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## NEWS

Faculty and staff may soon have access to better childcare. Tomorrow



## PROGRAMMING COUNCIL

# HIGH FIVE



Performer Jason Chistensen was on hand to greet students and juggle as a part of a Fat Tuesday celebration in front of Sadler Hall presented by Student Government Association Programming Council. SGA volunteers gave out Cajun food staples jambalaya and traditional Mardi Gras fare king cake.

## FROGGIE FIVE-O

# Staffers question proposed schedule

By Andrea Drusch  
Staff Reporter

A Student Government Association proposal to stretch student security escort Froggie Five-O weekend hours has been met with some reservation from staff members of the program.

Erin House, a Froggie Five-O dispatcher, said the service's student-run staff has classes to keep up with, and when student workers leave, the same services are provided by security guards. She said she wished the author of the SGA resolution would have sought the opinions of Froggie staff before proceeding with the legislation.

The SGA House of Representatives last week approved a resolution that recommends that a university security ad hoc committee consider stretching Froggie Five-O hours on Friday and Saturday. Froggie Five-O currently runs from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. every day. 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.

House, a junior religion major, and Dustin Naegle, head supervisor for the service, attended the meeting to answer questions about the service at the suggestion of an SGA member who is a

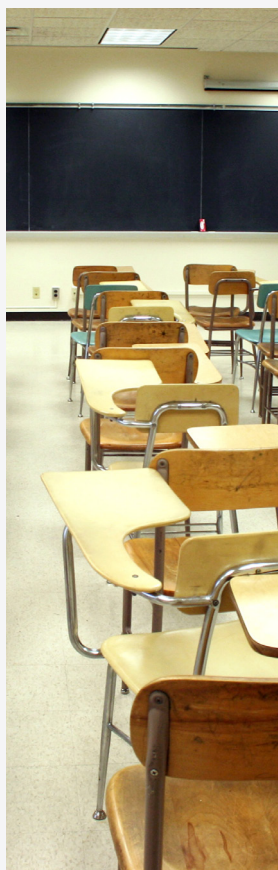
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Perry made right decision in not accepting federal money for Texas schools.

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## PECULIAR FACT

**LAS VEGAS** — A police officer's badge may have saved his life when it stopped a bullet during an exchange of gunfire in North Las Vegas just before 10 p.m. Saturday.  
— The Associated Press

## TODAY'S WEATHER

  
**59 35**  
HIGH LOW  
Sunny

Tomorrow: Mostly Sunny  
61 / 49

Friday: Cloudy  
60 / 41



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## HOUSING

# Area apartment rental rates drop

By Katie Vance  
Staff Reporter

Apartment rental and occupancy rates in the Dallas/Fort Worth and Arlington areas are declining, which could mean more options for university students living off campus and more negotiable rental rates, a university official said.

Craig Allen, director of Housing and Residence Life, said that in the past five years there has been a surge in developers opening apartment complexes around campus. The increase in available housing

increased competition between complexes for student residents, he said.

Over the same period, the university expanded its campus housing options to accommodate the increasing number of freshmen enrolled and the increased interest of upperclassmen to remain in campus housing, he said.

Margy Casebolt, an independent licensed real estate agent who works for Apartment Finders, said the decrease in rental occupancy in the Fort Worth area can be attributed to the combination of people los-

ing their jobs, avoiding relocation during a down economy and moving into homes or apartments with a lower rent.

The average DFW and Arlington monthly rent in the fourth quarter of 2009 was \$753, down 4.9 percent from the same period in 2008, according to the RealFacts Web site, an online apartment database that provides market overviews and comparisons.

Rents were in decline nationwide last year, according to RealFacts.

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## RECREATION CENTER

# Membership cut leads to revenue loss

By Katie Vance  
Staff Reporter

A university official estimated a 25 percent decrease in the University Recreation Center's annual revenue as a result of a limit placed on community memberships at the Recreation Center in January 2009, noting however that student employees and student memberships will not be affected.

Director of Campus Recreation Steve Kintigh said the hours and pay of student employees will not

decrease as a result of the expected revenue loss, about \$200,000 a year. The only consequences students will see is less new equipment and fewer student development activities sponsored by the Recreation Center.

Some Recreation Center student employees said that they are not allowed to talk on the record about the community memberships but said that their hours and pay had not changed since the decrease in members.

The changes in Recreation Cen-

ter membership policies were necessary to comply with Internal Revenue Service regulations that state that a private university, funded by tax-exempt bonds, is limited to 5 percent private use, Kintigh said. Private use at the University Recreation Center includes any members other than students and faculty who choose to gain membership.

At the time university officials learned of the IRS law, the Recreation Center was operating at about

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## SGA

# Proposal aims to bring horned lizard to campus

By Andrea Drusch  
Staff Reporter

Bringing a horned frog to campus is junior political science major Preston Patry's pet project, but he said he isn't the first to propose the idea.

With the help of finance chair and junior business and political science major Ryan Hoff, Patry proposed a resolution to bring a horned lizard to campus at Tuesday night's House of Student Repre-

sentatives meeting. The resolution passed with 37 out of 38 votes. The House's Student Relations Committee will take the lead on the project along with the resolution's author, according to resolution.

Patry said that many other universities, such as Louisiana State University and Colorado State University have live mascots that are a unifying point of pride for the institutions they represent. Having a horned lizard, popularly known as a "horned frog," would also be a

great educational opportunity for students to learn about the protected species, he said.

Many students have attempted to get a horned lizard on campus but gave up after learning it is a protected species, Patry said. Patry said he has already done a lot of research, and there are still many obstacles to overcome. For example, the proposal's authors need to find a food source and caretaker for the

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## JOBS

# Nursing graduates face tight market

By Catherine Paris  
Staff Reporter

Recent nursing graduates may find job hunting more difficult as veteran nurses return to work because of recession-related financial stresses, an industry expert said.

Clair Jordan, executive director of the Texas Nurses Association, said most nurses who return to the workforce after retirement do so to compensate for the income of spouses who have lost their jobs or to provide a second income to their households. As a result, new graduates may not be able to get their first choice in terms of shifts or areas of work.

"What has dried up a little bit is the jobs for new graduates who don't have experience," said Marinda Allender, instructor and assistant dean of Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Julie Marsh, a senior nursing major, said she is about to graduate and enter into a field in which others seem to be struggling to break into. Marsh said she considers herself lucky to have found a job as an assistant nurse at Cook Children's Hospital, but she said some of her friends weren't as fortunate.

"I feel for the people who are graduating with me," Marsh said. "I would be very frustrated...you're thinking that you're not going to have issues getting a job...and then now it's like good luck getting a job somewhere even if it's somewhere you don't want to be."

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# OPINION

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*The Skiff View*

## Committee should seek input of Froggie staff

The Student Government Association passed a resolution last week that encourages the university to consider stretching weekend hours for security escort Froggie Five-O. The service currently runs from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. every day.

The proposal will be reviewed by the Safety and Security Committee, an ad hoc group formed by campus police and university officials in the fall to examine campus safety needs. The committee should seek feedback from Froggie Five-O staff to see whether staff members are willing to work additional hours during the weekend.

Many students are unaware of a similar pick-up service provided by university security guards, who also utilize golf carts, but are available for student use 24 hours a day. Although students may be more comfortable with other students driving them, especially if they've been consuming alcohol, the most important point is getting home safely. Also, the security guards do not have the same authority as TCU Police and cannot issue tickets or violations. Therefore, there should be no reason for students relegating themselves to walking home at night if they feel unsafe or under the influence of alcohol.

The workers at Froggie Five-O are students, too, and thus have their own school responsibilities. However, if they work just one extra hour each week, they will likely have plenty of time for homework and studying.

Whether students call the university's security guards or Froggie Five-O and whether Froggie Five-O's hours are extended, students should know they have options available to them and should be able to make responsible, safe decisions about getting to their destinations around campus.

*Opinion editor Andrea Bolt for the editorial board.*

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

## Improvements needed in Texas schools, not money



MICHAEL LAUCK

Idiocy once again reared its ugly head when an article in the Skiff came out saying that Gov. Rick Perry not accepting money for schools was going to hurt public schools. The article was even titled "Refusal of federal money for education affects Texas schoolchildren." Oh, no! Not the children!

The truth is that schools have plenty of money. Back in 2006, reporter John Stossel calculated, using Department of Education numbers, that spending for grades kindergarten through 12th was about \$10,000 per student. That's \$250,000 for a classroom of 25 kids. Now you may be asking yourself, where is all that money going?

Mostly, it's going to administrators and red tape. Back in 2007, the superintendent of my hometown district, Houston Independent School District, made \$442,556 and was the highest paid government employee in the city of Houston, according to The Houston Chronicle. Administrators were also treated to a brand new building. What has all that spending done for education? Just this year, more than 400 teachers in the Houston school

district have performed so poorly that their students have actually lost ground from where they were before, according to an article in The Houston Chronicle citing Houston ISD.

The truth is the solution is less government intrusion in education and more choice for parents. After Katrina, New Orleans was desperate to start a new school system and simply gave money to charter schools, schools that have more leeway with government rules. The result? Many parents are now more satisfied with their children's school than they were before the hurricane.

Yet we are constantly told this lie that schools need more money, that teachers are not paid well enough and that a child's education is the responsibility of the government. It's time to look at the facts and take the power of our children's education out of government hands and put it back into their parents'. Throwing money at the problem has not worked and never will. Only when government gets out of the way will this dangerous problem be solved.

Rick Perry denied the federal money because he said it came with too many strings attached. I agree with him, but I hope he goes on to improve Texas schools with voucher systems and enacting programs to free schools of red tape and bureaucracy.

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



Wayne Stayskal is an editorial cartoonist for the Tampa Tribune.

## Lent about meaningful sacrifices



ALLISON BRANCA

As we approach both the Lenten and beach seasons, we forget all about our New Year's resolutions and start worrying about spring break plans. We tried losing our "winter weight" through resolutions, but it is time for a new challenge: sacrifices. We hope that we can "sacrifice" an extra cookie at the BLUU to participate in Lenten promises as well as cut a few extra calories off our diet before we hit the beach.

Lent is to be a season of fasting, Christian growth, penitence and simplicity. It is the period leading up to Easter, recalling Jesus' fast in the wilderness. As we give up our favorite treats and snacks, we feel better knowing we are sticking to our religious traditions as well as cutting out the unnecessary items in our diet. These sacrifices seem to be for a legitimate cause, even though they are insignificant in comparison to Jesus' fast. But has anyone taken the time to see that we are giving things up in hopes of benefitting ourselves and no one or anything else?

It seems to be that as college students, we tend to focus more on social activities than on our spiritual relationships. This idea is reflected through the Lenten promises that most of us make, the ones that do not interfere with our selfish priorities. It is time for us to grow up

and realize there is more to Lent than giving up sweets for 40 days. Lent is about thinking of the sincerely negative aspects of our lives and eliminating them from our daily routines. We shouldn't think about giving up things that would better our appearances. It is a time in which we should participate in more meaningful sacrifices, such

as sacrificing our time to help those who need us.

It is much too easy for people to eliminate something from their lives when they know it will lead to an ultimate benefit. However, it is much harder for them to serve someone else's needs when they receive nothing in return. We must eliminate the things that hinder us from our spiritual needs and relationships with others.

Lent is our chance to do and learn something new about ourselves and others. Jesus set an example in which he hoped we would follow, and there is no time like the present to listen to his teachings. Spend the next 40 days sacrificing something that will help your life, not just your stomach.

*Allison Branca is a sophomore strategic communication major from Houston.*



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## QUICK NEWS

### Taliban leader's arrest raises hopes

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The capture of the Afghan Taliban's No. 2 commander by a joint CIA and Pakistani team dealt a fresh blow to insurgents under heavy U.S. attack and raised hopes that Pakistani security forces are ready to deny Afghan militant leaders a safe haven.

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar's arrest in the Pakistani port city of Karachi may also push other insurgent leaders thought to be sheltering on this side of the border toward talks with the Afghan government — a development increasingly seen as key to ending the eight-year war.

Baradar was said to be in charge of the day-to-day running of the organization's leadership council, which is believed based in Pakistan. He was a founding member of the Taliban and is the most important figure of the hardline Islamist movement to be arrested in the war.

### U.S. government demands Toyota recall documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Transportation Department demanded documents related to Toyota's massive recalls in the United States on Tuesday to find out if the automaker acted swiftly enough. Toyota, meanwhile, said it will idle production temporarily at two plants over concerns the recalls could lead to big stockpiles of unsold vehicles.

The legal documents demand that Toyota tell the government when and how the company learned of the safety defects in millions of vehicles over the entrapment of gas pedals by floor mats and sticky accelerators. The documents were delivered to Toyota on Tuesday and the company must respond within 30-to-60 days or face fines.

Toyota faces separate probes by the Obama administration and Congress.

### Obama touts nuclear loan guarantee as just a start

LANHAM, Md. (AP) — Promising "this is only the beginning," President Barack Obama announced more than \$8 billion in federal loan guarantees Tuesday for the construction of the first nuclear power plant in the United States in nearly three decades.

Obama cast his move as both economically essential and politically attractive as he sought to put more charge into his broad energy agenda. Obama called for comprehensive energy legislation that assigns a cost to the carbon pollution of fossil fuels, giving utility companies more incentive to turn to cleaner nuclear fuel.

Rising costs, safety issues and opposition from environmentalists have kept utility companies from building new nuclear power plants since the early 1980s.

### A frail King Tut died from malaria, broken leg

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's most famous pharaoh, King Tutankhamun, was a frail boy who suffered from a cleft palate and club foot. He died of complications from a broken leg exacerbated by malaria and his parents were most likely brother and sister.

The study, which will be published Wednesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association, provides the firmest family tree yet for Tut. The tests pointed to Pharaoh Akhenaten, who tried to revolutionize ancient Egyptian religion to worship one god, as Tut's father. His mother was one of Akhenaten's sisters, it said.

A hole in his skull fueled speculation he was murdered, until a 2005 CT scan ruled that out, finding the hole was likely from the mummification process. The scan also uncovered the broken leg.

### 3 world powers criticize Iranian enrichment

VIENNA (AP) — Russia, the U.S. and France have urged Iran to stop enriching uranium to higher levels and suggested the project reinforces suspicions that Tehran is seeking to make nuclear weapons. The joint statement, made public Tuesday, reflects unified Russian and Western opposition to Iran's increased enrichment.

Shrugging off international concerns, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced the country was moving ahead to expand its enrichment capacities by installing more advanced machinery at its main enrichment facility.

Ahmadinejad told reporters in Tehran on Tuesday that the new centrifuges are not yet operational but are five times more efficient than the model now in use at its underground Natanz enrichment plant.

## NEWS &amp; SPORTS

## GUBERNATORIAL RACE

## Candidates cast early votes

By Michael Graczyk  
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Gubernatorial candidates Bill White and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison cast their ballots Tuesday on the first day of early voting for the March 2 primary.

White, the Democratic former Houston mayor, showed up with his wife at a polling place near downtown less than an hour after it opened and spent about five minutes at an electronic voting booth. Hutchison and her husband voted about two hours later at a Dallas church.

Polls show White with a comfortable lead over six Democratic challengers. Only one of them, Houston hair care businessman Farouk Shami, has a well-funded campaign to compete with White.

Hutchison trails Gov. Rick Perry in the polls ahead of the GOP primary. Debra Medina also is in the race.

Early voting runs through Feb. 26.

"I think this is about the future of our state," said White, who has campaigned assum-

ing he will face incumbent Perry. "If people think our state's best days are behind us and we ought to go back to the past, then I think probably Perry will be their candidate. If they think the best days are in front of us, that the future of Texas can be better than the past... then I want to be the candidate of those Texans."

White said he was taking nothing for granted.

"That's why I've been campaigning so hard," he said. "Somebody may like somebody else's name."

But he said it was "fair to say" his vote was for himself.

"I expressed confidence in my own campaign," he said.

Hutchison was greeted by about 10 supporters who braved frigid weather to cheer her on as she and her husband entered Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dallas to vote.

Afterward, she declined to discuss a recent poll by five major newspapers that showed Perry with a substantial lead over Hutchison and Medina.

Perry and Hutchison could wind up in a runoff if neither gets 50 percent of the vote.

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**Bill White**  
former Houston mayor

"I am not talking about it," she said of the poll, saying she plans to focus on campaigning around the state.

She did take a few shots at Perry, repeating her refrain that he's been in office too long and that cronyism in Austin has to end.

As she left, the pastor of the church, the Rev. Brent McGuire, stopped to give her a hug. She thanked him for allowing the church to be used for early voting.

Hutchison campaigned later Tuesday in Cypress in suburban Houston. She refused to take questions from reporters.

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You would think that he would have learned from Plaxico Burress not to mess with guns.

In November of 2008, the former New York Giants receiver brought a gun he didn't have a license for into a New York City club. Well, Burress, it seems to me that if you feel the need to bring a gun into a club you probably shouldn't go in there.

Burress learned the hard way when the gun went off and he shot himself in the leg.

New York doesn't like when a person has an illegal firearm or when someone brings it to a public place, especially if it goes off. Now he's serving a two-year prison term.

Hey, at least those two guys didn't hurt anybody but themselves, unlike former Browns receiver Donte' Stallworth.

On March 14, 2009, Stallworth hit and killed construction worker Mario Reyes with his Bentley. He pleaded guilty to DUI manslaughter in Florida. He had a blood-alcohol level of .126 after the crash, well

over Florida's legal limit of .08. He spent 24 days in jail, got two years of house arrest and eight years of probation.

My one question for Stallworth would be, "Why not just take a cab instead of drinking and driving?" It's not like he couldn't afford it.

A word of advice to athletes putting themselves into questionable situations: if you're going to be stupid, you better be tough.

Too bad some have to find out the hard way.

*Austin Pearson is a junior broadcast journalism major from Arlington*

## HOUSING

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The average monthly rent throughout the United States was \$933 in December, a decrease of 3.3 percent from the third quarter of 2009 and 6.1 percent lower than the fourth quarter of 2008.

Casebolt said home prices were dependent on the home location and the current state of the housing market. Around the university prices stay relatively high, but occasionally an apartment complex will dramatically lower the prices of vacant apartments to attract student renters.

Allen said property managers with empty rental properties near campus often seek his help in reaching students and informing them of available properties. He said Housing and Residence Life is working on providing more information and assistance to students trying to move off campus.

"A lot of TCU students aren't sure where to start looking," Allen said.

Housing and Residence Life is currently working on an off-campus living brochure to provide students with information and advice on finding off-campus living arrangements, he said. They are also looking into sponsoring an off-campus housing fair, Allen said, to link students to rental companies in the area.

Many students move off campus and then choose to move back to campus for convenience, Allen said. Even though the size of freshman classes are increasing, he said, there are rooms for about 700 junior- and senior-level students on campus.

"Students want to be here," Allen said. "The goal is to have two-thirds of our students living on campus."

According to the university Web site, a little less than one-half of the undergraduate student body currently lives on campus.

Allen said that by fall 2010 there would be about 3,750 beds available for students on campus. Housing and Residence Life is planning for 3,600 to



COURTNEY JAY / Projects Editor  
A leasing sign outside the GrandMarc apartments.

3,700 students to live on campus in the fall semester of 2010, he said, an increase of 200 students over this semester. To meet the demand for rooms, Allen said, the university would postpone closing Colby Hall and make current resident hall lounges available for use as student bedrooms.

Jennifer Steffen, a junior nursing major, said she lives in the GrandMarc this year but plans to move into non-university sponsored housing next year. She said the GrandMarc was the only upperclassmen housing available when she applied to live on campus.

Steffen said living on campus appealed to her because of the proximity to classes, the security on campus and the convenience of having Housing and Residence Life nearby if there is a problem.

"I don't think there's enough (on-campus housing)," Steffen said. "And I think that upperclassmen, especially juniors,

aren't getting enough of an opportunity to pick on-campus housing."


Some students recognize that rental housing is available but are unsure of how to find an affordable price and convenient location.


Kelly Pearson, a sophomore early childhood education major, said she does not know where to start when looking for a house off campus.

"As students moving off campus for the first time, we don't really have this experience," she said.

Pearson said she would benefit from university-sponsored information about finding rental properties at affordable prices and understanding the responsibilities of living off campus. She said she worries about the security and maintenance of off-campus housing.

"There's other things that you're going to have to worry about that TCU is not responsible for anymore," she said.

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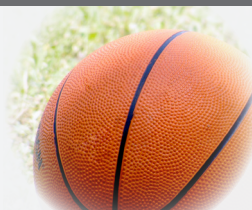
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# SPORTS



Freshman forward Starr Crawford makes an impact on the Lady Frogs basketball team. Tomorrow

MEN'S BASKETBALL • SDSU 68, TCU 51

## HANDS UP



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor  
Sophomore guard Ronnie Moss makes a fast break against San Diego State University at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Tuesday. The Frogs fell to the Aztecs 68-51. For full coverage of Tuesday's game go to [dailyskiff.com](http://dailyskiff.com).

### BASEBALL

## Frogs host benefit clinic

By Jessica Reho  
Staff Writer

The Horned Frog baseball team will host the first annual Women's Baseball Clinic tonight, benefitting the Susan G. Komen Foundation of Tarrant County.

Grady's Restaurant will provide food and beverages, and the evening's events include an interactive batting cage contest, a player panel and a fashion show. The fashion show will feature members of the 2010 baseball team and the TCU Showgirls in designs from Fort Worth boutique A. Hooper.

Attendees will have a chance to win a pair of Justin "TCU" boots, American Express gift cards, tickets for the Texas Tech series March 12-14 and auto-

graphed merchandise. Complimentary valet service will be provided by Rent-a-Frog, a service owned by an alumnus.

Traci Larrison, a senior account executive with ISP Sports, spearheaded the kick-off event. She said TCU hosts a Women's Football Clinic every year, and it's time that baseball has one too. She said she hopes the event will get more women involved with the TCU baseball program.

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle said breast cancer is the kind of thing that affects everyone. He said the objective behind the clinic is twofold: Not only will it promote the Frogs' upcoming season, but it will also raise awareness and funds for the Komen Foundation.

The clinic is open to all

women ages 21 and up.

The Frogs' 2010 season begins this Friday when they take on Sam Houston State at TCU's Lupton Stadium.

### Women's Baseball Clinic

**When:** 6:30 p.m. today  
**Where:** Sam Baugh Indoor Facility  
**Cost:** \$30 per person; groups of eight may purchase tables for the event  
Ticket proceeds will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation of Tarrant County. For more information, contact Traci Larrison at (817) 257-5140 or visit [gofrogs.com](http://gofrogs.com).

### OPINION

## Pro athletes risk everything



AUSTIN PEARSON

Some professional athletes just can't get a clue. The law and their respective league officials have told them what not to do, yet they're either too dumbfounded or naive and do it anyway. I'm talking about professional athletes who tarnish the image of themselves and their leagues

with headlines of drug possession, reckless driving, illegal firearms, assault and a plethora of other broken laws.

I don't know what compels athletes who are making more than six figures to act so irresponsibly. They risk their money, anger their fans and ruin their image.

Just take the recent case of NBA player Gilbert Arenas. Arenas brought guns into the Washington Wizards locker room to settle a disputed bet and play a prank on teammate Javaris Crittenton.

Arenas has since pleaded guilty to a felony conviction

of carrying a handgun without a license in the District of Columbia and is facing possible jail time.

NBA Commissioner David Stern suspended Arenas and Crittenton for the rest of the season. He lost his sponsorship with Adidas and could lose the rest of his four-year \$80 million contract.

If the worst does happen to Arenas, then it's quite fitting that his nickname is Agent Zero. It's the amount of people that will feel sorry for him: zero.

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### OLYMPICS UPDATE

After a strong start at the 2010 Winter Games, the U.S. saw little success Tuesday.

The men's ice hockey team won its first game in the men's preliminary round against Switzerland

3-1, but the win was overshadowed by losses from both the men's and ladies' curling teams.

The closest the U.S. got to the podium was in ladies' snowboard cross. Lindsey Jacobellis ended up at No. 5.

Hoping to regain momentum in these Winter Games, the U.S. will continue competition today in six medal events.

—Sports editor Mary Sue Greenleaf



Gold

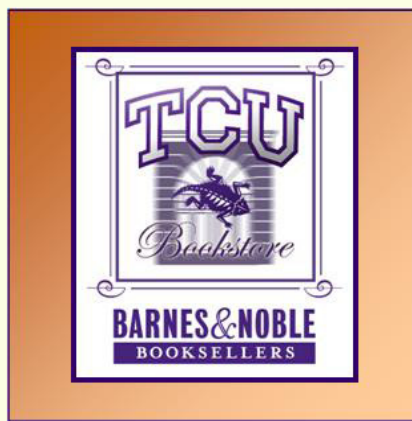


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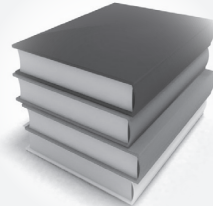
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 On this day in 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, convened its first meeting, in Washington.  
 – The Associated Press

**Joke of the Day**  
 Q: What did the rug say to the floor?  
 A: Don't move, I've got you covered.

## SUDOKU PUZZLE

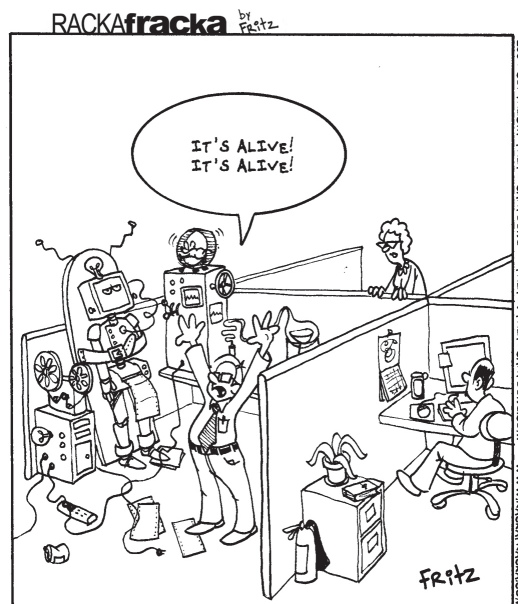
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	7					8	
9		1	8				5
		6	4	7			
3	1	2		5	8		4
8							6
7	2	4		6	9		1
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6		9	2				3
	3					5	

## RACKAfracka

by Fritz



AFTER MANY SET BACKS AND LOTS OF RIDICULE FROM HIS CO-WORKERS, LARRY'S FRANKIN-BASE FINALLY WENT ONLINE.



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**ACROSS**

- Whack, biblically
- Condescending sort
- Kodak rival
- Brightly colored tropical fish
- Chaplin's last wife
- Road for Pilate
- "That's...trick!"
- Cutting-edge Motorola phone?
- Statistician's input
- How some scary things go
- Nous minus moi?
- "The loneliest number," in a 1969 hit
- Wasted, as a chance
- Not subject to change
- "I wish!"
- On the calmer side
- Floors, briefly
- Wolfgang Puck's restaurant
- Third qtr. start
- Talons
- Male in an alley
- Cognac initials
- More work
- Some stiletos
- Not easy to see
- Cimson opponent
- Not quite oneself
- Activity that involves the first words of 20-, 29- and 47-Across
- Perfume holder
- Tobacco unit
- Like chalet roofs
- Be sore
- Take a shot
- Word after sing or string
- Nerve opening?
- Loss fur
- Common asset?

**DOWN**

- Rough guess
- See 3-Down
- Unit on a 2-Down
- Ambush
- Weird Al Yankovic spoof of a Michael Jackson hit
- Airman's assignment
- Early boat builder
- Quatre + sept
- With no exceptions
- Act nervously
- Home to Zion National Park
- Rocker Joan
- Brokerage statement subj., perhaps
- Overly curious
- Bat's prey
- Leans, as a ship
- (Michael Jackson)
- "Ditto"
- "Star Trek" sequel, for short
- Brownish gray
- Under the weather
- Giraffe cousin
- Hopeless
- Exam type you can't guess on
- Apollo 13 commander Jim
- Average guy?
- Auction unit
- "Star Trek" site
- In one's birthday defenses
- Defunct gridiron org.
- Sullivan's charge in "The Miracle Worker"
- Emulated a couch potato
- Canine woes
- Guilty pleasure
- Iolani Palace site
- "Uh-huh"
- In one's birthday suit
- The Wizard of Oz' family name
- Bard's river
- Clothing store department
- Fringe
- U-Haul rental

### Directions

Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

### Tuesday's Solution

7	1	8	9	6	4	3	2	5
5	3	6	2	8	7	4	1	9
4	2	9	3	1	5	8	6	7
2	7	5	1	4	6	9	8	3
8	9	1	5	7	3	2	4	6
3	6	4	8	2	9	7	5	1
9	8	7	6	5	2	1	3	4
6	4	2	7	3	1	5	9	8
1	5	3	4	9	8	6	7	2

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