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Storm front brings temperature drop and wintry precipitation.

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## WEATHER

# Fort Worth prepares for below-freezing weather

By Jordan Daigle  
Staff Reporter

After a weekend of spring-like weather, Fort Worth is preparing for freezing temperatures after a winter storm warning for Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service.

"We are expecting a strong cold front to move through late Monday night, and it will push temperatures to below freezing before daybreak," said Jesse Moore, a meteorologist from the National Weather Service.

Rain was expected Tuesday morning and would change to freezing rain and sleet by daybreak, Moore said. Then it will most likely change over to a mixture of sleet and snow by late morning.

Moore said he expected

the road conditions to deteriorate early Tuesday morning. Ice would most likely become a problem on the roads, he said, especially on bridges and overpasses.

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National Weather Service  
Meteorologist

He advised students to take extra caution when driving and allow for extra

time to reach their destination.

"Really, if you don't have to drive [Tuesday morning], it would probably be better not to," Moore said. "Driving in ice is not exactly the easiest thing, especially since we are not used to doing it as much down here."

Shane Teveris, a junior film-television-digital media major from Hartford, Conn., said the cold weather would not really affect him.

"Back home it was 5 degrees this morning, and they have like three feet of snow on the ground," he said. "So as long as I'm not in that, I'm pretty happy."

Senior FTDM major Shayna Fawcett said she will miss last weekend's warm weather.

"I do not like the cold weather," Fawcett said.

"When it's windy, it is miserable."

Teveris said he will most likely enjoy a day off if there is a snow day.

"I probably won't drive because it is unsafe, and other Texans clearly can't drive in the snow," he said.

Moore said Fort Worth can expect to see some freezing temperatures until Friday.

He also said Fort Worth would most likely have to wait until March to see warmer weather again.

According to the university's website, students and faculty members should not wait for winter storm information to come from TCU Alert. The website suggests that students monitor local news reports via television, radio or the Internet.



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Ice forms on a shovel in North Kingsville, Ohio, Monday, Jan. 31, 2011. A monster winter storm took aim at a third of the nation Monday, threatening to lay a potentially deadly path of heavy snow and ice from the Rockies to New England, followed by a wave of bitter, bone-rattling cold that could affect tens of millions of people.

## INTERNATIONAL

## Support for Mubarak falls as protest enters second week

By Hamza Hendawi and  
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Associated Press

Egypt's military promised Monday not to fire on any peaceful protests and recognized "the legitimacy of the people's demands," a sign army support for President Hosni Mubarak may be unraveling. Protesters planned a major escalation, calling for a million people to take to the streets to push Mubarak out of power.

More than 10,000 people beat drums, played music and chanted slogans in Tahrir Square, which has become ground zero of seven days of protests demanding the ouster of the 82-year-old president who has ruled with an authoritarian hand for nearly three decades.

With the organizers' calling for a march by one million people Tuesday, the vibe in the sprawling plaza — whose name in Arabic means "Liberation" — was intensifying with the feeling that the upheaval was nearing a decisive point. "He only needs a push," was one of the most frequent chants, and one leaflet circulated by some protesters said it was time for the military to choose between

Mubarak and the people.

The latest gesture by Mubarak aimed at defusing the crisis fell flat. His top ally, the United States, roundly rejected his announcement of a new government Monday that dropped his interior minister, who heads police forces and was widely denounced by the protesters. The crowds in the streets were equally unimpressed.

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**Khaled Bassyouny**  
Internet Entrepreneur and  
Protester

"It's almost the same government, as if we are not here, as if we are sheep," sneered one protester, Khaled Bassyouny, a 30-year-old Internet entrepreneur. He said it was time to escalate the marches. "It has to burn. It has to become ugly. We have to take it to the presidential palace."

Another concession came later Monday night, when Vice President Omar Sulei-

man — who was appointed by Mubarak only two days earlier — went on state TV to announce that the president had tasked him to immediately begin dialogue with "political forces" for constitutional and legislative reforms.

Suleiman, a longtime Mubarak confidant, did not say what the changes would entail or which groups the government would speak with. Opposition forces have long demanded a lifting of strict restrictions on who is eligible to run for president to allow a real challenge to the ruling party, as well as measures to ensure elections are fair. A presidential election is scheduled for September.

In Washington, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs dismissed the naming of the new government, saying the situation in Egypt calls for action, not appointments.

The State Department said Monday that a retired senior diplomat — former ambassador to Egypt Frank Wisner — was now on the ground in Cairo and will meet Egyptian officials to urge them to embrace broad economic and political changes that can pave the way for free and fair elec-



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A woman carrying a placard referring to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak attends a demonstration by anti-government protesters in Cairo's Tahrir Square, Egypt, Monday, Jan. 31, 2011.

tions.

The military statement, aired on state TV, was the strongest sign yet that the army was willing to let the protests continue and even grow as long as they remain peaceful, even if that leads to the fall of Mubarak. If the president, a former air force commander, loses the support of the military, it would likely be a fatal blow to his rule.

For days, army tanks and troops have surrounded Tahrir Square, keeping the protests confined but doing nothing to stop people from joining.

Military spokesman Ismail Etman said the army realizes "the legitimacy of the people's

demands." He said the military "has not and will not use force against the public" and underlined that the "the freedom of peaceful expression is guaranteed for everyone."

He added the caveats, however, that protesters should not commit "any act that destabilizes security of the country" or damage property.

Looting that erupted over the weekend across the city of around 18 million eased — but Egyptians endured another day of the virtual halt to normal life that the crisis has caused, raising fears of damage to the economy if the crisis drags on. Trains stopped run-

ning Monday, possibly an attempt by authorities to prevent residents of the provinces from joining protests in the capital.

A curfew was imposed for a fourth straight day — starting an hour earlier at 3 p.m. Banks, schools and the stock market in Cairo were closed for the second working day, making cash tight. An unprecedented complete shutdown of the Internet was also in its fourth day. Long lines formed outside bakeries as people tried to replenish their stores of bread.

Cairo's international airport was a scene of chaos and confusion as thousands of foreigners sought to flee the unrest.

## CAMPUS

# 'Frog Leg' challenge begins

By **Brittany Turner**  
Staff Reporter

The Frog Leg Pedometer Challenge, which began Monday, will provide a way to improve the overall health of TCU faculty and staff in a competitive and fun manner, Susan Oakley, a human resources manager, said.

Employees use pedometers to track how many steps they take each day, and log their results on the Employee Self Service website to win prizes, Oakley said.

Prizes have not yet been announced, but will be awarded weekly beginning March 7. Grand prizes will be awarded shortly after the challenge ends March 13, Oakley said.

Participants must complete a minimum of 60,000 steps per week to be eligible for the weekly prizes, she said.

Last year's grand prizes consisted of Nintendo Wii game systems from drawings, Oakley said.

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lunch hour in the next few weeks, you will see a lot of faculty and staff out walking."

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Human Resources Manager

Steve Kintigh, director of campus recreation said the challenge began when former fitness director Trey Morrison came up with the idea five years earlier.

"He took it and he ran with it," Kintigh said. "He made it a huge event."

Kintigh said the challenge can get very competitive.

"At one point the winning person was walking 20 miles each way to work," Kintigh said.

The University Recreation Center initially oversaw the competition, but the human resources department took over the challenge two years ago when funding for the pedometers became an issue.

"In the first year, we bought pedometers for everybody. We had 1,200 participants," Kintigh said.

The pedometers cost around \$5 each, Kintigh said.

This year, human resources will split the cost of pedometers with the recreation center, Kintigh said.

"We decided to adjust the challenge a little bit and that's when human resources decided to pick it up, and I think that's been a great thing, Kintigh said. "We simply couldn't sustain the budget at that level."

Kintigh also said in comparison to other schools TCU has high numbers of participants, because the university provides the pedometers.

This year, the anticipated number of participants is about 500, Kintigh said.

## ACADEMICS

# Program aids in choosing major

By **Chelsea Katz**  
Staff Reporter

A new program called Major Quest and the Minor Adventures will work to make the search for a major and an eventual career a smoother process.

According to the Center for Academic Services website, Major Quest is a free service for students, and sessions will be held every Wednesday.

Bre Beacham, academic adviser with the Center for Academic Services, said Major Quest will be in a panel format in which faculty, staff, alumni and senior students will speak and answer questions about majors, minors and careers. The alumni, faculty and staff panel members will also discuss their own career journeys.

Lauren Brackett, a junior math education major, said she might attend the program to find out about job opportunities related to her major. She felt it would also be helpful to find a connection between majors and minors, she said.

"Maybe if they talked about how many hours each major was, and how possible it was to add minors on," she said. "Then how long they would take or what useful minors would be to add on to

certain majors."

Brackett said she had been a pre-major freshman year and thought Major Quest would have helped her while debating major choices.

Beacham said majors would be grouped together by areas of interest and would let students know the many options available when deciding a major for themselves. Major Quest would also help inform students that there are many majors that can lead to different careers, she said.

"There's a lot of different ways to get to where you want to go," she said. "We really want to encourage our students to do what they love."

She said enjoying the job is a valuable asset to all careers, so majoring in that area is where students would likely find the most success.

An Vo, a graduate student, said he thought Major Quest would help students figure out which career they would like, which he felt was crucial.

"It's very important for you to get to know what you really want to do in your life and in your job," Vo said. "The important thing is you need to educate students on how important [it is] that they select the right career for them."

Beacham said she hopes students might discover something they would not

have thought about otherwise. However, she hoped students understand how diverse a TCU degree is, she said.

"Hopefully this would give the opportunity for students to hear that you can pursue your interests, relate that to a major and then ultimately a career," she said.

**What:** Major Quest and the Minor Adventures Panel discussion with TCU seniors, faculty, staff and alumni

**When:** Wed. 4 p.m.

Feb. 2 - March 9

**Where:** Brown-Lupton University Union

**Who:** Open to all students

**Business** - Feb. 2  
4 p.m. in the BLUU Auditorium

**Arts/Media** - Feb. 9

4 p.m. in BLUU Ballroom 3301

**Children/Families** - Feb. 16

4 p.m. in BLUU Ballroom 3301

**Law/Government** - Feb. 23

4 p.m. in BLUU Ballroom 3301

**Health** - March 2

4 p.m. in BLUU Ballroom 3301

**Science/Environment/Technology** - March 9

4 p.m. in the BLUU Auditorium

For more information, contact the Center for Academic Services at 817-257-7486.

## LEGAL

# Federal judge declares Obama health care bill unconstitutional

By **Melissa Nelson**  
Associated Press

A federal judge ruled Monday that President Barack Obama's sweeping health care overhaul is unconstitutional, the latest in a series of contradictory rulings that will likely need to be resolved by the Supreme Court.

Faced with a major legal setback, the White House called the ruling by U.S. District Judge Roger Vinson — in a challenge to the law by 26 of the nation's 50 states — "a plain case of judicial overreaching."

That echoed language the judge had used to describe the law as an example of Congress overstepping its authority.

The Florida judge's ruling produced an even split in fed-

eral court decisions so far on the health care law, mirroring enduring divisions among the public.

Two judges had previously upheld the law, both Democratic appointees. A Republican appointee in Virginia had ruled against it.

The Justice Department quickly announced it would appeal, and administration officials declared that for now the federal government and the states would proceed without interruption to carry out the law.

It seemed evident that only the U.S. Supreme Court could deliver a final verdict on Obama's historic expansion of health insurance coverage.

Attorneys for the Obama administration had argued that the states did not have standing to challenge the law and that the case should be dismissed.

Health care reform was Obama's signature domestic

issue during the first two years of his presidency, and was the most successful push for universal health care after a century of attempts.

Vinson ruled against the overhaul on grounds that Congress exceeded its authority by requiring nearly all Americans to carry health insurance, an idea dating back to Republican proposals from the 1990s but now almost universally rejected by conservatives.

His ruling followed the same general reasoning as one last year from the federal judge in Virginia. But where the first judge's ruling would strike down the insurance requirement and leave the rest of the law in place, Vinson took it much farther, invalidating provisions that range from Medicare discounts for seniors with high prescription costs to a change that allows adult children up to age 26 to remain on their parents' coverage.



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## PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

## University should be more open about parking

**P**arking on campus can be an almost impossible task, but fines for parking illegally can be even worse. It's a lose-lose.

Each year, the university administration fails to address, or even discuss, the concerns over parking that constantly affect and annoy students, faculty and staff.

The only time any communication takes place regarding parking is when the campus community receives an e-mail informing it that even fewer parking spaces will be available because of construction or other events.

Many of the parking lots on the east side of campus are constantly full, forcing drivers to go to lots located blocks from the academic buildings and then ride the shuttle bus closer to classes. Many students, however, do not know this resource is available, nor do they know the shuttle routes and hours.

In the past year, spaces have been lost due to construction of the new Mary Wright Admission Center, the Amon G. Carter Stadium renovation and, most recently, the construction of a new building behind Beasley Hall for Brite Divinity School.

If the university would simply be more transparent with its communication with students, less frustration would exist. If changes, such as creating more lots or constructing a parking garage, are not feasible, students deserve to know why, otherwise, the resulting rift between the administration and students will fracture any potential headway that could be made in addressing the problem.

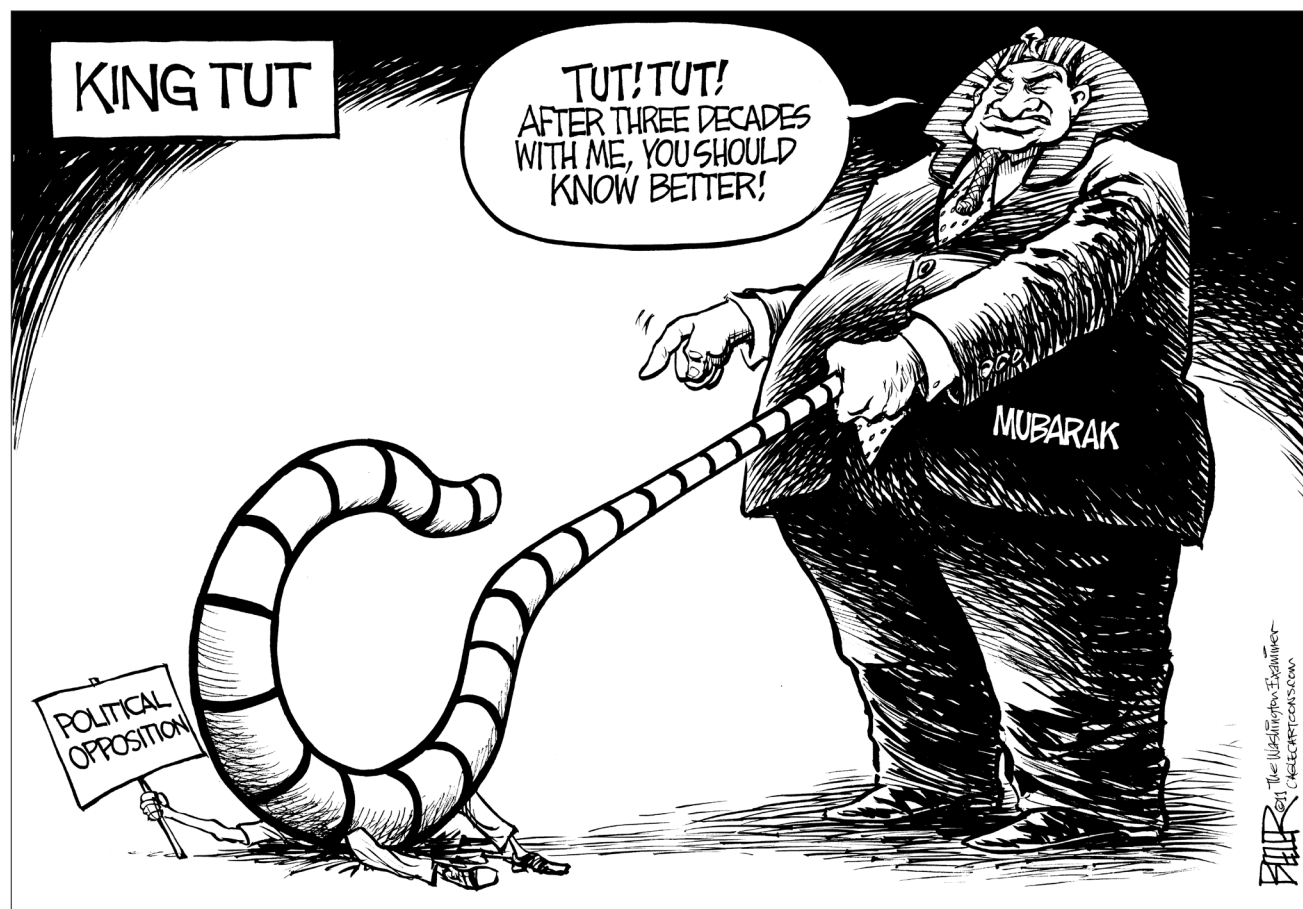
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## Spending could guard against future shocks



**Jack Enright**

Broke? So are many Americans, and of those, many are turning to a historically taboo source to break even: savings and investment accounts. Since this is the nest egg for many individuals' retirements and a source of funds for a rainy day, withdrawing from it is discouraged unless absolutely necessary. So why are so many Americans choosing to do so?

A recent article from *The Wall Street Journal* reported that Americans have withdrawn a net \$311 billion over the past two years. It was the first time in 57 years that Americans withdrew more money in one quarter from savings and investment accounts than they put into them.

The decision of Americans to spend is largely influenced by the Federal Reserve's efforts to stimulate the economy. It has held interest rates near zero for more than two years, which makes saving practically unprofitable and encourages Americans

to spend, thus helping the economy in the short term.

Not to mention that since saving and investing have slim interest rates, many people are deciding instead to pay off credit cards and mortgages that charge much higher rates. Over the two years, ending in September 2010, U.S. consumers managed to eliminate nearly \$1 trillion of debt, making them less vulnerable to any future credit shocks that may happen and preventing them from having to continue to pay interest payments on that debt, saving them billions.

In light of that, it is not problematic that Americans have changed course the past few years by not saving and investing like usual. The increased spending has helped the economy and paid off debt, which mitigates the impacts of another economic hit should it occur anytime soon. In particular, college students should see no need to change their habits as a result of the increased spending and decreased saving by their elders.

The article concluded by fretting over the lack of savings, which it said would be detrimental to Americans should there be another recession. It mentioned a statistic that noted that only 35 percent of Americans have enough money in the piggy bank for living expenses to last themselves

three months.

It is not good in the sense that many people will not make it on their own for long if they become unemployed, but with the nearly \$1 trillion that has been paid off since the recession started, people can focus on those expenses and not be burdened nearly as much by debt payments. Plus, should Americans become unemployed, they are entitled to unemployment compensation for up to 99 weeks — almost two years, which gives workers more than enough time to find a new job and which provides them with cash to get by when they're not earning a wage.

Americans making net withdrawals from their nest eggs for the first time in over a half century is cause for alarm for some. But with the stimulation to the economy and assistance in paying off high-interest debt, it is something that should be celebrated, not mourned.

For college students, with a long way to go in life, we can also take something from this and realize that while saving and investing are crucial in the long run, spending today can be a better alternative.

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## PERSPECTIVES

## Regulation, caution should govern commercial marijuana use



Pearce Edwards

The line between consumer safety and consumer choice is a difficult analysis for businesses and government regulators alike. At what point does the use and promotion of a substance have a negative effect on the “general welfare” of society the U.S. government upholds under the Constitution?

In the case of “Canna Cola,” for which marketing firm Diavolo Brands plans to market the THC-infused soda to Colorado consumers under the state’s medical marijuana provision, the line bends too far from consumer safety. A broadly-advertised soda containing an incapacitating substance ought to receive tighter oversight.

The first dimension is the role of marijuana as medicine. In 2001, Colorado created a registry system for marijuana that was legalized and regulated for medicinal purposes

only. Legally then, the market for marijuana consists only of those with pressing need for care.

Marketing marijuana products as trendy and recreational is akin to promoting sleep aid medicine as an important part of every meal. There is no legal justification to combine medicine with recreation or personal necessity. Medicinal marketing should focus on maintaining overall health and well-being, not developing a relationship with a product.

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Beyond medicine, momentum to legalize recreational marijuana use is building. On this level, the marketing for Canna Cola goes too far. While debates rage about marijuana’s addictive potential, the short term impacts of marijuana use include “impaired coordination” and “distorted perceptions,” according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Due to potential harm to non-users, it is in the interest of govern-

ment to regulate the drug. Other substances in this same category, including cigarettes, receive tight restrictions on marketing. FDA approval of hard-line warning labels on cigarette products last year affirms this principle.

Consumers must be fully aware of the psychological effects that can bring about social harm. The “Brownie Law” passed by the Senate last year essentially forbade the marketing of drug-infused sweets. Marketing must remain honest to the essence of the product and its risks if societal harm is at stake. Ensuring responsible business practice ensures both fairer competition, development of more effective products, and appropriate consumer use of potentially dangerous substances.

As an industry, the makers of Canna Cola must exercise great care in managing and overseeing their supply chain. Beyond the intrinsic debates about marijuana’s medicinal status and social harms, the circumstances of the drug’s origins and distribution make its marketing and use inadvisable.

Drug Science, a marijuana advocacy group, concedes that up to 10,889 metric tons of marijuana arrive in the United States via foreign

smuggling every year. Even with the highest recognized estimate of 21,865 metric tons of total annual supply, cross-border smuggling accounts for more than half of the marijuana within the country.

While not an absolute reason against marketing marijuana products, the expansion of the legal marijuana market must proceed with extreme caution. Illegal foreign smugglers who obey no legal frameworks and pay no taxes offer a cheaper supply than medicinal growers.

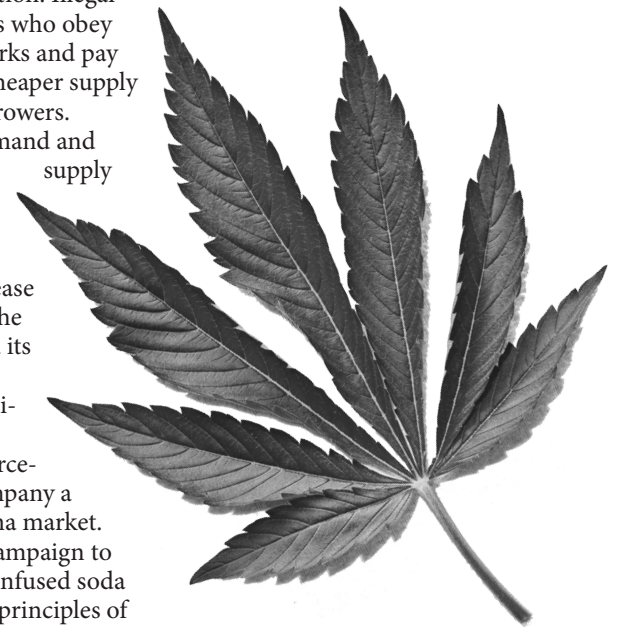
Facilitating demand and increasing supply

serves not to help the legal domestic supply chain but to increase security risks to the United States and its Latin American allies. Honest business practice and government enforcement must accompany a growing marijuana market.

Canna Cola’s campaign to promote a THC-infused soda is harmful to the principles of medicine, social utility and national security. With careful regulation

and good practice, the strength of business and the safety of marijuana users will advance the strength of American society and law.

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## Tough balancing act for Obama on Egypt

## Associated Press

President Barack Obama tried to win over Egyptians enraged by their autocratic ruler and assure an essential ally that the U.S. stood by it.

His four-minute speech from the White House on Friday evening was a balancing act. He had much to lose in the chaos engulfing Egypt, where protesters are demanding that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak step down from a government violently clinging to its three-decade grip on power.

“The United States will continue to stand up for the rights of the Egyptian people and work with their government in pursuit of a future that is more just, more free and more hopeful,” Obama said.

He gave no ultimatum, made no specific demand. Mubarak, he said, had a “responsibility to give meaning” to his pledges of better democracy and more economic opportunity.

The U.S. response is

challenged by a massive mismatch in the perception and reality of its power. Despite spending billions in Egypt to establish a bulwark of American influence in the Middle East, the U.S. has little capacity to determine whether the 82-year-old Mubarak weathers the protests or is toppled, analysts and past administration officials say.

Mubarak sacked his Cabinet and promised reforms to try to quell the protests. He defended the crackdown, in which at least 62 people have died.

After Mubarak’s televised appearance, Obama spoke from the White House. He didn’t endorse a new Egyptian rule. Nor did he say Mubarak’s announcement was insufficient. Rather, he said he told Mubarak to take “concrete steps” to expand rights.

Should Mubarak step down? Announce that he won’t run again? Time to scrap emergency laws in place since 1981?

Administration officials wouldn’t say.

“The Egyptian government can’t reshuffle the deck and then stand pat,” State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said Saturday, adding that Mubarak’s “words pledging reform must be followed by action.”

Was it a start when Mubarak named a vice president for the first time since coming to power nearly 30 years ago? There was no immediate word from Washington.

The U.S. can do little to control or direct the anger in the Arab world unleashed two weeks ago when Tunisia drove out its longtime ruler. Yet the U.S. can do severe harm to its own interests by coming out too forcefully for or against the uprising.

Washington’s perceived ability to pick and choose governments is limited to a very few places. It does not wield that power in the Middle East, where Islamic parties completely opposed to the United States are often

the most likely democratic alternatives.

That doesn’t mean it won’t try.

The White House is reviewing the \$1.5 billion in annual aid to Egypt, an unspoken warning that it still has some pull with Cairo.

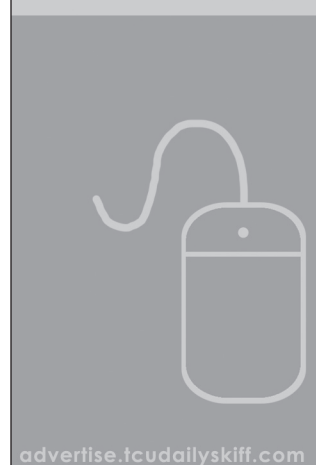
The State Department issued an unusual warning to Americans to avoid all but essential travel to Egypt at the height of the winter tourism season.

After spending billions backing its few Arab friends, the U.S. has damaged credibility in the Arab world, leaving a narrow space for Washington policymakers.

Without a bold statement of solidarity, it’s tough to see how the United States will gain the sympathy of Egyptian protesters fighting a security apparatus that has worked closely with American counterparts and may be using U.S. equipment to repress them.

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FORT WORTH

# Large crowds expected with Steelers, fans in town



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A worker, top right, is seen inside the Omni Dallas Hotel looking down at an unfinished glass vinyl coating of Pittsburgh Steelers' Troy Polamalu in Dallas, Saturday Jan. 29, 2011. The Steelers will play the Green Bay Packers in the NFL's Super Bowl XLV football game at Cowboys Stadium, Feb. 6, in Arlington, Texas.

By Andrea Drusch

The 109

Nearly 75,000 visitors are expected to flock to Fort Worth for the Super Bowl, but the Convention & Visitors Bureau hopes that won't keep city residents from joining the celebration since the Pittsburgh Steelers came to town.

Kelly Campbell, vice president of marketing communications for the bureau, said parking and dining downtown should not be a problem for Fort Worth residents.

"We want our locals to enjoy this experience," she said. "All of the restaurants and bars and stores are prepared for all the visitors as well as our locals. It's really a chance for everyone to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Campbell said the size of the crowd was not out of the ordinary for the city.

"Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival alone probably draws the same if not more numbers than what we're anticipating downtown to be like during the Super Bowl, so we're used to accommodating these large events," she said.

The festival usually draws about 400,000 people to the downtown area over four days, she said.

Among the downtown businesses preparing for Super Bowl fans are the restaurants in the Omni Hotel.

The Omni, host of the AFC champion Steelers, will keep its lobby and restaurants open to the public throughout the team's stay, Larry Auth, director of sales and marketing, said.

The hotel's guest room floors and meeting spaces are booked exclusively by the Steelers and closed to the public, but the ground-level floor will be open for people to come and go and be part of the hotel, Auth said.

"We have five outlets on the ground floor and a Kimbell gift store that are open to the public, and as the team comes and goes you may get a glimpse of them," he said. "We are anticipating a lot of folks in and out of the building."

While the lobby is open for fans to star-watch, Auth said no plans had been made for the Steelers to sign autographs or take pictures downstairs in the hotel.

"They are not releasing their schedule to us of when they're coming and going purposefully for that reason," he said.

Auth said one of the reasons the hotel was a good match for the team was because the meeting rooms were all located upstairs on the second floor, making it easier for security to block off.

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Director of Sales and Marketing

Auth said the Omni had hosted four NFL teams already this season and during the preseason, including the Chicago Bears, New Orleans Saints, Miami Dolphins and Oakland Raiders, all as opponents of the Dallas Cowboys. None of the teams, however, had rented out the entire hotel like the Super Bowl did.

Players, friends, family and staff of the team will take up all 614 rooms at the hotel.

"[The other teams] didn't have as big of an entourage as the Super Bowl will," he said.

According to fortworth.com, parts of Houston, 12th and 14th Streets surrounding the Omni have been periodically shut down since Jan. 31, but the hotel's parking garage will remain open from the Throckmorton Street entrance.

Campbell said that once guests parked, the city's free shuttle bus will be available to take them from place to place. Molly the Trolley will run between Sundance Square, the Fort Worth Stockyards and the Cultural District, with stops including the Intermodal Transportation Center to pick up passengers arriving on the TRE.

"Once you're parked, there really isn't any need to drive from place to place," she said.

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NATIONAL

# NYC mayor conducts gun-sale sting in Arizona in push for tougher laws

By Samantha Gross

Associated Press

Weeks after the shooting in Tucson, sellers at an Arizona gun show allowed undercover investigators hired by New York City to buy semiautomatic pistols even after they said they probably couldn't pass a background check, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Monday.

"After Tucson, you would think that people, particularly at a gun show in Arizona, would have been much more careful in enforcing the law," he said. "That unfortunately in some cases wasn't the case."

Bloomberg has authorized similar sting operations around the country as part of a push for tougher federal laws to help keep guns off the streets of New York.

But in the sensitive after-

math of the shooting Jan. 8 that killed six people and critically wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, the mayor was questioned about the time and place of his hidden-camera investigation, a \$100,000 operation conducted almost clear across the country.

"Let me get this straight: From New York City, they are going to send people to Arizona to look into this?" said state Sen. Ron Gould, a Republican. "They might take a look a little closer to home if they are concerned about guns getting in their state."

Meanwhile, Democratic Arizona state Sen. Steve Gallardo introduced a bill Monday to require background checks for all sales at gun shows.

The operators of the Phoenix gun show where the investigators made their buys

on Jan. 23 issued a statement Monday saying all exhibitors at its shows are required to follow state and federal gun laws.

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**Michael Bloomberg**  
NYC Mayor

"Mayor Bloomberg and his 'task force' have no legal authority in the state of Arizona, or in any other place in America except New York City," said the statement from the Cross-

roads of the West Gun Shows. "These forays into America's heartland committing blatant acts to entrap otherwise innocent gun owners is an unlawful scheme that is created by Bloomberg's task force."

The private investigators, wearing concealed video cameras, were sold the 9 mm guns even after telling two separate sellers they probably couldn't pass background checks.

While many sellers at gun shows are not required under federal law to perform background checks, it is illegal for them to sell a weapon if they have reason to believe the buyer wouldn't be able to pass one, the mayor said.

The mayor said that without mandatory background checks, gun shows had become "magnets for criminals," and called for federal action to close what he said were dan-

gerous loopholes in the law. Last week, Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., proposed federal legislation that would require background checks for all firearm purchases at gun shows.

Jim Cavanaugh, a retired

agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, where he was in charge of the Nashville division, said he didn't believe the sales described by the mayor were, in fact, illegal.



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This photo provided by the New York NYC Mayor's Office shows Mayor Michael Bloomberg showing an undercover video at City Hall in New York, Monday, Jan. 31, 2011.

TRANSPORTATION

# TSA chief: Airports will not hire private screeners

By Kyle Hightower

Associated Press

The Transportation Security Administration said it will not hire private contractors to screen airline passengers, despite calls from a powerful Florida congressman to do so and passenger complaints about federal screeners.

TSA Administrator John Pistole said in a memo to his employees late Friday that the federal agency will keep private contractors at 16 U.S. airports, but will not use them anywhere else unless a clear advantage emerges.

Pistole's memo comes two months after Florida Republican Rep. John Mica wrote to the country's busiest airports and asked them to use private security guards. Mica's request came as the issue of airport security intensified, with passengers uneasy over full-body scans and a more intrusive style of pat-down searches.

Since the TSA was created after 9/11, federal law has allowed airports the option of using private screeners. But few of the nation's

roughly 460 commercial airports have done so.

Mica, chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, vowed to fight TSA's decision.

**"The nation is secure in the sense that the safety of our skies will not be left in the hands of the lowest-bidder contractor, as it was before 9/11."**

**John Gage**  
AFGE National President

"The agency should concentrate on cutting some of the more than 3,700 administrative personnel in Washington who concocted this decision, and reduce the army of TSA employees that has ballooned to more than 62,000," he said in a statement. "Nearly every positive security innovation since the beginning of TSA has come from the contractor screening program. I intend to launch a full invest-

igation and review of this matter."

The American Federation of Government Employees, the nation's largest federal employee union, praised Pistole's decision.

"The nation is secure in the sense that the safety of our skies will not be left in the hands of the lowest-bidder contractor, as it was before 9/11," AFGE National President John Gage said in a statement.

Many of the companies that could have gained new business with privatization of airport security have also contributed to Mica's campaign coffers. An Associated Press analysis in November of contributions over the past 13 years found that Mica has received almost \$81,000 in campaign donations from political action committees and executive connected to some of the private contractors currently at U.S. airports.

Although some of the donations came before those companies won government contracts and Mica spokesman Justin Harclerode has said those contributions never improperly influenced the congressman.



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# WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

## Big Frosty: Upstate NY man builds 35-ft. snowman

CHAMPION, N.Y. (AP) — A northern New York man has topped his own record by building a 35-foot, top hat-wearing snowman on his property. Vern Scoville started

building huge snowmen several years ago as something fun for his family and friends to do after the holidays. Last year, his snowman topped out at 25 feet.

This year, Frosty stands 35 feet high just off Route 126 in the Jefferson County town of Champion, 70 miles north of Syracuse. The snowman sports

three black car tires for buttons, an orange and white traffic cone for a nose and part of an old pool for a top hat.

The mammoth snowman is a local attraction, especially for children who like to get their pictures taken standing in front of it.

## Dozens of tubes stolen from W. Pa. snow resort

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) — State police say a thief or thieves are apparently

hoping to slip away on 62 snow tubes stolen from a southwestern Pennsylvania ski resort.

Police in Somerset say the tubes were stolen from a shed at the snow tubing park at the Hidden Valley Resort in Jefferson Township, near Somerset. That's about 65 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Police say someone stole the tubes between Tuesday and Saturday.

The shed is near the resort's Black Diamond Restaurant.

## South Africa's ANC deplores ... sushi on models?

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — South Africa's governing party has pronounced: eating sushi off the body of a model in a bikini is politically incorrect.

A Monday statement from African National Congress secretary general Gwede Mantashe is unequivocal: "This act is anti-ANC and anti-revolutionary. This act is defamatory, insensitive and undermining of woman's

integrity." The fish-on-flesh question has raged in South African media in recent months following reports of the practice at parties of wealthy businessmen and socialites. Earlier Monday, Johannesburg newspapers reported the head of the ANC's powerful youth league had attended such a party over the weekend. Mantashe adds: "The ANC is not into night-clubs or partying, but it is a revolutionary movement."

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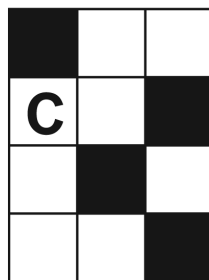
By Bruce Venzke and Gail Grabowski 2/1/11

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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### "Black Swan"

Difficulty ★☆☆☆☆ (15pts)

#### How to play:

Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once. The correct solution will spell the complete phrase along a single continuous spelling path that moves horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Fill the grid from square to square - revisiting letters as needed to complete the spelling path in order. Each letter will appear only once in the grid.

#### Friday's Solution



### "Cleopatra: A Life"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (70pts)

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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.

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

#### Friday's Solution

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# NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

## Consumer spending up in December as well as in 2010

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans spent at the fastest pace in three years in 2010, boosted by a strong finish in December.

Consumer spending rose 0.7 percent in December, the sixth straight monthly increase, the Commerce Department reported Monday. Households saw their incomes rise 0.4 percent, the same as November.

For all of 2010, consumers boosted spending 3.5 percent. That was the best performance since a 5.2 percent rise in 2007, before the recession began.

The government reported Friday that consumer spending rose at a 4.4 percent rate in the final three months of 2010 — the most since 2006 and helping retailers to the best holiday shopping season in that time.

Economists expect a cut in Social Security taxes will lift January's spending and incomes even further that last month.

## Enforcement of immigration laws not consistent, report says

ATLANTA (AP) — Some

local law enforcement agencies, particularly in the Southeast, are turning over illegal immigrants who commit even minor offenses to federal authorities for deportation, while others are focused on deporting more violent criminals, according to a report released Monday.

The report by the Migration Policy Institute, a Washington-based nonpartisan think tank, said conflicting messages from the U.S. government and local political pressure may account for the discrepancy.

The study, which examined a program that allows participating local agencies to enforce federal immigration law, found that several agencies in the Southeast were turning over every illegal immigrant taken into custody. An influx of immigrants in the generally conservative region has heightened political tension, the report said. North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina were in the top six in terms of growth rates of foreign-born populations from 1990 to 2009.

"This regional pattern reflects common political pressures that stem from rapid demographic change," the report said.

The study focused on the

287(g) program — named for the section of federal law governing it — overseen by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The U.S. Homeland Security Department, which includes ICE, in 2009 wrote new contracts for the local-federal partnerships and issued new guidelines telling local officers to focus primarily on illegal immigrants charged with crimes like rape, murder, robbery or drug offenses.

But top U.S. government officials — who have said the program that is in place in 71 jurisdictions nationwide can also be useful for deporting illegal immigrants when resources allow — offer a conflicting message, the report said.

ICE spokeswoman Gillian Brigham said in an e-mail that the study affirmed the way ICE enforces immigration law, but that it underestimated the value of deporting people accused of drunken driving, domestic violence and other misdemeanors that affect public safety.

## So far, only 1 claim of 91,000 settled by BP

OCEAN SPRINGS, Miss. (AP) — BP's compensation fund for Gulf oil spill victims has issued a final settlement payment to just one of the



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Attorney Kenneth Feinberg, the administrator in charge of the Gulf Coast Claims Facility, BP's compensation fund for Gulf oil spill victims, speaks during a town hall meeting in Bay St. Louis, Miss on Jan. 10.

thousands of people and businesses waiting for checks, records show, and that \$10 million payout went to a company after the oil giant intervened on its behalf.

BP won't identify the business, citing confidentiality, but acknowledges it lobbied for the settlement. The amount far exceeds smaller stop-gap payments that some individuals

and businesses have received while they wait for their own final settlements.

The Gulf Coast Claims Facility was set up in August to independently administer BP's \$20 billion compensation fund in the aftermath of its April 20 oil well blowout off Louisiana.

As of this weekend, roughly 91,000 people and businesses had filed for final settlements,

but the fund's administrator, Washington lawyer Kenneth Feinberg, has said those checks won't start rolling out until February at the earliest. Thousands of people have received some money to tide them over until a final settlement amount is offered, but only one business listed as paid on the facility's website has so far received a check.

# TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

## Texan cited as world's oldest person dead at 114

JACKSONVILLE, Texas (AP) — An East Texas woman cited as the world's oldest person has died at the age of 114.

Patricia Ellis of Boren-Conner Funeral Home of Jacksonville says Eunice G. Sanborn of Jacksonville died Monday morning at her home.

A message left with Sanborn's caretaker, David French, was not returned Monday.

The Los Angeles-based Gerontology Research Group in Los Angeles listed Sanborn as the world's oldest person, based on data from the 1900 census. Robert Young of the group said the title now passes to 114-year-old Besse Cooper of Monroe, Ga., who is 114 years and five months old.

Sanborn acquired the distinction Nov. 4 upon the death of a French nun, Eugenie Blanchard, on the French Caribbean island of St. Barts. She was 114.

## Trial postponed again for polygamist leader Jeffs

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs won't stand trial in Texas until at least July after hiring a new lawyer, who argued Monday that the "awesome" amount of evidence in the criminal case is too voluminous to prepare a defense anytime soon.

A judge agreed and postponed Jeffs' trial on charges of having sex with two children at the Yearning for Zion ranch for a second time. The trial was moved from February to July 25, and Jeffs' new attorney cau-

tioned that he may ultimately request an even later date.

State prosecutors requested that Jeffs stand trial before the end of the year.

Jeffs, 55, arrived in a West Texas courtroom with prominent Fort Worth, Texas, attorney Jeff Kearney, who told state District Judge Barbara Walther about others describing to him boxes of evidence that, if stacked floor to ceiling, could practically fill the courtroom.

## Texas superintendents seek to save schools budgets

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Dozens of school superintendents gathered Monday in Austin to decry proposed budget cuts that they say would devastate the quality of education Texas children receive.

Education would take a

massive hit in early drafts of the next two-year state budget, as the state faces a revenue shortfall of at least \$15 billion. Adhering to promises of no tax increases and no money from the Rainy Day Fund, the revenue was mainly made up with about \$14 billion in cuts to state programs in the proposals.

Proposed cuts so far include almost \$5 billion to public education and do not pay for an estimated 160,000 new students who are expected to enroll in public schools over the next two years.

"Gutting education funding in a state that grows by over 85,000 students a year where nearly 60 percent of those children come from poverty is certainly detrimental to the future of this state," said John Folks, superintendent of San Antonio's Northside school district.

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## SPORTS

## TENNIS

## Frogs can't get past St. Mary's

By Caitlin Cockerline  
Staff Reporter

TCU battled St. Mary's College in the first round of the ITA Kickoff Weekend on Friday in Berkeley, Calif. Junior Gaby Mastromarino and freshman Olivia Smith both won their singles matches. It came down to the match between junior Shalini Sahoo and St. Mary's Claire Soper, and Sahoo lost 6-0, 2-6, 6-4, and TCU lost 4-3 overall.

TCU played in a consolation match against the University

of North Texas, but the tournament was suspended due to rain.

The match began on Saturday and was called off while North Texas was winning 2-1 against TCU.

Both teams won a singles point and North Texas had won a doubles point.

Mastromarino said she won the singles point for TCU and that the Frogs competed well despite their tough opponents.

Three of the four singles matches were in their third sets when officials called the match,

according to gofrogs.com.

The tournament was scheduled to continue on Sunday morning, but the rain prevented it. A rematch could be played, but the exact date and time are yet to be decided.

The match will start at 0-0 instead of where it left off, Mastromarino said. The Horned Frogs still have a positive outlook for future matches since it is still early on in the season, Mastromarino said.

TCU will have its next official scheduled match at Texas A&M at 1 p.m. Feb. 12.

## Saint Mary's Match Results

## Singles competition

- #87 Alex Poorta (SMC) def. Katariina Tuohimaa (TCU) 6-3, 7-6 (9-7)
- Catherine Isip (SMC) def. Federica Denti (TCU) 6-3, 6-1
- Olivia Smith (TCU) def. Jenny Jullien (SMC) 6-1, 6-3
- Claire Soper (SMC) def. Shalini Sahoo (TCU) 6-0, 2-6, 6-4
- Anna Chikhikvishvili (SMC) def. Idunn Hertzberg (TCU) 6-1, 6-4
- Gaby Mastromarino (TCU) def. Molly Aloia (SMC) 6-3, 6-2

## Doubles competition

- Federica Denti/Katariina Tuohimaa (TCU) def. #87 Catherine Isip/Alex Poorta (SMC) 8-3
- Alita Fisher/Jenny Jullien (SMC) def. Maria Babanova/Idunn Hertzberg (TCU) 8-3
- Gaby Mastromarino/Olivia Smith (TCU) def. Anna Chikhikvishvili/Claire Soper (SMC) 9-7

Complete match results  
courtesy of GoFrogs.com

## EQUESTRIAN

## Equestrian dominates Delaware St.

By Landon Haaf  
Staff Reporter

The No. 5 Horned Frogs dominated at October Hill Farm in Sunday's match against Delaware State.

Three Frogs earned MVP accolades in the convincing 15-5 victory. TCU outscored the Hornets 1,550.5-1,428.5.

Senior Jessica Hagen was one of the riders given MVP honors, putting forth a strong effort in Equitation on the Flat.

Hagen posted a 94-72 win over DSU's Kayla Blair. The MVP accolades are the eighth of Hagen's career at TCU.

Sophomore Victoria Giachino and seniors Tassie Munroe and Milana Trimino also tallied victories in Equitation on the Flat.

Junior Taylor Frederick led the way in Equitation over Fences, earning MVP accolades and improving her season record to 3-0.

Junior Courtney Chown also earned MVP honors with her performance in Horsemanship. The 75.5-73 win over Brittany Good pushed Chown's season record to 3-0. Chown is coming off of an 11-4-1 record in the 2009-10 equestrian season.

Sophomore Lexie Estrada, junior Lyndsi Hardin and Ashley Aikman recorded Horsemanship victories for the Frogs as well.

The Frogs rounded out the day's strong perfor-

mance with a victory in Reining. Freshman Devin Spencer and seniors Kelly Morris and Kelsey Huffman earned points for TCU.

The win bumped Huffman's season record to 3-0 in Reining.

The win against DSU came after a tragedy suffered during practice over

the weekend. One of TCU's horses suffered a life-ending injury during practice over the weekend.

The Frogs are off to an impressive 4-0 start this season. They return to action Friday night against Baylor. The match is set to begin at 6 p.m. at the Fort Worth Stock Show.



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Senior Milana Trimino rides in an earlier event from this season. The Lady Frogs beat out Delaware State in an 8-2 decision and are undefeated on the season.

## RIFLE

## Team wins 20th straight at UTEP

By Landon Haaf  
Staff Reporter

The women's rifle team continued its hot streak Sunday with a 4,640-4,627 victory over the University of Texas at El Paso.

The Frogs went on the road for the fourth of five straight road matches, all of which have been wins.

The victory in El Paso stretched the Frogs' winning streak to 20 consecutive matches.

Sophomore Sarah Beard led the squad in its four-

point victory in smallbore, earning a first-place finish with a score of 583. Junior Mattie Brogdon tied for second, firing a 576.

Sophomore Caitlin Morrissey led the Frogs in air rifle, finishing first with a score of 589. Freshman Catherine Green finished right behind Morrissey, shooting a 587.

Brogdon's 583 earned a fifth-place finish. Beard's 582 was good for sixth, and sophomore Maggie Savage's career-high 581 yielded an eighth-place finish.

Freshman Korina Rodriguez fired a career-best 571 in smallbore for the Miners, while UTEP's Alix Moncada and Andrea Palafox were the Miners' top shooters in air gun as each shot a 587.

The 13-point win was the Frogs' narrowest margin of victory since their Nov. 5 match against Kentucky, which TCU won by four points.

The Frogs will continue action on the range on Sunday when they travel to Lincoln, Neb., to take on the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

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## SPORTS

## TENNIS

## Men's tennis falls to Texas A&amp;M-Corpus Christi at home

By **Kylie Osterloh**  
Staff Writer

The TCU men's tennis team lost 4-3 against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Saturday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

"I felt like they just competed better than we did, so I want to congratulate Coach [Steve] Moore for getting them through that match," head coach David Roditi said.

The Frogs opened strong by securing a sweep in the doubles match. Junior Slah Mbarek and sophomore Soren Goritzka defeated TAMU-Corpus Christi junior Robert Raguz and sophomore Nathan Robinson 8-2. To clinch the point, junior Daniel Sanchez and senior Zach Nichols defeated Andrew Maingot and Alex Pavlov 8-4.

Senior Chis Price said he couldn't play in singles play with a hamstring injury.

"Honestly, it's just really tough, but we'll bounce back; we'll turn it around," Price said. "I don't really have much to say, it's just kind of sad right now."

Price and Emanuel Brighiu, TCU's No. 55-ranked senior duo, remain undefeated in doubles this season after overcoming senior James Langford and senior Laurent Montoisoy in

"The things that we haven't been taking care of in practice came back to bite us today. So we'll learn from it, and it's a long season and hopefully we can make the most out of this loss."

**David Roditi**  
Head Tennis Coach

the tiebreaker set, securing the sweep with an 8-7 (14-12) win.

Senior Cameron Nash defeated sophomore Gergo Weindinger in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4, and Frogs' senior Zach Nichols secured the final singles point for the Frogs by

defeating Raguz 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

With wins in two other matches, the Islanders tied the team score at 3-3.

The overall victory fell into the hands of Brighiu and the Islanders' Montoisoy. Brighiu came up short in the opening set tiebreaker, 7-6 (7-5), but took the second set 6-4. Brighiu appeared to be closing out the match with a 3-lead in the final frame until Montoisoy came back from the deficit to win the set 6-4.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say that I was disappointed," Roditi said. "The things that we haven't been taking care of in practice came back to bite us today. So we'll learn from it, and it's a long season and hopefully we can make the most out of this loss."

The Frogs will hit the road for the first time this season to take on Wichita State on Friday and No. 35 Tulsa on Sunday.

## Complete match results:

## Singles competition

1. Laurent Montoisoy (Corpus) def. Emanuel Brighiu

(TCU) 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-4

2. James Langford (Corpus) def. Soren Goritzka (TCU) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3

3. Zach Nichols (TCU) def. Robert Raguz (Corpus) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3

4. Aurelien Tave (Corpus) def. Slah Mbarek (TCU) 7-5, 4-6, 6-2

5. Cameron Nash (TCU) def. Gergo Weindinger (Corpus) 6-3, 6-4

6. Matt Westmoreland (Corpus) def. Santiago Centeno (TCU) 6-2, 6-3

## Doubles competition

1. No. 55 Emanuel Brighiu/Christopher Price (TCU) def. James Langford/Laurent Montoisoy (Corpus) 8-7 (14-12)

2. Slah Mbarek/Soren Goritzka (TCU) def. Robert Raguz/Nathan Robinson (Corpus) 8-2

3. Daniel Sanchez/Zach Nichols (TCU) def. Andrew Maingot/Alex Pavlov (Corpus) 8-4

Complete match results courtesy of GoFrogs.com



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Junior Daniel Sanchez returns a shot during a match on Saturday. The Frogs lost to Texas A&M Corpus Christi 4-3 and play Wichita State next.

## FOOTBALL

## Polamalu earns defensive honor

By **Barry Wilner**  
Associated Press

Now that the voters have chosen Troy Polamalu over Clay Matthews for The Associated Press 2010 NFL Defensive Player of the Year award, the two stars can prove their worth against each other on the field.

In the Super Bowl.

Pittsburgh safety Polamalu received 17 votes Monday from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who cover the league, edging Green Bay linebacker Matthews by a hair — two votes.

Despite missing two games, in which Pittsburgh went 1-1, Polamalu became the sixth Steeler to win the award. He had seven interceptions this season along with 63 tackles, but made his mark with big plays. In a late-season victory at Baltimore, his leaping tackle forced a fumble that set up the winning touchdown.

That victory catapulted the Steelers to the AFC North title. Now, they are in the Super Bowl for the third time in

six seasons, where they face Matthews and the Packers.

"I don't imagine their game plan changing over one player," Polamalu said. "We don't single out anybody. Anything we achieve here is done as a team, as a whole."

Added Steelers linebacker James Harrison, who finished third in the balloting with eight votes and won the award two years ago: "Troy brings this defense from a 'C' defense to an 'A' defense. He's

someone that you have to account for in the secondary."

So much so that one opponent called the eighth-year pro the NFL's top player, regardless of position.

"With all due respect, I honestly think Troy Polamalu is probably the greatest player I've ever played with or even seen play in person," gushed Jets receiver Antonio Holmes, who was the MVP of Pittsburgh's 2009 Super Bowl win over Arizona.



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Pittsburgh Steelers safety Troy Polamalu celebrates after a 24-19 win over the New York Jets in the AFC Championship NFL football game in Pittsburgh, Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011.

## FOOTBALL

## Packers and Steelers arrive in style

By **Barry Wilner**  
Associated Press

Video cameras and cowboy hats were in style as the Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers arrived Monday at the Super Bowl.

With dozens of fans chanting "Go Pack Go" as the players walked off team buses, the Packers witnessed Super Bowl frenzy for the first time in 13 years. Many of the players carried video cameras or aimed their cell phones at the crowd to take pictures before heading to news conferences.

A few of them wore cowboy hats, but none went as far as Steelers veteran receiver Hines Ward. He took the "True Grit" route, decked out in black cowboy hat, black shirt, belt buckle and jeans.

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger held his mobile phone high, taking photos of the six-deep pack

of reporters at his podium.

"Just taking it in stride, enjoying this opportunity regardless of what comes or how it comes," Roethlisberger said. "Take it all in."

"It's always exciting for the opportunity to close up the season by playing in the Super Bowl. I don't think you ever get tired of this, so take as much video and pictures as you can."

**Ben Roethlisberger**  
Steelers quarterback

Taking it all in were the big guys who block for him. They paid tribute to tackle Flozell Adams, who spent a dozen seasons as a Dallas Cowboy before joining this Pittsburgh team, by

wearing his No. 76 Michigan State shirt as they deplaned.

"It's special to bring back the throwbacks, for all the guys to wear them," Adams said. "They're all still walking around with them on. ... I'm grateful for it."

There were plenty of fans in black and gold outside the Steelers' hotel, some carrying the obligatory Terrible Towels. But they were far outnumbered at the Packers' hotel in Irving a few hours later when the NFC champions pulled in.

Maybe that has something to do with Pittsburgh making its third Super Bowl appearance in six years. Not that the players are blasé about it.

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## TENNIS

Women's team falls to St. Mary's; UNT match postponed.

## SPORTS

## RIFLE

Team wins 20th-straight match against UTEP.



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South squad receiver Jeremy Kerley (84) of TCU, dives into the end zone as the North squad's Jaiquawn Jarrett of Temple, defends in the second half of the Senior Bowl NCAA college football game at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala., Saturday. The South won 24-10.

## FOOTBALL

# Kerley catches clinching touchdown pass in Senior Bowl

By John Zenor  
Associated Press

Former TCU quarterback and Rose Bowl Offensive MVP Andy Dalton completed three passes for 22 yards but was sacked twice in the South's 24-10 Senior Bowl victory over the North on Saturday. Even though the stats weren't gaudy for Dalton, ESPN's Todd McShay still lists Dalton's NFL Draft stock as on the rise after his performance.

Former TCU wide receiver/return specialist Jeremy Kerley recorded 29 receiving yards and caught a touchdown pass for the day. Kerley, however, didn't display his special teams big-play ability, netting -2 yards on two punt returns, while gaining 23 yards on his only kick return.

Florida State quarterback Christian Ponder threw two touchdown passes, including a clinching 23-yarder to Kerley.

Ponder completed 7 of 13

passes for 132 yards, including several big ones to Leonard Hankerson of Miami, and the final TD with 3:04 left.

Ponder was looking for a happier transition to an NFL career after missing the ACC championship game with an elbow injury and most of the Seminoles' bowl game thanks to a concussion. Ponder led scoring drives on the South's first two possessions and put on the finishing touches after the North rallied from a 17-0

deficit.

"I thought I definitely ended on a good note and hopefully my draft status has gone up a little bit," said Ponder, the game's MVP.

Hankerson had 100 yards on five catches, including an 18-yard touchdown and a 48-yarder to set up another score — both from Ponder. He also caught a 14-yarder on the clinching drive, capped by Kerley's second catch.

"It was a little double-move,"

Ponder said. "(Kerley) was wide-open, ran a great route. He won by alignment. They had outside leverage on him, he cut inside and scored."

Washington quarterback Jake Locker, likely among the first passers drafted, led a touchdown drive but also had offensive linemen save him by falling on two fumbles for the North in an uneven performance.

Ponder was the first FSU quarterback to beat Miami

twice since Gary Huff in 1971 and 1972, but relied heavily on a former Hurricanes standout from the outset.

On the game's opening play from scrimmage, he hooked up on a 48-yarder to Hankerson, who bobbled it before coming down with the ball. Ponder also ran for two first downs on the drive, which ended with a field goal by LSU's Josh Jasper.

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