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## CAMPUS LIFE

# Housing limited after construction of new halls

By YULISSA CORTINA

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Finding on-campus housing for students is becoming more difficult as the number of incoming first-year students continues to increase.

Even though new residence halls have been built to accommodate students, some students still find themselves living in forced triples and lounges converted into bedrooms.

Craig Allen, the director of housing and residence life, said cramped housing situations happen because more students enrolled into the university than were expected.

The 2018 first-year class had nearly 2,200 students, more than TCU's estimation of 2,000-2,050 students, according to TCU Housing and Residence Life.

"Last year, we had a lot of students living in triples and lounges that we hadn't planned for," Allen said. "This year we planned for 2,160 freshmen and there are 2,159 freshmen."

Even with a closer estimate this semester, Allen said many students are still living in triples and converted lounges because of how large last year's first-year class was.

Allen said three hundred beds were added to Richards and Arnold Halls to accommodate sophomores, but that still doesn't provide relief.

While space is limited, some first-year students



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Richards Hall, a brand new residence hall, opened its doors to students for the first time this semester.

have found ways to adapt to the living situation.

First-year student Alex Caron said living in a triple can create some space constraints, but it's not a huge problem as long as one creates clear boundaries.

"One of the most important aspects to making the living situation work is just being courteous of your roommates' schedules and personal space," Caron said.

Unlike most universities, TCU requires both first and second-year students to live on campus.

Requiring two years of on-campus living creates

some problems for the students in triples and lounges, but Allen said he believes the positives outweigh the negatives.

"Our retention is very good from freshman to sophomore year," Allen said. "There are a lot of reasons why we want to keep students involved and connected to the institution. It just makes sense."

Rachel Nguyen, a sophomore at TCU, said she has enjoyed living on campus because of the added benefits.

"As a sophomore, I think it's kind of nice because you don't have to worry about rent, appliances and living on

your own," Nguyen said.

Another perk to living on campus is the fact that off-campus housing can oftentimes be more expensive, said Allen, who collects data from local apartment complexes and houses available for rent.

"A low estimate is about \$1,200 per month, and that doesn't include utilities and other things. I could probably say that \$1,400 is more accurate," Allen said.

TCU housing is still limited, but Allen said there are currently no plans to build more residence halls.



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## CAMPUS NEWS

# Rumors about vaping consequences debunked

BY DREW MITCHELL

EDITOR, THE SKIFF

Some students said they believed a rumor that being caught with an e-cigarette would result in a tobacco violation, which is equivalent to an alcohol violation.

A TCU student who requested to remain anonymous said the rumor started when TCU police officers came to her sorority chapter meeting and prohibited Juuls at formals.

“I mean, it makes sense because like it has to fall in line with the other things that are prohibited on campus, but like if I knew someone who got a Juul violation, I would be like

pretty surprised,” the student said.

She said the risk management officer and events chair of her sorority told the members a tobacco violation was the consequence for bringing a Juul, but TCU police officers claim they never said it.

She said she thinks the sorority officers said it to scare members so they don’t bring Juuls to events.

TCU’s tobacco policy prohibits the use of e-cigarettes, but breaking this rule only results in an informal conversation with Campus Life, said Russel, who is also the associate vice chancellor for student affairs.

Over the summer, the Texas Legislature passed a law changing the age requirement to purchase tobacco products, which played a role in the creation of TCU’s policy in 2017.

“The decision was, when do you pull off the bandaid?” Russel said. “Do we wait until next year when we know for sure most of the first-year students would not be legal to possess it, or do we start now when we know there will be some who do, so we just decided to start now with the some who do.”

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he has never heard of a tobacco violation being a consequence of having an



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A man exhales while smoking an e-cigarette.

e-cigarette.

“Right now, we continue for it to be a discussion to say that you’re not supposed to be using them on campus, and that has worked

effectively because we have been several years tobacco-free and most people have been compliant with it,” Russel said.

Russel said he will

escalate punishment for e-cigarette usage if students continue to break the rule after their informal conversation with Campus Life.

## TCU drops in annual U.S. News college rankings

BY NIKKI SPELLMAN

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU fell 17 spots in a ranking of U.S. colleges – a drop that might be due to a slip in graduation rates and selectivity, as well as an increase in the number of schools surveyed.

After coming in at No. 80 in last year’s U.S. News and World Report list of America’s Best Colleges, TCU recently fell to No. 97. The ranking is tied with Drexel University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Saint Louis University, University of Denver and the University of San

Francisco.

University officials attributed the ranking to changes in how U.S. News compiles its data.

“Texas Christian University maintains its reputation as one of the top universities in the country by focusing on our students, their academic experience and their preparation for the world,” Holly Ellman, associate director of communications, wrote in an email. “We appreciate the value of rankings as one of many measures, but [it’s] only one indicator of the success students achieve at TCU.”

The chief data

strategist for U.S. News, Robert Morse, said that the addition of 90+ schools to the national universities category pushed TCU down in the rankings.

In order to determine the ranking, U.S. News “sorts the schools into appropriate categories for comparison, gathers data on up to 15 indicators of academic quality from each school and tabulates them and ranks colleges in their category by their total weighted scores,” according to its website.

TCU also had a weak performance in social mobility, a factor that considers how well



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The Brown-Lupton University Union

schools are enrolling and graduating low-income students, specifically those receiving Pell Grants, Morse said.

Pell Grants, according to Federal Student Aid, “usually are awarded only to undergraduate students who display

exceptional financial need and have not earned a bachelor’s, graduate, or professional degree.”

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## CAMPUS NEWS

# Career expo offers networking to students

By **LESLIE FIELDS**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Students had the opportunity to build networking skills and meet potential employers at Thursday's Career and Intern Expo.

The expo, which was open to all students and hosted by the Center for Career and Professional Development, offered multiple advantages to those who attended.

"For first-year students, it's a great opportunity to get that experience with networking skills and to be able to have those conversations about potential internship opportunities," said Mike

Caldwell, the executive director at the Center for Career and Professional Development.

Caldwell said it's a good experience for juniors and seniors to start talking about full-time jobs.

While some companies are invited to the expo, others came because they specifically look at TCU students. In total, there were over 120 employers on campus this year.

"We've recruited at TCU for the past couple of years, and we have found that we get really great candidates here," said Brittany Ebanks, a supervisor of the food and protein team

from the ISN Software Corporation. "The students here are always well prepared for the job, and they are also self-starters interested in learning more," said Ebanks.

Many of the employers present at the expo were TCU alumni and returned to their alma mater for the fair.

"I have talked to at least a dozen of recruiters who have graduated from TCU in the recent years," said Caldwell.

Caldwell said it's a "big win" when TCU alumni encourage their companies to recruit at TCU.

For example, TCU alumnae Karen



PHOTO BY LESLIE FIELDS

Photo of a Texas Ranger representative and a student at the career and intern expo

Borowski and Bridget Touhey stepped back onto campus to recruit students for Hershey.

"I found my job at the TCU career fair and I wanted to bring our company back so we could find more Horned Frogs," said Borowski, a

retail sales representative from Hershey.

Borowski has confidence in fellow Horned Frogs in their job search because she remembers her time as a student in the Neeley School of Business preparing her for a

full-time job.

"I know the kind of people my classmates were, and I know those kinds of people are still here at TCU," Borowski said. "Everyone at my company and everyone at TCU is rooting for each other to succeed."

## IJM students attend conference

By **TATUM SMITH**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU's student government (SGA) will send executive members of TCU's International Justice Mission (IJM) to a conference in Washington, D.C. next month to discuss leadership development and strategies.

Gabby Douthitt, a member of SGA's finance committee and a sophomore writing and communication studies double major, said SGA passed the bill with 54% approval to fund TCU IJM's travel expenses to the conference.

SGA decided IJM was worthy of funding because of its far-reaching influence on the TCU campus, Douthitt said.

"They deserve to get

funded because our purpose as SGA is to enable organizations and students to fulfill their purpose and the things they're passionate about," Douthitt said.

IJM is the largest anti-human trafficking organization in the world and works to raise awareness about modern-day slavery through education and advocacy.

The executive leadership of TCU's chapter of the organization, which seeks to end slavery, will attend the Northstar Leadership Conference Oct. 18-20 along with students from about 90 other universities to strategize campus movements to end the practice of slavery.

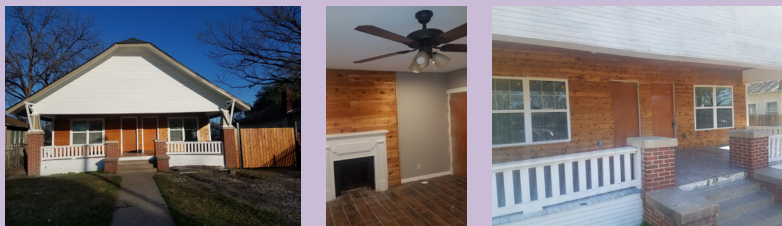
The Northstar Leadership Conference is

an annual gathering IJM organizes for its college chapters to unite and equip leaders to bring more students into the movement, according to Jeanne Marie King, a junior early childhood education major and the vice president of advocacy for TCU IJM.

King said last year the conference was in Dallas. She said the stories told by different speakers impacted her greatly.

"It's easy to look at trafficking in big statistics, but they really do a great job of connecting those numbers to individual lives," King said.

For more information on TCU IJM, visit the organization's Facebook page.



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# Soccer fails comeback effort, falls 3-4 at Arizona

By JACK WALLACE  
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU soccer (6-3) experienced its first back-to-back non-conference loss run since 2017 after a 3-4 loss to the Arizona Wildcats (6-1).

A goal by Grace Collins, her third of the year, brought the Frogs back after an early Wildcat goal. At halftime, the score remained 1-1, but a goal in the 61st minute plus a quick pair around the 78th gave Arizona a three-goal lead.

Yazmeen Ryan's two late goals for the Frogs, both inside the 80th minute, were not enough to prevent TCU's third loss of the year.

"Obviously we didn't start the way we wanted to, giving up the early goal," head coach Eric Bell said. "But we were able to get the goal back quickly on Grace's shot. Then, I thought it was a relatively equal game. Sure they had 17 shots, but they were not super dangerous shots."

TCU was outshot by 11. In all three of its losses, TCU has been outshot on goal, while in only one of its six wins (SMU), did TCU get outshot.

The four goals allowed by the TCU defense were the most since 2015 and makes this the highest combined scoring match of the season for the

Frogs. This loss puts TCU at 0-2 all-time against Arizona, following their 2-1 loss in 2017, also on the road. The loss, combined with the Washington loss, is the first time since 2010 that TCU has lost to two Pac-12 teams in a season.

Conference play begins for the Horned Frogs later this week. Only two Big 12 schools are ranked — No. 14 Kansas and No. 25 Oklahoma State. Both TCU (62) and Texas Tech (2) are receiving votes.

Up next, TCU kicks off conference play with a showdown against Oklahoma at home this Thursday at 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY JACK WALLACE

Messiah Bright's assist for the last TCU goal wasn't enough to overcome a three-score deficit.

CAMPUS NEWS

# Computer security breach case against former student pending

By ROBBIE VAGLIO  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR, TCU 360

A former student charged with hacking into his professor's grade book and changing his grades made a recent court appearance and is no longer in custody.

An indictment must be issued in the next 180 days before the date of Vu Thanh "Steven" Phan's next court appearance is scheduled.

Phan was arrested in January on a charge of computer security breach between \$2,500 and \$30,000 — a state jail felony — and had his initial appearance in Tarrant County Magistrate Court last Friday.

Phan is accused of



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Vu Thanh "Steven" Phan

"knowingly accessing a computer system or network ... without the effective consent of TCU, the owner and did knowingly obtain a benefit, defraud or harm," according to arrest affidavits.

Video footage in

Tandy Hall taken on Dec. 12 shows Phan swapping the keyboard at the instructor's work station with one from his backpack and returning later that evening to take his keyboard back.

Phan used the information captured on his keyboard to log into D2L to change his grades, according to arrest affidavits.

Special Agent Brian Sanders of the Secret Service said keyboard devices can be used to "log keystrokes and illegally obtain password information on computers," according to the arrest affidavits.

A spokesperson for the university said that Phan is no longer enrolled in TCU.

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## CAMPUS NEWS

# Progress continues on DEI implementation

BY RENEE UMSTED

MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

Though the changes regarding diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) may not be visible, progress is occurring, according to Aisha Torrey-Sawyer, the director of diversity and inclusion initiatives.

The DEI committee, of which Torrey-Sawyer is a co-chair, is inviting vice chancellors of the university to its meetings to update the committee on how they are implementing DEI and incorporating the Vision in Action plan in their divisions.

Sharon Gooding, the new coordinator of diversity and inclusion, will be focusing on events for cultural and heritage awareness months, Torrey-Sawyer said.

Last year, there were three unconscious bias training sessions for faculty and staff and more will be held this year. Torrey-Sawyer's office is also searching for more ways for faculty and staff to educate themselves about matters of DEI.

One step the university is taking is hiring an outside firm to take an inventory of the DEI efforts on campus and help determine what else can be done to improve DEI's current state, according to Dr. Claire Sanders, the provost faculty fellow and academic affairs diversity advocate.

As a co-chair of the DEI Essential Competency Implementation



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About 60 people attended Think-A-Thon, which was held in August.

Committee, Sanders and her colleagues will be discussing the DEI proposal with faculty members and getting feedback from them.

She said she hopes to deliver the package of the student requirements, vetting procedures, assessment process and administrative information they formulate and gather to the Faculty Senate in December so the entire faculty can vote to approve the proposal in February or March 2020.

Though she cannot say for certain when the DEI portion of the core curriculum will be implemented, Sanders said the goal is fall 2022.

On a more individual level, Sanders said she is working on a training for faculty to help them

develop skills they can apply in their classrooms surrounding discourse, expectations for students, privilege and unconscious bias.

She said the module will be a week-long, intensive boot camp model, and she is aiming to hold the first training in May or June of next year.

Over the summer, the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, the Koehler Center, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and Human Resources hosted an event called Think-A-Thon, which was held to give faculty and staff members an opportunity to brainstorm about how to implement DEI on campus. About 60 people attended the event, said Dr. Nada Elias-Lambert,

the diversity administrative fellow for the School of Interdisciplinary Studies.

At the event, Elias-Lambert said several ideas that were given to the Faculty Senate, Staff Assembly and Provost Council were developed. They involved:

- Messaging and how the university communicates the importance of everyone working to implement DEI on campus
- Defining DEI
- Sharing the idea that DEI is central to TCU's mission
- Collecting and disseminating data about which DEI efforts members of TCU's community think are effective and which ones need to be improved, as well as what is being done in regards to DEI in general
- Increasing collaboration and communication, which

could include making an organizational chart listing key DEI leaders or creating a digital chest of tools faculty can access to find ways to implement DEI in their classes

Dr. Elias-Lambert said she is open to having another event like the Think-A-Thon in the future, with the goal of implementing the ideas from the Think-A-Thon as well as other DEI initiatives.

One of the biggest challenges for continuing with DEI implementation efforts, Torrey-Sawyer said, is working to ensure not only that the campus is diverse but also that members of those groups feel that they are included, as well as continuing to emphasize the message that having a diverse campus is

important.

Sanders said one of the issues she has seen with incorporating DEI is that some people are "fearful of change."

"The core curriculum change is not some sort of cavalier or maverick project coming out of the DEI committee," Sanders said.

She said she tries to solve this challenge by reminding or informing those who are afraid of the work she and her colleagues are doing that DEI is embedded throughout the Lead On strategic plan, which the Board of Trustees has already approved, showing that incorporating DEI is a responsibility of academic affairs.

CAMPUS NEWS

# TCU; UNTHSC School of Medicine trains first class

BY ANDRE RIVEROY  
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Some of the inaugural medical students at the TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine are in familiar territory — there are 12 Horned Frog alumni in the class of 60.

Classes started in July and shortly afterward students marked their first milestone as they earned their white coats.

The program is trying to set itself apart from traditional medical schools with a communication curriculum meant to teach students empathy and to be active listeners. Simulation and modeling tools help students learn how to provide optimal care, and students are paired with a physician coach to help with professional and personal development.

“Our singular mission is to create the best future physicians,” said Dr. Stuart Flynn, the dean of the medical school. “We want to ensure that our medical students are equipped to be skilled and empathetic physicians when they graduate.”

Flynn also said students have been adapting quickly.

“Students spent the first few months adapting to our unique curriculum — a patient-centered approach that will produce compassionate, innovative and life-long learners,” Flynn said.

The medical school has already begun providing care to some patients in the Fort Worth community.

“Our students have



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Labcoats on display.

been seeing patients and receiving one-on-one mentoring sessions with faculty clinicians since the first weeks of school,” Flynn said. “This will allow them to build long-term relationships with patients, which is critical to maintaining the empathy they bring with them as new medical students.”

Chalman said her classmates represent a broad cross-section of the population.

“All 59 of my classmates come from unique backgrounds and bring their own diverse experiences to the program,” Chalman said. “The admissions committee did a great job of seeking this diversity as well as identifying students who are not only academically strong, but are also great communicators, are altruistic and empathetic.”

The initial class of this new medical school got an unexpected gift: the students will have their first-year tuition paid for by the H. Paul Dorman Charter Scholarship program.



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TCU and UNTHSC first inaugural class.

“The average student debt for a graduating physician is nearly \$200,000, making scholarship funding critical to our and their futures,” Flynn said.

Chalman said the scholarship represents the commitment being made to the medical school.

“The gift allows students to concentrate on their studies with a significantly diminished financial burden,” Flynn said. “We must continue to grow our scholarship funding as we attract new students to join our school.”

*“Our singular mission is to create the best future physicians. We want to ensure that our medical students are equipped to be skilled and empathetic physicians when they graduate.”*

DR. STUART FLYNN  
DEAN OF MEDICAL SCHOOL



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Dr. Stuart Flynn

# Impeachment 101



## How Impeachment works



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi announced a formal impeachment inquiry into President Trump today. The announcement comes in the wake of allegations that President Trump may have pressured the president of Ukraine [to investigate](#) former Vice President Joe Biden. There are a number of misconceptions about what impeachment actually does, and this explainer aims to lay out how the process works.

### What is impeachment?

Impeachment does not mean removal from office. It is the first step in the removal of an elected official from office.

Think of Congress as a prosecutor charging the president with a crime. It is a formal way to hold elected officials accountable for their actions.

### What does the Constitution say about it?

"The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

"The House of Representatives... **shall have the sole Power of Impeachment**"

### What counts as an impeachable offense?

The meaning of a "high crime or misdemeanor" has long been debated by citizens and lawmakers. Some view the phrasing as referring to only serious crimes, while others think the "high" only refers to the position of those being impeached.

Federal officials have been impeached for perjury, fraud and conspiracy.

### What happens first?

Impeachment begins when House leadership calls for an impeachment inquiry. If members of the House find that an impeachable offense has been committed, they can submit articles of impeachment.

If more than 218 representatives vote to impeach, the matter moves to the Senate for a trial.

### Historic Examples

Eighteen officials have been impeached in American history, including two presidents.

The House impeached Andrew Johnson during Reconstruction, but he was acquitted by the Senate.

Richard Nixon resigned before an impeachment vote could occur.

Bill Clinton was impeached on two charges by the House, but acquitted by the Senate.

GRAPHIC BY BENTON MCDONALD EXECUTIVE EDITOR, POLITIFROG.

The graphic above explains everything you need to know as House Democrats embark on an impeachment inquiry against President Trump.

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## 2. SCHEDULE A TOUR

Schedule home tours with your whole group, so it's easier to make a decision together. Look at bedroom sizes. Ask at the tour: who takes care of repairs; how long does it take to get things fixed; how much are utilities; how do we make rent payments?

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Fort Worth is a big city, with rentals near the Trinity and W. 7th, but those locations require driving to school and finding parking everyday. TCU was designed as a walkable campus, which means more involvement.

▶▶ *General rule: 1-2 blocks = walking. 3+ blocks = driving.*

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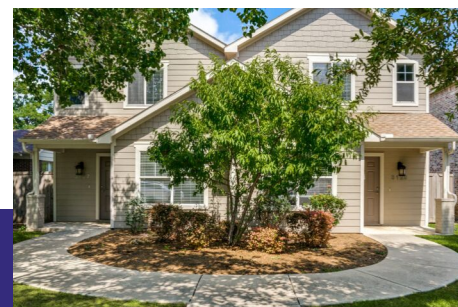


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# Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019:

This year, you often feel as if you must keep certain information and feelings hush-hush. As a result, others find you secretive. If single, you meet people with ease, though you could experience some upset if you relate on a close level. Trust could be an issue. If attached, the two of you keep a lot under wraps. As a couple, you benefit from time away together. Infuse your bond with romance. VIRGO might irritate you with their fussing.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Lie back and understand what has happened. Opportunities come forward out of the blue. News from a distance causes fantasizing and thought. You gain a new perspective as a result. Tonight: Curb possessiveness. Live free.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your creativity soars as you deal with a child or new friend. You might experience some initial tension, but that will diffuse quickly as long as you can understand where others come from. Tonight: Work on your listening skills.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Having your personal life run smoothly could be more important to you than you realize. Be ready to change directions if you perceive a snafu. Above all, you have a strong likelihood of understanding another person’s upset. Tonight: Go with the flow.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You say what you feel, but do not be surprised at another person’s reaction. You may feel fatigue, and your

desire to change what already is could be blunted. A friend stuns you with his or her unexpected behavior. Tonight: At a favorite haunt

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You might suddenly be concerned with your finances. An unexpected request or demand puts you on new turf. Recognize what will happen if you let go and do not exercise some self-discipline. You need to be moderate in your financial dealings. Tonight: As you like it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Many people are observing your choices and your behavior. Investigate new possibilities with more care. You might want to take a stab at making an agreement that suits you involving a new project. Tonight: Work with a sudden change in plans.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Create much more of what you desire. Observe what others are doing more carefully than you have in the recent past. Accept a fast change of pace, knowing full well where you are heading. Tonight: Listen to your inner voice. You will know what to do.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Create more of what you want and you will succeed. Friends will back you with a special project that you cannot say no to. Investigate new possibilities with an eye to expanding your horizons. Tonight: A partner does the unexpected.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ All eyes turn to a boss or higher-up. Do you really want this kind of role? Think twice. Think of all the flack you might need to absorb. Saying no has

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its benefits and allows you to be more independent. Tonight: A force to behold.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ A relationship could evolve to a new level of caring. You see a personal matter in a different light. A child or loved one could

be most unpredictable. You might not be able to prevent a negative response. Be aware of the tension you are under. Tonight: What suits you best.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating flourishes despite a snafu of

some sort. A disagreement around property or your home could provoke an odd reaction from someone else. Discussions could take away some of the tension. Tonight: Be a duo.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Speak your mind and share more of your thoughts. You

often keep people wondering about what is on your mind. Express your concerns in a diplomatic manner. Do not be surprised at another person's reaction. Tonight: Say yes to a request.

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Edited by Will Shortz

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PUZZLE BY GRANT THACKRAY

- ACROSS
- 1 Extremely slow speed

7 Have a sudden inspiration?

11 Sign of spring

14 Finalize, as plans

15 Scholarly sorts

17 Blood component

18 1971 title role for Charlton Heston, with “the”

19 Cotillion V.I.P.

20 Victoria’s Secret spec

22 Hebrew song whose title means “My God! My God!”

23 They’re served with spoon straws

25 Outdoor section of a zoo

26 Pizazz

28 “Look to the \_\_\_\_, thou sluggard” (Proverbs 6:6)

30 What a shift shifts

34 Stick around

36 Apple platform

38 Word with cap or crab

39 E.R. inserts

40 Seedy hangout ... or a hint to finishing four Across answers in this puzzle

43 When “Roseanne” aired for most of its original run: Abbr.

44 What junkyards do

- 46 Something a push-up strengthens, for short
- 47 Mrs. John Quincy Adams
- 49 Conveys
- 51 Born, in Bordeaux
- 53 Beneath: Ger.
- 54 Device that runs 36-Across
- 56 Oscar winner for “Shakespeare in Love”
- 58 Often-abbreviated outburst
- 61 “Should \_\_\_\_ acquaintance ...”
- 62 Something to hold money in
- 65 Grow quickly
- 67 More relaxed
- 69 “For real?”
- 70 Shade on the visible spectrum
- 71 Versatile offensive football positions, for short
- 72 Hardens
- 73 Vacillate wildly

- DOWN
- 1 Dirty Harry’s grp.

2 It flows past Memphis

3 Locale for much of the world’s oil shipping

4 Responds to on WhatsApp, say

5 Proceeded heavily and awkwardly

6 Elbow room

7 Hardly Michelin-star fare

8 Order in target practice

9 Brew

10 Pirate’s prop

11 Up for it

12 Latin catchall

13 Certain skirt

16 Employee incentives

21 2019 Women’s World Cup winner

24 Quick smoke?

25 Simple step

26 Use goo-goo eyes and make small talk, say

27 Neighbor of the gallbladder

29 One crying “Uncle!,” maybe

31 Converse

32 Get out of bed

33 Admit to office, with “in”

35 Halloween decoration letters

37 Actor Mineo

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DIRECTIONS

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

SOLUTION

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

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True or False? There were 44 female professors at TCU in fall 2014.

SOLUTION

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TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

- 41 What soda and snack machines do

42 Start of a fight

45 Mail man?

48 N.C.A.A. hoops powerhouse

50 Has on

52 Campus extension?

55 Be crazy about

57 Jill \_\_\_\_, winning 2019 Women’s World Cup coach

58 Overlook

59 Creative influence

60 Goddess depicted with horns

61 NASA’s \_\_\_\_ Research Center

63 Nintendo rival

64 Brag

66 Opposite of closeted

68 Sophocles’ “\_\_\_\_ to Man”s



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