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## Fort Worth community

# Fundraiser held in support of injured officer

By Claire Girman

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When a law enforcement officer can no longer report for duty, leave it to the community to bring support to the front line.

Sherri Aaron, wife of Mansfield Police Chief Tracy Aaron, is the mastermind behind a fundraising event honoring the family of injured Fort Worth Police Officer Matt Pearce.

Aaron and her team organized a fundraiser for Monday with city police associations and various Chick-Fil-A's across the area to raise money for the family of Officer Pearce.

"Chick-Fil-A is very good about being able to do fundraisers like this," Aaron said. "They really do support the men and women in blue in law enforcement."

She said she and her staff would like to raise \$50,000 for the family of Officer Pearce.

The restaurant locations donated 20-percent of their sales between 5 and 9 p.m. Monday to the family of Officer Pearce. Aaron said some locations are donating 20-percent of their sales from the entire day. T-shirts honoring the wounded officer will also be sold at the various restaurant locations, and donations for the family will be accepted.

Aaron said the fundraiser will help support the officer's family financially, as Officer Pearce continues his recovery.

One reason this fundraiser was so important Aaron said is because it focused on helping the family of an officer who has been injured, which is different than if an officer is killed in the line of duty. She said that while there are many foundations that support a family for an officer who is killed, that's not always the case for one who is injured. Officers who are injured can receive worker's compensation, but Aaron said that's considered "nothing."

"A lot of officers have to work part-time, so if an officer loses all of his part-time, it puts a financial burden on the entire family," Aaron said. "This [support] will help relieve some of the financial burden while Officer Pearce can hopefully make a full recovery."



FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

**INJURED OFFICER** Officer Pearce has served in the Fort Worth Police Department since 2009.

Aaron said many have expressed wanting to get behind the fundraiser and the family of Officer Pearce.

"When we first started preparing for the fundraiser, Burleson reached out to us expressing how much they wanted to be involved," Aaron said. "Then, Benbrook contacted us, along with Fort Worth. It's just been an outpouring of everyone wanting to help."

Aaron said law enforcement officers were at each Chick-Fil-A location directing traffic.

"The Police Officer Associations within these cities, they're joining together," Aaron said. "They want to stand shoulder-to-shoulder to show their support for the Fort Worth Police Department and for Officer Pearce."

Aaron said social media has been an effective way people are showing their support for the officer and his family and that the Pearce family has been keeping up with.

"We chose the hashtag '#TeamPearce' because we wanted people to take a picture with the shirt and tag it," Aaron said. "It means so much to them to see everyone's support and to see this event blossom throughout the community."

Officer Pearce is still recovering at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. He was shot multiple times last Tuesday during an on-foot chase.

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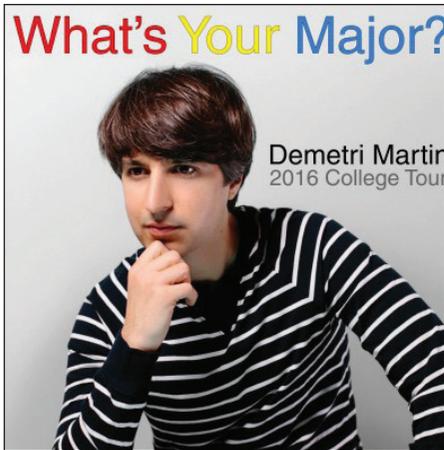
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**f01** Demetri Martin Live  
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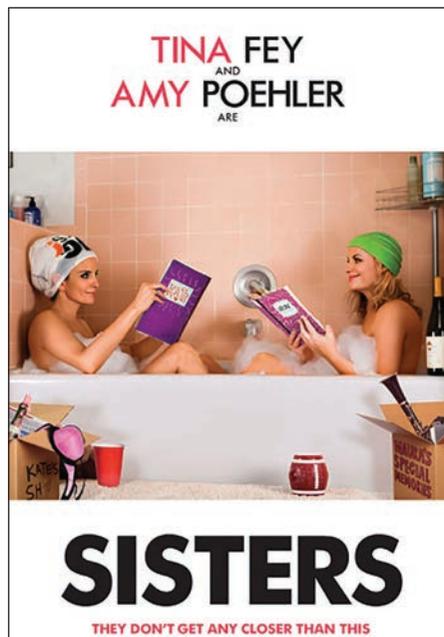
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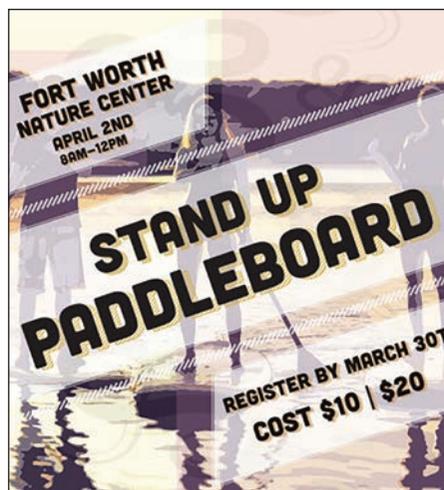
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**Montgomery Gentry**  
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**sa02** Sisters movie showing  
 ▶ **Where:** Brown-Lupton  
 University Union Auditorium  
 ▶ **When:** 10 p.m.  
 ▶ **Cost:** Free



**sa02** Stand Up Paddle Board the  
**Fort Worth Nature Center**  
 ▶ **Where:** Rec Center  
 ▶ **When:** 8 a.m.  
 ▶ **Cost:** \$10-20



**m04** Pinwheel Project Kickoff  
**Event**  
 ▶ **Where:** Founders Statues  
 ▶ **When:** 8:45 a.m.  
 ▶ **Cost:** Free

**m04** Interactive Raggaie Concert  
 featuring Makonnen  
 ▶ **Where:** Pepsico Recital Hall  
 ▶ **When:** 8:30 p.m.  
 ▶ **Cost:** Free

**w06** Senior Speak Up  
 ▶ **Where:** Founders Statues  
 ▶ **When:** 6 p.m.  
 ▶ **Cost:** Free

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# BERRY GOOD BUYS

## Donation center gets facelift from Amon G. Carter Foundation

By Ali Montag

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The exterior purple trim is peeling away, lettering above the door is falling off and people driving down Berry street see an empty space through the store's windows.

But with a fresh coat of cool grey paint, wood floors and an open floor plan, the interior shows the beginnings of a renovation for Berry Good Buys.

Berry Good Buys is the donation center and a source of revenue for SafeHaven domestic violence shelters that received a \$100,000 grant from the Amon G. Carter Foundation.

Since the locations of the SafeHaven shelters are undisclosed in order to protect the people staying in them, people can drop off their donations at Berry Good Buys instead.

Items that are immediately needed are taken to the shelters, and everything else is sold in the store.

"This agency is the only Tarrant County provider addressing the full scope of victims' needs," wrote John Robinson, the executive vice president of the Amon G. Carter Foundation in his proposal to the board. "Addressing building needs at the resale store is long overdue and I recommend we approve their \$100,000 request."

The money is being used for a new layout, exterior siding, signage, flooring and air conditioning, said Keeli McNair, the director of marketing and communications at SafeHaven.

"These upgrades will provide the store with improved visibility in the community, lower maintenance and energy costs, and an upgraded appearance and atmosphere for shoppers, volunteers, and staff," McNair said.

McNair said that the store is "an essential source of revenue, donations and community visibility," and



SAFEHAVEN

**TRANSFORMATION** Berry Good Buys grand opening in 1988 compared to its current exterior with faded siding and falling letters.

provides over half a million dollars to SafeHaven every year.

Berry Good Buys began renting a front room space on Berry Street in 1988, when the building housed multiple businesses.

"It's time for a major makeover," said Julie Perhacs, who has been working with SafeHaven since early 1988 before the store was open. "It means a lot."

With Fort Worth's plans to upgrade the surrounding neighborhood through the Berry Street initiative, Perhacs said she hopes the new design will help draw in customers.



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The Berry Good Buys location has resumed accepting donations, after a temporary hiatus during the construction period. The ribbon ceremony for the re-opening of Berry Good Buys will be hosted by the Chamber of Commerce at 10:30 a.m. on April 26.

Before the grant, most of the upkeep was done by the people who work there.

"We did what we could do ourselves with volunteer projects," said Danna Wall, who has been with SafeHaven for 23 years.

While the store is being renovated, Wall, Perhacs and others are organizing the inventory being stored in the parking lot.



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**RENOVATIONS** The new interior of Berry Good Buys has wood floors and a fresh coat of paint.



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**VOLUNTEER** SafeHaven volunteers are refinishing the racks and shelves from the store to match the new upgraded design.



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**STORAGE** With their location under renovation, all of the Berry Good Buy inventory is being stored in the parking lot.

## guest speaker

# Wife of pianist pleads not guilty in daughters' deaths

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The estranged wife of an internationally known pianist pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges that she killed the couple's young daughters at their Texas home.

Sofya Tsygankova entered her plea during a brief court appearance in Fort Worth. Her arraignment came one day after she was charged with capital murder in the deaths of 5-year-old Nika Kholodenko and 1-year-old Michela Kholodenko.

Vadym Kholodenko, a winner of the prestigious Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, discovered his daughters' bodies March 17 when he arrived at the home to take them to school. Arrest affidavits say the girls were found dead on beds.

A pillow partially covered the head of the youngest child, but police Cmdr. David Babcock said Wednesday that investigators haven't determined whether the children had been smothered. He said that determination would be made by the Tarrant County medical examiner's office.

Online records for the office indicated Wednesday only that the children died of "homicidal violence" and that autopsies are pending.



JOYCE MARSHALL / STAR TELEGRAM

**FAMILY PHOTO** Sofya Tsygankova plead not guilty to charges of capital murder of her two daughters.

Tsygankova was kneeling on the floor wearing a blood-stained nightgown and "rocking back and forth," the affidavits say. She had wounds on her wrist and chest, and a butcher knife was found near the home's patio.

At one point she asked investigators, "Did I do anything bad to my kids?"

An empty bottle labeled with her name and the anti-psychotic drug quetiapine was found on the kitchen counter, police said. Authorities later learned

she had visited a mental health facility the day before.

Tsygankova was first taken to a Fort Worth hospital, where, according to affidavits, she told police she remembered putting her 5-year-old daughter to sleep and seeing her 1-year-old daughter asleep in her crib. She also told police she remembered taking pills and believed she hurt herself with a knife.

Tsygankova was booked Tuesday into the Tarrant County jail.

In a written statement, her attorney, Joetta Keene, declined to comment on the specific allegations of the affidavit. "This is, no doubt, a very heartbreaking case for everyone involved," she said.

The Ukrainian-born Kholodenko beat nearly 30 finalists from 12 countries to win the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in Fort Worth in 2013. He and Tsygankova were married in 2010 and filed for divorce last year. Kholodenko no longer lived at the home with Tsygankova and their daughters, but routinely picked up the children from the home in the mornings.

The girls were buried Monday at a private service.

On Tuesday evening, mourners gathered at Arlington Heights United Methodist Church to remember the girls.

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## community

# Near Southside strives to be economic powerhouse of FW

By Baily Kirby

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The Near Southside community, a pocket of Fort Worth, is on its way to making an even bigger economic impact in the city.

This district has evolved into a vibrant and economically viable area, over the last decade in Fort Worth. The area has seen an increase in restaurants and retail, as well as growth in the city's medical district.

Representatives of Fort Worth South, Inc., a private non-profit development organization, said the community is continuing to grow as it preserves its historical charm.

Paul Paine, president of Fort Worth South, Inc., said he and his staff have many goals to enhance the Near Southside district's future.

He said the growth of Fort Worth's health care industry is contributing to the city's – and the community's – growing economy. The Near Southside is home to two



CLAYTON YOUNGMAN / THE109

**SOUTHSIDE** Paul Paine says there is a proposal to develop more acres of the land the John Peter Smith Hospital currently owns.

major hospitals and two medical centers in the area.

The new medical school partnership between TCU and the University of North Texas Science Center could also benefit the community, Paine said.

“Our future, I believe, is tied to the UNT Health Science Center and their collaboration with TCU in offering an MD program,” Paine said.

Paine said there is a county bond proposal to develop more than six acres of land John Peter Smith Hospital currently owns. The proposal includes building a 10-story patient tower, psychiatric hospital and other renovations throughout the facility.

“If all of that were to come together, I think that will take the Near Southside to a whole other level,” Paine said.

Paine said he also believes the newly funded Hemphill and Lamar street connector will be complete by the end of 2018. This will give the Near Southside better connectivity to Downtown that it currently lacks, he said.

Paine said he conducted an “economic impact analysis” of the hospital district in 2013. He said the results indicated the hospital generated \$4.2 billion in Fort Worth each year.

## organization

# 15-40 Connection teaches students about young adult cancer risks

By Shane Battis

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TCU's 15-40 Connection and Fort Worth Adolescent Young Adult Oncology Coalition (FWAYA) hosted a man on the street interview quizzing students about cancer in young adults.

The 15-40 Connection is a student-run organization raising cancer awareness on campus and encourages students to check themselves for signs of cancer.

Lisa Bashore, a 15-40 adviser, said FWAYA partnered with the Harris College to help spread this message.

Students were asked questions about the benefits of early cancer detection.

Some students said they were surprised to hear that over 90 percent of patients who received treatment early on beat their cancer. For tumors detected late, however, survival rates drop as low as 12 percent.

Bashore said lower survival rates is a problem for young adults throughout the U.S.

Young adults between ages 15 and 40 have had little improvement in survival relative to children and elderly patients diagnosed with the same disease throughout the last 30 years, she said.

She said the plateau remains partially because young adults are sometimes diagnosed too late.



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**CONNECTIONS** Brianna Gipson, social work major, was interviewed by Justin Ozuna about young adults diagnosed with cancer.

According to the 15-40 website, early detection is an advantage that could save lives. The site lists three steps to recognizing cancer early are a big part of 15-40's message to young adults.

*-Understand what normal feels like (energy levels, sleeping patterns, weight) so health changes are noticeable.*

*-The “2-week rule.” If any bodily changes last more than two weeks, a doctor should be notified to figure out what's wrong.*

*-Feel comfortable talking to doctors about their health and advocating for themselves.*

Bashore said young adults need to be in tune with their health since even physicians sometimes mistake

cancer symptoms for other health problems. Unfortunately cases like this allow the cancerous cells to grow and become harder to stop.

“Cancer can happen to you,” she said.

Brianna Gipson, a social work major, was quizzed and said she didn't realize how prevalent the disease was among people her age.

Bashore said one of her goals was to “empower” students to take control of their health and recognize the reality that so many young adults ignore.

The 15-40 Connection is planning to keep promoting this message on TCU's campus and broadcast the recorded interviews as a part of National Young Adult Cancer Awareness Week April 4-8.

## presidential candidate



# Police charge Trump campaign manager with battery

By Steve Peoples, Terry Spencer, Jack Gillum

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. -- Police charged Donald Trump's campaign manager with simple battery Tuesday as a videotaped altercation with a reporter transformed what was another messy campaign side-show into a criminal court summons. Trump decried the charges.

Jupiter, Florida, police determined that probable cause existed to file a criminal complaint against the Republican front-runner's most trusted political adviser, Corey Lewandowski, for an altercation that took place after a campaign appearance earlier in the month. Police on Tuesday morning issued Lewandowski a notice to appear before a judge on May 4 for the misdemeanor charge, which carries up to a year in jail.

The unexpected development injects a court battle into an already contentious Republican primary season just a week before a high-stakes election in Wisconsin. It came on a day that all five presidential contenders campaigned in the state, overshadowing Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's endorsement of Ted Cruz and Bernie Sanders' push to narrow Hillary Clinton's delegate lead.

Speaking to reporters on his airplane in Wisconsin on Tuesday, Trump vowed to stand by his campaign manager and lashed out at the young female reporter who conveyed the incident to police.

"How do you know those bruises weren't there before?" the New York businessman charged.

"I'm not going to let a person's life be destroyed," Trump said of Lewandowski. "No jury, in my opinion, would convict a man and destroy a man's life over what you witnessed."

Police charged Lewandowski after reviewing a surveillance video of the incident, obtained from security at the Trump-owned property. Police determined the video shows Lewandowski grabbing Michelle Fields, who worked for Breitbart News at the time, as she tried to ask Trump a question after a

March 8 appearance.

The Trump campaign said Lewandowski would plead not guilty and "is completely confident that he will be exonerated."

Trump on Tuesday reversed a previous position that the incident never happened, suggesting instead that Lewandowski was trying to block Fields from "grabbing and asking questions."

"She was grabbing me. Does that mean I'm supposed to file charges against her?" Trump told reporters. He said Fields exaggerated her original statement that Lewandowski "grabbed me tightly by the arm and yanked me down."

The video appears to show him yanking her backward.

At a campaign rally later Tuesday, Trump read Fields' account of the incident aloud. "Maybe he touched (her) a little bit, but I didn't see," Trump told the crowd. "It was almost like he was trying to keep her off me, right?"

Fields weighed in on Twitter: "My story never changed. Seriously, just stop lying."

It's unclear what impact, if any, the news will have on Trump's march toward his party's presidential nomination. Critics cast it as another example of why the brash billionaire would struggle to attract women in a prospective race against Clinton, the Democratic front-runner.

"What Donald Trump has been doing over these last months is inciting violent behavior, aggressive behavior that I think is very dangerous and has resulted in attacks on people at his events including this charge that has now been brought against his campaign manager," Clinton said in La Crosse, Wisconsin. "I think ultimately the responsibility is Mr. Trump's."

The New York businessman's Republican rivals also seized on the news, which comes a week before a Wisconsin primary contest that could give Trump an insurmountable delegate lead or give his opponents new hope of a contested national convention.

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz said the incident is "the conse-

quence of the culture of the Trump campaign - the abusive culture when you have a campaign that is built on personal insults, on attacks and now physical violence."

Cruz asked one of his senior aides, Rick Tyler, to resign in February for spreading a story that falsely alleged former rival Marco Rubio insulted the Bible.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich said he "probably would suspend somebody" depending on the evidence available.

"When we see things that we think are inappropriate, we take action and that's what I would do," Kasich said.

The incident fueled fresh attacks by anti-Trump groups, who have already called out the billionaire for failing to quell violence at his public appearances.

Our Principles PAC has been airing an ad featuring news clips of violence at Trump rallies and playing audio of the GOP front-runner saying of a protester, "I'd like to punch him in the face."

The same ad includes images of Fields' bruised arm.

"The police in Jupiter, Florida, have clearly seen what Donald Trump refuses to acknowledge: his campaign manager battered a woman and caused serious bruising," said Our Principles PAC leader Katie Packer.

In the days after the alleged assault, Trump told CNN that the incident was probably "made up." Campaign spokeswoman Hope Hicks went further at the time, charging in a statement that "not a single camera or reporter of more than 100 in attendance captured the alleged incident."

"Lewandowski grabbed Fields' left arm with his right hand causing her to turn and step back," reads the police report released Tuesday. Fields showed police her left forearm which "appeared to show a grabbing-type injury," according to the investigating officer.

Lewandowski has retained a Florida attorney who said Tuesday there would be no further comment.

## documentary

## RIDE television, launches 'Horses That Heal'

By Sierra Tuthill

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RIDE TV, which is the first and only 24-hour, high definition cable television network and website dedicated to equestrian lifestyle, joined with F2 media to create the documentary, Horses That Heal. The documentary premiered at the Movie Tavern West 7th Street this Sunday.

Horses That Heal started out as a one hour documentary series. The series focused on the story of people's struggle and how they used horses as companions for psychotherapy. Equine therapy is helping people with disabilities all across the country.

This form of therapy extends beyond just people with disabilities. Veterans, police officers, firefighters and other servicemen who are suffering from PTSD are benefitting from equine therapy.

"When a person gets on a horse, they feel a sense of freedom and empowerment. They are no longer confined to their wheelchair, but instead have control over their horse," said RIDE TV marketing coordinator Will Beeson.

The documentaries were very popular on the network, but RIDE TV president, Craig Morris, felt that the one-hour time slot was not enough to tell people's stories.

"Doing a feature film gives a platform to dive a little deeper, tell the stories a little better and to actually weave the thread of everybody's life of what they go through on a daily basis of trying to get better," said Morris.

There are over 800 certified equine therapy centers across the country that are working to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities.

"Every time I watch this film, I think of someone I know who is struggling with a disability or a disorder," said Beeson. "However, most of the time



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**EXPERIENCE** Guests at the equine therapy center got the chance to learn how to lasso and interact with horses.

these people do not know that equine therapy is an option to them."

Before the screening, guests were welcome to a street fair. There was horses, live music, trick roping and activities. Horses That Heal is available for purchase on iTunes and DVD.

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"When they speak up, I think people listen. It can be hard to measure equality without clear statistics or examples, but I think there is strength in numbers, and when strong women come together to make something happen, the result is incredibly powerful."

Calhoun said the campaign hopes to raise awareness of inequalities for both men and women.

"It began with the mission to end violence against women, but recently we have expanded that to include all genders and sexes. We do this by raising awareness, essentially trying to educate students and faculty on pertinent issues."

**IGNITE - Women in Politics**

Women in Politics was founded last semester by senior political science major Elizabeth Stallard.

The organization aims to encourage female students to get involved in politics both on campus and nationwide.

Stallard said, "We just realized that this was a cause that wasn't yet on campus. Of course, there are other political student organizations, but there wasn't one that was specifically targeting women and some of the difficulties we face and how to overcome that."

Alex Harrington, a junior strategic communication major, will be the co-president next semester.

Harrington said, "This isn't just for women either. It's open to men too. We're just talking about politics and specifically how women are affected and represented, but everyone is welcome."

IGNITE - Women in Politics is a nationwide organization.



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**SPEAKING UP** Members of the TCU V-Day Campaign after a performance of the Vagina Monologues.

Founder Anne Moses said, "I started IGNITE in 2010 because, having worked at the major national women's political organizations, I saw that we were progressing far too slowly, and I determined that the reason why we were progressing so slowly was because we were not reaching women young enough."

Moses said there are about 25 chapters of IGNITE - Women in Politics in Texas, Colorado and California.

**An Equal Campus**

Regardless of the male-to-female ratio, according to TCU's female students, the university has done a fine job at working towards equality.

Junior biology major Eris Swanzy said, "As far as women having a voice, I feel like, organizationally, both men and women have equal representation."

Richardson says there is still work to do, however.

"I do feel proud and powerful, but being heard is a constant battle for me and many of the females I know."

## campus life

# JUST DANCE

'Chance to Dance' event encourages living the moment



EMILY LAFF / TCU360

### By Emily Laff

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Music and dancing: two things many people take for granted.

The "Chance to Dance" event on Saturday was about more than just dancing. It was about living in the moment.

Three years ago, Courtney Garcia, a graduate speech-language pathology student, started the event at TCU. Her goal was to give individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities the chance to enjoy a prom-like experience. The night was complete with a DJ and photo booth.

Unlike most high school and college dances, people of all ages enjoyed the music as their family members looked on, cell phones in hand, to capture every moment.

"I really get to see beyond the autism and who he really is," said Sabra Young, who watched her 27-year-old son Shakir as he danced. "He loves all types of music and

he loves to dance. He's kind of shy, but he comes out of his shell when he's here."

Sonja Kyle, a mother whose son is autistic, said events like Chance to Dance are important.

"Even though socially they may have a problem, they still love getting together," Kyle said. "Even if its next to each other and not necessarily interacting."

While parents watched from afar, student volunteers from TCU's Speech-Language Pathology program interacted with the guests, taking pictures in the photo booth and dancing to the music.

Attendees found out about "Chance to Dance" because they are clients at TCU's acclaimed Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Many speech-pathology majors are also members of National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA), an organization that Garcia partnered with when she started Chance to Dance.

After Garcia graduated, she wanted

to ensure that "Chance to Dance" would continue. This year, NSSLHA president Ashley Goodsell was in charge of the event.

"We wanted to keep continuing to do it because we saw how happy it made the individuals who came to the dance," Goodsell said.

More than 40 guests attended this year. By the end of the night, parents and caretakers had made their way onto the dance floor as well.

"I feel like a lot of times we get caught up in our busy lives and we take for granted some of the little special moments," Goodsell said.

For the dancers at Saturday's event, it was a time of joy, laughter and celebration.

"This gives people an opportunity to come here and celebrate themselves, their qualities, their accomplishments, and everything they have going for them," Garcia said. "Just to see the impact that something like this can make is so cool."

## gop politics

# Trump legal clash fuels fire in Wisconsin primary

By Steve Peoples

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The 2016 presidential race may have descended on Wisconsin - but most of the campaign buzz surrounds an incident that happened nearly a month ago in Florida.

Police there charged Donald Trump's campaign manager with simple battery Tuesday as a videotaped altercation with a reporter transformed what was another messy campaign sideshow into a criminal court summons. Trump decried the charges.

Jupiter, Florida, police determined that probable cause existed to file a criminal complaint against the Republican front-runner's most trusted political adviser, Corey Lewandowski, for an altercation that took place after a campaign appearance earlier in the month. Police on Tuesday morning issued Lewandowski a notice to appear before a judge on May 4 for the misdemeanor charge, which carries up to a year in jail.

The unexpected development injects a court battle into an already contentious Republican primary season just a week before a high-stakes election in Wisconsin. It came on a day that all five presidential contenders campaigned in the state, overshadowing Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's endorsement of Ted Cruz and Bernie Sanders' push to narrow Hillary Clinton's delegate lead.



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**SOUTHSIDE** Florida police charged Trump's political adviser, Corey Lewandowski, Tuesday.

The three Republican presidential candidates, already at odds with one another over issues both political and personal, now say they won't commit to supporting whomever the party chooses as its standard-bearer in the fall campaign, reversing earlier positions that supporting the nominee is necessary for party unity.

"I'm not in the habit of supporting someone who attacks my wife and children," Cruz said, referring to Trump's jabs at his wife, Heidi. Cruz said if Trump were the nominee that would hand the election to Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Kasich said that "if the nominee is somebody that I think is really hurting the country and dividing the country, I can't stand behind them."

Trump's rivals equally seized on his campaign's latest legal troubles.

Cruz said the incident involving Lewandowski is "the consequence of the culture of the Trump campaign - the abusive culture when you have a campaign that is built on personal insults, on attacks and now physical violence."

Ohio Gov. John Kasich said he "probably would suspend somebody" depending on the evidence available.

Speaking to reporters on his airplane in Wisconsin on Tuesday, Trump vowed to stand by his campaign manager and lashed out at the young female reporter who conveyed the incident to police.

"How do you know those bruises weren't there before?" the New York businessman charged.

"I'm not going to let a person's life be destroyed," Trump said of Lewandowski. "No jury, in my opinion, would convict a man and destroy a man's life over what you witnessed." He repeated that stance Tuesday night during an interview on a CNN-sponsored town hall event in Milwaukee.

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## greek life

# Panhellenic to remove skits from sorority recruitment

By Taylor Wirtz

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Comical, creative and sometimes even tear-jerking, the skit is considered one of the most memorable aspects of sorority recruitment.

But that's about to change.

TCU Panhellenic has enacted a new set of bylaws established by Panhellenic Nationals. The new bylaws include the removal of the skit round from sorority recruitment.

Panhellenic President Eden Reeves said the council is aiming for a process focused on fewer frills and more on the character and personalities of each chapter.

"The ultimate purpose is to make sure that who we present ourselves as during recruitment is exactly who we are after Bid Day," Reeves said. "Sorority life isn't all about big curls, bouncing in wedges and singing catchy songs."

Reeves said she believes the chapters get caught up in aesthetics and decorations, which distract from giving potential new members (PNM) the chance to know them.

"A PNM should be buying into a chapter because of their women and who they are at their core," Reeves said. "When we add frills, we make that so much more

challenging for PNM's to understand."

The council recently approved bylaws to move closer to what they call a "values-based" recruitment. This includes wearing casual attire during round two, developing procedures to help chapters remain accountable during the process and eliminating skits on round three.

"[Skits] provided too much ambiguity for chapters to show PNM's content that was 'unbecoming of a sorority woman,'" Reeves said. "When you take the pressure off of the chapters to put on a show, you've created an environment where actives can better get to know PNM's."

Katherine Shepherd, a sophomore member of Chi Omega, said the elimination of a skit will be a definite adjustment.

"It's always been a key part of round three for all chapters, so it will be interesting to see what everyone comes up with to fill that space," Shepherd said. "It will be challenging, but I think it will bring some healthy changes to the process."

The decision to remove skits, which was made by the National Panhellenic Conference, will go into effect during every sorority recruitment in the country this fall.

Reeves said the Panhellenic Executive Council is taking a more hands-on approach to chapter account-



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**NO MORE SKITS** Panhellenic wants authentic representation of sorority life during recruitment which does not include skits.

ability to make sure that recruitment runs smoothly.

"[Panhellenic] Exec members will be acting as liaisons to make sure that chapters are doing what they said they were going to do," Reeves said. "Outside of a football game, recruitment is the single largest event that TCU puts on, and the largest amount of responsibility lies on the eight collegiate members of exec."

Reeves said all these changes to recruitment will be a challenge, but will be beneficial for the future.

## travel

# 5 tips from travel experts for traveling by plane during the summer

By David Koenig

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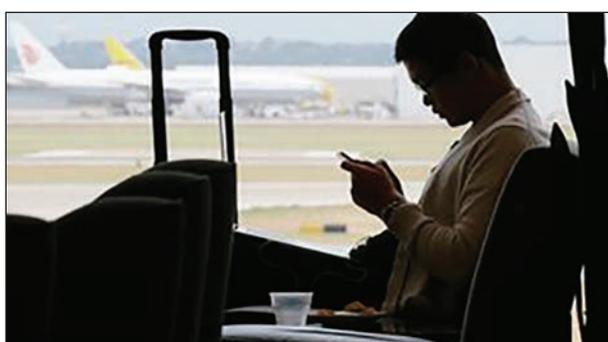
As families and individuals start to book summer travel, a debate is rising about whether airlines make it too hard to choose the most affordable options.

No changes are coming in the short-term, leaving travelers to plot their own strategies for finding the best prices. As always, it helps to plan ahead and consider whether you need extra services that might add to your cost.

Here are five tips from travel experts:

— Know what comes with your seat by reading the fine print on the airline website. A cheap ticket that doesn't include checked baggage might not be such a bargain.

Delta Air Lines (and soon American and United) has a lower "basic economy" fare. "It looks cheap, but it's got a whole bunch of restrictions on it," says Patrick Surry, the chief data scientist at Hopper, a travel-research firm in Cambridge, Mass. "It's impossible to change it, you don't get a seat assignment, and you can't pay to upgrade. It's buyer beware — you need to do your homework."



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**EXPENSIVE** life during recruitment Debate has been looming about whether airlines are making it too difficult for consumers to find affordable flights.

— Be flexible with dates and destinations. Flying to tourist destinations will almost certainly be cheaper and less crowded in September or even August than in July. That is of little help, however, to families with school-age children.

— Check the budget airlines. For example, if you're flying to Europe this year, Iceland's WOW air and Norwegian Air Shuttle have added routes across the Atlantic.

"They may not be the most convenient or comfortable, but they may offer some attractive

savings," says Henry Harteveltdt, a travel analyst in San Francisco. He cautions that travelers wanting lots of optional services may find it's cheaper to stick with the older, more familiar airlines.

— If you haven't done so yet, follow the Twitter accounts of the airlines on your intended route and sign up for alerts from fare-tracking services — there are several of those. That way you'll learn about a flash sale before it ends.

— Families should confirm free seat assignments right away when booking on American, Delta or United, says Summer Hull, author of the Mommy Points blog. She factors in the extra fee for advance seat assignments when flying on the discount airlines that won't let you pick a seat for free.

Costs can rise quickly for a family. If mom, dad and two kids each have a suitcase, that's often \$100 each way within the U.S. Want to sit together on a low-fare airline? Seat assignments run \$2 to \$100 each round-trip on Spirit and \$12 and up on rival Frontier, although Frontier offers a discounted package of extras. If the family must reschedule, changing a non-refundable U.S. ticket costs \$200 on American, Delta or United but is free on Southwest.

## TAP INTO MARKETS

## Breweries crafting marketing strategies

By Tad Desai

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Clydesdales, puppies and the Most Interesting Man in the World.

These are instantly recognizable trademarks for beer brands such as Budweiser and Dos Equis. These beers and the breweries behind them have become cemented in the world beer market as “mega-breweries”.

With these instantly recognizable brands, mega-breweries have dominated the market leaving the smaller yet growing craft brewery market extremely competitive. In the past few years, craft breweries have had to find new and innovative ways to stay unique in a saturated and mega-brewery dominated market.

“Everyone’s looking for new, inventive ways to promote their brand,” said Jeff Wood, the creative director for Rahr and Sons Brewing Company in Fort Worth. “The only real difficulty is that there are so many new craft breweries open...it’s hard to stand out in the crowd.”

According to a study by BeerinbigD.com, the number of active breweries in north Texas has almost tripled since 1989.

“It’s a very crowded, very noisy marketplace and that’s always a challenge in any category for marketers,” said Eric Webber, the public relations director for Shiner beer. “It’s a hot category with a lot of interest when there are new products and new brands coming out every day.”

Despite producing approximately 700,000 to 750,000 barrels of beer a year, Spoetzl Brewery that makes Shiner is categorized by the Brewers Association as a craft brewery rather than industrial.



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**SPONSORSHIPS** Budweiser scoreboard shows MLB Postseason leaders statistics at Wrigley Field. Anheuser Busch InBev clinched a deal to take over SABMiller in a bid to stave off the megabrewers’ most serious problems: the surge in popularity of craft brews and weakening sales in the rich markets of the U.S. and Europe.

Meanwhile, mega-breweries like Budweiser have become so big, it beat Disney World to its typically annual post-Super Bowl marketing line when Broncos’ quarterback Peyton Manning name-dropped the beer in his post-game interview.

The beer industry is one of the more successful commodity markets in America with the overall worth of the beer market valued at over \$100 billion including the “smaller” craft beer market valued at nearly \$20 billion according to the Brewers Association.

Mega-breweries have achieved domination over the massive beer market through vast advertising and marketing. The main medium these breweries advertise through is television as it has the potential to reach more people than anything else can.

“Television is still king,” said Laura Bright, an associate professor in the Schieffer College of Communication at TCU with a Ph.D. in advertising from University of Texas at Austin. “It’s all centralized in one place...and you just don’t have all those people in one spot.”

Television has reached this status among advertising giants through decades of promises to reach an audience bigger than any other technology could. A study from UT-Austin found alcohol advertisements from 1971 to 2011 increased by more than 400 percent.

Naturally, as advertisers, and in particular the beer industry, have recognized the potential in television marketing, the more money they poured into it. A 2014 Statista study found some of the nation’s biggest breweries spent a collective \$1.3 billion in television advertising.

So while the bigger breweries dominate the television market, smaller craft breweries have been forced to find another way to reach consumers while still playing to its’ central message which is not an easy task given the explosive rise in craft breweries starting up in north Texas.

Since television is too expensive for these smaller breweries, they have been forced to look for more innovative and less expensive alternatives. Some breweries like Rahr and Shiner utilize the growing digital media to reach out to potential new customers while others like the Collective Brewing Project located off Vickery Boulevard take advantage of experiential projects.

These experiential proj-



100 YEARS OF BREWING Kegs of Shiner beer at

ects are a form of a brewer sponsoring an event such as a concert or tailgate for a game. This allows for the consumer to have a good time they had at an event to which the event was sponsored by.

For mega-breweries like Budweiser, the Bud Light stage and events surrounding the annual Lollaploozza music festival in Clearwater had approximately 300,000 attendees.

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JEFF WOOD

CREATIVE DIRECTOR FOR RAHR AND SONS BREWING

For breweries like Shiner, smaller breweries offer similar payouts even despite their smaller size. While they didn’t buy advertising for a stage, Shiner utilized different stages at the music festival Austin City Limits by offering a stage for smaller bands outside of the main limits. Last year ACL had approximately 1.5 million attendees.

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experiences are where it can create a loyal customer base.

“The little flavor differences [between breweries], well that’s fun and all but the thing that people are really into is that personal connection,” said Tony Drewry, a beer consultant with Collective Brewing. “Making that personal connection is probably one of the most important things that we do.”

Collective Brewing invites people to their brewery on a weekly basis for beer tasting and offers brewery tours on the weekends.

By doing the brewery takes its size and turns it into an advantage by creating an experience the larger breweries can’t. While this practice emphasizes the customer, it utilizes social media as a tool to get its foot in the door and usually nothing more.

“That’s a good way to get the word out and that will get people in the door,” Drewry said. “Once they’re here the vibe of the place, the beer in your hand, the smile on the face of the guy that gives it to you, a lot of those things go a lot further than just posting a picture of him smiling.”

Rahr has mainly focused its marketing strategy in Fort Worth but it recently has begun expanding its horizons into Oklahoma. To help increase its popularity as it attempts its first sales in the state, Rahr is going to host several of these experiential advertising events in Oklahoma including dinners and sampling nights.

While this marketing strategy does take more effort than any other type, Drewry said the payoff is much greater.

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## Sample these beer festivals around Dallas and Fort Worth

By Sierra Tuthill  
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With more than 45 local breweries in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, beer festivals are a popular way to hop into spring this season. Don’t worry each event is complemented with a hangover food fest the next day.

Craft this spring into the best one yet by sipping on some suds at one of these beer festivals:

### APRIL 1-2

**Big Texas Beer Fest:** You know the Texas motto, the bigger the better! It’s no surprise that Fair Park will have over 140 different breweries. The fifth-year fest has grown so popular that it is now a two day event. Each day is ticketed individually. Tickets cost \$39-\$65 and a portion of sales benefit the North Texas Food Bank.

### APRIL 2

**Burgers, Brews and Blues:** 22 craft breweries, 11 chefs and a lives blues band is what to expect at this fest, which is a part of the Fort Worth Food and Wine Festival. Tickets start at \$65 and the event takes place at the Heart of the Ranch at Clearfork.

### APRIL 23

**Brewfest on Crockett:** College students unite on West 7th Avenue. This free fest features a games tournament with activities such as flip cup, giant beer pong and ring toss. Guests pay per food and drink item. Register your team for the games here.

### MAY 1

**Bugs and Brews:** Crayfish, crawdads and mudbugs oh my! You’ll bug out at this Cajun-inspired culture festival. With a traditional crawfish boil, ice cold beers and music by bands like the Bayou Swamp Band you’ll feel like you’re living it up in NOLA for the day. Bugs and Brews will be hosted at the Granada Theater and tickets start at \$15 for general admission.

### MAY 21

**North Texas Firkin Fest:** You’ll have a “firkin” good time where the food is good in München and the beer is good in Slürpen at this fest. A firkin is a small cask or barrel-shaped container for serving beer. At the Globe Life Park in Arlington breweries will make small batch brews in their firkins and flavor them with unique ingredients. Last year feature flavors were made using fruit infusions, Butterfinger candy flavoring and experimental hops. Tickets are between \$35-\$100.

### JUNE 11

**Untapped Festival Fort Worth:** Pour it up at Panther Island Pavilion with more than 300 beers. The beer and music festival will feature two music stages with headliners Built to Spill, Grupo Fantasma, Rayland Baxter, Hayes Carll and more. Presale tickets are available for purchase from March 9-March 16.



sports calendar. baseball. women. beach volleyball. tennis. equestrian. men. rifle. track.



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TRACK & FIELD TCU runner Ronnie Baker races at the TCU Invitational. Baker holds the school's record in the 60 meter sprint.

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**th31** Outdoor Track and Field at Texas Relays All Day in Austin

**f01** Baseball at Wichita State 6:30 p.m. in Wichita, Kansas

**f01** Men's Tennis vs. Rice 12 p.m. in Fort Worth

**f01** Men's Tennis vs. UT Arlington 5:30 p.m. in Fort Worth

**f01** Women's Tennis vs. Kansas 5:30 p.m. in Fort Worth

**f01** Women's Golf in SMU Dallas Athletic Club Invitational All Day in Dallas

**sa02** Beach Volleyball vs. Houston Baptist All Day in Corpus Christi



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BEACH VOLLEYBALL Molly Scheel attempts a spike in a game against Houston Baptist.

get your facts straight about TCU Sports

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Batting average by TCU, only batting average above .300 in Big Twelve

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Doubles by TCU baseball this season

**38 1/3**

Innings pitched by Brian Howard who ranks third in the Big Twelve for innings pitched.

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Undefeated pairs in Beach Volleyball on March 27

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Straight victories this season by beach volleyball players Aria Palter and Molly Scheel

**13.29**

Seconds, recorded fastest time in the 100-meter hurdles by Brianna McGhee

**10.54**

Time in seconds by Darrion Flowers in the men's 100-meter hurdles for first place

**3**

Birdies by TCU golfer Brooke McDougald in her 17 holes of play

## spring football roundup

# QB job still a mystery, new talent shines

By Dean Straka

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Only a few days remain until TCU football will showcase its talent in the annual spring game, and the puzzle pieces are still being put in place as the team prepares.

"This spring has been very similar to what it was two years ago when we had a major changeover in the program," TCU head coach Gary Patterson said after practice last week.

The biggest question: Who will take over at starting quarterback?

The Horned Frogs lost Heisman Trophy-hopeful Trevone Boykin to graduation after a 2015 season in which he produced record numbers for the Frogs.

"There is still a competition, but I think we are getting better there," Patterson said.

The battle on who will be taking the snaps in the fall remains between red-shirt sophomore Foster Sawyer and junior Kenny Hill, who transferred out of Texas A&M following the 2014 season.

Sawyer saw limited playing time last season against Kansas and Oklahoma while filling in for an injured Boykin. Sawyer showed signs of promise in the 23-17 win over Kansas, but he struggled against Oklahoma. He threw three interceptions before being replaced by senior Bram Kohlhausen.

Hill sat out last season due to NCAA transfer policies, but he began the 2014 season as the Aggies' starting quarterback. He threw for a Texas A&M single-game record of 511 yards in that season's opener against South Carolina.

Patterson said it's good for there to be competition between Sawyer and Hill.

"Both Foster and Kenny are taking reps with the ones," Patterson said. "I expect that to be the rest of the spring and then going into two-a-days."

Hill said the competition for the starting quarterback job has not hindered the relationship between him and Sawyer, his former roommate.

"We're cool coming in here," Hill said.

"We immediately became friends and [Sawyer] has helped me out with both the offense and just getting situated in Fort Worth in general."

Sawyer said it has been a healthy competition between the two this spring.

"I'm happy Kenny is in the quarterback room, and I wouldn't want to have anybody else come in here and go and compete with me," Sawyer said. "It's cool to see that we both know what we are fighting for, but we also respect each other."

Patterson said both players' performances will be critical to the success of the team.

"For us to be the team we want to be and need to be, we need for both Foster and Kenny to keep getting better," Patterson said.

Aside from quarterback uncertainty, Patterson said the tailback situation is becoming clearer. Junior Kyle Hicks is shaping up to be the starter while sophomore Shaun Nixon looks to be the No. 2 man. Patterson also said junior wide receiver John Diarse has added a great dynamic to the team since transferring from LSU after last season.

"John is unbelievably mature," Patterson said. "He's been starting on all special teams, and we will push at the wide receiver position."

Patterson also praised several new recruits and junior college transfers for their performances throughout the spring practices.

"We wouldn't be where we are without the 10 new guys," Patterson said. "Markell Simmons, the safety who came in from Pima Community College, has been unbelievable. Then, you have wide receiver Taj Williams from Iowa Western Community College and freshman wide receiver Isaiah Graham."

For the defense, Patterson said he hopes to see improvement at the positions of defensive tackle and defensive end, but the linebackers and safeties have shown promise.

"We still are thin and we need more depth, but really we've had a good spring thus far," Patterson said.

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## Journal holds writing contests to promote communication



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**WRITING TO COMMUNICATED** Eleven40seven hopes to improve communication skills of all majors through its writing contests

**By Adam Kelley**

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Eleven40seven, TCU's Journal of the Arts, is sponsoring a new contest to promote better communication skills and writing among all majors.

The first ever "Science Meets Fiction" contest was proposed by members of the College of Science and Engineering. One of the goals of the contest is to help make science students better communicators and creative thinkers, said Curt Rode, director of the New Media Writing Center.

"With the science fiction contest, the motivation from the College of Science and Engineering was trying to bring scientific

principles to a larger audience," Rode said. "To take it out of the classroom, out of the laboratory, and talk about scientific principles in a way that's going to be more accessible to nonscientists."

The parameters of the contest encouraged students to depict "possible futures as it explores the impact of science and technology."

In addition to the new science fiction contest, the journal also sponsored its "Contemplative Poetry" contest for the second year. Both were open to all majors.

Of the eight total submissions, only three were English or writing majors.

"The mission of the journal itself is to showcase the creative talent at TCU, wherever it may be," Rode said. "A lot of people in certain majors may not think of themselves as being creative...but we have ample evidence to suggest that there's unique work being done by people of all majors."

Giving students the opportunity to write creatively has also been shown to improve their test scores, particularly in English and writing.

In 2014, Pamukkale University in Turkey examined how creative writing helped students improve their communication skills and boosted test scores.

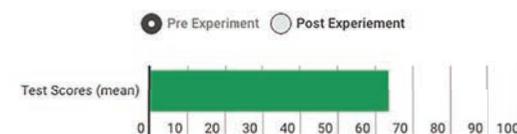
The study group of seventh-grade students was put through a four-week creative writing program. The students took an achievement test both before and after.

The study found that the students' mean test scores improved

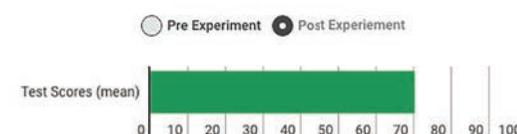
significantly after being exposed to creative writing.

The students' dispositions also increased. This means that they felt more confident and passionate about their ability to write and communicate following the experiment.

## Pre vs Post Writing Experiment Test Scores



## Pre vs Post Writing Experiment Test Scores



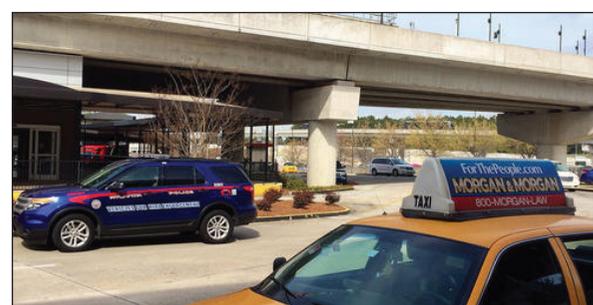
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TCU has implemented this same mindset by encouraging all students to participate in creative writing contests.

"For me and for a lot of people, writing is an act of clarification and discovery. You sort of realize things you didn't think you knew by writing," Rode said.

## uber

## Airports consider stricter screening procedures for Uber drivers



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**BATTLEGROUND** City councils and airports battle with companies such as Uber and Lyft over implementing fingerprint screening.

**By Jeff Martin**

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ATLANTA (AP)—A battle over background checks for Uber drivers at the world's busiest airport comes as cities like Los Angeles and Austin, Texas, consider more thorough screenings to prevent criminals from getting behind the wheel.

Uber has objected to the Atlanta airport's plan to use fingerprints to check criminal records of its drivers, saying its own record checks are sufficient.

But the district attorney in Uber's hometown of San

Francisco has called the ride-booking firm's process "completely worthless" since drivers aren't fingerprinted.

In Houston, city officials say they found that background checks without fingerprints allow criminals who have been charged with murder, sexual assault and other crimes to evade detection in a variety of ways.

Atlanta's city council on Wednesday is set to consider the airport's plan for screening drivers for Uber, Lyft and other ride-booking firms when proposed new rules go before the council's transportation committee.

Uber has agreements with more than 50 U.S. airports, none of which require the fingerprint-based background checks being proposed by Atlanta's airport, the company said in a statement. Those airports include major air hubs in Denver, Los Angeles; Memphis, Tennessee; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

But New York City does fingerprint drivers, and the mayor of Los Angeles this month asked state regulators to allow his city to do so as well.

Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city, was among the first in the nation to require drivers for Uber and other ride-booking firms to undergo fingerprint-based background checks using the FBI's database. Houston's program began in November 2014, and city officials there say they're far more thorough than

any other way of checking someone's criminal past.

"Public safety is our No. 1 priority — that's something the city of Houston does not compromise on," said Lara Cottingham, Houston's deputy assistant director of administration and regulatory affairs. "That's the reason we license any vehicle for hire."

Since Houston's ordinance went into effect, the city's fingerprint-based FBI background checks have found driver applicants who have been charged with murder, sexual assault, robbery and indecent exposure, among other crimes. Those drivers had already cleared the commercial background checks used by ride-for-hire companies, according to a city report released this month.

Potential drivers can pass background checks that don't rely on fingerprints simply by using an alias, the report found. For instance, one driver cleared by a company that does background checks for Uber underwent Houston's fingerprint check, which turned up 24 alias names, 10 listed social security numbers and an active arrest warrant, the report states.

Companies that perform background checks for ride-hailing firms typically seek to identify counties where they've lived in the past, then search public records from those places, the report states. But the checks don't search every county, creating "a huge potential gap where crimes go undetected," the report states.

# Culinary culture

## Fort Worth chefs mix casual dining roots with diverse cuisine

By Russell Hodges

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Jon Bonnell knows great cuisine when he sees it.

Since graduating from the New England Culinary Institute in 1997, the renowned chef, restaurant owner and Fort Worth native has been a mainstay in the food industry for more than two decades.

Bonnell opened his first establishment, Bonnell's Restaurant, in 2001. He's also published two cookbooks and has appeared as a special guest on "The Today Show," "Good Morning America" and Food Network's "BBQ with Bobby Flay," according to the restaurant's website.

### Changing culinary scene on the horizon

Bonnell said he has seen a series of changes in the Fort Worth culinary scene that are pulling the city away from its casual dining roots and bringing it toward a more contemporary image.

"Back in the 1980's, the Fort Worth food scene — when you talk about fine dining — was either something at the country clubs or European restaurants," Bonnell said. "Over time, Fort Worth [has] really started to develop its own cuisine, by elevating southwestern cuisine to the fine dining level."

Bonnell said he's also seen restaurants in the city embrace more cultural and stylistic cuisines.

"It's pretty neat to see how the food scene in this city has really developed over the years," he said. "Now we have every cuisine imaginable here in our own city."

### City event uniting area chefs

The changes Bonnell has seen will become more vivid later this month when hundreds of chefs, restaurants, breweries, wineries and dessert shops participate in the Fort Worth Food and Wine Festival. The event spans from March 31 to April 3.

The event is designed to showcase the variety of cuisines the city has to offer.

The festival began two years ago and has continued to draw the city's best culinary experts, and other talents around Dallas-Fort Worth. Chefs prepare dishes that preserve the city's traditional brand of comfort food and southwestern cuisine. They also introduce new cuisines that enable both chefs and visitors to expand their culinary horizons.

"I think people will be impressed with how much diversity and elevation of the cuisine the city has reached," Bonnell said.

### What to expect

The festival begins on Thursday, March 31 with a Barbecue Showdown at W.R. Watt Arena in Fort Worth's Cultural District. Chef Committee Chair Sarah Hooten said approximately 15 pitmasters from the Dallas-Fort Worth area and beyond, will fire up their grills and prepare their specialty



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**MIX OF OLD AND NEW** Fort Worth chefs cook food at local festivals in attempts in maintain the city's cuisine spirit.

dishes for a panel of celebrity judges.

More events include the higher-end Main Event located at Pier 1 Imports, "#latenight Desserts After Dark," "Rise + Dine: A Brunch Inspired Tasting," "Burgers, Brews & Blues" and the "Family Sunday Funday" picnic, the festival's final event held on Monday, April 3 at Panther Island.

Hooten said the Burgers, Brews & Blues event is the festival's most popular event. She said she believes the event is so popular because of its laid-back format and style of cooking.

"People in Fort Worth like their casual cuisine," Hooten said. "They like their burgers and beer."

Hooten said the types of ingredients the competing chefs use to prepare their dishes are always changing. She said each of the events brings something unique to the table.

"The chefs tend to change what they do almost every year [based on] of whatever they're into that year," she said. "Last year, pork belly was a very popular ingredient. This year, vegetables actually might be more of a popular ingredient. You can tell [the chefs] are focusing a lot more on putting vegetables and different flavors with their [dishes]."

Hooten has worked with the festival since its inception in 2014. She's also been working professionally in the culinary industry for more than six years at Fort Worth's Central Market.

Like Bonnell, she's also taken heed of the city's evolving food and drink scene.

"There's more awareness given to the chef in particular and their creative styles," Hooten said. "People are more willing to try food based on a chef's reputation. They're

excited to try some of these new restaurants because they know the chef. There's just more room for them to be a little bit more creative here."

This creativity, Hooten said, is beneficial not only to the chefs of Fort Worth but to their customers as well.

"Fewer chain places, more chef-driven, more fresh ingredients," she said. "They're more willing to try things like that. I think they're opening up their palettes a little bit and they're not so afraid to go try it."

While the events help stir the pot with fresh concepts and ingredients, they also maintain a sense of Fort Worth's traditional culinary identity, which Bonnell believes is important for chefs to remember as they experiment with new ingredients and cuisines.

"This is still Cowtown," he said. "Everybody still loves our Tex-Mex, our barbecue and chicken fried steak, but it's nice that our culinary scene now has so much diversity from top to bottom. The customers are so much more educated than they used to be. Everybody considers themselves a 'foodie' these days."

Russell Kirkpatrick is the co-founder of the festival and the general manager of Fort Worth's Reata Restaurant. He's been working professionally in the culinary industry for nearly 20 years, and since he and his wife moved to Fort Worth in 2004, he said he's seen the tremendous change in the city's cuisine.

"Years ago, Fort Worth was really thought of as a meat and potatoes kind of town," he said. "Over the last 3-5 years, we've seen so much more cuisines blossom. It's been really cool to see the evolution of our city's palette."

When asked specifically about the city's rising fine dining scene, Kirkpatrick said a big reason for its increasing popularity is something it has lacked for several years.

"I think that restaurateurs are figuring out that you have to interject a little bit of personality with your professionalism and your service standards," he said. "Ten to fifteen years ago, if you walked into a white tablecloth restaurant, you might not get too much personality... Now, especially in Fort Worth, you're seeing that diners enjoy having a little conversation here and there with their meal, and they don't want it to feel as robotic as a stuffy restaurant might have felt years ago."

This personality and excitement Kirkpatrick alludes to is one of the reasons he and co-founder Mike Micallef created the festival two years ago. It's also why he said about 5,000 people are attending the festival each year since its inception.

"I think [the festival] creates a lot of opportunities for a small restaurant to get out there in front of a large audience and really showcase what they do," Kirkpatrick said. "Obviously, we have enough talented individuals here in town that we should be not only showcasing the chefs here in town, but also showcasing Fort Worth."

## judicial

# Supreme Court hopeful Garland meets with GOP senator

By Alan Fram

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WASHINGTON — Mark Kirk on Tuesday became the first Republican senator to meet with Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland, criticizing GOP leaders' refusal to hold confirmation hearings or a vote on the longtime federal judge and praising him as "one of the most eminent jurists in the country."

There was no sign the session would erode Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's insistence on leaving the vacancy unfilled until President Barack Obama's replacement names a selection next year. Even so, Kirk's 20-minute session with Garland provided Democrats with a visual image — and words — that they hope will pressure other Republican senators to end their blockade.



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**SUPREME COURT** Merrick Garland had first meeting with a Republican Senator, Mark Kirk.

"I think when you just say I'm not going to meet with him and all, that's too closed-minded," Kirk told reporters, all but explicitly rebuking McConnell, R-Ky.

Kirk, who represents Democratic-leaning Illinois, is perhaps the most imperiled Senate Republican facing re-election in November. And when it comes to the battle over Obama's pick to fill the court vacancy, Kirk has been one of the earliest and most outspoken outliers.

He's one of just three Senate Republicans to say the Senate Judiciary Committee should hold hearings on Garland. And he's one of three GOP senators — along with Susan Collins of Maine and Jerry Moran of Kansas — to at least be open to a Senate vote on the nominee, saying Tuesday he would "obviously" consider voting for him.

The death last month of conservative Justice Antonin Scalia created the court opening, and Obama is pressing to make his third appointment to the high court.

## weather

# Storms on the way to Dallas, Fort Worth



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**WEATHER WARNINGS** According to the National Weather service, storms could bring high winds and tornados.

By Drew Herschmann

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Another spring storm is expected to hit Fort Worth and may produce large hail and high winds.

"The size of the hail could range from a quarter to golf ball size, depending on if it is a strong storm," said Juan Hernandez, meteorologist at the Dallas/Fort Worth National Weather Service Office.

"Hold off driving until the storm passes," Hernandez said. "There is a chance if the hail breaks your windshield, it could be dangerous."

Information about the forecast as well as storm watches or warnings can be found online.

"The most important thing is to be aware of the weather," Hernandez said. "If you get a warning, take it seriously to avoid potentially life-threatening situations."

Progressive Insurance offers three tips for how to

protect cars from a hail storm:

- It recommends getting covered parking because it "can save you a lot of hassle and money." If you don't currently own covered parking, the company advises that you "find temporary shelter" somewhere like a local mall's parking garage.
- If you can't find covered parking, the company recommends using blankets or a hail car cover. Progressive advises that people duct-tape the blankets down so they don't blow away.
- Progressive also recommends getting comprehensive coverage, which usually covers hail damage, and rental-car coverage.

If none of these options work, you can always go with the classic dad suggestions of parking between two SUVs (which is only minimally effective) or praying for your car.

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## security

# Apple remains in dark on how FBI hacked iPhone without help

By Tami Abdollah

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WASHINGTON — The FBI's announcement that it mysteriously hacked into an iPhone is a public setback for Apple Inc., as consumers suddenly discover they can't keep their most personal information safe. Meanwhile, Apple remains in the dark about how to restore the security of its flagship product.

The government said it was able to break into an iPhone used by a gunman in a mass shooting in California, but it didn't say how. That puzzled Apple software engineers — and outside experts — about how the FBI broke the digital locks on the phone without Apple's help. It also complicated Apple's job repairing flaws that jeopardize its software.

The Justice Department's announcement that it was dropping a legal fight to compel Apple to help it access the phone also took away any obvious legal avenues Apple might have used to learn how the FBI did it.

Magistrate Judge Sheri Pym vacated her Feb. 16 order, which compelled Apple to help the FBI hack their phone, on Tuesday.

The Justice Department declined through a spokeswoman to comment Tuesday.

A few clues have emerged. A senior law enforcement official told The Associated Press that the FBI managed to defeat an Apple security feature that threatened to delete the phone's contents if the FBI failed to enter the correct passcode combination after 10 tries. That allowed the government to repeatedly and continuously test passcodes in what's known as a brute-force attack until the right code is entered and the phone is unlocked.

***“That’s the way the research community handles the situation. And that’s appropriate.”***

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It wasn't clear how the FBI dealt with a related Apple security feature that introduces increasing time delays between guesses. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because this person was not authorized to discuss the technique publicly.

FBI Director James Comey has said with those features removed, the FBI could break into the phone in 26 minutes.

The FBI hacked into the iPhone used by gunman



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**ELECTRONIC MYSTERY** The government said it was able to break into an iPhone used by the gunman in a mass shooting in California, but it didn't say how.

Syed Farook, who died with his wife in a gun battle with police after they killed 14 people in December in San Bernardino. The iPhone, issued to Farook by his employer, the county health department, was found in a vehicle the day after the shooting.

The FBI is reviewing information from the iPhone, and it is unclear whether anything useful can be found.

Apple said in a statement Monday that the legal case to force its cooperation “should never have been brought,” and it promised to increase the security of its products. CEO Tim Cook has said the Cupertino-based company is constantly trying to improve security for its users.

The FBI's announcement — even without revealing precise details — that it had hacked the iPhone was at odds with the government's firm recommendations for nearly two decades that security researchers always work cooperatively and confidentially with software manufacturers before revealing that a product might be susceptible to hackers.

The aim is to ensure that American consumers stay as safe online as possible and prevent premature disclosures that might damage a U.S. company or the economy.

As far back as 2002, the Homeland Security Department ran a working group that included leading industry technology industry executives to advise the president on how to keep confidential discoveries by independent researchers that a company's software could be hacked until it was already fixed. Even now, the Commerce Department has been trying to fine-tune those rules. The next meeting of a conference on the subject is April 8 in Chicago and it's unclear

how the FBI's behavior in the current case might influence the government's fragile relationship with technology companies or researchers.

The industry's rules are not legally binding, but the government's top intelligence agency said in 2014 that such vulnerabilities should be reported to companies.

“When federal agencies discover a new vulnerability in commercial and open source software — a so-called ‘zero day’ vulnerability because the developers of the vulnerable software have had zero days to fix it — it is in the national interest to responsibly disclose the vulnerability rather than to hold it for an investigative or intelligence purpose,” the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said in a statement in April 2014.

The statement recommended generally divulging such flaws to manufacturers “unless there is a clear national security or law enforcement need.”

Last week a team from Johns Hopkins University said they had found a security bug in Apple's iMessage service that would allow hackers under certain circumstances to decrypt some text messages. The team reported its findings to Apple in November and published an academic paper after Apple fixed it.

“That’s the way the research community handles the situation. And that’s appropriate,” said Susan Landau, professor of cybersecurity policy at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. She said it was acceptable for the government to find a way to unlock the phone but said it should reveal its method to Apple.

Mobile phones are frequently used to improve cybersecurity, for example, as a place to send a backup code to access a website or authenticate a user.

## public funding

# State-by-state strategy wielded to defund Planned Parenthood

By David Crary

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NEW YORK — Though congressional Republicans' bid to defund Planned Parenthood was vetoed by President Barack Obama, anti-abortion activists and politicians are achieving a growing portion of their goal with an aggressive state-by-state strategy.

Over the past year, more than a dozen states have sought to halt or reduce public funding for Planned Parenthood. The latest to join the offensive is Florida; GOP Gov. Rick Scott signed a bill Friday that bars Planned Parenthood from accessing state funds.

Defunding has been blocked by court action in some states. But cutbacks in other states are forcing Planned Parenthood to drop contraceptive services, health screenings and other programs serving thousands of low-income women.

"It's been a non-stop assault — with devastating consequences for the patients we serve," said Dawn Laguens, Planned Parenthood's executive vice president. "At what point do you hit a tipping point where it has same impact as if a federal bill had passed?"

Planned Parenthood is a national target because of its role as the largest U.S. abortion provider. Federal law and the laws of most states already prevent public money from paying for abortions except in rare circumstances, but the recent defunding bills prohibit state money for any services by an organization that also provides abortions.

Many of the measures surfaced after anti-abortion activists began releasing secretly recorded videos last July alleging that Planned Parenthood sold fetal tissue to researchers for a profit in violation of federal law. Planned Parenthood denied any wrongdoing, and investigations by several congressional panels and states

have produced no evidence that it acted illegally.

Despite that, some Republican governors and lawmakers have cited the videos as justification for defunding.

States where defunding has been blocked by litigation include Alabama, Louisiana and Utah. In some other states, the impact of defunding may be slight — Mississippi, for example, is pursuing that step even though Planned Parenthood received less than \$1,000 in state money in each of the past five years.

However, Planned Parenthood says the cuts have had tangible impact in several states. It cites Indiana, saying funding cuts led to closure of a Planned Parenthood clinic that was the only HIV testing center in Scott County — the subsequent site of an HIV epidemic.

### IMPACT IN TEXAS

Texas was one of the first states to target Planned Parenthood's funding, saying it would not send Medicaid funds to organizations that provided abortions. The Republican-led state government culminated a multiyear effort by ousting Planned Parenthood from the Texas Women's Health Program in 2013 and opting to fund the program entirely with state money so it would not run afoul of federal law.

Dr. Paul Fine, medical director of Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, said the move affected health screenings and contraceptive services for more than 13,000 low-income women, many of them in areas with limited health care alternatives.

Charitable donations covered some of the lost funding, Fine said, but overall Planned Parenthood has seen a shift to more patients paying in cash or relying on commercial health insurance.

John Seago, legislative director of Texas Right To Life, acknowledged there was a dip in the number of



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**DEFUNDING** Gov. Rick Scott signed a bill Friday that bars Planned Parenthood from accessing state funds.

women served after Planned Parenthood was defunded. However, he said Texas has made progress in rebuilding a network of facilities that provide women's health care, with more providers now than in 2010.

Seago said he's encouraged that numerous other states have sought to defund Planned Parenthood, but noted that some have struggled with their tactics.

"Defunding Planned Parenthood is not an easy public policy goal," he said. "There are limits on what states can do. Some states have crossed that line and made mistakes."

In February, a study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* asserted that fewer women in Texas had obtained long-acting birth control after Planned Parenthood was ousted from the health program.

The study fueled a backlash. State Sen. Jane Nelson called it biased and misleading, and one of the co-authors left his job with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission after incurring criticism for his role.

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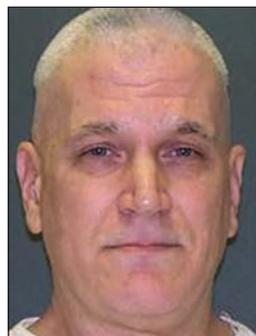
# Dallas man set to be executed in death of daughters, 9 and 6

By Michael Graczyk

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HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Enraged over his ex-wife going to police about his harassment and likely arrest, John David Battaglia used a May 2001 visit with their two young daughters to avenge his anger. As their mother helplessly listened on the phone to one of the girls' cries, he fatally shot them both at his Dallas apartment.

Hours later, the former accountant was at a nearby tattoo shop getting two large red roses inked on his left arm to commemorate 9-year-old Faith and her



BATTAGLIA

6-year-old sister, Liberty. When he walked outside, it took four officers to subdue and arrest him. A fully loaded revolver was found in his truck.

On Wednesday, the 60-year-old is set for lethal injection. He'd be the 10th inmate executed this year nationally, the sixth in Texas.

"I don't feel like I killed them," Battaglia told *The Dallas Morning News* in 2014. "I am a little bit in the

blank about what happened." He also referred to his slain daughters as his "best little friends" and told the newspaper he had photos of them displayed in his prison cell. He declined to speak with *The Associated Press* as his execution date neared.

An attorney seeking to represent Battaglia, who contended his court-appointed lawyer abandoned him after the U.S. Supreme Court in January refused to review his case, said in an appeal to federal courts that the man is mentally ill. Attorney Gregory Gardner also argued Battaglia was entitled to a reprieve so he could get a fair hearing to determine if he's incompetent for execution.

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"One of the things that makes a small brewery different than a bigger brewery is that there is a lot of blood, sweat and tears that goes into everything we do," Drewry said. "I think that's something we're all very proud of."

With the rise of digital media such as social media, websites and data tracking, breweries both big and small have ushered in a new era of marketing and advertising that has proven to be more direct and cost-effective in appealing to a target audience and demographic than the more broad tactic of traditional television marketing.

Bright said to combat this uphill marketing battle

**"You can learn more about [consumer] behavior in the digital context. I guarantee you when you turn 21 on Facebook that you get tagged as being eligible for beer advertising."**

LAURA BRIGHT  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN THE SCHIEFFER COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

against the bigger breweries, craft breweries have resorted to the advantages of digital media.

"You can learn more about [consumer] behavior in the digital context," Bright said. "I guarantee you when you turn 21 on Facebook that you get tagged as being eligible for beer advertising."

Wood said Rahr does utilize this type of digital advertising and it creates an opportunity to reach out to a wide range of people.

A study from Marketing Land shows a company's (or brewery's) website gets 80% of its visitors from search engine optimization, which is setting up their site to be near the top results on search engines like Google, and social media. Companies can utilize the SEO to specifically reach their targeted demographic.

"Our demographic is so vast. That's one of the great things about this industry, basically anyone from 21 to 121 is a target customer," Wood said. "We have customers with a huge array of backgrounds and lifestyles. Some of our marketing leans younger and more liberal, and some of what we do leans older and more conservative. We are constantly marketing to multiple demographics."

For smaller breweries this allows for not only a more direct way to determine the most efficient means to reaching their desired demographic but also allowed for them to market towards them in a new and unique way as well.

This is the type of digital marketing the breweries hope to take better advantage of to gain an edge in the competition.

"Digital has been a very keen interest of ours in the past few years and will continue to be," Webber said. "That is because of its versatility of those platforms so you can run a banner ad, homepage takeover and around Halloween last year we created a mock movie trailer for one of our beers."

Webber said it is these kind of unique and flexible marketing opportunities digital media offers smaller breweries that allow them to leave a more lasting impression on consumers.

Bright said Facebook sells all of the information about its users when it comes to "likes, dislikes and preferences" to advertisers to provide them those with a proven behavior model that will fit their desired target demographic.

"With newer brands, it's a great way to reach out to millennial audience because they're very much engaged in social media," Bright said. "It's become part of the whole marketing mix so you'll have your product branding, more traditional advertising and the social is seen as the glue that links all those things together."

While mega-breweries continue to dominate the more massive advertising mediums, craft breweries continue to morph along with industry to stay alive. As Bright points out, however, while the future of beer advertising and marketing will likely continue to evolve as the competitive market grows, there is still one thing that will set one brewery apart from the rest.

"The ability for advertising to drive consumption...the question is, 'is that sustainable?'" Bright said. "No matter how good your advertising is if you have a crappy product it's not going to matter."



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**BEER TASTING** A Shiner beer is drawn for a visitor at the at Spoeltz Brewery in Shiner, Texas.



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**SPONSORSHIP** Budweiser beer sits on ice in the Chicago Cubs locker room for celebration of a 4-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirate.



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**BREWING** Samples of the Shiner beers produced at Spoeltz Brewery in Shiner, Texas.



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- a) 40
- b) 42
- c) 47
- d) 49
- e) 50
- f) 53

**tcu trivia answer**

e) 50 Touchdowns

**ACROSS**

- 1 Squelch
- 7 Landlord on "Three's Company"
- 14 Jumped up and down, perhaps
- 15 Towering over
- 16 One of the rooms in Clue
- 17 Neighbor of Miss Gulch
- 18 South American monkey's handhold?
- 20 Mount that's a poker term when read backward
- 21 Urge
- 22 Give \_\_\_ whirl
- 23 Verizon FiOS, e.g., for short
- 24 [Insert your least favorite congressman here?]
- 31 Second-class person, informally?
- 32 "Quit your excuses"
- 33 "\_\_\_ con Dios" (Spanish farewell)
- 35 Affectation

**DOWN**

- 36 "Junk"
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- 40 Bird watcher upon spotting the rare California condor?
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- 44 \_\_\_ Fridays
- 45 Friend of Fidel
- 47 Types
- 49 Focal points of many F.A.A. investigations ... or a description of 18-, 24- and 40-Across?
- 53 Figure in Matisse's "Le Bateau"
- 55 Soften
- 56 Boston specialty
- 57 Out of service?
- 58 Landlocked European
- 59 "America's diner is always open" sloganeer
- 1 Spread out
- 2 Pennsylvania senator Pat

- 3 Cactus flower eaters
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- 5 Small construction company
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- 7 View from Hilo
- 8 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Sandberg
- 9 Word that can precede or follow pack
- 10 2015 award for "Hamilton"
- 11 Aristotle work that began literary theory
- 12 "Yeah, but still ..."
- 13 Update, cartographer-style
- 15 Serve
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- 26 Style with illusory motion
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- 28 One of the Balearic Islands

- 29 Best-selling author of legal thrillers
- 30 "No worries"
- 34 J.F.K. conveyance
- 36 More burly
- 37 Render invalid
- 39 Stand taken by one making a speech
- 40 1958 hit with the lyric "Your love has given me wings"
- 41 Grunts
- 42 Watery, as eyes
- 43 Checkers, e.g.
- 46 They're given for Best Upset and Best Play
- 48 Sidewalk section, e.g.
- 49 Setting of a top 10 Barry Manilow hit
- 50 Be mindful of
- 51 \_\_\_-Altenburg (old German duchy)
- 52 "This \_\_\_ outrage!"
- 54 Ratio involving height and weight, for short

**solution from 3/24**

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## long waits

# Fliers brace for big security lines at airports

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NEW YORK — An expedited screening program called PreCheck was supposed to be the answer to maddeningly long security lines at the airport. But four years after its launch, the Transportation Security Administration is far short of enrolling enough travelers to make a difference, spelling trouble for summer travel season.

Fliers can expect massive security lines across the country, with airlines already warning passengers to arrive at least two hours early or risk missing their flight.

The TSA cut its airport screener staff by 10 percent in the past three years, anticipating PreCheck would speed up the process. When not enough fliers enrolled, the agency tried to make up for that shortfall by randomly placing passengers into the express lanes. But it recently scaled back that effort for fear dangerous passengers were being let through. That's when the lines started growing, up to 90 minutes in some cases.

The TSA is shifting some resources to tackle lines at the nation's biggest airports, but says there is no easy solution to the problem with a record number of fliers expected this summer.

"We had unacceptable line waits at the majority of our hubs," says Robert Isom, chief operating officer of American Airlines. "Based on what the TSA is telling us, there is no relief in sight."

Launched nationwide in 2012, PreCheck gives previously vetted passengers special screening. Shoes, belts and light jackets stay on. Laptops and liquids stay in bags. And these fliers go through standard metal detectors rather than the explosive-detecting full-body scanners most pass through.

PreCheck lanes can screen 300 passengers an hour, twice that of standard lanes.

The TSA offered Congress a lofty goal of having 25 million fliers enrolled in the program. Based on that and other increased efficiencies, the TSA's front-line screeners were cut from 47,147 three years ago to 42,525 currently. At the same time, the number of annual fliers passing through checkpoints has grown from 643 million to more than 700 million.

As of March 1, only 9.3 million people were PreCheck members. Applicants must pay \$85 to \$100 every five years. They must also trek to the airport for an interview before being accepted. Getting once-a-year fliers to spend the time or the money to join has been a challenge. While 250,000 to 300,000 people are joining every month, it will take more than four years at that pace to reach the target.

"It hasn't been a failure; it just isn't moving as quickly as it needs to move," says Sharon Pinkerton, senior vice president for legislative and regulatory policy at airline trade group Airlines for America.

Without enough members, the TSA faced a problem: PreCheck lanes were nearly deserted while

other lines snaked throughout terminals. Keeping empty PreCheck lanes open was a waste of staff. But without them, passengers who paid to join would be aggravated.

So the agency created workarounds to allow

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passengers who hadn't been fully vetted to still get expedited screening.

Those who flew 50,000 miles a year or more with an airline sometimes got the PreCheck designation on their boarding pass at check-in. Others would randomly get it based on demographic information.

As a further step, the TSA in 2013 created a program called Managed Inclusion where it randomly pulls people out of the normal line when it grows too long. Fliers' behavior is monitored, they are screened for explosives and then allowed to use the faster PreCheck lane.

## governor

# North Carolina's race intensifying over LGBT rights

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RALEIGH, N.C. — The North Carolina governor's race has suddenly become a referendum on discrimination.

Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, seeking re-election in what's anticipated to be one of the nation's most heated and expensive campaigns, is doubling down on a sweeping law he signed last week preventing local governments from protecting people on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity when they use public accommodations such as hotels and restaurants. People also would have to use multi-stall bathrooms that match their birth certificates at state agencies and public schools and universities.

Attorney General Roy Cooper, the governor's Democratic challenger, announced Tuesday that his office won't defend this "national embarrassment" against a



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**AGAINST DISCRIMINATION** People protest outside the North Carolina executive Mansion in Raleigh, N.C.

federal lawsuit filed by two transgender men, a lesbian law professor and civil rights groups.

McCrory complained this week that a well-coordi-

nated national campaign is "distorting the truth," and in a video Tuesday accused Cooper of "inventing conflict that simply doesn't exist" to justify his argument to refuse to defend the law.

The CEOs of dozens of big technology, biotech and financial companies signed a letter released Tuesday by gay rights advocates urging state officials to overturn the law, which the governor signed just hours after it was introduced and approved by Republicans in a special session.

"Discrimination is wrong and we believe it has no place in North Carolina or anywhere in our country. As companies that pride ourselves on being inclusive and welcoming to all, we strongly urge you and the leadership of North Carolina's legislature to repeal this law in the upcoming legislative session," reads the letter, signed by IBM CEO Virginia Rometty, Apple head Tim Cook and Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook, among others.

# SPEAK OUT!

## Women express thoughts on safety, having a voice on campus

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It's no question that women have struggled to gain the same rights as men in history. At TCU, however, men and women appear to be treated with greater equality.

According to the TCU factbook, the gap between female and male students is actually increasing.

In the Fall 2015 semester, TCU had 6,162 female students equalling 60% of the student body population.

Women at TCU have helped shape the school to become a much more welcoming place for students and faculty all over the world.

According to TCU's female student population, while TCU certainly isn't perfect, the university is on the right track.

### Being Safe On and Off Campus

In a survey of 36 female students, 31 said they felt safe on TCU's campus during the day and somewhat at night.

Many attribute feeling safe to the TCU Police as well as the blue emergency lights.

Shelby Fruge, a sophomore biology major, said, "I do feel safe on campus, even late at night. TCU does a good job of doing that."

"I know the campus is patrolled," said Smith Sheehy, a junior business information systems major. "It also helps having services like Froggie Five-0 and knowing a TCU police officer will drive me if I call."

Christina Karatzas, a junior economics major, said, "I have always felt very safe on campus, even if I'm walking home from a night class. I believe it can be attributed to the overall atmosphere of the school, how there are always people walking around, and the blue lights that are always close by."

While a majority of women do feel safe on campus, it is the outskirts of campus, and during the night, that have female students worried.

Ali Blackwell, a senior music education major, said even though she feels being on campus is typically safe, walking at night can be disturbing.

"The campus does a pretty good job with security by having police patrol the campus," Blackwell said. "But in retrospect, I never really feel truly safe when walking alone at night unless I have a companion walking me back to my apartment just a block from TCU."

Melanie Gaw, a senior film-television-digital media major, said, "As a woman, I do not feel safe on campus. I know too many people who have been



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**REPRESENTING** Alex Harrington, Elizabeth Stallard and Rachel Herrera held a screening of feminist documentary "Miss Representation" for their first event for TCU IGNITE - Women in Politics.

sexually assaulted by other students to feel safe on campus."

From 2012-2014, 60 sexual offenses were reported to TCU police.

Senior theater major Dana Cassling said these offenses are inexcusable.

"I know of cases where girls have been sexually assaulted by other TCU students, taken to campus life, attempted to get their rapists expelled, suspended, or even just prohibited from contacting them, and campus life has done nothing."

Maryn Richardson, a sophomore FTDM major, said, "In terms of harmful situations, specifically sexual assault, I believe TCU has many improvements to make. I personally know of two men who have committed such crimes and are still walking around campus day to day. I mean, how is that allowed?"

### Having a Voice

With more than half of TCU students female, many students feel their voices are heard politically, but not always when it comes to offenses.

Cassling said, "I'm proud to say women have been making themselves heard, with the V-Day campaign, the Body Project, TCUnderground, Senseless Acts of Comedy, and having a woman student body president, TCU women are standing up and making a difference."

Many female students say they feel a sense of equality on campus.

Melissa Piesche, a junior early childhood education major, said, "I feel like both men and women have an equal chance to be heard, and we all stand together in that. If you want to be heard, it's not very hard to get your voice out there regardless of

your gender."

"It's always felt like women have a voice on campus, and I think TCU has always balanced equality and opportunity for both men and women," said Nicole Schouten, a junior strategic communication major. "I'm proud to say that as a woman, my voice is heard at TCU, and I can pursue opportunities just as equally as a male student."

Not all women say they share this experience, however.

Senior theatre major Mara Frumkin said, "misogyny is overwhelming on campus."

"It's weird to me that men on campus continue to disrespect women. I've lost count of how many times I have been cat-called."

One student, who asked to remain anonymous, said, "I think that as women on campus, we aren't given the opportunity to have any sort of voice. It's actually kind of frustrating because if there was an issue of safety, I would like to have a voice."

Do you feel your voice is being heard?



● Yes ● No

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"I'm proud to say that women have been making themselves heard."

Dana Cassling - Senior Theatre Major

27 out of 35 female TCU students say they believe their voice is heard. Many women say they have just as much opportunity as male students.

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### Third Party Help

With nearly 200 student organizations, TCU offers students plenty of places to find their fit.

Over the years, many equality and social justice groups have formed on TCU's campus by TCU students.

### TCU V-Day Campaign

The TCU V-Day Campaign is a non-profit, student-led organization on campus that aims to end gender-based violence and raise awareness through artistic expression.

Senior theatre major Madison Calhoun is the current president of the TCU V-Day Campaign.

Calhoun said that women on campus are very "powerful."

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