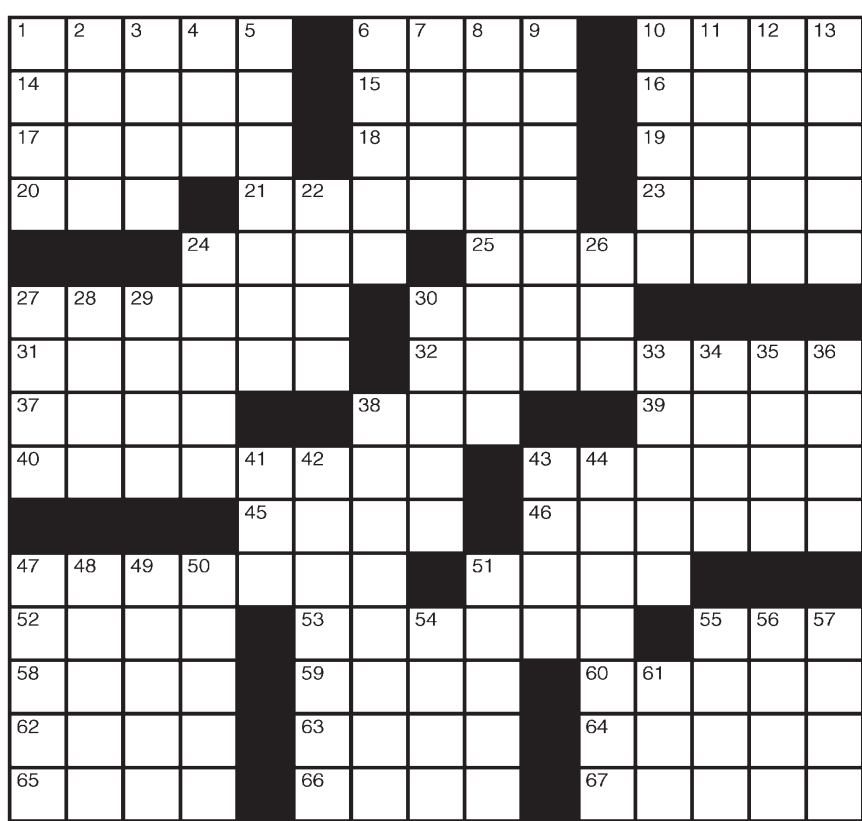


Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Run-down
6 Small boys
10 Summit
14 Embankment
15 Disembarked
16 Roe source
17 Scene of the action
18 "Fame" star
19 Kong, for one
20 Great weight
21 Carl or Rob
23 Otherwise
24 Biting fly
25 Advanced on all fours
27 Rue
30 Part of a dance
31 Plaits
32 Veteran
37 Distinctive doctrines
38 Random choice
39 Brood
40 More than miffed
43 Ascended
45 Ceases
46 Aerie builders
47 Legal permit
51 Model Moss
52 Adam's grandson
53 Straying
55 Like Abner
58 Pauper's plea
59 Pronto letters
60 More than miffed
62 Notoriety
63 Bill of fare
64 Roof overhang
65 Type of dive
66 State of irritation
67 Quantities of paper
- DOWN
1 Louver piece
2 Saarinen of Finland
3 Tied
4 Winter quarters
5 Pined
6 Unspoken
7 Arkin or King
8 As the crow flies
9 Played lead
10 To one side
11 Cold snap



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Solutions

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E	C	M	E			A	D	S		L	T	A	D	E

- 12 Parson's dwelling
13 Finished the lawn
22 Grub
24 Ground grain
26 Suitable
27 Score-producing stats
28 Scottish Gaelic
29 Recess activity
30 Carols
33 Picture in the mind
34 Richard of "Night Court"
35 Fencer's foil
36 Cincinnati's nine
38 "The Ugly Duckling" writer
41 Coop parent
42 Pants
43 Playwright
44 More malicious
47 Toronto team, tersely
- 48 Acquired family member
49 Bottom half of a semicolon
50 German industrial city
51 Inoperative
54 Delhi princess
55 Volcano output
56 News piece
57 Not quite as much
61 "Norma ___"

Faith

"Christianity is seen as a religious majority in the world," Fort said. "But, only 30 percent of the world's populations is Christian and the number two religion in the world is Islam."
According to Fort, there are ten great religions. Fort suggests that, because beliefs are easily influenced by what is familiar or similar, people research and identify the individual strengths of each religion before deciding which one is best for their lifestyle.
Fort also mentioned a continuum. On one end are pluralists, the inclusive, open-minded group, while on the other end there are the traditionalists, where the members are exclusive, very close-minded and

believe everything should stay the same as it was in the past.
Both extremes are actually very closely related, but there is still gray area where people are not sure where to place themselves, he said.
The audience was asked to use the random placement of people at their tables to discuss which extreme they consider themselves to be.
Freshman Lenny Benton considered himself a pluralist.
Benton was raised Christian, but has chosen not to be close-minded about other religions.
He has decided to experiment with the different religions before he settles on one.
Collean Kinser, a sophomore

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English major, is a Christian. Kinser calls herself a pluralist, but also informed her group that she will never leave Christianity for another religion.
When the question, "Why do we feel the need to push our beliefs off on others?" was asked, Fort replied, "Things that are important to you should be important to the people you care about. Persuasion and religion are one in the same."
Fort closed the program by saying, "Truth always has an interpretation and everything is a point-of-view including... everything is a point-of-view."
"Think about that for a minute," Fort told the audience.

Guerrilla

The Guerrilla Girls now have a Web site, guerrillagirls.com. They also write books, make posters and print projects. They travel the world giving presentations and showing small-scale versions of their work.
Recently they created new projects about cultural situations of specific situations and events, like The Venice Biennale of Art, the status of women artists in Turkey and the representation of women artists in national museums in Washington, D.C.

One of their most famous posters was featured on New York City buses in 1989. The headline read, "Do women have to be naked to get into the Met Museum?"
Members of the original Guerrilla Girls group always wear gorilla masks when making appearances. During certain appearances they wear miniskirts and fishnet stockings, and assume the names of deceased famous female artists. The females proclaim that no one knows their names except for some of their

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mothers or partners. They never reveal the members of the group, implying that there are many Guerrilla Girls all over the world.
In 2001, two groups broke away and formed Guerrilla Girls broadband, which focused on the internet and work issues.
Guerrilla Girls' work has been taken up by women's groups everywhere from Brazil, India, Mexico, Europe, Cyprus, Bosnia and Serbia.

Gospel

city Interscholastic League sight-reading and music competitions, where her group received all 1's, the highest honor. It was from these competitions that Tate said she felt her calling to become a performer.
Not until she saw the TV show "American Idol" did Tate find the outlet that she felt would help her reach those dreams.
"I thought, 'wow, these people can sing, and become a star overnight. That is what I want to do,'" she said.
She auditioned for "American Idol" when she was 20. She recalls being very nervous and a little intimidated.
"I went to Louisiana and spent two nights in the Superdome before I got to tryout. On the day of my performance I walked in thinking, 'I am going to get this. I can sing,' and they cut me before I could finish my song. I didn't understand what they wanted," she said.

Her second audition for "American Idol" was this past August. She thought with the success of Jennifer Hudson and Melinda Doolittle, who best compare to her style of singing, she would make it to the second round and hopefully the final 10.

"They compared me to Carrie Underwood and I was devastated. I thought, 'I am nothing like Carrie Underwood.' It was then that I realized that I had to get myself back into school and develop my talent," she said.

Before she came to MSU this semester to begin working on her talent, she attended Texas Southern University in 2001. It was there that all the exciting aspects of her future singing endeavors would unfold.

She began singing with the Texas Southern University Jazz Ensemble and received a scholarship. Through the jazz ensemble she met up with many prominent figures in the gospel industry. One was Kathy Burrell, whose sister is Kim Burrell, a successful gospel singer. She be-

gan making her way into gospel music by singing backup vocals on Kim Burrell's first album.

She also met Troy Barnett, whose stage play "For Your Soul's Sake" would end up changing her direction in life.

"The stage play was about seven different women from the Bible who had trials and struggles that women today have. I was asked by Troy to tryout for the play because he knew I could sing, and I ended up making the cast," Tate said.

Tate played Leah, the daughter of Jacob, who deals with self-esteem and feeling value within her life. She not only had the role as Leah in the play, she also sang lead vocals on four songs.

The play had many struggles in the beginning, but Tate said that the performers knew there was a purpose in what they were doing. The message that the play would send to people was worth the struggle, she felt.

Tate quit school at Texas Southern to travel with the group and perform the play. They began by traveling all over the state, playing at small venues and churches. Mostly the group performed at women's conferences. Tate explained that the play was not just targeted toward women, there was a message for men, but it mostly was about self-healing. It was when the group met up with another gospel influence that the play began to take off.

James Fortune, a member of James Fortune and FIYA (Flowing In Yahweh's Abundance), saw a lot of potential in Tate and the other cast members. They formed a group of about 15 young adults to sing and travel across the state. She and the group also performed in Florida and California.

With the help of Fortune, Tate sang "You Survive." According to Tate, the single stayed at number 15 for a long time, but by the end of the year the song shot to number 4 on

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the charts. Tate can recall the first time she heard the song played on the radio.

"We were all getting ready to leave California after our last show," Tate recalled, "and everyone was crowded on the bus. Someone started kicking and screaming, and we all woke up and realized that the song was playing on the radio. We were excited."

She said a third single has been released on gospel radio and that the songs are in heavy rotation on Houston gospel radio stations.

Tate left the group recently to move with her husband and two children to Wichita Falls. However, before leaving Tate was able to be a part of the "For Your Soul's Sake" soundtrack album. Tate has four solo pieces on the album, one of which is the title to the soundtrack. Tate hasn't performed with the play since moving to Wichita Falls, but she expects to hook up with the group in October in Dallas.

The music major's future plans are well established. Tate has currently been working on her own album, which she hopes to release in 2010. She has written lyrics and melodies for 10 of the songs planned to be on her self-titled album "Toni Tate" or "Miss Toni" she said. The only thing missing, she said, is the perfect single.

A fan of Betty Wright and Anita Baker, Tate wants her genre of music and her first single to reflect exactly who she wants to be as an artist.

Tate, a proud African-American beauty, does not want her music to be like that of most African-American musicians.

"I want to impact girls everywhere that had issues that I once had with self-esteem and feeling beautiful," she said. "I want my child to be like, 'that's my mom and she sings about things that heal people.' That's what my music is about."

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his employees were more aware.
Allen said they use a general cleaner disinfectant called D-27 that is usable on any surface and kills 99.9 percent of bacteria. In other high risk areas such as locker rooms, they use a product called Tackle.

These measures are nothing new. "I just took the opportunity to make sure everyone was aware," Allen said. "I haven't heard any reports of staph infections on campus, and I wanted to make sure we don't."

Students can do their own part for prevention.

Phillips said that keeping any wounds covered is of the utmost importance to prevent infection. Frequent hand washing can also reduce the risk of contracting staph.

Since staph and MRSA can live at least 24 hours on surfaces, Phillips said students should also avoid sharing bar soap, towels, water bottles or toothbrushes.

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