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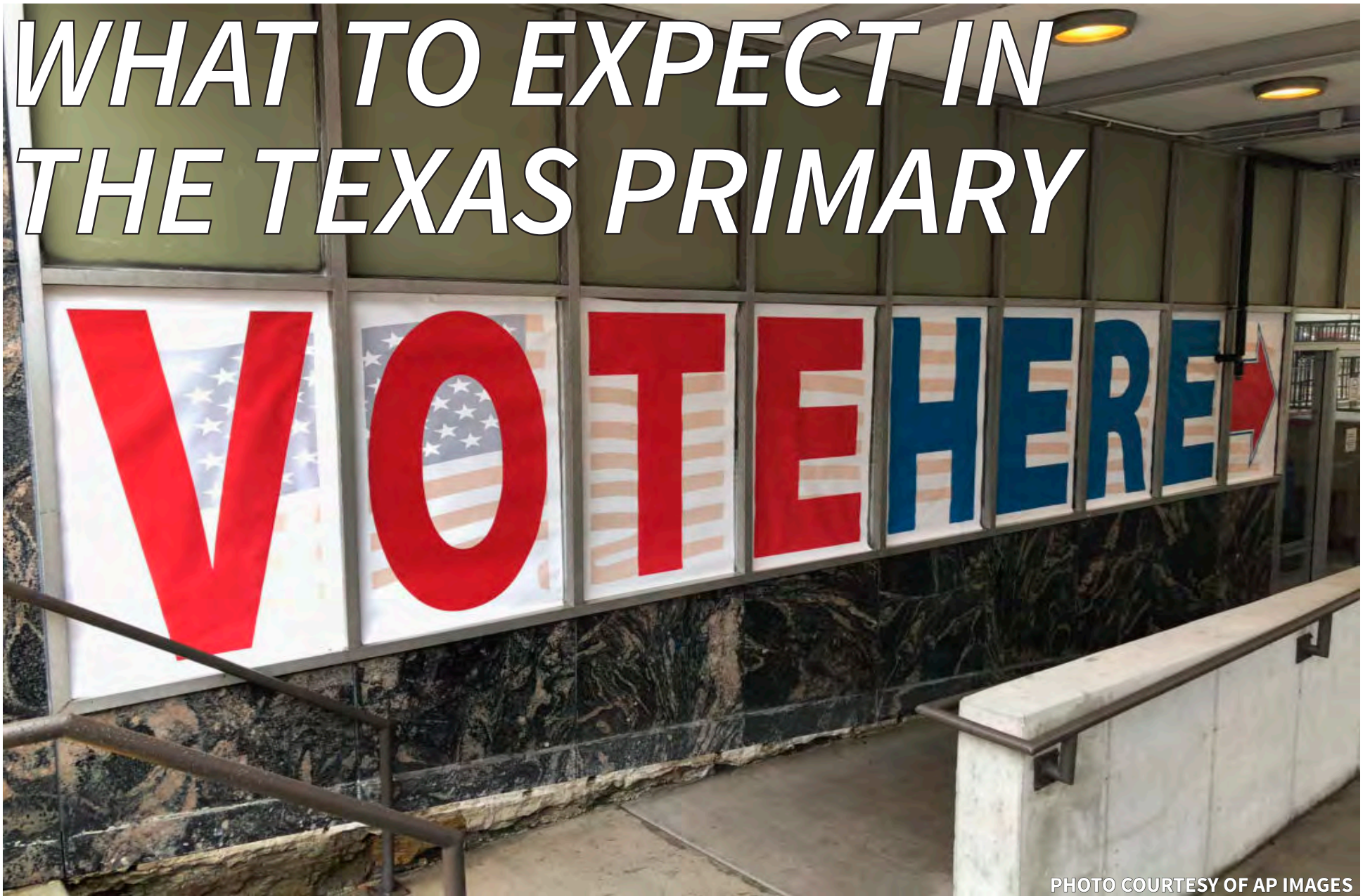


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POLITIFROG

Texas primary: what to expect

By **ALEXANDRA LANG**

ASSOCIATE EDITOR, THE SKIFF

Texas is one of the 14 states holding its presidential primary on Super Tuesday.

The results of the March 3 election will help determine the division of delegates to each of the presidential candidates.

Texas has 261 delegates to divvy up, and the state will have a large impact in determining which candidate will receive the Democratic nomination.

To receive any delegates in Texas, a candidate must get at least 15% of the vote; delegates are then divided proportionally among the candidates who meet that threshold.

Texas has an open primary, meaning that all voters, regardless of the political party with which they are registered, can participate.

Cal Jillson, a professor of political science at Southern Methodist University, said he expects a lot of interest and high turnout in the Texas Democratic primary.

“In 2020, I expect us to be at least where we were in 2016, but maybe not all the way up to where we were in the 2008 primary,” Jillson said. “(2008) had a record turnout for a primary election in Texas.”

The polls in Texas, as of Monday, Feb. 24, have Sen. Bernie Sanders leading former Vice President Joe Biden, at 22.3% and 20.7%, respectively.



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“I Voted” stickers await voters at the Oklahoma County Board of Elections, Thursday, June 21, 2018, in Oklahoma City, as early, in-person absentee voting has begun at county election boards across Oklahoma ahead of Tuesday’s statewide primary election.

“I think you have to think of it as Sanders being ahead in Texas and rising a little bit, and Biden is second in Texas and maybe falling a little bit,” Jillson said. “So it’s a little hard to tell what the results will be in the primary.”

Jillson said Biden could take back his lead in Texas by performing well in other states that will vote before Super Tuesday.

Jillson also said a Biden victory in South Carolina still might not be enough of a boost to help him win in Texas because early voting has already started.

“About half of Texans will have voted before they hear what happens in South Carolina,” Jillson said. “So even if it is a Biden win, it’s not gonna do him as much good on Super Tuesday as it might have in other years.”

With Sanders leading in the polls in most Super

Tuesday states, he could be the nominee if he continues to succeed in the primaries, especially after his recent win in the Nevada caucus.

Jillson said Sanders is winning because he took over the progressive vote as Sen. Elizabeth Warren lost her lead, and the group of moderate candidates has divided the moderate voters.

“I think the reason that Sanders seems to be doing so well right now is that no single moderate has yet emerged and they continue to split the vote,” he said.

Jillson said there is also a chance Sanders will have a plurality, rather than a majority, at the convention, causing a contested convention.

In the case of a contested convention, Sanders could face opposition from the other candidates who wish to stop him from getting the nomination if he doesn’t have a majority.

“In the bargaining over who should be the nominee, the question is whether or not he comes out on top because he has more delegates,” Jillson said. “Or the moderates gang up on him to deny him the nomination.”

Jillson said a contested convention could be harmful to Democrats in the general election because Sanders’ supporters “would be up in arms.”

Heading into the primary election, Jillson said everyone, especially young people, should start thinking about voting.

“Voting is important, and more young people should do it,” he said. “Voting is a habit, and if you get in the habit of voting early, you’ll probably be a regular voter all your life.”



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CAMPUS NEWS

Harvard prof discusses racial criminalization of African Americans

By **DREW MITCHELL**

EXECUTIVE EDITOR, THE SKIFF

A Harvard professor discussed the racial criminalization of African Americans throughout U.S. history in an event on Wednesday, Feb. 19 organized by the comparative race and ethnic studies (CRES) department.

Dr. Khalil Muhammad, a professor of history, race and public policy at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, said the topic is important to discuss because crime statistics are the primary way America defines black people as inferior.

He also said he teaches his students there is no way to understand any part of American history without understanding race and racism.

"I hope students feel good about the work they're doing, the struggles that they're battling, and that they know they're not alone," Muhammad said. "That they know even at the richest, the most prestigious, the oldest university in this country, that there are people like me fighting the same fight."

Muhammad is a Chicago native and has had many career changes over the span of his professional life. He received his undergraduate degree in economics at the University of Pennsylvania and worked as a public accountant. Following that, he served as the director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black



PHOTO BY HAEVEN GIBBONS

Students, faculty and staff listened to Dr. Muhammad Wednesday in the Neeley School of Business.

Culture for five years.

Muhammad said his work prior to being a professor taught him to teach his students that making decisions isn't just about using their resources, but it is also based on their values.

In his talk, he highlighted the history of Irish and Italian immigrants and how while their crime rates were similar to black people. They were offered help to civilize them, while blacks were met with heavy policing and mass criminalization.

Somairi Tobin, a junior CRES major, said Muhammad's talk was insightful, teaching him that education prevents

repetition. He said he wants to be a part of the fight to break the cycle of oppression.

"It's a known fact that so much of this legislation is targeted towards African Americans, but the shock is how blatant the associated rhetoric is in its white biases," Tobin said.

He said he wants to take the same career path as Muhammad because there are many places struggling with cultural preservation and he wants to help.

Muhammad said being the director of the Schomburg Center is his greatest accomplishment because it has become



PHOTO BY HAEVEN GIBBONS

Dr. Khalil Muhammad speaking at the event yesterday.

the cultural capital for Black America.

Muhammad, who is also the great-grandson of religious leader Elijah Muhammad, said he was held accountable by civil rights activists like Al Sharpton and John Lewis.

He said while his great grandfather died before he was born, his legacy, along with teachings from his father Ozier Muhammad — a Pulitzer prize-winning photo-journalist — greatly influenced his passion for his work.

Muhammad said the

reason why he travels around the country, speaking at universities and educating students on the disparities black people have faced throughout history is that students are the future.

"Students are the lifeline to the future," he said. "Every student that I meet or teach has the potential to be a future leader and to make really important decisions about the kind of society we live in."

Tobin said we all have a part in ending racism.

"It's imperative we continue to combat and

dismantle these archaic thought processes as well as the legislature they've birthed if we want any chance at equity," he said. "Circumventing instructional racism is a gradual process, but I feel like we all need to take a bigger part in ending it."

CAMPUS NEWS

Professor hopes to implement meditation program

By **EMMA BLUM**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

One TCU professor is working to establish a SKY meditation club in hopes of reducing stress and enhancing brain function among students.

Dr. Shweta Reddy, an associate professor in the fashion merchandising department, said she learned how to manage her stress through SKY meditation.

SKY stands for Sudarshan Kriya yoga, which is a breathing practice resulting in a variety of health benefits.

“Establishing a meditation club on campus is essential because students experience so much stress these days, resulting in anxiety and depression,” Reddy said.

Reddy first experienced SKY meditation while participating in the SKY Campus Happiness Program at the University of Texas at Arlington, a weekend program that was held for 12 hours over three days.

“I found great value in it, so I want to bring it to TCU,” Reddy said. “My health had taken a beating, [now] I am in the best shape I have ever been, and I feel so much more energetic and zealous.”

Forty universities nationwide have a SKY meditation club, including Harvard and Cornell.

Reddy believes that students lack teaching on how to cope with their workload, and she hopes this program will

help them as much as it helped her.

“Kids put so much pressure on themselves, they want to be perfectionists,” said Reddy.

The data supports Reddy’s desire — SKY meditation increases well-being and positive emotions, according to the International Association for Human Values.

Tallon Endicott, the student director for TCU contemplative studies, also says meditation has helped him.

“Meditation has enhanced my ability to focus, and it has also helped me feel more present in my body and in the world around me,” Endicott said. “I believe that these things not only make me a better student but a better person.”

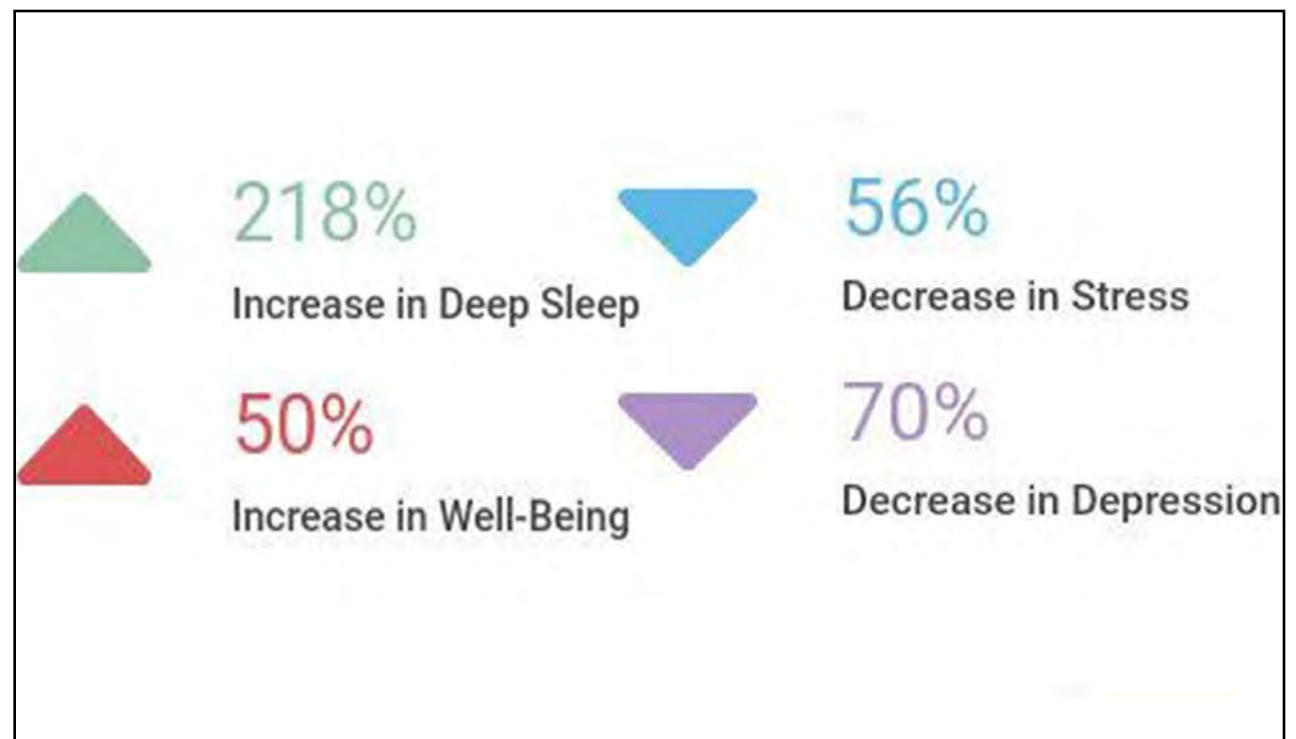
Reddy has organized a three-day workshop in Rees-Jones Hall from March 27-29 where students and faculty can experience the benefits of meditation for about four hours each day.

She hopes both students and faculty will benefit from a meditation club to make TCU “a happy campus.”



AP PHOTO/LISA RATHKE

In this Sept. 12, 2017 photograph, students at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt., take a meditation class in a new Wellness Environment dormitory. The university has opened a dorm that goes beyond mere bans on drugs and alcohol to promote overall healthy lifestyles. Students meditate, practice yoga, eat well and make other healthy choices in the Wellness Environment.



DATA COURTESY OF ART OF LIVING FOUNDATION

According to The Art of Living Foundation, SKY meditation increases deep sleep and well-being and decreases stress and depression.

CAMPUS NEWS

TCU, SMU students collaborate on app

By **MICHAEL ROGERS**
ASSOCIATE EDITOR, POLITIFROG

A new app is giving people in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex a personalized guide to what's happening around town.

The app — called Vuzag — was developed by two SMU football players, Daniel Gresham and Rob Seals, and a 2018 TCU graduate, Chris Lane.

Gresham asked Lane to help him develop the app when the idea was in its early phases.

“He asked me if I wanted to be a part of a project that he was going to begin working on,” Lane said. “Something told me in that phone call that I needed to do everything in my power to meet with Daniel and see what he was talking about.”

Users of the app create a profile, similar to other social media sites and apps, and take a survey about their interests to get personalized results from verified businesses, community events and hot spots around town.

Gresham said his goal with the app is to “connect the world to their local communities through the personalization of information.”

Once users are signed in, they join location-based group chats to see what everyone is talking about.

“If you're interested in [something], it pops up,” Gresham said. “The way that it pops up is it displays a 30-second introduction video that lets people know

what's unique about that location today, and when you click on that location you can see what's happening inside of it in real-time.”

Users can connect with other users in their area. TCU, SMU and several other universities throughout the country have their own “group chats.”

“Whether you're here or in Miami, the app will learn stuff you like to do, what places you like to go to and on your homepage, it can recommend, based on your location, what type of stuff you would be interested in attending or going to,” Gresham said.

The app provides real-time search results, and all the content that pops up is based on the user's location.

“All of the users on the app who are at these locations create the information, so the search engine is crowd-sourced,” Gresham said.

Vuzag's users also have the ability to create public or private events and invite people to join their events.

“You create your own introduction video and anyone within a specific mile radius that chooses that category you put it under can attend,” Gresham said.

To say thanks to users for using the app and helping to build the platform, they're rewarded with points and prizes.

“At the end of the month, there's a top-10 leaderboard which shows the top point earners in the app,” Gresham said.



The logo for Vuzag.

Gresham said January's top point earner won tickets to the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival. It's their way to show their users they're grateful.

“The users are building the search engine,” Gresham said. “You understand that we are using your information, but we want to be different and reward you guys for using this platform.”

Other past giveaways to top point earners include tickets to the Texas State Fair, Beyonce tickets and several other food and experience deals.

Gresham said they are looking to sell the company one day, branding Vuzag as anyone's “live snapshot of their local community.”

PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS LANE



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRANDON JOHNSON

Brandon Johnson, 24, helped Gresham sell Vuzag to local businesses, going door-to-door in a process he described as “nerve-racking.”

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020:

This year, you have many potential opportunities come to you. You will need a friend or loved one to test these offers on. He or she will bring clarity and help you in this manner. If single, you draw others with ease. Be aware of a possessive quality that could appear. How do you feel about that trait? If attached, the two of you often see issues differently. Respect your differences and you'll have many more special ideas coming toward you. As a couple, you need to focus on what you want. ARIES might be too direct and blunt for your taste. Know that you will manifest a similar quality this year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Opportunities arise from nowhere if you stay open. Your imagination could work overtime creating new possibilities. Brainstorm with a trusted confidant, someone you trust and who understands. Tonight: Create options rather than close them down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might feel the need to let down your anchor and take some downtime. Events have occurred quickly. Stop and take a hard look at what is going on. Wait a day before continuing this conversation. Tonight: Opt for downtime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Be more selective in your choices. Should you decide to discuss an issue, friends and co-workers present different perspectives. Test out their thoughts. Working from a fundamental point of view can be helpful. Tonight: Go for what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others might follow your lead. You need to present them with good, logical ideas. Do not shut down a discussion; rather, open up during the talk to reveal more. News from a distance could be rewarding. Tonight: A must appearance.

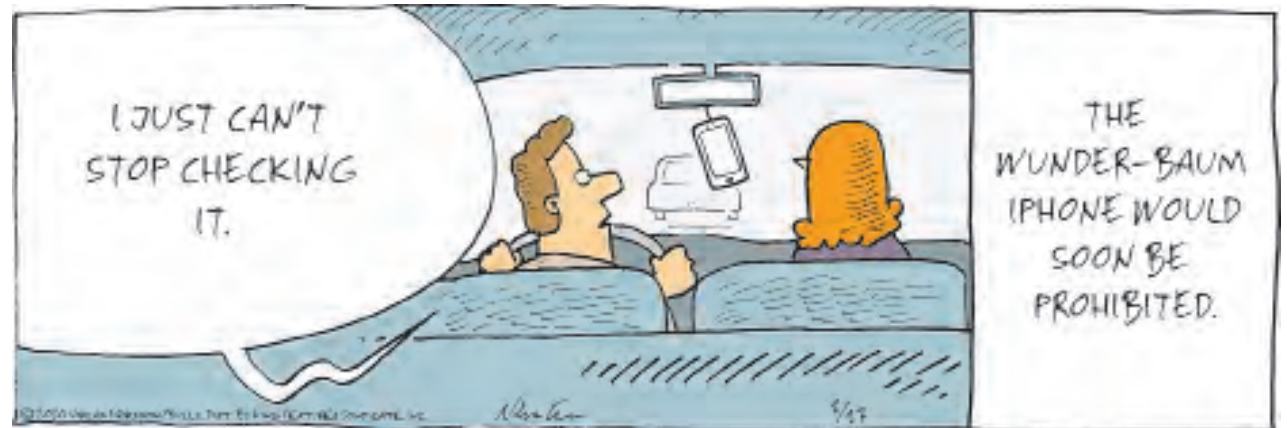
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. If nothing else, you find this person's conversations enlightening, giving you a more complete perspective. Do not hesitate to explore different possibilities around a project. Tonight: How about a movie?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating helps a key person in your life open up. How you see a situation and what develops as a result could present a unique opportunity. A loved one could make an important offer. Listen; don't judge. Tonight: Celebrate the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. You can follow that route without lessening the weight or prestige of your ideas. As a result, they might be more prepared to go along with your ideas and desires. Be open to having a discussion. Tonight: Flow with the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Completing a project becomes more challenging than you thought. Give yourself the space and time to evaluate several possibilities. You might be surprised with the variables. Tonight: You might want to make time for thought-provoking ideas.

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Intelligent Life by David Reddick



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your creativity seems to pop up like a geyser. You might want to jot down some ideas that are worth working with. Test these concepts on friends. Make it OK to nix all the ideas too. Tune in to your inner thoughts. Tonight: Happily heading home.

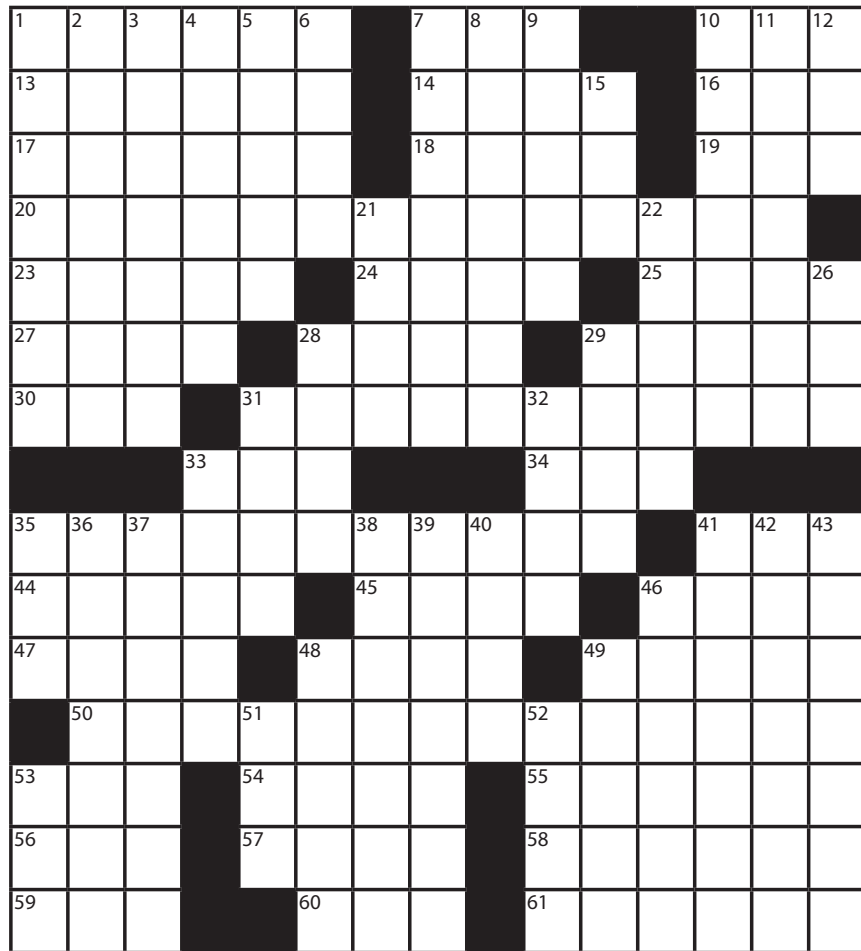
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ How you deal with a domestic matter might not be as clear as you would like. Other elements of your life keep demanding more time and attention. You could decide to postpone certain conversations until tomorrow. Tonight: Share more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You keep bubbling with new ideas. Do not give a quick response to a question from a co-worker or someone who could be impacted by the topic. A debate could be friendly, but it might be more significant than you realize. Tonight: Return calls first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Finances might be deeply involved in a discussion and cannot be separated out. The other party might not see the connection as clearly as you do. Do not push your point. Air out different viewpoints. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

The New York Times

Edited by Will Shortz



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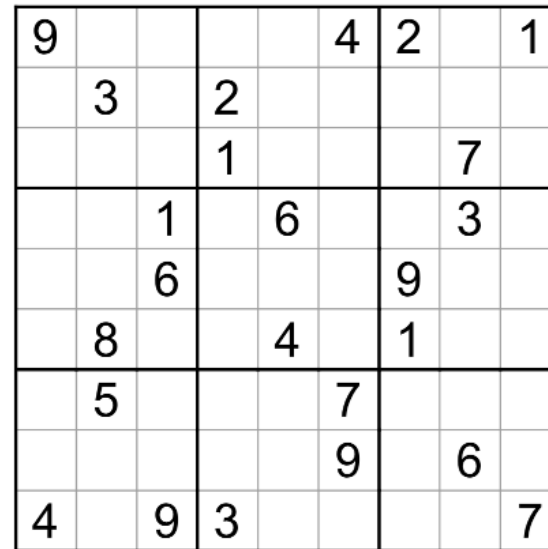
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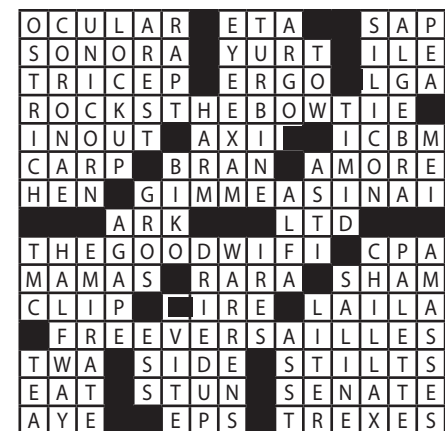
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TCU Trivia

True or False: Who did TCU defeat at the Cotton Bowl Classic on January 1, 1937?

- a) SMU
- b) Rice
- c) Oklahoma
- d) Marquette

SOLUTION



TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

(d) Marquette

SPORTS

Men's basketball upsets No. 17 WVU in overtime

By **COLIN POST**
SPORTS EDITOR, TCU 360

Behind a stellar performance from center Kevin Samuel, TCU men's basketball knocked off No. 17 West Virginia 67-60 in overtime Saturday.

The win marks its second win in the past nine games.

Samuel finished with a game-high 19 points, included six in overtime alone. The redshirt sophomore also added eight rebounds, five blocks, and two steals to fill up the stat sheet.

"Obviously, Kevin was terrific," head coach Jamie Dixon said. "[I'm] so happy for him — how hard he's worked on his free throws."

Samuel also finished 5-for-6 from the free throw line.

Guard Desmond Bane led the Frogs to a nearly flawless start. The senior assisted on the team's first three scores before

hitting a three moments later give TCU a 9-4 lead.

All early momentum for the Frogs was quickly cut short though as the Mountaineers outscored the Frogs 15-1 during a six-minute stretch to put them in a ten-point hole midway through the first half.

The Frogs cut back into the lead with an 8-0 run to head into the locker room just down two points and shooting 50 percent.

Back-to-back layups from guards PJ Fuller and Jaire Grayer gave TCU a 33-31 lead just moments into the second half.

The Frogs looked to be in stride, extending their lead to seven a few minutes later on a three-pointer from R.J. Nembhard.

Nembhard, who started his second-straight game at point guard, would score 10 of his 14 points in the second half alone,

keeping the lead in TCU's hands for the next 13 minutes of play.

The Mountaineers took a brief one-point lead with 1:55 remaining, but two made free throws by Samuel put TCU ahead once again just seconds later.

West Virginia would then tie the game at at 55 and get the ball back with a chance to win the game with 26 seconds remaining.

After the Mountaineers' game-winning attempt hit the back iron, Bane raced the other way and banked in what appeared to be the game-winning jump shot but he was called for a foul.

"You just don't call that with 0.9 seconds left," Bane said. "But it is what is is."

Grayer hit a three to open overtime for TCU and the Frogs never looked back.

Samuel took over, scoring six of TCU's



PHOTO BY CRISTIAN ARGUETASOTO

TCU guard R.J. Nembhard has started at point guard for the Frogs in their last two games.

12 points in overtime and grabbing a tough rebound late in the game to seal the win.

Nembhard finished with 16 points of his own in the contest, while Bane added a career-high 10 assists.

"To make the plays,

the passes to get those ten assists just shows how far he's come and how much he's grown, how good a player he is," Dixon said.

The game was Bane's 136th game for the Frogs, tying with his former teammate guard Brandon

Parrish for second on TCU's all-time games played list.

Up next, TCU will head to Ames for a matchup with Iowa State. Tip-off is scheduled for Tuesday at 6 p.m.



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Greta Bruner will make her first appearance of the spring for TCU.

Golf looks to bounce back in Houston

By **TIM DALY**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU women's golf returns to action Monday at The Woodlands Country Club in the ICON Invitational.

The tournament is a familiar one for the Frogs who are participating in it for the fourth straight season. Last year, the team finished fourth, just five strokes behind first-place Houston.

The competition is TCU's first since their 12th place finish in the

Lady Puerto Rico Classic Feb. 11-13.

"Coming off of the offseason and into the first event we weren't that sharp in any of the areas," head coach Angie Ravaioli-Larkin said.

Larkin said the team has been focusing on mental toughness and is excited to see the adjustments they have made in the week of practice since getting back from Puerto Rico.

"I'm looking forward to getting back into our game, getting back into

our process," said Larkin. "Just being present and really just focusing on this tournament and that one day, not the end and not the next one but really just being together."

The Horned Frogs will feature one change in the lineup from the team they sent to Puerto Rico. Senior Greta Bruner will replace junior Grace Do, while Jennie Park, Sabrina Iqbal, Valeria Pacheco and Trinity King will all make their second appearance of the spring.

For Bruner, the tournament will be a homecoming, as the Woodlands Country Club is under a 30-minute drive from her hometown of Conroe.

Live stats for the ICON Invitational can be found on Golfstat.com.