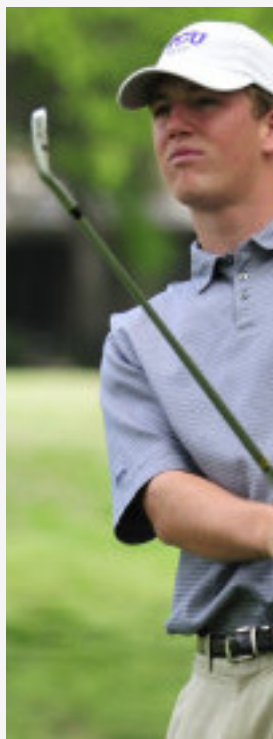


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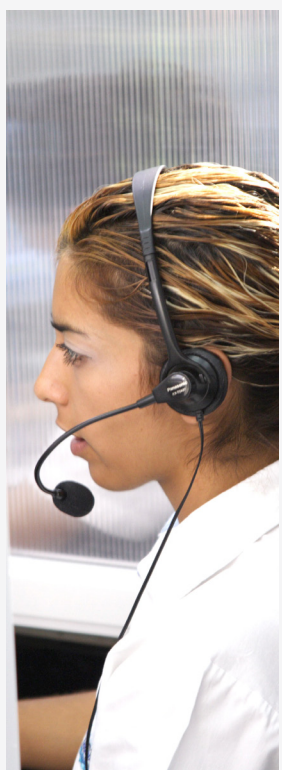
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Women still face obstacles in balancing a career and a family life.

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**GLENDAL, Calif.** — On a busy Glendale street, a black hen has been dodging cars, captors and coyotes for two months. Officials say the bird has been darting into traffic since it was first reported Nov. 20, and it has drawn a growing crowd of photographers and journalists as animal control officers struggle to catch it.

— The Associated Press

#### TODAY'S WEATHER



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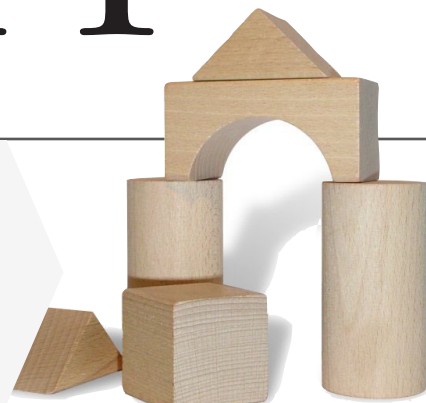
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The School for Classical and Contemporary Dance continues its 60th anniversary celebration with a new round of events. Tomorrow



#### NEWS

The university is currently surveying faculty and staff about a potential child care program. Tomorrow



#### TECHNOLOGY

## BOOK SAVVY



The Nook e-reader manufactured by Barnes & Noble has a demonstration kiosk at the university bookstore.

## E-readers tap on student market

By Julieta Chiquillo  
Editor-in-Chief

Sophomore political science major Abbey Brokos is an avid reader, yet her backpack is lighter this spring.

With a few taps on a screen, Brokos can now pull up "The Prince" or "The Communist Manifesto" — required reading for her political theory class — in her Nook, a 12-ounce electronic book reader from Barnes & Noble with dimensions just slightly greater than those of the average paperback.

"I have a huge bookshelf, and each year, I have to pack it up and lug it around," said Brokos, a resident assistant in Foster Hall. She said she expects the Nook to change that.

The Nook is one of several e-readers to hit a growing market that is generating a lot of buzz nationwide and beyond. Amazon announced during December that the store's e-reader, the Kindle, was the most gifted item in Amazon's history, adding that Christmas Day marked the first time customers bought more Kindle books than physical ones. Amazon did not provide sales numbers for its \$259 device.

Hot on Amazon's heels is Barnes & Noble, which announced that high demand for the Nook prompted production delays even before the first batch of devices was shipped. Delivery dates were pushed back and the e-reader's retail availability was postponed.

Further intensifying the com-

#### NUMBERS

**150-170 PPI**

Resolution range for e-readers

**72-96 PPI**

Resolution range for computers

petition, Apple on Thursday unveiled the \$499 iPad tablet computer, described as a gadget between a laptop and a smart phone. The iPad can be used to play games, watch videos or read e-books, which pits it against the likes of the Kindle and Nook. The device will go on sale in March.

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#### STARPOINT SCHOOL

## Student team wins big in Lego contest

By Catherine Paris  
Staff Reporter

The Starpoint Pavers, an engineering group at Starpoint School, took home two top trophies in its first robotics competition.

Sherry Oliver, a technology instructor at the school and the group's supervisor, said she got the idea for a robotics team from a conference she attended the previous year. After presenting the idea to Starpoint, the school received two grants worth about \$750 each from the College of Science and Engineering and the Andrews Institute, Oliver said.

Starpoint's sixth grade class, which has five students between the ages of 12 and 13, was chosen to participate in the robotics competition, Oliver said.

According to the school's Web site, Starpoint specializes in educating elementary school-aged children with learning differences that interfere with academic progress.

The competition, called the FIRST Lego League, is an annual robotics competition for children between the ages of 9 and 14 sponsored by the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) organization.

The competition is held on the regional and international level and is comprised of four main areas: teamwork, technical (robot) design, research project and how the robot performs on the playing field.

The robots and the playing field are



Starpoint School students Grant Slate (left), who serves as captain of the robotics team, project manager Chelsea Chase (middle) and engineer Tanner White (right) watch their Lego robot in action Tuesday. The team designs robots that perform a specific task like moving a Lego car from a pedestal on a specially-designed course.

made mostly of Legos. Each team is sent to a playing field to assemble and must design a small vehicle-type robot to best navigate the playing field and complete the assigned task. The robots had to pick small Lego items in the track and bring them back to their area under a certain time limit.

It took most of the fall semester to build the robot, but Grant Slate, Star-

point student and team captain, said it felt like almost a year.

The team takes its name from a robot that Oliver built in the past called Paver.

"They're paving the way for future teams here, so it makes sense," Oliver said.

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#### POLITICAL SCIENCE

## Speaker: Ending hunger a priority

By Wyatt Kanyer  
Staff Reporter

Former senator and 1972 Democratic presidential nominee George McGovern outlined his efforts to end world hunger, summarized his latest biography on Abraham Lincoln and mentioned his views on contemporary politics Tuesday at the 2010 Jim Wright Symposium.



McGovern

McGovern spoke to about 300 students, professors and university officials in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom.

The 87-year-old McGovern said before the speech that he would continue the fight against world hunger as long as he is alive.

"For whatever years I have left, (fighting world hunger) will be my main objective," he said. "I'd like to live long enough to see every school-aged child in the world getting a good lunch as long as they're in school."

One of the greatest objectives of his world hunger efforts is improving the nutrition of school lunches, he said.

"I'm going to speak to some of the people in charge of (those issues)," McGovern said. "I've already got a letter written on those two points to see if we can't get a higher level of nutritional content."

He said he was fortunate to be selected to write the biography on Abraham Lincoln because Lincoln was "the

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#### SGA

## Extended schedule for escorts proposed

By Andrea Drusch  
Staff Reporter

A proposal for a resolution to extend the hours of security escort service Froggie Five-0 has been postponed until next week, a House of Student Representatives official said.

Saman Sadeghi, a freshman AddRan College representative, presented his resolution last night to give the House's support for later Froggie Five-0 service hours. After much discussion from the representatives, the resolution was postponed until the next meeting with plans for review by the Campus Advancement committee this Friday.

"I think that everyone really wants to support this resolution," Speaker of the House Merillat Pittman said. "I think it's important and good (and) I think that everyone feels that, but they want to make sure that it goes through properly so that it can be actually something that's realistically implemented."

Current Froggie Five-0 hours are from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. The bill proposes lengthening these hours as late as possible on Friday and Saturday, relevant to the student demand.

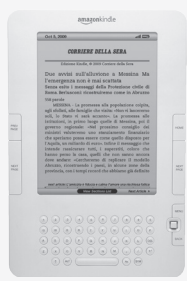
Sadeghi said that he did not ask for a specific extension amount so that the

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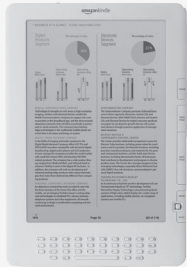


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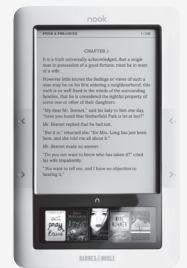
## Comparing E-Readers

**Kindle 2**

**Price:** \$259  
**Dimensions:** 8" x 5.3" x 0.36"  
**Weight:** 10.2 ounces  
**Storage:** 2 GB  
**Input:** Keyboard  
**Connectivity:** 3G

**Kindle DX**

**Price:** \$489  
**Dimensions:** 10.4" x 7.2" x 0.38"  
**Weight:** 18.9 ounces  
**Storage:** 4 GB  
**Input:** Keyboard  
**Connectivity:** 3G

**Nook**

**Price:** \$259  
**Dimensions:** 7.7" x 4.9" x 0.5"  
**Weight:** 12.1 ounces  
**Storage:** 2 GB  
**Input:** Touchscreen  
**Connectivity:** 3G/WiFi

**Sony Reader Daily Edition**

**Price:** \$399  
**Dimensions:** 8.13" x 5" x 0.59"  
**Weight:** 12.75 ounces  
**Storage:** 1.6 GB  
**Input:** Touchscreen  
**Connectivity:** 3G/WiFi

**iPad**

**Price:** \$499  
**Dimensions:** 9.56" x 7.47" x 0.5"  
**Weight:** 1.5 pounds  
**Storage:** 16 GB  
**Input:** Touchscreen  
**Connectivity:** WiFi

## E-READER

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## E-readers on campus

According to Barnes & Noble, the Nook can store up to 1,500 books, newspapers and magazines.

"The response has been overwhelming," said Jeff Baines, department manager at the TCU Barnes & Noble Bookstore.

However, he noted that the interest from campus bookstore customers has been more restrained because students prefer to walk out of a store with their purchases, which they cannot do with the Nook because it is not yet in stock at stores.

Advertising for the \$259 Nook at the campus bookstore is certainly not muted. A large Nook display greets visitors as they walk through the store's main entrance. Accessories for the Nook – cases, lights, silicone frames and protective film – are part of the display. A demo of the Nook is available upon request.

Despite the price, e-readers will save students money because e-books are cheaper than their physical counterparts, Baines said.

"It will pay for itself over time," he said.

A hard copy of the 10th edition of "The Challenge of Democracy: American Government in a Global World, Texas Edition," sells for \$130.49 through publisher Cengage Learning's Web site. It also sells in electronic format as a PDF, a format compatible with several e-readers, for \$76.99 for a one-year license.

Electronic versions of new releases and best sellers cost on average \$9.99, which is significantly cheaper than the average \$20-something hardcover copy. But that will change in March, when Amazon will raise prices to almost \$15 following a dispute with publisher Macmillan, which had locked that price with Apple

and its iBooks store. Amazon is expected to be pressured by other publishers to match the price, and the store's competitors to follow suit.

Pricing wars aside, producers of e-readers are trying to capitalize on the student market. In May, Amazon partnered with seven colleges and universities for a pilot program for the 2009-2010 academic year. More than 600 students at Arizona State University, University of Virginia's Darden School of Business, Reed College, Pace University, Case Western Reserve University, University of Washington and Princeton University are participating in the program, which supplies students with a \$489 Kindle DX, a larger model of Amazon's e-reader that is more e-textbook friendly and can store more files.

Serge Goldstein, director of academic services for Princeton's office of information technology, said the university is trying to cut back on the amount of paper it uses – as much as 50 million sheets of paper in a year. Paradoxically, much of the digitized material, such as journal articles, is printed instead of being read online because students don't want to read the text in their computers, Goldstein said.

A Kindle DX might be a more attractive alternative because it has a resolution of 150 pixels per inch, whereas a computer monitor has a lower resolution, Goldstein said. Computer monitors are usually set to a PPI between 72 and 96.

Students in three courses at Princeton were provided a Kindle DX at no cost to them, and they were given the choice to opt out of the program, Goldstein said. No one opted out, he said. The students' reaction to the Kindle had no effect on their grade, he said.

The program is undergoing review and results will be released this month, Goldstein said.

However, some students in the program said they were uncom-

fortable or dissatisfied with the device, according to an article in The Daily Princetonian, the university's student newspaper.

"I hate to sound like a Luddite, but this technology is a poor excuse of an academic tool," senior Aaron Horvath told The Daily Princetonian in September. "It's clunky, slow and a real pain to operate."

## Here to stay?

According to market research firm Forrester Research, the price points for how most consumers value e-readers range between \$50 and \$99, even though the current models sell for triple digits.

Miranda Armstrong, a Kindle user in Denver, said the price is worth the convenience.

"It makes it easier to have more variety of books with you," said Armstrong, an IBM information technology specialist.

Jamie Gumbrecht, a reporter and blogger for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, a graduate student at Goucher College and a Kindle user, said e-readers might become a standard for students' practical applications but may not charm the average consumer enough to stick around.

"This is a nice thing for the geeks and the early adapters," Gumbrecht said.

E-reader critics point out that e-books can be read in other ubiquitous devices, such as laptops, smart phones and video game consoles, making it unnecessary to have a gadget devoted only to e-books.

Despite concerns that e-readers might hurt physical books sales, Baines said people will still buy paper copies regardless of the popularity of e-readers because they get enjoyment out of physically holding a book. The store is not concerned about the future of paper books, he said.

"We don't feel threatened by the technology," he said. "We actually embrace it."

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## SPORTS



Check out Horned Frog football's newest commitments after NCAA signing day. Tomorrow

MEN'S BASKETBALL • TCU 56, BYU 76

## DUNKED



BYU forward James Anderson (15) puts up a shot over TCU guard Greg Hill (25) in the first half during the game Tuesday in Provo, Utah. PATRICK SMITH / Associated Press

## Men suffer loss to BYU

By Doug Alden  
AP Sports Writer

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Jimmer Fredette scored 26 points and Jackson Emery had 12 points and six assists as No. 12 BYU beat TCU 76-56 on Tuesday night.

BYU (22-2, 7-1 Mountain West) scored the game's first 10 points and held a double-digit lead for most of the game while remaining unbeaten against TCU since the Horned Frogs joined the conference.

Noah Hartsock added 14 points and Chris Miles pulled down 11 rebounds for the Cougars, who have won 17 of 18.

Greg Hill and Garlon Green led TCU (10-13, 2-6

with 11 points apiece.

TCU is 0-10 against BYU in Mountain West regular season and tournament games.

The Frogs finished 21 of 60 from the field and made just 3 of 16 3-pointers. They also hurt themselves with several layups that bounced off the rim and into the hands of the Cougars, who outrebounded TCU 45-36.

After Saturday's frenzied win over in-state rival Utah, there was little drama in the Marriott Center on Tuesday. The arena was barely half-full and noticeably more quiet, but the smaller crowd didn't seem to discourage the Cougars as they closed the game on a 17-6 run.

BYU held TCU scoreless for the first 4:21 and opened

the game with a 15-4 run, including three 3-pointers by Emery.

The Horned Frogs scored five straight points to open the second half and get within 35-26, but the Cougars answered with a 10-2 run. Fredette's 3-pointer with about 13:30 left gave BYU a 45-28 lead and the Frogs didn't help themselves inside, continuing to have layups bounce off the rim.

TCU opened the second half just 2 of 12 from the field.

Hill's 3-pointer with about 7:45 left cut BYU's lead to 59-49 and the Frogs got within nine again, but Fredette stopped the run with another 3-pointer to put BYU up 62-50 and start a 12-4 run that clinched it.

## OPINION

## World series looks promising



JOSH DAVIS

While the football team came one University of Texas point short of the BCS National Title game, Jim Schlossnagle was putting the final players in place to make another title run. The football team reached a level they hadn't competed at since the 1930s. The baseball team has a chance to make some history of its own this spring.

The Horned Frog baseball team will open the season at No. 11 in the Baseball America poll, but there are three reasons to believe the team has a better chance to end the year at No. 1 than football did.

1) A head start never hurts: The football team opened the year at No. 17 in the Associated Press poll and crawled through the rankings as the wins piled up. But just as important as their wins were the losses and close calls of the teams around them. In college football, because there isn't a huge sample size of games, expectations are king. If an Alabama team has to squeeze by Auburn in late November, expectations for the team lower and the chance of 'Bama getting jumped in the poll increases as such.

But while Alabama may fall a spot, they won't fall behind

a team that started the year at No. 17. Now, had the football Frogs started in or near the top 10, a sound argument could have been made to jump a top-five team.

In collegiate baseball, teams lose. Even the national champion will likely have at least a couple of blemishes on its record. When top teams slip up, the TCU baseball team will have a chance to take advan-

**While that says a lot about the talent of last years, it also didn't prepare the team terribly well for the final slugfest with Boise State.**

tage and move up the ranks.

They don't have to get to the top-two to be playing in the last game of the year, and a high ranking will give them a high seed in the NCAA Regionals and make the path to the title that much easier.

2) Defense wins championships:

Just as the football team relied on stellar defense to win games, this baseball team will rely on its pitching. Luckily for them, that means depending on a starting pitching staff so good that senior pitcher Tyler Lockwood will take his well-developed skills to the bullpen.

Lockwood was 7-2 his sophomore year with a 2.75 earned run average and was named to the All-Mountain West team. He still had a strong year last year, despite less polished sta-

tistics. He would be a starting pitcher in the large majority of college baseball programs, but this team is so loaded on the mound they can afford to use him in long relief.

This team shouldn't give up many runs. If the offense finds its rhythm early in the year, TCU will be in the discussion for a top bid in the NCAA Baseball Tournament.

3) They have been and will be tested:

Outside of Clemson and Air Force, no team came close to beating the football Frogs until the Fiesta Bowl. While that says a lot about the talent of last year's football team, it also didn't prepare the team terribly well for the final slugfest with Boise State. They were in the driver's seat in all but the Clemson game, and it can be argued that the team wasn't prepared to play from behind.

This baseball team battled and beat No. 4 Cal State-Fullerton, No. 20 Ole Miss, No. 18 New Mexico and No. 13 Oregon State. They received a bid to host a regional last year. Then, they won it. They faced their biggest demon in the University of Texas in the Super Regionals and took them to the limit before losing to the eventual national champions.

This team has seen everything that will be thrown at it and has had success. That's why TCU will be playing in Omaha this year for the College World Series.

Josh Davis is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Dallas.

## MEN'S GOLF

## Golf team heads to Hawaii

By Mary Sue Greenleaf  
Sports Editor

The men's golf team will kick off its spring campaign today in Kamuela, Hawaii at the Mauna Lani Invitational.

The team will enter the tournament with a No. 4 national ranking but will face six other top-10 programs, including No. 1 Oklahoma State and No. 2 Stanford.

The tournament lineup consists of senior Travis Woolf, junior Tom Hoge, sophomore Johan de Beer, freshman Pontas Gad and freshman Daniel Jennevret.

In the fall, Woolf finished in the No. 7 spot at The Prestige at PGA West by recording a score of five-under-par at 214. He also placed No. 13 at the Isleworth Collegiate Invitational in October.

Another notable performance during the fall came from de Beer in The Prestige at PGA West where he topped the charts with a No. 3 finish, recording a 212 score of four-under-par.

Jennevret also made quite a showing in the fall by becoming



LAST SEASON TOM HOGE BECAME THE FIRST SOPHOMORE GOLFER TO EARN ALL-AMERICAN LAURELS SINCE J.J. HENRY IN 1996. COURTESY OF TCU MEDIA RELATIONS

ing the fastest golfer in TCU history to clutch a tournament win.

He grabbed the top spot at The Prestige at PGA West with a 12-under-par score of 204.

Gad, the other freshman who will make an appearance this week in Hawaii, made an impression last semester gaining a No. 4 spot at the PING/

Golfweek Preview with a 218 score of two-over-par.

Traveling to Kamuela to compete as individuals are junior Scott Roudebush and sophomore Eli Cole.

The first round of the tournament kicks off today and will be followed by two additional days of 18-hole play Thursday and Friday.

## NCAA FOOTBALL

## Government investigates BCS

By Frederic J. Frommer  
AP Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is considering several steps that would review the legality of the controversial Bowl Championship Series, the Justice Department said in a letter Friday to a senator who had asked for an antitrust review.

In the letter to Sen. Orrin Hatch, obtained by The Associated Press, Assistant Attorney General Ronald Weich wrote that the Justice Department is reviewing Hatch's request and other materials to determine whether to open an investigation into whether the BCS violates antitrust laws.

"Importantly, and in addition, the administration also is exploring other options that might be available to address concerns with the college football postseason," Weich wrote, including asking the Federal Trade Commission to review the legality of the BCS under consumer protection laws.

Several lawmakers and many critics want the BCS to switch to a playoff system, rather than the ratings system it uses to determine the teams that play in the championship game.

"The administration shares

**"We're confident that the BCS structure complies with the laws of the country."**

**Bill Hancock**  
executive director of the BCS

your belief that the current lack of a college football national championship playoff with respect to the highest division of college football... raises important questions affecting millions of fans, colleges and universities, players and other interested parties," Weich wrote.

Weich said that other options include encouraging the NCAA to take control of the college football postseason; asking a governmental or non-governmental commission to review the costs, benefits and feasibility of a playoff system; and legislative efforts aimed at prompting a switch to a playoff system.

Weich noted that several undefeated teams have not had a chance to play for the national championship, including TCU and Boise State this year and Utah last year.

"I'm encouraged by the administration's response," he said in a statement. "I continue to believe there are

antitrust issues the administration should explore, but I'm heartened by its willingness to consider alternative approaches to confront the tremendous inequities in the BCS that favor one set of schools over others. The current system runs counter to basic fairness that every family tries to instill in their children from the day they are born."

Under the BCS, the champions of six conference have automatic bids to play in top-tier bowl games, while the other conferences don't. Those six conferences also receive more money than the other conferences, although the BCS announced this week that the ones that don't have automatic bids will receive a record \$24 million from this year's bowl games.

Bill Hancock, executive director of the BCS, said that officials there would need more time to review the letter before commenting on it. He did say, "We're confident that the BCS structure complies with the laws of the country."

"The consensus of the schools is to go with the BCS," Hancock added. "We feel strongly the people in higher education are the people best equipped to manage college football."

## QUICK SPORTS

## Swimmer earns MWC weekly award

After a strong performance at Centenary College over the weekend, junior Edgar Peyro was named the Mountain West Conference swimmer of the week.

This is Peyro's first swim-

mer of the week honor in his career at TCU.

Peyro marks the eighth MWC winner from the H2O Frogs this season.

He earned two No. 1 spots in Saturday's meet at Centenary in the 100 breaststroke and the 400 individual med-

ley. He was also the anchor for the 200 freestyle relay, helping the Frogs to a second place finish in the event.

Peyro is a junior psychology major from El Paso.

— Sports editor Mary Sue Greenleaf



EDGAR PEYRO COMPETES AGAINST WYOMING IN THE UNIVERSITY RECREATION CENTER ON NOV. 21. MICHAEL CLEMENTS/ Staff Photographer

# ETC.



**Today in History**

On this day in 1959, a single-engine plane crashed near Clear Lake, Iowa, claiming the lives of rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson, as well as pilot Roger Peterson.  
- The Associated Press

**Joke of the Day**

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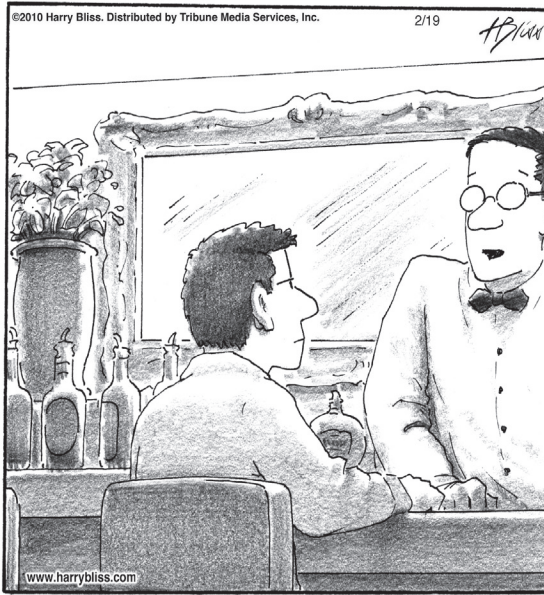
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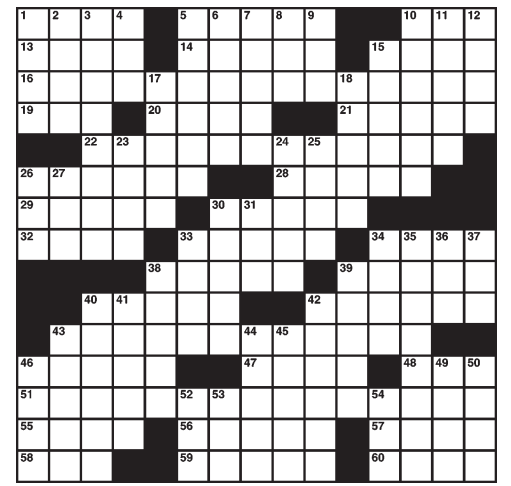
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Bogs
- 5 New moon, e.g.
- 10 Month, in Mexico
- 13 Short article
- 14 Memory mishap
- 15 Brewer's need
- 16 India's first prime minister
- 19 Lead-in for suited or timed
- 20 Sturpee alternative
- 21 Wrinkle-resistant fabric
- 22 Washington wine region
- 26 Used the alley, in a way
- 28 Tweak, e.g.
- 29 Nymph associated with Artemis
- 30 Careful shopper's criterion
- 32 Pea holders
- 33 Malice
- 34 Thompson of "Sense and Sensibility"
- 38 Taxpayer, e.g.
- 39 Iraqi, for instance
- 40 Subway Restaurants spokesman
- 42 Lake that's a source of the Mississippi
- 43 Chicago "L," e.g.
- 46 Leg bone
- 47 Actress Sommer
- 48 Model Laundry
- 51 Part of a twill suit
- 55 Southernmost cross-country U.S. highway
- 56 Rubberneck
- 57 Chick tenders
- 58 Away partner
- 59 Letter-shaped opening
- 60 May race, for short

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- 1 Pacific island nation
- 2 Research paper abbr.
- 3 Honeymooner, probably
- 4 Wee, to Burns



By Dan Naddor

**Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**

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- 5 Unruffled
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- 7 Cop
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- 9 Sushi bar serving
- 10 "Symphony of a Thousand" composer
- 11 Judy Jetson's brother
- 12 Leave speechless
- 15 First name in country
- 17 Raised
- 18 "The Prince of Tides" co-star
- 23 Quaint complaint
- 24 Medalworthy behavior
- 25 Homecoming guest
- 26 Conk
- 27 Juegos Olimpicos goal
- 30 African grassland
- 31 "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
- 33 Completed
- 34 Tony's portrayer on "NYPD Blue"
- 35 All wet
- 36 Buddy
- 37 Santa seat of California's Orange County
- 38 Frock wearer
- 39 Confused
- 40 Talk on and on, and a hint to the three-letter starts of 16-, 22-, 43- and 51-Across
- 41 Like some swarms
- 42 Type of printer
- 43 Gaucho's rope
- 44 Related to the kidneys
- 45 Last Olds off the line
- 46 Cry after a hard week
- 49 Extend credit
- 50 Minuscule
- 52 It ends in Nov.
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- 54 Fraternity letter

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*The Skiff View*

## Science education effort deserving of praise

The Starpoint School's victory at a regional robotics competition inspires confidence in the education program's commitment to promoting math and science education. The sixth grade team — the Starpoint Pavers — won top honors after beating 63 teams in the North Texas-Oklahoma regional competition sponsored by the FIRST LEGO League International program.

In a January speech, President Barack Obama pointed out an assessment that ranked American teenagers at No. 21 in science and No. 25 in math compared to their peers around the world.

Skills in math and science are important for students to succeed, regardless of their field of study. Careers in science figure among the highest paid, and companies in several industries demand that prospective employees be technologically savvy in an increasingly competitive job market. Not to mention college core curriculum math and science classes, which students must pass to graduate.

The Starpoint School, a laboratory school that serves elementary-school-age children with learning disabilities, should be praised for its efforts to make science learning fun for students. The College of Science and Engineering should also be applauded for funding such efforts.

Who said math and science have to be boring? Building a Lego robot sure doesn't sound like it is.

*Editor-in-chief Julieta Chiquillo for the editorial board.*

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

## Ruling on campaign finance supports freedom of speech



MICHAEL LAUCK

I'm always surprised how far liberals are really willing to go to expand government. Sometimes even trampling on the Constitution.

Many are upset over the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that now allows corporations and unions to spend money on campaign ads. This struck down a provision from the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reforms.

While I usually don't think the Supreme Court makes good decisions (refer to last column), this decision is pretty sound. This is a clear violation of free speech. It doesn't matter whether it be a corporation, a union or a single person, Congress should never be allowed to make a law that restricts the free speech of anyone.

Of course, Democratic legislators and the liberal media are very upset about the law. All week, I've seen cartoons in the Skiff satirizing the situation, including one with a hedge stone that says "Democracy" with a boy by his father saying, "So corporations run the country now?" I was laughing hysterically when I heard President Barack Obama say in his State of the Union address that he believed the decision will "open the floodgates to special interest."

For liberals to say things like that is ridiculous, as if no special interest

is already in Washington. The health care bill, along with other bills Congress passes, (the Clean Jobs Bill, for example) is full of special provisions produced by special interests and lobbyists.

This also shows that Obama and many in our government, some conservatives included, must think Americans are idiots. Simply because someone runs a campaign ad doesn't mean everyone has to agree with it. Frequently, people forget that aspect of free speech.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, who wrote the main opinion of the court, got it right when he said, "When Government seeks to use its full power, including the criminal law, to command where a person may get his or her information or what distrusted source he or she may not hear, it uses censorship to control thought. This is unlawful...The First Amendment confirms the freedom to think for ourselves."

I thought liberals were smarter than this and at least believed in the freedom of speech. After all, I always have to hear about going green on campus every day. I guess that's what I get for expecting some common sense out of them.

I want to say, though, that I'm not a big fan of corporations or unions, but they must not have their rights taken away. The best way to get special interest money out of politics in the first place would be to have the government become smaller and get out of the economy.

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## Women continue search for balance



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

When most people saw Teri Garr dressed in a suit and heading out the door for work while Michael Keaton changed diapers in the hit movie "Mr. Mom," I'm sure no one thought it was foreshadowing. Back in 1983, it seemed unlikely that a woman could ever be the primary breadwinner. In 2010, it is no longer just a movie plot. It's many couples' reality.

According to a study done by the Pew Research Center, wives are now the primary wage earner in 22 percent of homes. It's unbelievable that women were only 7 percent of primary breadwinners in 1970. We've come a long way, baby.

**Sometimes the balance of labor just isn't divided equally, and a woman comes home from a long day of work and still has to do the chores.**

Aren't men intimidated by this change in traditional roles? Not so, according to the New York Times. The divorce rate has fallen because men and women are feeling like they are on equal footing now, and women don't have to marry just to be taken care of.

According to the Washington Post, there is also an estimated 159,000 stay-at-home dads in the United States, making up almost 2.7 percent of stay-at-home parents.

According to MSNBC, Having one parent stay at home can save a family of four an estimated \$20,000 a year. If the woman hap-

pens to have a better paying job that offers great benefits, men are waving goodbye to their wives and getting ready for a day of Elmo and sippy cups.

These situations, though rife with benefits, don't come without their problems.

Some men are still struggling with their wives making more money, and some wives are struggling with having to give up some of the control at home. I think this would be the hardest part for me. Maybe your husband doesn't feed the kids what you would feed them, or remember to wash the towels. I think the battle of work versus stay at home for women and mothers won't end this easily.

According to a New York Times article titled, "She Works. They're Happy," couples that share housework, childcare and financial responsibilities have longer and happier marriages. But that seems to be a difficult and delicate balance to maintain. Financially, it might be hard because women still aren't making as much money as men, even if they have good jobs. There might also be some issues at home.

Sometimes the balance of labor just isn't divided equally, and a woman comes home from a long day of work and still has to do the chores.

According to New York Times, women are still doing about two-thirds of the housework. Being a working mom can be really stressful, and you may feel like you are missing out on things that happen at home. A popular novel called "I Don't Know How She Does It" by Allison Pearson caused much talk a few years back because the central character, a working woman with a stressful and busy career, was upset because her nanny had become more of a mother to her kids than she was.

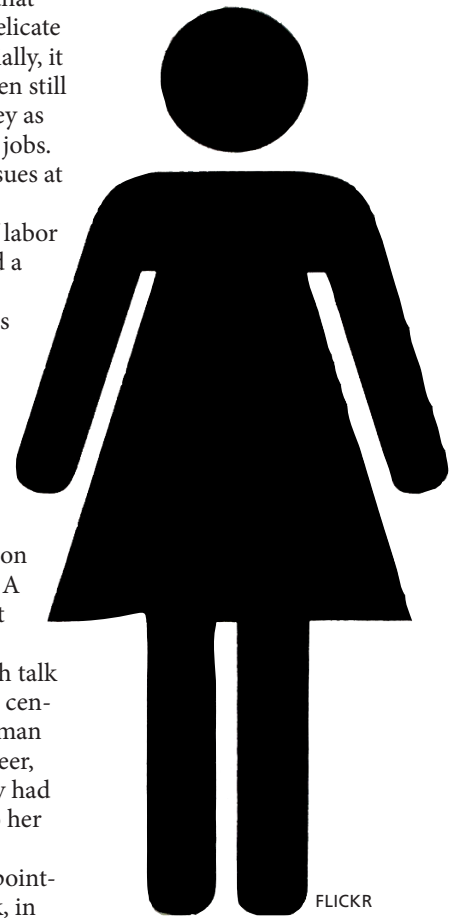
I remember feeling disappointed by the ending of the book, in

which she decides to quit her job and stay at home. Don't get me wrong; although I am a feminist, I am also a stay-at-home mom and think it's a wonderful decision. But I would have rather seen her juggle parenthood and work more realistically, maybe working part-time from home or negotiating flexible work hours.

It's not our parents' or grandparents' world anymore. Women are no longer fitting into "traditional" roles, and I think it's amazing and exciting.

If only women could make more than that 77 cents to a man's dollar, find affordable day care and have our husbands do some laundry once in a while, we could really have it all...or at least be a step closer to it.

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## QUICK NEWS

### Obama team draws sharp questions on U.S. budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's \$3.8 trillion budget outline drew bipartisan fire from U.S. lawmakers on Tuesday, with Republicans complaining it does not address deficits soon enough and raises taxes too much. Democrats balked at some of Obama's spending cuts.

It was a rocky reception for the day-old document, underscoring election-year restlessness and rising public anger at bailouts, bonuses and ballooning deficits.

Sen. Bill Nelson called Obama's proposal to cancel NASA's manned moon return program shortsighted. Sen. Patty Murray derided his proposal to include Army Corps projects in a proposed partial three-year spending freeze. Sen. Jay Rockefeller said environmental priorities in the budget would unfairly burden coal states such as his. All three are Democrats.

### Top uniformed officer: Gay ban should be lifted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military's top uniformed officer on Tuesday made an impassioned plea for allowing gays to serve openly in uniform, telling a Senate panel it was a matter of integrity and that it is wrong to force people to "lie about who they are in order to defend their fellow citizens."

The comments by Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, set the stage for the Defense Department's yearlong study into how the ban can be repealed without causing a major upheaval in the military.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, appearing with Mullen before the Armed Services Committee, announced plans to loosen enforcement rules involving the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that has been in effect since 1993.

"Don't ask" says gays may serve so long as they kept their sexuality private.

### Punxsutawney Phil's text: Better late than never

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — Punxsutawney Phil might be an expert at shadow spotting, but texting? Not so much.

About two hours after the famous groundhog "saw" his shadow and predicted six more weeks of winter, the rodent's inaugural stab at text-messaging appeared. Phil also sent a Twitter update at about that time.

Officials with the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club didn't immediately return calls about Phil's texting skills.

German tradition holds that if a hibernating animal sees its shadow on Feb. 2 — the Christian holiday of Candlemas — winter will last another six weeks. If no shadow is seen, legend says spring will come early.

The Inner Circle annually announces Phil's forecast at dawn on Gobbler's Knob, about 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

### Haiti food convoy attacked; U.N. warns of volatility

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Twenty armed men blocked a road and tried to hijack a convoy of food for earthquake victims, but were driven off by police gunfire, U.N. officials said Tuesday as they warned of security problems in a still-desperate nation.

The attack on the convoy as it carried supplies from an airport in the southern town of Jeremie underscored the shaky safety in the streets that has added to Haitians' frustration at the slow pace of aid since the Jan. 12 earthquake.

About 20 armed men blockaded a street Saturday and attacked a convoy carrying food from the airport in Jeremie, according to U.N. spokesman Vincenzo Pugliese. U.N. and Haitian officers fired warning gunshots and the men fled the scene, Pugliese said. No injuries were reported, and no one was hurt.

### Neiman Marcus to pay Humane Society \$25,000

DALLAS (AP) — Neiman Marcus Inc. has agreed to pay a \$25,000 judgment after a court found the luxury retailer falsely advertising two coats as being "faux fur" trimmed when the items had Asian raccoon dog fur.

The Humane Society of the United States in 2008 filed suit in Washington against Dallas-based Neiman Marcus and other retailers over the misidentified fur.

The Dallas Morning News reports that the consumer protection judgment against Neiman Marcus awaits final court approval.

Neiman Marcus spokeswoman Ginger Reeder declined comment Tuesday.

Saks Inc. and the Humane Society reached a \$6,500 out-of-court settlement last week.