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The Lady Frogs returned home for a big win over

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CLARIFICATION

An editorial in Wednesday's issue identified the College of Science and Engineering as a financial contributor to the Starpoint Pavers team. The Andrews Institute of Mathematics & Science Education also funded the team.

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Afghanistan's postponement of its parliamentary elections is a responsible move, not an evasive one.

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PECULIAR FACT

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Encyclopaedia Britannica Inc. apologized Wednesday for mangling the history of the Irish Civil War, a longtime screw-up detected only this year when an Internet version of the reference book was supplied to Ireland's 4,000 schools.

— The Associated Press

TODAY'S WEATHER



Showers Tomorrow: Mostly Cloudy

Saturday: Mostly Sunny



NEWS

According to a recent study, balancing work and school may contribute to college dropout rates, but the case may not be the same within the university. Tomorrow



NEWS

The Skiff takes a look at the long, storied political career of Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief. Tomorrow



ATHLETICS

SIGNED UP



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor Football head coach Gary Patterson talks to the media about the team's newest recruits for National Signing Day at the Four Sevens

Football program signs 18 athletes

By Mary Sue Greenleaf Sports Editor

promising 2010 season.

Head coach Gary Patterson tailback in the country. held a press conference Wednesday to discuss the new athletes

program," Patterson said.

This class includes two outof-state four-star recruits, Cur- graduating three offensive starttis Carter from Stonewall, La., ers this year and have a large and Ethan Grant from Coconut number of junior players head-

athlete in the nation according to provide depth. Rivals.com. The term "athlete" in recruiting terms applies to play- We have five wide receivers and

ers who could play a variety of positions on college.

Grant, averaging 40 yards per Just as the BCS settled, the reception in his senior season at Horned Frog football team North Broward High School, is signed 18 new players for the ranked as the No. 34 overall recruit in Florida and the No. 15

Another standout athlete who is already enrolled at the uniand the growth of the program. versity this spring is Travaras "We have gained a lot more Battle-Smith, a cornerback from national respect when you talk San Antonio. According to Rito kids about what they think of vals.com he is rated the No. 79 TCU, its academics and football athlete in the nation among his recruiting class.

Patterson said the Frogs are ing into their final season on Carter is ranked No. 8 overall offense. He added that keeping in Louisiana as well as the No. 4 that in mind, the Frogs recruited fastest athlete and No. 21 overall offensive players heavily to help

"We always plan for the future.

For profiles on the 2010 football signees visit dailyskiff.com.



five safeties who are going to be seniors this year, so we had to make sure we signed guys we could grow up and have ready to go in a year," Patterson said. "We are going to graduate four offensive linemen. We knew we would have to bring in a couple of guys to make sure that we wouldn't have to get a large number in the next class, so that you are reloading and not regrouping."

Wide receiver recruit Chris Hawkins, from Channelview, turned down offers from 11 other programs, including California, Nebraska and Utah.

Hawkins was ranked the No. 14 wide receiver in Texas and No.

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Officials: **Branding** practice unusual

By Kayla Mezzell Staff Reporter

A person could use clothes hangers for many different things, the most obvious of which is to hang

Others have used these household items to recover hard-to-reach items, pick locks and roast marshmallows.

More still have had a clothes hanger TV antennae or used the hangers to prepare hot dogs around campfires.

And, as university students learned last week, some in fraternities have used wire hangers to char human flesh.

University officials said last week that they are investigating a branding incident after sophomore prebusiness major and Kappa Sigma member Amon "Chance" Carter reported sustaining second- and third-degree burns on his buttocks while intoxicated during a ski trip in Breckenridge, Colo., on Jan. 9. Local television station WFAA reported Wednesday night that Carter, great-grandson of Fort Worth Star-Telegram founder and city icon Amon G. Carter, has filed a complaint about the incident with

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FINE ARTS

Dance program celebrates milestone

By Rachel Wilson

Staff Reporter

In 1949, the university became the first in the United States to offer a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in ballet. Now, six decades later, the School for Classical & Contemporary Dance is celebrating its 60th anniversary in

Events scheduled later this semester include the senior choreography concert and informal talks with SCCD faculty members.

The first event in the talk series is Conversations on Dance with SCCD assistant professor Nina Martin. The event is scheduled for Friday at noon in the Studio B Theatre in the Ballet and Modern Dance Building and is open to all students and faculty.

Martin said she plans to talk about saying yes to dancing opportunities "until you know to say no," a lesson she

Upcoming events

Feb. 5- Conversations on Dance with Nina Martin Feb. 12- XTE AIDS Outreach Center Benefit Concert Feb. 12- Brown Bag Dance March 5- Conversations on Dance with Natalja Sawal March 26-28- Spring Dance April 21-24- Senior Capstone

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FORT WORTH Consultant sought for streetcar plans

By Jennifer Ivy Staff Reporter

The city of Fort Worth plans to move forward with bringing in a nationally recognized consultant to finalize aspects of a modern streetcar system that would consist of an initial loop through downtown Fort Worth as early as 2014 and possibly connecting to campus in the future, a city official said.

David Gaspers, a senior planner in the city's planning and development department, said plans for the modern streetcars began in 2008 when Mayor Mike Moncrief and the city council appointed an initial study committee to look at the feasibility of a streetcar system for central Fort Worth. The committee found the streetcar system to be a feasible option and recommended an initial route spanning from downtown, member and District 9 represen-Gaspers said.

Even though the initial route would connect nearest to campus at the Cultural District, Gaspers said he did not see why the streetcar line economic development within the would not connect to the campus in the future. Historically, streetcars route. He said he also envisioned connected downtown Fort Worth to campus during the 1920s, he said.

"I think that the political leaders in those communities are going to expect the modern streetcar to come in to their communities before an extension further south and west off of our starter corridor."

Joel Burns

Fort Worth council member and District 9 representative

would follow lines that were there, the historic streetcar lines," Gaspers said. "It is hard to tell at this point when that would happen."

Joel Burns, Fort Worth council tative, said the modern streetcars would help reduce roadway usage and improve air quality for the city while creating huge potential for surrounding areas of the streetcar the modern streetcars connecting to the university campus in the future "It would make sense that many of but after connections to less affluent the new lines that would go in place neighborhoods in north and east



An artist's rendering of what a modern streetcar system in downtown Fort Worth would look like.

Fort Worth were established.

"I think that the political leaders in those communities are going to expect the modern streetcar to come in to their communities before an extension further south and west off of our starter corridor," Burns said.

Gaspers said the initial starter route would consist of a central

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NEWS

Brown to be sworn in early

By Glen Johnson AP Political Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Mas-Brown changed course and demanded he be sworn in to replace the late Sen. Edward M. timetable that conservatives linked to Brown's demand lethad been clamoring for and one that Democrats quickly accepted — and had already been moving to accommodate.

the GOP 41 votes in the Senate to sustain a filibuster of Democratic initiatives.

Harry Reid, said he expected a rick, a Democrat. ceremony at 5 p.m. today.

as early as (this) afternoon," Manley said.

The demand reversed and prepare for his new re- this afternoon. sponsibilities. That timetable

radio hosts and newspaper urgent need to move beyond

columnists about what one political polarization." dubbed a "three-week victosachusetts Republican Scott 19 special election to replace Kennedy, who died of brain Governor's Council. cancer.

Kennedy today, an accelerated Drudge Report immediately ter, generating such traffic that would-be readers could not open it.

Brown said he wanted to be had tentatively planned to be Senate's consideration of union present for unspecified votes, sworn into office on Feb. 11, and his swearing-in would give he has been advised that there are a number of votes sched-— the precise number it needs—uled prior to that date. For that reason, he wants certification zona Sen. John McCain, who to occur immediately," Brown endorsed Brown's candidacy Jim Manley, a spokesman counsel Daniel Winslow wrote for Senate Majority Leader in a letter to Gov. Deval Pat-

"As he is the duly elected "If that's what he wants to U.S. senator from the comdo, I expect he'll be sworn in monwealth of Massachusetts, he is entitled to be seated now," Winslow added.

The attorney demanded ac-Brown's earlier declaration that tion by 11 a.m. Thursday, so he did not want to be sworn in the certification could be foruntil Feb. 11, a grace period he warded to Senate officials in said he needed to hire a staff time for Brown to be sworn in earlier this year, and a Sen-

Interim Sen. Paul Kirk, apwas reiterated Tuesday morn- pointed by Patrick to tempoing on Brown's Facebook page. rarily fill the seat, plans a final would need 60 votes to by-The change also followed speech on the Senate floor at pass a GOP hold and push the criticism from conservative about 3:45 p.m. to "discuss the nomination through.

Hours before Winslow's letry lap" since the state senator ter, Secretary of State William staged an upset to win the Jan. F. Galvin delivered official copies of the election results to the

Patrick's staff announced the The conservative-leaning governor would sign Brown's election certificate in the council's presence — as is required by law — during a ceremony at 9:30 a.m. today.

One vote where Brown 'While Sen.-elect Brown would make a difference is the lawyer Craig Becker to become a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

Republicans — led by Ari-- have held up Becker's confirmation for months. They say Becker might use the post to make labor laws more unionfriendly without congressional approval.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other business groups have actively opposed Becker, suggesting his views are "out of the mainstream."

But he was renominated ate committee was expected to send his nomination to the full Senate today. Democrats



MARTY SOHL / Special to the Daily Skiff A DanceTCU production of "Reverie" with choreography by Susan Douglas Roberts at the SCCDance Concert in Scottsdale, Ariz.

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has learned from her years in the dance world.

"I think especially as they get closer and closer to graduation, students get anxious about what the future holds," Martin said. "I'd like to talk fun. about how we are improvisin college; we just have a very the structure to go away."

Martin said the conversation series is beneficial be- would usually share their sto- events are open to students and

to artists in the real world.

Ellen Vierse, a sophomore modern dance major, agreed fore, are both beneficial and chosen to do with dance."

ing life. We're still improvising thing," Vierse said. "It's in AIDS Outreach Center Benefit rigid structure we're working bleachers, and (the speaker is) Lupton University Union and with, and the scary thing is for there with a chair and a mi- Brown Bag Dance!, an inforcrophone."

cause it gets students out of ry or talk about their experi-

the classroom and gives them ences in the dance world, like a chance to hear from and talk Martin plans to. After they finish, the floor is open for questions.

"You can ask them whatevwith Martin and said she er you want and just talk," she thought these casual talks, said. "It's really cool...you get which have taken place be- a lot of insight in what they've

Other upcoming events "It's really a very intimate include the Chi Tau Epsilon Studio B, and you sit on the Concert Feb. 12 in the Brownmal lunchtime show on Feb. 19 Vierse said the speakers in the Studio B Theatre. Both

Modern Streetcar Study Committee's Recommended Routes



COURTESY OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH

STREETCARS

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Worth with extensions going east on Seventh Street toward the Cultural District and south on Main Street to connect to the Medical District.

With \$1.6 million in feder-Transportation Council, an additional \$200,000 each from a city bond for planning and streetscaping and a general fund donation from the Fort modern streetcar system. Worth Transportation Author-

WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, February 9

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

ity, Gaspers said the consultant would be brought in to take a closer look at the study comloop around downtown Fort mittee's proposed plans.

Gaspers said the consultant would examine the possible economic development activity prompted by the streetcar system and devise a business and financial plan that would al funding from the Regional benefit Fort Worth, the Fort is to finalize the starter route Worth Transportation Authority, Tarrant County as a whole and anyone else involved with the future development of the

The city wants to gain the grants, Gaspers said.

For a larger image of the map, visit dailyskiff.com.

best information possible from the consultant to make the best decisions for the proposed project, Gaspers said.

The main goal as of now completion plans with the consultant and to obtain \$55 million in funding for the final proposed starter route project through federal funding and

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BRANDING

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have launched an investiga-

non of branding, the process of applying heat to flesh in not a trend at the university. organization,"

Shannon Sumerlin, in- said. terim director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, said the "While I can't TCU chapter of Kappa Sigma was not found responsible for the incident by its national body.

"The Kappa Sigma national fraternity has completed their investigation and has not found the chapter to be responsible for any misdeeds," Sumerlin said.

She said fraternity and sorority events are deemed official or unofficial by the individual organizations and not by the university.

John Andrew Willis, a junior Spanish major, Interfraternity Council president and a member of Kappa Sigma, said branding is not common at the university."I don't know of any organization on this campus, fraternity, sorority, Greek or non-Greek, that would brand members as part of affiliasaid. "While I can't speak brands on members of Nathat I am aware of that has on other campuses nationany sort of branding related wide, specifically members to his organizational affili- of the Omega Psi Phi Fraation."

branding is one of two in of the university's Omega North-American Interfra- Psi Phi chapter. ternity Conference fraterweek.

arm being branded with a Civil War America. hot coat hanger, according to the report.

Interfraternity Council, the influx." campus organization associated with the NIC, would bers of these organizations ingunder the Code of Student report any incidents of have displayed their brand- Conduct.

officials.

"In short, it's something Breckenridge police, who that's not tolerated at all," Willis said.

The incident has drawn a matter of pride and loyalty attention to the phenome- for many fraternity mem-

"It's worn as a sign of Post. order to leave a permanent pride in their organization, mark, but Greek community much like people might get bers nationwide, branding officials said the practice is a tattoo to represent their remains a way to show pride Sumerlin

> speak for anybody, Carter) is the only person on this campus that I am aware of that has any sort of branding related to his organizational affiliation."

John Andrew Willis junior Spanish major and Interfraternity Council president

Sumerlin, who worked with many different Greek organizations for 11 years, said she is not aware of any other branding incidents at the university. She ternity, but she had not seen

Sumerlin said brand-The Associated Press re- organizations, which are his-State University in West believes branding was a prod-Virginia, this one involving uct of slavery, and among Tau Kappa Epsilon. The fra- modern-day fraternities, it ternity faces possible sanc- is a way of making branding tions after an online video their own and a choice unlike showed a former student's the forced branding of pre-

isted for many years," Sum-

Some celebrity mem-

physical harm to university ings. Former Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith, a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and Michael Jordan, a member Sumerlin said branding is of Omega Psi Phi, have both publicly displayed their brands, according to an article from The Washington

> For some fraternity memin an organization of which they are lifetime members.

> According to a Jan. 28 article in The Shorthorn, the campus newspaper at the University of Texas at Arlington, members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity were willingly branded while sober.

> Despite this incidence, Sumerlin said branding is not growing in popularity.

"None of the professional literature indicates that," Sumerlin said.

Linda Wolszon, director of the Counseling, Testing and Mental Health Center, said she had not heard from any students at the university who had been branded.

"In my 20 years of experience in college student mental health, student branding has never come to my attention," Wolszon said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said that even though branding is not tion with the group," Willis said she had personally seen specifically listed as a violation under the university Code of for anybody, (Carter) is the tional Pan-Hellenic Council Student Conduct, it could be only person on this campus fraternities and sororities considered a violation under the code. According to the code, students are not permitted to harm other students.

Mills said that under spe-Carter's account of his such marks on any members cific circumstances, branding would also be considered hazing under state law, as well as the university code. An innities reported since last ing has been more popular cident is considered hazing if among members of NPHC it is related to membership in an organization, but isolated ported on Jan. 28 another torically black fraternities incidents in which the brandcase of branding at Glenville and sororities. She said she ing was not a condition of membership in the organization would not necessarily be deemed hazing, Mills said.

> The university investigation into the Carter case is ongoing, Mills said.

Though members of Kap-"Nationally, that has ex- pa Sigma were present at the gathering where Carter was Willis said members of erlin said. "It's not a recent branded, university officials have not said whether the incident could be considered haz-

OPINION

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The Skiff View

Off-campus jurisdiction good for student safety

he recent branding incident involving Kappa Sigma members highlights an important issue beyond the obvious question of why anybody would do that. The incident has also led to discussion about whether the university has, or should have, the right to investigate situations like this that occur among its students while they are off campus.

The answer to whether or not the university has the right to exercise in loco parentis authority is actually very straight-

According to the university Code of Student Conduct, the university maintains the right to take disciplinary action against "conduct which occurs on University premises and off-campus conduct which adversely affects the university community and/ or the pursuit of its objectives."

The university clearly maintains jurisdiction off campus, and the fact is that all students tacitly agree to abide by the university's rules set forth in the Student Handbook simply by enrolling at the university.

Whether one agrees or disagrees with the university's current policy on this, students, their parents and other members of the campus community should at least be grateful that the university considers it important to hold its students to certain moral, ethical and legal standards. After all, students who exercise poor judgment or commit illegal acts off campus may use similar judgment in the future, and they might do so on campus where it could affect other students and members of the campus community.

Managing editor Logan Wilson for the editorial board.

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Meaning of ruling misunderstood

chael Lauck's column, this time to see just how bipartisan this issue really is. John McCain, the Republican and conservative front runner correct in that freedom for the presidential election of 2008, was one of the main authors of the McCain-Feingold Act. It's strange that he would miss this simple fact, seem to see the real with McCain's name being on the long-term implications bill. That is unless maybe he considers McCain a liberal, which of this ruling has. course would be hard to prove by any measurement.

means. FOX News also continues to couldn't overturn it. be one of the most watched "news" networks (if you could even call it that) in America despite it being an opinion network. The bottom line is

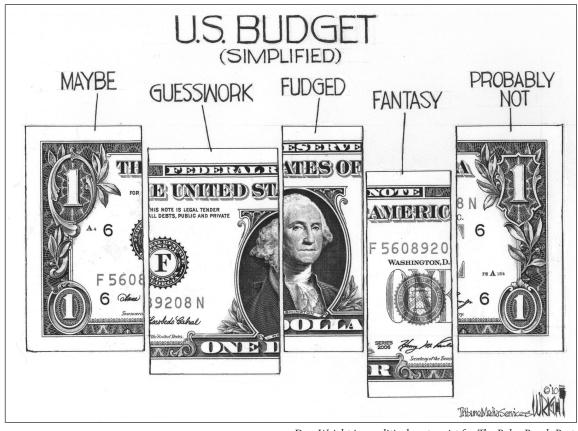
that the facts show that Americans respond to fear, something the Bush I'd like to again respond to Mi- administration has taught us well.

Given the above, it is clear that called "Corporations and unions this is a blow to our already cripshould have voice heard through pled government. The author even ads." Like FOX News, he seems recognizes that special interests alto be light on facts and heavy on ready dominate the government. pointless rhetoric. At issue here is While I'm not saying the Supreme that he characterizes liberals as the Court is wrong, this ruling will ones trying to expand government only continue to make the problem to stomp on free speech. Yet he fails worse. The author is at least correct

of speech should not be limited, but he can't

in that freedom of speech should To further dispute Lauck, he not be limited, but he can't seem continues by saying that President to see the real long-term implica-Barack Obama and our government tions this ruling has. He continues think Americans are idiots while to complain about liberals with-Obama has been one of the most out actually offering a solution to naive presidents of our time by con- a problem he recognizes. Here's at tinuing to believe that people will least one that I'm sure he wouldn't see reason. Yet the very next session like: Don't allow any congressman of Congress, the Republicans try to to vote on an issue if he's received filibuster the nominee for solicitor substantial support from stakeholdgeneral at the Department of La- ers that the legislation would affect. bor (for bogus reasons), which is At least if you add this to the bylaws not a high ranking position by any of the House, the Supreme Court

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Postponing election right choice



WYATT KANYER

Sometimes, governmental bodies have to admit their mistakes, no matter how embarrassing the admissions might be.

And when it comes to international relations, a nation's people generally accept apologies, especially if those apologies are precautionary.

In a rare instance of responsible government action, the Afghanistan election commission said on Jan. 24 that it would postpone its parliamentary elections by almost four months because, quite simply, the country was unprepared to carry the elections out. That means the election, which was supposed to take place May 22, will take place Sept. 18.

Although postponing elections is no small task, the election commission's decision is admirable. The country's leadership was able to submit to reality - its lack of preparedness – while avoiding further voting difficulty.

In the August 2009 presidential elections, millions of Afghans voted, but a runoff round ensued after voters stopped showing up to voting sites due to threats of violence. Earlier this year, the Afghan Parliament rejected 17 of Afghan President Hamid Karzai's 24 cabinet nominees, according to CNN.com.

Events like these would suggest that the recent postponement is another ominous sign for the future of voting in Afghanistan.

However, voters in Afghanistan have shown their desire to vote. In short, the people are willing, and the leadership is weak.

Afghanistan's voting leaders have to be overly cautious because of the threats they face every day.

prominent cities like Kabul. That kind of threat would make the decision whether to vote easy: vote and risk death, or don't vote and live.

However, voters in Afghanistan have shown their desire to vote. In short, the people are willing, and the leadership is weak.

Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah, who was Karzai's oppocriticized the election commission for being biased in its election decisions. Corrupt elections are nothing new, especially in developing nation-states like Afghanistan with ever-present threats from terrorist its citizens happy. groups like the Taliban.

Security, or lack thereof, is the most important issue to take into consideration, then. The easy so-

In the case of the presidential elec- lution to that issue would be for tion, there were rumors of rocket the U.S. to step in and send more and bomb attacks at voting sites in troops into Afghanistan to oversee the elections.

> Unfortunately, President Barack Obama said last year that he would withdraw 40,000 troops from Afghanistan. Plus, the U.S. is in a horrible economic situation and just deployed troops and aid to Haiti. The military option doesn't seem to be viable at this point.

> This election is sort of a moment of truth for the Afghan constitu-

If September rolls around and the election commission announces another election postponement, violence is sure to follow. Protests nent in the presidential election, has in Afghanistan are not your typical picket on the steps of the Supreme Court, either.

> As of now, this is a smart decision. Any chaos Afghanistan can avoid in the area of voting will make

> > Wyatt Kanyer is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Yakima, Wash.



Election official Mohammad Hasan Haidari, left, prepares ballots for the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police at a polling place in the village of Dahaneh on Aug. 20, 2009.

Wife: SC gov didn't want fidelity in marriage vows

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) wedding was a "leap of faith" because Gov. Mark Sanford, who famously cheated on her with a womdid not want to include a vow of fidelity in their marriage ceremony.

Jenny Sanford also tells ABC's Barbara Walters in an interview airing Friday on "20/20" that the final blow to the marriage was the

The show released excerpts of Sanford's interview with Walters, which coincides with publication Friday of her memoir, "Staying

...we were very young, we were in love," Jenny Sanford tells Walters. "I questioned it, but I got past it."

Iran sends rocket with animal menagerie into space

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran an-South Carolina's first lady says her nounced Wednesday it launched a \$6.7 billion government project to semenagerie of animals — including cure nearly the entire Mexican bora mouse, two turtles and worms into space on a research rocket, a feat an he described as his soul mate, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said showed Iran could defeat the and delays. West in the battle of technology.

worried Western powers, which fear ton has ordered a reassessment of the same technology used to launch satellites and research capsules could publication of racy e-mails between also be used to build long-range in-Sanford and his Argentine mistress. tercontinental missiles and deliver \$189 million from the venture. warheads.

Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, said there was no scientific purpose to Not having a vow of faithfulness launching such animals into space value but we conclude that it's not "bothered me to some extent, but and that the launch was likely more aimed at boosting Iran's prestige.

"Worms in space serve no purpose," Lewis said.

Border fence plagued by glitches, long delays

PHOENIX (AP) — An ambitious, der with a "virtual fence" of cameras, ground sensors and radar is in jeopardy after a string of technical glitches

Having spent \$672 million so far The Iranian space program has with little to show for it, Washingthe whole idea. The outlook became gloomier this week when President Barack Obama proposed cutting

Ultimately, the project could be James Lewis, senior fellow at scaled back dramatically, officials

"The worst that happens is that we have a system which gives us some worth buying any more of it," said Mark Borkowski, the government's director of the project at U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Brown getting Kennedy's seat, but not his desk

BOSTON (AP) — Republican Scott Brown may be taking over Democrat Edward Kennedy's Senate seat, but not his desk.

An aide says Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry is claiming the mahogany desk on the Senate floor used by Kennedy for nearly 47 years. Until now, Kerry has been seated at the desk once used by Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, the late senator's assassinated brother.

been used by President John F. Kennedy. Kennedy even left it in the back row of the chamber when his seniority would have allowed him to move it down front —

Following Senate tradition since about 1900, all senators inscribe their name on their desk's drawer.

New Zealand virgin auctions herself for tuition

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) A New Zealand teenager who says she auctioned her virginity online for \$32,000 to raise tuition money did not break any laws but it might be risky for her to follow through on the deal, police warned Wednesday.

The anonymous 19-year-old student offered her virginity to the highest bidder on the Web site www.ineed.co.nz under the name "Unigirl," saying she would use the money to pay for her tu-Kennedy was partial to his own ition. She said in a post that more than desk No. 83 because it had once 30,000 people had viewed her ad and more than 1,200 had made bids before she accepted an offer of more than 45,000 New Zealand dollars (\$32,000).

Web site owner Ross McKenzie said the site's policy was that as long as an ad because that was where his brother was legal and did not offend the general standards of society, "it was OK."

Prostitution is legal in New Zealand under laws considered more liberal than many countries.

NEWS & SPORTS

Soldiers' sexual orientation not major concern for peers

By Robert H. Reid and Russ **Bynum**

Associated Press Writers

KABUL (AP) — The Pentagon's move to consider letting gays serve openly is generating lively debate on social media sites and among veterans of Afghanistan.

Active-duty troops are generally cautious about commenting because of a ban on publicly opposing Pentagon policies. The terone." few in Afghanistan who would by the issue.

have no qualms," said Army Sgt. Justin Graff, who's serving with the 5th Stryker Brigade in south- "I've known some ern Afghanistan.

The Army's official Facebook site has been swamped with hundreds of comments, pro and con, since Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs and they should." of Staff, told a Senate committee Tuesday that it's wrong to require gays to "lie about who they are" to defend their country. It's unclear which people posting on the site are currently serving, veterans or nonmilitary.

A U.S. military spokesman, Col. Wayne Shanks, said no specific gag order had been issued forbidding soldiers to discuss gays in the military but troops are as a rule advised that it is said he had a troubling experi-"inappropriate" to comment on defense policy issues.

that you can't talk about it," he nia barracks room. Fair, of San said. "But anybody knows that Antonio, Texas, said he reported they're not going to comment on the incident to their commanda policy decision."

Several veterans contacted by The Associated Press spoke comfortable knowing people would go back as a private," more freely, landing on both sides of the debate.

who served in a cavalry unit of wounded in Iraq. "They want to more uncomfortable." be in the fight just as well and they should."

Iraq and Afghanistan who've re-said he either knew or suspect-to serve openly would underturned to the U.S. The fireworks ed some soldiers he served with mine the close bond soldiers are less evident among troops in were gay, but it was never an issue for him or other members of his unit. Still, he anticipates a "big fuss" among the ranks of a military "full of so much testos-

talk about it seemed nonplussed Army helicopter flight engineer, not gonna be thinking, I want to who posted a strong objection to "Do I care if someone is gay? I repealing "don't ask, don't tell" on the Army's Facebook page,

> gay soldiers. They want to be in the fight just as well

Zach Choate

previous member of the cavalry unit of the Army's 10th Mountain Division

saying straight service members shouldn't be forced to share sleeping quarters and showers with those who are openly gay.

In a phone interview, 30-yearold Fair, of San Antonio, Texas, ence as a young private when a higher-ranking male soldier "There's been no directive propositioned him in a Califorers, who took no action.

> around me were openly gay," said Fair, who left the Army born to do."

"I've known some gay sol- in 2001. "It's more of a keepdiers," said Zach Choate, 26, it-to-vourself atmosphere in the Army. For somebody to go the Army's 10th Mountain Diaround flaunting their sexuality vision until 2008, when he was is going to make a lot of people

Leo Dunson of Las Vegas, a former Army infantry sergeant Choate, of Cartersville, Ga., and Iraq vet, said allowing gays need to fight effectively as a unit.

"I can definitely speak for the infantry and say they're not going to be cool with it," said Dunson, 24, who left the Army in 2008. "These are grunts, So does Scott Fair, a former ground-pounding guys. They're have a homosexual."

But Warren Arbury of Savannah, Ga., says he knows from experience most service members don't mind. During his seven years and three combat deployments in the Army, the former sergeant insists most of his Army colleagues knew he was gay.

"Was I flagrant about my sexuality at work? No," said Arbury, 27, who now works as handyman while attending college on the GI Bill. "But I wasn't in the closet either. Everybody knew."

"Don't ask, don't tell" finally caught up with Arbury in 2008, and cost him his military career. He says a male soldier he'd dated fell into legal trouble, and responded by naming gay soldiers with whom he'd had relationships. That included Arbury, who was pulled out of Iraq and swiftly given an honorable discharge.

Arbury said he'd love to reenlist if the ban is lifted.

"In an instant, I would go "I wouldn't, as a soldier, feel back at the lowest ranking, I he said. "That's what I was





SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI / AP Photo In this June 5, 2009 file photo, workers give the final checkup on new 2010 Prius hybrid vehicles at Toyota Tsutsumi Plant in Toyota, central Japan. The Japanese government said Wednesday it has received 14 complaints in

Additional model investigated

By Ken Thomas and **Stephen Manning**

Japan about brake problems with the popular hybrid.

Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans should park their recalled Toyotas unless driving to dealers for accelerator repairs, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood warned Wednesday — then quickly took it back — as skepticism of company fixes grew and the U.S. and Japan.

raised about the brakes on dealer because they believe rolla in December, said the Toyota's marquee Prius hybrid.

The Prius was not part of vestigate complaints of brake percent for the day. problems with the hybrid.

and Japan.

Harried dealers began receiving parts to repair defecthe night to try and catch up. was extremely rare — of cars unaccountably accelerating.

At a congressional hear- drive." the government's probe ex- ing, LaHood said his advice panded to other models in to an owner of a recalled for many drivers. Toyota would be to "stop comments prompted new ordered the company to in- they recovered, declining 6

have been filed in the U.S. if you're in doubt, take it to the dealer and they're going to fix it."

Toyota Motor Corp., in tive gas pedals in millions of a statement, said if owners vehicles and said they'd be ex- were experiencing problems tending their hours deep into with the accelerator pedal "please contact your dealer Toyota said that would solve without delay. If you are not the problem — which it said experiencing any issues with your pedal, we are confident that your vehicle is safe to

But the damage was done

Meredyth Waterman, who Questions now are being driving it. Take it to a Toyota bought a 2010 Toyota Cothey have a fix for it." His alarming statements from Washington confused her questions and rattled Toyota and she planned to wait until the most recent recall, but stockholders, causing shares her dealer told her to come Japan's transport ministry to plunge 8 percent before get the fix to bring her car in

"If it is largely believed to LaHood later told report- be a rare instance, why would LaHood said his depart- ers, "What I said in there was he tell people to stop driving ment, too, was looking into obviously a misstatement. their cars?" asked Waterman, brake problems, About 100 What I meant to say...was if of Burrillville, R.I. "It was an complaints over Prius brakes you own one of these cars or irresponsible thing to say."

Report: Many cancers avoidable

By The Associated Press

prevented if people stopped lion by 2030. smoking and overeating, limited their alcohol, exercised regularly and got vaccines targeting cancer-causing infections, experts say.

To mark World Cancer day today, officials at the Internareleased a report focused on steps that governments and the disease.

Health Organization, cancer is responsible for one out of losis and malaria combined. agency.

WHO warned that without

Cancer, experts said about 21 papillomavirus, or HPV, which Cancer, said in a statement. causes cervical cancer, and tional Union Against Cancer hepatitis infections that cause stomach and liver cancer.

While the vaccines to prethe public can take to avoid vent these cancers are widely if people changed their life-According to the World they are almost nonexistent in risk, the agency recommend-80 percent of the world's cerevery eight deaths worldwide vical cancer deaths are in poor tion, avoid too much sun, and — more than AIDS, tubercu- countries, according to the maintain a healthy weight

"Policymakers around the major changes, global cancer world have the opportunity deaths will jump from about and obligation to use the 40 percent of cancers could be 7.6 million this year to 17 mil-vaccines to save people's lives and educate their communi-In the report from the In- ties towards lifestyle choices ternational Union Against and control measures that reduce their risk of cancer," Cary percent of all cancers are due Adams, chief executive of the to infections like the human International Union Against

> In Western nations, experts said many of the top cancers like those in the lungs, breasts and colon — might be avoided available in western countries, style habits. To reduce their the developing world. Nearly ed that people stop smoking, limit their alcohol consumpthrough diet and exercise.

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their maximum lead of 27 points. They also recorded 15 points off turnovers and the last 20 minutes.

Junior guard Emily Carter finished with a team high of tor was freshman forward 16 points.

their players," Carter said.

17-of-20 free throws, and clusion of the game. Carter made 9-of-10 from the line. BYU only obtained 17 from the bench during three free-throw attempts during the game.

Another major contribu-Starr Crawford, who added rently tied with San Diego "I was just trying to be ag- 12 points to the score. Crawgressive from the beginning ford and sophomore guard Mountain West standings.

and draw fouls and frustrate Antoinette Thompson led the team in rebounds, each TCU ended shooting pulling in eight by the con-

> To sum up the match, Mittie kept it simple.

> "We were more aggressive," he said. "This was a big game for us."

> The Lady Frogs are cur-State for first place in the

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40.1 yards per reception on 10 catches as a junior at Channelview High School.

Patterson stressed that the emphasis of the program is not to recruit better players who had commitplayers than the university ments elsewhere, Patterson is on growing the program already has, but to contin- said. ue gaining depth across the board.

"People say that we are going to go out and recruit better players, but we just came a few seconds away from possibly playing for a national championship,"

our depth. Just because move forward? We are exbowl, it doesn't mean that now. We're excited about our players got any better."

year, TCU gained ground in recruiting and added some Patterson said.

Patterson said, is an player who not only has skill on the field, but also has character and fits into the program.

we played in a little higher cited about the kids we have this class coming in, and I'm With the opportunity to really excited about the posplay in a BCS bowl game this sibilities of the kinds of kids we can recruit in the future,"

The focus, Patterson said, and continuing to work The key to a good recruit, their way up the infamous pyramid.

"It's kind of like that old saying that we live by here, 'You're either getting better or you're getting worse," "The key is how do they Patterson said. "You can't come into your system, how stay the same. If you are, Patterson said. "I think do they fit, how will they you're losing out. We just it will help us the most in mature and how do they need to keep moving."



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Today in History

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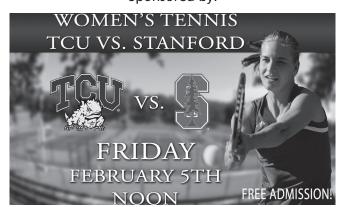
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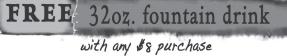
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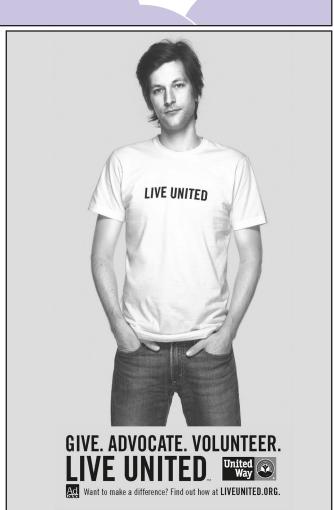
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL • TCU 64, BYU 40



PAIGE McARDLE / Staff Photographer Sophomore TCU guard Antoinette Thompson and BYU junior guard Jazmine Foreman dive for a loose ball Wednesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Frogs bring in another win

By Kylie Osterloh Staff Writer

night. TCU has won 18 straight the MWC. Their last home simulate in practice."

loss was against BYU last

The TCU Lady Frogs ex- the Cougars' effective press utes of play, but the Lady tended their record-break- offense. BYU hit two early Frogs gradually settled into ing home win streak by de- three-pointers and demon- their zone defense and finfeating the Brigham Young strated its effectiveness in ished the first half with a Cougars 64-40 Wednesday converting field goals into five-point edge. points.

games in the Daniel-Mey- ing team, the first 10 minutes defensive attack, the Lady er Coliseum, which is the serves as practice," said head Frogs eventually obtained longest home win streak in coach Jeff Mittie. "It's hard to

The Cougars rebounded the Lady Frogs The game began with 17-16 after the first 20 min-

The second half was all "Sometimes against a press- TCU. By maintaining their

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ATHLETIC TRAINING

Training program successful

By Madison Pelletier Staff Reporter

Fans refer to them as wa-Gatorade.

Athletic training stu- as a freshman. dents work daily to prepare Hall, director of sports medicine said.

athletic training program year. himself, he is able to see the benefits it provides to un- "TCU has a really dergraduate students.

The athletic training program collaborates with the we are one of the athletic department and few that actually the classroom to provide an educational program ensuring the future of the athletic clinical education training profession, Hall program." said. The university is one of 17 athletic training educa- Chris Hall tion programs in Texas, Hall director of athletic said. He said TCU sets itself training apart from other schools because of the great interacand athletic departments.

program...we are one of the trainers at Trinity Valley few that actually provide a School in Fort Worth. four-year clinical education program," Hall said.

collegiate levels. Students student athletes. are assigned to a clinical inthe program in order to gain setting of athletic training," field experience and work Stephenson said. with them throughout their ing Web site.

Lauren Harmon

Frog football, basketball and they do more than just push gram because of the hands-

Harmon said that other not an easy task. for their future careers by programs do not give their training program, Chris ence until the end of their sophomore year.

Hall said he works with rotate between local high said. over 435 student athletes, school athletic departments ence. Hall said that as a physician and team ortho- tion, Hall said. graduate of the university's pedist during their senior

> unique program... provide a four-year

tion between the academic athletic training major, went sible. through his high school ro-"TCU has a really unique tation working with athletic gram has not deviated from

During the four-year evaluate injuries, practice mission statement is a big program, faculty prepare rehabilitation and multiple selling point for the educastudents to work at the pro- therapeutic exercises that tion program, Hall said. fessional, high school and he practices on university

"It helped us get a per-

man athletic training major, that are on the non-orthopehas worked with the Horned dic side of athletic training.

Athletic training students baseball teams this year. She also manage the travel and terboys and watergirls, but said she chose the TCU pro-transportation needs of sports teams. Hall said that on experience she could get moving a football team halfway across the country is

"Fortunately for us, we're participating in a four-year students hands-on experi- lucky enough that we've got the 18-wheeler, and we throw everything but the Hall said sophomores kitchen sink inside," Hall

Making sure the athletic in addition to athletic train- and juniors work with phys- trainers are prepared is aning students, and helps co- ical therapists at the Ben other task. It is important ordinate the clinical aspect Hogan Institute at Harris the trainers are ready to of the program in order to Methodist Hospital in Fort handle most problems that make sure students get the Worth. He said students are going to happen during correct hands-on experi- spend time with the team the course of any competi-

Elmer Brown, former head athletic trainer for the university, created the program at the university. Brown was the first athletic trainer at the university and served the program for 27 years, from 1950-1977 according to GoFrogs.com.

Hall said Brown thought it was really important for students to get as much exposure for what they have to do day in and day out. He said Brown worked hard to make sure students serving in the program were Brett Stephenson, a junior exposed to as much as pos-

The athletic training pro-Brown's mission statement and still exposes students Stephenson said he to the necessary hands-on learned how to tape and experience. Following this

Students leave the program with the capability to handle professional situastructor at the beginning of spective on the high school tions courageously and work in multiple types of situations, Hall said. The overall Stephenson said he will goal of the department is to completion of the program, be more independent his produce good professionaccording the athletic train- senior year because seniors als and maintain the strong diagnose general medical reputation the program has conditions and learn things developed, he said

SOCCER

Soccer inks nine new athletes

By Andrea Bolt

Opinion Editor

With nine total newcomers for the spring and upcoming fall, the Horned Frog soccer team is looking to build upon its 2009-2010 record of and Brittany Slyman, both 9-11-0.

Head coach Dan Abdalla and his recruiting team secured three midfielders, three backgrounds in track and state academic selection and defenders, two forwards and field. Slyman will start for the 26 career high school goals a goalkeeper to the Horned Horned Frogs in the fall and from Las Vegas. Frog roster.

National League Championship, Barg also helped her team to claim the Region III GoFrogs.com. Castleberry is as playing for the North Tex- the U-20 Women's National as '92 Olympic Development Team. Program team.

from Keller, was also part from California and Texas, already on the roster. Abdalla of the North Texas '92 ODP respectively. Hellmann was said the program is looking team that won the 2009 ODP a four-year high school var- forward to the team being National Championship. Ac- sity letterwinner and helped dynamic on and off the field.

cording to GoFrogs.com, Ab- her club, Slammers FC, win dalla said the Horned Frogs five straight Cal South State valued Kviz's mentality and Championships. Jones is a her fight and competitiveness three-time All-East Texas will be vital to the Horned honoree and a 2007 and 2009 Frogs.

Forwards Kim Castleberry local recruits, will add muchneeded speed at the offensive is a recipient of the 2005 Man-Midfielder Kristen Barg chester United Premier Cup/ for the class of 2009 by Top Drawer Soccer, according to

Kaitlin Hellmann and Ash-

first team all-district selec-

Defender Kelly Johnson joins the Horned Frogs from California and Maddy Courend of the field, as both have voisier brings a three-time all-

Lone goalkeeper recruit Gabbi Doughtery comes comes from Plano West High Nike Cup Golden Boot award. from Euless and led her high School and the Dallas Texans Castleberry is a transfer from school to two-straight district club. After leading the Texans Texas A&M and was named championships and achieved to the 2009 U.S. Youth Soccer the No. 1 recruit in the nation the 2009 College Board AP Scholar award. Abdalla praised Doughtery's work ethic, technical ability and dechampionship twice, as well also currently a member of termination on GoFrogs.com.

Abdalla said on GoFrogs. com that the Horned Frogs are very excited about the Brooke Kviz, a defender ley Jones are new midfielders incoming group and the two

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