data system to track drug-related crimes.

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## Felipe Calderon

Mexican president

Anti-crime groups have long demanded access to information like that contained in the new database, to better measure whether public security efforts are effective. Such information may also help diminish the doubt that surrounds drug-related killings, many of which go unresolved or get scant investigation in Mexico.

Poiré's office said the four-year figure included 30,913 execution-style killings, 3,153 deaths in shootouts between gangs, and 546 deaths involving attacks on authorities.

The president launched an offensive against Mexico's powerful drug cartels soon after taking office on Dec. 1, 2006.

Calderon said many of the killings in 2010 were generated by the turf war between the Zetas drug gang and their former allies in the Gulf cartel. He and other officials noted that about half the killings took place in three northern states: Chihuahua, Sinaloa and Tamaulipas. Mexico has 31 states plus the capital, Mexico City.

Poiré said drug-related killings peaked in the third quarter of 2010 and declined by almost 11 percent in the fourth quarter.



## CAMPUS

# Illusion show offers message

By Mandy Naglich  
Staff Reporter

The illusion show “Maze,” which is sponsored by TCU Campus Crusade for Christ, will make a stop at TCU tonight to both entertain and enlighten students.

Days after the start of a new semester, students can come to the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom and enjoy the illusion show for free.

“Maze” promised a lot more than just the expected sleight of hand and card tricks.

According to the show’s official website, the show is “designed to evoke emotion, provoke dialogue regarding what you believe to be true, and to expose the rampant deception that exists in your present day culture.”

According to its website, TCU CRU is “a movement of students on thousands of university campuses around the world who are seeking God.”

Junior sports broadcasting major Brett Musslewhite, also a member of

TCU CRU, said he helped bring “Maze” to campus.

“It’s more than an illusion show; it’s something to make you question reality,” Musslewhite said. “We really want anyone even remotely interested to come. No one should shy away.”

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**Brett Musslewhite**  
Junior sports broadcasting major and a member of TCU CRU

“Maze” traveled to campuses all over the country, Musslewhite said.

“They go everywhere nationally; they have actually come to [TCU’s] campus before. I wasn’t here, but I believe the turn out was great last time,” Mussle-

white said.

TCU CRU will be selling T-shirts for the event outside Market Square from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today. The shirts are \$2 and are selling fast, Musslewhite said.

Junior strategic communication major Elizabeth Azide, who is involved with promotions for TCU CRU, said the show will be entertaining for everyone.

“The Maze’ is a really compelling way to get our message across,” she said.

The event might also bring new members to TCU CRU, which meets every week on Thursdays, Azide said.

“There are really no rigid rules,” Azide said. “We have somewhere between 75 and 100 people at meetings every week. Everything is really easygoing,” she said.

When: 8 p.m. Thursday in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom

For more info, check out

“Maze”

-On Twitter: @whatisthemaze

-“Maze” website: whatisthemaze.com

-TCU CRU website: tcucru.com

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

# Workshop benefits charity

By Brooke Crum  
Staff Reporter

A choir workshop and concert to raise money for charity would also provide a way for alumni and current students to interact and network, President of the Word of Truth Gospel Choir Walter Sanders said.

The junior accounting and finance double major said the workshops would begin Thursday and end with a concert performance Saturday. The workshop would teach participants tips, techniques and the songs to perform Saturday.

Word of Truth Gospel Choir and the Black Alumni Alliance will sponsor the events, which will be open to all students and alumni.

“It’s open to all students or anybody who has a yearning to sing,” Sanders said.

Sanders said donations could be made at the concert, which will be held in the Brown-Lupton University Union, and all proceeds will benefit Project MICA, or Molding Identities in Children through Art and History.

According to its Facebook page, Project MICA was

“dedicated to enhancing the lives of low income and underprivileged youth by providing quality education in the area of dance and other art disciplines while promoting creativity and spiritual growth.”

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**Walter Sanders**  
Junior accounting and finance double major

He said he hoped it would be a great worship experience for those who attend but also said he hoped it would be a great opportunity to help the two groups connect.

“There’s alumni in almost every field you can think of,” Sanders said. “And I feel like there’s a great networking opportunity for students who are

struggling with school.”

Students interested in enrolling for the choir workshop may contact Sanders at w.l.sanders@tcu.edu.

Alumni interested in participating may contact Kristen Guillory at dr.kguillory@gmail.com, and alumni interested in volunteering at the concert may contact Nicole Edwards at calypsoaka@hotmail.com.

Prime Time Praise workshops  
When: Tonight at 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for current students  
Friday at 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. for current students and 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for current students and alumni  
Saturday at 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for current students, 1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for alumni and current students and 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for alumni  
Where: Zeidman Room on third floor of the Brown-Lupton University Union

Prime Time Praise performance  
When- Saturday 7 p.m.  
Where- Brown-Lupton University Union Auditorium

## ARIZONA SHOOTING

# Stations offer airtime to keep protesters away from victims’ funerals



CAROLYN KASTER / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Margie Phelps, right, and Shirley Phelps-Roper, second from right, of the Westboro Baptist Church, of Topeka Kan., speak to the press in front of the Supreme Court in Washington.

By Bill Draper  
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A leader of a Kansas church known for picketing the funerals of fallen servicemen and blaming their

deaths on the country’s tolerance of homosexuality said Wednesday the group has decided not to protest at funerals for victims of the Tucson, Ariz., shooting rampage.

Shirley Phelps-Roper of the Westboro Baptist Church

told The Associated Press that the church pulled back its plan to picket the Thursday funeral of 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green in Tucson after radio stations in Canada and Arizona agreed to give Phelps-Roper airtime.

Later Wednesday, the church also agreed to not protest the funeral for U.S. District Judge John Roll or other victims in exchange for airtime on a nationally syndicated radio show.

Green, Roll and four others were killed in the Saturday shooting rampage targeting U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. More than a dozen other people were wounded.

Phelps-Roper said instead of going to Arizona this week, members will go to New York for an interview on the conservative Mike Gallagher Show on Monday.

Gallagher told the AP it will be the third time he has agreed to have Phelps-Roper on his show — the others were in exchange for Westboro members not protesting at a funeral for Amish children in Pennsylvania or for victims of the Virginia Tech shooting rampage.

“No question it’s a painful

process,” Gallagher said. “Believe me, I’m doing this show with a heavy heart. I don’t like the idea of giving them the satisfaction of this, but I believe my radio airwaves are less important than them hurting families.”

He said the timing of his offer to the Topeka church flies in the face of the debate raging over whether conservative talk radio contributed to the shooting spree in some way.

“For all of the accusations

that talk radio is so destructive and the claims that vitriol of conservatives has led to Jared Lee Loughner’s actions, here’s an example of talk radio doing something I think is pretty good — to stop families from being harmed by the Phelps,” Gallagher said. “Nothing else has seemed to work.”

He said Phelps-Roper will get an hour on his show, but not without being challenged by conservative Christian author Dinesh D’Souza.

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## PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

## National exposure benefits university

**A**s TCU takes its place on a national stage, we're fortunate to have alumni and students paving the way with poise and grace.

Senior broadcast journalism major Ashley Melnick's appearance in the 2011 Miss America Pageant and alumnus Clint Robertson's second place finish on "The Apprentice" are both great examples of Horned Frogs using their talent and ingenuity to become positive leaders in the global community.

National exposure for the university benefits all students, especially when graduating from a school with a small student body and a small alumni base. Positive examples of Horned Frogs being classy, professional and dedicated to their endeavors can only help graduating seniors as they enter a cut-throat job market in the coming months.

The thousands of people who acknowledged TCU for the first time following the Rose Bowl can finally assign an identity to the little school in Texas with the peculiar-looking mascot. Commendable behavior and sportsmanship from students and players at the Rose Bowl were noticed by many when broadcast in front of a national audience.

Students and alumni must continue to bolster this positive perception of the university while we're still in the spotlight.

*Web editor Andrea Drusch for the editorial board.*

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## Ordinance could be step toward ending homelessness



**Bailey McGowan**

One can't heal an open wound with a small bandage. Nor can you expect to cure homelessness in four downtown Dallas areas with a city ordinance.

A new city ordinance bans panhandling, or aggressive begging, in areas across downtown Dallas, making it virtually impossible for the homeless to ask for assistance of any kind. These areas include the business district, Deep Ellum, Uptown and Victory Park. Violators will be fined up to \$500 for soliciting money or help.

While the city claims this new ordinance has nothing to do with the upcoming Super Bowl XLV, one must question the truth behind that comment.

It is less than a month away from the event, and the four areas in question encompass the majority of the hotel and tourist industries. How could this ordinance not have something to do with the Super Bowl? That doesn't make the ordinance a quick cover up though. It's the perfect catalyst to get the ball moving and ending homelessness in Dallas.

Homelessness is nothing new to Dallas. The Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance has

a 10-year plan underway that seeks to end homelessness in the Dallas area by 2014.

In an article published by The Dallas Morning News, "chronic" homelessness has decreased by 56 percent since 2004. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, a chronically homeless person is described as "an unaccompanied, disabled individual who has been continuously homeless for over one year."

Recent counts by the MDHA state that homelessness in Dallas County has increased 1 percent from 2009 to 2010, making the total number of homeless individuals around 5,750. Of that number, there were 1,850 people who experienced homelessness for the first time in 2009. The MDHA reports also show a 5 percent increase in the number of veterans experiencing homelessness.

The new city ordinance is an attempt to decrease the amount of panhandlers so that incoming visitors will be able to enjoy the city without the inconvenience of the homeless. The ordinance may be just another step to aiding the city in the fight to end homelessness, and it may be just what the city needs.

The ordinance itself, though, isn't perfect. Issuing fines to people who don't have any money doesn't seem logical, but there must be some consequences for breaking the law. Bans against panhandling aren't anything new, either. It is already illegal to panhandle at night, by ATMs, along streets and by parking meters in Dallas.

The sense of awareness the ordinance raises comes at a perfect time. There are three years left in the MDHA's plan. That means there are a little more than 1,000 days to get more than 5,000 people off the streets and into permanent housing. This is no small feat, especially with today's economy.

To complete the MDHA's plan, there needs to be an increase in affordable housing as well as permanent housing with assistance for the 45 percent of the homeless with a reported mental illness or disability. The No. 1 one cause of homelessness in the Dallas area is unemployment. If the homeless could be trained in specific skill sets, they may be able to secure jobs.

The ordinance would do well to expand to all areas of the Dallas area and even Fort Worth. Let's be clear: panhandling is not merely asking for help, it's asking people for help in an aggressive or violent manner. This kind of behavior does not endear the homeless to anyone but validates the negative stereotype. These people need help, but not at the expense of one's safety.

The Dallas City Council can say the ordinance has nothing to do with the Super Bowl, and it may not. Even if it doesn't, it is just another step in the journey to ridding our area of the problem of homelessness.

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## PERSPECTIVES

## Government not responsible for regulating marriages' privacy



Danika Scevers

A man from Rochester Hills, Mich. is in big trouble with his ex-wife for searching for clues of a suspected affair.

Leon Walker, the third husband of Clara Walker, began snooping after Clara became extremely distant and their marriage began to suffer.

After checking phone records, he noticed she had been in frequent contact with her second husband, whom she divorced after filing a police report for abuse. Concerned for his daughter as well as for Clara's son from her first marriage, Leon logged into her e-mail on their laptop to search for hard evidence that something was going on.

When the e-mails proved Clara was in a romantic relationship with her abusive second husband, Leon printed them out and gave them to her first husband so he could make a judgment about what would be best for his son. The first husband filed for full custody, and Clara filed suit against Leon under a statute usually used to prosecute government computer hackers and identity thieves.

Clara and Leon have conflicting stories about the event. He says the laptop was shared and that he often did work on it. He also says she had told him her password previously and kept all her passwords in a little book next to the computer.

She denies all of this and says that although Leon bought the laptop for her, it was hers and hers alone. However, when Leon brought in the password book as evidence in court, she admitted it was hers.

The primary argument Clara and her attorney Jessica Cooper are using is that Leon works as an IT specialist, and therefore, his access of her e-

mail without permission is hacking.

Not only is this a completely ludicrous argument, but also it is the equivalent of saying all actors are experts at criminal fraud. The charge being pursued is intended to punish criminals from damaging computer programs and systems, not cover civil cases or privacy issues.

For a moment though, let's ignore everything but the situation itself: A man with probable cause checks the private e-mail of his wife to discover whether or not she's cheating on him.

*Not only is it infeasible to make eavesdropping illegal, it allows the government a level of control that no one should ever have over our lives.*

Ethically, the situation is muddy. Some will argue that marriage is all-inclusive and that once you're married it is impossible to have a 100 percent guarantee of privacy. After all, they state, you shouldn't keep secrets from your spouse.

Others, however, will argue that married individuals are still just that — individuals — and should be able to trust their spouses enough to keep a few things private.

Legally, though, is the government responsible for regulating privacy within the marriage? When you boil it down, e-mail snooping is essentially electronic eavesdropping. Not only is it infeasible to make eavesdropping illegal, it allows the government a level of control that no one should ever have over our lives.

While 45 percent of divorce cases involve snooping in the electronic communication of a spouse, that's a personal issue, and allowing the government to regulate privacy within a relationship is like allowing it to become a sort of matchmaker, dictating who is ethical enough to belong in a relationship and sending those who aren't to prison.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder called the case a waste of taxpayer money and intends to introduce an amendment to the hacking clause to prevent civil charges being filed under it.

And how does Clara feel about all this? "I hope he will let go of this anger that he has towards me. He violated my privacy. I was violated. So what about me?" she said. Sounds like she's just about ready for her debut on "Jersey Shore."

Danika Scevers is a freshman premajor from Abilene.

## Exonerations prove need for change



Emily Atteberry

Everything is bigger in Texas — even the flaws of the criminal justice system.

Of course, there are problems throughout every state's criminal justice system, but nowhere are they more obvious, heinous or numerous than in the state of Texas.

Cornelius Dupree Jr., of Dallas, was charged with aggravated robbery after being identified in a police lineup in 1979. Court documents also said he raped one of the victims, but prosecutors did not pursue rape charges. He was convicted of aggravated robbery and sentenced to 75 years in prison.

Three times, Dupree appealed his conviction, steadfastly claiming his innocence. Nonetheless, the court maintained its ruling.

In 2008, Dupree's case was taken up by the Innocence Project, a non-profit organization that seeks to prove the innocence of wrongfully convicted people through the use of genetic testing. Now in 2011, roughly 30 years after his

incarceration, Dupree is a free and innocent man, thanks to a simple DNA test. Sadly, his wrongful conviction is not that uncommon.

"I think that could have happened to anyone," Dupree told CNN. "The system needs to be corrected somehow."

He's right on both counts, particularly in his reference to the "system" — Dallas' criminal justice system.

Texas has the highest number of DNA-based exonerations of all states: a record 21 wrongful convictions in Dallas alone, and 20 more in the rest of the state, since 2001.

According to the Innocence Project, Texas is notorious for its use of "junk science," or erroneous sources of evidence, such as false autopsies, dog scent lineups and inaccurate fiber evaluations.

Moreover, misidentification is considered to be the other most common form of false evidence. Of the 41 aforementioned wrongful convictions, 75 percent are said to have been based on this false evidence.

Included in that 75 percent was Dupree, who spent the majority of his adult life in jail, watching 30 years worth of news, culture, politics, friendships and technology pass him by, all due to mistaken identity.

Yet he is lucky. Consider Timothy Cole, a Texas Tech student who was convicted

of rape and sentenced to 25 years in prison in 1986, where he later died. Shortly after his death in 1999, DNA evidence proved he was innocent, and Cole remains the first and only posthumously exonerated person in Texas.

Unfortunately, there are too many examples of this marred justice; the list goes on and on.

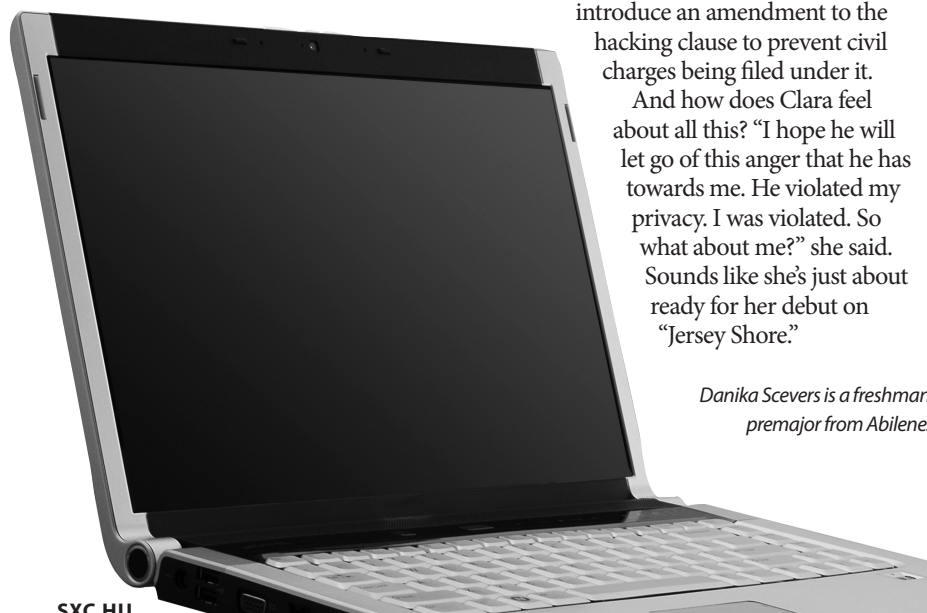
There are ways as Dupree advocated, to "fix the system."

Reforms — such as restructuring the lineup identification system, granting access to additional DNA testing, recording statements from eyewitnesses and more — are all advocated by the Innocence Project, which has freed more than 250 people, 17 of whom were sentenced to death.

As a result of the recent influx of exonerated individuals, many lawyers and legislators are calling for a complete re-examination of all major cases in Texas courts in the past 40 years. Maybe these actions can correct another tragic case, like that of Cornelius Dupree Jr.

Justice can never be 100 percent accurate. Even with these reforms, the criminal justice system would still be imperfect. But these regulations would be Texas-sized improvements, which are sorely needed.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Cuba, US discuss immigration

By Aul Haven  
Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Senior U.S. and Cuban diplomats met Wednesday to discuss immigration issues amid tensions over the long detention of an American man on suspicion of spying.

While the Cuban side described the talks as fruitful and respectful, U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley was less effusive. He noted the U.S. delegation again raised the issue of Alan Gross, a U.S. government subcontractor held by Cuba without charge since Dec. 3, 2009.

As for immigration, Crowley said in written comments sent from Washington that the two sides discussed areas of positive cooperation, as well as other issues "where there have been obstacles." He gave no details.

Deputy Cuban Foreign Minister Dagoberto Rodríguez, who led the Cuban delegation, said the two sides discussed ways to combat people-smuggling across the treacherous Straits of Florida.

"It was a fruitful exchange aimed at ... the establishment of more effective mechanisms of cooperation

to combat illegal migrant smuggling," he said.

The Cuban government said both sides recognized that the number of Cubans attempting to get to the United States illegally, often in rickety rafts or inner tubes, had dropped significantly.

The American side was led by Roberta Jacobsen, the United States' principal

deputy assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs.

The gathering focused on a 17-year-old agreement under which the United States issues 20,000 visas to Cubans a year. But diplomats from both countries also use the twice-yearly meetings to detail a long-standing list of complaints, including Gross.



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Cuba's leader Fidel Castro delivers a speech during the 50th anniversary of the Committee for the Defense of the Revolution.

## GREEK LIFE



**LINDSAY WEAVER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Sigma Kappa sorority held the Sigma Kappaccino event in front of the Founders Statue yesterday morning. A barista from Stay Wired prepared coffee, and hot chocolate from Starbucks was served for free to students on their way to and from class.

## REMEMBRANCE

## Obama attends shooting memorial

By Ben Feller  
and Julie Pace  
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Thrust into the role of consoler, President Barack Obama on Wednesday stood at the bedside of wounded lawmaker Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and spent private moments with others who were shot in an assassination attempt against her that has unnerved the nation. He prepared to try to rally the nation's spirit in a memorial for the victims.

In an unscheduled stop shortly after landing in Arizona, Obama spent about 10 minutes with Giffords and her husband in her hospital room. The president and the first lady also met with other victims wounded in the shooting rampage before moving onto the site of the memorial, where they gathered with families of those who were killed. The president was to speak for roughly 15 minutes toward the end of the memorial, devoting most of his comments to recalling the lives of the victims. In total, 19



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President Barack Obama hugs Daniel Hernandez, an intern for Rep. Gabrielle Giffords at a memorial service.

people were shot, and six of them killed, in what police say was a brazen attempt by a gunman to kill Giffords. She was shot point-blank in the head but is expected to survive.

Obama planned to use his comments to "reflect on how all of us might best honor their memory in our own lives," said his spokesman, Robert Gibbs. An overflow crowd packed the University of Arizona basketball arena for a service that was meant to give voice to the nation's shock, sadness and anger.

People erupted into

cheers when a panning camera flashed live video screen images of people connected to the story, including Sherriff Clarence Dupnik, and Giffords' intern Daniel Hernandez, who is credited with using his own hands to stem the bleeding from her head after the shooting.

Searching for the right tone in the evening service, Obama aimed to console the country, not dissect its politics.

Giffords was the target of the first assassination attempt on a member of Congress in decades.

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# Frog Feature

Getting to know Esco Weatherspoon, university groundskeeper

By Kaileigh Kurtin

Staff Reporter

Esco Weatherspoon, a landscaper for the TCU campus, has worked with the university for more than 20 years to help keep the campus safe and beautiful. Weatherspoon enjoyed his winter break, but was glad to be back at TCU. While trying to stay warm in the cold weather, Weatherspoon worked over part of the break and continued to work with the start of the spring semester.

**When did you start working for TCU?**

"Aug. 15, 1990."

**What is your favorite part about working for the landscaping and grounds department?**

"Just being here at TCU and just being able to do things to make the campus safe for the students. And just being here and being happy, being around the students and the rest of the faculty and staff."

**Everyone says that the campus is beautiful, do you agree?**

"Oh yeah, and tell them I said thank you!"

**What are some of your normal duties with the landscaping and grounds department?**

"Basically, in the summertime we do a lot of keeping the grass and stuff green as much as possible. And we help guys who put in the new flowers, keeping the campus colorful with different types of flowers and stuff like

that, and just keeping a clear way for our students."

**Since it is cold outside, and the break came up, did you have any duties that changed because of the break?**

"No, not really because we really didn't get that cold, icy weather that we did last year when we had all these trees falling down all over the place, and stuff like that. So basically it was just a cleanup, like we are doing now, keeping the leaves and stuff off the sidewalk, keeping most of the curbs clean and trying to stay warm while we are doing it."

**Over the break, how was your job affected because students were gone?**

"Well we were gone for a couple of days ourselves so that was enjoyable, but it didn't affect [it] too much. It gave us a little space where we could do some things a little bit faster than normal, because now when the students are here we have to kind of stop

sometimes and basically slow down. Again, we are right back to being safe around our students."

**Do you think you got just as much of a break as faculty and other employees, or do you think it was more or less?**

"No it was about the same. But as for me, any break is a good break! But it is basically the same, and it was good. A lot of places don't offer the same thing that TCU offers as far as breaks and things like that, so I appreciate whatever they give."

**Are there any things that you are looking forward to in the New Year, like any projects coming up?**

"Well yeah, I am looking forward to basically the normal stuff that we do throughout the year, but mostly I'm looking forward to that new football stadium and the football team beating up on the Big East. That is what I am looking forward to mostly, and just being here with the students again."



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WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Okla. boy rescued after tongue gets stuck on pole

WOODWARD, Okla. (AP) — In a scene straight from the movie "A Christmas Story," an 8-year-old Oklahoma boy got his tongue stuck to a metal pole after he licked it on a dare. Officials say when res-

cue crews arrived Tuesday morning, the boy was standing on his tiptoes, trying to wriggle his frozen tongue free from a stop sign pole across the street from Woodward Middle School. Paramedics were able to help the boy by pouring water on his tongue. Once free, the boy told officials he got stuck after his brother dared him to lick the pole.

The boy was taken to a Woodward hospital for treatment. The scene was similar to one in "A Christmas Story," a 1983 movie adapted from Jean Shepard's memoir of a boy in the 1940s.

Wheelchair user cruises along Conn. highway

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — The older man cruising along Interstate 95 in Connecticut could have been just another traveler — except that he was in an elec-

tric wheelchair, in the breakdown lane, while cars and trucks barreled along a few yards away. The mystery of the unidentified man in the cozy blue coat and sunglasses is leaving some chuckling, including witnesses who videotaped his unorthodox trip Thursday along the breakdown lane and off an exit in Fairfield. Connecticut State Police say their troopers didn't encounter the intrepid traveler, but surely would have warned him about what ve-

hicles are — and aren't — allowed on the highway. Police: Drunken burglar gets stuck inside house WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Police in Delaware say a man broke into a house, got drunk and couldn't make his way back outside — so he called 911 for help. New Castle County police say 44-year-old John Finch was trapped in the home in part because he'd broken into it before, back in April. That led the homeowner to

change the locks so that a key was required — even inside. Police say no one was home when Finch broke in again, through a rear window. He stayed for a few days, drinking three bottles of gin and two bottles of whiskey. When he tried to leave, he was too drunk to climb back out of the window and called 911. He was arrested Wednesday afternoon. Finch now faces charges in both break-ins. Police say he was admitted to a hospital and has yet to make a court appearance.

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

By John Lampkin 1/13/11

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Wednesday's Solution



# TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

## Rick Perry stays on national stage

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry has practiced a little turned Washington-bashing into a sport, but he can't seem to stay away from the nation's capital — or the national stage.

Perry has three trips planned to Washington and its environs over the next month and a half. And there's another jaunt in early February to California. Most of the events are drawing would-be White House contenders but Perry told The Associated Press in an interview this week that he still has no aspirations beyond the Lone Star State.

The trips are sure to fuel more speculation about Perry's intentions even as the governor deals with one of the worst budget crises in the nation.

## Texas leaders discuss tax changes, not hikes

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Top lawmakers are discussing changes to the troubled Texas business tax, but they promised Wednesday not to use any tax legislation

to soak up a huge budget shortfall.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus — all Republicans — met for breakfast and told reporters later they would balance the strained Texas budget without new taxes.

But Perry held the door open to legislation reforming the state's business tax, which has provided far less revenue than originally projected. His comments came on the second day of the 2011 legislative session and a day after an influential GOP senator warned that local property taxpayers eventually would face increases unless lawmakers fixed the ailing Texas Franchise Tax.

"We are always open to fixing any inequities that may be there," Perry said at a news conference outside his office in the Capitol. The governor said a "revenue neutral" bill — meaning it wouldn't produce a net gain in revenue to the state — would generally not be described as one that raises taxes.

Perry said it was too early to start talking about what would or would not constitute a tax hike.

"Getting bogged down in the semantics of 'oh yes, that is a new tax, or yes that is not a new tax,' is not particularly constructive," Perry said.

Texas lawmakers, according to projections released Monday, face a possible revenue shortfall of at least \$15 billion for the next two-year budget, compared to current spending.

## Court: Judge can't rule on Texas death penalty

HOUSTON (AP) — The highest criminal court in Texas on Wednesday ruled that a Houston judge does not have the authority to order or preside over a court hearing questioning the constitutionality of the state's death penalty.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said state District Judge Kevin Fine was "acting beyond the scope of his lawful authority" when he decided to hold the two-week hearing, which began last month but was temporarily stopped after two days at the request of prosecutors.

Last spring Fine declared the Texas death penalty statute unconstitutional after granting a pre-trial mo-

tion in a capital murder case he is presiding over. Under heavy criticism, Fine clarified his ruling, saying the procedures the state follows to get a death sentence are unconstitutional. He then rescinded his ruling and ordered the hearing, saying he needed to hear evidence on the issue.

Fine is a judge in Harris County, which has sent more inmates to the lethal-injection gurney than any other county in the nation.

Lawyers for the Houston man who had requested the hearing had argued that flaws in how death penalty prosecutions are conducted in Texas have resulted in a risk that innocent people will be executed. They said their client, John Edward Green Jr., is innocent and that the case against him uses some of the same faulty evidentiary procedures, including problematic eyewitness identification and evidence offered by informants, that have resulted in others being wrongly convicted. Green, who is awaiting trial, faces a possible death sentence if convicted of fatally shooting a Houston woman during a June 2008 robbery.

In its 16-page ruling, the



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In this Dec. 6, 2010, file photo Texas District Court Judge Kevin Fine asks a question during a hearing on the constitutionality of the death penalty in Houston.

appeals court said the issues raised by Green's attorneys are important moral and public policy questions more suitable for debate by legislators and not the courts. The appeals court also said it was premature for Green to be challenging the state's death penalty law when he has yet to be tried

or convicted.

"Neither trial judges nor judges on this court sit as a moral authority over the appropriateness of the death penalty," the appeals court said. "We can determine only whether it has been constitutionally imposed by a jury after a specific conviction and sentence."

# NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

## Officials: Frantic morning for rampage suspect

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — For Jared Loughner, the morning of the deadly shooting rampage was a blur of activity.

He hustled to Walmart twice. He ran a red light, with the officer letting him off with a warning. Back home, he grabbed a black bag from the trunk of a family car and fled into the desert on foot, his suspicious father giving chase.

Later, Loughner took a cab to a Safeway supermarket and began squeezing off round after round into the crowd.

The new details of the Walmart visits and the traffic stop emerged Wednesday, adding to the picture

of the last frenetic hours the 22-year-old spent before the attack Saturday that gravely wounded his apparent target, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, and killed six others.

"It sounds like he was pretty busy that morning," Pima County sheriff's Capt. Chris Nanos said.

As Giffords' condition improved in an intensive care unit on Wednesday, all federal judges in the state recused themselves from the case to avoid any future questions about their impartiality, given that one of their colleagues, John Roll, was killed in the rampage.

The new details about the way Loughner spent the morning showed a harried young man dashing from store to store across this southern Arizona city in the hours before the shooting that shocked the country.

## Illinois Gov. won't say if he'll sign death penalty bill

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn declined to say Wednesday whether he will sign legislation abolishing the death penalty, insisting he would listen to all sides of the issue and ultimately follow his conscience before making a decision.

In a historic vote, the state Senate on Tuesday sent the bill to the Democratic governor, who supports capital punishment but has upheld an 11-year moratorium on executions imposed by a predecessor after a spate of wrongful convictions. The House passed the measure last week.

Quinn said he would look at the bill "very carefully."

"I think it's important given the importance of this measure that people from all over

Illinois express their opinions. The Legislature did that in the past week. They're the elected representatives of the people," Quinn said. "I'm happy to listen and reflect, and I'll follow my conscience."

Death penalty foes were hopeful about the chances for repeal elsewhere if a large, industrial state such as Illinois does it — following New York, New Jersey and New Mexico since 2007.

"It's a clear trend," said Debra Erenberg, Midwest regional director for Amnesty International USA.

Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Maryland and Montana are among other states that have considered repeal in the past year or still are pursuing it, according to Erenberg and Diann Rust-Tierney, executive director of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

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## SPORTS

NFL

## Brady ignoring criticism from Jets

By Howard Ulman

Associated Press

Tom Brady just wants to talk about football. The New York Jets won't let him.

Day after noisy day, the mouths to the south keep moving. The quarterback tries to evade their onslaughts as if they were 300-pound pass rushers.

The latest blitz: Jets cornerback Antonio Cromartie called the mop-topped leader of the New England Patriots an expletive.

"I've been called worse," Brady said, brushing it off like the heavy snow that fell on Foxborough. "I'm sure there's a long list of people who feel that way."

Cromartie made his comment Tuesday to the New York Daily News and didn't back off on Wednesday, although he said he's never met Brady.

"Why should I regret it? That's how I feel," he said. "As long as I'm in the NFL and he's in the NFL, there's going to be a hatred."

Brady just keeps plowing forward.

The Patriots most valuable motorist, who was involved in a car collision three days before the season

opener but made it to practice, traveled treacherous roads and arrived at work on time Wednesday.

"It was tough conditions for everyone," Brady said. "But everyone's here, ready to work and get ready for the biggest game of the year."

Does anything faze this guy?

New York's Rex Ryan hopes to be as successful outwitting New England's Bill Belichick on the field as he is off it when the coaches lead their teams in Sunday's divisional playoff game.

**"As long as I'm in the NFL and he's in the NFL, there's going to be a hatred."**

**Antonio Cromartie**  
New York Jets Cornerback

Ryan already has opened wide his bulging playbook of colorful remarks by throwing verbal jabs at Brady, who simply shrugs them off — but may not forget.

Last Thursday, the Jets boss said "nobody" studies like Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning.

Brady, Ryan said, "thinks he does" but gets more help from Belichick than there is with Manning. Brady acknowledged that he gets "a ton" of help from his coach.

On Saturday night during the Patriots' bye week, Brady attended the Broadway play "Lombardi" about Green Bay's legendary coach Vince Lombardi and missed part of the Jets' 17-16 playoff win over the Colts on television. Ryan said on Monday, with a grin, that "Manning would have been watching our game."

He also said that day that Brady "took a shot at me by his antics on the field." Did he mean Brady pointed at the Jets' sideline or looked at them after scoring? "I don't like seeing that; nobody does. No Jet fan likes to see that. And I know he can't wait to do it. He's not going to say anything publicly," Ryan said.

He's right about that. "It's certainly not my intent. I'm sure there's 50,000 cameras on the game. If I did that I'm sure they'd show it," Brady said, sounding innocent. "I don't think I've ever pointed at anybody. That's not my style."



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New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) during practice at the NFL football team's facility in Foxborough, Mass.

NBA

## Rush leads Pacers past Mavericks

By Cliff Brunt

Associated Press

Brandon Rush scored eight of his 20 points in the fourth quarter to help the Indiana Pacers beat the Dallas Mavericks 102-89 on Wednesday night.

Danny Granger and Darren Collison both scored 17 points and rookie Paul George added a season-high 16 for the Pacers, who won their second straight.

Jason Terry scored 18 points and Tyson Chandler had 13 points, nine rebounds and three blocks for the Mavericks in a disappointing return to Consecro Fieldhouse for former Pacers coach Rick Carlisle.

Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki missed his eighth straight game with a sprained right knee. The

Mavericks entered the night with the second-best record in the Western Conference, but dropped to 2-6 without Nowitzki.

Dallas also is playing without Caron Butler, who recently had surgery to repair a torn tendon in his right knee, likely sidelining him for the rest of the season.


The Pacers hadn't won

consecutive games since Nov. 28 against the Los Angeles Lakers and Nov. 30 against Sacramento. In their previous home game, they squandered a 15-point lead in the second half by shooting 1 for 15 in the fourth quarter of a loss to San Antonio. They shot 8 for 19 in the fourth against Dallas.



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Dallas Mavericks forward Shawn Marion, left, goes to the basket against Indiana Pacers forward Danny Granger.



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Senior guard Greg Hill takes it to the hoop during the basketball game against Wyoming on Wednesday night.

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and that's what we are going to try and keep doing."

Junior guard Hank Thorns had a game-high 10 assists.

"We bounced back," Thorns said. "We had a hard practice; we had a talk, told ourselves to believe in one another [and]

keep faith within the team and we came out."

TCU was first to score, and the Frogs built a 20-10 lead with 11:22 to go in the first half. Once TCU started scoring points off fast breaks, Wyoming's defense started to break down. TCU ended the first half with a 39-23 lead.

Early in the second half, the Cowboys cut the lead to 10 points, but they

couldn't stop the Frogs' momentum. TCU pushed its lead to 26 points with 7:25 remaining in the second half, and Wyoming didn't cut the lead below 17 points for the rest of the game.

TCU hits the road to take on Colorado State at Moby Arena at 8 p.m. CST on Saturday. The matchup will be televised live on The Mtn.

## NCAA

## Tigers coach agrees to new contract

By Brett Martel

Associated Press

Les Miles made it clear, in his own particular way, that he is living in the present.

His nostalgia for Michigan, where he played, and his enduring pride in his alma mater could not outweigh the relationships he's built in the past six seasons at LSU, where he's

won 62 games and five bowls, including the 2007 national title.

"I'm one of those guys that believe where you are at is where you live your life," Miles said Wednesday shortly after LSU announced that the Tigers' coach had agreed to a new contract that would keep him living down on the bayou for the next seven seasons.

The announcement of Miles' new deal came two days after Michigan Athletic Director Dave Brandon flew to Baton Rouge to meet with Miles about the Wolverines' coaching vacancy that has since been filled by Brady Hoke.

Miles' annual salary will remain the same at a little more than \$3.75 million. However, his new deal gives him three additional years and more opportunities win bonuses based on postseason success.

LSU Athletic Director Joe Alleva said the contract will lend stability to a program that has already piled up an average of more than 10 victories a year since Miles arrived.

Miles said that stability would only make him a better recruiter and allow him to weather intermittent down years caused by injuries or unexpected departures of key players on account of personal or academic factors.



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LSU head coach Les Miles watches his team warm up before a game against Mississippi in Baton Rouge, La.

## OPINION

## Garrett can revive 'America's Team'



Ryne Sulier

Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett certainly gave his team a spark as interim head coach, winning five out of the last eight games of the 2010 season after a dismal 1-7 start under Wade Phillips.

When called upon as Dallas' back-up quarterback, Garrett provided similar results as a player. His career totals of 11 touchdowns and 2,042 passing yards aren't stunning, but Cowboys purists will never forget Garrett's second-half heroics against Green Bay in a 42-31 victory during the 1994 season.

In his '94 Thanksgiving Day game story, Tim Cowlshaw of *The Dallas Morning News* wrote that we would still be writing about that game in 2014. Here is a benchmark: Will we be writing about a Cowboys' Super Bowl victory by 2014?

If the Cowboys still haven't won a sixth world championship by '14, Garrett's most famous moment as a Cowboy will still be that '94 Thanksgiving Day stunner at Texas Stadium, and he most likely won't be head coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

*He knows what it takes to win a Super Bowl, he already did with America's Team, and a sixth Lombardi Trophy for Dallas will be the only thing that will revive America's Team and bring it to a level of popularity, nostalgia and profitability never before seen.*

Garrett was never a starter as a player, and until now, he has never been a "starter" as head coach.

The Cowboys haven't been America's Team at any point in the previous decade. At times it seemed they were close. Bill Parcells brought credibility, and an undrafted nobody named Tony Romo was christened the next great



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Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett reacts after a touchdown in a game against the Philadelphia Eagles, Sunday, Jan. 2.

Cowboys quarterback.

Parcells left the Dallas circus after the 2006 season before it mixed him with relish and mayonnaise and canned him. Romo will be 31 years old in April, and coming off season-ending surgery, he could be paired with some pretty good former Dallas quarterbacks — like Don Meredith and Danny White — but not the legends that helped define football eras — like Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman.

Garrett was a Princeton grad and on the quarterback depth chart in Dallas during its '93 and '95 Super Bowl seasons. He has unquestioned intelligence and an impressive head coaching presence — Google search any of his press conferences. He knows what it takes to win a Super Bowl; he already did with America's Team. A sixth Lombardi Trophy for Dallas is the only thing that will revive America's Team and bring it to a level of popularity, nostalgia and profitability never before seen.

Garrett is the man for the job.

If you believe Jerry Jones, Garrett will have free reign to put the players and coaching staff in place to do just that. That starts with replacing former defensive coordinator Paul Pasqualoni.

Tough personnel decisions loom: What to do with running back Marion Barber, wide receiver Roy Williams, an aging offensive line and an

underachieving defense that ranked 31st in total points per game in the regular season.

Even with all the negatives of the 2010 season, in Dallas' three losses under Garrett, the Cowboys lost by a combined seven points. The Cowboys were a very bad team with a pretty good roster on paper.

The difference between 10-6 and 6-10 in the NFL is paper-thin, and the Cowboys proved that this season.

Garrett will have his chance to revive America's Team as a starting head coach, just not an interim back-up. If 2014 comes and goes without a Super Bowl in Dallas, however, Garrett will have proved his role as a coach was only as effective as his role as a player.

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## SPORTS

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TCU Rifle team faces Air Force Saturday.



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Forward sophomore Garlon Green dunks the ball during the game against Wyoming on Wednesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

## BASKETBALL

## Frogs snap four-game losing streak at home

By Kim Burdi  
Staff Reporter

After a tough loss on the road at UNLV, TCU returned home to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum ready to play without junior guard Sammy Yeager, who was dismissed from the team on Tuesday. The Horned Frogs ended their four-game losing streak Wednesday night by defeating Wyoming 78-60.

TCU improved to 10-8 overall and 1-2 in Mountain West Conference play. Wednesday's win was the Frogs' first conference win of the season. With an 8-2 record at home, the Frogs showed the comfort of being at home was the needed

boost to snap their losing streak.

"Tonight was a huge step forward offensively for our team," head coach Jim Christian said.

**"We just had to focus a little bit harder. There's a long road ahead of us, and we can still turn it around."**

Ronnie Moss  
Junior guard

After a recent slump, junior guard Ronnie Moss bounced back to lead the

team with game highs of 27 points and 10 rebounds.

"We just had to focus a little bit harder," Moss said. "There's a long road ahead of us, and we can still turn it around."

Four other Frogs reached in double figures in points, including sophomore forward Garlon Green with 16 points.

"Tonight we played the right way," Christian said. "I just want to see [the team] respond. Based on the performance we had [at UNLV], we could have easily put our heads in the sand. We have got to try and find some consistency,

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## Christian: Player dismissal 'addition by subtraction'

By Ryne Sulier  
Sports Editor

The dismissal of junior guard Sammy Yeager on Tuesday seemed to send a strong message to the rest of the TCU men's basketball team. The Frogs routed Wyoming 78-60 Wednesday evening at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum in their first game without Yeager.

"It was a tough blow, but he's a good player, and I wish him the best wherever else he goes," junior guard Ronnie Moss, who scored a game-high 27 points, said. "I know we are going to move forward. Some things just don't work out. God didn't have it in his plan."

According to a TCU media relations press release Tuesday, Yeager was kicked off the team for a violation of team rules. Further information on his removal has not been released by the team.

Head coach Jim Chris-

tian emphasized after the game that every player on the team understands the program comes before an individual.

"It's a hard thing to [release a player]," Christian said. "I genuinely like all the guys on the team, I recruited them, I like them as people. But sometimes you have to have addition by subtraction."

Yeager was the team's third-leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 9.3 points and 4.2 rebounds for the Frogs in 16 games. Before playing for TCU, Yeager averaged nearly 20 points per game for Weatherford College last season.

Without Yeager, the Frogs still scored 29 more points against Wyoming than they scored in an 83-49 loss at UNLV on Saturday.

"It made us work harder. Someone has to step up when one piece goes down," junior guard Hank Thorns said. "I wasn't



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surprised [by Yeager's dismissal], it happens all around."

Thorns said the team lost the fun of the game at a certain point and was playing too seriously.

"I wasn't worried because I learned as long as we stay together as a team, I feel like we can put up numbers and knock down shots and things can go our way," he said. "I think we had to find ourselves again... we're a good team, we could be great. We'll do special things as long as we stay together."