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Bloomberg focuses on Texas

By **BENTON McDONALD**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR, POLITIFROG

The millions of Americans who tuned in for the Super Bowl saw more than two teams battling on the gridiron — two political advertisements, one for President Donald Trump and the other for Democratic candidate Mike Bloomberg, were on schedule.

Bloomberg's \$10 million, 60-second advertisement for the big game was part of an unorthodox campaign strategy that has him fourth in national polls, according to RealClearPolitics. At the heart of the strategy is Bloomberg's ability to spend more money than his opponents.

The billionaire and former mayor of New York City has spent more than \$220 million on advertisements alone since entering the race in November, according to FiveThirtyEight.

"He has essentially limitless resources to spend and he has said he's going to spend as much as it takes, and so far it has not really shown any sign of limiting what he is doing," said Joshua Darr, an assistant professor of communication at Louisiana State University.

Bloomberg's depth of resources has allowed him to focus more on Texas than any other candidate so far in the race.

He has spent over \$24 million on advertisements in Texas



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Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg, right, is greeted by Judy Sheindlin, of the television show "Judge Judy," during a campaign rally on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, in San Antonio, Texas.

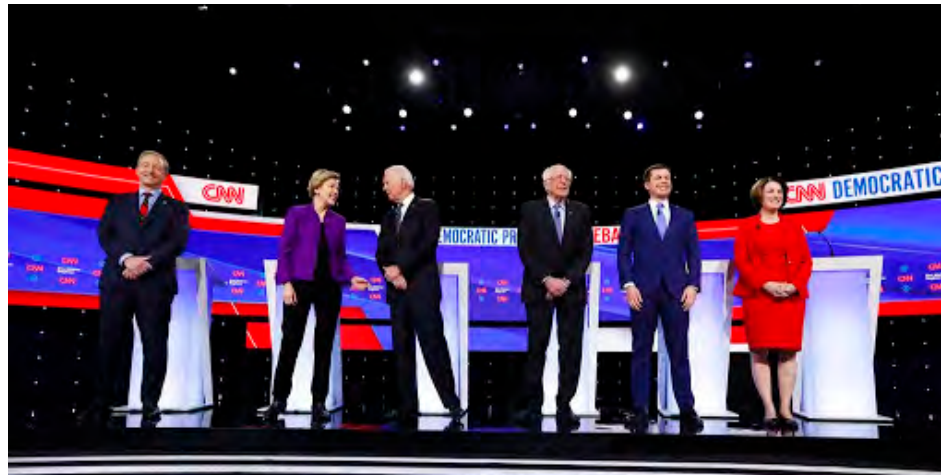


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Bloomberg will look to join the debate stage in Las Vegas on Feb. 19.

alone. Outside of fellow billionaire Tom Steyer, who has had two national ads receive airtime in the state, no other candidate has been on the airwaves in Texas.

By essentially having the state to himself, Bloomberg's ads may have more resonance with Texas voters than they would in a crowded space.

He has opened a state campaign headquarters in Houston along with 16 Texas field offices, including one in the DFW area; no other candidate has a ground game in Texas to this scale, Darr

said.

Bloomberg was fourth among candidates in the 2020 Texas Lyceum Poll, polling at 9% overall.

Another part of his strategy is his decision to skip early voting states like Iowa and New Hampshire and focus on the 14 states, including Texas, that cast their ballots on March 3.

Many candidates build their strategy around Iowa; they allocate much of their resources toward advertisements and staffing there in part because of all of the positive media coverage that follows a strong

finish in the state.

Bloomberg's campaign differs in the fact that he has no need to limit his resources and is not reliant on a good finish in Iowa to keep his campaign going.

While the viability of his largely untested campaign strategy will remain unseen until voters begin heading to the polls, Darr said that it is worth monitoring.

"I don't know if he's going to win, but I don't think he can be ruled out simply because we've never seen anything like this and we shouldn't dismiss it," Darr said.



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TCU's YAF discusses cancel culture

By **ALEXANDRA LANG**
ASSOCIATE EDITOR, THE SKIFF

TCU's chapter of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) took on cancel culture this week with a conversation led by a commentator from the Daily Wire.

The phenomenon of boycotting a person or their work was condemned by Elisha Krauss, a host and commentator for the Daily Wire, a right-leaning media outlet. The event was titled, "End the Left's Cancel Culture."

Krauss said liberals who participate in cancel culture try to limit the information the public receives on an accused person because they want the individual to garner as little sympathy as possible.

The chairman of TCU YAF, Alex Frank, said he wanted Krauss to speak on cancel culture to counter "the idea that an individual is summed up by a caricature" of his or her actions.

Frank said the organization decided to invite her because of her ability to engage with college students.

"She is an out-of-the-box thinker and a traditional conservative," he said.

Frank said he was excited to have hosted Krauss and predicted she will soon become even more prominent in conservative and libertarian media.

Frank said that TCU YAF is "a fusion of conservative and libertarianism seen during the Reagan era."

Krauss said one



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The Daily Wire's Elisha Krauss.

problem with cancel culture is its reliance on what she believes are accusations made with limited information.

"We live in a new world where we have all these so-called 'experts' that only advance their own political agenda," she said. "It judges a person based solely on outward appearance or on tweets rather than actual actions."

Another problem she proposed is the immediacy with which accusers on social media pass judgment on an accused's culpability.

"I think there's an odd desire to act instantly that plays into cancel culture," she said. "There's a broader issue in our culture with millennials reacting so quickly and in such a visceral way."

She argued for more nuance in the way public figures should be tried in the metaphorical court of public opinion.

She said that some offenses deserve complete 'cancellation' from society, while other actions allow for an opportunity for the accused to redeem themselves.

For example, she said individuals such as Bill Cosby and Harvey Weinstein, who were each accused of sexual assault, are examples of public figures whose alleged actions deserve severe public consequences; however, she said individuals like Roseanne Barr, whose television show was canceled after she sent out a racist tweet, were judged too quickly.

She said one should not be 'canceled' if "someone isn't inhibiting another's life, liberty and pursuit of happiness."

One attendee, Abbey Young, a sophomore finance and French double major, said she thought the event was educational.

"I think the event was a great way to talk about an aspect of the culture that not everyone may completely understand," she said. "The speaker (Krauss) was fantastic and I really enjoyed hearing her point of view."

By speaking to college students, Krauss hoped to point out what she believes to be a common issue in which millennials, herself included, participate.

"I think that rush to judgment of all people, no matter what side of the aisle they're on, needs to be put in check," she said. "And I would hope that they would work on that personally, professionally, and as a broader campus and society."

CAMPUS NEWS

FrogShield app receives some additions

By **DREW MITCHELL**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR, THE SKIFF

Where to rally if an emergency arises, building maps with safe zones for crises and information about the L.E.S.S. is More campaign are a few of the latest additions to TCU's Frog Shield app.

The L.E.S.S. is More campaign, which stands for lockdown, evacuate and seek shelter, launched last semester. The goal is to serve as a helpful tool if a campus crisis occurs.

Adrian Andrews, assistant vice chancellor for public safety, said he hopes these additions



PHOTO COURTESY OF ADRIAN ANDREWS

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Public Safety Adrian Andrews.

help reassure students, faculty and staff of everything the police department does to keep them safe.

The additions to

the app required a six-month process of documentation.

The app shows safe zones near every building on campus where

students, faculty and staff can go if there is an active shooter. If a fire or a situation that calls for an evacuation occurs, the app shows where the on-campus rally points are.

Additionally, there is a video that provides safety tips for moments of crisis.

The app is only in English.

"We are looking at some other options that will offer us 20 languages to get the alert message out to our community," Andrews said.

Who uses the app?

Although neither the App Store nor

the Google Play Store had information on downloads, Andrews said about 4,000 people have downloaded Frog Shield, 3,000 of whom are students.

Caleb Ervin, a junior criminal justice major, said he hasn't downloaded Frog Shield; he believes the app isn't necessary.

Ervin said he thinks the L.E.S.S. is More drills should be taught to RAs and hall directors because students will not use the app.

However, Andrews said the police department has been doing L.E.S.S. is More drills in every residence

hall on campus since the semester started.

Ervin said while all three additions serve a purpose, the evacuation and seek shelter protocols are more common sense and shouldn't have been added.

"I feel like because of the event that happened two years ago when I was a freshman, it [lockdown] makes a lot of sense," Ervin said.

Ervin said he has no plans on downloading the Frog Shield app.

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SPORTS

Bryant's game, approach on life impacted TCU athletes

By COLIN POST
SPORTS EDITOR, TCU 360

Over the past week, both TCU men's and women's basketball have had to prepare for competition with heavy hearts.

In the early afternoon of Sunday, Jan. 26, news broke that former Los Angeles Lakers shooting guard Kobe Bryant died in a helicopter crash.

Eight others died in the accident, including Bryant's 13-year-old daughter, Gianna.

The tragedy left millions across the globe heartbroken. Bryant was the "Black Mamba." He was supposed to be invincible.

Shortly after the news broke, TCU guard R.J. Nembhard tweeted, "Lost for words man. My idol is gone."

"I had no words at the time," center Kevin Samuel said. "It's not something you'd ever expect to see in a headline."

Samuel went on to say he used to try to mimic Kobe's moves as a young player growing up in the Caribbean.

Before TCU's matchup with Texas Jan. 29, the Frogs warmed up in black and purple shirts with "Kobe" written on the front and the numbers 8 and 24 shown on the front and back.

After the game, guard

Desmond Bane spoke on what it meant for them to play in Kobe's honor.

"It's huge," Bane said. "I mean, a lot of us guys were just growing up when Kobe was entering the league and when he was in his prime. It's great—being able to wear this shirt and, I guess, play for Kobe tonight, for all he's meant to us and the basketball community."

Kobe's legacy went far beyond men's basketball, though.

The TCU women's basketball team had a game on the road against West Virginia just hours after Kobe's death was announced.

Several Horned Frogs

were seen with "RIP Mamba" written on their shoes in reverence to the future NBA hall-of-famer.

TCU women's basketball head coach Raegan Pebley took to Twitter to commemorate the life of an all-time great.

Pebley coached at a clinic several years ago with Bryant. After the clinic, he invited her to watch him coach Gianna's basketball team.

On Wednesday, Pebley emphasized the legacy Bryant left as a father even over the one he left as a basketball player.

"You really knew right away that he was completely present in

his role as a dad and a coach," Pebley said. "He loved what he was doing."

Bryant, the father of four girls, had loved and attacked his role as a girl dad. Since his passing, thousands of fathers have posted pictures online with their daughters with the caption "#girldad."

TCU women's basketball gave the first 200 dads in attendance Saturday against Kansas State a #girldad t-shirt.

Despite the grief and despair that fills every heart in America upon hearing about Kobe's death, Pebley said the tragedy was an opportunity to learn.

"It was a great

opportunity to revisit what Mamba Mentality means," Pebley said about Bryant's passing. "It's to be very intentional with everything that you're doing; completely where your feet are; and elite in your actions, decisions and your thoughts."

His five rings, MVP trophy and 33,643 points leave him as one of the greatest NBA players ever, but it was the lessons that Bryant taught us that expanded his legacy outside of America and outside of basketball.

It's been a week, and we still miss you, Kobe. Rest in peace Black Mamba.



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CAMPUS NEWS

Students, faculty gather to protest racism on campus

By **RENEE UMSTED**

MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

About 40 students and faculty members gathered at Frog Fountain Wednesday to call for the removal of faculty named in a lawsuit against the John V. Roach Honors College and speak out against racism and sexism and at TCU.

The student-organized protest was held to support Jane Doe, the unnamed student who filed suit against TCU claiming that she was physically and verbally abused last summer by honors faculty during a month-long trip to Washington, D.C.

The protest was led by Saffyre Falkenberg, Elaine Lysinger and Kaylee Henderson, graduate students in the English program at TCU.

The protest followed several listening sessions held by university officials wanting to hear from students about their experiences of hatred and abuse.

Before inviting attendees to share their stories about discrimination on campus, Falkenberg called for the removal of the faculty members listed in the lawsuit.

"I do hope that TCU is paying attention and they take us seriously and start to move in terms of terminating faculty named in the lawsuit and in terms of responding to the list of demands that the students' issued this morning," Falkenberg said.

Falkenberg's insistence on the removal

of the faculty members is one of several demands expressed by the Coalition for University Justice & Equity (CUJE). This anonymous group of TCU students published a petition online Wednesday that has been signed by over 200 people. The list is addressed to Chancellor Victor Boschini, Provost Dr. Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg and the board of trustees.

Students who attended the protest talked about the ongoing need to speak out against racism and discrimination.

"I think now is the time for me to stand up," said Jernee Goods, a senior undergraduate student.

Several speakers specifically wanted more action from professors who had been silent on these issues.

"Where is the tenured faculty who have protection," Lysinger asked. "What are they using their privilege for?"

Sophomore music and religion double major Trinity Smith said she came to the protest to support Jane Doe.

"I know stuff like this has been happening since the university has been founded, and either no one's been speaking up or they haven't been listening, so now this lawsuit is sort of forcing them to listen," Smith said.

However, Smith added that she does not think TCU really cares about the problems discussed in the protest, as the university has not made any changes, despite many people advocating



PHOTO BY CRISTIAN ARGUETA SOTO

Organizers invited those who attended to share their stories, concerns and demands. Photo by Cristian ArguetaSoto

for action.

Lysinger said TCU needs to understand systemic failures to make institutional changes to prevent more situations like Jane Doe's from happening and to create equality.

"This stuff making news is finally calling attention to what TCU tries to sweep under the rug, so the louder we can be, the less likely it is that they can continue to sweep this under the rug," said Henderson, one of the organizers.

Falkenberg said they did not currently have any specific plans to hold similar events in the future, though they might organize again, depending on what happens on campus.



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Students were invited to bring signs to the protest.

CAMPUS NEWS

Honors student says D.C. trip was miserable

By **ROBBIE VAGLIO**

EXECUTIVE EDITOR, TCU 360

The Honors College trip to Washington D.C. last summer was a bad experience for more than one student.

A student, who asked to remain anonymous because she feared retaliation, said that she was also neglected by Diane Snow, the dean of the John V. Roach Honors College.

The month-long trip to Washington, D.C. last summer is at the center of a lawsuit filed on behalf of a student identified only as Jane Doe No. 1. The suit accuses Snow and other members of the honors faculty of subjecting Doe to verbal and physical abuse because of her race.

Snow did not respond to an email requesting a comment, and the others named in the suit declined to comment.

“As a practice, Texas Christian University does not comment on the specifics of pending litigation,” the university said in a statement.

“Like many universities in the country, TCU has a complex history that we are taking an active approach to examining and understanding. Today TCU is focused on creating a respectful and inclusive community for all students. At this time, the university’s main priority is to address our student’s concerns, and we are investigating the matters outlined.”

Chancellor responds to listening sessions

In response to the

suit, the university held two listening sessions during which students of color or from marginalized groups told of hostile encounters they experienced on campus. Some students said the first time they were called the n-word was at TCU, others complained of faculty who asked why they were at TCU.

In the days following, Chancellor Victor Boschini announced that the university is planning faculty and staff listening sessions. His campus-wide e-mail also talked of increasing faculty and staff education beyond matters of compliance and community building for students.

‘The worst trip of my life’

The student who contacted TCU360 said Snow was disrespectful to all of the students on the trip.

However, she said that some of the claims Doe’s lawyers made in the lawsuit were “sensationalized.”

“The biggest thing that I was there for was there was some information in regards to Dr. Snow and that she did things in front of all of us towards Jane Doe that just didn’t happen,” she said. “I think there was a sentence that said she mocked her in front of the students that just didn’t happen.”

The student did not elaborate on any other points in the lawsuit, but she did say the suit forced her to confront her experiences in Washington.

“It brought up a lot of things that I didn’t want to remember at the time, a lot of things that I kind of just pushed past,” she said. “I didn’t pretend that it didn’t happen, it’s just one of those indescribable things, you’re kind of at a loss for words. It just brought up a lot of feelings of disgust, anger and sadness.”

Former faculty member sues alleging discrimination

She said students were responsible for different assignments each week while they were in Washington. She said they were assigned writing reflections and weekly journals during the first week, journals and a final paper during the second week and an argumentative essay during the third week.

“The fourth week was Dean Snow’s week and it was insane,” she said. “We had this project that we had to interview people in D.C. for and we had to write an 8-10 page essay on something that we found in the health or STEM field in D.C. We were required to have an outside source but our days were from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., so a lot of the times where we wanted to go interview people we just couldn’t.”

When students questioned Snow about the assignment, “she snapped and yelled,” the student said.

“She was like, ‘You all are honors students, you know what’s expected of honors students, and this is an honors college trip,’ and honestly by then we



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Chancellor Victor Boschini.

were burned out,” she said.

The student said her bad experiences with Snow began before the trip due to health concerns she had.

Like Doe, the student said Snow “guilted” her into going on the trip by reminding her how competitive the program was and how lucky she was to go on it.

“I emailed her and I said, ‘Hey, I can’t go, I’m so sorry,’ and her response was ‘Here’s why you’re going,’” she said. “She’s a dean so I assumed she would understand.”

The student said she was told her health concerns would be accommodated, but that she never received the care she was promised.

“I was like I need something else or I need to go to the hotel, and her response was like ‘Can you come back in an hour?’ as I was throwing up in the bathroom,” she said. “There were just little instances like that in the trip where I wanted my voice to be heard and I wanted the dean

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There’s a powerful movement - faculty, staff and students - all looking to be a force for the greater good, on and off the TCU campus. I heard many of you speak at our student listening sessions. As I listened, I was painfully reminded that many students walk paths that are unfamiliar to me and have experiences I will never fully understand. My commitment, however, is to walk alongside our students and understand what actions we can take.

Because I hear you. We hear you. And we are committed to doing much more than listening.

I am mindful, however, that goals are often easy to set, but hard to accomplish. TCU’s stated goal is to build a diverse and inclusive campus community, one that is welcoming and respectful of all campus members. It’s a goal that is supported by our Trustees and one we discuss often. Despite all of our progress, we still have work to do.

We are developing short- and long-term actions to meet pressing needs expressed by students. I have immediately tasked Provost Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg and Vice Chancellor and Chief Human Resources Officer Yohna Chambers to host listening sessions with faculty and staff. Additionally, we intend to increase faculty and staff education beyond mandatory compliance training as well as increase opportunities for community building among students.

I recognize that there is a clear gap between our intentions, our actions and what underrepresented and underserved members of our community experience. I will take the lead on identifying ways we can improve. There’s nothing more important to me than building a culture we can be proud of and embracing our full campus community. It is my expectation that we all take an active role in making TCU a diverse and inclusive community.

Sincerely,
Victor J. Boschini, Jr.

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Chancellor Boschini sent out an email in response to the listening sessions.

of the honors college to take care of me like she said she would, and she didn’t.”

The student said there was a worry-free atmosphere when Snow wasn’t in the room, an environment that completely changed once she walked in.

“We weren’t worried about someone snapping at us, but once Dean Snow got there the atmosphere in the room changed...but when you’re a student and the dean is sitting right there, you can’t say why you’re uncomfortable because you’re afraid of retaliation,” she said.

The student said she didn’t have any bad experiences with the other instructors.

“The faculty besides Snow were kind and responsive,” she said.

“My main concern was Snow. It was hard being in the room with her, having meals with her,

but I lost it on the trip. I think we all lost it in some way.”

The student said she hopes the lawsuit sparks a culture change at TCU so that similar behavior isn’t tolerated in the future.

“You want the best if you’re going to be advertised that you’re getting the best, and this is unacceptable,” she said. “I wish I could transfer but I’m so close to finishing it all. That trip was the worst trip of my life and I truly wish I didn’t go.”

COMMUNITY

Building sustainability together

By GRACE TOUPS

EXECUTIVE EDITOR, THE 109

A policy China enacted in 2018 changed the dynamics of recycling on a global and national scale, even affecting local communities.

With the “National Sword” policy, China banned the import of 24 types of “contaminated” materials, such as plastics and paper products. Now, only high-grade materials, such as cardboard and newsprint that meet a 99.5% purity standard can be exported.

The U.S. was one of China’s largest exporters, sending over 70% of its plastic waste to China in

2017, according to the U.S. Census Bureau data by Unearthed.

The policy originated as an effort to lower the amount of contaminated waste that was overflowing from Chinese processing facilities. The majority of waste came from plastics contaminated with food or non-recyclable products.

In 2018, the number of plastics received by China dropped 99.1% compared to the previous year. As a result, countries in Southeast Asia have increased the number of imports they receive per year. According to Resource Recycling, in 2018, Thailand imported

1.2 billion pounds of scrap, triple the amount it received the previous year.

But, these smaller, less-developed countries lack the capacity and resources needed to handle large amounts of material at one time. An overwhelming amount of plastic and paper scrap forced Vietnam to place a four-month hold on imports in 2018.

Before the ban, selling recyclable materials offset processing costs, but now American cities are responsible for the payment of sorting their residential recycled materials, and more waste is ending up in landfills and incinerators,



PHOTO BY GRACE TOUPS

Employees at Republic Services stand on a belt and sort through material, removing as many contaminants as possible.

which pollutes the global environment.

In Fort Worth, processing costs have increased due to the demand for cleaner, recyclable materials, which require more labor, equipment and technology. The more contaminated the material, the less monetary value it holds.

Western countries began exporting plastics to China in the 1990s because shipping the materials around the world was easier and more economical than processing them at home. Reports from the United Nations Comtrade Database show that 106 million metric tons, about 45%, of plastics, were exported to China over the past 28 years.

Cities in the U.S. now face challenges while trying to adapt to the “National Sword” policy.

“As a consequence... there has been an excess in recyclable materials that supply in the American and global

commodity market which has led to deflated commodity prices,” said Robert Smouse, the assistant director of the Solid Waste Services for the City of Fort Worth.

Smouse said the commercial sector faces challenges with participation in the city’s diversion efforts and implementation and expansion of their on-site recycling and diversion programs. The current diversion rate, which reports the amount of waste diverted from landfills and turned into a resource, is around 30%.

Reducing contamination and increasing participation in residential and commercial streams are two broad goals Smouse has for the recycling program.

“The city has established for itself the goal of achieving a 30% residential recycling rate by 2021 and a 40% diversion rate of all of the municipal solid waste by 2023,” Smouse said.

The current residential recycling rate stands at about 20%.

The city is working on improving the residential recycling rate through community education and outreach programs. Smouse said these efforts are completed through multiple channels:

Directly, through recycling cart audits done at the curb prior to the carts being emptied. Educational information is left to help inform specific residents and homes about non-recyclable items found in their carts.

Supporting regional recycling campaign efforts (Know What to Throw), print media, direct homeowner mailers and other social media posts (Keep Fort Worth Beautiful Facebook).

When Fort Worth’s recycling program began in 1991, only paper and cans were collected in

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small, 18-gallon totes. In 2003, an automated recycling collection replaced the gallon totes with 64-gallon carts.

In 2012, the city introduced curbside recycling. Residents were incentivized by Recyclebank, which rewarded points for gift cards, coupons and discounts at local establishments based on the weight of citywide weekly recycling collections.

Currently, about 550 tons of material are collected during the week by the city's Residential Services Program, which is contracted by Waste Management and brought to Republic Services Material Recovery Facility, where it is sorted and shipped to end-markets

to be recycled into new products.

"The facility compacts about 70% of the material collected while the other 30% contains residual material which gets sent to a landfill," said Tony Broadbent, the operations manager of Republic Services.

Recycled material ends in the bio link area, where four employees compress and dress it into presentable bales for selling.

Broadbent said the recycling center normally processes 12,000 tons of recycled material a month. Out of that material, they barrel and ship around 7,000-8,000 tons.

Located at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens is a self-guided, outdoor demonstration area that shows the ease of

composting at home.

The Fort Worth Compost Outpost is a joint project by the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Fort Worth Park & Recreation, Fort Worth Code Compliance Solid Waste Services, North Central Texas Council of Government and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Composting is a process of recycling organic material, such as leaves and vegetable scraps, into a rich soil amendment.

Or, as master composter Susan Houston said, "the process of putting brown stuff with green and alternating it so that it breaks down and becomes the best dirt you'll ever find."

The site has over 20 compost areas that



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Master gardeners Carolyn St. Clair, Susan Houston and Bill Hall maintain the outpost every Friday morning.

are maintained every Friday morning. Master gardeners go out and check on the progress of the compost as well as clean up the area around the outpost.

Bill Hall, a master gardener who volunteers

at the outpost, said composting is the best way to create sustainability in the community by keeping excess waste out of landfills.

"Even though we're master gardeners, deep down we're conservation-

ists," Hall said. "We're trying to conserve the environment, in some small way, and keep the landfills a little less full."



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Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020:

This year, your desire to help others and be of service manifests. Take good care of your health or you could become frazzled. If single, many people share an interest in you, but you might not want to know many of them on a deeper level. You will not commit easily this year, as your freedom may become more important. If attached, the two of you establish an unusual closeness and caring. Your relationship grows on many levels. CANCER admires your ability to make time for others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You might be focused on the task at hand; however, others seem to be elsewhere. Do what you need to and worry less about roping in others. You cannot interfere with others and their imagination. Tonight: Buy a favorite treat on the way home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Zero in on a key issue that surrounds the day. Planning the upcoming weekend also might be important. Resolving differences could be positive, allowing the next few days to flow. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Return calls first, then decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You can and will make a difference if you so choose. Not only is a money matter on the table, but different perspectives emerge around the use of money in the workplace and home. Lighten up. Tonight: Clear out an errand on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You feel as if the word "no" does not exist and should not exist. Your determination to manifest what you want emerges. Some of you might simply wish for a day without

complication Tonight: Create what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Pull back and observe. You might want to head in a direction that is different from that of an associate or loved one. What you are considering could be excellent. At a later point, a discussion might be relevant. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A meeting could carry greater significance than you are aware of. Someone might be observing you carefully, trying to grasp your fundamental beliefs. A friend expresses a long-term desire. Tonight: Let go of any heaviness and hang out with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Emphasis is on your relationship with an older person or a higher-up. You will carry more responsibility because of your interactions with this person. He or she respects your judgment and ideas both personally and professionally. Tonight: Be flattered.

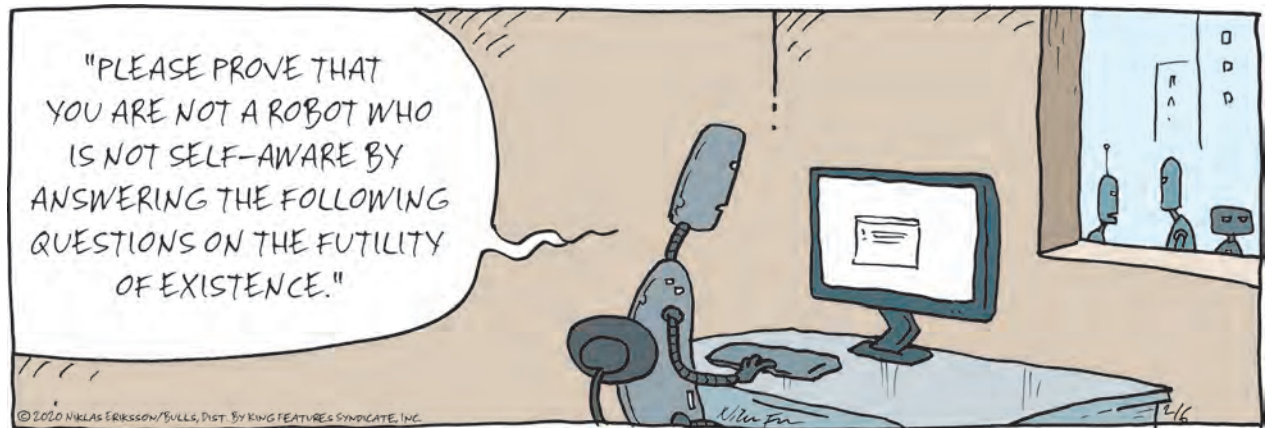
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You cannot continue as you have. You will lose an idea or two since so much seems to be coming from you. Jot down some of your ideas, especially after you wake up. Consider taking off a day to center yourself soon. Tonight: Accept a fun suggestion.

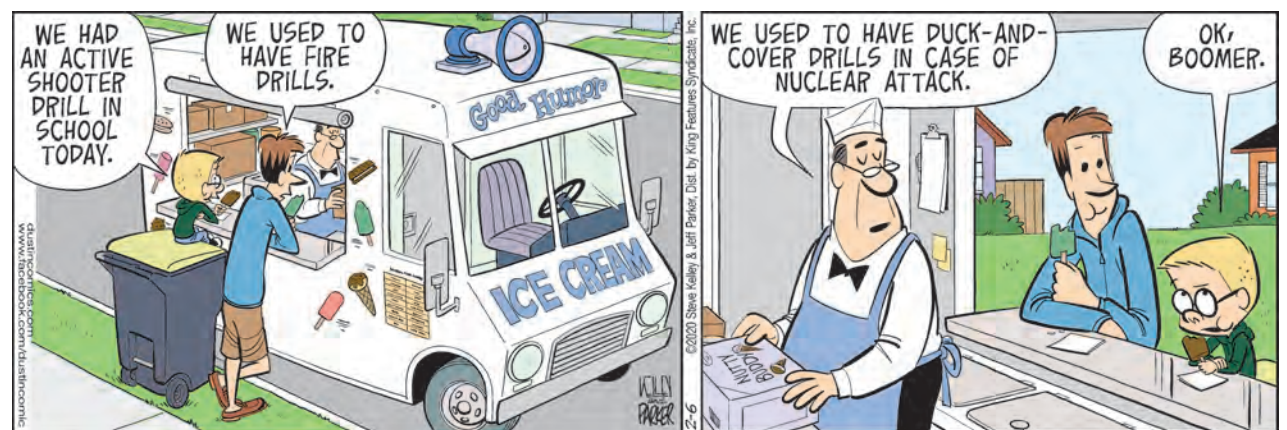
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ One-on-one relating reveals important details that you would not have known otherwise. Although you might have preferred to continue through the task as it was, the end results would not be as significant. Tonight: Enjoy a heartfelt compliment.

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Intelligent Life by David Reddick



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Go along with others' ideas. You might be 90% sure that yours are better, but let time make the judgment. You tend to be conventional, and in this case, a more dynamic attitude could make a big difference. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

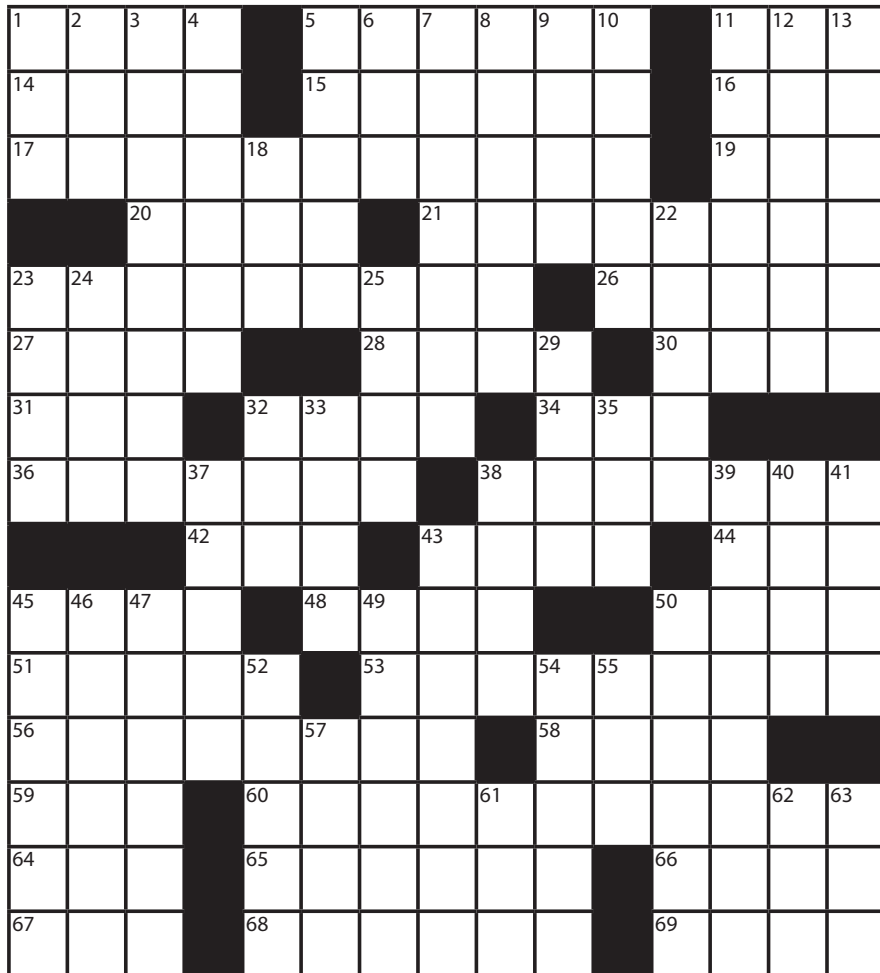
★★★★ Defer to a loved one; not because it is easier, but because this person needs to feel more involved in the decision-making process. You cannot always have the final say -- even if you want to. Tonight: Soak away stress in a hot, bubbly bath.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with a child or loved one who cannot seem to get past a problem. This person has trouble seeing situations clearly and creating simplicity. Tonight: Help out a loved one.

The New York Times

Edited by Will Shortz



PUZZLE BY ED SESSA

ACROSS

- 1 Sight on a dollar bill
- 5 Offerings at many coffeehouses
- 11 Rent
- 14 Ballet movement
- 15 Result
- 16 "For a quart of ____ is a dish for a king": Shak.
- 17 Nyctophobic
- 19 1990 Sam Raimi superhero film
- 20 Zoophilist's org.
- 21 Impermanent fixes
- 23 1967 thriller for which Audrey Hepburn received an Oscar nomination
- 26 Surprise winner
- 27 "A simple yes ____ will suffice"
- 28 Unit in a shopping cart
- 30 R.M.N. or L.B.J.
- 31 Battle stat
- 32 Crowning point
- 34 Former Mideast alliance, for short
- 36 Not know something others know
- 38 Cocktail made with ginger beer
- 42 Independence in Washington, e.g.: Abbr.
- 43 A-O.K.

DOWN

- 44 Fair-hiring inits.
- 45 Container in a tasting room
- 48 National park through which the Virgin River runs
- 50 Bio lab medium
- 51 Post-sunset
- 53 Sweet that lacks milk
- 56 Uses as partial payment
- 58 Territory east of Ukraine on a Risk board
- 59 Little peeve
- 60 Where Darth Vader gets his strength ... or what eight answers in this puzzle share
- 64 Top gun
- 65 Suck in again, scientifically
- 66 Didn't doubt a bit
- 67 Prospector's accessory
- 68 Many John Wayne films, informally
- 69 "The Night of the Hunter" screenwriter James

DOWN

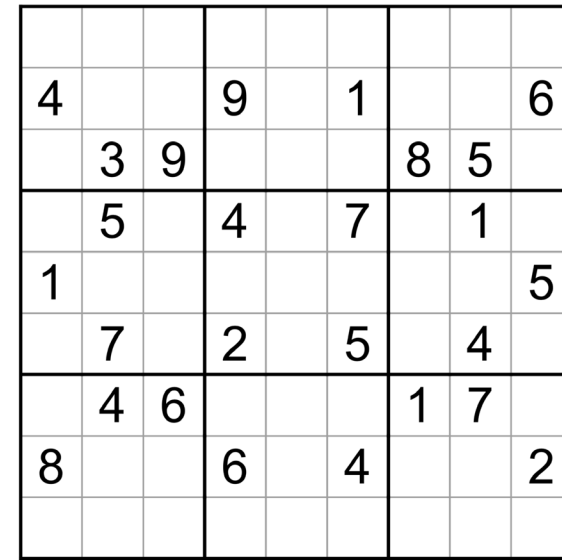
- 1 Eponymous Belgian town
- 2 Famously nonunionized worker
- 3 Tel Aviv-to-Cairo carrier
- 4 Reach quickly, as a conclusion
- 5 Wheels for four
- 6 Cash flow tracker, for short
- 7 Like much freelance work
- 8 Stinging plant
- 9 Unoriginal voice
- 10 N.B.A. All-Star Curry
- 11 Hedy of old Hollywood
- 12 Pass
- 13 Gets ready for a punch, say
- 18 Critical hosp. area
- 22 Lose amateur status
- 23 Baby's first home
- 24 Grammy winner India. ____
- 25 "Nature's great healer," per Seneca
- 29 Perfume ingredient
- 32 Transport to remote areas, briefly
- 33 Bistro sign word
- 35 Ended a fast
- 37 Plain for all to see
- 38 Erstwhile iPod type
- 39 Entertaining lavishly
- 40 Spam, for one

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SOLUTION

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TCU Trivia

True or False: In 1949, TCU became the first university in the nation to offer a four-year degree in ballet.

SOLUTION



TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

- 41 Old days
- 43 Guy in a suit
- 45 Little shut-eye
- 46 "I bless the rains down in ____" (lyric from a 1983 #1 hit)
- 47 College of ____ Island (CUNY school)
- 49 Most bone-chilling
- 50 #49
- 52 Once more in vogue
- 54 Checks
- 55 Planet of 1970s-'80s TV
- 57 Kind of butter used in cosmetics
- 61 Train schedule abbr.
- 62 Poor mark
- 63 Animal that sounds like you?

SPORTS

Basketball closes out first half of Big 12 play with win over K-State

By **SAM FRISTACHI**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Lauren Heard's third career double-double helped lead the Frogs to a 65-61 win over Kansas State Saturday afternoon.

The junior guard scored 18 points and had 12 rebounds in the win. Heard has now scored 10-plus points in 17-straight games and in 19 of 20 games overall this season.

Senior forward Ella Hellessey also scored a season-high eight points in the victory over the Wildcats.

"I think we are so locked into the game, either playing or being that extra player on the

bench," Hellessey said. "Our sideline – the knot – is so locked in that when you do get called to go into the game, your contributions on the bench just makes you even more ready to go when you come into the game."

After falling behind in the first quarter 11-9, TCU closed out the first half strong by outscoring Kansas State 19-7 in the second quarter to take a 28-18 lead into halftime.

The Wildcats opened up the third quarter with a 12-1 run, but TCU countered Kansas State's effort by going on a 9-0 run to take a 45-38 lead going into the final period.

Kansas State continued to fight back and pulled within a point, 49-48, after going on a 10-4 run and later took a lead deep in the fourth quarter.

The lead would change several more times, but TCU outscored the Wildcats 9-2 down the stretch, as Heard scored the final four points for the Horned Frogs.

TCU will have a week-long break before being back on the court Saturday against the Kansas Jayhawks in Lawrence, Kansas. Tip-off is set for 5 p.m. at Allen Fieldhouse.



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TCU pushed its record to 16-4 overall and 7-2 in the conference standings.



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