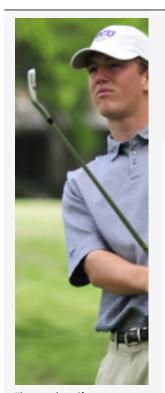
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Women still face obstacles in balancing a career and a family life.

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GLENDALE, 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.

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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

reader, yet her backpack is lighter this spring.

her Nook, a 12-ounce electronic numbers for its \$259 device. book reader from Barnes & Noble with dimensions just slightly Barnes & Noble, which angreater than those of the average nounced that high demand for paperback.

each year, I have to pack it up of devices was shipped. Delivery and lug it around," said Brokos, a dates were pushed back and the resident assistant in Foster Hall. e-reader's retail availability was

She said she expects the Nook postponed. to change that.

The Nook is one of several ereaders to hit a growing market that is generating a lot of buzz Sophomore political science nationwide and beyond. Amamajor Abbey Brokos is an avid zon announced during December that the store's e-reader, the Kindle, was the most gifted item With a few taps on a screen, in Amazon's history, adding that Brokos can now pull up "The Christmas Day marked the first Prince" or "The Communist time customers bought more Manifesto" - required reading Kindle books than physical ones. for her political theory class - in Amazon did not provide sales

Hot on Amazon's heels is the Nook prompted production "I have a huge bookshelf, and delays even before the first batch

Further intensifying the com-

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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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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



McGovern

mentioned his views on contemporary politics Tuesday at the 2010 Jim Wright Symposium.

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)," Mcovern 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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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) orga-

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.



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor 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 roand complete the assigned task. The Paver. robots had to pick small Lego items in area under a certain time limit.

It took most of the fall semester to The robots and the playing field are 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 to best navigate the playing field bot that Oliver built in the past called

"They're paving the way for future the track and bring them back to their teams here, so it makes sense," Oliver

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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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ROBOTICS

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This is the first year the Starpoint Pavers team has been in existence. Haleigh Ricks, Starpoint student and research and development manager, said the students were told to just have fun and not expect to win any-

Tanner White, Starpoint student and team engineer, said, League's Web site, up to 84 teams first place."

The team surprised themselves and others by beating 63 of the best teams across North Texas and Oklahoma and taking home first place in Technical Design of the robot and first place for the robot competition itself, which consisted of four preliminary rounds and led to

a high stakes elimination round "The day of the against one other team.

In order to win during the preliminary rounds, competitors had to navigate around obstacles in the playing field while picking up certain objects, Oliver said. The more difficult an object was to pick up, the more points it was

According to FIRST Lego was unbelievable," Oliver said. "We thought we wouldn't win will be invited to attend the international competition. Teams are chosen through either a nomination process, a lottery or winning a championship award. The teams' regional operational partner submits the nomina- in April. tion. The Pavers will find out at

"The day of the competition next level.

competition was unbelievable. I'm proud of them. They did a good job."

CRIME

Sherry Oliver technology instructor

"I'm proud of them. They did a good job."

The Starpoint Pavers hope to hear good news from the judges and be invited to the international FIRST Lego League that will be taking place in Atlanta

Slate said he would "probthe end of February whether or ably bounce off the walls" if not they will be invited to finals. they were to advance to the



JAY LAPRETE / Associated Press Students enter Hocking Heights residence hall at Hocking College on Jan. 27 in Nelsonville, Ohio. Two black students have withdrawn from the Ohio technical college and several others plan to miss class after a message scrawled in a dormitory bathroom made a racial threat.

Ohio school reacts to racist vandalism

By Doug Whiteman Associated Press Writer

an Ohio technical college the two-year college tucked that black students would chian foothills of southeastdie Tuesday, as the school ern Ohio. president sought to reassure students by camping out in seen additional officers on coming to a head. the dorm where the threat campus; no obvious extra was scrawled.

and caused others to move police headquarters. out of the dorm where it threat, written on the wall of monument. a men's bathroom.

school spokeswoman Judy were absent. Sinnott said.

white student from Niles, nan, a first-year criminal said the couple, with their justice student. "Usually evdog in tow, "seemed to be ery single spot is filled, and having a good time."

dents that he feels that it's think there's nearly as many movies including "Cloudy safe in there, which I think people here as there usually it is," said Loomis, a third- is." year student majoring in

wilderness horsemanship.

made available for com-NELSONVILLE, Ohio ment Tuesday, had pledged pered with empty seats at loomed over the campus of nervous. where graffiti had warned into a forest in the Appala-

police presence was evident The message led at least on the grounds Tuesday, but two black students to with- two State Highway Patrol students who left the college draw from Hocking College cruisers sat outside campus but that she never consid-

The university planned who was responsible for the and a dedication of a peace from Amesville.

the Hocking Heights dorm, ticed fewer people on camplanned violence. where the threat was discov- pus Tuesday and said about

Alexis Loomis, 20, a ing than usual," added Branit takes you half an hour to was "just hanging out with "It kind of shows the stu-find a parking spot. I don't everybody" and watching

campus didn't seem much Erickson, who was not different, except for a few people feeling on edge. She said she has a black room-(AP) — Instructors lec- better security, police and mate who went home for tured to classrooms pep- counselors as the threat the week because she was

> Black students have mentioned previous racial harassment, and several said last week that the threat Students said they had was a sign of those tensions

Brittnay King, a 19-yearold black student, said Tuesday that she knows the two ered doing the same.

"I think it's stupid that was found more than a week to kick off a "We Are One they left, because I don't ago. Campus police and the Hocking" diversity cam- think there's a threat," said FBI have been investigat- paign Tuesday evening with King, a first-year early ing but haven't identified a walk, a candlelight service childhood education major

King, who stays at Hock-Charlotte Brannan, a ing Heights, said she didn't President Ron Erickson 19-year-old white student think having Erickson and his wife moved into from Lancaster, said she no- sleep there would stop any

"If they're going to do ered, over the weekend and one-third of the students in something, they'd do it with remained there Tuesday, one of her morning classes him here or not," she said, adding that the threat was "There's a lot more park- probably written by "immature kids."

> "People say stuff all the time," she said.

> Loomis said Erickson with a Chance of Meatballs."

"He's been just like a stu-Otherwise, she said, the dent himself," Loomis said.

MCGOVERN

continued from page 1 best writer we had in the White House."

"(Lincoln) was a man that hungrily pursued every thing that was worthwhile," McGovern said.

Lincoln only had a grade school education, and he never learned to read while in school, McGovern said. Lincoln's father also oppressed him by forbidding him from reading.

Honest Abe persisted, though, McGovern said.

said, which was referred to as the recent wars." "melancholy" at that time. The president even considered committing suicide, McGovern said.

years old, he told a friend that he thought he was the most miserable man on this planet," McGovern said.

In a revealing moment, Mcsion. She eventually overcame against you."

depression by suppressing her thoughts with alcohol, he said. lations major Frankie Requena McGovern's daughter, Terry, said he would have liked to be died in an alcohol-related accident in December 1994.

All the proceeds from books sold at Tuesday's event will go known more about him durto support the Terry McGovern Alcohol Treatment Center in Madison, Wisc., the city where his advice if I do choose a politi-Terry died.

McGovern also addressed the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, which he said he opposes based on his experience as a World War II veteran.

Lincoln's greatest obstacle was in then, and I still do," he said. "I volved with a series of important clinical depression, McGovern can't say the same about some of

During a question-and-answer session, he was asked why he was a proponent of the Viet-"When (Lincoln) was 42 nam War but disapproved of the current wars.

"I don't think terrorism is primarily a military problem," McGovern said. "You don't end (terrorism) by sending in army, Govern touched on his daugh- navy or air force. When you important mission he ever had. ter's experience with depres- do that, you turn the country

Junior advertising-public realive when McGovern was running for president.

"I really wish I would have ing his time in office," he said. "Hopefully, I can use some of cal path."

Requena said American views on war should be more like McGovern's.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said the speech was interesting "(WWII) was a war I believed because McGovern has been in-

> "Like him or not, he's witnessed history, and he's been a part of a lot of history."

"He's an icon," Boschini said.

Boschini said McGovern is more than an object of political

"His real care is humankind," he said. "His whole fight on hunger is probably the most It makes you feel like, 'Wow, I haven't done enough."

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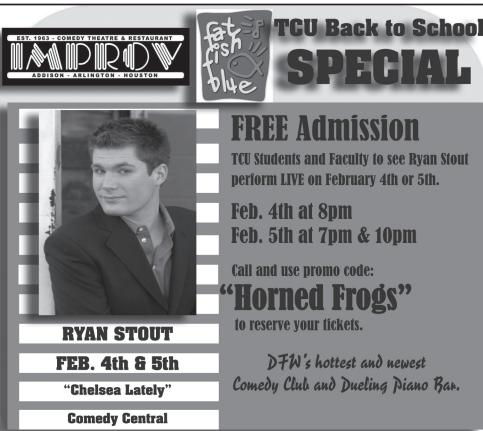


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said he did not want to risk thrown out because Froggie Five-0 drivers are unwilling extension and limit the poten- drivers' school schedules. tial for negotiation.

"Any time past 1 a.m. is better than 1 a.m.," Sadeghi said.

Discussion of the resolution filled most of the meetextensions to continue hearing questions. Many of the representatives had suggestions to include in the resolution.

College of Science and Engineering representative, asked if the resolution could early evening is when drivers sensus," Pittman said.

be written to include Thursday nights as well.

times could be negotiated. He discussed by university police cold weather, especially on the officers, but that the program having the whole resolution is run by students who have classes to attend on the mornings after their Froggie shifts. to work until a specified later He said that by extending only hour. He also said he did not the hours on Friday and Saturwant to ask for just a one-hour day it would not interfere with

Other ideas proposed to make scheduling more agreeable to the drivers included starting the service later so sentatives submitted amending, including several time amount of hours, creating dif- they were held for discussion ferent nightly shifts or recruiting volunteer drivers to work for community service hours.

Chase Bruton, student body

receive the most calls. He also said he did not like the idea of Sadeghi said that it had been having to work later hours in weekends.

> Bruton said the current staff is made up of 15 drivers. Although the program just hired two more, he said not many people apply for the job.

> Sadeghi said he hoped to be able to motivate drivers by offering monetary stipends for working later hours.

After the discussion, repreeach driver works the same ments to the resolution, but until the Campus Advancement committee meeting this Friday.

"Hopefully with a smaller treasurer and a driver for Frog-group of people looking at it Allie Barnes, a freshman gie Five-0, said he thought it with just the resolution auwould be counterproductive to thor, they'll be able to come start the service later because to a little bit more of a con-

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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**

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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 maga-

"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 yet in stock at stores.

Advertising for the \$259 Nook at the campus bookstore is certainly not muted. A large Nook can store more files. display greets visitors as they walk 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,"

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 Censells in electronic format as a PDF, a format compatible with one-year license.

Electronic versions of new average \$9.99, which is significantly cheaper than the average \$20-something hardcover copy. But that will change in March, to almost \$15 following a dispute this month, Goldstein said. with publisher Macmillan, which had locked that price with Apple

the store's competitors to follow

lot 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, Universiwith the Nook because it is not program, which supplies students digits. with a \$489 Kindle DX, a larger model of Amazon's e-reader that is more e-textbook friendly and

> 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 onto read the text in their computers, Goldstein said.

> attractive alternative because it has a resolution of 150 pixels per inch, whereas a computer moni-72 and 96.

Students in three courses at several e-readers, for \$76.99 for a Princeton were provided a Kindle one opted out, he said. The stuno effect on their grade, he said.

The program is undergoing rewhen Amazon will raise prices view and results will be released future of paper books, he said.

program said they were uncom- tually embrace it."

and its iBooks store. Amazon is fortable or dissatisfied with the expected to be pressured by other device, according to an article in publishers to match the price, and The Daily Princetonian, the university's student newspaper.

"I hate to sound like a Luddite, Pricing wars aside, producers but this technology is a poor exof e-readers are trying to capital- cuse of an academic tool," senior ize on the student market. In May, Aaron Horvath told The Daily Amazon partnered with seven Princetonian in September. "It's colleges and universities for a pi- 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 bety of Washington and Princeton tween \$50 and \$99, even though University are participating in the the current models sell for triple

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

"It makes it easier to have Serge Goldstein, director of more variety of books with you," through the store's main entrance. academic services for Princeton's 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 line because students don't want not charm the average consumer enough to stick around.

"This is a nice thing for the A Kindle DX might be a more geeks and the early adapters," Gumbrecht said.

E-reader critics point out that e-books can be read in other tor has a lower resolution, Gold- ubiquitous devices, such as lapstein said. Computer monitors tops, smart phones and video gage Learning's Web site. It also are usually set to a PPI between game consoles, making it unnecessary to have a gadget devoted only to e-books.

Despite concerns that e-read-DX at no cost to them, and they ers might hurt physical books were given the choice to opt out of sales, Baines said people will releases and best sellers cost on the program, Goldstein said. No still buy paper copies regardless of the popularity of e-readers bedents' reaction to the Kindle had cause they get enjoyment out of physically holding a book. The store is not concerned about the

> "We don't feel threatened by However, some students in the the technology," he said. "We ac-

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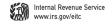


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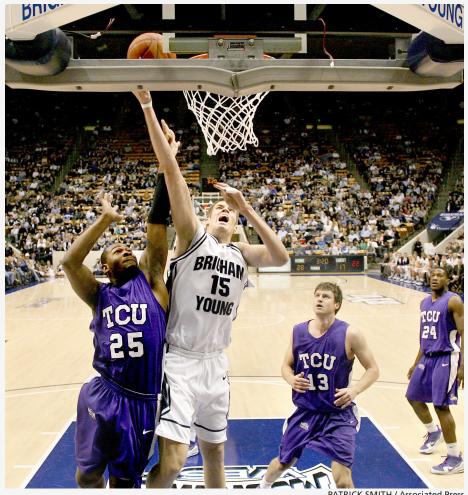


SPORTS



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

MEN'S BASKETBALL • TCU 56, BYU 76



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

Men suffer loss to BYU

By Doug Alden AP Sports Writer

PROVO, Utah (AP) — son and tournament games. Jimmer Fredette scored 26 points and Jackson Emery from the field and made just had 12 points and six assists 3 of 16 3-pointers. They also as No. 12 BYU beat TCU 76-

56 on Tuesday night. 10 points and held a double- TCU 45-36. digit lead for most of the game while remaining un-

Greg Hill and Garlon

with 11 points apiece.

TCU is 0-10 against BYU in Mountain West regular sea-

hurt themselves with several layups that bounced off the Fredette's 3-pointer with BYU (22-2, 7-1 Mountain rim and into the hands of the about 13:30 left gave BYU West) scored the game's first Cougars, who outrebounded

After Saturday's frenzied win over in-state rival Utah, beaten against TCU since the there was little drama in the Horned Frogs joined the con- Marriott Center on Tuesday. half just 2 of 12 from the field. The arena was barely half-full Noah Hartsock added 14 and noticeably more quiet, about 7:45 left cut BYU's points and Chris Miles pulled but the smaller crowd didn't lead to 59-49 and the Frogs down 11 rebounds for the seem to discourage the Cou- got within nine again, but Cougars, who have won 17 gars as they closed the game on a 17-6 run.

Green led TCU (10-13, 2-6) for the first 4:21 and opened a 12-4 run that clinched it.

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

The Horned Frogs scored The Frogs finished 21 of 60 five straight points to open the second half and get within 35-26, but the Cougars answered with a 10-2 run. a 45-28 lead and the Frogs didn't help themselves inside, continuing to have layups bounce off the rim.

TCU opened the second Hill's 3-pointer with Fredette stopped the run with another 3-pointer to BYU held TCU scoreless put BYU up 62-50 and start

OPINION

World series looks promising



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 topfive 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 champion-

ships: 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 welldeveloped 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 statistics. 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

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 finshed in the No. 7 spot at The Prestige at PGA West by recording a Last season Tom Hoge became the first sophomore golfer to earn All-Ameriscore 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, under-par.

Jennevret also made quite a showing in the fall by becom-



history to clutch a tournament

can laurels since J.J. Henry in 1996.

The Prestige at PGA West with a 12-under-par score of 204.

Gad, the other freshman recording a 212 score of four- who will make an appearance nament kicks off today and this week in Hawaii, made an will be followed by two adimpression last semester gaining a No. 4 spot at the PING/ Thursday and Friday.

ing the fastest golfer in TCU Golfweek Preview with a 218

score of two-over-par.

Traveling to Kamuela to He grabbed the top spot at compete as individuals are junior Scott Roudebush and sophomore Eli Cole.

The first round of the tourditional days of 18-hole play

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 re-

In the letter to Sen. Orrin Hatch, obtained by The Assoment is reviewing Hatch's redetermine whether to open an investigation into whether the BCS violates antitrust

"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

"The administration shares continue to believe there are manage college football."

"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 colleges and universities, 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 sys-

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

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 chamwith respect to the highest pions of six conference have ciated Press, Assistant Attor- division of college football... automatic bids to play in ney General Ronald Weich raises important questions top-tier bowl games, while wrote that the Justice Depart- affecting millions of fans, the other conferences don't. Those six conferences also quest and other materials to players and other interested 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

> 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

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 medley. 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



MICHAEL CLEMENTS/ Staff Photographer

Edgar Peyro competes against Wyoming in the University Recreation Center on Nov. 21.

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Today in History

On this day in 1959, a single-engine plane crashed near Clear Lake, Iowa, claiming the lives of rock-androll 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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A: To the mooovies!

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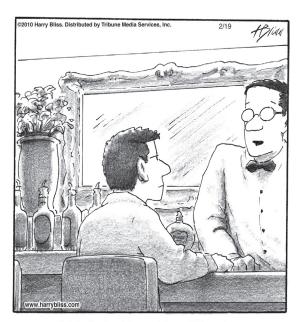
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Bliss

by Harry Bliss



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"Is that my skirt?!!"

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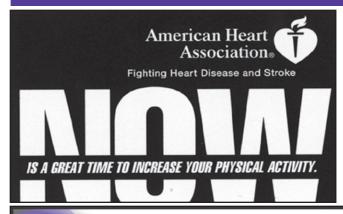
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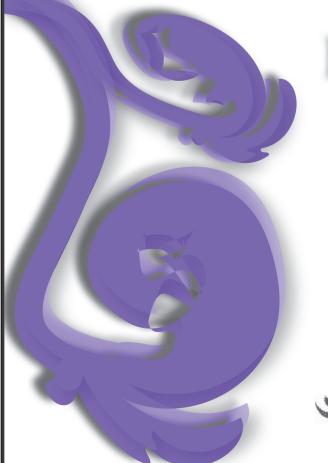


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The Skiff View

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

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 lob-

This also shows that Obama and

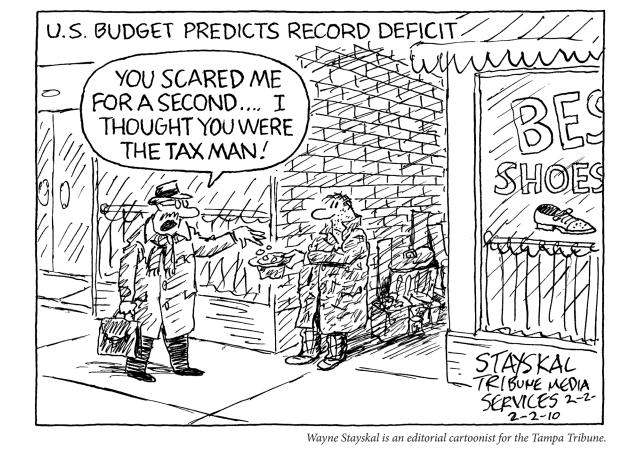
many in our government, some conservatives included, must think Americans are idiots. Simply because someone runs a campaign ad doesn't mean everyone has to agree with it. Frequently, people forget that aspect of free speech.

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

> Michael Lauck is a sophomore broadcast journalism and economics major from Houston.



Women continue search for balance



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 happens 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

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

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.

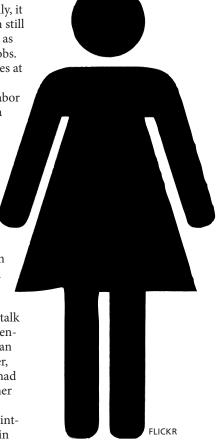
I remember feeling disappointed by the ending of the book, in

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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Obama team draws sharp questions on U.S. budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — President outline drew bipartisan fire from U.S. lawmakers on Tuesday, with Republicans complaining it does not address deficits soon enough and raises taxes of Obama's spending cuts.

It was a rocky reception for the zens." 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 Rockfeller 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 mili-Barack Obama's \$3.8 trillion budget tary'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 too much. Democrats balked at some to force people to "lie about who they are in order to defend their fellow citi-

> The comments by Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, set the stage for the Defense Deban can be repealed without causing a skills. major upheaval in the military.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, appearing with Mullen before the Armed Services Committee, announced plans to loosen enforcement rules involving er six weeks. If no shadow is seen, emie, according to U.N. spokesman the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that has legend says spring will come early. 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 textmessaging appeared. Phil also sent a Twitter update at about that time.

Officials with the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club didn't immediate- scored the shaky safety in the streets partment's yearlong study into how the ly return calls about Phil's texting that has added to Haitians' frustration

> German tradition holds that if a hibernating animal sees its shadow on Feb. 2 — the Christian holiday of Candlemas — winter will last anoth-

The Inner Circle annually announces Phil's forecast at dawn on the men fled the scene, Pugliese said. 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 underat 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 Jer-Vicenzo Pugliese. U.N. and Haitian officers fired warning gunshots and 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 Dallasbased Neiman Marcus and other retailers over the misidenti-

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

Neiman Marcus spokeswoman Ginger Reeder declined comment Tuesday.

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