



ONE DEGREE FARTHER

The Spring class of 2016 takes the stage at commencement this weekend

academics

New chair of journalism department hired

By Rachel Tiede

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Onyebadi

The new chair of the TCU journalism department wants to bring a couple things to campus.

Uche Onyebadi is an associate professor and the director of the school of journalism at Southern Illinois University. He will start his new role as TCU's journalism chair in the fall.

"I'm ready to be there. I'm excited to be there," Onyebadi said. "I know that they're wonderful people."

One thing Onyebadi wants to bring to TCU's journalism department is international conversations.

Giving freedom of the press as a topic example, Onyebadi said, "Who says we cannot make an arrangement with a school say, in Ghana for instance, we can do this kind of thing: we assemble our students, they assemble their students. We choose a topic that is mutually beneficial to both and exchange ideas."

He also wants to start "brown bag" presentations, where faculty members present what they learned at conferences.

The presentations would be open to students.

"We have to keep the keep the tradition of university which is expanding our horizon," Onyebadi said. "That's exactly what I want to do so we're not just thinking all we're doing is picking up our paper,

our books, going to the library, go to a classroom, and that's fine. It is not fine. The brain has to be constantly challenged."

Daxton Stewart, associate dean of the College of Communication, led the hiring committee.

"I've actually known Onyebadi for a while because we were in graduate school together," Stewart said. "But I really didn't have much of an idea of how quickly his career had escalated."

John Tisdale, the current chair of the journalism department, will return to teaching his favorite course: Media Writing and Editing.

"You're really starting from scratch in media writing with people who have been writing most of their lives, but teaching media writing for the first time is really kinda fun," Tisdale said.

But Tisdale advised Onyebadi to observe.

"Take some time to observe and gather your own information about the classes and how they're taught, the faculty and how they teach and how they conduct research," Tisdale said.

Onyebadi said he is excited to start working with his colleagues to lead the journalism department forward.

"I've met a number of them: Aaron, I met Jean, I also met Daxton," Onyebadi said. "I got to talk to the dean herself, Dean Kris. These are very very wonderful people."

But he's also looking forward to football games.

"Anything sports, I'm game!"



LAURA BELPEDIO / TCU 360

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- ▶ **When:** 9 p.m.
- ▶ **Cost:** \$10



f29 Billy Bob's presents Davis Allan Coe

- ▶ **Where:** 2520 Rodeo Plaza
- ▶ **When:** 10:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Cost:** \$12-20



sa30 Billy Bob's presents Aaron Lewis

- ▶ **Where:** 2520 Rodeo Plaza
- ▶ **When:** 10:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Cost:** \$16-35



su01 Billy Bob's presents Texas Red Dirt Roads

- ▶ **Where:** 2520 Rodeo Plaza
- ▶ **When:** 3 p.m.
- ▶ **Cost:** Free

th05 Spring 2-16 Honor Cord Ceremony

- ▶ **Where:** W. Oliver and Nell A. Harrison Building
- ▶ **When:** 9 p.m.
- ▶ **Cost:** \$10



sa07 Spring Commencement Ceremonies

- ▶ **Where:** Ed and Rae Schollamaier Arena
- ▶ **When:** 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 p.m.
- ▶ **Cost:** Free



m09 AT&T Stadium presents Beyoncé: Formation tour

- ▶ **Where:** AT&T Stadium
- ▶ **When:** 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Cost:** \$81-550



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student housing

Director of Housing and Residence Life explains process

By Brooke Morrissy

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Rising sophomores waiting for their housing assignment for next year are guaranteed a bed, but it may not be in their residence hall of choice; however, rising juniors and seniors may have to look off campus.

The housing crunch has been a point of contention this spring, as many first year students have complained that they have yet to receive an assignment. Housing officials, however, say all students should expect to be placed by June. Most rising first-year students have been notified about where they'll live in the fall.

"The freshman class is a large one, but I'm going to guess that it's probably less than 10 percent who didn't get a room in this process," said Craig Allen, the director of Housing and Residence Life. "It might even be a lot less than 10 percent."

The number of upperclassmen who want on-campus housing continues to increase.

"This year we had over 500, I think close to 600 juniors, who filled out applications, who said they wanted housing on campus," Allen said.

More than 250 rising seniors also applied for housing on campus. However, HRL has to accommodate rising sophomores first, since they are required to live on

campus.

Students must go through the housing lottery if they want to live on campus. The lottery gives students a random time slot of when they can select housing for the following year. The time slots assigned are randomly given through an auto-generator.

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CRAIG ALLEN

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

Once the lottery process is over, HRL assigns housing to students who are required to live on campus but did not select a room.

Allen said some students were offered rooms but decided not to take the assignment because it wasn't the location they wanted or it wasn't big enough for them and their friends.

"For a variety of reasons, students may not have a

housing assignment, but it wasn't that everything closed early, and if it did, it only closed after everyone had picked it because most students got a room," said Allen.

Allen said in the coming weeks HRL will start to assign people where there are vacancies.

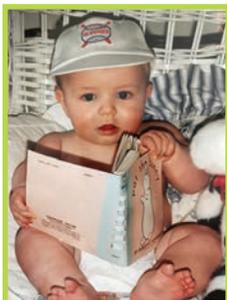
Rooms may be vacant for a number of reasons. Some people may have removed themselves from a room or others may not have picked a vacant room.

"We'll make as many assignments as we can before students leave school in May," said Allen. "Some students may have to wait until June before they hear from us... because that intersects directly with freshman."

The class of 2020 is another piece to the housing puzzle. HRL also holds vacant rooms to accommodate first-year students.

"Right now there's just enough uncertainty about how many freshman will be coming, so we have, for example, held about 50 to 60 beds in buildings that could be used for sophomores, but we're holding them for freshman right now just in case," Allen said.

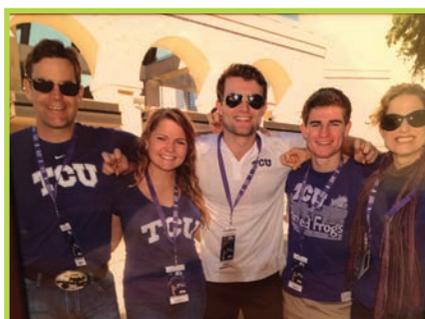
May 1 is when applicants who have been admitted must enroll. This gives HRL a better sense of the class size and the number of rooms that will be needed. Once that is established, HRL can also distribute those vacant rooms to current students.



CONGRATULATIONS!
MATTHEW!



Congratulations, Matthew! What a fun, joy-filled journey it's been. We celebrate you, the path you've traveled to get here, and the possibilities awaiting you. Thank you for sharing your smile & kind heart with family and friends. May you always prayerfully follow your heart and curiosities. "Wonder is the beginning of wisdom." Socrates.



Matthew Fee Stubblefield

We love you Mattman,
Dad, Mom, Emma, Bryan,
Jonathan, Blue, Boog,
Teddy, Doodah, Papa,
Nanny and Paps.
Micah 6:8
Go Frogs!



CONGRATULATIONS!
MARY



Congratulations Mary! Words cannot express how proud we are of you and your accomplishments these past four years at TCU. We know that you will make an exceptional nurse, and you will be a ray of sunshine for all of your patients. Never lose your wide-eyed wonder of the world around you, the deep empathy and kindness you share with those in your care and the love you give your friends and family.



Mary Lazier

With much love,
Mom, Dad, Liz and Joe, Daniel
and Katherine

HOW TO: decorate a graduation cap

By Riley Knight
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Some people are born with artistic capability. You know the type – the naturally creative, probably Michelangelo descendant, child prodigies.

To those people: Just stop reading now.

You've probably already planned your graduation cap the day you received your TCU acceptance letter.

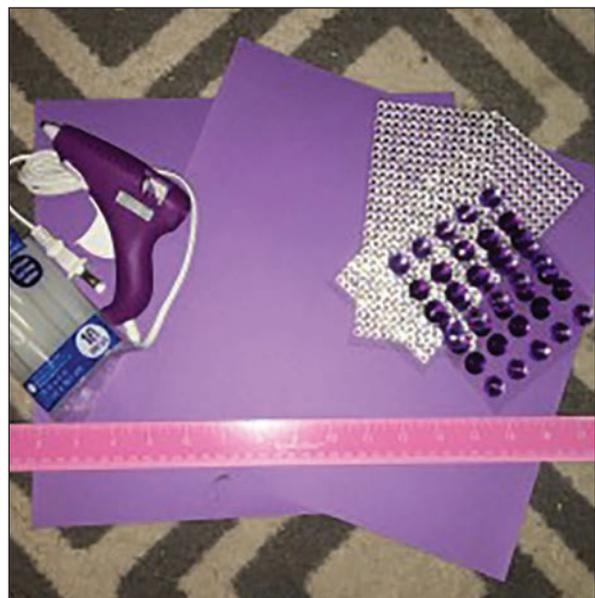
Then, there are the common folk – the people who cringe at the thought of drawing anything other than a stick figure; the people whose best work of art would earn a C+ in elementary art at best.

If you resonate strongly with the "artistically challenged," then don't you worry! I'm here to give you a step-by-step, foolproof guide to decorating your graduation cap. As seniors, you have far more pressing things to worry about besides creating a beautiful cap – jobs, student loans, not ending up on your parents couch.

So, to create a graduation cap that will rival the Mona Lisa (I'm looking at you, nursing majors...), you will need a few materials.

MATERIALS:

- Construction paper/Decorative Paper
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Paint
- Extra: jewels, glitter, stickers, markers



STEP 1:

To start, measure your graduation cap with a ruler and cut the paper to match the dimensions.

Since I'm a sophomore and don't necessarily have a graduation cap, I'm using the construction paper as a makeshift cap. Using the hot glue gun, glue the paper to the top of the hat. Hopefully, by now you have a general idea of how you want your masterpiece to look.



STEP 2:

Using your ruler or a stencil, sketch out your design with a pencil. Once you are satisfied with your design, break out the paint. Paint or color in your design (however your heart desires). For paint, it is best to use two coats for a smoother, finished look.



STEP 3:

Now for the fun part... Here is where you get to personalize your cap. Using my hot glue gun, I glued jewels on the edge of my cap and around

the letters. After adding your personal flourish, sit back and admire your work.

Of course, each cap will be different and personal to the lucky graduate. So, for those who struggle with coming up with a design rather than executing it, I've taken the liberty of making a list of themes to get those creative juices flowing.



GRAD CAP IDEAS

PIZZA THEME

Decorate your cap as a large pizza slice to symbolize the amount of Toppers you've consumed in your four years.

TV SHOW THEME

Own your Netflix obsession proudly by modeling your cap after your favorite show that you spend countless hours binge-watching.

CURRENT EVENTS THEME

Nothing will remind you more of your wonderful senior year like dedicating your cap to what is going on in the news. Try a wonderful Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton theme – oh, senior memories.

SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLE THEME

Rack up those follows while accepting your diploma by putting your Twitter handle or Instagram username in large letters. Bonus points if you actually gain followers!!!

NOTHING

Or, you can always go against the crowd by doing absolutely nothing to your cap. No decorations or anything. Nothing says, "I'm over it, get me out of here," like a blank graduation cap.

men's track & field

Ronnie Baker: Running into the record books

By Kacey Bowen

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Three-time Big 12 Athlete of the Week. 60-meter world-time leader. NCAA record holder. A most outstanding performer in the Texas Relays.

USA Olympic team member?

That's the next goal for senior sprinter Ronnie Baker, even after all the accolades he has received this season.

Baker said he hopes to place in the top three in the 100-meter event in July. That would earn him a spot on the 2016 Olympic team, meaning he would represent the United States in Rio de Janeiro.

He said a lot of preparation involves hard work and training, but the biggest aspect is the mental mind game. For Baker, running is natural. But winning the race comes down to having a strong mind, he said.

"If you don't believe you can achieve something, how are you suppose to accomplish it?" Baker said.

Asking that question worked.

This season for TCU, Baker racked up various awards and honors. One of his biggest accolades: being named to the Bowerman Award watch list, an honor is given to the top male and female athlete in track each year.

During pre-season, Baker was named one of the 10 athletes on the list.

Another defining moment in Baker's career was his NCAA 60-meter Championship, when he ran for a time of 6.47. This not only earned him the gold; it set an NCAA Championship record and a world-leading time.

"6.47 puts Ronnie on a whole other level," said Daryl Anderson, TCU's director of track and field.

During the NCAA Championship, Baker said he was taking in where he was, looking at who was watching him, and thinking about all the things he could accomplish in that moment.

"I was really trying to take everything in," Baker said. "It's overwhelming."

Baker said his mom is one of the main reasons he competes.

"I've always wanted to be able to provide for her," Baker said. "I just want to make her proud."

Baker has loved running ever since he was in elementary school. He said he remembers going on runs and being able to out-run other kids who got head starts on him.

"From then on, my love for track and field has grown based on the people I have been around," Baker said.

Even today, Baker said he admires his team's bond and the desire they have to come together to help



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TRACK & FIELD Ronnie Baker hopes to make it to the 2016 Olympics in Rio this summer.

everyone out.

"We tell each other we can do better, that we can run faster," Baker said. "I think that's one thing we've accomplished in the last couple

weeks, is just realizing we're a team."

Baker is still on the watch list for the Bowerman Award. The next watch list announcement is released May 19.

CONGRATS,
KRISTEN!

Congratulations Kristen! We are so proud of you! We can't wait to see where the Lord takes you in the next chapter of your amazing life!

"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, your soul, your strength and your mind..." Luke 10:27

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Kristen Adams

CONGRATS,
MICHAEL!

We are so very proud to have you for a son! Congratulations on your graduation and new career! Your hard work and dedication will open so many wonderful doors for you. Have fun enjoying the journey! God Bless you!

Love Always,
Mom and Dad



Michael Byron

Seniors share TCU memories, future plans

By Jacob Smith

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SHAYDA SHAH-HOSSEINI Supply Chain Management



Q: What are you going to do after graduation?

A: After graduation I am moving to San Francisco. I'll be working for William Sonoma as their assistant planner so I'll be working in their inventory management team. I'll be doing a lot of creating purchase orders and really keeping track

of inventory levels to make sure they have the right amount of products coming in at their stores at the right time and the right amount.

Q: What will you miss most about TCU?

A: I'll miss my friends, how closely knit the school is and everything that's always going on around campus. I will miss a lot.

Q: What advice do you have for first-year students?

A: Take advantage of everything TCU has to offer. Be involved with groups and activities offered on campus, work hard in school, and just have fun because the four years go by faster than you think.

LAUREN HAWKINS Entrepreneurial Management

Q: What are you going to do after graduation?

A: I am going to try freelancing and working at professional blogging. I do a lot of freelancing already, like graphic design, photography and copy editing so I am going to work that into my own little business.



HAWKINS

Q: What did you want to do coming into TCU?

A: I went to the business school because I really liked the idea of doing micro-financing.

Q: What will you miss most about TCU?

A: The community at TCU is what I will miss the most. That, and there is just rampant opportunity here.

Q: What advice do you have for first year students?

A: My advice is just experimentation. So you be part of the business school but I really encourage you to branch out and try new things because often times you will think you know what you want but, in the end, that might not be where you want to be.

GARRETT ADAIR & NIK HALL Entrepreneurial Management



ADAIR



HALL

Q: What are you going to do after graduation?

A: Garret: There is no where online where you can find a custom gummy vitamin pack, so we started

VitaFive. We distribute online personally customized vitamin packs. We will have four to five interns over the summer working with us in two different locations. We've always had the drive to start our own thing. It's a lot of hard work but we have been doing it for over a year now.

Q: What did you want to do coming into TCU?

A: Nik: I think our goal, for both of us, was to run our own business out of school.

Garret: I didn't think it was going to happen because it seemed so hard to do so I was looking into investment banking when I first started.

Q: What advice do you have for first year students?

A: Garret: Anyone who wants to start a business, just go do it. It's possible.

Nik: Don't take a job just for the money. We both had opportunities to work at big jobs but we would be so much more unhappy if we weren't doing this.

WILLS HIRSCHBERG Accounting and Finance



HIRSCHBERG

Q: What are you going to do after graduation?

A: I'm moving to Seattle to work at microsoft. It's a two year program where I get a taste of each part of the business finance divisions. It could be accounting, finance or investment strategy. During those two years I'll find my long term home within the company.

Q: What will you miss most about TCU?

A: There's a lot to miss. Definitely the friends I made. Not just in the school, but through my fraternity and other groups around campus. That's what I like about TCU: that it's not too big, but it's also not too small.

Q: What advice do you have for first year students?

A: Keep your options open. Get involved with groups and use those experiences to diversify your opportunity.



Jack Jolliffe

CONGRATS, JACK!

Congratulations, Jack!!

We are so proud of you and can't wait to see where God leads you. We know that you will put a dent in the universe! Spread joy. Chase your wildest dreams and become a man of value!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kate and Morgan



Morgan Vienneau

CONGRATS, MORGAN!

Congratulations Morgan!!

We are so proud of you! You are a remarkable, hardworking young woman with a kind heart, and we are looking forward to seeing what this next chapter in your life will bring. We are blessed to have you in our lives.

Love you,
Mom and Dad

2016 presidential race

Student loan issue may hurt Cruz's appeal to millennials

By Will Weissert

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When Ted Cruz kicked off his White House bid at Liberty University, he told the crowd "y'all can probably relate" to the \$100,000-plus in student loan debt he ran up in college and paid off only a few years ago. Since then he's appealed for support from college seniors who are piled with student loans and scared about the prospects for getting out of debt.

But Cruz hasn't offered a plan to cut the cost of college and, in the Senate, opposed letting millions of Americans reduce their student loan payments. While working previously as a private lawyer in Houston, Cruz helped represent a lender who went to the Supreme Court to keep an Arizona man from avoiding interest payments on his student loans by filing for bankruptcy.

Cruz's half-sister, Roxana, borrowed about \$35,000 before graduating from medical school at Boston University in 1991, then defied years of court orders in two states before finally settling the case by paying more than \$64,000.

None of this helps the Texas senator's appeal with young voters. Many turned out for the Iowa



PATRICK SEMANSKY / ASSOCIATED PRESS

POLITICS Cruz makes personal appeals to today's soon-to-be college graduates who are worried about mountains of debt, but he hasn't offered a plan to cut the cost of college.

caucuses won by Cruz, but Republicans under 30 generally haven't voted in significant numbers in many states since then. On average Cruz has been supported by 27 percent of those under 30 across all states with exit polling, compared with 30 percent for Republican rival Donald Trump.

Student loans can be a thorny issue for candidates. Trump has offered few ideas for easing

student debt except to say the federal government shouldn't profit from such loans. Democrat Hillary Clinton came out last summer with a \$350 billion plan to make college more affordable, only to be widely mocked after she asked on Twitter: "How does your student loan debt make you feel? Tell us in 3 emojis or less." The other Democrat in the race, Bernie Sanders, has gone the furthest on the issue with an expensive plan for free college education.

Alessandra Gennarelli, a University of Texas sophomore who is co-chairwoman of Millennials for Cruz, says the candidate's own struggle with college debt helps people relate to him and she's not bothered that he doesn't have a plan to lower college costs. "The main thing is fixing the economy," she said.

Cruz wrote in his autobiography that he relied heavily on student loans in college at Princeton while working two jobs, making \$7.50 per hour at the campus video service and twice that at the tutoring company Princeton Review. Things got easier after he graduated from Harvard Law School. Before joining the Senate in 2013, Cruz was a private attorney in Houston where he made \$1.7 million in salary and bonuses during his final year.



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construction plans

Low oil prices affect funding for planned Spencer and Marlene Hays Business Commons

By Ali Montag
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When TCU announced plans to build a \$100 million expansion for the Neeley School of Business in 2014, crude oil cost more than \$90 a barrel. Now, it's around \$40.

That drop, and the resulting costs to alumni in the oil and gas industry, has been a reason why funding for the project has been slow, Chancellor Victor Boschini and Board of Trustees Chairman Clarence Scharbauer said.

"We still have people giving to TCU in record amounts, but they're just giving less than they would have if oil had been at \$60 instead of \$40," Boschini said.

The remodel to create the Spencer and Marlene Hays Business Commons began with a \$30 million donation from Emeritus TCU Trustee Spencer Hays and his wife

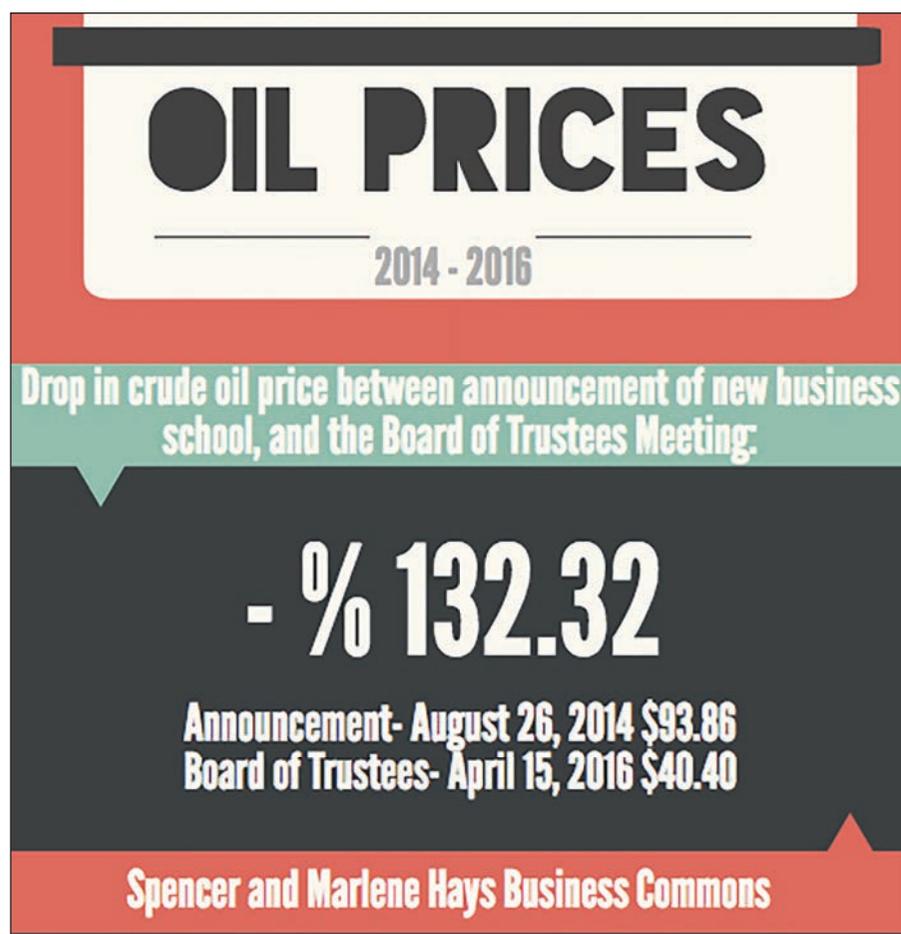
Marlene.

In the almost two years since the initial gift, TCU has raised a total of somewhere between \$35 and \$36 million dollars, Boschini said. The project is on hold until more funds are raised because the board predicates new projects on having the money before breaking ground.

Plans for the expansion include updating existing Neeley buildings and adding a central atrium, new offices, and an auditorium, according to the Neeley press release from 2014.

As for when the project can start, stakeholders are expecting oil prices to rise soon, Scharbauer said.

"The infinite wisdom of people I've talked to in the oil industry have said it'll be back in the 50's maybe the 60's by at least next year," Scharbauer said. "I promise you if we can get the price back up, those gifts will be bigger."



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CONSTRUCTION The recent drop in oil prices has resulted in slow funding for TCU projects.

CONGRATS GRADS!

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local food

Celebrating graduation with Fort Worth cuisine

By **Zoe Zabel**

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Fort Worth is known for its culturally good food, so where do you take Grandma who flew in from out of town expecting a Fort Worth dining experience?

You know the restaurants are going to be crowded, and making a reservation for your party of sixteen is going to be chaotic.

Consider this your dining guide to graduation: what restaurants take the latest reservations, what's worth the heavy price tag dinner and what restaurants can accommodate your large family.

The Texas Cuisine Experience

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Reata is located in Sundance Square and is well known for their Texas cuisine and southern atmosphere. You'll love their bacon crab stuffed jalapenos and their calamari. Leave room for dessert; their banana pudding is a house favorite.

Reata is good for big parties and Texas cuisine.

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restaurant when you can smell the bread just walking up. Tucked into the streets of Sundance Square, Taverna is known for their traditional Italian food. Their real pizza oven sits in the middle of the restaurant and is made to order. Other favorites on the menu include a variety of pasta dishes and risotto.

Taverna is good for Italian and requires reservations for big parties.

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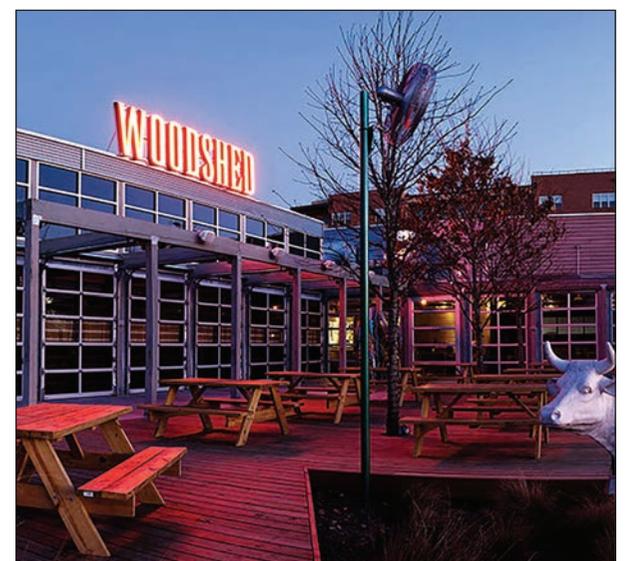
Piranha Killer Sushi is located in downtown Fort Worth. Their restaurant offers a quieter more relaxed atmosphere. It is better for a quiet dinner with a small group, although they do take large parties. They are known for their wide variety of rolls and fresh sushi rolls.

Piranha Killer Sushi is good for a quieter setting, downtown and requires reservations for smaller parties.

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weight loss

Former frog's transformation



DEAN STRAKA / THE 109

PURPLE MENACE PUBLISHER Billy Wessels also spends time working as a personal trainer at 24 Hour Fitness in Fort Worth.

By Dean Straka

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Twenty-nine-year-old Billy Wessels is no stranger to press row at TCU athletic events.

The publisher of Purple Menace, TCU's page for college athletic recruiting website Rivals.com, Wessels has been part of the game day media at the university for more than a decade.

Even though Wessels has excelled in writing since his days as a Horned Frog, he was previously weighed down in a completely different area of his life.

At a height of 6 feet 5-inches, Wessels weighed 450 pounds when he was a senior at the university. Within two years of graduating, he maxed out at 485 pounds.

"I don't know how I got so big, but I was just always the big guy when I was younger," Wessels said. "I look at pictures from when I was a student and I just realize that I was just a massive human being."

Though Wessels found himself in undesirable circumstances being overweight, his struggle set him up for an inspirational and triumphant future. His battle with weight would be forever changed when his grandfather died of cancer in February 2010.

"My grandfather and I were super close, and I want to have that same kind of relationship with my grandkids one day that he had with me," Wessels said. "Only thing is, it's really hard to have grandkids in the future when you are

only 24 years old and you're a cheeseburger away from being 500 pounds."

With his grandfather's death serving as a wake-up call on maintaining good health in order to live a long and fulfilling life, Wessels became motivated to make a major change.

"It was tough during that first year, and he was what really lit a fire in me. He was a World War II hero and we just had so much in common, so I wanted to do everything I could to be that all-American type of person he was," Wessels said. "That couldn't happen with my weight."

On February 20, 2011, the one-year anniversary of his grandfather's death, Wessels went to a 24 Hour Fitness in downtown Dallas. It was his first time working out in an attempt to lose weight.

"I was there on a treadmill for 20 minutes going 2 mph, and that was all I could do," Wessels said. "It was only two-thirds of a mile and I thought I was going to die."

However, the first time struggles would not outweigh Wessels' motivation, that was inspired by his late grandfather. Within a month after his short treadmill run, Wessels had lost 35 pounds. By February 2012, he had lost 80 pounds.

"It's all about consistency and forming a pattern, because if you keep it up, you're going to see results," Wessels said. "It's about not giving up."

Today, Wessels weighs only 275 pounds and works as a trainer at 24 Hour Fitness on Halloran Street near Interstate-30 in Fort Worth.

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retirement

Three longtime social work faculty set to retire



CLAYTON YOUNGMAN / TCU 360

RETIREMENT Harriet Cohen, Linda Moore and Tracy Dietz, all social work professors, are retiring this year. The three professors have a combined 74 years of service at TCU.

By Clayton Youngman

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In 1977, Linda Moore became the second employee hired by the TCU social work program.

She will retire just short of the 40-year milestone, along with almost half of the department of social work.

"Part of it is energy," Moore said. "For me, I am very excited to do things, but I don't always have the energy. It's part of the aging process that just pisses me off."

Moore, a professor and director of the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program, is one of three tenured faculty members retiring from the department this year. Associate Professors Tracy Dietz and Harriet Cohen are also leaving the department.

The three have worked at TCU for a combined 74 years: Moore (39), Dietz (24) and Cohen (11).

"It's a big loss for our department as far as seniority, wisdom, history and experience," said David Jenkins, chair of the department and director of the Master of

Social Work (MSW) program.

An impact overall

Moore was always a huge sports fan.

She remembers the year before she came to TCU -- the football team went 0-10. The Frogs went 1-9 her first year in the social work program.

"Students were cheering '2-4-6-8, score before we graduate,'" Moore said. She has had season tickets every year since she started in 1977.

Moore started the academic services program in the athletics department during the early 1980s. She said she worked with multiple student athletes with learning disabilities who hadn't been tested and weren't on track to get a degree.

"I wrote to the provost and athletics about my anger," she said. "The provost called me and said, 'What are you going to do about it?'"

In the early 90s, Moore instituted a project for her Macropractice class: change university policy.

"My greatest achievement: students got Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a holiday," Moore said. "No one

knows they did it, but it was a class project. They changed TCU policy in three months."

Study abroad experiences

Dietz and her husband had a 10-year plan for retirement. It took 11 because of the 2008 recession.

"We knew we wanted to retire early when we were still young," she said. "How we decided to do what we're going to do is really a TCU story."

Dietz started at TCU in 1992, working out of a "temporary building" that was more like a trailer, she said. A few years later, she took her first group of students on a summer study abroad trip to Guanajuato, Mexico.

During the trips, Dietz led students in community service in nursing homes, impoverished rural communities, schools and other areas of need. She said she "absolutely fell in love with the city and the people."

A long drive

For Cohen, it was the commute.

For 11 years, she has made the drive from Richardson to TCU. But in 2010, she was in a car accident and suffered a head injury.

"I have made great progress, but the drive is really hard on me cognitively," Cohen said. "I really had never expected to retire this early."

Cohen was an associate professor and director of the social work program at the University of North Texas before coming to TCU in 2005. One of the deciding factors in her decision to move was that TCU offered domestic partner benefits.

"Coming here as a Jewish lesbian and not sure exactly how I was going to be received...the whole environment here was so open and friendly, from the chancellor on down," she said.

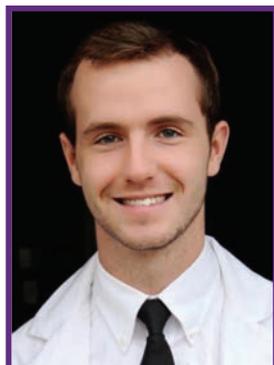
Working with students is one of the main aspects of TCU that Cohen will miss, she said.

"There are many students who over the years have given gifts to me...touched me professionally and personally by their struggles, by their questions, by their life experiences," she said. "And that will be a part of my life forever."

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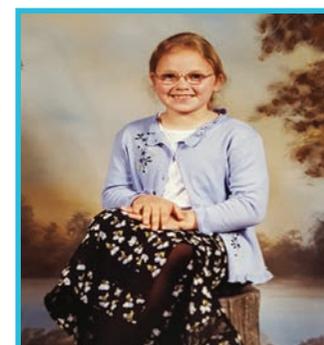


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Brittany Bernstein

graduate schools

New med school could be option for graduating seniors

By Abbey Block

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With 20 spots reserved for TCU graduates, the new joint medical school with the University of North Texas Health Science Center is proving to be attractive for seniors.

Dr. Matt Chumchal, director of the Pre-Health Professions Institute, said several students have talked with him about the school, which is expected to go online in fall 2018.

"I've heard students were planning on taking a gap year to build their experiences and they're learning that the timing is going to mesh with when the new school opens," Chumchal said. "They're expressing excitement about that."

Jacob Malmquist, a senior biology major who didn't get accepted into medical school for the upcoming fall, is hopeful that the new program will be a good fit for him.

After spring graduation, Malmquist said he's going to pursue a master's in biology while preparing to apply to the TCU program.

"Part of my desire to go to the TCU medical school would be to have a TCU education from



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ATTRACTION TCU announced in July of 2015 that it would be partnering with the University of North Texas Health Science Center to create a new medical school in Fort Worth.

beginning to end," Malmquist said. "I just fell in love with the TCU community."

Chumchal, who is serving on the school's admissions and recruitment committee, said the new school will combine the best aspects of both TCU and UNTHSC.

"They are already fantastic at medical education at the [UNT] Health Science Center, and

when you combine that with the liberal arts focus and the diverse interest areas that we have at TCU's campus, you can build something really special that doesn't exist in most places," Chumchal said.

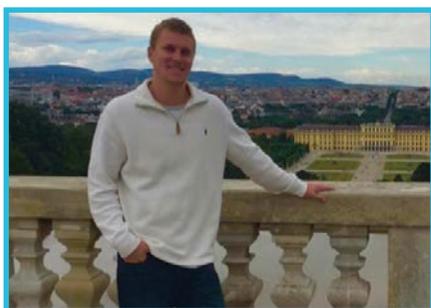
Besides science and clinical knowledge, students will develop communication skills, cultural competency and medical empathy through hands-on clinic work early in their education, Chumchal said.

"Everything is really being built to benefit the students and make them the best physician they can possibly be," he said. "That's really exciting and allows us to do some innovative and really neat things that are in the best interest of our students."

Chumchal said admission to the medical school will be competitive, so students should plan to apply to other medical schools as well.

Malmquist said he will take this advice, but he said he thinks he would be most comfortable attending the TCU and UNTHSC medical school.

"I think the union of both of those programs will create a more well-rounded, all-encompassing medical education," he said.

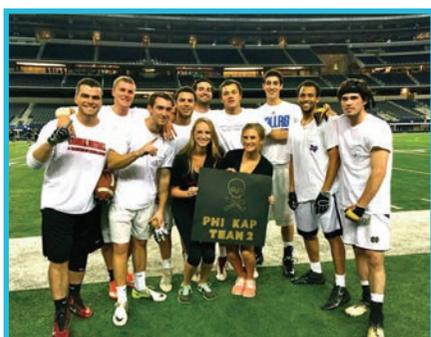


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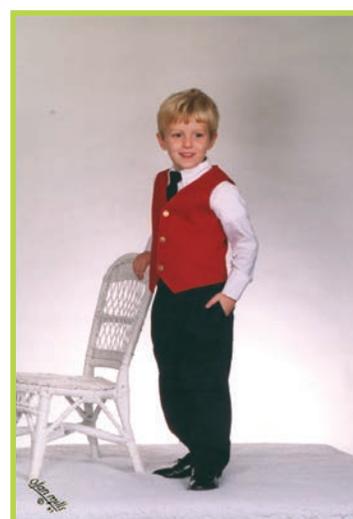
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campus event



TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

Organization hosts rally geared towards sexual assault survivors

By Kacey Bowen
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Shatter the Silence. Stop the Violence.

That was the goal for the intimate partner violence class last week. The class held the first "Take Back the Night" event, a national sexual assault awareness rally geared toward sexual assault survivors.

The event is meant to let survivors know they have a voice on campus, said Hunter Fischer, programming committee member and MC of the event.

Fischer said TCU has been trying to get Take Back the Night on campus for a while, and a group of students was finally able to get it started.

Fischer said it was impactful the group held the event in April, which is sexual assault awareness month.

She said having the event and speaking out against sexual assault is beneficial to the TCU community.

"It's helping those survivors feel empowered,"

Fischer said. "It's telling them it's not their fault, and it's more than what happened to them."

The event featured keynote speaker Dr. David Cozzens, associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of campus life.

"It's helping those survivors feel empowered. It's telling them it's not their fault and it's more than what happened to them."

HUNTER FISCHER
MC OF "TAKE BACK THE NIGHT"

The program also included a presentation called, "It's Not Your Fault." The presentation is similar to "More Than Words," an activity utilized at Frog Camps. "It's Not Your Fault" focuses on the idea of

addressing survivors and victims of sexual assault and letting them know they are not in the wrong, Fischer said.

After the presentation, two survivors shared their stories and offered a "speak out" for audience members to come forward and speak.

Fischer said, at first, she did not expect anyone to share during the speak out. But once people started participating, she was excited to see the chain reaction that started.

John David Walker IV said he found a lot of strength in this event because he was sexually assaulted in the past during his time at TCU.

"It allows me to come forward and find strength in this community," Walker said.

Fischer said one thing she has learned through this event is that it's not her fault. She said she has lived through multiple assaults, and now she gets to tell her story.

"I was excited for Take Back the Night," Fischer said. "But I had no idea I was going to be empowered like this." ■

new hire

Dean selected for John V. Roach Honors College

By Clayton Youngman
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The John V. Roach Honors College has a new dean.

Dr. Diane Snow, a professor of neuroscience at the University of Kentucky, has been selected as the college's new dean after an "extensive national search," according to an email from Provost Nowell Donovan.

Snow will take over for Interim Dean Sarah Robbins, a Lorraine Sherley Professor in Literature. Robbins, who took over as acting dean in 2014, was one of three finalists for the position.

"I greatly appreciate Sarah's commitment to strong, transparent and strategic planning," Donovan wrote. "Sarah's contributions add luster to the history of the College."

Snow, who has a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Case Western University, is the director of the honors program at the University of Kentucky. She is also the university's director of undergraduate research and holds an endowed chair in the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center, according to the email from Donovan.

Snow will take over as dean in August.



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THE NEXT DEAN Dr. Diane Snow, a professor of neuroscience at the University of Kentucky, will take over as dean of the John V. Roach Honors College in August.



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looking back

Three graduating seniors reflect on their favorite memories

By Kaylee Bowers

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When it comes to moving on, Dr. Seuss said it best: “Sometimes you will never know the value of something until it becomes a memory.”

Three graduating seniors, Gina Carbone, Duy Dang and Caleb Ashbrook, shared some of their favorite moments at TCU.

Carbone, a child development and psychology double major, said she is in love with the leadership center.

Coming from out of state her first year, she said she did not have many friends, so she went on a weekend leadership adventure for fall break. She proceeded to go on three more trips, and each has been a major highlight.

“You literally come in as strangers and you leave feeling like family,” Carbone said.

The adventures also developed valuable leadership skills that Carbone said will be used throughout her career.

Dang, a business information systems and computer science double major, said one of his best memories is the 10-day trip to Chile he took with the Neeley Fellows program.

Dang said that he never seriously considered going to South America before the other countries at the top of his traveling list.

“But with this program, it gave me the opportunity to go straight to Chile,” Dang said.

In addition to seeing another new country, Dang said he spent time with other students and some professors who knew the area well.

Along with multiple other people, Ashbrook



PHOTO COURTESY DUY DANG

EXPERIENCE Duy Dang (right) visited Chile with Neeley Fellows. Dang said this was one of his favorite memories at TCU.

agreed that last fall’s Baylor game was a highlight.

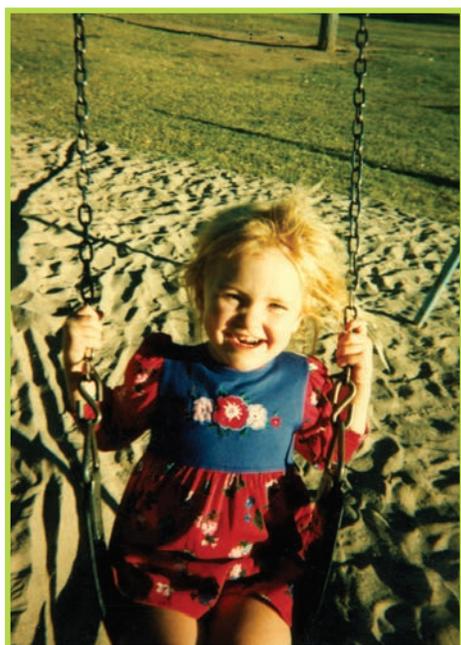
“I don’t think I ever want to be in the rain for another eight, nine hours again in my life, but storming the field and just being out there was the most incredible way to end my sports experience at TCU,” Ashbrook, a chemistry major, said.

Then it got even better with the TCU Oregon

game, Ashbrook said, but being present for the Baylor game was “awesome.”

Looking back, Ashbrook said it was easy to miss the big picture.

“My biggest recommendation is not to take anything for granted,” Ashbrook said. “Enjoy the struggle. Enjoy the highs and enjoy the lows.”



Kelsey Williams

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Congrats, Kelsey! It’s been such fun seeing you pursue your dreams at TCU these past FAST four years! We celebrate your accomplishments and look forward to what the future brings!

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fast food franchise

McDonald's testing preservative-free McNuggets



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I'M LOVING IT The world's biggest hamburger chain says it began testing the preservative-free McNuggets in March.

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NEW YORK — McDonald's says it is testing Chicken McNuggets that are made with no artificial preservatives as it works to revive its U.S. business.

The world's biggest hamburger chain says it began testing the new recipe in about 140 stores in Oregon and Washington in March.

It's the latest move by McDonald's to step up the quality of its food as it works to stage a turnaround of its business, which has lost customers in recent years. The company has conceded that

it failed to keep up with changing tastes and that it is looking at improving core menu items. Last week, it also said it is testing a version of its Big Mac that comes with bigger patties.

McDonald's did not provide details on what exactly is different about the new McNugget recipe, but said it is "simpler" and "parents can feel good" about it. Becca Hary, a McDonald's representative, noted that McNuggets are currently fried in oil that contains TBHQ, which is considered an artificial preservative.

The test reflects the sensitivities parents of young children in particular might have about

food ingredients. McDonald's has long marketed to families with its Happy Meals and Ronald McDonald mascot.

The McNugget test was first reported by Crain's Chicago Business.

As people pay closer attention to food labels, companies across the food and beverage industry have tweaked recipes to remove ingredients that may sound unappetizing.

Last year, for instance, McDonald's tweaked its grilled chicken recipe to remove ingredients people might not recognize. That change removed sodium phosphates, which McDonald's said was to keep chicken moist, in favor of vegetable starch. Maltodextrin, which it said was used to increase browning, was also removed.

Chicken McNuggets are delivered to stores frozen and currently contain a long list of ingredients, according to the McDonald's website, including sodium phosphates.

McDonald's said it is getting feedback from customers with the McNugget test, and did not say when it planned to launch the new recipe nationally.

Last week, McDonald's said sales rose 5.4 percent at established U.S. locations during the first three months of the year. The company did not say how much of that came from an uptick in customer visits. The results were boosted at least in part by higher pricing and the shuttering of underperforming stores.

McDonald's Corp., based in Oak Brook, Illinois, has more than 14,000 locations in the U.S.

McDonald's shares edged up 55 cents to \$128.26 in midday trading Wednesday.



Kate Hamel

CONGRATS, KATE!

Congratulations, Kate!

We are so very proud of you for your perseverance and determination over the past four years and your accomplishments as a scholar-athlete. We wish you the best as you begin your next adventure in life. Go Frogs!

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Jack, Molly and Bailey



Mara Frumkin

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Love,
Mom, Dad and Nathan

life & culture

Program helps individuals say goodbye to the gang life



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PROGRAM Members of the Comin' Up: Gang Intervention program get forklift training.

By Beth Griffith

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According to a report by the Texas Department of Public Safety, there are more than 4,600 gangs reported in Texas with more than 100,000 members.

According to the same report, DFW gang Tango Blast is the most prominent gang threat in Texas with many members in Fort Worth. The Fort Worth Boys and Girls Club has a program, Comin' Up: Gang Intervention, that serves more than 1,000 gang-involved youth between 13 and 24 years old in Fort Worth communities.

The program provides needs-based services and activities to reduce gang violence and influence positive change.

The story of the Comin' Up program

The last day of Juan Velasquez's junior year was one he said he'll never forget.

"I remember it, the last day of high school," Velasquez said. "I had a revolver pointed at my head and I was lucky he didn't shoot."

It sounds like a scene from a movie, but for Velasquez, staring into steel came with the territory... another day in the life of a gang member.

Velasquez could've been another gangbanger caught in the perpetual cycle of drugs, gangs, and prison. Instead, Velasquez shifted course and found a way out of the streets and into a job. Velasquez is one success story of Fort Worth's gang-involved youth who are working to find a way out.

Living in the shadows

They're easy to miss. You might not even know they're still around. They live and operate somewhere in the shadow of the city's cowtown culture, but gangs are just as present today as they were in the bloody summer of '93.

identified by the Fort Worth Police Department Gang Section. Those gangs embrace over 12,500 members in Fort Worth alone, according to the report.

Nestled deep in the crevices of the city are Fort Worth's hoods, where the colors that matter are the ones you wear.

The Fort Worth hoods, covering south of Interstate 30 and east of Interstate 35W, often get overlooked by Dallas, but sections spanning across Stop Six to South Side are putting on for "Funky Town."

At the heart is South Side, with areas of Agg Land and Hoova Land, or the old Terrell Heights community. You have Como after Terrell Heights. Then Stop Six, the stomping ground for Bloods. Riverside and Polywood (Poly) host the Latin Kings, HCs and Crips. The Four Trey Gangsta Crips, Murdaworth Mexicanz, and Tango Blast run Northside, to name a few.

In the late '80s and early '90s drugs ran the city and gangs ran the drugs. The Stop Six Bloods, EastWood Pirus and Hoovers in South Side put Fort Worth on the map, earning the city the title "MurdaWorth." During the summer of '93 the gangbanging body count reached well over 60, according to an officer's report in a '99 Star-Telegram article.

The gang culture across the nation has widely changed since the '90s. There's less violent animosity over turf. Once rival gangs, like Bloods and Crips, can be seen working alongside each other. There's a smaller culture of all-out violence and more focus on blending in, making music, and conducting business behind the scenes.

Lori Cooper works at the Boys and Girls Club Poly location. She's a director of the Comin' Up: Gang Intervention program, which helps gang-involved youth get off the streets at night and gain education and job skills.

One of the largest changes in gang culture, though, is age. Gangs are recruiting younger and younger. Gangs that used to be cultivated in prison and high

The 2015 Texas Department of Public Safety Gang Threat Assessment reported more than 5,600 gangs in Texas with over 100,000 active members. The DFW area has one of the highest gang concentrations in the state and more than 260 gangs have been

schools are now being built on the playground.

A way to survive

Some choose the gang life, and for others, the gang life chooses them. For Velasquez, and so many others, there's no choice at all.

Many kids grow up with a support system. They have the crust cut off their bologna sandwiches. They're focused on getting good grades and ruling the playground. For Velasquez, it was different.

Velasquez was born in Mexico. His family illegally immigrated to America when he was five and transplanted themselves in Fort Worth's Northside neighborhood. School was a fundamental problem.

With a father that was constantly gone for work, Velasquez looked to the Northside community to be his family.

Velasquez joined a gang when he was a child and by sixth grade he was a dealer with a criminal record. Growing up, it was more than making easy money. It was survival, Velasquez said.

For young initiates, the stories are all similar, but for the kids at Stop Six, Riverside, Northside, and Poly, they couldn't feel more alone.

For some boys in Stop Six, like Velasquez, initiation into a gang is almost a birthright.

One boy, who requested to remain anonymous, said he became a Blood when he was 12.

Velasquez got arrested for selling weed and did a short stint in Kimbo (a nickname for Fort Worth's juvenile detention center) while he was in sixth grade.

While it's common to go on "vacation" for a stay at Kimbo, death is something the youth know far too well.

Comin' Up

As an escape and a safe haven, Velasquez and the boy from Stop Six, along with around 1,000 other gang-involved youth in the city, turn to the Fort Worth Boys and Girls Club Comin' Up: Gang Intervention Program.

The program is in partnership with the city of Fort Worth to provide need-based services and activities to help reduce gang violence.

He joined the program two and a half years ago and goes to the Stop Six location almost every day that he can. Since joining the program he's gotten a job and has held employment for 90 days.

The Comin' Up program gives kids from 13 to 25 a place to get off the street and gain their GED and job skills like forklift training and other certifications. During group sessions they talk about real-world issues like drugs, sex, civil unrest, and more.

The Comin' Up program has locations in all the major hoods. Each location serves different gangs, but the results are similar. Gang-involved youth are standing on their own and creating a name for themselves.

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business

New company focuses on community, improving life

By Elizabeth Campbell
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To someone passing by, the apartments at 5200 E. Lancaster look nothing but average: two stories, black doors and a black railing around the sides. There may even be children playing in the common grass area in the center of the complex.

But it wasn't always like this.

"The police was out here everyday," said a resident who asked her name not be used. "Literally every day. A lot of people wanted to do drugs."

Enter 4D Circle: a new company focused on bringing people, businesses and natural resources together in order to make more profitable properties and improve the quality of life for the residents.

"We find that if we put them all together they do better as a whole than apart," 4D circle CEO Mant Hawkins said. "If you make life better for people and make it more affordable for them, they've more receptive to what business has to say and what we're trying to do."

Hawkins said his organization tries to achieve this by finding properties that have the most potential to increase profitability and increase the standard of living for the residents.

They find these properties by using layers and layers of data, Hawkins said. These properties are usually found in what Hawkins calls the "metropolitan zone," the area between the business district of the city and the suburbs.

4D Circle then works to make the buildings more efficient through projects like repairing water pipes or fixing leaky windows.

The property on Lancaster had a water leak that no one could find when 4D Circle bought the property; however, Hawkins said they were able to find and repair the leak by running a video camera through the pipes. After the pipe was fixed, Hawkins said less water was being wasted, decreasing tenants' water bills.

Hawkins said they then pass out these extra profits

to lower the cost of living for tenants and increase returns for investors. They also focus on improving the quality of life by partnering with nonprofits in the area.

One way is through having nonprofits visit the properties. During an event at the Lancaster apartments Saturday, representatives from The Women's Center of Tarrant County, Martin Luther King Jr. Neighborhood Center, the City of Fort Worth's Community Action Partners and Goodwill offered residents information on programs and services they provided.

"We just want to be a resource for people who live in the complex so they can know more about our services and what we have to offer," Goodwill employee PaulAnn Paterson said. "We love doing events like this."

Those services include retail services, job hunting skills (such as resume reviews or practice interviews) and their special veteran assistance program, Paterson said.

For the City of Fort Worth Community Action partners, their similar goals is what drew them to their partnership with 4D Circle.

"The concept that they have about changing inner city, low income housing to being energy efficient to allow people to have reasonable rent, to provide resources to me was a no brainer," Marie Francis, a Human Services Coordinator at City of Fort Worth, said. "We had to partner because that's what we do. We try to transition people out of poverty."

In addition to partnering with non profits, 4D Circle works with the Fort Worth Police and Fire Departments.



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UPGRADE Lancaster has been improving thanks to 4D Circle, a new company focused on improving resident life.

According to data from the FWPD, crime against property decreased by 56 percent and crime against society decreased by 50 percent at the Normont Circle property a year after 4D acquired the property.

"They [tenants] normally only see police officers in the worst of situations so they lose the idea that police officers are here to serve," Hawkins said. "We're trying to build trust so that we can increase engagement and help each other in what we're trying to do."

The company is looking to expand their business model. Hawkins said they are buying two more properties in Fort Worth in the coming month along with an office building in Oklahoma City.

"We really want to try and get quick wins that mean a lot to people so we can tell our story," Hawkins said.

A story a resident from the Lancaster apartments said she is happy to be a part of.

"I love the changes since it's safe for my kids now," she said. "Now it's people that want to help you and want to be people in life."

CONGRATULATIONS, **KELCIE!**

Congratulations Kelcie! We are so very proud of you and all of your hard work and achievements! Looking forward to your future journey!

Love,
Your family



Kelcie Daelynn Willis

CONGRATULATIONS, **JEANNIE!**

Grab life with both hands JEANNIE! Follow your dreams. Do what you love and love what you do!

Proud hugs,
Mom and Dad

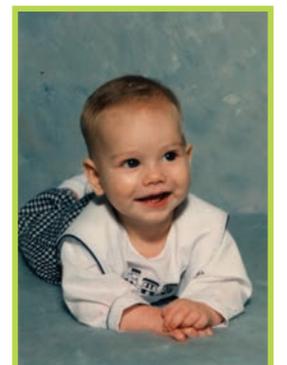


Jeannie Murdoch

CONGRATULATIONS, **James**

Congratulations, James! As you begin life's next exciting chapter, know that we are always beside you with our love, prayers and blessings.

Mom and Dad



James Glunt

college guidance

Guide to Survival

Four graduating seniors share advice to incoming students



PHOTO COURTESY MEREDITH TRANK

MEMORIES Meredith Trank (bottom left) encourages students to not be afraid or embarrassed to fail. Trank said no one is perfect

By Kaylee Bowers
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College is different for everyone, but one thing stays the same: no one immediately knows what works best.

Four graduating seniors offered advice to incoming students to help them navigate.

Theater major Linzey Weden said not to chase a 4.0 GPA.

“Don’t stress about grades because when you’re applying for jobs, 4.0’s don’t matter,” Weden said.

She said making friends and memories, especially at first, is more important than “sitting at home by yourself.”

Meredith Trank, a psychology and religion double major, said not to be discouraged when failure comes.

“Don’t be afraid to fail or be embarrassed,” Trank said. “If you apply for something and you don’t get it, try again next year.”

TCU has a culture of “hyper-involvement,” and it’s

easy to think everyone does everything perfectly, Trank said.

No one is perfect, Trank said, and “everybody has failed at something, so you’re not alone.”

Robert Leonard, a biology major, said to be involved in as many different groups and extracurricular activities as possible because they can teach lessons that carry over into the “real world.”

“My involvements made me a better person—better time management, good at learning how to handle responsibility and things that change on the fly,” he said.

Being able to work around the unexpected and to be flexible are especially important traits for the future, Leonard said.

Rachel Land, a sports broadcasting major, said to be kind to everyone you meet and go out of your comfort zone because people have stories you would never hear otherwise.

Land also said to use TCU’s resources, including the Career Services center, Writing Center and Counseling Center. ■

military service

National Guard students ordered to help Texas

By Hank Kilgore
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Sometimes, duty calls — even for students.

Students who are in the National Guard have been ordered to assist the state of Texas in search and rescue missions due to severe weather forecasts, according to an email from Marion Donaldson, Campus Life administrative assistant. An upcoming round of thunderstorms in could produce hail, tornadoes and flooding across the state, according to the National Weather Service.

Donaldson wrote to TCU faculty that these students were granted a university absence and were “ordered to report immediately.”

“In the highest American tradition, the patriotic men and women of the National Guard serve voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession,” Donaldson wrote. “Keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they serve and protect us.”

Sixteen students who had been ordered to assist were listed in the email. It’s not yet clear when those students will return.



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MEMORIES TCU Army ROTC cadets learn basic drill and ceremony techniques at one of the required ROTC labs.

CONGRATULATIONS, MICAH!

Way to go Micah! We are all very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and
Siblings

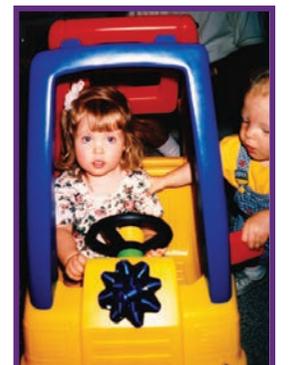


Micah Lambert

CONGRATULATIONS, LAUREN!

We’re so proud of you, Lauren! We look forward to seeing what God has planned for your future! We love you!

Mom and Dad



Lauren Schultz

what about v.bo?

Chancellor Boschini prepares for spring commencement



By Kat Matthews
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Graduation is coming. The graduating seniors are getting prepared to walk across the stage, shake Chancellor Boschini's hand, and receive the piece of paper representing all of the hard work leading up to that final day.

Graduates are busy studying for finals, attending appointments, and trying to finish the long stretch of the race to graduation. But what about the man standing on stage, shaking hands with all of those hard-working students? What does he do?

Meet Chancellor Victor Boschini. He has worked for the TCU community since 2003, as the University's 10th Chancellor, and still teaches a freshman course in education.

So what does the 10th Chancellor of TCU do to prepare for Graduation?

"Mostly I sign the 2000 degrees that will be given to students when they walk across that stage," Boschini said.

2000 degrees, maybe even more. In increments of about 200 degrees each, Chancellor Boschini signs each individual student's degree.

This year is a little different than usual for Chancellor Boschini and everyone else, however.

"This year we're having three commencement ceremonies," Boschini said. "There are so many students graduating that we needed to divide the ceremonies up."

Boschini said the three ceremonies could be a downside for students. The more ceremonies mean smaller sizes of graduates in each ceremony.

Boschini said even though the graduating ceremony sizes are smaller, students should remember who graduation is for: their families.

The bigger the class sizes are, the more people will be attending graduation. Boschini said that if a large number of students are in one ceremony, the stadium might not have enough room for everyone the students want to invite.

"I would hate to have to sell tickets to graduation," Boschini said. "But the stadium only fits so many people and we don't want to limit the number of people each student can bring."

Whether or not the graduates appreciate the smaller graduation ceremonies, Chancellor Boschini will be waiting on stage to congratulate each person on their hard work and on their graduation.

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PREPARATION Chancellor Boscini prepares for the upcoming graduation ceremonies.

CONGRATULATIONS, KAYLA!

We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. We always knew you would go far in life because you have amazing drive and tenacity. Good luck on all your future endeavors and adventures!

Love you,
Mom and Dad



Kayla Stallings

charges

Former House speaker sentenced to more than a year in prison

By Michael Tram

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Dennis Hastert, the Republican who for eight years presided over the House and was second in the line of succession to the presidency, was sentenced Wednesday to more than a year in prison in the hush-money case that revealed accusations he sexually abused teenagers while coaching high school wrestling.

The case makes the former speaker one of the highest-ranking American politicians ever sentenced to prison. The visibly angry judge repeatedly rebuked the 74-year-old before issuing the 15-month sentence, telling him that his abuse devastated the lives of victims and would probably make it harder than ever for parents to trust other adults with their children.

"If Denny Hastert could do it, anyone could do it," U.S. District Judge Thomas M. Durkin said. "Nothing is more stunning than to have the words 'serial child molester' and 'speaker of the House' in the same sentence."

As he did for much of the hearing, Hastert sat unmoving in a wheelchair, peering over the top of his eyeglasses, his hands folded before him.

Earlier this month, prosecutors went into graphic detail about the sex-abuse allegations, even describing how

Hastert would sit in a recliner in the locker room with a direct view of the showers. The victims, prosecutors said, were boys between 14 and 17. Hastert was in his 20s and 30s.

When the judge asked if Hastert wanted to make a statement, Hastert pushed himself up, grabbed a walker and moved slowly to a podium.

He added: "They looked up to me, and I took advantage of them."

Hastert pleaded guilty last fall to violating banking law as he sought to pay \$3.5 million to someone referred to in court papers only as Individual A to keep the sex abuse secret.

The judge devoted many of his remarks to describing how Hastert lied to FBI agents when they first approached him about the massive cash withdrawals. Hastert told investigators that Individual A was making a bogus claim of sex abuse to extort him for money.

"Accusing Individual A of extortion was unconscionable," Durkin said. "He was a victim (of abuse) decades ago and you tried to make him a victim again."

Prosecutors have described the payments as something akin to an out-of-court settlement. Individual A wanted to bring in lawyers and put the agreement in writing, but it was Hastert, authorities said, who refused to involve

anyone else.

Hastert, the judge said, thought he could use his elevated status to make federal investigators believe his lie.

While the maximum sentence available for the banking violation was five years in prison, federal guidelines recommended probation to six months in prison. Judges rarely go outside the guidelines and usually do so only when the behavior underlying the crime — in this case sex abuse — is especially egregious.

In addition to the prison term, the judge also ordered Hastert to undergo sex-offender treatment, spend two years on supervised release from prison and pay a \$250,000 fine to a crime victims' fund.



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IMPACT Dennis Hastert was sentenced to more than a year in prison in the hush-money case which included accusations that he sexually abused teenagers while coaching high school wrestling.

CONGRATULATIONS, **ABIGAIL!**

You did it, Abigail! You've accomplished an amazing goal! We're convinced Jesus will lead you to more great achievements! You are a wonderful woman of integrity, virtue, intelligence, humor, and beauty. The love in your heart, the mischief in your eye and the graciousness in your manner will propel you well into God's plan for your life. We are so proud of you!

**All our love...and then some,
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high school academics

12th graders' math scores drop, reading scores are flat

By Jennifer Kerr
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — It's not a promising picture for the nation's high school seniors — they are slipping in math, not making strides in reading and only about one-third are prepared for the academic challenges of entry-level college courses.

Scores released Wednesday from the so-called Nation's Report Card show one-quarter of 12th-graders taking the test performed proficiently or better in math. Only 37 percent of the students were proficient or above in reading.

The average math score on the test last year was 152, down from 153 in 2013, the last time the test was given. It marks the first drop in math in a decade. For reading, scores were flat over the same period of time, and down five points from more than two decades ago when the test was first given to students in 1992.

Education Secretary John B. King, Jr., says schools have undergone "some of the most significant changes in decades" as teachers retool their classroom practices to adapt to new and higher standards.

"We know the results of those changes will not be seen overnight, so we need to be patient — but not passive — in continuing to pursue the goal of preparing all students for success after high school," King said.

Since 2009, more than 40 states have adopted the Common Core learning standards, which outline skills students should learn and know in math and reading by the end of each grade. They emphasize critical thinking, with less of a focus on memorization.

Peggy Carr, acting commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics, which administers the test, said the report suggests a pattern in scores for reading that needs a closer look. "There is a gap, a widening of a gap of higher and lower ability students, and I think that's something we need to think about," said Carr.



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ACADEMICS According to Nation's Report Card high school seniors have been slipping in math.

Reading scores increased for the highest-performing students last year, up two points for the highest group of performers on the test; and down six points from 2013 for the lowest-performing seniors. Math scores saw no significant difference over two years for the highest group of test-takers, but declined for the group of students at the bottom.

Bill Bushaw, executive director of the National Assessment Governing Board, said the scores are disappointing.

"We're not making the academic progress that we need to so that there's greater preparedness for post-secondary, for work, for military participation. These numbers aren't going the way we want," Bushaw said.

The report estimates about 37 percent of students, for both reading and math, scored well enough to be considered likely to possess the knowledge and skills to be academically prepared for college-level work. That is not much different than how well-prepared seniors were in 2013, the last time the tests were given.

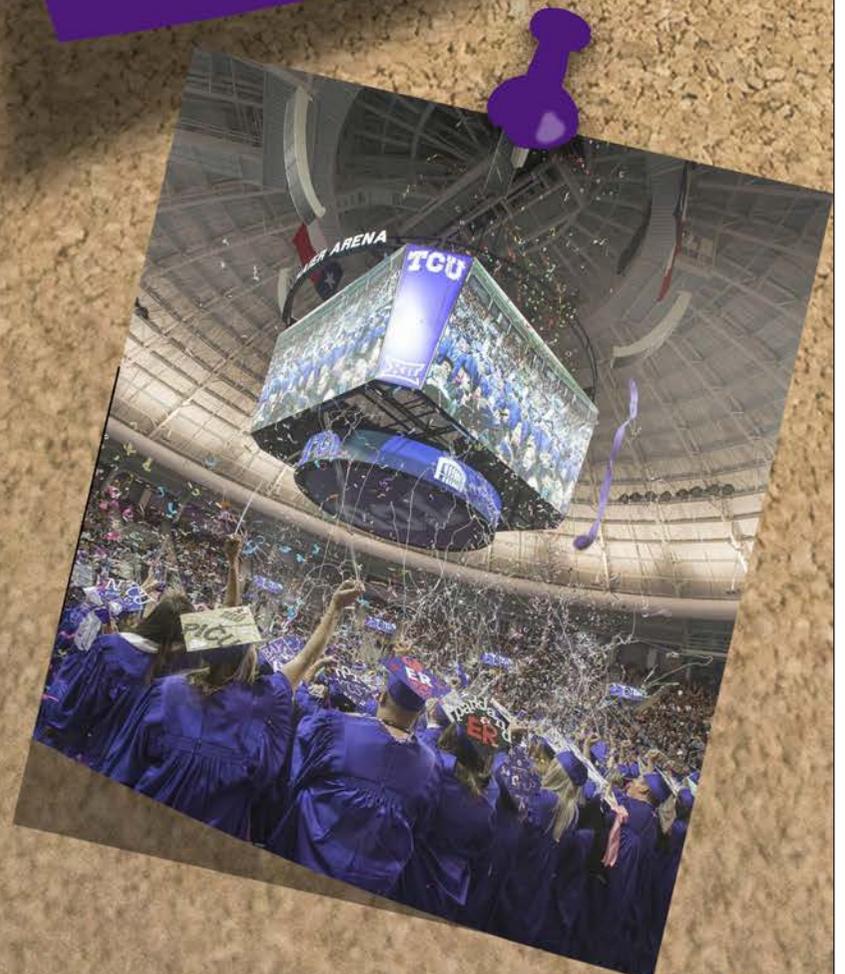
The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is considered a national yardstick by which to measure student achievement. The math test was given last year to about 13,200 twelfth-graders in public and private schools. About 18,700 students took the reading test.

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journey

Graduating senior follows new path to graduate school



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A STUDENT'S JOURNEY Devin Reeves (left) stands with Christopher Harms in front of the TCU Christmas tree. Reeves will study art therapy at Southwestern College in Santa Fe, New Mexico

By William Konig
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Graduate school can be a tough but rewarding experience; however, for senior psychology major Devin Reeves, it can be the gateway to her dream job.

In September, Reeves will be attending Southwestern College in Santa Fe, New Mexico to study art therapy.

Reeves says she is going to grad school because it is essential in her field to be licensed.

According to the American Art Therapy Association, "Art therapists use art media to help people resolve conflicts and problems, develop interpersonal skills, manage behavior, reduce stress, increase self-esteem and self-awareness, and achieve insight."

Dr. Cathy Malchiodi, an art therapy educator, said, "art therapy is a modality for self-understanding, emotional change and personal growth."

For Reeves, she found art therapy fascinating when first shown how it worked.

"I have always loved art, and once I experienced it first hand, I said 'I can do this,'" says Reeves.

Reeves says that she has always wanted to help people and this was a good way to do it.

The Art Therapy Journal website said that many therapists believe that art creation by their patients improves the communication between them.

Reeves said that her ideal job is to be an art therapist.

Applying for grad school can be a very stressful task for some people but Reeves offers advice for those who need to apply for grad school.

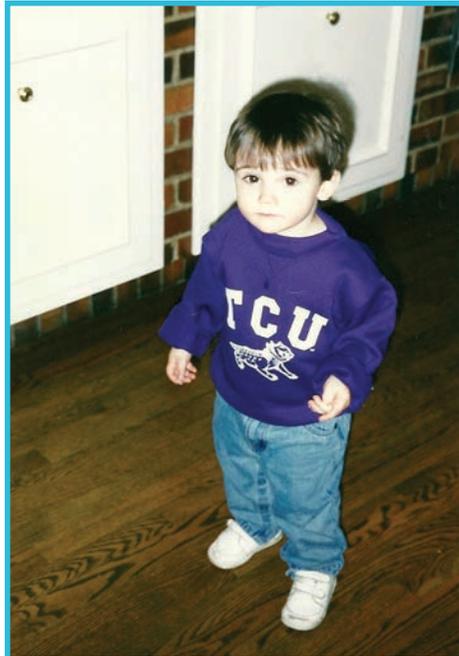
She said that she had an organized folder containing important dates and deadlines for each school she was applying to.

The last piece of advice that Reeves left was to "be honest in your application because being genuine goes a long way."



SWEET EMOTIONS COUNSELING CENTER

WORK OF THERAPY The two photos are examples of creations by the Sweet Emotions Counseling Center. Art therapists use art media to help resolve conflicts.



Nelson Costello

CONGRATS, NELSON!

NELSON, we are so proud of you and what you have accomplished in four years at TCU. You were destined to be a Frog! Good luck and remember you're never too old to sing the fight song! "RIF, RAM, BAH ZOO!"

Love,
Mom and Dad, Chloe and Wesley



Lauren Ere Clemence

CONGRATS, LAUREN!

Congratulations Lauren! We believe God has amazing plans for you and TCU has prepared you for the path into the world. Open your heart and keep your eyes wide open to what life has to offer.

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Max, Grace, Holly and Lil Man!

wild animal custody

Dangerous animals fail to be widely tracked in some areas

By Jordan Rudner, The Texas Tribune
TEXASTRIBUNE.ORG

The baby tiger, who weighs just over a hundred pounds, doesn't belong to Cody Tibbitts.

It also doesn't belong roaming the streets of Conroe — which is precisely what it did after Tibbitts left it, unsecured, at a friend's house amid last week's floods.

"It's not mine, legally — it's someone else's, legally," Tibbitts told KHOU-TV on Saturday. "We just don't know who has the paperwork."

When Tibbitts, worried about rising waters, decided to leave the Houston area on Thursday, he claims he arranged for a "transporter" to take the tiger back to her original owner, "to see if he could house her, for, you know, X amount of days, until I could get her back." But no one showed up, and the tiger named Nahla quickly took to the streets, still wearing her collar and leash.

"I think a gate was opened, or — I don't really know," said Tibbitts, who could not be reached for comment for this story.

The Humane Society of the United States has offered to take Nahla to an animal sanctuary, but Katie Jarl, the Texas state director, says she hasn't heard back from Conroe police. It's unclear who currently has custody of the tiger — that same police department did not return multiple calls from The Texas Tribune on Monday. Eventually, a judge will decide where the tiger belongs.

In the meantime, it's not even clear whether a crime was committed. Keeping a tiger as a pet is illegal in Conroe, according to city ordinances,



PHOTO COURTESY CONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ON THE LOOSE Animal control officers in Conroe, Texas captured a young female tiger wandering the streets on April 21 after flooding in the Houston area.

but perfectly fine in Montgomery County, which surrounds the city. If the tiger's true owner lives outside the city limits, the Conroe regulations may not have teeth.

The whole debacle has unearthed a unique complication: There are few statewide regulations regarding "dangerous wild animals." That category, according to the Texas Health and Safety Code, includes lions, tigers and bears, as well as cheetahs, hyenas and gorillas. For the most part, it's up to individual counties and municipalities to decide whether to ban such animals. State law simply requires that owners

alert their local animal control offices so that they can be prepared if the animals escape.

Skip Trimble, who sits on the board of directors for the Texas Humane Legislation Network, which advocates for the humane treatment of animals, said most of his organization's efforts are focused on making sure even that basic requirement isn't overturned.

"We've been more or less fighting bad bills rather than creating anything new," Trimble said, adding that the one existing regulation about notifying local animal control "has not been very well enforced."

In the last few legislative sessions, some lawmakers have sought to tighten regulations — something Trimble's group would welcome. State Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City, authored one bill in 2015 requiring dangerous animals be registered with the state, and another in 2013 banning individuals from owning or selling dangerous animals in counties or municipalities with populations greater than 75,000 people. Neither bill made it out of committee.

Jarl, the state director of the Humane Society of the United States, said the patchwork nature of laws regulating ownership leaves the door open for accidents — especially in heavily populated areas where an animal who is properly registered with one animal control office might get loose and catch another area's officers unaware.

"We have no database. We do not know where these animals are kept," Jarl said. "... The truth is, we have absolutely no way to prove the scope of this problem because we do not know where these tigers are."



Breanne Nichole Ball

CONGRATS, BREANNE!

It's Graduation Day!
Where did the time go?

It was only yesterday,
That you wore that giant bow!

Now you are grown,
Heading out into the world.

Just remember we love you,
And you will always be our little girl.

All our love,
Mom and Dad



Lindsey Lambert Green

CONGRATS, LINDSEY!

Congratulations on your achievements! We are so proud of you! Go forward with confidence and follow your dreams! Your caring heart will take you far in nursing and beyond. Always remember that God has the perfect plan for you.

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2016 films

Underdogs in summer movies include originality, opportunity

By Jake Coyle

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NEW YORK — Hollywood's summer, which kicks off with the fittingly combative "Captain America: Civil War," will be a season of struggle: for box office, for originality and for opportunity.

More than ever, the big tent of summer moviegoing is held up by a forest of tentpoles stretching from May to August. The swelling size of the summer movie has turned the season into a game of survival. The possibility of bombing lurks as an ever-present threat, testosterone often dominates in front of and (especially) behind the camera, and few non-sequel, non-reboot films dare to compete.

Box office and stress levels run high in equal measure.

"It's a different landscape than 2002 when the first 'Bourne' movie came out," says Matt Damon, who returns to the franchise in Paul Greengrass' "Jason Bourne" (July 29). "It's like a high-stakes poker game that I don't want to be in. The swings are just so brutal. Ben (Affleck) just opened 'Batman v Superman' a few weeks ago. Everyone around him and in his life was nervous about it. You feel less a sense of exultation when they do well and more a sense of relief because the bets are so big now."

This season is particularly risk-averse. Out of the 33 films coming from the major studios, only 12 aren't a sequel, reboot or based on an already popular property, such as a videogame or best-seller. Take comedy and horror out of the equation and you're left with just a handful of originals. One of them is Jodie Foster's "Money Monster" (May 13), a thriller about a brash financial news pundit taken hostage on the air, starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts.

Foster's film is doubly rare. She's one of only two female filmmakers helming major studio releases this

summer. Though equality remains a year-round issue for the movie business, the constricted summer months can reveal Hollywood at its most retrograde.

"It's interesting to me that the studio system still sees women as a risk," says Foster, who wonders if women ultimately even want to inherit some of the kinds of films that dominate the summer. "There are movies that are part of the system we may not be that interested in embracing. I think that more women in the film business will look slightly different than it's looked in the past for men."

Paul Feig's "Ghostbusters" reboot (July 15) was met by a backlash from some corners of the Internet that took offense to a new, female-led version starring four of the funniest comedic performers around: Melissa McCarthy, Kristin Wiig, Kate McKinnon and Leslie Jones. With that lineup, Feig relishes heading into "the big guns of summer."

"To put out a movie like this in the heart of tentpole season when it's all these big movies out there, I find it very exciting because a lot of these movies are very male driven, even though they have some great female characters in them," Feig says. "But to have this be about four incredibly funny people who just happen to be women, I think that's really exciting."

This summer includes a number of anticipated sequels ("Finding Dory," "Star Trek Beyond," "Alice Through the Looking Glass"), the expected superhero films ("Civil War," "Suicide Squad," "X-Men: Apocalypse") and some less likely resurrections ("The Legend of Tarzan," "Ben-Hur," "Independence Day: Resurgence").

Recent history is clear: These will be among the summer's biggest hits. Last summer (the second biggest ever with nearly \$4.5 billion in box office), seven of the top 10 movies were remakes, sequels or came from a comic book. Ditto for four of the top five movies so far in 2016.

health

Mental Health Channel launches new outlet

By Hannah Gibson

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It's about time we started treating mental health like physical health said co-founder and executive producer of the Mental Health Channel.

Hosted by Student Affairs as a guest speaker, Jeff Fraley visited the TCU campus Tuesday evening and held a screening of two episodes from his MHC and PBS series "Stories of the Mind" in the Betsy and Steve Palko Hall auditorium.

"If we can improve mental health in this country by acknowledging it in the same way we do physical health," Fraley said. "We can all reach a higher quality of life. Everyone can benefit from better mental health."

As a filmmaker and producer, Fraley said he aims to move society in this direction by creating a resource accessible to everyone using the largest distribution model available: the Internet.

Launched in May 2015, the Mental Health Channel is



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CLIMBING THE CHARTS The Mental Health channel was launched in May 2015 as the first online channel dedicated to Mental Health.

the first online channel dedicated to mental health through a series of 120 short documentary episodes.

The channel's primary mission is to mainstream the conversation of mental health by eliminating the stigma that mental health means mental illness.

TCU Director of Counseling and Mental Health Linda Wolszon said the two episodes Fraley screened from the "Stories of the Mind" series, one about sleep deprivation and one about life transitions, were fitting

for the end of the semester.

"Especially with finals being right around the corner, I think all students could benefit from a tool like this," Wolszon said.

Along with the screenings, a presentation by "Okay to Say" took place at the event. The grassroots movement strives to encourage Texans to talk more openly about mental health and feel comfortable seeking treatment, Fraley said. Junior Paige Adlhoch was in attendance and said she believes there's a stigma associated with mental health, especially among students.

"I do feel like when most people are having a mental health issue they don't want to talk about it," Adlhoch said. "Even if it's something small like feeling overly anxious about an exam one day, people want the world to see them as having everything under control."

In fact, according to the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, 9 in 10 Texans think it is harder for people to talk about a mental health condition than a physical condition.

commentary

Opinion: Review of Allen West's Appearance at TCU

By Jack Hills

Jack A. Hill, Ph.D. is a Professor of Religion at TCU and teaches a range of courses with an emphasis on social ethics.

Representative West's "talk"—billed on numerous posters around campus as "Ending Radical Islamic Terrorism"—was vintage right-wing rhetoric about a perspective on foreign policy framed rather narrowly in terms of "self" and "the enemy." As one questioner (Professor Dennis) noted, the speaker then conveniently avoided talking about the "self" part, and focused entirely on "the enemy"—which was characterized in terms of state and non-state actors. Regarding the latter, Mr. West quickly read a list of several so-called "Islamic Jihadist Groups" as epitomizing "the enemy." Finally, the speaker summarized the usual 4-fold litany of neo-con strategies to defeat the enemy. That was basically it.

Yes, we can probably all agree that some of the groups mentioned do represent common enemies. The problem is—as several questioners tried to get acknowledged—the implied relationship...by the use of the term "Jihadist"...between these "terrorist enemies" and Islam as a faith tradition. In my understanding, in the Qur'an, "jihad" pertains primarily to "spiritual striving." In a few contexts it also has a more aggressive connotation that pertains to a right of self-defense. Significantly, the right of self-defense is in fact enshrined

in the Christian just war tradition. In any event, it is a stretch to even suggest that a group such as IS practices jihad in either case, even though some actors in the IS movement have claimed otherwise. All of us might have gained greater insight by also focusing on "the enemy" within, rather than simply projecting an external enemy and depicting it in such narrow terms.

But as things played out in the Q &A, the image of a mixed metaphor came to mind—at once a boxing match where the goal is to punch out your opponent, not reason with them; and a Trump-style celebrity show where "the Strong Man"—in this case, Mr. West, summarily "one-ups" those suddenly "outed" as naive, ignorant, or weak. Hence, the first questioner is demeaned as one who should sit down because he is "embarrassing himself." The professor who actually knows a good deal of history is caricatured as if he is ignorant of history (a kind of Karl Rove tactic of taking what is actually a person's greatest strength and twisting it to look like a weakness). The student who actually cites statistics about the size of US defense spending is rhetorically put on the defensive, not by engaging him in a discussion about those statistics, but by a bullying tactic; namely, "have you served in the military?" The implication being of course that if you haven't, that somehow discredits your ability to even talk about US defense.

This is the stuff of a brutal, hardball exhibition of retail politics. It is mean, nasty and in essence,



EMILY LAFF / TCU 360

GUEST SPEAKER Students and faculty filled every seat last week in the lecture hall to listening to former Congressman Allen West speak, but many were there in protest.

anti-intellectual. One of the questioners—who had previously confronted Mr. West when he spoke at SMU—noted afterwards that West drastically "toned down" the substance of his remarks at TCU. Nevertheless, caustic, essentially ethnic slurs leaked out of this "tamer" stump speech. The leader of North Korea was called "the little fat guy with the real bad haircut." I noticed an Asian student stand up and walk out at that point. The event was also structured as an un-level playing field in which virtually all participants who sought to ask questions were asked to queue up in the aisle on stage left. But when it became clear that the vast majority of these folks were challenging Mr. West in one way or another, the master of ceremonies walked the mic over to a young lady—clearly a West sympathizer—on stage right.

real estate market

US home prices rise at solid pace, even with flat sales

By Christopher Rugaber

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WASHINGTON — Home prices continued their steady upward march in February as buyers competed for a limited number of available properties.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index rose 5.4 percent that month compared with a year earlier, according to a report released Tuesday. That's down slightly from January's 5.7 percent rise.

Prices are rising even as sales have leveled off in recent months. The number of homes for sale last month was 1.5 percent lower than a year earlier. That's pushed buyers to act quickly, with homes on the market just 47 days in March, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Svenja Gudell, chief economist at real estate website Zillow, said the problem is particularly acute for first-time buyers and those looking at mid-level homes.

"Heading into spring, buyers looking for the most expensive homes will find somewhat softening prices, a larger selection of homes to choose from and more limited competition," she said. "Entry-level and mid-market buyers - typically the housing market's bread and butter - are likely to face stiff competition, rapidly rising prices and very limited inventory. The patience of many buyers will be tested in coming months."

The highest year-over-year gains were in Portland, Oregon; Denver; and Seattle, three cities with rapid job gains, driven by burgeoning software and technology companies.

Home prices jumped 11.9 percent in February from a year earlier in Portland, 11 percent in Seattle and 9.7 percent in Denver.

Despite low mortgage rates and steady job gains, Americans have been cautious about



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HOUSING MARKET The number of homes for sale last month was 1.5 percent lower than the previous year.

buying homes this year. Sales of existing homes rose 5.1 percent in March to an annual pace of 5.33 million, partially rebounding from February's steep fall. But purchases were just 1.5 percent higher than a year earlier.

And new home sales fell 1.5 percent in March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 511,000, the government said Monday. That's below the long-term rate of 650,000 a year.

The lack of available homes can be self-perpetuating problem. Many homeowners don't list their houses for sale if they see few properties that they can buy. Others do not have enough equity in their homes to afford a down payment on a purchase.

New home building hasn't yet filled the gap. Home construction fell 8.8 percent in March, the biggest drop in five months, to an annual pace of 1.09 million single-family homes and apartments.

Rising prices may make it harder for many Americans to buy a house, though that is partly offset by low mortgage rates. The average rate nationwide on a 30-year mortgage was 3.59 percent last week, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac.

The Case-Shiller index covers roughly half of U.S. homes. The index measures prices compared with those in January 2000 and creates a three-month moving average. The February figures are the latest available.

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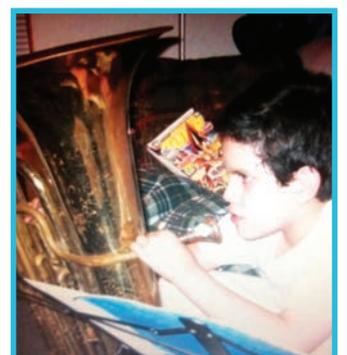


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real estate

Missing ingredient for millennials: Down payment savings



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FOR SALE Short of savings and burdened by debt, America's millennials are struggling to afford their first homes in the face of sharply higher prices in many desirable cities.

By Josh Boak

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WASHINGTON -- Short of savings and burdened by debt, America's millennials are struggling to afford their first homes in the face of sharply higher prices in many of the most desirable cities.

Surveys show that most Americans under 35 lack adequate savings for down payments. The result is that many will likely be forced to delay home ownership and to absorb significant debt loads if they do eventually buy.

Steadily rising home values in recent years have eclipsed pay increases, making it especially difficult to buy in major growth areas for jobs, such as San Francisco, Denver and Seattle.

Nationally, 37 percent of millennial renters have saved nothing at all for a down payment, according to a survey of 30,000 renters being released Wednesday by Apartment List, a company specializing in rental home searches. At the same time, 79 percent of millennial renters say they aspire to own a home, illustrating a troublesome gap between expectations and financial realities.

Even those diligent enough to set aside money are still short the cash to buy a home.

Among larger metro areas, millennial renters who are saving have put aside an average of

just \$5,830. This marks less than one-fifth the savings needed for the typical 20 percent down payment on a starter home costing \$175,000. The lack of savings raises doubts about whether the under-35 crowd will also delay marriage and children, said Andrew Woo, a data scientist at Apartment List.

One possibility- already evident in some markets- is that first-time buyers are making smaller down payments and paying mortgage insurance or slightly higher interest rates on mortgages. Excess housing debt roughly a decade ago inflated a housing bubble and then triggered a market crash that led to the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression more than 80 years ago.

"A lot of millennials are not saving enough for a 20 percent down payment for a home," Woo said. "What does that do for our financial system - especially since we had the financial crisis less than 10 years ago? Are we willing to let homebuyers be highly leveraged like they were before?"

Millennials not only entered a job market still healing from the downturn but arrived with high student debt burdens, with averages approaching \$30,000. Fifty-three percent of homebuyers under 35 last year said that student loans had delayed their purchases, according to a survey

released last month by the National Association of Realtors.

Based on home prices, many millennials won't be able to buy homes in the next five years with their accumulated savings. Assuming a 20 percent down payment, it would take 20.5 years in San Francisco, 11.4 years in Denver, 8.2 years in Seattle and seven years in the Boston area.

Not all areas were so out of reach. In such metro areas as Philadelphia, St. Louis and Cincinnati, the required savings for those who have put aside money would take less than two years.

Some buyers are pursuing alternatives that allow substantially lower down payments. Programs such as Fannie Mae's HomeReady let buyers put down as little as 3 percent. But only buyers who earn less than 80 percent of a metro area's median income are eligible.

The program has aided first-time buyers in places such as Washington, D.C., where millennial renters with savings are still almost nine years shy, on average, of having enough money for a 20 percent down payment on a starter home in the region.

"It's just absolutely critical - people either wouldn't be able to secure a good rate or able to buy altogether," said David Toaff, a loan officer at First Home Mortgage in Bethesda, Maryland.

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immigration

Millions moving to Texas from other states

By Alexa Ura and Jolie McCullough, The Texas Tribune
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While state lawmakers and some presidential candidates have placed a spotlight on those coming to Texas from other countries, the Lone Star State has become the top destination for migrants of the domestic variety.

In recent years, people moving to Texas from other states — rather than from other countries — have played a key role in the state’s population growth, according to a new analysis by the Office of the State Demographer. From 2005 to 2013, an estimated 5.9 million people moved to Texas, and 4.8 million of those came from one of the other 49 states.

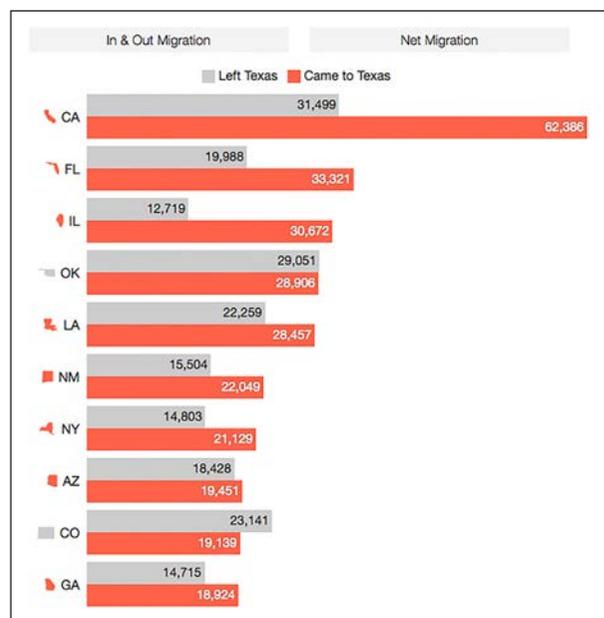
Put another way: In that time period, Texas grew by an average of 345 people per day, accounting for people who moved here from other states and those who left Texas.

“More than half of our population change is from net migration,” said state demographer Lloyd Potter, whose office provides periodic snapshots of the state’s growth. Though Texas is still seeing strong international migration, part of that flow has slowed as illegal immigration has dropped. Meanwhile, migration from other states has remained steady, Potter added.

Domestic net migration — the difference between the number of migrants leaving Texas for other states and the number of migrants coming to Texas — totaled 154,467 between 2013 and 2014. During that same time period, international migration topped off at 84,637.

Where are new Texans coming from?

In recent years, Texas has become the top destination for migrants from other states. Here’s a look at the 10 states that sent the most domestic migrants to Texas in 2013.



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IMMIGRANT 10 states that sent the most domestic migrants to Texas in 2013



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INCOMING From 2005 to 2013, an estimated 5.9 million people moved to Texas and 4.8 million of those came from one of the other 49 states.

California sent more people by far to Texas than any other state.

It’s a trend that’s similar among foreign-born migrants. In 2013, more foreign-born people came to the state after having first lived in California than any other state. That said, more than 80 percent of those moving here from other states were born in the United States.

Texas and California have long shared “pretty significant” migrant flows, Potter said, but “it’s really more in recent years that the flow has turned more toward Texas from California.”

Compared to the state’s overall population, domestic migrants are younger, with a majority falling into the 18- to 44-year-old age group. They are also more likely to be men and less likely to be Hispanic.

New Texans settle down in big cities, suburbs

Migrants from other states resettled across Texas, but almost half headed to Texas’ biggest metropolitan areas.

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Between 2009 and 2013, Harris County — home to Houston — took in the most domestic migrants,

according to the report. Though domestic migration there has since started to slow, Harris County has long served as a “migrant mecca,” Potter said.

While the analysis shows population growth

| County | Left Texas | Came to Texas | Net Gain |
|------------|------------|---------------|----------|
| Harris | 52,968 | 74,661 | 21,693 |
| Bexar | 32,995 | 42,472 | 9,477 |
| Travis | 21,309 | 30,340 | 9,031 |
| Tarrant | 28,556 | 37,521 | 8,965 |
| Williamson | 6,042 | 14,693 | 8,651 |
| Denton | 12,351 | 17,351 | 5,000 |
| Collin | 16,100 | 20,687 | 4,587 |
| Bell | 17,669 | 21,653 | 3,984 |
| Dallas | 37,448 | 40,259 | 2,811 |
| El Paso | 23,990 | 24,540 | 550 |

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IMMIGRANT 10 counties that welcomed the most domestic migrants between 2009 and 2013.

that coincides with the state’s oil drilling boom, the report doesn’t cover migration patterns over the past two years, when oil prices plunged and thousands of job openings were replaced with layoffs.

“This is leading up to that, when things were coming along,” Potter said. “We’re going to see continued domestic migration, but that association with the oil industry is slowing if not even reversing.”

student issues

Immigrant students seek in-state tuition in Georgia

By Kate Brumback
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ATLANTA — A group of young people who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children and who have been granted temporary permission to stay is asking a judge to order the Georgia university system to allow them to pay in-state tuition.

The university system requires students seeking in-state tuition to provide verification of “lawful presence” in the U.S. The Board of Regents, which governs the university system, has said students with temporary permission to stay under a 2012 program — known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or DACA — don’t meet that requirement.

In a court filing Tuesday in Fulton County Superior Court, a lawyer for the 10 young immigrants argues that the federal Department of Homeland Security has said that people who have qualified for the 2012 program are “lawfully present.” The young people bringing the legal action, who meet all the other requirements, should therefore be eligible for in-state tuition, attorney Charles Kuck wrote in the filing.



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TUITION A group of undocumented students are seeking in-state tuition for the Georgia college system.

The Georgia Supreme Court in February rejected a similar request from some of the same young immigrants, saying it was barred by sovereign immunity, which shields the state and state

agencies from being sued unless the General Assembly waives that protection.

To get around that, the court filing Tuesday names each individual member of the Board of Regents rather than naming the board, which is considered a state agency.

“Justice, common sense, and Georgia’s own economic self-interest all demand in-state tuition for DACA recipients,” Kuck said in a statement. “We will fight for this until we win. The hope of Georgia’s children is at stake.”

University system spokesman Charles Sutlive declined to comment on pending litigation.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund last month filed a separate federal lawsuit on behalf of two immigrant college students who graduated from Georgia high schools and live in the state but are required to pay out-of-state tuition. That suit says the policy is pre-empted by federal immigration law and therefore violates the supremacy clause of the U.S. Constitution. It also says the policy violates the Constitution’s equal protection guarantee because it denies in-state tuition without a constitutionally valid justification.



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household items

Appliance trends focus on color, cooking time

By Karen Schwartz
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LAS VEGAS — Whether you're Paleo, vegan or something in between, today's luxury kitchen appliances are designed to let you individualize everything from color to cooking method.

"There's a paradigm shift to personalization in the kitchen," said Christopher von Nagel, president and chief executive officer of BSH Home Appliances Corp. North America.

BSH, which makes the Bosch, Gaggenau and Thermador brands, and more than 500 other exhibitors showed off their wares at this year's three-day Kitchen and Bath Industry Show, held in Las Vegas. Walking through the crowd of more than 100,000 dealers, builders, architects, designers and suppliers, it became apparent that anyone shopping for a new kitchen should be prepared to make a lot of decisions, because the choices are overwhelming.

COOKING IN COLOR

While there's still plenty of stainless, colored appliances are back in a big way.

French manufacturer La Cornue tapped designer Suzanne Kasler to create some Parisian-inspired



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FOCUS ON COLOR This photo shows a Bertazzoni oven in its "Arancio" color option, which is sure to be the focal point of any kitchen, at the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show.

colors for its handmade ranges. The result was 10 new offerings in soft shades, including rose-pink. Still, the new colors are a drop in the paint bucket for the company, which has more than 8,000 configurations, colors, finishes and measurements available.

Aga, owned by Middleby Corp., advertised a five-step "build your own" range with a choice of fuel types; options for two-, three-, five- or seven-oven configurations; and 15 enamel finishes, including British racing green, pistachio, duck-egg blue, aubergine and heather.

COOKING TIMES

If you think slow food means Crock Pot and quick

dinner means microwave, get ready to be amazed by the choice of new, customized appliances.

Viking, also owned by Illinois-based Middleby, debuted a new, 30-inch Professional TurboChef Speedcook double wall oven that incorporates a high-speed commercial cooking technique to prepare foods as much as 15 times faster than conventional ovens. The top oven circulates heated air at up to 60 mph, cooking a 12-pound turkey in 42 minutes instead of four hours, the company said.

It is pre-programmed with over 400 cooking profiles, and offers modes to bake, roast, broil, air-crisp, toast, dehydrate, microwave and defrost. The bottom unit functions as either a convection or warming oven.

Gaggenau, meanwhile, showed off its new 400 series combi-steam oven that features a sous-vide function to regulate temperatures from 120 to 200 degrees for long, slow cooking in a sealed bag. The oven also has what the company claims is the first automatic cleaning system.

At Thermador, the showstopper was the massive, 60-inch-wide Pro Grand range. It features six burners and the option of a grill, or a grill and griddle. You can choose between two convection ovens, or an arrangement that features a standard convection oven, a steam/convection oven and a warming drawer.

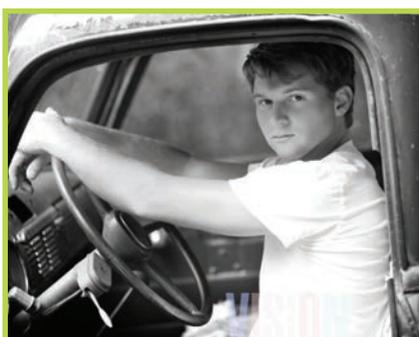


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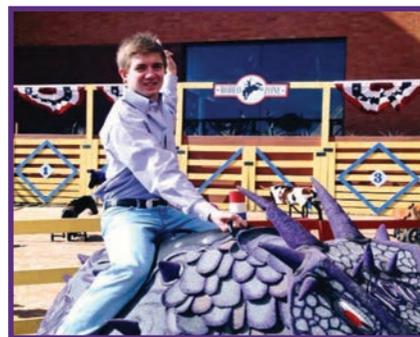
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global growth

Fed keeps key rate unchanged; no hint on time of next hike

By Martin Crutsinger

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WASHINGTON -- The Federal Reserve kept a key interest rate unchanged Wednesday against the backdrop of a slowdown in U.S. and global growth and provided no hint of when its next rate hike may occur.

In a statement after its latest policy meeting, the Fed noted that the United States is enjoying solid job gains but also that "economic activity appears to have slowed."

The Fed said that such key areas as consumer spending, business investment and exports have weakened. At the same time, it expressed less alarm about global economic conditions than it had after its previous meeting in March.

In March, the Fed had cautioned that global developments "pose risks." In Wednesday's statement, it no longer mentioned such risks, though it said it would "closely monitor" global economic and financial developments.

The Fed repeated that it expects inflation to move toward its 2 percent target from persistently low levels as temporary factors, like sharply lower energy prices, fade.

"The softness in U.S. economic data to start 2016

gave the Fed plenty of cover to hold off on further rate hikes now, and they held their cards close to the vest regarding upcoming meetings," said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com.

Investor reaction to the Fed's announcement, which was in line with expectations, was muted. Bond prices rose slightly, sending yields moderately lower. Stock indexes were mixed and traded about where they were before the Fed released its latest policy statement at 2 p.m. Eastern time.

The Fed's decision was approved on a 9-1 vote, with Esther George, head of the Fed's regional bank in Kansas City, dissenting for a second straight meeting. As in March, George argued for an immediate rate hike.

The Fed didn't rule out a rate hike at its next meeting in June. But neither did it say anything to prepare investors for such action.

In October, the Fed had said in a post-meeting statement that it would decide whether it would be "appropriate" to raise rates at its subsequent meeting in December, at which point it did increase rates from record lows. Economists have suggested that the Fed will likely again insert such language into the statement that will precede its next rate hike to prepare investors and ensure an orderly market response.

Still, Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital

Economics, said that while the Fed didn't signal a rate hike in June, its lessened concern about global risks suggests it's still leaving the door open for a June hike.

The Fed took note of a slowdown in U.S. growth during the first quarter of the year. Its statement said consumer spending has moderated even though incomes have been growing solidly.

The statement also observed that business investment spending and exports have weakened. Business investment has been hurt by the plunge in oil prices, which has triggered spending cuts at energy companies. And exporters have struggled with a strong dollar, which has made American goods costlier overseas.



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MEMBER OF BOARD Federal Reserve Board Chair Janet Yellen prepares to testify on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the Senate Banking Committee hearing on: "The Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress."



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Lt. Gov. Patrick slams universities for tuition increases



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HIGH TUITION Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said universities should rein in administrative salaries and bonuses. Total academic charges at Texas Universities have grown 147 percent since 2002.

By Mathew Watkins, The Texas Tribune

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In his most aggressive terms yet, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick excoriated Texas universities for raising their tuition in recent years, suggesting that the Texas Senate will try to limit tuition growth when it reconvenes next year.

At a press conference Tuesday before a meeting of the Senate Higher Education Committee, Patrick pointed to graphs detailing how total academic charges at the state's universities have grown 147 percent since 2002. Median household income in the United States has grown just 32 percent during that time, he said.

"People did not send us here to Austin to allow universities to raise tuition five times their salaries," Patrick said.

Patrick said "everything is on the table" in terms of legislative remedies if such growth continues.

"What we are asking is for our universities to be as fiscally responsible as we ask ourselves to be and for our agencies to be," he said. "They are not an exception."

He later added, "They need to scrub their budgets like we scrub ours. Every dollar that they spend needs to be scrubbed."

The average total cost at Texas' four-year universities for an undergraduate taking 15 hours is \$4,179. That's up from \$1,693 in 2002.

Patrick said he was particularly chagrined about tuition increases this year. Most schools in the state, including the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University, will charge students more in the

upcoming school year than they do this year. That's true, Patrick said, even though the Legislature increased appropriations for the universities by \$282 million in 2015.

"So many universities immediately — before the budget was dry — started raising tuition," he said.

Patrick also raised several ideas that he said could immediately cut tuition costs by 25 percent. Most of that savings would come from eliminating a state law that requires universities to set aside 20 percent of the tuition they collect so that money can be used for scholarships, work-study programs and other forms of financial aid, he said.

Patrick called that rule "nothing more than a hidden tax." "We need to end the 20 percent set-aside next session," he said.

He also said that the universities should rein in administrative salaries and bonuses. And he argued that the state should look at performance-based funding for universities rather than dispersing funding based on how many students enroll in each school.

The Legislature controlled tuition until 2003, when lawmakers ceded that power to the universities' governing boards. Many university officials argue that tuition growth has slowed since then. At 29 of the state's 38 universities, tuition grew faster in the last decade that the Legislature controlled it than it did in the first decade that the universities were allowed to set their own prices.

But Patrick said he was open to the Legislature re-taking control of tuition. And Sen. Kel Seliger,

R-Amarillo, chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, said at the press conference he planned to reintroduce a bill that would require universities to meet certain performance metrics to raise tuition. He filed such a bill in 2015, but it didn't become law.

Later at the hearing, higher education officials gently pushed back against some of Patrick's arguments.

Raymund Paredes, commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, said he agreed that rising college costs are "troubling." But, he said, "the fact is we are below the median cost of higher education in the country."

Meanwhile, university officials said they were working hard to cut costs and that their tuition increases were necessary to keep up with a long-term decline in per-student state appropriations.

A&M Chancellor John Sharp said he appreciated the \$282 million added to university budgets statewide in 2015. But when that money was divided up among all the schools in the state, it amounted to just over 50 cents per semester credit hour provided to each school.

"While last session's appropriation was generous, it did not cover the rate of inflation," Sharp said.

University leaders have long argued that tuition increases are the result of the dwindling share of state funding they receive. At UT-Austin, for example, state appropriations make up 12 percent of the budget. In 1984-85, that share was 47 percent.

But Patrick said the Legislature doesn't deserve all the blame for that shift. Universities have raised prices so much that "even the Legislature can't keep up," he said.

college sports

Texas A&M planning \$68 million worth of new sports stadiums

By Mathew Watkins, The Texas Tribune
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Flush with cash from its recent football success and its move to the Southeastern Conference, Texas A&M University has developed plans to spend \$68 million on new stadiums for its softball and track and field teams.

Both new stadiums would be on the west side of the university's College Station campus and would be built by the end of 2017, according to a brief compiled for the A&M System Board of Regents. The two projects are awaiting approval from the regents, who are expected vote on them during their meeting on Wednesday.

The softball stadium would cost \$28.6 million and would replace the 20-year-old stadium currently used by the team. The track stadium would cost \$39.8 million. Much of the money for the construction would come from donations. Plans for the softball stadium include seating for about 2,000 fans. The facility is needed because "the current venue is no longer conducive to support the recruiting of the highest level student athlete, providing student athletes with the best Aggie collegiate experience or providing Aggie patrons a



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NEW STADIUM Texas A&M University current football stadium in College Station

quality game day experience," wrote A&M System Chief Financial Officer Billy Hamilton in a briefing prepared for Wednesday's regents meeting.

The track stadium, meanwhile, would seat about 3,000 fans and "will be built to host track and field events ranging from high school, regional, and collegiate track meets, and championship and Olympic qualifier track meets," Hamilton wrote.

To make room for the new stadiums, the university will also need to relocate some recreational sports fields, which will cost an additional \$10 million.

If approved, the project would add to the athletics building boom currently happening at A&M. Last year, the university completed a \$485 million renovation of its football stadium, Kyle Field.

The university also made waves after it was reported that it collected more revenue, \$192.6 million, than any athletic department in the country last year. That amount was a bit of an anomaly. Much of that revenue came from one-time contributions to help pay for the stadium renovation.

But A&M officials have said their financial situation has nonetheless improved dramatically in recent years, thanks in large part to new television revenue and ticket sales generated by some successful football seasons and the move to the SEC.

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presidential race

Trump vows to put “America first” in foreign policy

By Jill Covin

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WASHINGTON — In a rare policy speech, Republican front-runner Donald Trump vowed Wednesday to put American security “above all else” if elected president, warning allies they would be left to defend themselves if they don’t “pay their fair share.”

“America first’ will be the major and overriding theme of my administration,” Trump said.

Fresh off a sweep of five Northeast primaries, Trump sought to expand on foreign policy views that have lacked detail and worried experts in both parties. He panned President Barack Obama’s handling of crises in the Middle East, saying the current administration was leaving a legacy of “weakness, confusion and disarray.”

“We’ve made the Middle East more unstable and chaotic than ever before,” Trump said. He singled out Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton’s handling of the deadly attacks on a U.S. compound in Benghazi, Libya.

Much of the speech was similar to his typical campaign remarks, but it was delivered in a much more sober, restrained manner. Critics have said repeatedly that he has not shown an ability to act and sound “presidential.”

Trump spoke to an invited audience of conserva-



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MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump gives a foreign policy speech at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington on Wednesday.

tive-leaning national security experts, as well as some prominent foreign policy writers. He read his speech off a teleprompter, a notable change for a candidate who has mocked his rivals for doing the same and typically speaks off the cuff. He has declared: “If you’re running for president you shouldn’t be allowed to use a

teleprompter.”

Trump’s advisers cast Wednesday’s speech as the first in a series of policy addresses aimed at calming the nerves of Americans who worry the businessman doesn’t have the experience to handle the range of responsibilities that land on a president’s desk.



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texas law

State workers want pensions to keep up with times

By Jim Malewitz, Texas Tribune

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Thousands of retired Texas state workers are essentially stuck in 2001. Though health care, food and pretty much everything else keeps getting more expensive, their monthly pension checks haven't budged to cover those costs — not since Gov. Rick Perry's first year in office.

That leaves some struggling to get by or working private sector jobs into their twilight, advocates say.

Now, those covered by the Employees Retirement System of Texas pension funds are asking lawmakers for a cost-of-living adjustment, calling it long overdue.

"The state cannot keep going back to employees and retirees year after year, in good times and in bad, and say, 'We cannot do it,'" Seth Hutchinson, vice president of the Texas State Employees Union. "It's got to happen."

But with plunging oil prices and potentially costly lawsuits clouding Texas' financial outlook, advocates likely will have a steep hill to climb in the looming legislative session.

The Employees Retirement System benefits about 230,000 active and retired state employees, elected officials, police and custodial officers and judges, issuing pension checks based upon their pay.

Jerry Wald is one of them. He retired from his job as a program coordinator for the Department of Aging and Disability Services in 2007, and his costs — particularly health care — are much higher now. His pension check now has roughly 87 percent of its original buying power, according to a federal Consumer Price Index Inflation calculator.

"This amount is insufficient to pay for basic necessities since the costs keep rising," he told members of a Texas House Appropriations subcommittee at a hearing Wednesday.

On average, the system's beneficiaries receive \$1,600 per month. That buys what \$1,200 would have in 2001, a 25 percent drop in purchasing power.

Hutchinson attributes the 15-year lag in cost-of-living adjustments to a "perfect storm" of factors.

Texas law says state pension funds can't adjust for cost of living unless the funds are actuarially sound — that is, they have enough money available to cover all liabilities even after the increase.

The much larger Teacher Retirement System of Texas reached that threshold after legislative changes in 2013, giving some — but not all — of its retired public and higher education employees their first adjustment since 2001.

As it stands, the Employee Retirement System is expected to reach that threshold in 33 years, which is actually an improvement compared to recent years.

Texas tended to fully fund the system throughout the 1990s. But a turn-of-the-century recession triggered a long streak of chronic underfunding.



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NO INCREASE Texas law says state pension funds can't adjust for the cost of living unless the funds are actuarially sound.

What's more, state government has shrunk slightly over the years, leaving fewer current employees to chip in for the growing ranks of retirees and prompting questions about whether the funds would run out of money.

Last session, lawmakers sought to shore up the smaller system by increasing state and employee contributions by roughly 2 percent each (workers received a small pay increase that was aimed at reducing the burden of that change)

State workers and advocates cheered that move but are still troubled to think that it means their checks could be frozen for another three decades or more.

Wald, who would be in his mid-90s by that time, said state employees are often "shocked" to hear those projections and are left with this question: "What good will this do us?"

Anitra Patterson, who retired in 2003 after working for the state's child welfare system, said her out-of-pocket expenses had doubled since then.

"We were often working in dangerous, deplorable conditions that our clients suffered and endured," she said, adding that the lack of adjustments push some retirees into the same conditions as the people they served.

Lawmakers lent a sympathetic ear, and they discussed a limited set of options.

"You will be on our minds this next session," said Rep. Borris Miles, D-Houston.

Advocates are pushing for a lump-sum cash infusion that could more immediately plug the funding gap and allow for the cost-of-living adjustment. But even that could be tricky.

The Texas Constitution says the state's contributions to pension funds can't eclipse 10 percent, and the state currently contributes 9.5 percent. Legal experts

disagree about whether such an infusion would count toward pushing Texas over that threshold, but Employee Retirement System Executive Director Porter Wilson told lawmakers that his agency's lawyers consider it doable.

There is one other option: Gov. Greg Abbott could declare the unfunded liability an "emergency."

"There obviously are some signals that it would send to rating agencies and such," said Rep. John Otto.

As always, retirees will have plenty of competition for funding, and their latest push comes at an inopportune time: A nearly two-year oil and gas downturn has shrunk the state's budget surplus, and a host of lawsuits — on school funding, a tax exemption for petroleum drillers and a foster system in crisis — threaten to cost the state billions more in revenue.

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Broken bonds

Manziel facing \$1500 bond in domestic violence suit

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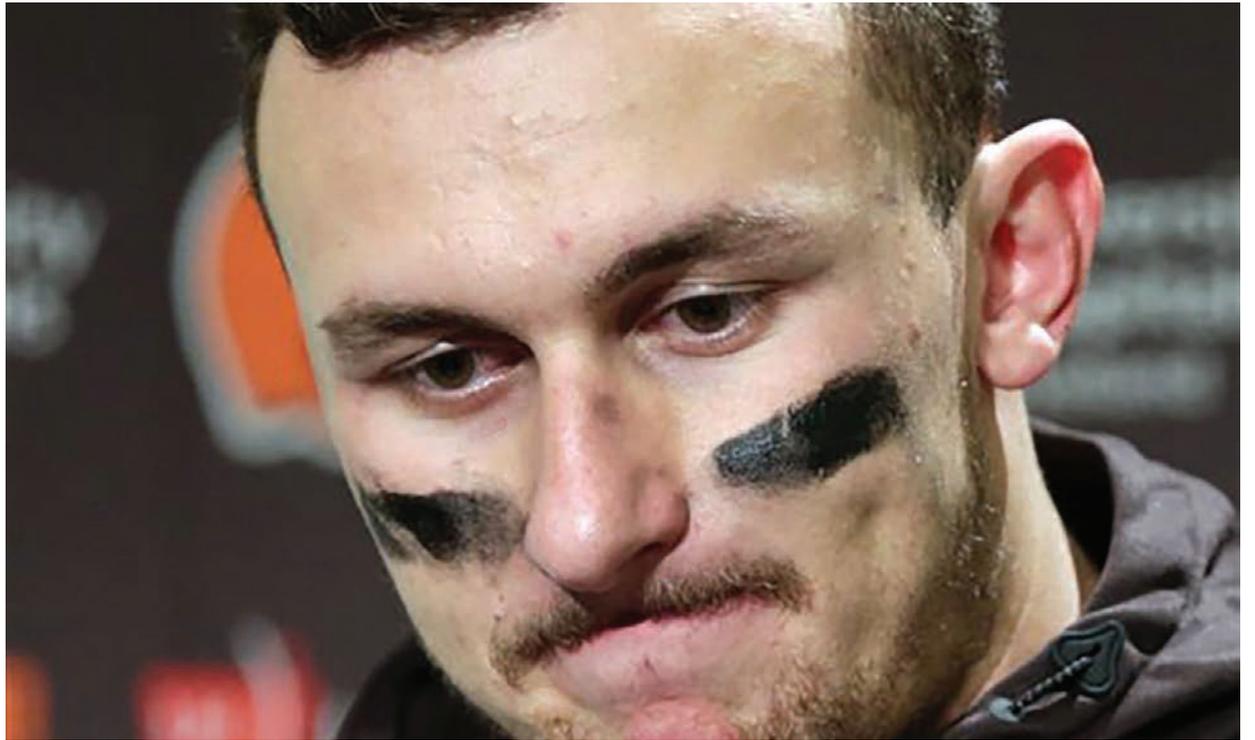
A Dallas judge has set a \$1,500 bond for former Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel in his misdemeanor domestic assault case.

Manziel's attorney, Robert Hinton, said Wednesday that the 23-year-old quarterback is expected to turn himself in for booking next week, though no date has been set.

The Heisman Trophy winner and former Texas A&M star was indicted by a grand jury this week after his ex-girlfriend alleged he hit her and threatened to kill her during a night out in January.

Manziel faces a Class A misdemeanor that carries up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine. Lawyers watching the case say the \$1,500 bond is consistent with the misdemeanor charge Manziel faces.

Manziel has been dropped by two agents and his endorsers.



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INDICTED Johnny Manziel's bond was set for \$1,500 after a grand jury indicted him for a domestic violence misdemeanor.

shooting

Robert Bates taken into custody for fatal shooting of Eric Harris

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TULSA, Okla. — A former Oklahoma volunteer sheriff's deputy who said he mistook his handgun for his stun gun when he fatally shot an unarmed suspect last year was convicted of second-degree manslaughter on Wednesday.

Jurors handed down the verdict in the case of 74-year-old Robert Bates, a wealthy insurance executive accused of fatally shooting Eric Harris while working with Tulsa County sheriff's deputies last year during an illegal gun sales sting. Harris, who had run from deputies, was restrained and unarmed when he was shot.

The shooting — which was caught on video — sparked several investigations that, among other things, revealed an internal 2009 memo questioning Bates' qualifications as a volunteer deputy and showed that Bates, a close friend of the sheriff's, had donated thousands of dollars in cash, vehicles and equipment to the agency.

The jury recommended a four-year prison term, the maximum, and Bates was handcuffed and



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BATES Robert Bates was convicted of second-degree manslaughter on Wednesday after fatally shooting an Oklahoma resident, Eric Harris, a year ago.

taken into custody pending formal sentencing at a later date.

Bates' defense attorneys argued at trial that methamphetamine found in Harris' system, along with his cardiac health, caused his death. Defense attorneys called the killing an "excusable homicide."

But prosecutors told jurors that Bates was guilty of culpable negligence when he shot Harris. One deputy testified that Bates apparently dozed off minutes before Harris fled from deputies.

Following the shooting, an outside consultant hired to review the sheriff's office determined that it suffered from a "system-wide failure of leadership and supervision" and had been in a "perceptible decline" for more than a decade. The reserve deputy program was later suspended.

Weeks after Harris was killed, an internal sheriff's office memo from 2009 was released by an attorney for Harris' family that alleged superiors knew Bates didn't have enough training but pressured others to look the other way because of his relationship with the sheriff and the agency.

A grand jury also investigated the agency and indicted the longtime sheriff, Stanley Glanz, in September, accusing him of failing to release the 2009 memo. He resigned on Nov. 1.

The new sheriff, who was sworn into office earlier this month, has detailed plans to reform and revive the reserve deputy program.

texas news

Urban crime rates in Texas continue to drop

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Urban crime rates are at historic lows across the country, and in Texas they are still dropping, according to an analysis of crime rates in the 30 largest U.S. cities.

Between 2014 and 2015, the five largest cities in Texas saw an average drop of 6.5 percent in the overall crime rate per 100,000 residents, according to the analysis by the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law. Among the nation's top cities, crime rates remained stagnant during this time, dropping by only 0.1 percent.

With an almost 10 percent drop in its crime rate, Austin saw the sharpest decrease in Texas and the nation.

"Austin is just a safe city," said Lt. Justin Newsom of the Austin Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit. "It has its moments where bad things happen, obviously, but overall, with the population growth that we've had, we've been real fortunate."

The city's murder rate also had the largest decline, falling 33 percent while the average murder rate of all 30 cities in the study grew, the report states. While unable to pinpoint a cause for Austin's decrease,

Newsom said several city initiatives might be helping.

"APD's very responsive to real-time data," Newsom said. "When there's any type of increase in any type of crime, we put resources towards that right away."

In the 30 largest cities in the country overall, the report found, the rate of violent crimes rose by 3 percent and the murder rate grew by 13 percent. In Texas, violent crime remained steady and the murder rate decreased more than 1 percent. The national increase in murders was attributed mainly to rises in Baltimore, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

"These serious increases seem to be localized, rather than part of a national pandemic, suggesting that community conditions remain the major factor," the report states.

Murder rates also vary widely from year to year, the report said, because the rates are generally so low that a small increase can lead to a large percentage change.

In Houston, there was less overall crime and the violent crime rate decreased, but the murder rate jumped 23 percent, from 10.8 murders per 100,000 residents in 2014 to 13.3 in 2015, according to the report.



SHELBY TAUBER / THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

HISTORICAL LOWS Crime rates in major Texas cities have reached record lows, and are continuing to drop.

"The number, even though it's going up, is still within the range of normal, so it's not a concern in that regard," said Capt. Dwayne Ready of the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division. "Those increases come on the heels of a very low [rate] overall."

In 2011, Houston had 198 murders, the least since the FBI began reporting citywide crime data in 1985. Since then, the murder rate in Houston has increased each year, with 303 in 2015.

"The numbers do go up and down," Ready said. "We're a long way from the '80s."

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business

Apple sees lowest revenue drop since 2003



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UNDER PRESSURE Despite Apple's decline in sales, Apple made a \$10.5 billion profit for the quarter.

By Brandon Bailey

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Apple sold more than 51 million iPhones in the first three months of this year - and that's the problem.

That's 10 million fewer iPhones than the tech giant sold during the same quarter a year ago. As a result, Apple on Tuesday reported its first drop in quarterly revenue in 13 years - and the first-ever year-over-year decline in iPhone sales.

The slide is putting more pressure on Apple and CEO Tim Cook to come up with its next big product.

Cook, of course, has problems many corporate bosses would kill to have. Despite the decline in sales, Apple managed to rack up \$10.5 billion in profit for the quarter.

"The future of Apple is very bright," Cook told analysts on a conference call Tuesday.

But Apple is battling perceptions that its latest iPhones aren't that different from previous models, at a time when overall smartphone sales are slowing around the world. Apple also sells iPads, Mac computers and other gadgets, but nearly two-thirds of its \$50.6 billion in quarterly revenue came from iPhones.

"They need to come out with that next great product," said Angelo Zino, a financial analyst with S&P Global Market Intelligence. Zino said that while he is optimistic about the company's future, "Apple absolutely needs to start diversifying their revenue base."

Overall, the company's revenue in the January-March quarter was down 13 percent from a year earlier. And the company surprised analysts by forecasting

another revenue drop of 13 percent or more in the current quarter.

The forecast, which was announced after Apple had closed for the day at \$104.35 a share, drove its stock price down 8 percent in extended trading.

Apple hasn't reported a year-over-year sales decline since 2003, when the iPod was still relatively new and the iPhone didn't exist. Since then, the iPhone and other products have propelled the company's stock value from \$5 billion to \$579 billion, making it the most valuable public company in the world.

Despite the quarterly decline, Chief Financial Officer Luca Maestri defended the iPhone business in an interview with The Associated Press.

"We think we can continue to bring a lot of innovation to the market," he said of future models, while adding that Apple is working to expand other lines of business.

Apple's revenue for the quarter included \$6 billion from online services, apps and other software, he noted. That's up 20 percent from a year earlier. Analysts agree the figure could rise further, given that there are more than 500 million iPhones in use.



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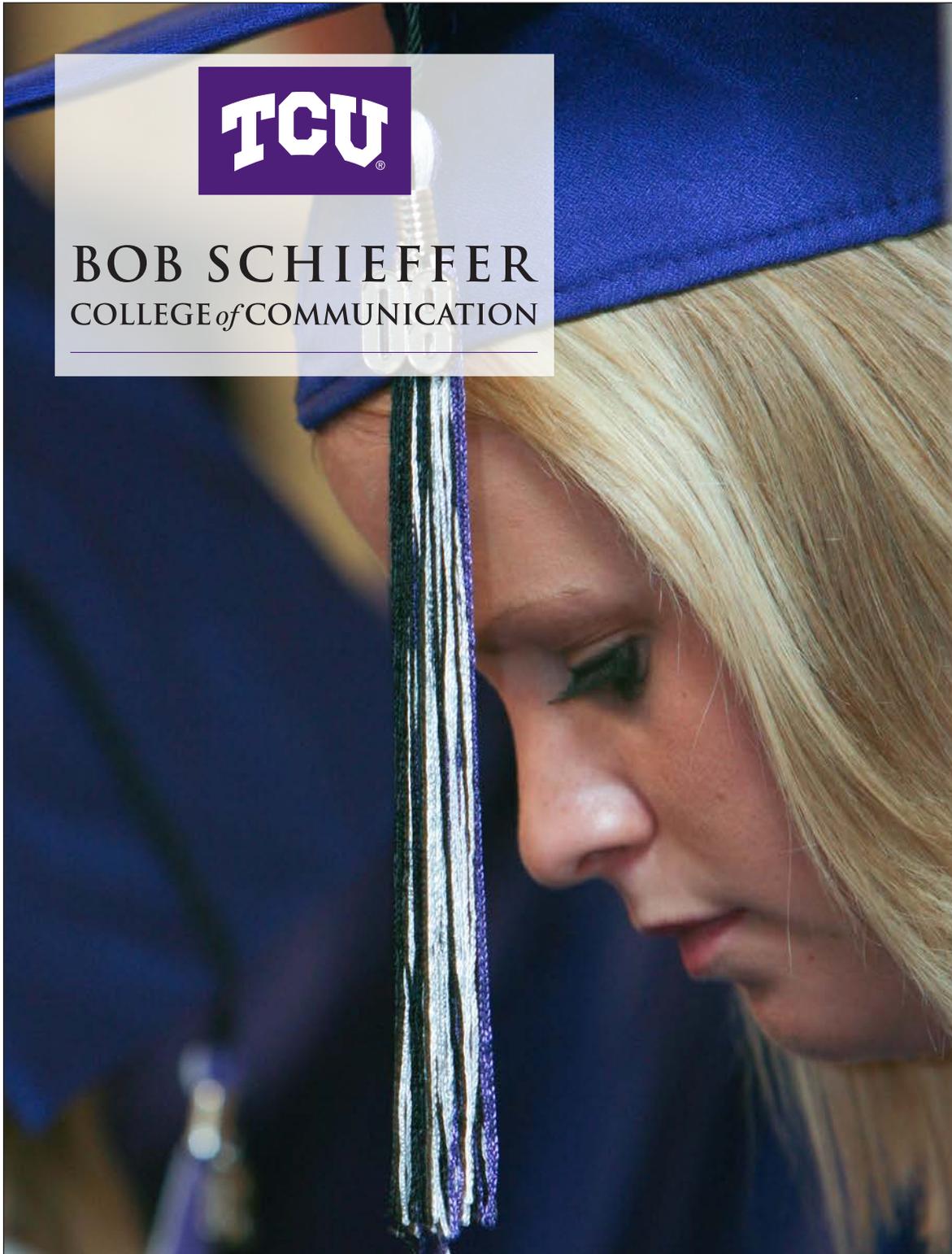
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celebrity news

'Fixing up' camera shyness

Dynamic home improvement show attracts large fanbase

By Alicia Rancilio

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With all the joking and hamming for the camera that Chip Gaines does on "Fixer Upper," it's hard to believe that he initially was the shy half of the husband-and-wife duo that's garnered huge fans and ratings for HGTV.

"He was scared of the camera at first where it was a real phobia," said Joanna, who plays the Abbott to Chip's Costello. "He would freeze up and then he would have to exit, and it would just be me."

To say that edge wore off is an understatement — he once got so comfortable that he ate a dead cockroach, just to prove he would. Joanna responded with a mix of shock, humor and disgust, and he drew plenty of laughs, including from viewers.

It's the combination of humor, love and chemistry between Chip and Joanna that have made the Waco, Texas-based home improvement show one of HGTV's most popular shows — its recent season finale was the fifth highest broadcast in the network's history. As the name suggests, "Fixer Upper" has the couple taking a subpar home and remaking it into a dream house thanks to Joanna's designs and Chip's carpentry work. Devoted watchers now know all about Joanna's love of shiplap (wide-wooden board siding), their four kids, and even the carpenters they use.

"We love seeing the transformations. It inspires us to see the potential in our own home," said Tara Melodick, of Toms River, New Jersey. "(They) have such great chemistry. They really seem to love each other and love what they do. How many people get to make a living doing what they love most, with the person they love most?"

Even celebrities tune in.

"Ryan Reynolds has tweeted out at us a few times and Scott Foley and his beautiful wife watch the show and every now and then live tweet with us so we've become, you know, Twitter friends with these folks. It's really been something else, I mean very surreal," said Chip.

The Gaines' are expanding their business. Besides their real estate and construction business and "Fixer Upper," there's a home line with paint and rugs, a Magnolia Market store



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THE GAINESSES Joanna Gaines (left) and Chip Gaines (right) were shy of the camera at first, but quickly became comfortable with their now critically-acclaimed show.

located at silos in Waco, which they recently renovated for retail and a gathering space, plus a bed and breakfast called Magnolia House in McGregor, Texas.

A book called "Magnolia Story" is scheduled for release this fall.

Other tidbits from the Gaineses:

HOW THEIR MARRIAGE TURNED INTO A HOME RENOVATION PARTNERSHIP:

Joanna: When we were dating, Chip was doing the whole real estate (thing). He was renovating homes and so I would just come along with him and watch what he did. (The) first year of marriage, we just started partnering together, so honestly, we don't know it any other way. ... We always have to be kind of together on these projects. I need to get his input, he needs me and I think we figure out a way to balance it all out.

WHY ARE THEIR KIDS SO WELL BEHAVED?

Chip: Lots and lots of editing. They are great kids. We try to watch them really closely because obviously they didn't ask for any of this, they're just kids. Our oldest is 11 and youngest is six and

it's been now, almost four years, 3 1/2 years that we've been doing this. ... Once that van rolls in the kids get geeked out because they know there's all these snacks that these guys basically house in the back of these vans. All four of our kids just run to it like it's Christmas morning.

HOW LONG DOES A HOME RENOVATION REALLY TAKE?

Joanna: Depends on a house. Right now we're working on seven homes for season four ... so the smaller homes we'll have done in eight weeks and the larger projects will be 12 weeks. It's definitely expedited, because in our business at home, generally it takes 4 to 6 months for any larger renovation.

"We love seeing the transformations. It inspires us to see the potential in our own home."

TARA MEDLOCK
TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY

DO CLIENTS PAY FOR THE FURNITURE?

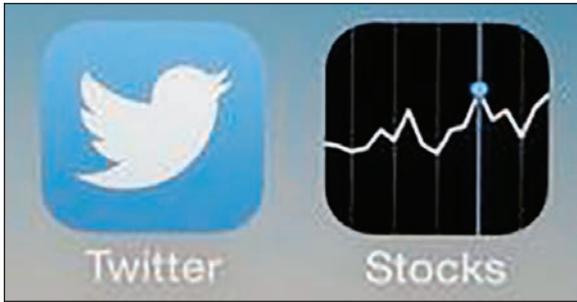
Joanna: It all depends on the client and their budget. Our show features real clients with real budgets. The furniture budget is not part of the renovation budget, it's something some clients add at the end. About half of our clients already have all their own furnishings, some of which I use for the reveal, and others buy the items I decorate the home with. The main reason I decorate the rooms for the reveal is because I want the clients to get the full picture of how to maximize their newly renovated space.

WILL THEY EVER LEAVE WACO?

Joanna: Every day we get an email, "Come to Florida or come to New York." As much as we'd love to, with our children being so young, we've decided to stay in the Central Texas area so we're close to home. But, later, when they're off to college I think we'd love to take our show on the road.

social media

Twitter receives criticism for stagnant user figures, slow growth



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ / ASSOCIATED PRESS

MISUNDERSTOOD Though Twitter is esteemed as a convenient forum to follow famous figures, it fails to appeal to users as a social utility.

Barbara Ortutay

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twitter gets lots of grief from investors because it hasn't taken over the world the way Facebook did, at least in terms of amassing users.

But maybe it's destined to stay small, serving a vital, if limited, role for the public. Maybe Twitter just isn't meant to be an all-encompassing social utility. Maybe stock price is not the only lens through which a company can be valued. Twitter, perhaps even in spite of its difficult interface and site-specific lingo, has

become a cultural force since its 2006 founding.

"I don't think at this point Twitter is ever going to reach the size of Facebook and I don't know if that necessarily matters," says Debra Aho Williamson, an analyst at research firm eMarketer. Assuming, that is, that Twitter can figure out some way to make money off people who read tweets but don't ever log into the service.

Things got no better on Tuesday, when Twitter again reported largely stagnant user figures - 310 million, up from 305 million in the fourth quarter. (The company had previously reported 320 million users in the fourth quarter, but it has changed how it counts them).

This makes Twitter less than one-fifth Facebook's size. It can't even brag about being larger than LinkedIn, its more buttoned-up (and buttoned-down) professional networking cousin.

While Twitter's per-share earnings beat Wall Street's expectations, revenue fell short. Revenue grew 36 percent to \$595 million from \$436 million a year earlier. Analysts polled by FactSet had expected \$607.9 million. Twitter's already-clobbered stock fell \$2.28, or almost 13 percent, to \$15.49 in after-hours trading.

Ever since returned to helm the company he co-founded in 2006, CEO Jack Dorsey has insisted that Twitter needs to work harder at both attracting new users and giving occasional visitors more reasons to check back in. To date, neither has happened.

Yet Twitter has a firm hold on the public consciousness. Even non-users are at least aware of its existence, if not totally up to speed on its purpose. The Pope is on Twitter; so are President Obama and Beyoncé, along with a cadre of lesser celebrities. Unlike Facebook, a place for friends, family and near-forgotten grade school classmates, Twitter is a great place to follow actors, soccer players, late-night comedians and newsmakers to feel like you are in the know.

"Twitter's problem is that the management does not understand what they have," said Wedbush Securities analyst Michael Pachter, who argued that the company is still failing to retool itself for new users.

The company said it is expanding its advertising program to logged-out users. It's currently testing the ads for people on desktop computer, who make up a small slice of its user base. This quarter, the ads are coming to mobile web users who are not logged in to Twitter but still read it.

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**You are our heart,
Mom and Dad**



Jared Downs

gop primary

Cruz taps Fiorina to serve as his running mate

By Scot Bauer & Steve Peoples

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INDIANAPOLIS — In need of momentum after a five-state shutout, Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz has tapped former technology executive Carly Fiorina to serve as his running mate.

The Texas senator plans to unveil his pick for vice president Wednesday afternoon in Indianapolis, an unusual move for an underdog candidate that reflects the increasing urgency for the fiery conservative to reverse his downward trajectory.

Cruz's plans were confirmed by a Republican with direct knowledge of Fiorina's selection, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized speak before the official announcement.

"Carly is bright, knowledgeable, brings great financial expertise and she's a woman," said Gary Aminoff, the Los Angeles County co-chair of the Cruz campaign. Aminoff said he had also been told Fiorina was Cruz's choice.

The 61-year-old Fiorina, a former chief executive of Hewlett-Packard, has been a prominent Cruz ally since shortly after abandoning her own presidential bid earlier in the year. She was the only woman in the



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THE ELECTION CONTINUES Ted Cruz and Carly Fiorina wave during a rally in Indianapolis where Cruz announced he tapped Fiorina to serve as his running mate.

Republican Party's crowded 2016 field.

"Of all the people who didn't make it far in the race, she was one of the best about laying out her plan, talking about who she is and her accomplishments," said Doug De Groote, a fundraiser for Cruz based near Los Angeles.

Fiorina's selection marked another extraordinary development in the 2016 Republican campaign, particularly for a candidate who is far from becoming his party's presumptive nominee. Cruz was soundly defeated by GOP front-runner Donald Trump in all five primaries contests on Tuesday, and he's been mathematically eliminated from winning the nomination before his party's national convention in July.

Some Cruz allies praised Fiorina's selection, but privately questioned if it would change the trajectory of the race. Trump has won 77 percent of the delegates he needs to claim the nomination, and a win next week in Indiana will keep him on a firm path to do so.

Cruz was to appear Wednesday afternoon with Fiorina in Indiana's capital city, having staked his candidacy on a win in the state's primary contest next Tuesday. Fiorina's California ties could also prove valuable in that state's high-stakes primary on June 7.

"Carly has incredible appeal to so many people, especially in California," De Groote said. "She can really help him here."

Her first major foray into politics was in 2010, when she ran for Senate in California and lost to incumbent Sen. Barbara Boxer by 10 percentage points. She has never held elected office.

Trump criticized a Fiorina pick as "ridiculous" and "dumb" even before it was announced.

"First of all, he shouldn't be naming anybody because he doesn't even have a chance," the New York

billionaire said in a Wednesday interview on Fox News.

"Naming Carly's dumb, because Carly didn't do well. She had one good debate — not against me by the way, because I had an unblemished record of victories during debates — but she had one victory on the smaller stage and that was it," Trump said.

He added, "She's a nice woman. I think that it's not going to help him at all."

Throughout her presidential bid, Fiorina emphasized her meteoric rise in the business world. A Stanford University graduate, she started her career as a secretary, earned an MBA and worked her way up at AT&T to become a senior executive at the telecom leader.

She was also dogged by questions about her record at Hewlett-Packard, where she was hired as CEO in 1999. She was fired six years later, after leading a major merger with Compaq and laying off 30,000 workers.

Democrats quickly attacked the Cruz-Fiorina alliance.

In an Associated Press-GfK poll conducted in December 2015, Republican voters were more likely to say they had a favorable than an unfavorable view of Fiorina by a 47 percent to 20 percent margin, with 32 percent unable to give a rating.

Among all Americans, 45 percent didn't know enough about Fiorina to rate her, while 22 percent rated her favorably and 32 percent unfavorably.

By contrast, both Cruz and Trump have high negative ratings even within their own party, according to an April AP-GfK poll. Among Republican voters, 52 percent have a favorable and 41 percent have an unfavorable opinion of Cruz, while 53 percent have a favorable and 46 percent have an unfavorable opinion of Trump.

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criminal justice

'First class' degree

First class to graduate with Master's degrees in criminal justice at TCU

By **Tori Knox**
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On May 7, 14 students will be the inaugural graduating class to obtain their Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology from TCU's online criminal justice master's program.

Johnny Nhan, director of online master's program said, "The nature of the people that we were after, people who wanted to have a master's in criminal justice, typically they're police officers, or they're already working in the field."

Graduates come from different backgrounds and occupations; include police officers, individuals from federal agencies and some people who came into the program directly after obtaining their bachelor's degree, said Nhan.

Graduate Joe Herrera said he wants to use his master's degree and background in law enforcement to teach at the college level.

Currently, Herrera said he teaches a new program, Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security at Waxahachie High School.

Herrera said currently he is planning to continue teaching at Waxahachie High School, but hopes to work as an adjunct professor after graduation.

Graduate Jordanne Morrow graduated from TCU with a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice in 2014 and immediately joined the master's program.

"I saw a lot while working at [Bank of

Oklahoma] that just having a bachelor's degree in the area that I want to go into isn't enough. I needed more to be a better prospect for jobs," said Morrow.

Morrow said she wants to work in white-collar crime investigations. She has worked for the Bank of Oklahoma as an anti-money laundering investigator and fraud analyst.

After graduating Morrow said, she will intern with Disney in the fall before returning to Bank of Oklahoma's fraud department.

Graduate Sophia Freeman said she wants to use her master's degree to return to the criminal justice field.

Freeman has a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Louisiana



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NEW OPPORTUNITIES TCU will award graduates with its first set of Master's degrees in criminal justice, paving the path for those pursuing criminal justice for years to come.

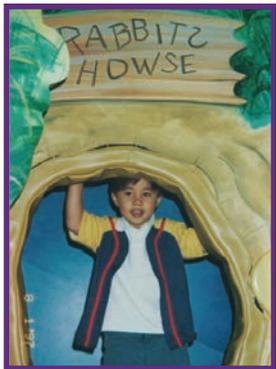
at Monroe and said after moving to Fort Worth and exploring her options, she decided to advance her education at TCU.

Freeman said for a long time she wanted to become a police officer but after becoming a mother she decided to let that dream go.

"I have played with the idea of going to teach freshman criminal justice as a part time instructor," Freeman said. "I am still fascinated with the knowledge that comes with knowing and applying law and reason to everyday society." ■

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Dad, Mom, Sam and Emi

Matt Casciani

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MADISON!

Madison, Congratulations! We are so proud of you. Here's to the next phase of your journey.



Love always,
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Madison Vega

graduation

TCU seniors graduate, enter new chapter of marriage

By Brooke Morrissy

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A recent study by Pew Research found that women with a bachelor's degree are "significantly" more likely to have a successful marriage than women with less education.

In fact, researchers from the National Center for Health Statistics estimate that "78 percent of college educated women who married for the first time between 2006 and 2010 could expect their marriages to last at least 20 years."

Researchers estimate women with a high school education or less, would only have a 40 percent chance of having a long-lasting marriage.

This is good news for TCU seniors who are engaged and planning to receive their bachelor's degree in May. Here's a look into the lives of four seniors as they start a new chapter in adulthood and in marriage.

Abbie Pinkston and Justin Rich



COURTESY OF ABBIE PINKSTON

ENGAGEMENT Justin Rich and Abbie Pinkston celebrate a new chapter of their lives at Sundace Square after recently getting engaged.

Meet TCU senior, Abbie Pinkston.

Abbie met her fiancé, Justin Rich, when they both lived in Moncrief Hall their freshman year of college. They have been dating ever since.

Justin proposed to Abbie this past March at the rose garden in the Botanical Gardens in Fort Worth, just a few minutes from TCU's campus.

"Since we just recently got engaged, it has been fun so far," Pinkston said. "The most exciting thing right now is seeing our friends who have watched our relationship grow from freshman year until now and reminiscing on the good times with them."

Since the two have been dating since freshman year, TCU has played a huge part in their relationship.

Rich, a biology major, has been a resident assistant in Clark Hall for two years and is currently the assistant hall

director. Pinkston, a social work major, has been involved in various TCU organizations such as Eta Iota Sigma, Habitat for Humanity, LEAPS and has served as a desk assistant.

Pinkston said her favorite TCU memory with Justin was "definitely going to TCU football games, but specifically, junior year, we were on the kiss cam at the Minnesota game."

To anyone looking for a good date night, Abbie and Justin suggest the Four Day Weekend Comedy Club in downtown Fort Worth. This place has become one of their favorite date night spots since coming to TCU.

The couple plans on getting married next summer in 2017. Though Justin is from Alabama and Abbie is from Texas, they are hoping to pick a wedding venue that is in or close to Fort Worth.

After the two get married, Abbie will attend graduate school at TCU and earn her master's degree in social work. Justin will pursue medical school and the two plan on moving wherever he decides to go.

Emily Pulliam and Brandon Howard

Meet TCU senior and marketing major, Emily Pulliam. Emily met her fiancé, Brandon Howard, in elementary school. That's right, elementary school. Third grade to be exact.

"We were in the same third grade class, we dated in seventh grade, then my family moved to Texas when I was in eighth grade and we lost touch," Emily said. "A mutual friend connected us again last May, we met for lunch one day in June, and the rest is history!"

Brandon proposed to Emily on top of a mountain in Colorado over Christmas break in 2015.

Pulliam describes it as "the most incredible day!"

Though Brandon lives in Arkansas, the two have had some great memories in Fort Worth.

Emily said one of her favorite date nights in Fort Worth was when they went to the Trinity River Tap House after dinner where they sat on the patio and enjoyed drinks.



COURTESY OF EMILY PULLIAM

ICY PROPOSAL Emily Pulliam and Brandon Howard got engaged while in Colorado over Winter Break in 2015.

"We love talking and dreaming about the future together so it was the perfect setting for that," she said.

Emily is currently enjoying the season of graduating and wedding planning.

"I love being busy and active, so I don't mind the fact that I've got a lot on my plate," she said. "At times it can be stressful because we have to make a lot of big decisions, but we know it'll all pay off the day of the actual wedding."

Emily said she couldn't have done the wedding planning process without the support of both her and Brandon's family.

The big day is set for August 20 in Springdale, Arkansas. They chose Springdale because it is close to where they both grew up. The two also plan on moving to the area after their wedding.

"It's a special place to both of us, so we felt it would be perfect to have all our friends and family from all over come celebrate with us there," Emily said.

Since Brandon is already out of school, Emily plans to move to Arkansas after graduation.

Kristen Adams and Patrick Thornhill

Meet TCU bride and communication studies major, Kristen Adams.

Kristen and Patrick met the summer after her freshman year of college. The two met at Sunglass Hut. Patrick was working when Kristen came in the store to look for sunglasses.

"He took me over to the Ray Bans, and I commented on his I Am Second bracelet, a Christian organization, which then led us into talking about his story and why he came to Dallas," Adams said.

The two instantly hit it off.

"I was enthralled by his passion and love for the Lord," she said. "I left not knowing whether I would ever talk to him again, but hopeful for whatever the future would bring."

Patrick proposed four days before Christmas in 2015. Patrick told Kristen they were going to dinner, but they had to make a stop at the Bank of America building in downtown Dallas to deliver a folder to a client of Patrick's.

Patrick took Kristen to the 69th floor of the 72-story building and asked her to marry him.

Patrick didn't go to TCU. He is a graduate of Elon University in North Carolina. But the two have had some great date nights in Fort Worth.

One of the Kristen and Patrick's favorite date nights in Fort Worth was when the two "went to the Kimbell Art Museum, walked through the Fort Worth Water Gardens, got massages at the Omni hotel and went to dinner."

As far as wedding planning and graduation goes, Kristen said it isn't too bad.

"Thankfully, I am from Dallas so it isn't hard to go back and forth for appointments or meetings," she said. "I am beyond thankful to have a mom that loves planning and sisters who help me with everything."

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COURTESY OF KRISTEN ADAMS

LOVE AT FIRST GLIMPSE TCU senior Kristen Adams and Dallas resident Patrick Thornhill connected after Kristen caught a glimpse of Patrick's bracelet.

The two will get married on October 29 this year. The wedding will take place at Kristen's home church, Highland Park Presbyterian Church, in Dallas.

Kristen is finalizing the guest list and preparing save-the-dates.

After she graduates, Kristen will work for Allie Beth Allman Real Estate in Dallas.

Patrick who is also in the residential real estate business said, "I am hoping we become a husband and wife real estate team someday."

Meg Griffin and Cole Thatcher

Meet Meg Griffin, a Spanish and political science major.

Meg met her fiancé, Cole, in the summer of 2014 at a summer camp called Sky Ranch.

"We met during staff training and we didn't really talk because I worked at a Christian summer camp, so they really discouraged that because they didn't want us to be distracted," Griffin said.

Throughout the course of the camp, the two got to know each other. By the end, Cole approached Meg and asked if she saw a future for a relationship. Meg said yes.

Cole proposed to Meg in Vail, Colorado, during Christmas of 2015. He led Meg to a snowy spot outdoors, through a series of letters that his family gave her. When she saw him, he had flowers and fake candles in the snow and he popped the question.

Since Cole attends Texas A&M University in College Station, the two have gone through two full school years of a long distance relationship.

"We've been able to see the really bright side of being apart and how that can just help us grow individually," Meg said.

The two usually see each other about every two weeks — sometimes more, sometimes less.

"We kind of both realized that if we are going make this work, we have to be OK with driving and sacrificing some things, but we also have to be OK with not seeing

each other every weekend," she said.

Though they have managed the long distance, Meg is looking forward to not being apart any longer.

The couple will get married this year on November 19 in her hometown, Dallas.



COURTESY OF MEG GRIFFIN

SURPRISE AT VAIL Meg Griffin and Cole Thatcher got engaged in Vail, Colorado after Cole proposed at a snowy spot.

Right now, she has a wedding planner in Fort Worth to help with planning. The venue is booked, the florist is booked and the cake is finalized. Now, Meg is focusing on all the little details.

After graduation, Meg will start graduate school in August to earn her master's degree in Christian education and Cole will graduate from Texas A&M.

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paris attacks

Salah Abdelsalam charged in France for Paris attacks

By Lori Hinnant and Raphael Satter

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The lone known surviving suspect in the Paris attacks was returned Wednesday to the city where Islamic State extremists unleashed a night of mayhem and charged with a host of terrorism offenses, raising hopes that he may be able to help French investigators trace the pathways of IS fighters thought to be hiding out in Europe.

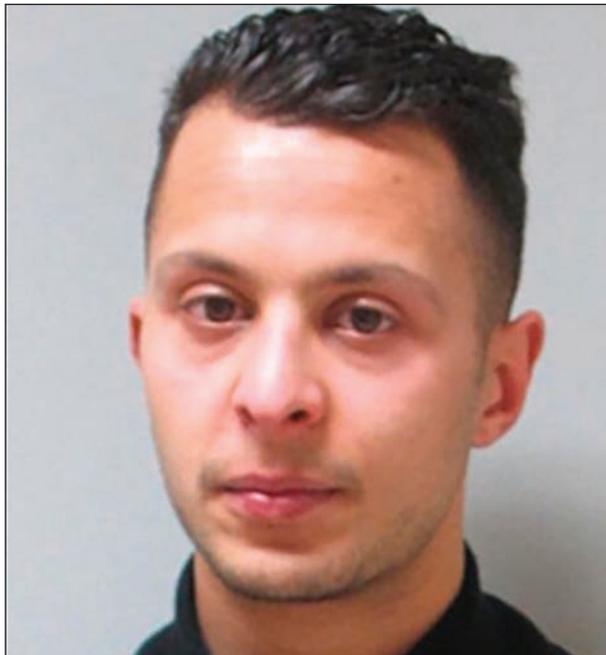
Salah Abdeslam was whisked in secretly by helicopter after being transferred from the prison cell in Belgium where he had been held since his capture last month. His lawyer, Frank Berton, described a “muscular operation” that had caught even the attorney by surprise, causing him to rush to join his client at Paris’ Palace of Justice.

The 26-year-old faces preliminary charges of participating in a terrorist organization, terrorist murders and attempted murders, attempted terrorist murders of public officials, hostage-taking, and possessing weapons and explosives, French prosecutors said in a statement.

Berton said Abdeslam was being sent to Fleury-Merogis, a massive, high-security prison about 30 kilometers (19 miles) south of Paris, where he will be held in isolation in a special camera-equipped cell until his next hearing on May 20. French Justice Minister Jean-Jacques Urvoas said earlier that Abdeslam would be placed in isolation, watched by guards specially trained to deal with “people reputed to be dangerous.”

The return of the last known survivor of the team that carried out the Nov. 13 attacks may help investigators untangle some of the still-unresolved questions about the assault, which claimed 130 lives at cafes, a music hall and a sports stadium. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the carnage.

Berton told reporters Wednesday that his client



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ISOLATION Salah Abdeslam will be held in isolation in a prison cell south of Paris until his hearing on May 20.

“volunteered that he would explain himself at some later date.”

Abdeslam, a French citizen of Moroccan origin, spent four months on the run following the attacks and a month in Belgian custody after being tackled by heavily armed police outside his hideout in the Mollenbeek neighborhood of Brussels.

Abdeslam’s precise role in the attacks has never been clear. The Paris prosecutor said he was kitted out as a suicide bomber, but abandoned his plans and fled to Belgium. Abdeslam’s older brother blew himself up that night at a cafe.

It was at the hideout near his childhood home in Mollenbeek that Abdeslam was ultimately captured on March 18. His detention may have prompted other

members of the Islamic State cell to rush attack plans already in motion. Four days later, suicide bombers detonated their explosives in the Brussels airport and metro, killing 32 people. Abdeslam had told interrogators nothing about a new plot.

His return to Paris offered solace to victims of the Nov. 13 bloodshed and raised hopes that French investigators would finally be able to trace the pathways of the Islamic State fighters thought to be hiding out in Europe.

“I would like to look him in the eye. If I could even talk to him, it would be important to me,” George Salines, whose daughter, Lola, died at the Bataclan concert venue, told BFM television.

But in a surprising assessment, Abdeslam’s Belgian lawyer downplayed any insight from his client, dismissing him as a “little jerk among Molenbeek’s little delinquents, more a follower than a leader.”

“He has the intelligence of an empty ashtray,” the attorney, Sven Mary, told the French newspaper Liberation. “He is the perfect example of the ... generation that believes it’s living in a video game. ... I asked him if he had read the Quran and he told me he got his interpretation from the Internet.”

However, Berton described his client as a young man “falling apart” and ready to cooperate.

He told iTele TV that Abdeslam wants to talk, “he has things to say, that he wants to explain his route to radicalization” as well as his role in the attacks — but not take responsibility for the crimes of others.

“That means be judged for facts and acts that he committed but not for what he did not commit simply because he is the only survivor of the attacks,” Berton said.

Testimony from Abdeslam could prove significant to definitively linking events of Nov. 13, which involved three teams of attackers who blew themselves up or sprayed gunfire at the Stade de France sports stadium, cafes and bars, and at the Bataclan. Brussels, and in particular the Molenbeek neighborhood with its large Muslim population, was home to many of the attackers who struck Paris.

Speculation about Abdeslam’s role and place in the hierarchy of the attackers has been rampant. Was he a little guy and a coward or a pivotal figure in the planning and execution of the attacks?

It had been widely suspected that Abdeslam pulled out of his own role as an attacker, something Paris prosecutor Francois Molins confirmed at a news conference, saying he had wanted to blow himself up at the sports stadium but backed down.

Besides the charges in Paris, Abdeslam is also charged in Belgium with attempted murder over a March 15 shootout with police in Brussels. He was arrested three days later and police in Belgium have questioned him about any potential links to the suicide bombers in the Brussels attacks.



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ISOLATION Frank Berton, lawyer of Abdeslam, addresses the media outside the courthouse Wednesday.

local business

Boutique on wheels makes debut



COURTESY OF AMBER PASCHAL

BOUTIQUE ON WHEELS The Soulful Gypsy sells clothes out of a 22 foot-long truck

By Libby Vincek

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While enjoying an evening at the Clearfork Food Park or having a drink at a local pub, you might see people climbing into the back of a giant off-white florally decorated delivery truck.

On a closer look, you'll see that the truck with the words "a wandering boutique" painted on the sides, is exactly what it says to be – a traveling boutique complete with a dressing room.

The Soulful Gypsy is a boutique truck owned by Fort Worth native, Amber Paschal. The fashion guru parks the 1980s model Mrs. Baird's Bread truck, "Merle" as she calls it, in parks, on streets and at events around the Fort Worth area to welcomes shoppers to climb aboard the truck and shop.

"There's magic to it," customer Sarah Sampson said. "You have to stumble upon it. You can't just go to a brick and mortar place. You have to almost find it like a treasure."

The Soulful Gypsy boutique truck is the first of its kind to open its sliding door to Fort Worth locals. Paschal opened Merle Sept. 12, but she didn't begin her fashion business with the truck.

Paschal is a former hair dresser and educator. Her husband, who worked in the oil and gas industry, had to move across the country for his job. After they came back home for work again, Paschal said she needed a creative outlet, but knew it needed to be one that did not involve "digging roots in the ground," she said.

"The online shop was a way for me to be creative, make a little bit of money and also be a stay at home mom," Paschal said.

The "wandering boutique" came about when Paschal wanted to expand, but knew her husband may move around a lot for work.

"The fashion truck was my brick and mortar shop and it could go with us wherever we needed it to if we were to move again," Paschal said.

Fashion trucks began popping up around the U.S about six years ago, according to an article by Business Insider. However, it wasn't until around 2013 that the trend started to explode following the footsteps of food trucks. Paschal said her inspirations were trucks like Nomad, out of New York City, and Nomadic, out of Austin.

Starting her online business was easy, she said. She just had to purchase the clothing and the website. Opening the truck, on the other hand, was much more difficult. In total, the truck with all of its repairs and paint job costed about \$20,000. Learning how to drive a manual 1980s delivery truck without power steering was also a challenge for her.

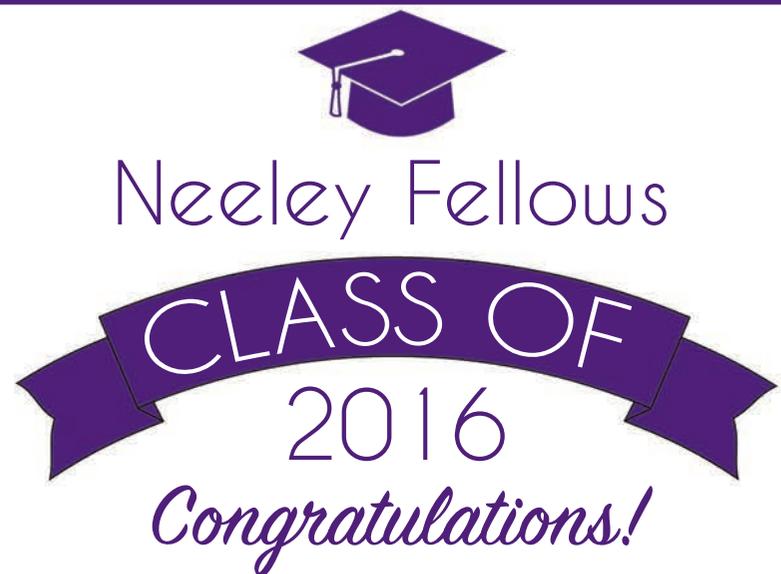
"It really is a gypsy life," Paschal said. "A lot of things go into running a truck just like a food truck and a lot can go wrong. And I don't think there's any way to really learn all that jazz without living it. I have really learned to go with the flow and to just keep on truckin' since opening."

She said she fills up on gas before every event, which adds up to about \$175 a month.

Many factors can affect the boutique's kind of night such as weather and time. She also has to know how many people will be attending the event in order to now how much stock she needs to keep in her truck.

"Each gig is different, and so preparation is crucial for success," Paschal said. "Much like any other kind of event." That preparation is something that Paschal said she believes is worth it.

"I love a free bohemian look, although I'm kind of all over the place and truly believe that fashion is such an art and self-expression," Paschal said. "When I'm searching for these clothes, I'm all about searching for my soul and what I really want to wear and being true to myself, no matter what it looks like."



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WORDS OF WISDOM

Professors share advice, tips to graduating seniors

By Ryder Buttry

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Graduation is right around the corner. There's been a large amount of professors over the last four years. Some beloved, some not. There's the professors that will be remembered for their impossibly hard exams, strict attendance policies, and mundane lectures, as well as the many all-nighters it took to pass their class. Then there's the majority of professors who will be remembered fondly. The professors who will be remembered as mentors—for the guidance they offered, the knowledge they shared, and the lessons they taught. In case the last four years wasn't enough, professors are handing out advice to the graduating class one last time.

If I only knew then...

Professors came up with a variety of responses when asked what advice they would give this year's graduating class. They reflected on what they would go back and tell themselves on their own graduation day and things they wish they had known at 22.

Graduate instructor and PhD candidate in the



WILLIAMS



STROUP

English department, Jay Jay Stroup, offered a practical tip to graduates. "Go to your graduation, especially for your parents," Stroup said. "I think sometimes it's more for your family and parents who kind of put up with you for four years." Stroup said she regrets skipping her own college graduation. She also gave students some heartfelt advice, encouraging them to think of the type of person they want to be, forgive themselves for past mistakes, and then make changes so they can become that person. Associate professor of art history Lori Diel also urged students to think closely about what they want and go after it.

John V. Roach Honors

College visiting assistant professor Wendy Williams warned against sticking too rigidly to a plan. "I would make a very detailed five-year plan and then be prepared to ignore all of it," Williams said. Professor of religion and John V. Roach Honors College faculty fellow Darren Middleton echoed the same sentiment.

"Be open to where life takes you because it seldom turns out the way you plan it," Middleton said.

Professor and chair of marketing Bill Moncrief encouraged students to work hard towards their goals but "in a way that doesn't eat you up." "Enjoy the process and I have," Moncrief said. "I wouldn't change anything." Diel also emphasized the importance of hard work and said she would remind her younger self to be patient.



DORRAJ

the institution that gave so much to you," Dorraj said. Middleton urged students to express their gratitude to their peers, parents, and teachers for their help the past four years.

Williams said giving back will bring you great joy. "It's typical in your 20s to be focused on yourself and on your career and on what you're going to do next," she said but she wants graduates to know the value of supporting others. "I don't just mean being a good friend because we tend to already know how to do that, but I mean putting others forward," Williams said.

Associate professor of special education Michael Flagella-Luby wanted graduates to know professors like him expect them to go into the world and make it a better place. "Now you're stepping into life and this world will be what you make of it," Flagella-Luby said. "We've been waiting for you. We're counting on you."

College to Career

Many graduates will soon face the scary reality of the nine to five workday and the transition from college to the workplace. While this can be a hard transition, there is no need panic. Stroup reminds students their job doesn't have to define them as a person. Instead of asking, what kind of career do I want, she encourages students to ask themselves, what kind of person do I want to be, and then finding a career that allows them to be that person.

Dorraj tells students to "find a job that is you—that you can put your heart and soul into." Williams also advises graduates to find a career that is fulfilling. "Be a quitter if you need to be," Williams said. If you do find yourself happy in your new job, she said to find new

ways to flourish there, so you don't become stagnant.

Dorraj warned students of the challenge of adjusting to the new job environment. Moncrief advised students to ease the transition by getting a feel for the culture of their company by listening. "Listen to people that are there, observe, don't try to do all things immediately," Moncrief said. "Every organization has a culture too and you need to learn what the culture is."

Middleton also advised students to learn from those around them and recommended finding a mentor who will help not just their career, but also their character.

Almost every professor emphasized the importance of hard work. "You should muster the same dedication that you mustered to finish your degree successfully and apply it to your job," Dorraj said. Moncrief, Diel, and Flagella-Luby recommended taking on the tasks



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DIEL

others don't want and seizing every opportunity to prove yourself at a new job. "You may have to start at the bottom, do it and do it with a good attitude," Moncrief said.

No plan, no problem

The only graduates more anxious than those with jobs are most likely those without jobs. Many students have little to no idea what they're going to do after they walk across that stage and accept their diploma.

Students often don't realize their professors were the exact same way. Diel said she waited tables for a year after graduation while

she figured out what she wanted to do. Stroup worked for at her dad's office as an insurance biller for five years before deciding to go back to graduate school. Williams said she also had no idea what she wanted to do when she graduated. So for those graduates without a plan, you're not alone. Every professor agreed that not knowing the next step yet is perfectly fine, but also had advice on making the most of a break after graduation.



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Many professors said students should take their time and explore their interests if they are still unsure of what career path they want to



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take. "Do whatever you can to think about what you want to do," said Diel. Flagella-Luby said students should trust TCU has prepared them to find their place in the world, but they must be willing to go out, explore, and find it. Dorraj also encouraged students to explore and take time to do something that is not necessarily brainy. Williams said students should build "identity capital," a term coined by clinical psychologist Meg Jay in her TedTalk. Williams said identity capital is built by doing things that you love and that make you interesting, not things that simply look good on a resume.

Many professors suggested travel during this time of exploration. Moncrief said interviewers are fine with a period of travel, as long as you're making the most of your time off. Stroup and Middleton both suggested students join the peace corps or teach English in a foreign country. Middleton said these are experiences that can prove useful once graduates do get the job they are looking for.

Professors said students should be proactive and focus on networking when looking for a job after graduation. "It's stressful finding that first job but you've got to have a different mindset and you've got to treat it kind of like a job to get the job," Moncrief said. "Network really hard," Stroup said. "Don't have any shame." Williams reminds students to use "weak ties" to their advantage, as well. Weak ties, another term coined by Meg Jay, refers to people you're not necessarily close to, but that you may know through mutual friends. Williams said those can sometimes be the ties that led you to that job.

Whether traveling, volunteering, or actively searching for job, professors

agreed students should use this time to take risks and self-reflect, but also must give themselves a timetable.

School's not out yet...

While most graduates are celebrating the end of exams, homework, and required reading, some are gearing up for even more education. Students going to graduate or professional schools will be embarking on another chapter in their educational career. Professors said these students should be prepared for very different experience than they had as an undergraduate student.

Dorraj said graduate school is much more demanding and students should be prepared to not have much of a



FAGGELLA-LUBY

social life for a while. Both Moncrief and Diel said students should treat graduate school as job. Moncrief said students should put lots of time in and Diel said students should really focus on impressing their professors. Middleton warned students that they will have to dive into their research without professors holding their hand like they did when students were undergraduates. Flagella-Luby also told students to throw themselves into graduate school.

To deal with the stress of being a graduate student, Dorraj suggested students start an exercise routine and find a support system of friends and family. Williams stressed the importance of sleep to get through graduate school. While Flagella-Luby encouraged students to do all their readings, even those that aren't required, Williams advised the opposite. "If it means skimming or skipping some of your reading in graduate school to get some sleep, then I recommend doing that," Williams said. She also said students should switch from a grades mentality to a learning mentality. "You've proved yourself. You've gotten into grad school," Williams said. "Now turn your brain in a different direction." ■

campus

The Gideon's International hands out New Testaments on campus



ELIZABETH CAMPBELL / THE 109

WANT A BIBLE? Gideon's International passed out New Testaments to students along University Drive Monday and Tuesday as part of their bible blitz campaign.

By Frank Jackson

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The Gideon's International religious group came to TCU Monday and Tuesday as a part of their bible blitz campaign in the Tarrant County area.

The Gideon's International volunteers approached students from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday with New Testaments in hand.

"It was kind of awkward because there were so many of them spread out so when you said no to one, another popped up," said sophomore TCU

student Madison Jones. "They were nice and not pushy."

Junior Ohimai Ojeikere added, "They weren't pushy or trying to evangelize, they said you want a bible? No, cool."

Other students appreciated the gesture.

"I thought they were spreading a good message and what they were saying was a good reminder," Sophomore Tia Johnson said.

The group has handed out 150 thousand New Testaments/Bibles in three days said Gideon's International volunteer Terry Milrany.

Milrany, a TCU alumnus, said the group came to

the school because they wanted to give back.

"We believe that there is power in believing in the word," said Milrany.

However, many of the other Gideon's members weren't willing to talk about their group. They refused to be interviewed.

The group started over 100 years ago with no professional clergy said Milrany.

Gideon's International is represented in 197 countries and has given out 2 million books world wide, added Milrany.

The Bibles and New Testaments are printed in more than 90 languages.



Nicole Sowell

CONGRATS, NICOLE!

I'm so proud of my baby girl. You are an amazing young lady. Continue following the path God has put you on. I am so excited as you begin this new phase of your life.

**I love you so much,
Mom**



Josey Richards

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Congratulations Josey! We are so proud of the beautiful young woman that you have become! Continue to work hard and pursue your dreams as God has great plans for your life! You are going to be an awesome doctor!

**Love,
Mom, Dad, Meghan, Amy, Kaylee,
Doll, Pawpaw and Mary Catherine**

sport tournament

Kickball tournament raises money to kick out cancer

By Jack Foote

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Kicking out cancer.

That was the aim of the sixth annual Gold Ribbon Games Kickball Tournament held Sunday, April 10 at the Benbrook Baseball Complex.

The event was hosted by the Rutledge Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising money for research of sarcoma.

Sarcoma is a rare form of cancer that is mostly found in young adults.

Laura Rutledge started the Rutledge Foundation in 2011 after her daughter, Carley, was diagnosed with stage IV Ewing's sarcoma. The Rutledge family was moved to action by the disturbing fact that no advancements had been made in sarcoma treatment in 30 years.

"We felt it was time for us to carry the torch," said Rutledge. "Not just for our daughter, but for the next child that is diagnosed.

According to the Rutledge Foundation, 72,000 young adults are diagnosed with sarcoma each year and there had been no change in cure rates or treatment options in the 30 years prior to 2011.

"We need to find those innovative biotech companies that are willing to find alternative, less harmful ways of treating diseases like sarcoma," said Rutledge.

While the foundation does focus on finding new treatment options for sarcoma specifically, their secondary goal is to meet the needs of all young adult cancer patients.

In order to reach this goal, the foundation has begun holding events like the kickball tournament last weekend, giving community members an opportunity to participate or donate in honor of the cause.

The tournament featured 30 teams whose registra-



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KICKING OUT CANCER A participant plays kickball at the Gold Ribbon Games Kickball Tournament Sunday.

tion fees went to the Rutledge Foundation and several other community sponsors that either made donations or provided services to help facilitate the event. Several Greek organizations from TCU participated

The event even featured a special co-chairman, TCU quarterback Bram Kohlhausen.

Kohlhausen and his sidekick, SuperFrog, were on hand for the event to mingle with fans and participants. A variety of memorabilia signed by Kohlhausen, including a TCU football helmet, was raffled off at the event.

"It was very important to me to give back by raising funds and awareness for young adult cancer," said Kohlhausen.

Kohlhausen felt especially moved to work with the Rutledge Foundation after his father passed away from colon cancer in 2015.

The next step for the Rutledge Foundation is to try

and get more college students involved, especially since the foundation is fighting diseases that affect that age group.

Grant Rutledge, a first-year student at TCU and board member of the Rutledge Foundation, says he hopes to get more people on campus involved in spreading awareness for young adult cancer.

"This year I started spreading the word to people I met through Greek life," said Rutledge. "Next year, I want to keep building on that and expand awareness to as many people and groups on campus as I can."

Both Laura and Grant Rutledge hope to start a TCU-oriented version of the Gold Ribbon Games and hope to participate in this year's Frogs For The Cure campaign, which has recently changed to incorporate all types of cancer research.

The Rutledge Foundation's next event will be a Young Adult Night at Globe Life Park June 12.



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HANNAH!

Congratulations, Hannah!
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments!
You will do great things!!

We love you,
Mom and Dad

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We are very proud of you.
Remember, this is the beginning of the journey... not the end. You have many adventures ahead of you. We will always be there for you.

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graduation



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Nursing students continue elaborate graduation tradition



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NURSING CLASS OF 2016 The TCU's Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences Class of 2015 celebrates at the spring commencement ceremony. The school traditionally celebrates by spraying silly string and throwing confetti into the air.

By Shane Battis

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Clouds of confetti. Roaring cheers. Sticking silly string twisting into the air.

This is what spring commencement will look like for the 70th class of the Harris College of Nursing &

Health Sciences.

This messy celebration where nursing students load tool belts with party materials such as horns and confetti cannons has been a signature of TCU's Harris College for years, said Associate Dean Dr. Suzy Lockwood.

The commencement tradition, Lockwood said, dates as far back as 1975 but no one in the school knows which class first let the silly string fly.

"We're slowly trying to figure out who that was," Lockwood said.

To earn a degree, the future nurses are continuously tested for their understanding of bodily functions in Anatomy and Physiology to working side by side with registered nurses during clinical rotations.

Lockwood, who brought confetti to her graduation in 1983, spoke about the extravagant ritual fondly.

"It's an opportunity for them to really

celebrate," she said.

Students, she said, coordinate what materials will be tucked under their gowns each ceremony and seek advice on what utensils are appropriate for the formal occasion.

Lockwood also said it's important to remember that they are "representing the school, their family and themselves" at the ceremony.

Of course, not every ceremony went smoothly.

Lockwood talked about one year where students brought IV bags filled with purple-dyed water as a symbol of how Horned Frogs "bleed purple."

Although the sentiment sounds nice, she said there was a problem. Many of the bags leaked purple water during the ceremony and damaged some of the rented gowns.

However, Lockwood noted that students deserve this celebration as long as it is respectful and tasteful.

The Harris College's class of 2016 is set to graduate May 7 in the Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena. ■



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Class of 1966 reflects on their time at TCU

By Abbey Block

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Fifty years ago, a gallon of gas cost 32 cents, Lyndon B. Johnson was president and "Batman" premiered on television.

TCU's class of 1966 will reflect on that era while celebrating its 50th year reunion during the 2016 spring commencement. The alumni association is marking the milestone with a weekend celebration.

The coordinator of senior adult programming for the alumni association, Melissa Austin-Weeks, said reunion events include dinner at Joe T. Garcia's, lunch with Chancellor Victor Boschini and a tour of the new Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena.

"They want to see a new space," Austin-Weeks said. "They love to hear about the current culture of the student."

The class of 1966 will get to relive the glory of their own graduation as they walk behind the class of 2016 during Saturday's spring commencement ceremony.

Dale Young, a member of the class of 1966, said this is what he's looking forward to the most.

After teaching 8th grade for 10 years, Young returned to TCU to serve as director of student teaching and career services for the college of education, a position he held for 35 years.

"Even though I already did it as a faculty member, it's kind of neat to come back after 50 years and get to march in graduation," Young said.

Many of the members of the class of 1966 might not recognize TCU's campus.

"Nearly every building on campus is either newer than 1966, received a major renovation since then, or is scheduled for renovation or demolition in the next four years or so," said Todd Waldvogel, associate vice chancellor for facilities and campus planning. "Since 1966, we've totally redefined the university as a pedestrian-oriented campus."



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DOWN ON MEMORY LANE Members of the class of 1966 will wear a purple cap and gown one more time to walk in the graduation procession during spring commencement.

Waldvogel will present current and upcoming construction plans to the class of 1966.

"This campus is important to past, present and future Horned Frogs," Waldvogel said. "Commitment to TCU doesn't disappear when graduates leave the campus."

Young said that although the landscape of TCU has changed dramatically since he was a student, the heart of the university has remained the same.

"When I came through, it really seemed like [the faculty] cared about how successful you were going to be. When I came back, that same philosophy was here," Young said. "This university has not changed the real point of why they started it."

Austin-Weeks said the reunion celebration is an important way to keep alumni active within the TCU community.

"For some people it kind of reinvigorates their love of TCU," she said. "If we don't keep our alumni actively engaged in the life of our university, our university won't grow."

Austin-Weeks said the alumni association is

expecting 100 to 125 total guests to attend this year's reunion events.

"They don't want to miss the milestone of their 50th reunion," she said. "TCU is pretty good about always producing an event that's going to be fun."

After the reunion, the class of 1966 will be invited to join TCU's Quinq club (Quinq is latin for "50").

Austin-Weeks said the club, which hosts events throughout the year, was "established as a way to keep people connected to the university."

"They keep trying to bring us back," Young said about the alumni association. "You feel a support from the university 50 years after graduation."

Young, who retired two years ago, said he stays active in the TCU community by attending alumni events.

"I feel closer now to my classmates now, than when I went to school here," Young said. "There is something about graduating from TCU that really builds a circle of friends that you can turn to if you need to."

CONGRATULATIONS,

TATE!

Way to go, Tate!
We love you and are so proud that God chose us to be your parents! Keep pursuing excellence!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Tate Sawyer

CONGRATULATIONS,

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Congratulations, Eric!!
We see a bright future ahead!! Cheers!

Love,
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Eric Mathis

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Congratulations Lachlan, you are a complete star!

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Gregor and Evan xxxx



Lachlan Grassie

community

Michigan nursing school uses mannequins for medical lessons



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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Nursing school students Sarah Hampel, left, and Alexandra Noga interact with a mannequin to learn how to respond to real-life medical situations

By Mike Householder

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The leadership at the University of Michigan's nursing school says there is value in students making mistakes while treating patients.

And when the patients aren't real, that's even better.

The Ann Arbor school's new state-of-the-art Clinical Learning Center building features six simulation rooms that house high-fidelity mannequins capable of bleeding, vomiting and even giving birth — just like real patients.

Alexandra Noga, a junior from suburban Detroit, said it's "somewhat intimidating the things that some of these mannequins can do." But Noga added that they're "really helpful, because they can simulate a lot

of real-life issues" that wouldn't likely surface during training in a typical hospital setting.

That's the point, said Maureen Westfall, a clinical instructor who led a recent simulation in which Noga and another student assisted as "Sarah," a patient with gestational diabetes, gave birth.

"I've seen a build in confidence, and I've seen just an overall level of comfort" in the students, said Westfall, who points out that it benefits her young charges to learn by trial and error.

Or, as Clinical Learning Center Director Michelle Aebersold put it: "People clearly remember the times they screw up."

The simulation exercises the instructors create mimic real-life patient situations that many nursing students won't see in their clinical rotations. Students can practice suctioning secretions from the trachea,

electrically shocking the heart into starting again and administering intravenous drugs.

Westfall is part of a team of specially trained simulation instructors who, while seated in front of a bank of screens and behind a one-way mirror, act as the mannequins' minds and bodies. They use wireless controls to prompt just about any possible physiological response.

Michigan is far from alone in training would-be nurses this way. But Aebersold said the school is unique in that it allows all undergraduates — including first-year students — to take part in the "sims" as they're often called and uses "dedicated simulation faculty."

Plus, Aebersold said, studies indicate undergraduates can replace up to half of their clinical hours with simulations without impacting their ability to pass the nursing certification examination.



Sarah Craig

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SARAH!

Congratulations Sarah!
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Love, Mom and Duane



Giulio Castagnara

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May your life be full of happiness and joy. Congrats on your commitments to reach your goals. We are very proud of you!

With love,
Mom and Dad

weather

Storm threat shifts after day of hail, wind in central US



SUSAN GOODWYN / ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEVER WEATHER Susan Goodwyn holds hail in her hand Tuesday in Wichita.

By Kelly P. Kissel
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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Springtime storms developed in parts of the Midwest and South on Wednesday, with forecasters warning that hail and high winds would be a bigger concern than tornadoes.

Gusts to 75 mph were expected near Louisiana's Gulf coast during a round of morning storms, and forecasters said 15 million people along the Mississippi River between Iowa and New Orleans had at least a slight chance to see severe weather at some point.

But Wednesday's forecast wasn't as dire as Tuesday's, when meteorologists warned that conditions were ripe for a severe weather outbreak.

In Texas, a 62-year-old woman was killed early Wednesday after a tree fell on her home in the Tomball area northwest of Houston, the Harris County Sheriff's Office said. In the northern part of the state, four people were hospitalized after their vehicles were caught up in an apparent tornado that hit late Tuesday, Howe Police Chief Carl Hudman said.

Hail as big as grapefruit fell in northern Kansas on Tuesday, while winds approaching hurricane force — 74 mph — raked communities from Nebraska and Missouri to Texas. Uprooted trees, downed power lines and roof damage were reported in parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

An estimated 6 to 8 inches of rain fell Tuesday evening and overnight near Deshler, Nebraska, prompting officials to evacuate a nursing home and assisted living facility. About 45 patients and residents from Parkview Haven Nursing Home and Meadowlark Heights Assisted Living spent the night at Deshler High School because of high-water worries. They returned Wednesday.

The Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma, said last week the nation could have seen significant tornadoes Tuesday, but it turned out as the weather developed that conditions weren't right for the biggest storms. The Storm Prediction Center received just five unconfirmed reports of tornadoes — two in Texas and one each in Indiana, Kansas and Missouri.

Still, the hail and high winds were frightening enough.

Hail 4 inches in diameter fell northwest of Marysville, Kansas, and residents of Topeka, Kansas, eyed the sky nervously during rush hour after

forecasters warned that a supercell thunderstorm could produce a tornado at any moment.

The core of the bad weather forecast shifts back to Oklahoma and Texas on Thursday and Friday, then to Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas on Saturday.

Ahead of Tuesday's storms, some Oklahoma school districts either shuttered schools for the day or sent students home early, hoping they would remain safe.

In Fairview, George Eischen, 51, spent the morning moving vehicles off the lot at his Chevrolet dealership into his shop and showroom to protect them from hail — "the real enemy of the car dealer."

Workers at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield, Missouri, did something similar with airplanes when the skies turned a "mean green" ahead of a line of storms.

"We were able to get most of the airplanes into hangars," aviation director John Bales said.

Wednesday's unsettled weather comes on the five-year anniversary of a tornado outbreak that killed more than 300 people in the South, mostly in Alabama.



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SEVER WEATHER Nicole Brown of Hazelwood tries to save her umbrella Tuesday in St. Louis



Chance Wolfe

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So proud to have been part of your amazing journey. So grateful you found a home at TCU with your Pi Phi Sisters and your beloved Horned Frogs! We wish you great success in law school - you will be a fabulous attorney one day!!

Love forever and always,
Mom, Dad, Trevor, Matt, Rachel,
Rick and Leia



Tommy Karrer

CONGRATS, **TOMMY!**

CONGRATULATIONS TOMMY!

We've been meaning to tell you for awhile that you didn't actually need to get an education. It was a big joke when we told you that school was important! But now that you've done it, we couldn't be more proud!

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directions:

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

This solution to this sudoku can be found at:
www.tcu360.com/ihaveto-cheat

solution from 4/21

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How many Panhellenic Council sororities are there on TCU's campus?

- a) Less than 9
- b) 9
- c) 10
- d) 11
- e) 12
- f) More than 12

tcu trivia answer

e) 12 Sororities

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fritter away
 - 6 Strongman player on "The A-Team"
 - 9 Spanish ____
 - 13 It preceded "Eleven," "Twelve" and "Thirteen" on the big screen
 - 15 Slip in a pot
 - 16 It becomes its own synonym when "cap" is added in front
 - 17 *Speedy shipping option
 - 19 Hollywood's Ken or Lena
 - 20 Have confidence in
 - 21 International airport near Tokyo
 - 23 *Romantic comedy featuring two members of the Brat Pack
 - 26 A person's soul mate
 - 27 Pink-slip
 - 28 Odin sacrificed one for wisdom
 - 29 Percentages and such
 - 30 Like much car chase footage
 - 33 *Going back to square one
 - 39 Hand-played drum
 - 40 Presley's "___ Las Vegas"
 - 41 HBO rival
 - 44 Uncover, poetically
 - 45 Bishop and knight
 - 47 *Recurring soap opera plot device
 - 51 "Hold on, I just might have a good solution ..."
 - 52 "Care to explain?"
 - 53 Desktop pic
 - 54 Minuet meter ... or a description of the answers to the starred clues?
 - 59 Converse
 - 60 "___ Mutual Friend"
 - 61 Heavy hitter
 - 62 Life span of a star
 - 63 One end of a rainbow
 - 64 Something to take a nip from
- DOWN**
- 1 Came out on top
 - 2 Bridge four-pointer
 - 3 Congress
 - 4 Decorative ink
 - 5 Evasive maneuver
 - 6 Sporty Mazda
 - 7 French king
 - 8 Beat a hasty retreat
 - 9 Native Kiwis
 - 10 Necessitate
 - 11 Like the toves in "Jabberwocky"
 - 12 Half of Congress
 - 14 Brown, in a way
 - 18 Fashion inits.
 - 22 Historical record
 - 23 At the drop of ____
 - 24 Testing stage
 - 25 "Make like a tree and leave!"
 - 26 Gridiron successes, for short
 - 30 Chips in a pot
 - 31 I
 - 32 Where couples may register under assumed names
 - 34 Obnoxious sorts
 - 35 Charlatan, of a sort

- 36 Smoking cigars, e.g.
- 37 It becomes its own synonym when "for" is added in front
- 38 Dorm V.I.P.s
- 41 Gated water channel
- 42 Bigwig
- 43 Checked out
- 45 Parts of ratchets
- 46 Reflexive pronoun
- 48 Ladies' counterparts
- 49 Position for Cal Ripken Jr.
- 50 Snappy dresser
- 55 Young competitor in "The Hunger Games"
- 56 Mrs. McKinley
- 57 Booker T.'s backup
- 58 "Oh, no!"

solution from 4/21

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Queen Bey Slays. Again.

Beyonce again proves to be center of pop universe



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BACK AT IT Beyonce performs during halftime of the NFL Super Bowl 50 football game in Santa Clara. Beyonce dropped “Lemonade,” on Saturday, her dazzling new musical and visual project that speaks to the deeply personal and political.

By **Nekesa Mumbi Moody**

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Beyonce doesn’t simply release albums anymore, she unleashes events.

And so it was this weekend, amid deep mourning for a lost icon, music’s queen dropped “Lemonade,” an arresting display of what technically qualifies as videos and singles, but is better described as a work of art that appeared deeply personal, yet is a bold social and political statement as well.

It contains revenge anthems for scorned wives, a requiem for side chicks, a display of #BlackGirlMagic and support of #BlackLivesMatter, and an ode to forgiveness, all wrapped into an hourlong HBO special Saturday night that would of course land on Tidal, the music streaming service owned by hubby Jay Z, moments after the special ended.

“Are you cheating on me?” Beyonce’s husky voice intones early on. For the first half of “Lemonade,” it seems that Jay Z’s 100th problem is here, and unfixable. While Beyonce has used rumors of infidelity to fuel her music for years, from “Ring the Alarm” to “Jealous,” it seemed as if she was spilling all the tea on her much-scrutinized marriage with “Lemonade.”

On “Hold Up,” an intoxicating song with an island

beat, a smiling Beyonce takes “Crazy in Love” to a new level: She smashes a bat on everything around her while reminding her man that other women “don’t love you like I love you.” Later, on “Sorry,” with a twerking Serena Williams by her side, she shows her man the stupidity of his cheating ways and all he’s lost. “Middle fingers up, put ‘em hands high, put it in his face, tell him ‘Boy bye.’”

At another point, she references her man’s desire for “Becky with the good hair” and talks about wearing his mistress’ scalp — talk about snatching edges.

What could come across as desperate instead becomes empowering, though, in part due to the poetic narrative Beyonce uses to tie each segment together, as well as the imagery, which is a defiant celebration of the beauty of black women: Dark to light, wooly hair to wavy hair, all looking glorious, with cameos from the likes of Oscar-nominated Quvenzhané Wallis, Zendaya and Amandla Stenberg.

And just as we think it’s time to start to get seriously concerned for Jay Z’s safety, he appears, nestled with his queen, in “Sandcastles,” which speaks to a troubled union but a love that transcends it.

While much of “Lemonade” would appear to tie into Beyonce’s own life, or so she would have us

believe, she also draws from the angst of the black community: The mothers of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown are seen, among others, looking somber as they hold photos of their slain sons. At another point, she tells the audience via the voice of Malcolm X that “the most disrespected woman in America is the black woman.”

Like much of her music over the last few years, the music on “Lemonade” is not made for pop radio. Besides the explicit language, it doesn’t fit into neat categories and boxes, ranging from R&B to a bit of reggae to rock and even a country twang. Paired with its visuals, it’s also elevated, becoming a work of art that has many layers to be dissected; there may well be dissertations planned on it at this moment.

It all speaks to Beyonce’s undisputed role the queen of pop — not of music, but of culture. It’s hard to imagine any other artist who could drop a project in the middle of our national mourning for Prince and still not only get attention for it, but captivate us so.

Toward the end of “Formation,” not included on the HBO special but part of the album, Beyonce intones: “You know you that b---- when you cause all this conversation.”

With “Lemonade,” she shows us she is King B, once again. ■



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