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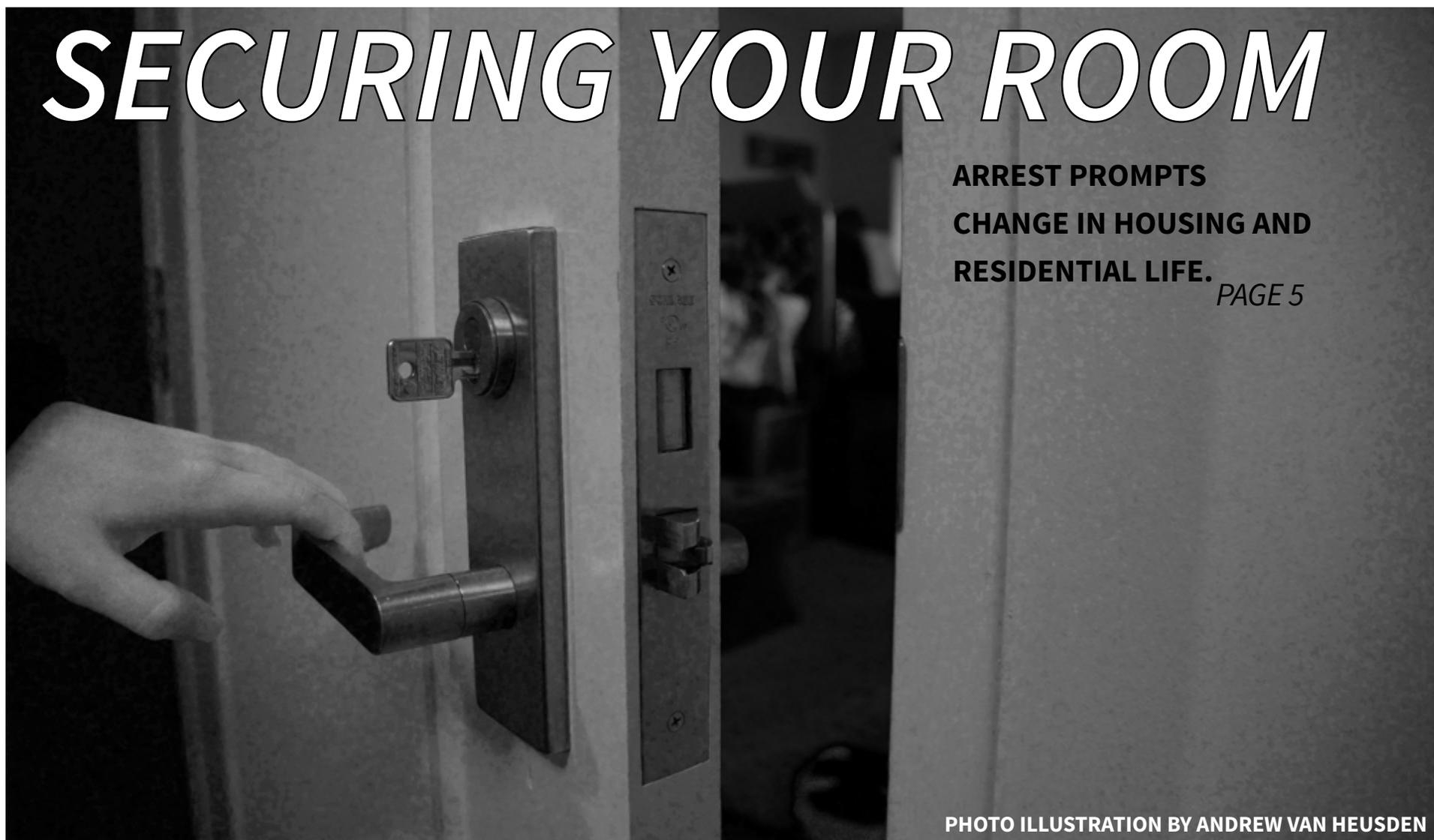


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## SPORTS

# Longtime ties brought Donati to athletics

By **GARRETT PODELL**  
MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

At 40, Jeremiah Donati might seem too young to take over TCU athletics, but he learned under former athletic director Chris Del Conte for more than 20 years. Their longtime friendship was what first brought Donati to Fort Worth in 2011.

After Del Conte was named athletic director at the University of Texas at Austin in December, TCU hired Donati.

Donati said he's thankful for Del Conte's mentorship and making him go beyond what his job entailed.

"Chris always put more on my plate than what my job responsibilities suggested," Donati said. "I was always doing more than what the HR department would tell you I'm here to do, and I'm forever indebted to him for that."

The friendship between Donati and Del Conte extends well beyond their professional lives-- their families have been tied for decades.

"When Jeremiah's father was passing away a few years ago, his last conversation with me was to say 'make sure you take care of my boy,'" Del Conte said. "I was happy to do that, but I haven't taken care of Jeremiah-- he's taken care of me my whole life. He's one of the greatest individuals I personally know. I love him dearly."

TCU Chancellor Victor Boschini said Donati's work at TCU speaks for itself.

"[Donati was the] first and only choice just

because I've watched him over the past five or six years," Boschini said. "I've seen him grow and develop the skills necessary to do the jobs. He's a great people-person. He knows athletics. He's a good fundraiser and friend-raiser."

Donati's first conversation with Del Conte was at age 12. Donati's father took him to watch Robert Del Conte's son, Chris, do high jump at a track meet at Washington State.

"[Chris Del Conte] was this ball of energy coming at me," Donati said. "I didn't know this guy, but he knew my dad from his time on the ranch. He puts me in a headlock-- first interaction-- and immediately develops a nickname for me, 'J-Man,' which to this day, he still calls me."

## The Ranch

Del Conte's family ran a children's home on a 147-acre ranch in Taos, New Mexico. Robert Del Conte met Donati's father, Dr. Richard Donati, when he was just out of medical school and looking for a place to stay. Robert Del Conte invited Richard Donati to live at the ranch in exchange for basic medical care for the foster children.

"My dad jumped at the chance," Donati said.

Donati's father would later become the team doctor for Washington State and the University of Idaho.

When Chris Del Conte was looking into graduate school programs, he contacted Dr. Donati.

Dr. Donati helped Del Conte get a graduate assistant position in



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK COHEN

Jeremiah Donati learned about college athletics from Chris Del Conte for more than 20 years.

Washington State's athletic department.

That's when "J-Man," who was in high school, and Chris grew close.

"Chris is nine years older than me," Donati said. "He's always been like an older brother-- at least when we were that age."

As Del Conte moved up in his career, he always made way for Donati.

"[Del Conte] goes off and gets his first job at Cal Poly," Donati said. "He hired me for summers where I would come down and work in the development and marketing office."

When Del Conte moved on to the University of Arizona, Donati followed.

"Chris was there for seven or eight years, and I went to work for Chris

during the summers when I was in law school down there and really started cutting my teeth in the business of college athletics," Donati said.

They parted ways when Donati graduated from law school and became an NFL agent under Leigh Steinberg, but the family ties remained.

"I would see Chris every so often," Donati said. "Our families remained close. His family lived in Southern California, so he would come to visit them. I lived in Southern California, so I would go visit them every once in a while."

When Del Conte wanted to leave Rice to become the athletic director at TCU, Donati helped him work out his contract.



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## SPORTS

# Former football player files suit over alleged abuse

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Former TCU wide receiver Kolby Listenbee filed suit in Dallas County state district court against TCU head coach Gary Patterson, the university and the Big 12 Conference, alleging a pattern of abuse and harassment. The university responded by filing for declaratory relief.

The receiver was injured during a touchdown reception against SMU during his senior season in 2015. The lawsuit, which was filed Jan. 3, alleges that Patterson, former

offensive coordinator Doug Meacham, and other coaches “continually harassed, humiliated, pressured and threatened”

Listenbee in an effort to “force Listenbee to return to play quickly.”

TCU released a statement on the lawsuit: “TCU takes tremendous pride in its long-standing tradition of excellence in providing a positive experience for its student-athletes, especially in the areas of care, prevention and rehabilitation of athletic injuries.”

Gretchen Bouton, the senior associate athletics director for student

services, is serving as a liaison for the counsel representing TCU. She discussed the possibility of settling the case out of court.

According to the lawsuit, after Listenbee injured the cartilage that holds the pelvic bones together, he was pressured to return to the field before he fully recovered. He said in the suit pelvic instability “requires a minimum of six months of rest and rehabilitation.”

Listenbee said in the lawsuit TCU’s training staff “routinely injected him with pain and steroidal medications to make it possible for him

to endure the pain of the injury while playing.”

Listenbee said he believes the “injection of steroids and pain medication, lack of rest due to harassment and abuse from the coaching staff, and strenuous play of football” caused damage to his pelvic cartilage to the point where a metal plate had to be inserted to fuse the bones. The lawsuit claims this ended the “NFL career he would have had.”

The lawsuit accused the Big 12 of failing to review TCU’s compliance with NCAA rules and policies. Specific defendants include head

coach Gary Patterson, former athletic director Chris Del Conte and former offensive coordinator Doug Meacham.

Listenbee missed two games in 2015, a season in which 25 players missed some time with an injury. The Horned Frogs finished 11-2 and ranked No. 7 after a triple-overtime victory over Oregon in the Alamo Bowl.

Despite the injury, Listenbee turned in a solid campaign and was named all-Big 12 honorable mention. He finished with 30 catches for 597 yards and five touchdowns. In the

spring, he competed for TCU’s track team in the NCAA 100-meter championship.

The Listenbee lawsuit isn’t the first time concerns have been raised about TCU football’s management of player safety. In 2010, the team physician at the time, Samuel Haraldson, told American Medical News he was “verbally accosted” by Patterson after he didn’t allow running back Ed Wesley to re-enter a game against SMU after he suffered a head injury Haraldson diagnosed as a concussion.

*Read the rest of this story on TCU 360.*

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## COMMUNITY

# Fort Worth schools create green teams to combat litter

By **KATIE CARTER**  
STAFF WRITER

Fort Worth schools are joining the city's litter-free school zone initiative by forming green teams to clear litter around parks, community centers and local businesses.

Twenty-seven schools have joined or shown interest in the initiative that started Nov. 15, said Brandon Bennett, the city's director of environmental health and code compliance.

Fort Worth seeks to prevent water pollution by clearing trash from the streets, said Tobi Jackson, the president

of the FWISD board of education.

"Water is the only thing that stops litter," Jackson said. "We need to stop it before it gets to the water-ways."

The Texas Department of Transportation reports 435 million pieces of visible litter accumulate on Texas roads each year.

Beyond the environmental harms, more litter may also correlate with more crime, Bennett said.

Bennett displayed two maps when he presented this idea to the FWISD board of education members in November.

The first was a heat map that showed where



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FWISD schools have created Green Teams to help lead the initiative of picking up litter.

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in Fort Worth the most litter was concentrated.

A second map, acquired from the Fort Worth Police Department, outlined areas that generate the most crime reports.

Bennett compared the two maps, noting a correlation between crime and grime.

Green Teams partner with Keep Fort Worth Beautiful to clean the streets

He said green teams working alongside the Keep Fort Worth Beautiful program can create safer school communities by clearing litter around parks, community centers and local businesses.

Using government resources and the help of public health and county officials, Keep Fort Worth Beautiful will demolish old, rickety homes and schedule consistent street tree trimmings so

students walking to and from school won't have to step into the street, Bennett said.

Keep Fort Worth Beautiful supplies the schools' green teams with six-gallon recycling bins and adds them to a quarterly newsletter when they submit a green team application. The application deadline is April 30.

Some neighborhoods have programs already implemented that are helping with the initiative.

In the Como neighborhood, students are encouraged to pick up 10 pieces of trash every Tuesday as part of a "10 on Tuesday" program, said Christene Moss, trustee of the FWISD board of education.

Citywide, students who participate the most in their green teams will receive a reward, Bennett said.

Fort Worth hopes to attract high school students to the program with internship opportunities in the environmental field, Bennett said. Students would test air quality with air handlers, work in water and steam groups and gain lab experience, he said.

Green teams will collaborate together throughout the district, sharing ideas, taking part in eco-contests and learning about volunteer and training opportunities, he said.

"This is an opportunity to take the limited resources we have and focus them around the schools for a much safer work environment," Bennett said.



## CAMPUS NEWS

# Arrest prompts changes in Housing and Residential Life

By SHANE BATTIS

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The student was asleep in her bedroom when the sound of her apartment door opening woke her, according to TCU police reports.

She called out, but rather than getting an answer, she heard footsteps running down the hall, police said. She declined a request for an interview and TCU 360 is not identifying her.

Her apartment in the GrandMarc was one of the three a former desk assistant entered during the early hours of Dec. 1 using a master key police said.

Elijah Herring, formerly a senior social work major, has been charged with criminal trespass habitation. Herring is no longer a student at TCU.

His arrest highlighted a gap in the hiring process for Housing and Residential Life (HRL). Herring was hired and had access to master keys, despite security footage of him stealing from wallets in the weight room from the University Recreation Center in 2014 and records matching his presence at the rec center with reported thefts that helped TCU police apprehend him.

Herring admitted to stealing one wallet, as well as the contents of four others and was charged with theft in the amount of \$50 to \$500.

In that case, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Kathy Cavins-Tull said Herring violated the University Code of Student Conduct.

Students who violate this code, she said, are given sanctions "to help the student best learn from the incident" and may return to good standing with the university after the sanctions have been satisfied.

Cavins-Tull said desk assistants didn't require a formal background check, just a good standing with the university.

In light of Herring's arrest, the hiring process has been modified this semester to significantly reduce the number of people with access to room keys. Students will undergo a thorough background check, she said.

HRL has also changed how it manages master keys and assisting students locked out of their room.

Jason Titus, assistant director for HRL, wrote in an email the number of employees responsible for lockout procedures has been significantly narrowed. Between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. on weekdays, students who need to access their rooms will be let in by office staff members. Outside of these hours, a resident assistant or chapter resident assistant (who work in the Greek halls) will be responsible for letting students in.

Titus said these changes will be evaluated throughout the semester.

Junior nursing major and GrandMarc resident Brooke Battaglia said she was asleep in her four-bedroom unit when a man entered. She and her roommates were unaware that a stranger was in their home or how



PHOTO COURTESY OF TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND CRISTIAN ARGUETA SOTO

Elijah Herring used a master key to enter three apartments in one night before he was arrested for criminal trespassing.

long he was there that morning.

Battaglia said when she woke up and noticed the door was cracked open, she didn't think much of it until TCU police called that afternoon asking if they'd seen anything strange. After they were informed of the situation, the roommates suspected a stranger had roamed into a bedroom that was open that morning.

Sisters Maia and Morgan Gunn live together at the GrandMarc. Neither was home when their apartment was entered, but they said the situation spooked them. Morgan said she was scared to sleep in her room for several nights after the incident. She also said she felt nervous returning home after working late shifts at Fuzzy's Taco Shop.

"I was kind of terrified," Morgan said.

"Nothing like that has happened before. It just scared both of us and made us feel unsafe."

Both siblings identified Herring as an acquaintance and said they chatted with him at an off-campus event the night before he broke into their apartment. Maia said she thought he was nice and "didn't expect anything like this from him."

They said none of the GrandMarc staff members reached out to them after the incident.

Battaglia said he shouldn't have been able to open her apartment door in the first place since her unit is a private lease, not a part of TCU's housing system. She expressed her frustration that the GrandMarc staff didn't update the computer system to reflect their unit switched from a TCU lease to a private one when she moved in, which made

the apartment accessible to student employees.

Under a private lease, Battaglia said, only the property manager is granted access.

"We had a lot of trust in GrandMarc, and that was broken because of their negligence to do their jobs," she said.

The GrandMarc hall director declined requests for comment.

A friend of Herring said he is also puzzled by his arrest. Frank Jackson, a senior journalism major, said he got to know Herring when they pledged the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity in 2015.

Jackson described Herring as a kind and compassionate person, who has faced a troubled upbringing and pressures at school.

Jackson said he helped Herring move some of his things out of his campus apartment after Herring was released on bail. He said Herring is

remorseful.

"We had a heart-to-heart," Jackson said. "He was just saying he feels bad and doesn't know why he did it. He never had the intention of hurting anyone."

When he first heard the news, Jackson said he felt shocked and confused at first, but he knew he wanted to support his fraternity brother.

"Situations like this are often deeper," he said. "I would encourage people to view him from a sympathetic eye and really see that he's someone who needs help, not shunning. As his brother, I wouldn't want this to be a dark cloud he can't get out under for the rest of his life."

Herring did not return requests for comments.

## CAMPUS LIFE

# New plans for TCU School of Music

By COLLEEN POWELL

STAFF WRITER

Cranes should begin lining the skies this spring.

Construction on the east side of campus will create a creative commons stretching from Mary Coutts Burnett Library to the campus boundary at Cantey Street.

The School of Music building will be built across Greene Avenue between Princeton Street and West Lowden Street. Overall, the commons will be the length of a city block and span around 120,620 square feet.

The construction is expected to start with the new Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising building. By fall, construction of

the music school should be underway.

Claire Dixon, a junior music education major, said the students have outgrown the current space.

The marketing and communication coordinator for the College of Fine Arts, Kathryn Dunn, said the music program is one of the fastest growing at TCU.

"As of right now, the School of Music is spread across seven locations," Dunn said. "The main location, Ed Landreth Hall and Auditorium, cannot support the best in current technology."

The construction will expand the footprint of the College of Fine Arts. With the music school gaining a new building, the theatre department



PHOTO COURTESY OF TCU

This is an outside view of the plans for TCU's new School of Music.

won't have to share space in Ed Landreth Hall. The music building will include an acoustically perfect concert hall with a 700-seat rehearsal space for both orchestra and band students.

Updates were called

for because of the increasing number of students and the age of the current facilities, which dates back to 1947.

"We are bursting at the seams," Richard Gipson, the director of music school, said.

"In order to continue advancements in the music program, premiere facilities are needed."

The first phase of this project is the construction of the new concert hall with surrounding green spaces and

common areas added to the east side of campus.

"The grand plan is to build a comprehensive building and move everyone in the music program into a single building," Gipson said.

## CAMPUS LIFE

## TCU works to alleviate stress through meditation groups

By GRACE AMISS

LINE EDITOR, TCU 360

Stress and college are two words that seem to go hand in hand.

In fact, nearly 30 percent of students said stress has negatively affected their academic performance, according to a report by the American College Health Association.

Maggie Hodes, a sophomore nursing major, said she feels her stress is never-ending.

"Before college, I never would've called myself a generally anxious person, but now that I am in

nursing school, stress is constant," Hodes said. "I forget that I need some time for myself. It's easy to get lost in all the studying, but whenever I take a break, it always makes me feel so much better."

TCU's Counseling and Mental Health Center counselors are hoping to help students find a way to relax.

Dr. Matt Johnson, a counselor at the center, helps students combat their anxieties through meditation groups. Johnson will lead students through various meditation methods with an emphasis on



PHOTO COURTESY OF CARLY SPALT

TCU alumna Carly Spalt said it is normal for the human body to operate on stress for long period of time.

minimizing worry and improving sleep. Methods include sitting, walking and energizing meditation.

These peer groups are

designed to provide tips so TCU students can face personal and academic challenges with ease. Johnson said many of his students have told him

meditation has changed their lives for the better.

"Every human experiences stress, but not every human being has learned tools to be able to manage their stress and anxiety in a healthy way," Johnson said. "[In this group] students can learn a variety of techniques to help them manage stress, which is something they will need for the rest of their life."

Carly Spalt, a yoga instructor and TCU alumna, said it's vital for students to set aside time to relieve stress in order to maintain good whole health.

"It is not normal or healthy for the human body to operate on high levels of stress for long periods of time," Spalt said. "There are serious health risks correlated to high-stress levels, such as heart disease, high blood pressure and depression."

Spalt said yoga is both physically and mentally beneficial.

"Yoga is mental clarity, sharpness and stability," she said. "When you focus on the mental benefits you are receiving, then the physical benefits will come naturally."

## CAMPUS LIFE

# New sensation: Students play HQ Trivia

By MICHELLE ROSS

STAFF WRITER

Twice a day, senior mechanical engineering major Joseph Hartley logs out of reality and into a new app called HQ Trivia, hoping to win \$2,500.

HQ Trivia is a daily trivia game show that broadcasts live to players' mobile devices with a cash prize, Kristen Alsterklint, HQ press member, said.

Players from around the world compete to win money by answering 12 questions. On special occasions, players answer 15 questions and can win even more money.

"The prospect of winning money is awesome, even if it's unlikely and doesn't happen often," Hartley said. "Now, it's just kind of fun to play it and try to win."

Twelve questions may seem easy, but there's a catch.

Players have only 10 seconds to answer the question, which makes it difficult for contestants to cheat.

"If you have someone else with a computer and phone that quickly Google searches a keyword, that could maybe help," he said. "But it's best to have as many people who know random stuff around you."

Contestants who guess correctly advance.

But if they are wrong, then it's game over.

The questions get progressively more difficult.

"The first question is usually pretty clear-cut,

and you should know the answer," Hartley said. "And then it slowly gets harder. By the time you get to question five or six, it's pretty obscure. They can be about British actors from the '70s."

Rus Yusupov and Colin Kroll founded HQ Trivia because they wanted to blend "old and new concepts and engaging audiences in innovative, interactive and informative ways," Alsterklint said.

She said HQ Trivia is a venture-backed company, which means companies or private investors invest money into the game.

The game launched in August, and since then, there has been a record high of 1.6 million players in one day, Alsterklint said.

## HQ Winner

Out of the millions of contestants who play, Hartley is one of the few who has actually guessed all 12 questions correctly and received money. Hartley said he won on New Year's Eve.

"That night, it was an \$18,000 jackpot, and 300 people won that night," Hartley said. "I got \$60 because the winners split the pot. My family was around me when I won and thought it was really weird, but I was really excited."

## Technology addiction

With millions of contestants, the game is fairly intense, Hartley said.

"I get a little stressed out if I don't know the answers," he said.

Not only is the game



PHOTO BY MICHELLE ROSS

Joseph Hartley (second on left) and his friends play a game of HQ. In this game, the group got the fourth question wrong. Hartley won HQ on New Year's Eve.

intense, but it can also be addictive for some players.

Caroline Albritton, program specialist for alcohol and drug education, said addiction can be destructive when it distracts someone from their daily activities.

Addiction impacts two parts of the brain: the frontal cortex and the midbrain, Albritton said.

"The midbrain is our survival instincts like eat, sleep, have sex and reproduce," she said. "The frontal cortex is where we make decisions."

Addiction begins when a person answers a question correctly and dopamine, a hormone that makes us feel happy, is released to the frontal cortex and leads players to associate playing HQ Trivia with happiness.

"It almost becomes a survival thing," Albritton said. "Instead of 'I want to do this, I want to play

## ADDICTION & THE BRAIN

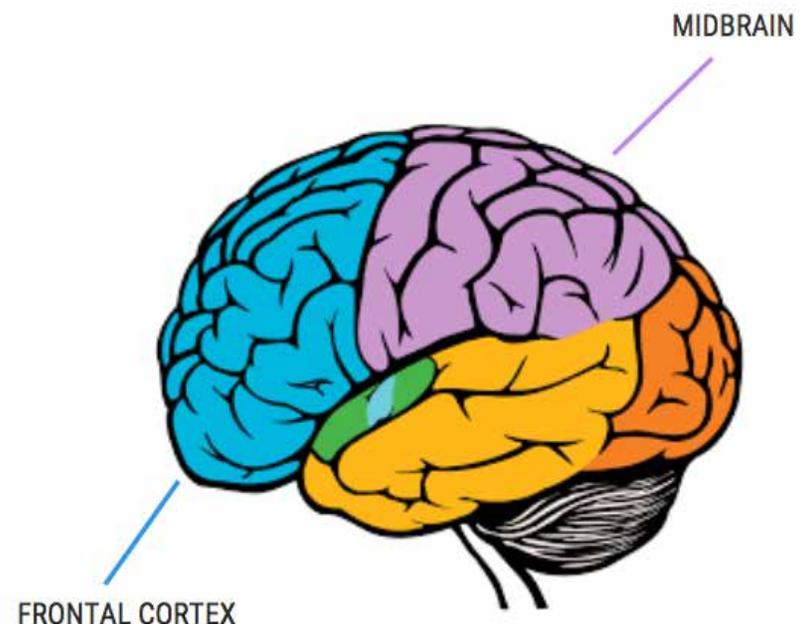


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Caroline Albritton said addiction impacts the midbrain and frontal cortex.

this game,' It's 'I need to.'"

As of right now,

Hartley said he's not addicted but is just in it for the fun and is figuring

out where he will spend his \$60.

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Opinion: Top 10 movies to look forward to in 2018**

By **WILLIAM KONIG**  
MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

While 2018 has already given us teens eating Tide Pods and putting us one year closer to the next Game of Thrones season, there is also a whole slate of movies coming up to look forward to. Here's the top 10 I'm most excited for:

**10. "Red Sparrow"**  
"Red Sparrow" premieres March 2 and stars Jennifer Lawrence. She's playing a young woman who turns to a secret intelligence service that trains women to use their minds and bodies as weapons. Having Lawrence in a spy thriller has me thinking this could be a cool film to

look out for in March.

**9. "A Wrinkle in Time"**

This movie has an all-star cast, including Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon, Chris Pine and Zach Galifianakis. Based on a children's book, "A Wrinkle in Time," is set to release March .

**8. "Under the Silver Lake"**

Although we don't know a ton about this movie yet, we know that Andrew Garfield is set to star in the film. The film is an American neo-noir crime thriller and is set to release some time in 2018. Besides, who wouldn't want to see the former Spiderman back on the crime movie

circuit?

**7. "Mortal Engines"**

This may be the biggest hit or miss film on the list. Produced by Peter Jackson, this film is set in a post-apocalyptic steampunk world. Humans are trying to survive on gigantic moving cities and must gain resources by attacking smaller cities.

**6. "Black Panther"**

What kind of a year would it be if there wasn't at least one Marvel movie on this list? If you don't think people are excited about this one, you've clearly never been on Twitter. "Black Panther" holds the record for most pre-sale tickets sold for a Marvel Cinematic Universe film. The film

is only a few weeks away, coming out Feb. 16.

**5. "Isle of Dogs"**

A stop-motion animated movie made by Wes Anderson and voiced by Scarlett Johansson, Edward Norton, Bill Murray and Bryan Cranston seems like a film too big to fail. It takes place in a Japanese city where the mayor has banished all dogs to a garbage dump island. Soon, a 12-year-old kid comes to the island in search of his dog. The movie is set to release on March 23.

**4. "Spider-Man Into the Spider-Verse"**

This animated Spider-Man film isn't coming out until Dec. 14,

but if you see this trailer, you will understand why this movie is so high up on my list. It looks like it includes some of the best animations I have ever seen, and I cannot wait to see this in a movie theater.

**3. "Ready Player One"**

This movie is being directed by Steven Spielberg and is coming out March 30. The film is set in 2045 when the world is on the brink of destruction. The creator of the OASIS hid an easter egg in the world, and the person who finds it will receive his fortune. This movie is set to have many references to old movies and pop culture.

**2. "The Incredibles**

**2"**

We have waited 14 years for the sequel to this movie, and we are finally going to get it on June 15. There isn't much more to say then this movie is going to be awesome, and there better not be any screaming children in the theatre for this one.

**1. "Avengers: Infinity War"**

Avengers was the obvious choice for this year. All these movies we've been seeing for many years have been leading up to this film. Coming out May 4, the Avengers are taking on the most dangerous villain yet: Thanos.

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### REVIEW

## Daniel Day-Lewis' film falls flat

By **WILLIAM KONIG**  
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“Phantom Thread” is said to be Daniel Day-Lewis’ last film, and it does not deliver. Held down by a strange plot and slow pacing, this film is set up to be a grand send-off but ends up falling short.

Directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, the movie takes place in the 1950s. A dressmaker, Reynolds Woodcock (Daniel Day-Lewis), and his sister, Cyril (Lesley Manville), are among the most popular dressmakers in London. Woodcock has had plenty of women in his life, but none have ever captivated him for very

long — until Alma (Vicky Kreips). This new love he finds causes problems he must overcome.

Let me start by saying the cast’s performance overall is excellent. Day-Lewis, as expected, fully gets into character and gives a wonderful performance.

However, Manville and Kreips are the real standouts. Kreips gives a haunting and beautiful performance as the love interest. She does a remarkable job portraying Alma, who must adapt to a new environment while seeking Woodcock’s love.

The pacing of this movie is one of its biggest downfalls. It moves so slowly I sometimes felt

disconnected from the screen. This film had plenty of potential with a great cast, costumes and music, but about halfway through the movie, the plot takes an unexpected and disappointing turn.

#### - **Verdict:**

While this film boasts terrific performances by the entire cast, the pacing and storyline make for some serious disappointments. This is said to be Day-Lewis’ last movie, and I hope it truly isn’t because such a fine actor should exit the screen on a better note.

**6.0/10**



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## Horoscope

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You have pondered an opportunity so much that you might feel as if it would be best to go for it and see where it gets you. One can weigh the pros and cons of a situation for only so long. Open up to new possibilities. You don't need to push so hard. Tonight: Feed your imagination.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ One-on-one relating is highlighted. A long-overdue discussion with a friend will help you to clear the air. You have different styles of communicating, and understanding each other takes time. Dig into your imagination to find the right response. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Drop the word "impossible" from your vocabulary, and reach out for more of what you want. You might not always be comfortable with this approach, but right now it has the highest likelihood of success. Tonight: Don't underestimate the possibilities around an untried path.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Though you might want to fly off the rails emotionally, you won't. Look carefully at an issue that keeps arising. Stay centered, no matter what you do or when. Worry less about what is going on with those around you. You will see the right path open up. Tonight: Off to the gym.

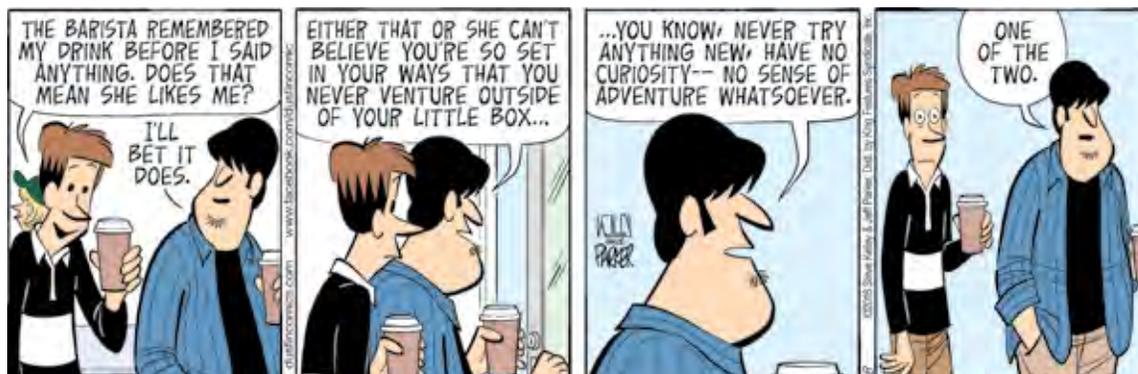
### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your fiery side comes out when dealing with a loved one. Know that getting angry won't help. You need to get to the bottom of an issue in order to move forward. You could be dealing with a problematic situation. Stay upbeat. Tonight: Let the fun and games begin!

### Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



### Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



### Intelligent Life by David Reddick



### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You often push so hard to accomplish what you must that you barely have time to take a deep breath and relax. Make an attempt to slow down and do something just for you. This break will renew your energy and make it easier to deal with certain issues.

Tonight: In the limelight.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Assess the present situation. Do not minimize what is happening between you and the other party involved. You finally will be able to clear the air and get past an obstacle or

misunderstanding that exists between you. Tonight: Return calls and catch up on others' news.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You suddenly might feel as if you can get past an ongoing hassle. Your ability to read between the lines makes

a big difference in how you handle a personal matter. Others note your sensitivity when you approach a controversial topic. Tonight: Let the party go on and on.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Issues could arise a little too easily right now. You might prefer to keep your energy at bay in order to allow yourself the time to weigh the pros and cons of a situation. Be ready to make a commitment. Don't hesitate to ask for more of what you want. Tonight: In your element.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You could reach a point of agreement much easier than you originally had anticipated. Do not hesitate to go after what you desire. You might not get the immediate results you want, but at least you will have taken the first step. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Reach out to a dear friend whom you don't often get to see. Ask more questions as you decide what would be the best way to catch up on each other's news. Make a point of planning a visit in person. Refuse to get involved in a power play. Tonight: Hang out with favorite people.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You might opt to change direction, to others' surprise. People often think that they have you figured out, only to discover otherwise. You like to grow and adapt to different situations. Stay on top of a personal matter involving an older person. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.



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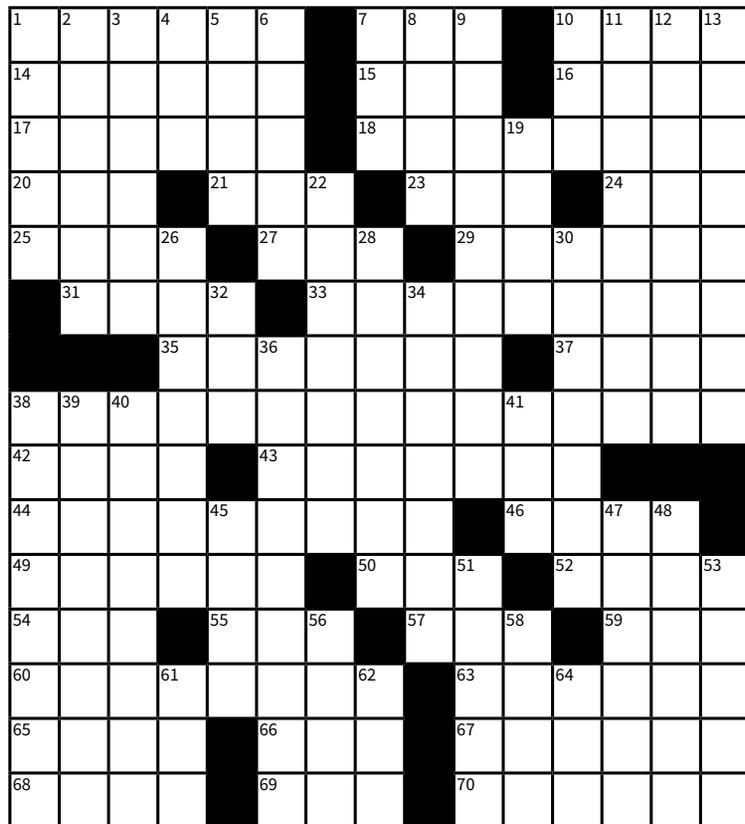
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#### ACROSS

- 1 Ten cents
- 7 Yelp alternative
- 10 When a messenger from Godot arrives in "Waiting for Godot"
- 14 Many-hit Wonder
- 15 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
- 16 Make
- 17 Honolulu's \_\_\_ Palace
- 18 Answer found elsewhere
- 20 Century 21 competitor
- 21 Right-angle pipe
- 23 Nickname shared by two Spice Girls
- 24 Virginia Cavaliers' org.
- 25 Hill workers: Abbr.
- 27 Indoor place in which coats are worn
- 29 Desk chair part
- 31 What many grandparents do
- 33 "Jackie Brown" director, 1997
- 35 One providing input
- 37 Hill workers

- 38 Something to leave at the post office ... or a hint to this puzzle's theme?
- 42 Gather food
- 43 Is dead serious
- 44 Answer found elsewhere
- 46 Pairs
- 49 Emergency
- 50 Henderson's home: Abbr.
- 52 U.S. 1?
- 54 In a \_\_\_ (stuck)
- 55 Some characters on TV's "Futurama," briefly
- 57 Last pope named Pius
- 59 Caught, as a movie
- 60 Recurring melodic phrase
- 63 Physicist Fermi
- 65 \_\_\_ money
- 66 Take to the limit, with "out"
- 67 Key of Dvorák's Symphony No. 7
- 68 Historical group of 15, for short
- 69 Ask too-personal questions
- 70 Sea cow

#### DOWN

- 1 Toddlers' attire
- 2 Gave private lessons to
- 3 Name of a family from which Franklin Roosevelt was descended
- 4 Fallopian tube travelers
- 5 "One of the most civilized things in the world," per Hemingway
- 6 "The Piano" actor Sam
- 7 QB's asset
- 8 500 sheets
- 9 Kings and queens
- 10 Height: Prefix
- 11 Powder supplement for bodybuilders
- 12 Answer found elsewhere
- 13 Macarena
- 19 Computer scientist Turing
- 22 Approached dusk
- 26 You might put CDs on them
- 28 Real deal
- 30 Angels might come to its aid
- 32 Extreme
- 34 Take back, as territory
- 36 Part of many a digital photo
- 38 Allowed in
- 39 Blubbery ones
- 40 Twinkling
- 41 Perpetrated
- 45 Capital of Österreich
- 47 "If music be the food of love, play on" speaker
- 48 Answer found elsewhere
- 51 Tried to win, as a title
- 53 \_\_\_ enemy
- 56 Sun
- 58 Prisoner
- 61 Social Security cards, e.g.
- 62 Acne medication brand
- 64 Disposed (of)

## Sudoku



#### DIRECTIONS

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

#### SOLUTION FROM 2/1

6	9	1	8	2	5	3	7	4
5	4	2	7	9	3	8	6	1
3	7	8	4	1	6	2	9	5
9	3	5	2	8	4	6	1	7
7	8	6	1	5	9	4	2	3
2	1	4	6	3	7	9	5	8
1	2	7	9	4	8	5	3	6
4	6	3	5	7	2	1	8	9
8	5	9	3	6	1	7	4	2

## TCU Trivia

**Buildings:** Jarvis Hall was once the smallest residence hall on campus.  
**True or False?**

#### SOLUTION FROM 2/1

B	E	A	M	E	S	P	A	M	D	R	Y		
L	T	C	O	L	T	A	G	U	P	R	O	E	
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T	E	N	S	E	I	M	A	M	T	W	A		
E	T	D	V	A	N	T	A	G	E	H	O	C	
A	N	I	E	L	I	E	S	H	O	O	K		
D	A	S	I	N	F	E	R	N	O	A	N	D	S
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## SPORTS

# Noi's excellence fueled by outstanding first season

By **ROBBIE VAGLIO**

STAFF WRITER

Currently sitting atop the Big 12 with a three-point field goal percentage of 48 percent, redshirt freshman Kouat Noi has transitioned into Jaylen Fisher's role with Fisher out for the year with a torn meniscus.

Head coach Jamie Dixon said he was aware of Noi's talent during the recruitment process, but both he and his staff never expected Noi to blossom so early.

"I'd be lying if I expected him to lead the conference in that aspect," Dixon said.

Noi's recruitment was different than normal as TCU started heavily recruiting him late in the process. Dixon was sold on Noi after watching a tape of the Australian under-19 basketball team.

"He was playing against good competition in a high-level game, and having coached in that, I know what kind of caliber player you need to be," Dixon said.

Dixon's staff also saw Noi play in some Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) games and a pick-up practice at IMG Academy.

"We really liked how he played without the



Kouat Noi focuses on the basket as he shoots a free throw against Iowa State.

PHOTO BY CRISTIAN ARGUETASOTO

ball and passed," Dixon said. "He was playing on the under-19 team in the position that we wanted him to play and in a similar style of play, so we thought the adjustment would be good. Just not this good."

Entering TCU as a redshirt, Noi utilized his year off by working hard during practice and in the weight room to improve his game.

"Kouat got to practice against Kenrich every day last year," Dixon

said. "We saw a level of competitiveness and fearlessness from Kouat. That definitely made him better."

His teammates saw glimpses as well.

"He was really good last year, so I knew he

was going to step in and be ready to go," sophomore guard Desmond Bane said. "Our seniors bring it every day. If you aren't on your game, you're going to get squashed, so that really helped Kouat,

and it's shown on the court."

This season, Noi's hard work has paid off, as he's become one of Dixon's go-to offensive weapons.

"We are trying to get him into the game as quick as possible," Dixon said. "With him and [JD Miller], we have a great combination. He shoots the ball really well, brings down some big offensive rebounds at times, and makes free throws. He's just really good offensively and defensively."

Bane, who currently sits at third in the conference in three-point shooting, had nothing but praise for the red shirt freshman.

"He's a great shooter, great player and a great addition for us," Bane said. "He's getting more comfortable out there for us. He's very versatile, he can guard several positions and he can play several positions on offense. He's a huge part of what we do."

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