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— The Associated Press

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One university alum is making some noise at football games as a one-man fan club. **Tomorrow**



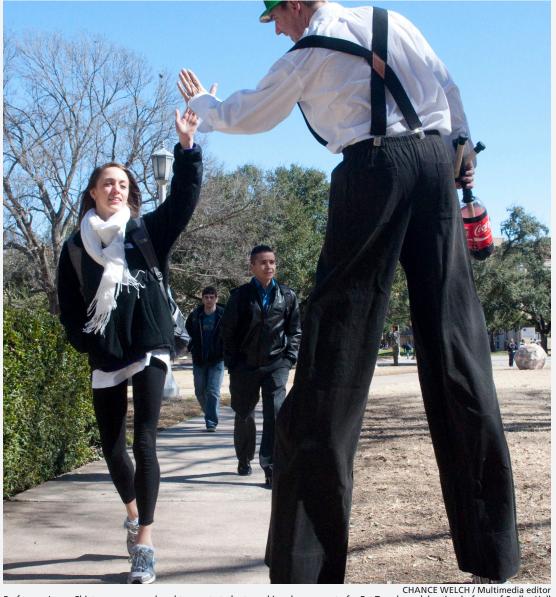
NEWS

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



PROGRAMMING COUNCIL

IGH 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.

HOUSING

Area apartment rental rates drop

By Katie Vance Staff Reporter

Apartment rental and occupancy rates in the Dallas/Fort Worth versity expanded its campus housand Arlington areas are declining, ing options to accommodate the monthly rent in the fourth quarter which could mean more options increasing number of freshmen of 2009 was \$753, down 4.9 percent for university students living off enrolled and the increased interest from the same period in 2008, accampus and more negotiable rental of upperclassmen to remain in cam- cording to the RealFacts Web site, rates, a university official said.

Craig Allen, director of Hous-

Over the same period, the uni- a lower rent. pus housing, he said.

ing and Residence Life, said that in licensed real estate agent who works comparisons. the past five years there has been a for Apartment Finders, said the desurge in developers opening apart- crease in rental occupancy in the last year, according to RealFacts. ment complexes around campus. Fort Worth area can be attributed The increase in available housing to the combination of people los-

increased competition between ing their jobs, avoiding relocation complexes for student residents, he during a down economy and moving into homes or apartments with

The average DFW and Arlington an online apartment database that Margy Casebolt, an independent provides market overviews and

Rents were in decline nationwide

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RECREATION CENTER

Membership cut leads to revenue loss

By Katie Vance Staff Reporter

a 25 percent decrease in the Unirevenue as a result of a limit placed Center. on community memberships at the Recreation Center in January 2009, noting however that student employees and student memberships

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

lowed to talk on the record about choose to gain membership. the community memberships but members.

The changes in Recreation Cen-

decrease as a result of the expected ter membership policies were necrevenue loss, about \$200,000 a year. essary to comply with Internal Rev-The only consequences students enue Service regulations that state A university official estimated will see is less new equipment and that a private university, funded by fewer student development activitax-exempt bonds, is limited to 5 versity Recreation Center's annual ties sponsored by the Recreation percent private use, Kintigh said. Private use at the University Recre-Some Recreation Center student ation Center includes any members employees said that they are not al- other than students and faculty who

At the time university officials said that their hours and pay had learned of the IRS law, the Recre-Director of Campus Recreation not changed since the decrease in ation Center was operating at about

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Proposal aims to bring horned lizard to campus

By Andrea Drusch Staff Reporter

will not be affected.

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.

and junior business and political University have live mascots that stacles to overcome. For example, science major Ryan Hoff, Patry are a unifying point of pride for the the proposal's authors need to find proposed a resolution to bring a institutions they represent. Having a food source and caretaker for the horned lizard to campus at Tues- a horned lizard, popularly known day night's House of Student Repre- as a "horned frog," would also be a

sentatives meeting. The resolution great educational opportunity for House's Student Relations Commit- tected species, he said. tee will take the lead on the project along with the resolution's author, to get a horned lizard on campus according to resolution.

passed with 37 out of 38 votes. The students to learn about the pro-

Many students have attempted but gave up after learning it is a Patry said that many other uni- protected species, Patry said. Patry versities, such as Louisiana State said he has already done a lot of re-With the help of finance chair University and Colorado State search, and there are still many ob-

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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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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

"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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lizard as well as get permission from university officials.

Patry said he has not yet given university officials a proposal because he wants to give them a plan that covers all the details of housing the lizard. He said bringing the idea to the House was his first step in seeking feedback from the campus community.

Patry said he contacted both the Texas Horned Liz- "I grew up around ard Conservation Society and a representative from Texas Parks and Wildlife to find out if it was possible to the students there." have a live mascot that is a protected species. He said the university could get an educational permit for about \$50 dollars per year, as long ard exhibit, but Patry said he as the animal serves an educational purpose.

Patry said he has also been gathering information from the Caldwell and El Paso zoos to find out how they care for their lizards.

Patry's main contact for the project is Dean Williams, an assistant professor of biology, who is doing research on horned lizards.

Williams said he is researching the genetic structure of different populations of horned lizards. The project is preliminary work to guide future efforts for restoration of the species.

One of the biggest challenges will be finding a food cern was the lizard's hibernasource for the lizard, Wil- tion patterns. Several repreliams said. He said horned sentatives asked if the lizard lizards used to prosper in the could be brought out at footarea, but most likely died off when red fire ants out-competed the native harvester

to use the same supplier of and is generally stored in a harvester ants that the Fort refrigerator during that time. Worth Zoo uses.

LSU, and their tiger means the world to

Alyssa Kneipp junior economics major

wants the university to have economics major, said she its own. He said he hopes to thought getting a horned lizkeep it near the information and on campus was definitely desk in the Brown-Lupton University Union so that prospective students can and their tiger means the see it on campus tours. He world to the students there," said that location would be she said. ideal because the information desk staff would watch idea had been proposed over the exhibit, it would be many times without success, locked at night and it would but that he had faith in Patry. be convenient for students

the display would draw at- Hoff said. "I really think he tention to the research Wil- will do everything to make liams is doing for the species. this happen."

The House's biggest conball games, which Patry said would be difficult in late fall.

Patry said the lizard usuants that horned lizards eat. ally hibernates from late Patry said he would try October into late February

Another concern brought The zoo has a horned liz- up by the representatives was whether a university can house an endangered species. Patry said the horned lizard is not on the endangered list but is listed as a protected species. He said the University of Colorado at Boulder has a buffalo, which is above the horned lizard on the conservation lists.

Alyssa Kneipp, a junior possible.

"I grew up around LSU,

Hoff said he realized the

"I've never had someone come to me with more en-Patry said he also thinks thusiasm for a resolution,"

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driver for Froggie Five-O.

"We're all students, we all have full loads, and the weekends are when we catch up on everything," House said.

Offering the service later seems unnecessary because the library, a popular pick-up point, closes early Friday and Saturday, House said. Extending the be added on Fridays and Satweekend hours, she said, would condone students coming back later from parties.

The legislation's author, freshman AddRan College representative Saman Sadeghi, said his goal is simply to make campus safer and to represent student wants.

"The main reason I wrote the resolution is because of students' desires for longer hours," Sadeghi said. "As a representative, I'm amplifying the voices of students."

The resolution was first presented to the House on Feb. 2, but voting was postponed for discussion of the proposal by the Campus Advancement Committee on Feb. 6.

Chase Bruton, student body treasurer and Froggie Five-O driver, said he told his fellow staff members about the resolution and encouraged them to come voice their opinions the following week.

later," Bruton said.

Sadeghi said appeasing drivers should not be a problem because only staff members who wanted to work later would do so. He said the information desk, which is run by students, stays open until 3 a.m. on weekends, as does the popular latenight destination 1873 Cafe & Sports Grill.

The extra hours would only urdays, so the extension would not conflict with early morning classes the next day, Sadeghi said. While labor laws dictate overtime pay, the university could simply pay a higher hourly wage for later hours, similar to the system in place for the student workers at the information desk, Sadeghi said.

Pam Christian, the university's crime prevention officer and Froggie Five-O director, said that while student workers would be paid for the additional hours, they would not receive overtime pay unless they worked more than 40 hours per week. She said an increase in pay for working later hours had not been decided on.

Bruton said extending the program's hours would also duplicate the services of the university's security guards.

Security guards drive golf carts just like Froggie Five-O drivers and are available to es-"When it's 20-degree cort students 24 hours a day, weather outside...you would Naegle said at last week's House be hard pressed to find (a meeting. The guards are not the driver) that wants to work same as TCU Police, and they

"We're all students, we all have full loads, and the weekends are when we catch up on evertyhing."

Erin House Froggie Five-O dispatcher

do not write alcohol violations, he told representatives.

Sadeghi said that in his experience, students preferred to use Froggie, and often chose not to call the services after Froggie's hours end.

Christian said the goal of both Froggie Five-O drivers and the security guards is to keep students safe. The security guards take over as soon as the student workers leave and can be reached by calling the same telephone number.

Christian attended a previous House meeting in which Froggie Five-0 was discussed. She said she voiced her opinion that the Froggie drivers should not work later hours because they are students.

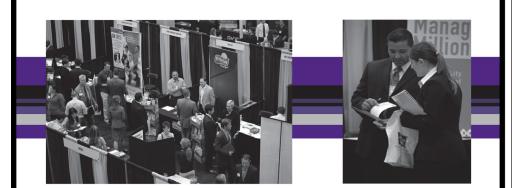
"I would hope that the students would feel just as comfortable about calling a security guard as they would a Froggie Five-0," Christian said.

Glory Robinson, associate dean of campus life and the head of the Safety and Security Committee, referred questions to campus police, who supervise the program.

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Today



The Career and Intern Expo allows you to meet with top employers ready to hire interns, part-time and full-time positions. All students are welcome and encouraged to dress professionally and bring their résumés.

Visit the Career Services Web site, www.careers.tcu.edu, for more information on this event, including a list of employers attending.

February 17th 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Campus Recreation Gym





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9 percent private usage, Kintigh said.

In order to bring the Recreation Center into compliance, Kintigh said, univer-500 children's memberships.

The university stopped bership, Kintigh said. selling new community memberships and froze community memberships that had not been renewed since Jan. 1, 2009, Kintigh said. There are currently 182 community members, and the Recreation Center is not selling more community memberships, Kintigh said. The monthly payment option was eliminated, but all monthly members were allowed to join the annual payment option, which costs \$700.

University officials originally planned to deny membership to recent alumni to comply with IRS regulations, ties do not offer recreation Kintigh said.

"The hardest thing for me was to tell the students who just graduated, 'I'm sorry; we don't have any spaces," he said.

However, after the university cut community memberships, there was enough of a sity officials eliminated 800 margin that slashing alumni memberships, including all membership was not necessary, Kintigh said. There Previously, children under are currently 300 alumni the age of 18 could pur- members. Annual alumni chase a membership and use memberships are \$500 and the Recreation Center with are available to anyone who the supervision of an adult graduated from the universimember. Under the current ty. If in the future the number policy, children are still al- of alumni memberships aptheir dues or lose their mem-

> IRS regulations on private use are meant to allow companies in the area providing similar services the ability to compete with the facility funded by tax-exempt bonds, Kintigh said.

Jody Norman, owner of Jody's Gym located in Westcliff Center, said he had seen an increase in membership since January 2009. Some of his members had come from the university, he said, but he could not link the increase to the university's reduction in community memberships.

Some private universimembership to anyone not or inconvenience to students.

NUMBERS

182

Current number of community member-

300

Current number of alumni memberships

currently affiliated with the university.

Jeff Walter, assistant direclowed to use the Recreation proaches the 5 percent limit, tor for Campus Recreation Center for a \$5 fee per visit the Recreation Center will Facilities at Baylor University, during family hours and with notify alumni members that said Baylor's recreation centhe supervision of a parent or they must stay current on ter only offers memberships to students, faculty, staff an their spouses. The size of the facility and number of machines available would not be adequate if the recreation center was opened up to commu-

nity members, he said. "Current Baylor ID holders use the facilities in high numbers, and they take priority," Walter said.

Baylor University has never offered community memberships, but officials are aware of the regulations on private universities, Walter said. It is unlikely that Baylor will offer the memberships in the future, Walter said, because of the possibility of having to end the sale because of limited facility space

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Marsh said she thinks her friends were passed over for jobs because hospitals are now looking to hire experienced nurses even though they may need more staff.

"They're more likely to choose someone who has experience over someone that doesn't because they don't have these graduate nurses," Marsh said.

Something that graduate nurses, those who have not yet received registered nurse credentials, weren't expecting to be a factor in their job eligibility is their college GPA, Marsh said.

Marsh said hospitals are looking at GPAs to further distinguish between the numerous applicants. She said applying to a variety of places, keeping your GPA up and being flexible and willing to commute to a job might increase nursing students' chances of finding work.

Steve Love, president and CEO of the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council, said some recent nursing graduates in the Dallas-Fort Worth area may have to relocate to find a job. While there are still jobs in metsmaller cities like Abilene may have more jobs for recently graduated nurses, he said.

Allender said she thinks all TCU nursing graduates will to spend the money to train probably find jobs within two months. Fort Worth area hospitals might not be hiring recent nursing graduates, but there are still other places willing to hire them, Allender said, pointing to several advertisements for nursing jobs in an industry magazine.

> Even as the economy struggles to regain its footing, nursing programs in the state continue to grow.

Allender said the university's nursing program has grown to classes of 60 to 70 students.

'90s we might have classes of

we're turning students away," she said. The university is not the only

just 20, maybe 30, and now

one to experience an increase in nursing students. Jordan said there has been

ropolitan areas like Fort Worth, a 50 percent increase in people enrolling in Texas nursing schools during the past eight years, including community colleges.

Love said this increase in nursing applicants may be a result of funding allocated by the Texas Legislature during its last session in 2009 to Texas nursing schools.

The Texas Legislature in 2009 allotted \$30 million to increase enrollment at nursing schools statewide, according to an article in the Dallas Business Journal. All schools in the state that graduate registered nurses are eligible to apply for funding.

The money is distributed according to the rate at which "When I started here in the schools graduate nursing students, Love said.

OPINION

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The Skiff View

Committee should seek input of Froggie staff

he 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 din 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



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.

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Lent about meaningful sacrifices



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

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.

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

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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 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 Toyota tell the government when with the Afghan government — a development increasingly seen as key to ending the eight-year war.

Baradar was said to be in charge a founding member of the Taliban face fines. and is the most important figure of the hardline Islamist movement to be Obama administration and Congress. 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 hopes that Pakistani security forces 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 nomically essential and politically stockpiles of unsold vehicles.

The legal documents demand that 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. of the day-to-day running of the or- The documents were delivered to ganization's leadership council, which Toyota on Tuesday and the company is believed based in Pakistan. He was must respond within 30-to-60 days or

Toyota faces separate probes by the early 1980s.

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 ecoattractive 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 tion he was murdered, until a 2005 new nuclear power plants since the

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 to make nuclear weapons. The joint 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 specula-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 statement, made public Tuesday, reflects unified Russian and Western opposition to Iran's increased enrich-

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 & 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-

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with guns.

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You would think that he

In November of 2008, the

would have learned from

Plaxico Burress not to mess

former New York Giants re-

ceiver 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

Burress learned the hard

and he shot himself in the leg.

way when the gun went off

ing he will face incumbent Per- "If people think ry. "If people think our state's best days are behind us and we ought to go back to the past, days are behind 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 past, then I think 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.

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

Hey, at least those two

themselves, unlike former

On March 14, 2009,

Stallworth hit and killed

Reyes with his Bentley.

He pleaded guilty to DUI

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of .126 after the crash, well

manslaughter in Florida. He

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Browns receiver Donte' Stall-

two-year prison term.

worth.

our state's best us and we ought to go back to the probably Perry will be their candidate."

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 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 re-

fused to take questions from reporters.

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 offcampus 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 seniorlevel students on campus.

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

According to the university Web site, a little less than onehalf 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 said. "And I think that upper-



A leasing sign outside the GrandMarc apartments.

3,700 students to live on campus aren't getting enough of an opin 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 ap-

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 Life is planning for 3,600 to classmen, especially juniors,

portunity 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

jor, said she does not know where to start when looking for a house off campus. "As students moving off cam-

early childhood education ma-

pus for the first time, we don't really have this experience," she

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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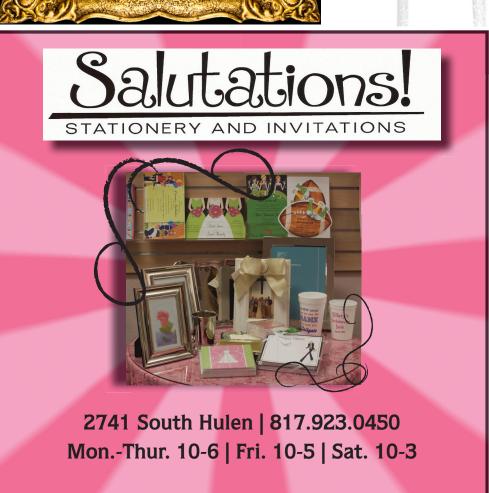
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SPORTS



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

MEN'S BASKETBALL • SDSU 68, TCU 51



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.

OLYMPICS UPDATE

After a strong start at the 3-1, but the win was over-2010 Winter Games, the U.S. saw little success Tues-

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

shadowed 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







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

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 autoplimentary valet service will service owned by an alumnus.

Traci Larrison, a senior Lupton Stadium. account executive with ISP Sports, spearheaded the kickoff 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

graphed merchandise. Com- women ages 21 and up.

The Frogs' 2010 season bebe provided by Rent-a-Frog, a gins this Friday when they take on Sam Houston State at TCU's

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.

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.

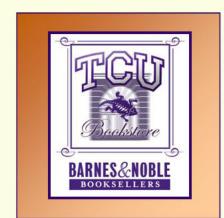
Arenas has since pleaded guilty to a felony conviction of carrying a handgun without a license in the District of Columbia and is facing possible jail time.

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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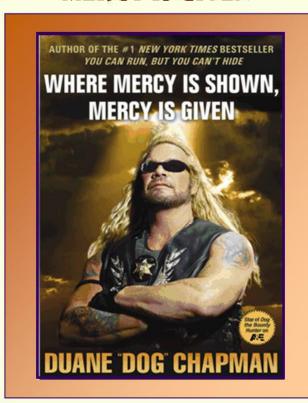
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- The Associated Press

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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

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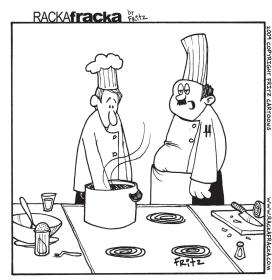
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 Motorola phone?
- 19 Statistician's input 20 How some scary things go 23 Nous minus moi? 24 "The loneliest number," in a
- 1969 hit 25 Wasted, as a chance 29 Not subject to
- change 35 "I wish!" 37 On the calmer side
- 38 Floors, briefly 39 Wolfgang Puck's restaurant 40 Third qtr. start
- 41 Talons 43 Male in an alley 44 Cognac initials 46 More work 47 Some stilettos
- 50 Not easy to see 51 Crimson opponent 52 Not quite oneself 54 Activity that involves the first words of 20-, 29and 47-Across
- 63 Tobacco unit 64 Like chalet roofs 65 Be sore 66 Take a shot 67 Word after sing or string 68 Nerve opening?

62 Perfume holder

70 Common asset? **DOWN**

69 Lose fur

1 Rough guess 2 See 3-Down 3 Unit on a 2-Down 4 Ambush 5 Weird Al Yankovic

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- 7 Early boat 8 Quatre + sept 9 With no exceptions 10 Act nervously
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40 Average guy?

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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org. 48 Sullivan's charge in "The Miracle Worker" 49 Emulated a couch potato

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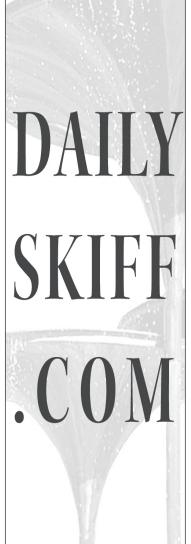
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