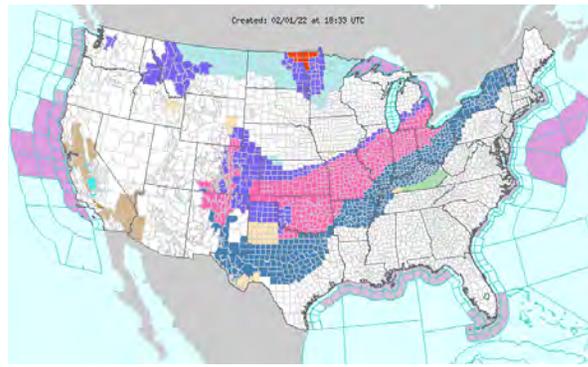


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CAMPUS NEWS

Some students fail to comply with the mask mandate in ‘community locations’ on campus

By **KATHRYN LEWIS**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU’s mask mandate requiring masks to be worn inside TCU buildings, such as in classrooms and the Mary Coats Burnett Library, has been in effect since fall 2020. But some students still fail to follow the mandate, especially outside of the classroom.

“For the most part, people are really courteous there (in classrooms). Whenever the faculty ask them to just place their mask on, they’ll go ahead and do that. Community locations have been the areas we’ve had the most trouble with,” said Sean Taylor, director of emergency management.

Community areas such as the library and the University Recreation Center are harder areas to enforce the mandate,

and Taylor asks students to “be more cognizant” of these areas.

According to TCU’s Protect the Purple website, “Due to the current Tarrant County Community Spread Level, TCU requires that face masks be worn in all indoor campus spaces to help protect the health and safety of our community.”

As of January 28, 2022 there are 62 total active cases with 40 TCU students who have tested positive for COVID-19 and 22 TCU employees who have tested positive.

Taylor said the mask mandate has been helpful in reducing classroom spread of COVID-19.

“The vast majority of our infections are traced back to settings where a mask was not worn: social events, family gatherings or household transmission,” said



PHOTO BY LEAH BOLLING

TCU campus is currently requiring masks in all indoor spaces

Taylor.

In order to ensure masking around campus, students may face consequences for not listening to university officials who ask them to put their masks back on.

“Any time that we have issues, those cases can be referred to our Dean of Students [office] at which time they could potentially have some compliance or disciplinary issues if they’re not willing to cooperate,”

Taylor said.

Some of the potential charges include failure to comply with a university authority official (instructor), disorderly/disruptive conduct and violation of posted rules and regulations, Taylor said.

Taylor added, “We would like to remind folks to help our community by wearing a mask any time they are indoors, regardless of vaccination status.”

COMMUNITY

Courtside Kitchen combines pickleball, food and bar

By **FRANCES WETHERBEE**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Fort Worth pickleball has arrived with a tasty twist.

Courtside Kitchen, a pickleball and restaurant combination venue, opened in December in the heart of Fort Worth. The venue is located close to the Horned Frogs home on Rogers Road, just down the street from Woodshed Smokehouse.

Pickleball is a familiar sport in a unique package.

The game combines court tennis and table tennis with the use of a paddle and a whiffle ball.

“Pickleball, since it’s so easy to learn, you can go play with people who have never played before and have a great time,” said Zach Nichols, a partner at Courtside Kitchen.

Though pickleball is Courtside Kitchen’s main attraction, the venue offers more than courts and equipment.

Courtside Kitchen

owners and staff have worked to create a unique and versatile environment with features such as the restaurant, mini-golf, a beer garden, live music and — of course — nine pickleball courts.

Courtside Kitchen hopes to cater to all demographics through events and activities, long opening hours and convenient location.

Seniors and elderly folks will kick off the day at Courtside Kitchen at

8:30 a.m., as they like to get up early to play, Nichols said. Courtside Kitchen will offer after-school events for parents and children before the happy hour crowd, working crowd and TCU crowd rolls in the evening, Nichols said.

Visitors can reserve one of Courtside Kitchen’s nine pickleball courts via the Courtside Kitchen app or website. Walk-ins are welcome as long as a court has not been reserved.



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SPORTS

Basketball team gives hearty Big 12 welcome to No. 19 LSU in upset win

By COLIN POST

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“We’re banged up. I’d have just soon forfeited and stayed home and done treatment for two days.”

LSU basketball head coach Will Wade sat in front of the Fort Worth press on Saturday afternoon and made light of TCU’s impressive 77-68 win over the Tigers as part of the 2022 Big 12/SEC Challenge.

Maybe the seasoned head coach was right. Maybe LSU should have stayed home, because the Frogs had clawed their way to a resounding win in Schollmaier Arena to bounce back from their worse loss of the season just four days prior.

Listed as the top defense nationally on Kenpom.com, LSU ranked 7th in the nation and 2nd in the Power 5 with just 58.4 points given up per game heading into Saturday.

None of that mattered

for TCU, though, as it put up the most points the Tigers have given up all season, giving them a rude awakening to life in Big 12 basketball.

The strongest single surge of offense the Frogs saw all day came from O’Bannon. With TCU clinging to a single-digit lead early in the second half, the super senior drilled three-straight threes, all from the right corner, to blow the game wide open and give the team a 16-point lead with just under 16 minutes remaining.

Before that sequence, the Frogs were just 1-for-11 from downtown.

LSU would later crawl all the way back within one midway through the half, but Miles, who has struggled recently with a wrist injury, took over for TCU down the stretch to protect the lead.

The sophomore scored eight-straight points for the Frogs late in the second half, adding a pinpoint assist to Baugh

with 1:30 remaining to put TCU up by nine and all but seal the game.

Both O’Bannon and Miles finished with game-high 19 points, with Miles leading the Frogs in rebounding (8) and assists (6) as well.

Miles said postgame that his wrist feels “great right now.”

After getting outrebounded by 10 on Tuesday against the Longhorns, the Big 12’s leading rebounding team (41.5 per game) was back to form on Saturday, outperforming the Tigers 40-34.

When asked if the Texas loss was an aberration, Dixon said “I think so.”

Scoring was not a problem early for the Frogs, as they made five of their first seven shots in the game. Forward Emanuel Miller got TCU going with two-straight midrange jumpers before Miles hit a pair of contested shots himself to give TCU a 10-8 lead

early on.

Despite the hot shooting start, the Frogs were held back by four turnovers in the first five minutes, feeling the effects of facing the nation’s top defense.

LSU gained some offensive momentum near the middle of the half, going on a 9-2 run, but a series of impressive plays from Baugh prevented the Tigers from pulling away.

The Memphis transfer first hit an acrobatic layup while looking away from the basket to put TCU up 15-12. Then, after LSU gained a two-point advantage, Baugh threw it to himself off the back of a Tiger defender during an inbounds play for a reverse layup that tied the game at 17.

Finally, the guard took a charge that slid him multiple feet across the court to give the ball back to the Frogs. A pair of Miles free throws helped give them back the lead on the next possession.

There were four lead changes in the next four minutes of play, leading to a 26-24 advantage for TCU with 4:41 remaining on a corner three-point-er by guard Francisco Farabello.

The Frogs would then dominate the rest of the half, ripping off a 15-5 run (including the Farabello triple) to take a commanding 38-29 lead into the halftime locker room. Through the first 20 minutes, TCU dominated the boards, outrebounding its opponent 26-16.

The teams locked in defensively at the beginning of the second, scoring just three points apiece through the first 2:45.

At that point, TCU was just 1-for-11 from behind-the-arc, but O’Bannon’s trio of triples opened the game up and gave the Frogs some cushion.

The game was far from over, though. A 15-2 run by LSU in which four different Tigers scored

points cut TCU’s lead down to three with 11:22 to go in the game.

Another Farabello three momentarily stopped the bleeding, but another 5-0 run by LSU brought them all the way back within one and had the Tiger fans going nuts.

“At Oklahoma State, we had the lead. They came back, and we didn’t want it to be like that,” Baugh said. “We just had to lock in and get the W.”

Baugh was referencing TCU’s 57-56 loss to Oklahoma State ten days ago in which they gave up a 7-0 run to end the game.

Miles, O’Bannon and Baugh took over the game, scoring 18 of TCU’s final 22 points to earn the Big 12 its first win of the day.

Baugh finished with 14 points, four rebounds, four assists and a steal.

The Frogs had led for 32:57 minutes of the game, earning their first win over a ranked SEC school since 1954.

Special Olympics TCU invited to attend Special Olympics USA games

By COLLIN PITTMAN

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Senior finance major Thomas Lecy, the founder of Special Olympics TCU, helped grow the organization to gain national attention, including from ESPN.

The sports organization named the TCU chapter to its 2021 Honor Roll and invited the team to compete at the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games, a first for

the program. The team will play intercollegiate basketball in Florida in June.

“There’s like 8,000 Unified Champion Schools in the nation,” Lecy said. “They chose 25 and so we’re one of two colleges who got that recognition.”

Lecy was involved in the organization at his high school. He realized how special and impactful it was and wanted to give that

opportunity to others.

“I found out we didn’t have a club on campus here to get involved in and just felt like it was too powerful, too impactful, to kind of keep to myself and keep those experiences to myself,” Lecy said. “So, I just was like what the heck and just thought we should try and start one.”

Sophomore Kyle Swanholm, another club member, was also in the organization in high

school and now serves as the club president at TCU.

Special Olympics TCU operates as one unified team, where people with and without disabilities play on the same teams and compete for the same reasons.

“We all just want to feel loved and supported and sports is kind of the best way to do that,” Lecy said.



PHOTO BY COLLIN PITTMAN

Special Olympics TCU poses for a group photo at a team basketball practice.

CAMPUS FEATURE

Riff Ram Bah Zoo: TCU joins fight to save horned lizards

By CAMILLA PRICE

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In Fort Worth, the mythical Texas horned lizard is thriving.

Statues, billboards and t-shirts tout the “Horned Frog.” TCU students toss up hand signs and cheer on SuperFrog, the only lizard mascot in the NCAA.

“It’s a very unique mascot,” said Sara Ruelas, a junior finance major with a concentration in real estate. “When people hear of the Horned Frogs, they kind of know it’s us.”

But in reality, the future of the palm-sized lizard is in doubt.

As urbanization swept across the Southwest in the last half of the 20th century, horned lizards lost their habitats. Pesticides also reduced their main food source: ants.

The reptiles once blanketed football fields, ranchland and shortgrass prairie all over the state and as far as Kansas, New Mexico, Colorado and parts of Mexico. But horned lizards haven’t been seen in the wild in Dallas-Fort Worth since the early 1970s. In fact, they’re no longer found in the eastern third of Texas.

Now, researchers worry climate change could also have a negative impact on the reptiles as increased temperatures push them to the limits of what they can survive.

“It’s probably kind of death from a hundred pinpricks,” said Dean Williams, the professor of biology who heads TCU’s

horned lizard research team.

In the early 2010s, the Fort Worth Zoo and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wanted to reintroduce horned lizards to the wild, but they predicted the lizards differed genetically based on where they were from, said Diane Barber, herpetologist with the Fort Worth Zoo.

They needed to find out how many populations there were, so they looked “up the hill” and asked for help from Williams, whose specialty is analyzing the genetics of endangered and invasive species.

Williams divided Texas horned lizards into three groups: those native to the arid West Texas region, those found south of San Antonio and the northern clade that canvassed the rest of the state.

“We kind of divvied up the conservation efforts,” said Nathan Rains, wildlife diversity biologist and Texas horned lizard project lead for Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Conservationists in Dallas-Fort Worth focus on the northern population, while the San Antonio Zoo concentrates on the South Texas lizards.

Williams didn’t stop once he worked out the genetics - he’s worked on getting a baseline for the lizards’ diets and habitat preferences as well as testing different reintroduction sites to help save the species.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDREW EMERY

A hatchling Texas horned lizard at the Fort Worth Zoo. Babies may weigh less than a paperclip when they are released.

Bringing horned lizards back

Reintroducing horned lizards into the wild takes more than letting them go with a “Good luck.”

The process is arduous.

“They always just seemed to disappear and nobody was really sure exactly why or how,” said Williams. “We’re trying to take a much more kind of research-oriented method.”

TCU, the Fort Worth Zoo and Parks and Wildlife spent several years tinkering with the process behind releasing the lizards.

“We did all kinds of studies involving telemetry and what happens with lizards when we let them go,” said Rains. “Do they

stress out, do they gain weight, do they grow and reproduce?”

They also experimented with different release methods.

“Is it going to be a soft release where you put them in an enclosure, let them establish and get used to the environment... or can you do a hard release with captive born horned lizards and just plunk them out there and let them go on their own?” said Barber.

During the first two reintroduction efforts, conservationists breathed a sigh of relief when adult lizards responded well to the ‘soft release.’ But predators ate them before the population stabilized.

The “bite-sized” lizards make good snacks

for coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, roadrunners, hawks, snakes and even cats.

So researchers switched gears.

“We all kind of stepped back and said, ‘Okay, this isn’t working in terms of releasing adult animals, so now we need to look at age classes,’” said Barber.

The team found releasing captive-bred hatchlings increased the lizards’ survival.

But a new worry arose: fire ants.

In horned lizard lore, fire ants have long been a villain. The invasive ants are often blamed for killing off horned lizards across parts of Texas.

However, conservationists said the fire ant problem is somewhat overblown - agriculture

and urbanization have played a bigger role in horned lizards’ retreat.

Adult lizards can coexist with fire ants, but hatchlings are still vulnerable.

“Baby horned lizards do not seem to have any natural defenses in terms of getting away from the ants, and it’s probably just because evolutionarily they have not been exposed to carnivorous ants like fire ants,” said Williams.

Not only do they attack the lizards, but they drive out the native ants that horned lizard hatchlings eat.

At the private release site, fire ants wiped out the hatchlings before they could reproduce.

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So the conservationists packed their bags and moved to Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area in Central Texas. The protected site is owned and managed by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

“It’s one of those places, like a lot of areas, where they used to have horned lizards and now they don’t,” said Rains.

Native predators - roadrunners, foxes and coachwhip snakes - abound. But Texas horned lizards naturally evolved to lay many eggs at a time. By breeding hatchlings in captivity and releasing them en masse, wildlife biologists give the lizards a better chance at survival.

Barber and Rains described the releases as “a numbers game.”

“We have to just keep putting a large number of hatchlings out there for them to survive to adulthood,” said Barber.

Last summer, researchers saw a promising sign.

For the first time, reintroduced Texas horned lizards bred in the wild.

Williams said the team discovered at least three - likely four - clutches of eggs laid by hatchlings that were released two and three years ago.

Barber said the finding as “really encouraging,” adding reintroduction programs sometimes take 10 years before conservationists know they are working.

“It’s exciting that we’re seeing those results so quickly,” she said.

“That’s the first measure of success is can they breed in that habitat, and the next measure of success will be can they be a self-sustaining population,” said Williams.

Memories sweet

When Texas horned lizards began vanishing

from backyards, ranches and towns, the outpouring of public support for the reptile sparked efforts to save the species, Rains said.

“Landowners, they’d always ask what happened to horny toads, and the second question is ‘Can you ever bring them back?’” said Rains.

“[The horned lizard] just has a cultural attachment to people that kind of defies explanation.”

- NATHAN RAINS

TEXAS HORNED LIZARD PROJECT LEAD FOR TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Mary Rachel “M.R.” Tucker studied the thermal habits of Texas horned lizards in South Texas for her master’s thesis in biology at TCU, which she successfully defended in October 2021.

She said the people who lived in the nearby towns were invested in

the project.

“We get to kind of know the residents and they’ll bring us out like Diet Cokes and stuff while we’re looking for lizards and they’re like, ‘How are they doing this year?’ she said.

Residents told stories about collecting lizards in shoeboxes or carrying

nostalgia for Texas horned lizards is personal: They featured in the stories her father and his siblings told about their childhood in Abilene, Texas.

“They always talked about horned lizards and keeping them in their like pockets, and I remember my aunt would have an entire dresser drawer - apparently she would fill them with it and have like a heat lamp and stuff and one time my grandmother went in there and opened the drawer and just screamed,” said Tucker, laughing.

Unlike elephants or bees that act as “keystone species,” Texas horned lizards are thought to have little influence on the shortgrass prairie habitat they call home.

But Barber considers the horned lizard an ambassador animal that can help protect habitat for dozens of other species.

“If you bring back

or if you take care of the ecosystems and the habitat, you’re going to have more diverse wildlife,” she said.

Barber worries the iconic role of the horned lizard in the public imagination is fading fast - and with it, conservationists’ ability to raise funds and attention for the species.

“I’ve already started to see like with the younger generation in Texas, they didn’t grow up with the horned lizard in there and so they’re not as attached as a lot of the people my age are that grew up with horned lizards and played with them as a child,” she said. “So I think that our role is really important in terms of keeping that momentum alive and that connection with the Texans and their horned lizards so that they care about them and take care of them in the future.”

them in their pockets.

While most reptiles would try to bite or escape, the horned lizard’s placid personality was “very appealing for a lot of people because they could have firsthand experience with it,” said Williams.

For Tucker, an Alabama native, the

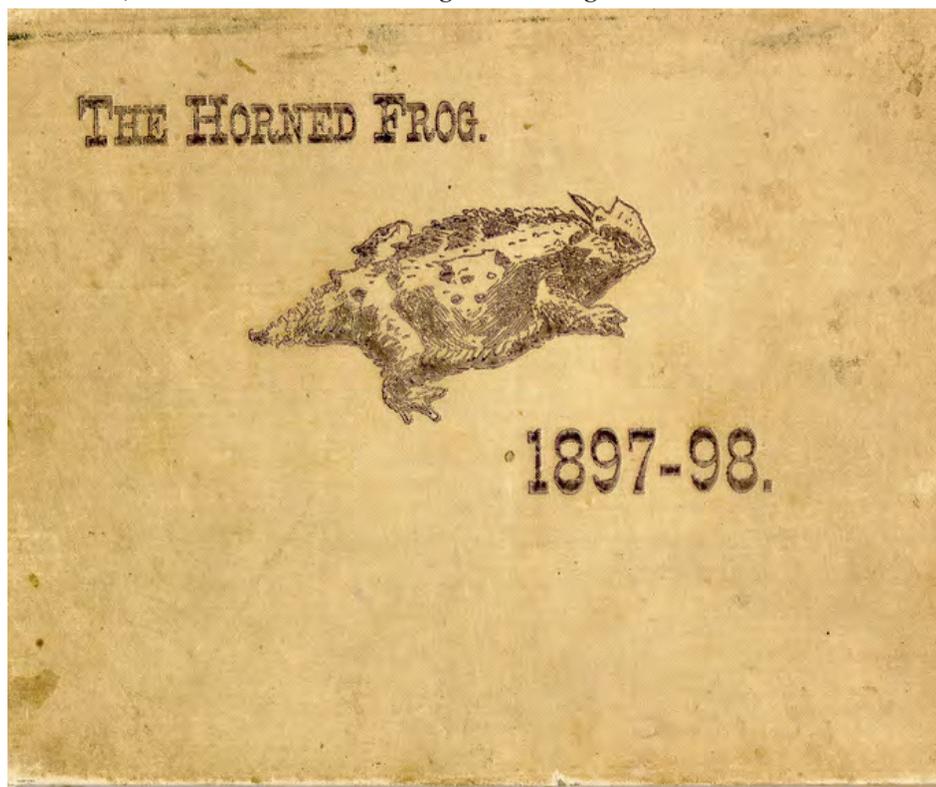


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TCU got its mascot in 1897 when yearbook staff named the annual “The Horned Frog.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF DEAN WILLIAMS

Students in the Dean Williams lab studied the diets and temperature preferences of lizards in South Texas starting in 2013.



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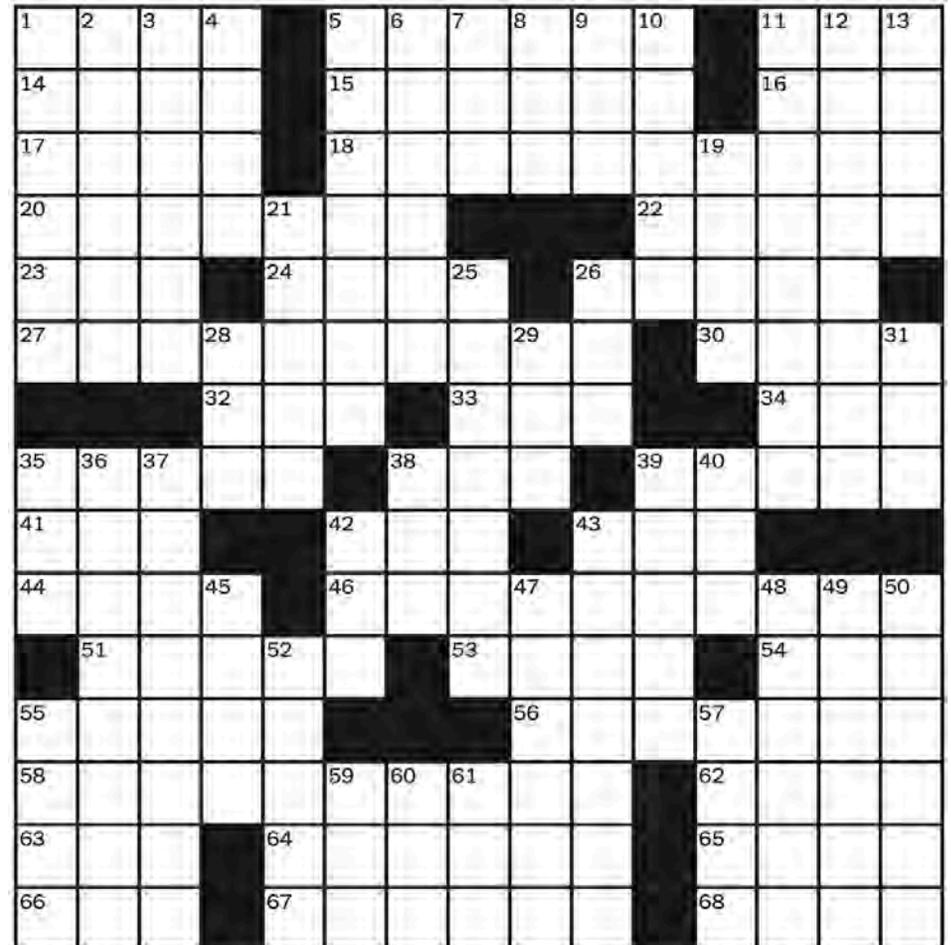
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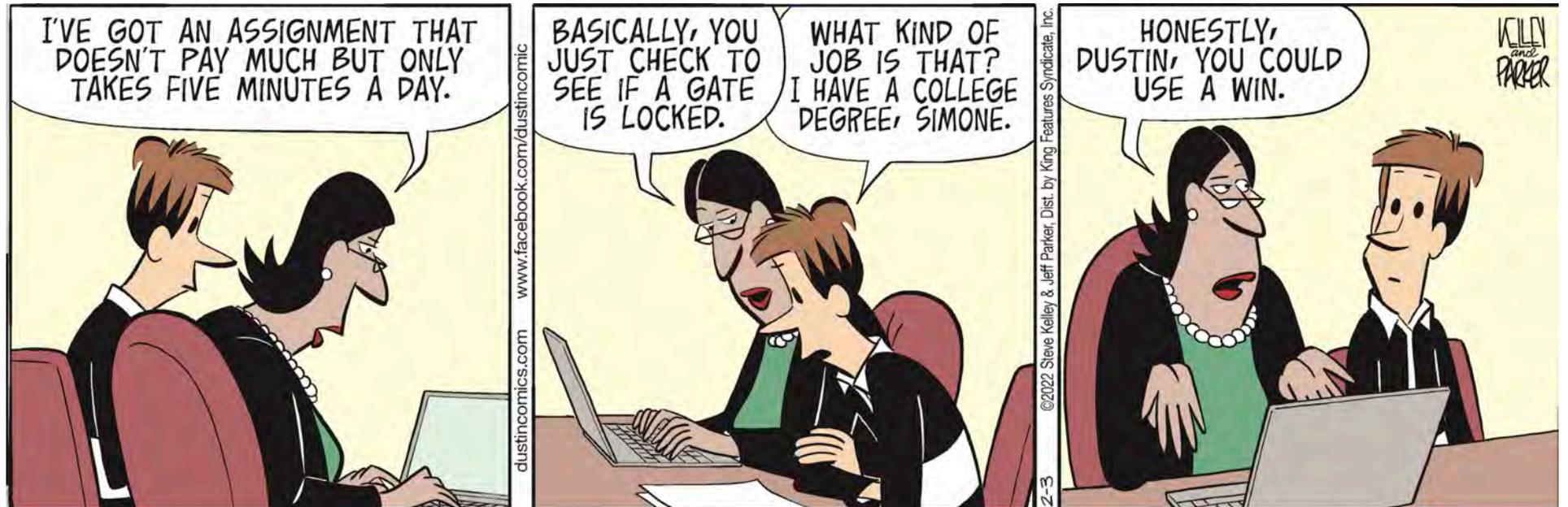
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Horoscope

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Today Mercury retrograde is over, which will benefit your ability to impress bosses. Now you can go forward with new ideas, because they will be met with less resistance; plus, there will be fewer silly errors and frustrations. Thank goodness! Tonight: Quiet time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ As of today, you can move forward with more confidence about making future travel plans and exploring publishing, the media, medicine and the law. Now it's all systems go. Tonight: Set goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ In the last month,

Mercury retrograde created delays and financial glitches, especially in areas regarding inheritances, taxes, debt and shared property. Good news! As of today, these errors and delays will be reduced greatly. Tonight: Talk to the boss.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ This recent Mercury retrograde has attracted ex-partners and old friends from the past back into your world, which might or might not have been a good thing. In either case, as of today, Mercury retrograde is over, and your world will be normal. Tonight: Explore!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You will be pleased to learn that Mercury is no longer retrograde as of today, because it has been creating goof-ups in your work. Obviously, in the normal flow of things, we make mistakes. Tonight: Check banking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ For the past month, Mercury has been retrograde. (Mercury rules communications, which is why you're a clever communicator. This has brought old flames back into your world. As of today, life returns to normal. Tonight: Warm conversations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ With Mercury being retrograde for the past month, many of you have relatives camped on your doorstep. This prompted trips down memory lane and reminiscences of the past. This focus on the past will stop today. It's time to focus on the present! Tonight: Get organized.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You have been plagued for the past month with transportation problems, delays and difficulties related to relatives. Hey, it's not your fault. (Mercury retrograde

has this power to stir up our lives.) As of today, Mercury retrograde is over. Rejoice! Tonight: Socialize!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ It's been a drag for you because, for the past month, Mercury retrograde has triggered confusion in financial matters. Checks in the mail have been late. Mistakes about finances and money have been challenging. As of today, it's over. Tonight: Family.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ In early January, Mercury began to slow down in the sign of Aquarius, where it went retrograde. It slipped so far backward that it slipped into your sign over a week ago -- bringing ex-partners and old friends from the past, as well as old issues. This also brought you opportunities for closure. As of today, it's "forward ho!" Tonight: Follow

your curiosity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ For about a month, you have felt the effects of Mercury retrograde creating errors, delays and silly goof-ups. (They weren't major but definitely a bummer.) This negative influence is now gone. As of today, you can look to the future with

confidence. Yes! Tonight: Organize your possessions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ In the past month, old friends have been coming out of the woodwork. Misplaced paperwork, forgotten items and glitches in travel have been a challenge. As of today, this will be reduced. Glory halleluia! Tonight: You win!



COMMUNITY

Fort Worth braces for ice, sleet, and snow that's due to hit Tarrant County

By **LANCE MINOR**

STAF WRITER, TCU 360

Ice, sleet and snow are due to hit Tarrant County; forecasters expected the storm to start Wednesday evening and continue into Thursday afternoon.

With temperatures edging into the 70s on Tuesday, many students were wearing shorts, but some worried about the plunge to come.

“I’m probably just going to walk over to the grocery store, and I’m probably going to buy like some essentials like some toilet paper and paper towels, maybe some cleaning supplies,” said Alec Kazlauskas, a sophomore business

management major. “I might go get like a winter jacket or something. I actually didn’t bring any.”

Unlike previous years, if the university closes for weather, all classes and activities online, in-person or off-campus will be canceled.

Any makeup time will take place during the scheduled class time or through out-of-class activities, not on separate makeup days, said Brianna Edwards, accreditation coordinator.

Last year, make-up days were required following last year’s winter storm.

“I think if classes were canceled, it would

be a good thing just for general safety,” said Bryce Hopper, a sophomore business major. “But I would definitely prefer if it were safe for class to be open, I just love going to class with lots of people so I really do say safety first, but if it is safe then I think classes can still open.”

In an email, the Office of the Provost announced it expects make an announcement by mid-afternoon Wednesday, with the storm watch continuing until today at 6 p.m.



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A street sign warns drivers of ice prevention operations on highways ahead of winter weather in Dallas, Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022. A major winter storm was expected to affect a huge swath of the United States, with heavy snow starting in the Rockies and freezing rain as far south as Texas before it drops snow and ice on the Midwest. The forecast comes nearly a year after a catastrophic winter storm devastated Texas’ power grid, causing hundreds of deaths.

SPORTS

Basketball makes history with first-ever road victory against Oklahoma

By **COLIN POST**

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While some of the toughest road venues in the country can be found in the Big 12—Allen Fieldhouse, United Supermarkets Arena, WVU Coliseum— it was the University of Oklahoma’s Lloyd Noble Arena that held over TCU’s head for nearly a century.

That all changed on Monday night, though, as the Frogs won in Norman, Oklahoma for the first time in school history, breaking their 14-game road losing streak to the Sooners.

Behind a near-perfect

performance from forward Eddie Lampkin and a dominant team rebounding performance, TCU beat Oklahoma 72-63 to complete a season sweep of the Sooners and move to 4-3 in Big 12 play.

Lampkin went a perfect 7-for-7 from the field for a career-high 14 points. He also added a game-high 10 rebounds for the third double-double of his career.

With Lampkin leading the way, the Frogs won the glass battle in resounding fashion, outrebounding the Sooners 42-20. This was the 16th time out of 19 games played TCU

had outrebounded its opponent.

The sophomore’s efficiency also carried over to his teammates, as TCU shot a season-high 52.8% from the floor as a team. Six different Frogs individually shot 50% or better in the contest.

On the other end, TCU held Oklahoma to 41% shooting as a team. The two schools were a combined 11-for-43 from behind the arc.

Leading all scorers was guard Damion Baugh. The Memphis-transfer went 8-for-13 for 20 points, adding eight rebounds, an assist and a steal.

After a slow first two

minutes, TCU got hot early in the first half, making six-straight shots to take a 15-7 lead at the 14:49 mark.

Oklahoma was not going to be embarrassed in its own gym, though, and the Sooners responded with a 7-0 run of their own to pull within one.

That was the way the rest of the first half would go. The Frogs would go up by as much as 11 at one point (29-18), but four more times by halftime, the Sooners pulled back within one. At the break, TCU held onto a 36-35 lead.

Baugh got going early in the second half,

scoring four-straight points to push the Frogs’ lead to five.

While Oklahoma had pulled within one yet again five minutes in, by the midway point of the second half TCU’s lead was all the way up to 12 on a layup by forward Xavier Cork.

The Frogs’ biggest lead of the game (14) then came just under the eight minute mark and again just 30 seconds later.

Over the next six minutes, though, TCU scored just six points, allowing Oklahoma to get back in the game. With 38 seconds left, the Frogs’ lead had been cut to five.

A TCU turnover gave the Sooners a chance to bring it even closer, but the shot bounced off the rim, and Baugh hit a pair of free throws to make it a three possession game with 23 seconds remaining.

Guard Mike Miles finished with 11 points, five assists and a steal. Cork added seven rebounds and a block.

At 4-3, TCU now sits at fifth in the Big 12. Up next, the Frogs will head back home to face Kansas State University. Tipoff is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.