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The politically-charged and critical lyrics of rock band Rage Against the Machine are not in sync with the band's actual projected message.

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#### PECULIAR FACT

**DEFIANCE, Ohio** — An Ohio fire department says the smell of decaying radishes prompted calls from residents worried about a possible gas leak. Tiffin Township Volunteer Fire Department in northwest Ohio responded to five reports of suspicious smells in the past 45 days.

— The Associated Press

#### TODAY'S WEATHER



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#### NEWS

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Alpha Delta Pi sorority's Mocktail Blendoff benefitting Fort Worth's Ronald McDonald House. Tomorrow



#### NEWS

Community members review Obama's first year in office, including health care legislation. Tomorrow



#### FORT WORTH

## HEAD HONCHO



Mayor Mike Moncrief on Tuesday poses with a sign commemorating his support of the Day Resource Center for the Homeless with two of the center's employees, Jessica Grace (left) and Cece Jones.

## Mayor: Public service a priority

By **Melanie Cruthirds**  
News Editor

Clad in sophisticated rodeo wear and sitting in a spacious back room of Fort Worth's Kimbell Art Museum, Mayor Mike Moncrief looked deeply introspective as he mulled over his answers to a string of personal questions. While Crayola might describe the color of his blazer as "Texas chestnut," the rich hue was not the only stand-out aspect of the mayor's appearance that day. A single golden Stock Show & Rodeo pin resting neatly on his left lapel seemed to sum up Moncrief in perfectly simple terms: "This Thing is Legendary."

After more than 30 years in the business of politics, the mayor has garnered many reputations, from passionate public servant to big business advocate. With public appearances, like the one he made at this year's Stock Show and Ro-

deo, and city programs like Directions Home, a homelessness aid and prevention plan, it is no wonder people know Moncrief so well. While he says his role as Fort Worth's mayor will be his last in public service, it is doubtful Moncrief's story will end there.

"In this particular job, in this city, former mayors are not just forgotten about and walk off into the sunset," Moncrief said. "They are very much a part of how a city continues to grow. Hopefully (I will) always have the reputation of caring about the least of us and the most of us in this community."

Before becoming Fort Worth's mayor in 2003, Moncrief's reputation as an advocate for the disadvantaged was already well-established. His time in both the Texas Senate and House of Representatives was marked by involvement in less popular, and according to him, more fulfilling

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Mayor of Fort Worth

legislative causes such as mental health, elderly care, and drug and child abuse. The usually eloquent Moncrief struggled to find the appropriate words as he recounted his time as state senator tackling child abuse legislation.

"I can't even describe what it was — you just can't imagine how (badly) people can treat children who are dependent upon them for protection and direction," Moncrief said.

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#### AUTO INDUSTRY

## Toyota recall leaves many confused

By **Madison Pelletier**  
Staff Reporter

Student owners of recently recalled Toyota vehicles are pondering the next steps to ensure their safety.

Toyota issued a nationwide recall in late January for problems with sticking accelerators and floor mat entrapment, according to the Toyota Web site. Toyota recalled more than eight vehicle models, with the Prius recently added to the list.

Toyota dealers nationwide received the parts needed to fix the malfunctioning accelerator pedals, according to the Web site.

Cristina Leiva, a sophomore biology major and Toyota owner, received a letter in the mail in November regarding a recall on her vehicle. The letter said Toyota would not be able to look at the car or fix it until April when the company knew for certain the exact nature of the vehicle malfunction, Leiva said.

Leiva said she has never had any trouble with her Prius in the past, but she is planning to have her car looked at following the recall announcement.

"I have never really thought of what I would do if my accelerator stuck," Leiva said. "I would press the brake hoping it would stop."

If a driver experiences a sticking



The gas pedal fix for recalled Toyota cars involves, among other things, shaving down the length of the pedal itself, as shown in the pedal on the left.

accelerator while driving, Toyota recommends stepping on the brake pedal with both feet using firm and steady pressure, according to the company's Web site. An alternative is to shift the transmission gear to neutral, and if that fails, turn the engine off, according to the site.

Korbin Mehaffey, a sophomore pre-major, owns a 2008 Toyota Tundra. Mehaffey received information about the recall via e-mail.

"I think the recall is really overblown and that it just happened on a

few cars," Mehaffey said. "It is an issue, but not as big as everyone is making it." Mehaffey said he has never had any

#### Toyota of Fort Worth

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday  
**Address:** 9001 Camp Bowie West, Fort Worth  
**Phone:** 1-800-926-0754

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#### SGA

## Extended escort schedule gets vote

By **Andrea Drusch**  
Staff Reporter

The House of Student Representatives passed a resolution Tuesday night that encourages the university to extend Froggie Five-0 hours.

The resolution outlined the House's recommendation for the university's Safety and Security Committee to extend the hours of safety escort service Froggie Five-0 on Friday and Saturday nights, just as 1873 Cafe and Sports Grill and the Brown-Lupton University Union information desk stay open past 1 a.m. The Safety and Security Committee, which includes campus police and university officials, is an ad hoc group that was formed in the fall to review and examine campus safety needs.

Through the non-binding legislation, the Student Government Association encourages the administration to take these proposals regarding campus safety into consideration.

The past week's proposal to extend the hours of Froggie Five-0 was dismissed in a Campus Advancement Committee meeting, but freshman AddRan College representative Saman Sadeghi, the legislation's author, returned Tuesday with two new proposals for the House.

Sadeghi's original proposal of extended hours was postponed last week after

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#### ENVIRONMENT

## Program inspires poetry contest

By **Emily Siegel**  
Staff Reporter

If haiku writing is one of your skills, then your poem could decorate the fleet of purple bikes some students, faculty and staff ride around campus.

Keith Whitworth, director and coordinator of the Purple Bike Program, said he started a haiku contest for students and faculty to get recognition for their work with the bike program. He also said the poems would give back to the sponsors who donated bikes by bringing attention to the program and, consequently, to the sponsors.

Whitworth said that out of the 100-plus haiku submissions the program has received, one haiku would be selected for each of the 75 bikes. For bikes with baskets at the front, the haiku would be printed on a sign attached to the basket. Bikes without baskets will have haikus placed on signs across the handlebars. The sponsor's logo would be printed on the left side of the sign with the haiku and winner's name on the right side.

In addition to bringing attention to the program's sponsors, Whitworth said, he wants the contest to bring

#### Submitting an entry

Students, faculty and staff have until 5 p.m. Friday to submit their haiku to Keith Whitworth at [k.whitworth@tcu.edu](mailto:k.whitworth@tcu.edu).

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## NEWS

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It was also during his dozen years of service in the Texas Senate that Moncrief said he experienced his most trying moment as a policy maker. As part of the Senate Interim Committee on Domestic Violence in 1994, he presided over statewide hearings of spousal and familial abuse.

"It's exhausting physically and emotionally," he said. "I'd reached that saturation point where I...had been the sponge that soaked up so many tears and fears. My capacity to absorb was beyond my ability to do any more. I cried, I sobbed, I cussed and I unloaded. I had to catch my breath, and I had to recharge my batteries."

The mayor credited his wife, Rosie, and his faith in God as his two most important sources of strength in such difficult times. Moncrief also recognized City Council members and his staff as a talented and creative group of people with whom he said he is honored to work with. This appreciation for those around him has earned Moncrief a reputation as a quintessentially down-to-earth and diplomatic public figure among staffers, including his chief of staff, Shirley Little.

"He has an innate ability to connect with people, and I don't think that's something that you can teach people," Little said. "He cares deeply about people. When he comes into the building, he is talking to the receptionist as well as the marshal downstairs...that's who he is."

Beth Ellis, the mayor's administrative assistant, said she

remembers when Moncrief purchased a laptop for a once-homeless young man attending Tarrant County College who was the first in his family to do so. She said actions like that stand out not only for the compassion they embody, but also for the lack of publicity surrounding them.

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**Shirley Little**  
City Council chief of staff

"He does these little tiny things that he doesn't want a pat on the back (for) — he doesn't want people to know that he does this stuff, but it made a difference," Ellis said.

While both Little and Ellis have been part of Moncrief's staff since the beginning of his seven-year tenure as mayor, City of Fort Worth public information officer Jason Lamers joined the office later in December 2005.

As part of his job, Lamers said he often works with the mayor on responding to public criticisms of policy decisions. Most recently, local media have had especially harsh words to say about Moncrief regarding the installation of gas drilling wells in Fort Worth, he said.

Lamers said a closer look at mineral rights regulations would uncover the rarely reported truth surrounding the wells-within-city-limits

situation. "(Gas companies) wouldn't be here if people didn't sell their mineral rights," Lamers said. "It's literally against the law for us to stop them. If people want to stop it, they should go to state legislators to get Texas law changed."

During the summer of 2009, junior political science major Shea Pearson worked as an intern in Moncrief's office and remembered the mayor's unique brand of humor during one of his first council meetings. In the session, the cell phone of the manager of the Fort Worth Cats baseball team began to vibrate near Pearson and continued to do so until the end of the meeting. Afterward, Moncrief "lectured" Pearson on professional etiquette.

"Finally, after the meeting the guy apologized for it, but the mayor kind of did a practical joke and pulled me aside and gave me a straight conversation," Pearson said. "Then (he) told me that he was joking and knew it was the other guy's phone (all along)."

This ability to maintain an amiable nature, even during times of stress and seriousness, has marked the mayor's career and become a part of his long-held approach to being a public figure. Moncrief advises other politicians to avoid making themselves the exception to any rule. Public officials live in a glass house, he said, and the citizens of Fort Worth are entitled to information concerning their conduct.

"If someone who is thinking about getting into public service can't withstand that kind of scrutiny, get out and let someone who can," Moncrief said.

## COMMUNICATION



Dean of admissions Ray Brown, Chancellor Victor Boschini Jr., College of Communication dean David Whillock, donor Ruth Carter Stevenson, Schieffer School of Journalism director John Lumpkin, CBS broadcast journalism and school namesake Bob Schieffer and his wife Pat cut the ribbon to dedicate the expansion of the College of Communication and the Schieffer School of Journalism.

## Alumnus marks expansion

By Krystal Upshaw  
News Now Reporter

As the journalism industry changes over time so does the need to prepare students for those changes, the Schieffer School of Journalism's namesake said at Tuesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the renovation and expansion of Moudy Building South, home of the College of Communication.

Bob Schieffer, university alumnus and chief Washington correspondent for CBS News, said that as long as there's a

need for accurate information, there will always be a need for trained journalists to provide the information.

Schieffer said that when he met with Chancellor Victor Boschini five years ago to discuss the planned renovations, he knew students would need to have the skills needed to adapt to the industry's changing environment.

"We can't just train these students to be newspaper reporters or to be broadcast news reporter or freelance magazine writers," Schieffer said. "They have got to be familiar with all

of these various forms of journalism."

With the addition of the new convergence lab, students from TCU News Now and the Daily Skiff work in the same environment. By exposing these students to various forms of journalism within the same room, Schieffer said he felt this will not only prepare students for the journalism industry, it will also set them apart from any other journalism program in the nation.

"We don't want to be a good journalism school, we want to be the best," Schieffer said.

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problems with his accelerator in the past. However, he said he planned on calling the dealership to get on the waiting list and make an appointment.

Gerry Price, warranty administrator at Toyota of Fort Worth, said the dealership is operating under normal hours. The parts and service departments are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. through 5 p.m. Saturday, according to the dealership's Web site.

"We're getting to the point to where we're using a lot of parts, so if we had any more hours we would run out of parts," Price said.

Student owners should call Toyota of Fort Worth's main number a day in advance to schedule an appointment, Price said. Students need to know what car, year and VIN number of the vehicle they drive, she said.

"It is always good to try and find out when the best time to bring it in is," Price said.

Service appointments could take anywhere from one to three hours on a good day, Price said. She said students can use the courtesy van that will shuttle students up to 15 miles from the dealership.

Jacqueline Lambiase, an associate public relations professor and Toyota owner, has received no notification about the recall from Toyota. Lambiase has owned three Toyotas in the past and currently drives a 2007 Toyota

Camry. According to Toyota's Web site, certain 2007-2010 Camry vehicles are part of the recall list.

Lambiase said she has been working on a research paper with a colleague at the University of North Texas, Koji Fuse, since September about the differences between how American and Japanese media cover the Toyota crisis.

"Part of what I think might be going on is...we are judging them on our side of things...the only way we can, which is through our western sensibility of how these types of things should be handled," Lambiase said.

Americans' public criticism about Toyota's response to the crisis shows the difference between apology styles here and abroad, Lambiase said. In the Japanese business model, companies begin with a detailed, ritualistic apology before moving on to solving the problem, Lambiase said. Here, Americans have come to expect more action with less supposed "foot dragging," she said.

Toyota's president, Akio Toyoda, apologized about the massive car recall and promised to improve quality control during a press conference last Friday.

Toyoda is the second successive Toyota president to apologize for car defects, according to the Associated Press. Katsuaki Watanabe shocked a news conference in 2006, bowing low to the group before promising to improve quality.

Lambiase said the Japanese

## Sticking accelerator recall

Certain 2009-2010 RAV4  
Certain 2009-2010 Corolla  
2009-2010 Matrix  
2005-2010 Avalon  
Certain 2007-2010 Camry  
Certain 2010 Highlander  
2007-2010 Tundra  
2008-2010 Sequoia

## Floor mat entrapment recall

2007 - 2010 Camry  
2005 - 2010 Avalon  
2004 - 2009 Prius  
2005 - 2010 Tacoma  
2007 - 2010 Tundra  
2008 - 2010 Highlander  
2009 - 2010 Corolla  
2009 - 2010 Venza  
2009 - 2010 Matrix

consider it courteous to apologize first and then proceed to meticulous problem-solving.

"It's complicated what is going on here, and it is interesting to see what the other automakers will do to deal with this," Lambiase said.

However, even the Japanese have not been kind to Toyota about its crisis management, according to an Associated Press report.

"Toyota needs to be more assertive in terms of providing consumers comfort that the immediate problem is being addressed...and that it can deal with these crises," Sherman Abe, a business professor at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo, told the Associated Press.

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awareness to the program.

"I wanted to provide an opportunity for students to have some connection to the Purple Bike Program...I knew we wanted to put some sponsorship signs on the bikes," Whitworth said.

A haiku is a type of poem that includes three non-rhyming lines of five, seven and five syllables, respectively.

For the contest, haiku entries should focus on bike riding, environmental awareness and sustainable living, Whitworth said.

"This way students can have a way to be a part of the program...and when you are walking around campus, you'll want

to read them," he said. "They are inspiring."

Carlton Alexander, a senior political science and English major, said that while he is not part of the program, he is aware of the purple bikes on campus and submitted a haiku in the contest. Alexander said he entered the contest because he thinks it will make the bikes more appealing and help students think about sustainability on campus.

"I thought it was a great idea (Whitworth) had," Alexander said.

Another participant in the haiku contest is April Brown, assistant director of assessment and retention in the Office of Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services. Brown said she wrote

a haiku for the contest because she enjoys poetry, and during her first year working at the university she used the Purple Bike Program.

"It was pretty interesting that one of my first opportunities to be green was when I first got here," Brown said.

She said she used the purple bikes that year to get around campus during orientation.

"I know for me that during orientation we had to go back and forth on campus...it was really convenient," she said. "The bikes were just a really good opportunity for us to be involved with what (Whitworth) was doing."

News editor Libby Davis  
contributed to this report.

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*The Skiff View*

## Religious slant in lessons highly inappropriate

At a university like this that has origins rooted in religious affiliation, some presume that the line between factual instruction and religious indoctrination is easy to blur. This presumption is untrue, and faculty here are held to the same standards of accuracy as any other reputable institution.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, one California instructor at a public community college blatantly ignored this fact-faith distinction in his lecturing. A contemporary health instructor at Fresno City College reportedly used the Bible as the basis for a genetics research assignment and proclaimed homosexuality to be a mental illness. Religion aside, any updated, introductory psychology textbook will tell you homosexuality was declassified as a mental illness in 1973. While there is no law prohibiting someone from being both religious and a public school instructor, there are California laws that prohibit religious indoctrination in public schools and discrimination against gays. Reconciling faith and fact may be a mission as old as humankind, but it is not one appropriate for discussion in a publicly funded college.

Institutions of higher education aim to produce well-rounded, informed graduates, and the best way to achieve this does not lie in allowing classrooms to become pulpits.

*News editor Melanie Cruthirds for the editorial board.*

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

## Band's angsty lyrics not as revolutionary as purported

MATT PALMER

*Editor's note: This column contains explicit lyrics.*

I was in my car the other day when "Down Rodeo" by Rage Against the Machine came on the radio. There's no doubt these guys are talented musicians, but their philosophical consistency is lacking.

There were some lines in the song that made me chuckle: "A thousand years they had the tools/ We should be taking them/ Fuck the G-ride! I want the machines that are making them."

OK, not the funniest lines you've ever heard in a song. But what happens when we bring in another RATM song? "Fuck the Police," for instance. (Always with the F-word, these guys). I imagine you get the gist of "Fuck the Police" without me having to quote it extensively. The reason I chuckled at the line above is because this band, more than anything else I've come across, typifies the paradox of anti-authoritarian leftism.

In one song we hear lyrics blasting the police for exercising their brutal authority. In others, RATM gives prescient critiques of the established corporatist state that has infected U.S. government for a long time. They identify a callous and violent authority among us, and they reject it. This happens nowhere more clearly than in their song "Killing in the Name," another song aimed at police authority, where lead singer Zack de la Rocha shouts repeatedly, "Fuck you! I won't do what you tell me!" (Again with the F-word).

And yet their answer to excessive authority is, rather ironically, socialism. I'm not sure where they got the idea, but it's clear they suppose that

government, once it seizes the means of production and distribution, will no longer squash resistance with violence. This is the great irony of the way leftists see themselves — as the enemy of the police state and a friend to the little man; yet, they seek to supplant a system of force and coercion with a more forceful system with even more authority over the lives of people.

Leftists crave authority. They would cast a net over all society. Do they really suppose it would not snare them with the rest? Police are only the most visible manifestation of that authority. If socialism comes, violent force must be its vanguard and the prison will be its citadel. Does RATM actually suppose that they can put a government in control of the livelihood of its citizens and at the same time eschew the violent control on which the system counts for its existence? How will the central planners respond to "Fuck you! I won't do what you tell me!"? Something tells me it will not be with patient ratiocination.

Indeed, there is only one tool in the government's box — violence — and it is worn out with use. How does RATM propose we institute socialism? It must be with the pistol and the taser. It will be force-fed to us down the gun barrels of the boys in blue. Under no circumstances can one promote socialism or interventionism without validating the striking batons of the police and the violent crackdowns that will inevitably fall on dissenters with total indifference for suffering.

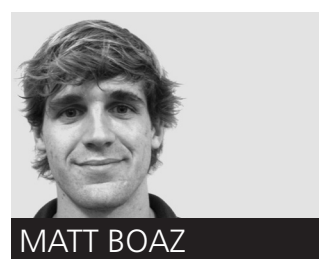
Sorry, RATM, but socialism and the police state are two sides of the same authoritarian coin.

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*Don Wright is a political cartoonist for The Palm Beach Post.*

## Teachers deserve better incentives



MATT BOAZ

Nearly everyone has a favorite teacher. I can distinctly remember two of mine, Ms. Paque and Ms. Collins. They were great educators, spinning torrents of exciting material out for their students to attempt to catch. They were pleasant and kind, but demanded extraordinary effort. At the time, it seemed a bit overwhelming, and I remember distinct moments when I was ready to quit. Of course, they were experts in encouragement as well.

The reason I reflect so fondly upon these two women is because of the opportunities that they afforded me. Were it not for them, I most certainly would not have been able to handle the even greater pressures of college, especially at a private institution like TCU. They were, and still are, pillars of excellence, examples of those who strive to do their jobs to the greatest of their abilities.

In fact, exemplars of such noble aspirations exist in nearly all facets of societies. There were the lauded Deco Deli ladies of old (I apologize to the younger students who can't appreciate this reference), and there is Lieu, the admired greeter and ID-swiper who works in the BLUU and has taken the initiative to attempt to recognize everyone who enters her domain. People like them exist in banks, retail stores and even in areas where public interaction is not readily present, and they tend to have the greatest impact on us. Their friendliness, helpfulness or determination can serve as inspiration and a source of joy.

Joe Carbone, former trainer for the Los Angeles Lakers, has recently joined this small coalition of harbingers of success. In a move that many would consider ludicrous, he quit his job with the team and moved to New York to be a physical education

teacher in a charter school known as The Equity Project. According to Sports Illustrated, it is located in a "predominantly Hispanic area... serving a low-income population." Though he will be earning more than \$100,000 in his new position, his pay will only be a fraction of what it was before. The school will be attempting to reach out to the community

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through the combination of teachers who endured rigorous evaluations in order to gain their positions.

Carbone is simply an example. The other teachers were successful in their fields, and these semi-celebrities are now utilizing their skills in the most basic of arenas, a public elementary school.

But is this not how it should be? The best and brightest in today's society strive for positions as lawyers and financiers and will be competing against other elites in a level of capitalism that many of us cannot even fathom. When comparing education levels in the United States to those of other rising powers, such as our "loathed enemy," China, it is important to consider the consequences.

The future rests on the shoulders of rising generations. It seems to me that the simplest way to guarantee a sound future would be to glamorize

teaching positions in the manner they deserve. There are already programs that do this — AmeriCorps and Teach for America — but they affect only a small percentage and only select areas. However, their archetypes make them extremely successful. They offer incentives of graduate school partnerships and future success in the business world or other professional fields. While many dream of holding positions with well-known firms and making their mark while accruing a small fortune, these ambitions need not be forgotten.

Education reform has unfortunately been placed near the rear of the agenda and is often forgotten. This is a shame because it is the most integral part of every citizen's life. Were it not for our educations, we would not even be able to debate such issues.

If someone wishes to devote his or her life to the betterment of students, that person should be afforded the opportunity. With salary levels as they are, it is not a possibility to pursue this option and, say, raise a family. Income and benefits should be raised for teachers so that these positions can once again become desirable. Before financial markets even existed, the schoolteacher was revered as one of the most knowledgeable members of a township. Therefore, perhaps so many bailout dollars would be better used in this manner than as bonuses to financial tycoons. Whether or not this happens soon, we should all keep in mind the example of Carbone. I know that I am thankful for the people who already did so.

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## QUICK NEWS

### Obama meets with GOP, says can spur job growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Appealing for bipartisanship in a town where it's hard to find, President Barack Obama sat down with Democrats and Republicans Tuesday to spur cooperation on job creation, deficit reduction and health care overhaul.

"The people who sent us here expect a seriousness of purpose that transcends petty politics," Obama said after the meeting.

He started his remarks to reporters by engaging in a bit of wishful thinking: joking about Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid and Republican leader Mitch McConnell "out doing snow angels together on the South Lawn" after the meeting.

But the friendly rhetoric quickly gave way to tougher talk.

"We can't afford grandstanding at the expense of actually getting something done," Obama said. "What I won't consider is doing nothing."

### Toyota recalls 437,000 Priuses, hybrids globally

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota is recalling 437,000 Prius and other hybrid vehicles worldwide to fix brake problems — the latest embarrassing safety lapse at the world's largest automaker.

"I don't see Toyota as an infallible company that never makes mistakes," President Akio Toyoda said at a news conference Tuesday. "We will face up to the facts and correct the problem, putting customers' safety and convenience first."

The number of vehicles recalled globally by Toyota Motor Corp. now has ballooned to 8.5 million, including for floor mats that can trap gas pedals and faulty gas pedals that are slow to return to the idle position. The 2010 model of the Prius — the world's top-selling hybrid and Japan's top-selling car — wasn't part of the earlier recalls.

### Job openings plunged by one-quarter last year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Finding a job got much tougher last year, as the number of available openings fell by nearly one quarter.

At the same time, the unemployed population soared by more than one-third, leaving more laid-off workers competing for fewer jobs.

All told, there were 6.1 unemployed workers in December, on average, for every available position, according to Labor Department data released Tuesday.

That's a sharp increase from 3.4 jobless workers per opening in December of 2008, and much worse than the 1.7 unemployed people per opening in December 2007, when the recession began.

The economy grew in the second half of last year and gross domestic product, the broadest measure of output, rose by a healthy 5.7 percent in the fourth quarter.

### Defiant Iran accelerates nuclear program

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran began enriching uranium to a higher level on Tuesday, an acceleration of its nuclear program that was followed by a U.S. threat of a "significant regime of sanctions."

Speaking in Washington, President Barack Obama said the process of developing an additional set of sanctions on Iran was moving along quickly, but he gave no specific timeline.

Iran, he said, was still pursuing a nuclear program that would lead to nuclear weapons.

Iran's announcement Tuesday that it has begun enriching uranium to a higher level raised fears that the process could eventually be used to give the Islamic republic nuclear weapons. Iran denies that its program is geared toward acquiring a nuclear weapon.

### Texas \$30 million homebuyer initiative for vets

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas has announced a \$30 million homebuyer initiative targeting veterans.

The funding was announced Tuesday by Gov. Rick Perry and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The state, through TDHCA, is releasing \$30 million in mortgage credit certificate authority through its Texas Mortgage Credit Program.

The first time homebuyer status requirement is waived for qualifying veterans who have received an honorable discharge.

The program makes home ownership more affordable by providing a dollar for dollar reduction of a borrower's tax liability, not to exceed \$2,000 annually. Some other restrictions apply.

## NEWS

## TOYOTA RECALL



ANNE MCQUARY / Associated Press  
Venkat Thannir poses in his 2010 Toyota Camry at his home Tuesday in Lexington, S.C. In the fall, Thannir's car accelerated on its own as he was pulling out of a parking lot in a Burger King in North Carolina. He has not taken his car in for the recall.

## Drivers ill-equipped when panicked

By Dee-Ann Durbin  
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — You're driving down the highway and suddenly your car starts accelerating on its own. Knuckles white, going from 60 to 90 miles an hour in a couple of seconds, you do what comes naturally — hit the brakes. But what if the car keeps going?

There are options: Put the car in neutral, or in park, or switch off the ignition. But experts say those choices would be almost impossible for most drivers to consider when they're in a panic, because frightened people often can't remember even simple steps to protect themselves.

"You're stamping on the brakes and your attention is going to be focused on where you're going and steering. There's no cognitive space left to think of alternatives," said Dr. Boadie Dunlop, a psychiatrist and director of the Mood and Anxiety Program at Emory University. "To do something that's not natural, such as turning off the engine, is just not going to come to mind."

Toyota Motor Corp. said Tuesday it is recalling about 437,000 Prius and other hybrid vehicles worldwide to fix a problem with brakes that are momentarily unresponsive in certain driving conditions.

That follows the automaker's recent recall of 5 million vehicles because of reports of unintended acceleration, and it's changing the gas pedals to prevent floor mats from jamming them. But complaints about unwanted acceleration in Toyota vehicles go back at least to 2003, according to U.S. government filings.

Venkat Thannir, a 48-year-

old college instructor from South Carolina, had a brush with panic a few months ago. Thannir was pulling his 2010 Toyota Camry out of a Burger King parking lot when it sped up without warning. He panicked for several seconds before pushing hard on the brake pedal and stopping the car.

"The vehicle was out of control," he said. "If I was not in a parking lot, it could have been a whole different story."

Thannir never figured out exactly what happened, but believes the pedal was defective, because he considers himself a safe driver. He plans to get the gas pedal repaired soon.

Drivers have an array of safety features, including push-button stop in some cars. But the lack of standardization for those features further hinders people's ability to react to unexpected situations, since they vary from vehicle to vehicle, according to Paul Green, a research professor at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

Consumer Reports has criticized Toyota for the push-button ignition in Toyota and Lexus vehicles, which requires drivers to hold down the button for three seconds to turn off the vehicle in an emergency. Drivers of Cadillac, Nissans and Infinitis can shut off the engines by pushing the button more than once.

"The design solution is to make them all work the same way," Green said.

Green said there's also been little research into the way safety features are laid out in the car. With push buttons, he said, one of the biggest concerns was whether children would be able to

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reach over and press them, not whether they were intuitive for drivers to use in an emergency.

Green said vehicles are getting so complex that the extent to which drivers can understand their cars is diminishing. In one recent analysis, the institute projected that the owner's manual and navigation manual for a luxury vehicle will grow to 1,000 pages over the next decade.

"Can you conceive of a person reading all this stuff and remembering all of it?" he said.

In the meantime, prepare yourself. Peter Norton, an associate professor of psychology at the University of Houston, said drivers should sit in their cars and go over the steps they could take in an unexpected situation. It's the same reason military personnel practice simulated battles or flight attendants repeat safety instructions on every flight.

"It's most helpful for a person, when you do go into panic mode, to resort to a natural tendency," he said. "If you practice something over and over, that will be the thing that happens."

## CALIFORNIA

## ACLU accuses instructor of religious bias in health class

By Lisa Leff  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An instructor at a public community college in Fresno has been presenting his religious views on homosexuality, abortion and global warming as fact to students in an introductory health science class, the American Civil Liberties Union alleged Monday.

ACLU staff attorney Elizabeth Gill said at least two students at Fresno City College have complained that instructor Bradley Lopez quoted the Bible as proof that human life begins at conception, characterized homosexuality as a mental illness, and discussed apocalyptic Christian prophecies during a lesson on climate change.

If the students' descriptions are correct, Lopez's teaching methods would violate California laws protecting gays from discrimination and prohibiting religious indoctrination at public schools, Gill said. She sent a letter to col-

lege president Cynthia Azaria on Monday asking the school "to act immediately to ensure that all its health classes provide only accurate and unbiased information."

An e-mail to Lopez and a telephone message left at his office were not returned. The college president issued a statement in response to media inquiries.

"The College takes its non-discrimination and prohibition of harassment policies seriously, investigates alleged violations and takes appropriate actions to enforce compliance," Azaria said. "Beyond that, we don't comment on personnel matters for confidentiality reasons."

Lopez is one of several Fresno City College instructors who teach the Health Science I course, which the college catalog describes as a survey of "contemporary science concepts and medical information designed to promote health." Topics covered in the course include sexuality, nutrition, substance abuse,

physical fitness and heredity. "Someone should realize you can't have a class like this presenting deeply held, and I'm sure honestly held, religious views as science," Gill said. "This is not a situation where people are taking a seminar on religion."

Jacqueline Mahaffey, 24, who had Lopez as a teacher last semester, said his personal beliefs became apparent on the first day of class when he made a point of contradicting their textbook, which listed cancer as the leading cause of death. Lopez told the class that abortions killed more people than cancer.

During the second week, Lopez allegedly gave the students a genetics assignment that involved studying the Bible to research Jesus Christ's biological makeup.

Gill said that as a college instructor, Lopez is free to express his opinions but that because Fresno City College is publicly funded, his teaching cannot become "religious inculcation."

## BASKETBALL

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season top-10 rebounding records at the university. She has already recorded 199.

In the Lady Frogs' last meeting with the Utes, Crawford scored 15 points and pulled down eight boards.

Sverrisdottir is ranked among the top 15 in the MWC for assists, scoring, steals, rebounds and blocks. She recorded six assists against the Utes in their last meeting.

Carter scored 14 points Jan. 9 against the Utes. She is currently ranked No. 4 among MWC athletes with an average of 16.1 points per game. She is also ranked at the top of the MWC for three-point shooting and free throw shooting and comes in No. 5 in the league for scoring.

On the Utes' side, athletes to look out for are senior forward Kalee Whipple and freshman center Taryn Wicijowski.

Whipple is ranked among MWC players in scoring at

No. 2 and in three-pointers at No. 5.

As a freshman, Wicijowski has made a significant impact on the Utes and led the team in scoring at their last contest against the Frogs, with 16 points.

In January the Frogs kept the lead from start to finish.

Salt Lake City could pose a challenge for the Frogs as they look to advance their season to 8-2 in conference and pull in another conference win on the road.

## SGA

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extensive discussion and the submission of several amendments. Sadeghi met with the committee Friday to discuss possible amendments and finished with an entirely new proposal.

The committee addressed the House with Sadeghi's first resolution, one promoting that all university transportation systems be equipped with better signs outlining routes and times. The proposal was passed with 38 out of 39 votes.

Sadeghi's second resolution was passed nearly an hour later and by a narrower margin of 25 out of 35 votes.

Despite the committee's rejection of his original proposal, Sadeghi revised the legislation with help from Glory Robinson, associate dean of campus life and the head of the Safety and Security Committee, and proposed the revised version to the House. He said the new proposal was more likely to be successful with administration because it is approached as a suggestion instead of a mandate.

He also addressed some of the previously discussed conflicts with the legislation, which is why he said he excluded specific stipulations for how the program should be run from his most recent proposal. The resolution petitions for the extension of Friday and Saturday service hours to "as late as possible relevant to stu-

dent demand." The legislation is vague to give administrators flexibility in their discussions about the Froggie Five-O schedule, Sadegui said.

Sadeghi passed both his resolutions with the help of Erin House, a dispatcher for Froggie Five-O, and Dustin Naegle, head supervisor for the safety escort service.

Naegle clarified many of the questions representatives had about alternative methods of escorted transportation. He noted that security guards, separate from TCU Police, answer calls after Froggie Five-O is closed. The guards wear badges and transport students in golf carts. Representatives expressed concern that some students refrain from using security guards as late-night transportation because they are worried about receiving alcohol violations, but Naegle said guards do not have the authority to write alcohol violations.

Much of the discussion revolved around the idea of renaming these guards as part of Froggie Five-0 to encourage students to use them the same way.

Paula Pavlova, a freshman studio art and fashion merchandising major, said some drivers should continuously follow a route rather than taking calls so that students who are hesitant to call Froggie Five-0 can travel safely as well.

In the end, the House decided to refrain from offering the administration specific

suggestions, encouraging the university's Safety and Security Committee to do as it sees fit to make the service run later.

Andrew Pulliam, a finance major and a College of Science and Engineering representative, said passing the Froggie Five-0 resolution will be a positive move for the House. If changes are made, the Safety and Security Committee can work out technical details better than the House can, he said.

"If no changes are made, at least we are doing our job by representing what students want," he said.

The House also passed a resolution proposed by the Student Relations Committee to establish a monthly student relations town hall meeting. The first meeting will be held Feb. 23 at 7 p.m., following the weekly House meeting.

The town hall meeting will function as a smaller scale version of the Improve TCU Day, which ran last semester and allowed students to voice their opinions about changes they want to see.

Christina Durano, a broadcast journalism major and interim chair of the Student Relations Committee, said students will likely be more open to voicing their opinions to students rather than faculty.

"Who knows if it will be a success or not?" Durano said. "But we won't know until we try."

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 A: It's time to go to sweep.

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**Student Shooting Contest at Halftime**

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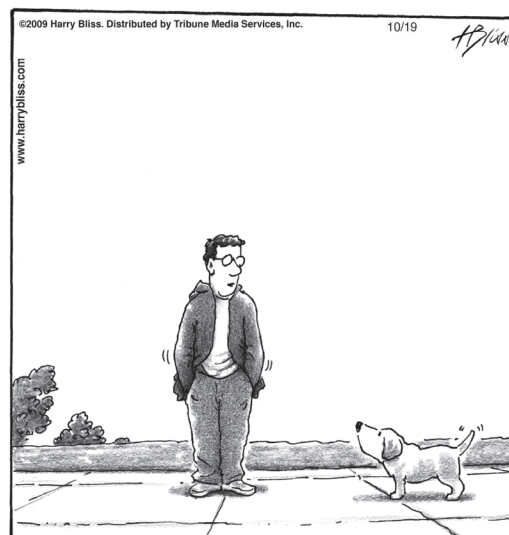
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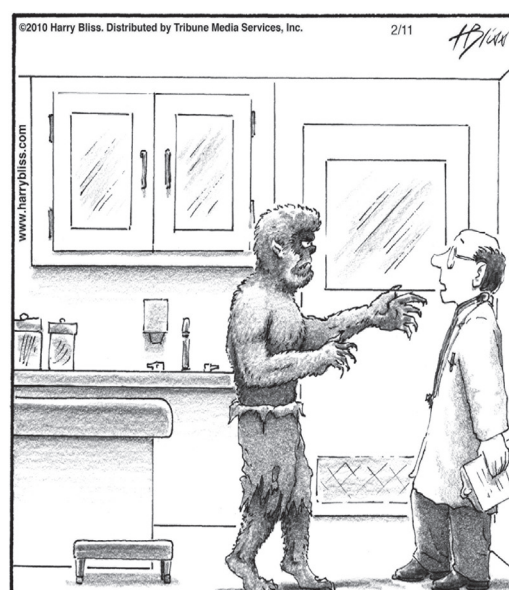
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by Harry Bliss



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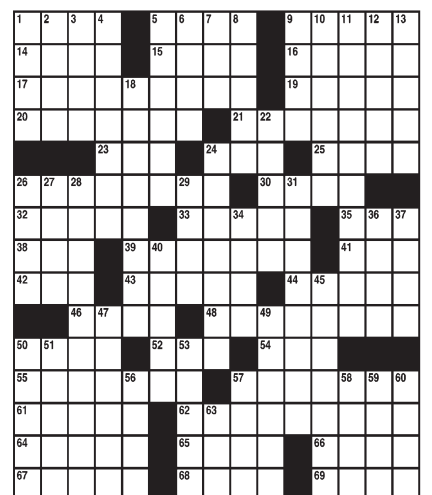
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 5 Leatherworking tools  
 9 Sheriff's star  
 14 Incur additional cell phone charges, perhaps  
 15 Profound  
 16 Gonzalez in 2000 headlines  
 17 Nice retinue?  
 19 Mel, "The Velvet Fog"  
 20 Stob's opposite  
 21 Nice nonpro?  
 23 Filmdom's Lupino  
 24 Hood bud  
 25 Prefix with mom, coined after historic 2009 births  
 26 Nice keepsake?  
 30 Dying-out sound  
 32 Riddle  
 33 More apt to be picked  
 35 "Dropped" drug  
 38 Space bar neighbor on a PC  
 39 Nice stand?  
 41 Wall St. news  
 42 Spoil  
 43 "Thanks \_\_\_!"  
 44 Old beaker heaters  
 46 Within: Pref.  
 48 Nice behind?  
 50 Actor Morales  
 52 Phillies' div.  
 54 Tiny amount  
 55 Nice rubdown?  
 57 Played some jazz numbers, say  
 61 "\_\_\_ be seeing things"  
 62 Nice walk?  
 64 Ship-finding acronym  
 65 Overhang  
 68 Folk singer Burl  
 67 Refuse  
 68 "\_\_\_ in Rome..."  
 69 Site of a Lincoln profile

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 1 Small songbird  
 2 Primo  
 3 Entered material



By Don Gagliardo 2/10/10

### Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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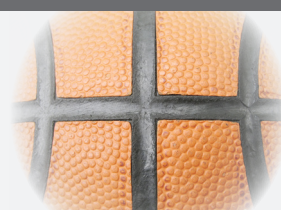
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BASKETBALL

## CHARGING



MATT COFFELT / Staff Photographer Senior guard TK Laffleur maneuvers to pass in the Horned Frogs' 78-51 win against Colorado State on Jan. 27.



COURTESY OF TCU MEDIA RELATIONS Senior forward Zvonko Buljan goes for a slam dunk in the Horned Frogs' 70-80 loss to Texas Tech on Dec. 8.

## Women face Utes in Utah

By Mary Sue Greenleaf  
Sports Editor

With a one-win lead in the Mountain West, the Lady Frogs head to Salt Lake City to face the University of Utah Utes.

TCU is currently on a 19-game home-win streak but lost their last road match to the University of New Mexico on Jan. 30.

Utah owns an 8-6 lead in the all-time series with the Frogs. TCU won their last two showdowns with the Utes including the Jan. 9 game in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, which the Frogs won 62-41.

The Frogs have only won once while playing in Salt Lake City at the Huntsman Center.

Utah is 4-4 in conference and 13-8 overall, giving them the No. 6 spot in the MWC. TCU, still on top at No. 1, broke back into national rankings this week with a No. 24 spot in the Associated Press Top 25.

TCU is 13-0 when shooting 40 percent or better from its field, and its defense has held all but one opponent to under 40 percent from the field. Wyoming recorded a 40.7 percentage from the field in its most recent contest with the Lady Frogs.

Some key players in Wednesday's game will be freshman forward Starr Crawford, junior guard Helena Sverrisdottir and junior forward Emily Carter.

In her first season with the Frogs, Crawford is only 20 boards shy of entering single-

### TCU vs. Utah

**When:** 8 p.m. tonight  
**Where:** Salt Lake City, Utah  
The game can be followed on CBS College Sports.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Men defend the DMC

By Chris Blake  
Staff Writer

The struggling Horned Frog basketball team will welcome another squad that has fallen on tough times, the Utah Utes, to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum tonight. Both teams have lost four of their past five games with a win over Air Force, the common denominator for both.

TCU (11-13, 3-6) topped the Falcons 65-51 Saturday in Colorado Springs behind junior guard Greg Hill's career-high 23 points. Prior to the victory, the Frogs had not won a game since they beat UT Pan-American on Jan. 20.

Sophomore guard Ronnie Moss leads the Horned Frogs in minutes, assists and points per game. He is fourth in the Mountain West Conference in scoring at 14.5 a game and first in the nation at 6.5 assists per contest.

Frogs head coach Jim Christian said Moss is coming off his best game as a college player.

"He made great decisions with the basketball," Christian said. "I thought every time he had the ball, he made the right play, and that's the lesson I want him to learn."

Hill, who benefited from Moss' play, echoed his coach. "(Moss) has the ability to play like that everyday. Even though he's not a true point guard, he's a scoring point guard," Hill said. "He will find a way to get a man open and make plays."

Utah (10-12, 3-5), coming off an NCAA Tournament appearance a season

ago, has struggled this season after three players who averaged 29-plus minutes per game graduated. Luke Nevill, Shaun Green and Tyler Kepkay combined to average 37.5 points per game for the Utes during a 2008-09 season that ended with a first round tournament loss to Arizona.

**"We're trying to go on a four-game winning streak right now. This game right here is just the next step, but it's the next big step for us."**

**Ronnie Moss**  
sophomore guard

Junior guard Carlon Brown averages 13.4 points per game to lead Utah and ranks sixth in the conference. Brown and senior guard Luka Drca both earned honorable mention all-conference last season.

Christian said 7'3" sophomore center David Foster could be a difference maker as well for the Utes.

"He takes away the front of the basket and that's a huge thing. That's what makes them a good defensive team," Christian said. "They force you to make 15 to 17 foot jumpshots and when we've played well against Utah we've made them and when we haven't we have (not made them)."

The game will be a homecoming for one Utah fresh-

man who played high school basketball at L.D. Bell in Hurst. Marshall Henderson is the state's all-time leader in making three-pointers for class 5A high schools with 429.

The first time Utah and TCU met this season, the Utes topped the Frogs 65-45 in Salt Lake City. At the time, it was the 10th consecutive conference home win for the Utes, a streak that has since ended.

For the Horned Frogs, freshman guard Xavier Roberson will miss the game with a foot injury and is listed as day-to-day.

The winner of the game will be in strong position to avoid the play-in game of the Mountain West Conference tournament. The loser could fall into a tie with Wyoming for eighth place in the conference if the Cowboys beat San Diego State on Wednesday.

Moss said the Horned Frogs are not worried about seeding in the conference tournament.

"We're trying to go on a four game winning streak right now," Moss said. "This game right here is just the next step, but it's the next big step for us."

### TCU v. Utah

**When:** 7 p.m. tonight  
**Where:** Daniel-Meyer Coliseum  
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Rutgers coach suspended

By Doug Feinberg  
AP Basketball Writer

Rutgers suspended Hall of Fame women's basketball coach C. Vivian Stringer on Tuesday for one game for misusing practice players.

Stringer will miss the Scarlet Knights' game against Seton Hall today. She is third among women's coaches on the all-time victories list with 838 wins and was enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in September.

Stringer violated an NCAA bylaw that states

that managers may not participate as practice players with the institution's team if they are not eligible student-athletes.

"Accountability is a vital element of the Rutgers athletics family," the school's athletic director, Tim Perneti, said in a statement. "We will always follow what is in accordance with athletic department and NCAA policy."

Associate head coach Carlene Mitchell will be the acting head coach against Seton Hall.

Rutgers only has nine players on its roster after

freshman Christine Huber decided to transfer in early January. The Scarlet Knights entered the season without leading scorer Epiphany Prince, who decided to leave school last spring after her junior year to pursue a playing career overseas. She was the team's leading scorer averaging 19.5 points.

As a result, the Scarlet Knights have struggled this season, going 13-10 including losses in three of their past four games. They sit in sixth place in the Big East conference.

DALLAS SPORTS



MIKE FUENTES / AP Photo Texas Rangers president Nolan Ryan talks with reporters in Arlington, Texas, on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010. Ryan will be part owner when Major League Baseball approves the sale of the team from Tom Hicks.

## Hicks dropped \$85 million

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Tom Hicks says he put \$85 million of his own money into Hicks Sports Group to cover operating costs of the NHL's Dallas Stars and baseball's Texas Rangers over a two-year period through last March.

Hicks made that revela-

tion Monday. It was his first public comment since Hicks Sports Group announced last week that it had retained Galatioto Sports Partners to seek new investors and a possible buyer of a majority stake in the NHL team.

An agreement was reached last month by Hicks Sports

Group to sell the Rangers, a transaction that could be completed before the baseball season opens in April.

The personal loans by Hicks ended before Hicks Sports Group defaulted on \$525 million in loans backed by the Stars and Rangers.

