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**PECULIAR FACT**

LOS ANGELES — Pay no attention to that eerie silence in the nation's most populous county this week; it will simply be the sound of 10 million people not cussing. On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to issue a proclamation by Supervisor Michael Antonovich making the first week in March No Cussing Week.

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# HIGH ENERGY



T. Boone Pickens, chairman of the hedge fund BP Capital Management, delivers his speech "The Pickens Plan - Ending Our Dependence on Foreign Oil," Monday afternoon at the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom.

By Maddy Foxx  
Staff reporter

A billionaire energy tycoon told about 800 people Monday afternoon in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom that if the country does not begin using its own resources, the current crisis will only get worse.

T. Boone Pickens, chairman of hedge

fund BP Capital Management and author of "The First Billion is the Hardest," said that in two years the United States could be paying \$200 to \$300 a barrel for foreign oil if it doesn't cut foreign oil dependency.

"Cheap oil is what has caused us to be in the trap," Pickens said. "Because it's cheap it has caused us to not look at the problems that come with it."

For video of the speech visit [DailySkiff.com](http://DailySkiff.com)

Pickens said moving away from foreign energy sources is key to restoring the United States' prominence.

"The world sees us using the enemy's oil, and other countries have lost respect

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**IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WARS**

## Nonprofit to shed light on widows' plight

By Chilton Tippin and Lizzy Karoly  
Staff Reporters

When Taryn Davis found out her husband lost his life in the Iraq war in 2007, she was a 21-year-old student at the University of Texas at Austin, and her life's dreams had been shattered.

Davis founded The American Widow Project in the wake of her husband's death just a few months after he was killed. The AWP is coming to the university this week to speak to students and generate a teddy bear drive for children who have lost their fathers in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I created AWP because right after my husband was killed I was looking for resources and someone to connect with to make me feel less alone, but I couldn't find what I was looking for so I decided to just create it," Davis said.

Davis said the goal of AWP is to unify

**What:** American Widow Project's Presentation/Teddy Bear Drive  
**When:** Tuesday and Wednesday from 4 to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Bass Building Room 104

a new generation of American widows in their early 20s and 30s.

"When soldiers die the people on the other side of that sacrifice are the same age as TCU students," Davis said.

Christina Sessums, a senior social work major coordinating the event, said she contacted Davis after seeing her on Larry King Live and brought her to the university to speak last fall.

"The widows realized that educated people in college can help them fulfill their mission," Sessums said.

The social work department, in conjunction with several other organizations,

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Courtesy of CHRISTINA SESSUMS  
Teddy Bears such as the one pictured here for Teddy Lyerly will be sent by the American Widows Project to children who have lost their fathers in the Iraq war.

# More graduates look overseas for jobs

By David Coffey  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — As job prospects thin at home, American college seniors and recent graduates are looking overseas for work, even of the unpaid variety.

Organizations that send volunteers abroad are noticing a significant jump in applications for their programs compared with earlier years.

Applications to the Peace Corps are 16 percent higher this year, and late last year twice as many Americans applied to CUSO-Voluntary Service Overseas, Canada's largest volunteer-based international development group, compared with the same period in 2007.

Looking abroad is just one way that the young are trying to cope with the worst economic landscape of their lives.

Volunteers also are traveling nation-

wide. Teach for America saw a 50 percent increase in applications last year for its program, which sends college graduates to teach in underfunded school districts.

A month after President Barack Obama's calls for more service inspired a flood of volunteering at nonprofit organizations across the country, the lack of paid work at home seems to be inspiring a surge in volunteer service abroad.

When job prospects falter, young graduates gravitate toward "doing something meaningful rather than perhaps doing something menial," said Katherine Stahl, the executive director of American University's career center in Washington.

Students who graduate this spring will find themselves "looking at one of the worst job markets in recent memory," said Tony Pals, a spokesman for the National Association of Independent Colleges and

Universities.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one of the nation's pre-eminent institutions, which often sees lines of recruiters each spring pursuing graduates, reports a 15 percent decrease in recruiters on campus, while internship offers and projected salaries are shrinking, said Melanie Parker, MIT's executive director of employer relations.

Because new graduates see volunteerism as a boost to job prospects, they reason that the experience offsets lost incomes and travel expenses incurred abroad.

Stacey Hollis, a Warren Wilson College graduate and Peace Corps applicant, said that Peace Corps service was "a way to have a one-up" over other job seekers, plugging her into a network of past corps members and demonstrating her passion and commitment to larger goals.

"I think that young people are savvy and do see how beneficial it can be," said Laura Lartigue, a Peace Corps spokeswoman.

It's a discussion starter in job interviews and a way to avoid gaps in resumes, said Susan Ellis, founder of Energize Inc., a Philadelphia-based volunteer association that coordinates overseas and domestic service.

Young volunteers also earn moral capital by devoting significant time to volunteering overseas.

"There's absolutely a halo effect," Ellis said.

For-profit teaching overseas also is seeing a boost among college grads. At the Teaching English as a Foreign Language Institute in Chicago, teacher training has increased by 50 percent in the last

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**TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES**

## Help desk available via messaging, chat rooms

By Justin White  
Staff Reporter

Instant messaging and chat rooms have switched from entertaining students to answering their technological queries.

Bryan Lucas, executive director of Technology Resources said customer service staff came up with the idea and implemented a chat room program last February. The program is another way the Computer Help Desk can help students from anywhere on or off campus, he said.

Customer service staff thought a chat program would be a good way to communicate with students, Lenelda Pennington, associate director of customer services, said.

"We all use [instant messaging] and chat services, which are common tools used by many businesses, so we thought it seemed like a next step to include this communication tool for the help desk," Pennington said.

The link for the chat service can be found on the Web site for Technology Resources at [help.tcu.edu](http://help.tcu.edu), Pennington said. Once on the Web site, students only need to click on the chat link, enter a name and e-mail address and they are ready to chat, she said.

"This is just another format we think students might like — another way to communicate with them," Pennington said.

Students seeking assistance chat with student workers called ResNet techs, Pennington said. ResNet techs mainly help with navigating the Web site, answering how-to questions and other queries regarding wired and wireless connectivity, she said.

Pennington said she is not sure if all students are aware of the system. An e-mail was sent to students, but it is the kind of program that may take time for students to need, she said.

"Basically, if everything is working, they don't need it," Pennington said. "We expect it would get heavier usage at the beginning of a semester."

Right now the system is for students only, but Technology Resources plans to open it up to faculty, alumni, parents, prospective students and guests at a later time, Pennington said.

Customer service hopes that the new chat feature will be a more effective and convenient way to get assistance that students can enjoy, Pennington said.

"Sometimes people may not want to wait on the phone for help," Pennington said. "But while they are browsing the Internet, they don't mind waiting for a chat session to start."

**Chat Service Hours**

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Visit [help.tcu.edu](http://help.tcu.edu) for chat service.



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*The Skiff View*

## Students should be proud to host widows

When it comes to putting a real face on war, the American Widow Project has done just that. The non-profit organization was created in 2007 as a way to reach out to the widows of American servicemen who gave their lives on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. Founded and headed by widows, the organization has become a tether for women who have lost their husbands and may not know what to do next. The women support each other through sharing their experiences and bringing comfort to help ease the hardships they face.

It is a source of pride for the community that our university will be the first college to host an event for the project.

The event will give students the chance to share the personal stories of some of the women, see a documentary made by the organization, learn how to start a nonprofit organization and have the opportunity to make memory teddy bears that will go to the children who have lost their fathers to war. Not only does an event like this benefit those who wish to attend, but it also gives back to the organization that puts it on by raising awareness for an important issue facing our community.

Since the goal of the American Widow Project is to unify a new generation of women in their early 20's and 30's who are looking for a way to go on with their lives in the face of deepest despair, it will be an enlightening experience for students to bare witness to the stories of the strength these young widowed women have shown.

We owe it to them to hear what they have to say, what they have been through and to get a first-hand glimpse into how the war has affected those at home.

*News editor Rose Baca for the editorial board.*

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

## No consensus exists on global warming



MICHAEL LAUCK

Everyone hold your breath for this news story. Literally.

In a news report Feb. 19 from the Associated Press, it was reported that the Environmental Protection Agency is likely to consider carbon dioxide an air pollutant.

I don't know when anyone decided that naturally formed elements in the atmosphere were a big deal. From what I learned in elementary school, I always thought that carbon dioxide was good because it helped plants grow.

In actuality what the EPA wants to regulate is companies that emit carbon dioxide. They say because of the "scientific consensus" we must take measures to make sure we don't keep putting horrible chemicals, elements or whatever in the atmosphere.

It seems as if a lot of people are confused on the word "consensus" thinking it means only a few people agree. Despite what you hear from so-called "scientists" like Al Gore, many actual scientists who actually study environments are a little more skeptical on the idea that carbon dioxide and humans are to blame for the climate change.

Some scientists like Tim Ball and John Coleman, founder of The Weather Channel, think that we are wasting our time, money and minds trying to fix something

we never broke. Coleman even said that global warming is one of the biggest hoaxes in human history.

Although this dissent is from reputable scientists, many close their ears to the idea that global warming is not human fault. Perpetuated by media-run hysteria people are panicking over something a lot of scientists criticize and are skeptical about.

Instead of actually having a debate over the issues, global warming hysteria has confused the problem and made it like an absolute truth not to be questioned. Almost like the religion of environmentalism.

I know what you're saying: "But Michael, that's only a few scientists who disagree. Most scientists, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Control, do think that carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is a problem."

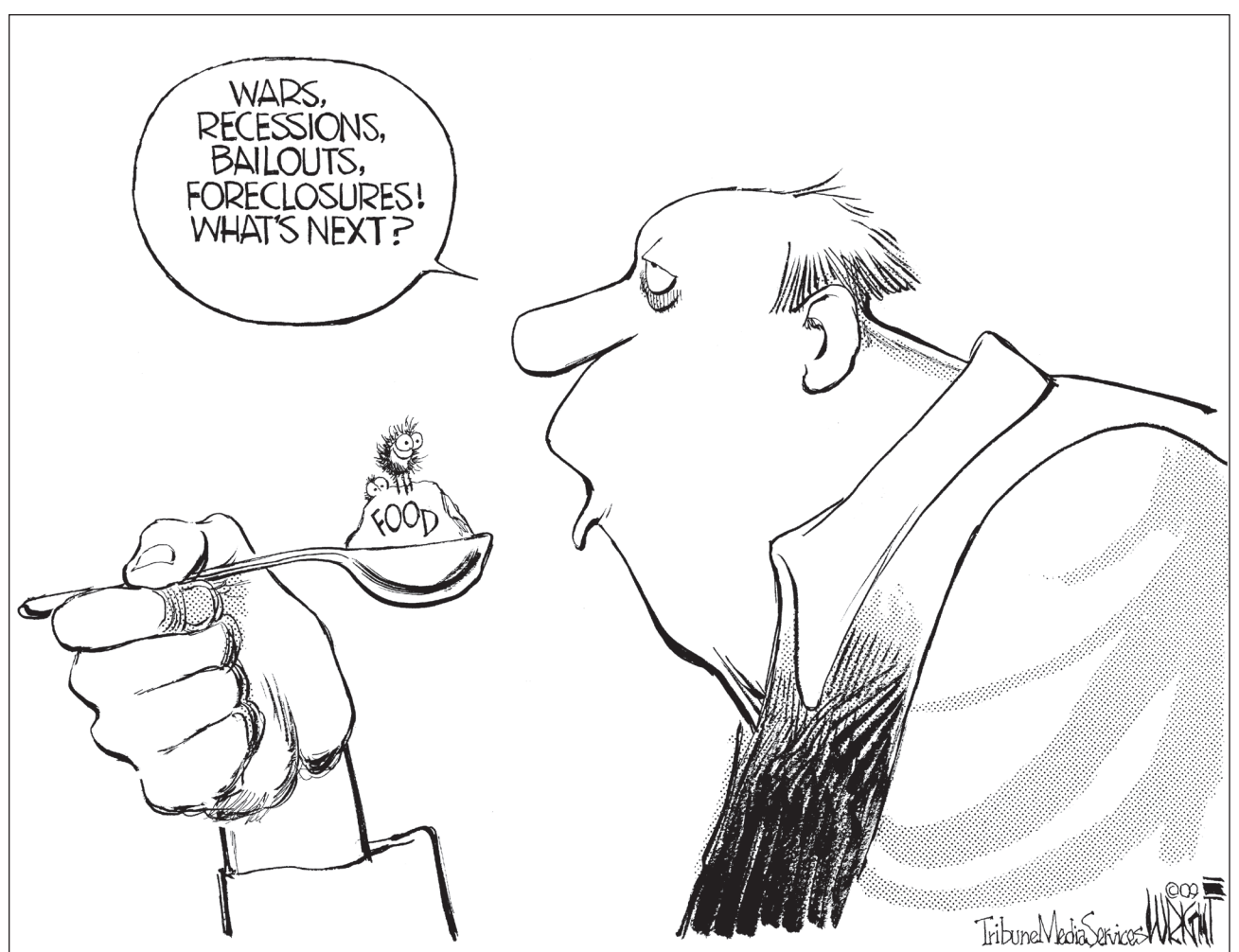
For you doubters, I point to the fact that many scientists such as Christopher Landsea have quit the IPCC because of political overtones of the group. Many people on the panel are not even scientists, some being members of political groups such as Greenpeace.

In the end, I think all of us are slightly confused on the subject. Even scientists themselves don't all agree on what the climate is doing or whose fault it is. The only thing that is for sure is what will happen if we continue to restrict business with environmental rules: economic disaster.

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#### Lowering drinking age won't promote safety

I had to respond John Andrew Willis' column in Friday's Skiff about how a lower age requirement for drinking would ensure safety. This is the most ridiculous twist of information I have ever seen. The premise of his article was that if people 20 and younger

could legally drink in public then they would drink "more safely" because others could monitor them more readily.

This is faulty at so many angles. For one thing, underage individuals already drink in public. Where do you think people who stumble into dorms like Colby early on Friday mornings come from? Clearly they didn't come from the privacy of their own room. If that were the case they wouldn't have those black Xs on their hands. The privacy of their room, or their bathroom, is where they recover from the alcohol activities that they took part in publicly.

Willis wrote, "If it were legal for college students to drink in bars, restaurants and on campus, they would be more likely to do so safely." The truth is that young people drink in excess because they want to. Making it legal encourages it. How many sober people do you see leaving a bar? Not too many. Very few students

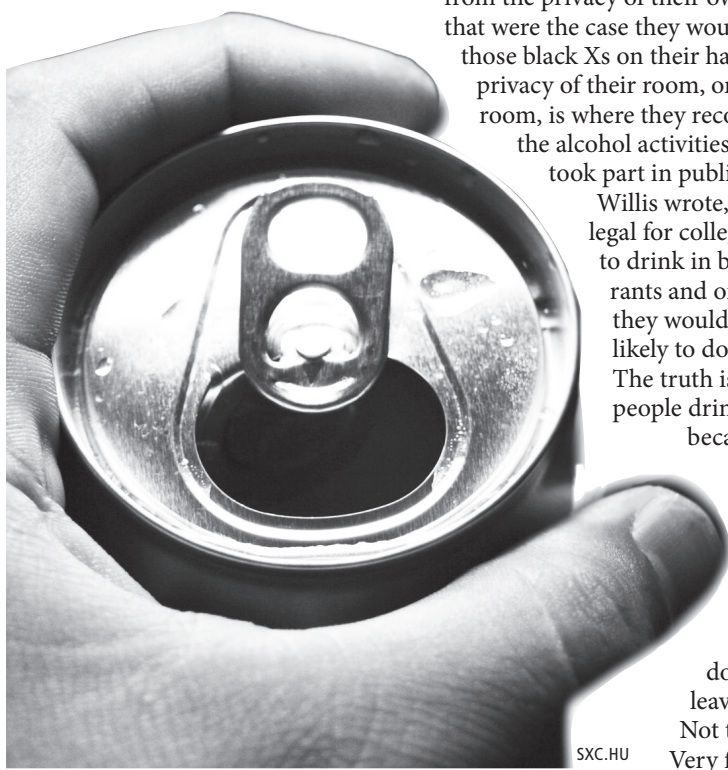
in college drink just to have a hint of alcohol complement their meals. If someone wanted just a little drink, his or her room seems more conducive than a bar where people encourage others to drink more.

The story of the fraternity pledge dying from alcohol poisoning and his "brothers" not helping him because they were afraid of the consequences also has no merit. If the University of Colorado had tighter regulations on alcohol in Greek housing, the situation could have been avoided. Had Gordie Bailey's mother instilled more sense in her son before he left for college, he probably would have handled the situation better. Had the fraternity brothers been sober, maybe they would have recognized that they would get in more trouble for a pledge's death during a fraternity ritual than for providing alcohol to minors.

It is very clear that some students just like to exercise their stupid side by getting drunk. Lowering the minimum legal drinking age would give them one more reason to do so.

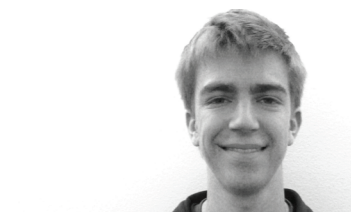
I hope that Chancellor Victor Boschini has enough sense to know that this is one curve the university should stay behind.

*Michaela Bradshaw is a sophomore communications major from DeSoto.*



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## Bank nationalization would lead to deeper recession, upset market



TYLER ZODROW

Many Democrats and even some prominent Republicans are calling for the federal government to nationalize major U.S. banks in order to control the current economic tailspin. Nothing scares bankers or shareholders more, and rightfully so.

Nationalization causes detrimental turmoil to the financial markets.

Banks are dealing with losses caused by widespread loan defaults. The only way the government can hope to relieve banks of these losses is by injecting capital into the banks, which the government is already doing. These losses won't magically go away with a federal takeover.

Shareholders' stocks would become worthless if the government took over the banks. There would be absolutely no way for investors to regain previous losses.

In addition, even one federal takeover of a bank could ignite a financial wildfire. Shares across the entire banking sector would continue

to fall, and trust in financial institutions would be devastated. Any bank that the government takes control of would suddenly become the safest bank, and people will move their money out of their not-so-safe banks making existing problems worse.

Those in favor of nationalization often cite the success of the Swedish government's nationalization efforts in the last decade. This is basically irrelevant in that Sweden's entire banking system represents a small percent of major banks in the U.S. The financial challenges in America are complex and are decades in their making. Letting the government control major banks won't suddenly change anything.

Given the severity of the consequences that could result from nationalization, this must be considered a last resort. The Obama administration

should stand by our banking system and assure the market that bank nationalization is off the table.

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## Economic crisis brings more pawn customers

By Jim Stratton  
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Twenty years ago, Trent Dale jumped out of an airplane to earn a nickel-sized military pendant of 14-karat gold.

Last month, he walked into a pawnshop and traded it for \$20 cash.

"That's gas money that'll get me up to see my son," said Dale, an Army veteran from Orlando with a barrel chest and imposing biceps. "You want to hang on to mementos, but life goes on."

As more people feel the pinch of a contracting economy, pawnshops are seeing a different type of customer. Instead of the chronically under-employed, these are folks like Dale — people who a year ago were on stable, if not gold-plated, financial footing.

They had decent jobs and a little money left at the end of each month. But as the economy slid into a spiral, they got dragged down with it, leaving them scrambling to pay the bills. Many have turned to their neighborhood pawnshop.

"What's changed is that people are desperate," said Ron Luttrell, owner of Diamond Pawn in Orlando. "They're trying to pawn anything they can."

The evidence covers the walls and floor at Lee's Pawn and Jewelry on Colonial Drive in west Orlando. The shop sits in the shadow of a billboard hawking Krystal fast food and Tanqueray gin.

Richard Palmer has owned the shop for almost 25 years. Today, he sits in a forest of professional-grade drills, power saws and air compressors pawned by out-of-work builders. Six flat-panel televisions are tuned to six different stations. A banjo leans in a corner just below a set of steel drums.

A bank of display cases is packed with gold chains, rings and watches. Palmer is seeing plenty of those nowadays, as laid off white-collar

workers look for new ways to make ends meet.

"We're seeing people who live in better sections of town come over here," Palmer said.

He has also noticed an uptick in the amount of stuff people never reclaim. Two years ago, about 40 percent of the items became his property to sell. Now it's up to about 75 percent.

That creates its own problems for the pawnshop dealer.

"We've got more stuff than we can (get) rid of because people aren't buying," Palmer said. "The store is full, the back room is full. I've got a storage unit that's filled."

If customers need quick cash, they get a loan and leave the item behind as collateral. When they're flush again, they return to the shop, repay the loan plus interest and pick up their property. Some dealers will hold an item almost indefinitely if an owner pays a monthly charge. That prevents treasured belongings from being sold, but it comes at a price.

Last month, for example, George Green scraped together \$140 to reclaim two diamond rings he had pawned two years ago. He has been paying about \$30 a month, he said, to ensure they weren't sold.

"I know. I know. It doesn't make any sense," said Green, 62. "But we didn't want to lose them."

Lately, many customers are just looking to cash out. That's what Dale did with his medallion.

The 43-year-old father of two said he was laid off from a management job in October and since then has struggled to make ends meet. He lost his SUV — he's driving a Chevy Cavalier — and earlier pawned a PlayStation 3.

The \$20 he made last month was going straight into his gas tank, he said, so he could visit his son in Leesburg, Fla. The boy lives there with his mother.

"Just getting around is expensive," Dale said.

## Partnership helps endangered falcons

By Maria Recio  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The endangered northern aplomado falcon, a regal gray bird with beige markings that was common across Texas and the Southwest until 1952, is making a comeback.

A combined effort by conservationists, federal agencies and private landowners has led to 40 breeding pairs in South Texas and soon, the falcon's reintroduction in West Texas and New Mexico.

"We saw this as a species that deserved a second chance," said Peter Jenny, the president of The Peregrine Fund, a Boise, Idaho, foundation that champions birds of prey.

The success has been so great that he thinks the northern aplomado falcon will soon be delisted as an endangered species. Aplomado is the Spanish word for lead-colored.

Jenny talks while Stella, a 6-year-old northern aplomado falcon that's about 16 inches tall and can fly more than 100 mph, rests calmly on his gloved wrist during an interview in the Environmental Defense Fund's Washington office. When she spreads her three-foot wingspan and shows off her grey and beige bands, the roomful of visitors oohs and ahhs.

Stella, raised in captivity and used to humans — who Jenny says she thinks are falcons — isn't part of the release program but serves as one of the fund's goodwill ambassadors.

"The bird is the best ambassador of all," Jenny said.

The northern aplomado falcon's resurgence has relied, more than most rescue efforts, on the goodwill of private landowners. Texas lands are about 97 percent privately owned, limiting the power of the federal government to force change.

"We met with landowners to restore the rich wildlife heritage of Texas," Jenny said.

That resounded with South



Peter Jenny, president of The Peregrine Fund, holds Stella, a northern aplomado falcon Wednesday, at the Environmental Defense office in Washington.

Texas rancher Frank Yturria.

"I've been a conservationist all my life," said Yturria, 86, who let the fund build platforms for the birds to build their nests over a decade ago on a 12,000-acre ranch he co-owned near Brownsville. Yturria said that he was sitting in the office of a bank he owned when he was told that "a guy and a falcon" were downstairs.

Yturria, who was taken with the bird, a peregrine falcon, and with Jenny, its handler, was the first landowner in the state to open his land — a breakthrough for the northern aplomado falcon's fans.

"They're a beautiful, majestic bird," said Yturria, who's proud of his role in the falcon's re-emergence. "It makes me feel good. It's part of the legacy I can leave to my children and grandchildren."

The Environmental Defense Fund helped create an induc-

ement for landowners in the mid-1990s with a "safe harbor" provision to the Endangered Species Act that protects private property from federal intrusion when landowners set acreage aside for endangered animals.

"In return for access, the landowners get a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service" that gives them legal cover, said Michael Bean, a senior attorney with the defense fund. "There are now 2 million acres in Texas in the program."

Yturria participated even before the safe harbor program.

"One of my friends said, 'Are you crazy?'" Yturria said, laughing. Yturria also has set aside land at another ranch as part of a federal program to protect the ocelot.

The northern aplomado falcons, which began nesting on his

property, are now scattered over South Texas. And when the Fish and Wildlife Service determines that there are 60 breeding pairs, the northern aplomado falcon will be de-listed from the endangered species list.

"This is a real success story," Jenny said.

The northern aplomados mate for life and, unusual among birds of prey, hunt in pairs, Jenny said.

The Peregrine Fund is pushing for more federal funds for its programs, including \$300,000 for the northern aplomado.

Yturria remembers seeing the northern aplomado falcons back in the 1940s and 1950s and even thinks he may have shot one or two while he was quail hunting.

Now, he says, he sees them overhead from time to time on his ranch and smiles. His new role is their protector.

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NEWS

# ILLINOIS Governor retreats from call for senator to quit

By Rick Pearson  
and Monique Garcia  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Only days after Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn established a time frame for U.S. Sen. Roland Burris, D-Ill., to give up his seat or watch lawmakers move against him with a special-election law, the state's chief executive backed down Monday and said it was time to "move on."

The change of heart by Quinn, a likely candidate for election to the governor's office in 2010, came after he met with a group of African-American politicians amid a climate in which some members of the black clergy and Chicago aldermen have called on Quinn to cease calling for Burris to resign.

Even as Quinn took some pressure off Burris, the appointed junior senator faced a potential political fight on a new front when Democratic state Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias announced a committee to raise money to campaign for Burris' seat in the 2010 primary. Burris has not formally declared whether he would seek election.

Quinn denied that concerns about his relations with the African-American community and his own political future prompted him to drop pushing a special-election law that could effectively dislodge Burris, the only black U.S. senator, from his post.

But much as Burris' ever-changing statements regarding how he got appointed by former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich created questions about the senator's veracity and viability, Quinn's comments also reflect ever-shifting positions the governor has taken on filling U.S. Senate vacancies going back to Blagojevich's arrest on Dec. 9. Quinn succeeded Blagojevich, who was removed from office in a Senate trial on impeachment charges that included his federal arrest for allegedly trying to sell



Burris



Quinn

the U.S. Senate vacancy of President Barack Obama.

On Thursday, Quinn told radio station WGN-AM that he would give Burris "two weeks" to contemplate a resignation before encouraging lawmakers to approve a law giving the governor the power to call a special election. His comments came after Attorney General Lisa Madigan said the federal Constitution gave lawmakers the right to approve a special election because Burris' appointment could be considered "temporary."

"Now, after a short, reasonable period of time, if he doesn't do that (resign), then I think we should pursue ahead with a (special-election) statute," Quinn said last week. "I have urged the two legislative leaders today, in (Illinois capital) Springfield when I was there, to go ahead and do that. Let's get it on the books."

But on Monday, the governor backed down after his hour-long meeting, though he said he has been making his position "crystal clear" to voters all along.

"I think there should be a special election, but if the incumbent senator decides to stay in office, I don't think anything will happen because of that," Quinn said.

Quinn said that while he was not backing down on his desire that Burris quit, "I mean, if he doesn't accept my advice, we have to move on."

"My position is well known," the governor said. "I think there should be a special election. You cannot have a special election unless the incumbent resigns. The incumbent has said he will not resign."

# Unemployed vulnerable to job scams

By Steve Giegerich  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Joe Epstein's heart did a little flip-flop when he opened an e-mail from a staffing firm that promised a portal to a new job.

"When you're in this situation, it really picks you up," said Epstein, 58. Nearly a year after being laid off from his job as an information technology sales rep, he finds himself in a job search for the first time in a quarter-century.

As Epstein learned in the resulting telephone conversation, an ailing economy can bring out the worst in people: Companies that prey on the unemployed in their struggle to find work.

Epstein said a "very nice, very positive" woman representing the staffing firm plucked his resume from a job search engine and promised that her company could brush up his resume, provide interview tips and give him access to exclusive job listings.

The price — \$4,000.

Epstein turned it down, as well as subsequent follow-up pitches from the firm.

"Once you give them your credit card, you're up a creek," said the Brentwood, Mo., resident.

Consumer protection advocates say his reasoning is dead-on. In 2007, the Consumer Protection Agency received almost 6,000 com-

plaints about headhunters and employment and placement agencies. And that was two years before the economy threw an estimated 3.6 million Americans out of work.

"There's always people out there willing to take advantage of people's misery," said Chris Thetford, director of communications for the Better Business Bureau of Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois. "I've never met anyone who had to pay to get a legitimate job."

Nationally, authorities are finding examples of job scammers and taking action. For example, the Federal Trade Commission filed a federal court complaint in November against a Georgia firm that was charging \$120 to \$140 for materials it claimed would help applicants pass a U.S. Postal Service qualifying exam.

In early 2008, the Ohio attorney general fined a personnel service for enticing clients to pay \$389 for a connection to nonexistent jobs.

Jeannette Hoss of East Carondelet, Ill., has been on the receiving end of similar pitches since starting her job hunt in December. She estimates she has e-mailed her resume in response to Craigslist.com ads nearly a 100 times trying to land a position in health insurance, human resources or other fields.

Of those inquiries, Hoss, 30, estimates fully a third have triggered

automatic responses that amount to little more than spam.

Other respondents have sent

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**Chris Thetford**  
director of communications for the Better Business Bureau of Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois

job applications embedded with requests for money or other personal information.

One company offered to set Hoss up with her own resume-writing service. Another provided suggestions on how to establish a phony e-mail address.

Given the economic climate, consumer advocates say, the allegations of bogus or exploitative employment opportunities starting to trickle in have the potential to turn into a torrent.

"We definitely expect to see

more people falling for job-hunting scams with the economy being what it is," said Travis Ford, a spokesman for the Missouri attorney general's office.

In 2007, 5,925 Americans contacted the U.S. Consumer Protection Agency, a division of the Federal Trade Commission, with complaints about employment agencies and job counseling.

That figure represented less than 1 percent of the complaints the agency received about fraudulent business opportunities and work-from-home schemes, said spokesman Mitchell Katz.

As Epstein learned, the schemes often involve a firm requesting a fee in exchange for career advice along with access to employment opportunities inaccessible to the general public.

The request for upfront money, experts say, is the first red flag.

In almost every instance, consumer advocates contend, the "exclusive" job listings that illegitimate staffing firms share with clients are available to anyone with access to the Internet.

Moreover, they say, employment-seekers are often presented with lists of jobs for which they are unqualified or in faraway locales that would require them to relocate.

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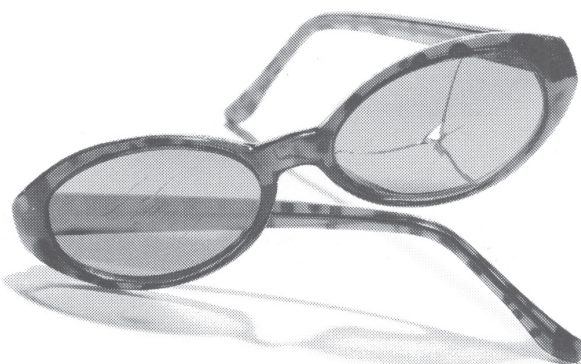


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# Behind the shamrock

## Looking at the history, myths and traditions surrounding St. Patrick's Day

By Wendy Zang  
McClatchy Newspapers

### WHO IS ST. PATRICK?



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#### St. Patrick

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Born in the late fourth century in Scotland, he was kidnapped as a teenager and shipped to Ireland as a slave. He was sent to the mountains as a shepherd, where he spent his time in prayer. After six years, he had a dream in which God told him to leave Ireland. Walking nearly 200 miles, he escaped to Great Britain, where he reportedly had a second vision, telling him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, he joined the priesthood and did just that. He is credited with converting much of Ireland to Christianity. He died in the mid-fifth century, on March 17.

### WHY A SHAMROCK?

St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. It has been associated with him and the Irish ever since. The shamrock's color is also one of the reasons why people wear green for St. Patrick's Day. Green is also a symbol of spring and of Ireland itself.

### CELEBRATIONS (AND A LITTLE HISTORY)

The Irish have celebrated St. Patrick's Day as a religious holiday for centuries. Irish families would spend the morning in church and the afternoon celebrating. Since the holiday usually fell during Lent, the Catholic Church waived the usual Lenten restrictions on the consumption of meat, and people would dance, drink and feast (often on the traditional Irish meal of bacon and cabbage).

It was the Americans who turned it into a secular holiday of Irish nationalism. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in 1762, when Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through the streets of New York City. During the mid-1800s, St. Patrick's Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans (most of them poor, Catholic and the targets of discrimination). In 1948 President Truman attended New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade. It was, according to The History



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A band of bagpipers marches down New York's Fifth Avenue during the 2005 St. Patrick's Day parade.

Channel, "a proud moment for the many Irish whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and racial prejudice to find acceptance in America."

It wasn't until 1995, however, that the Irish government began a national campaign to use St. Patrick's Day to drive tourism and showcase Ireland to the rest of the world.

Now, you can find the biggest celebrations in:

**Dublin:** Billed as Ireland's largest annual party, Dublin hosts a multi-day festival that draws more than 1.5 million spectators and 4,000 performers.

**New York City:** The tradition continues in New York with more than 200,000 marchers and more than 2.2 million spectators.

**Chicago:** They've been dyeing the Chicago River green since 1962 for their famous parade.

There are hundreds more parades and celebrations in towns from Sea Isle City, N.J., to Hermosa Beach, Calif. And internationally, look for parades in London, Sydney and Tokyo.

Sources: WWW.CATHOLIC.ORG, WWW.HISTORYCHANNEL.COM, WWW.CATHOLIC-FORUM.COM, WWW.SAINTPATRICKSDAYPARADE.COM

### PATTY PARTY PLANNER

Here are a few quick tips for planning your own St. Patrick's Day celebration from Evite.com:

**Decorations:** Go green simply with streamers, or more elaborately with green light bulbs, green balloons and shamrock-shaped party lights.

**On the table:** Gold foil-wrapped chocolate coins and/or Lucky Charms cereal make good table decorations.

**For entertainment:** Make a Styrofoam "Blarney Stone" to sit near the door and have people kiss it as they enter.

**Attire:** Green, of course. Best with a "Kiss Me I'm Irish" pin and a green leprechaun hat. For real effect, go for the Lucky Charms



WILLIAM GRATZ/MCT  
Get decked out in green attire for your St. Patrick's Day party.

leprechaun look: green blazer, a green scarf and a green bowler hat with a shamrock, of course.

**Fun games:** In addition to singing Irish folk songs and other pub tunes, try giving your guests five minutes to write a limerick, then have them read it out loud in their best Irish accents.

**Eats:** Go for the traditional Irish grub (see list below); or just go green with some mashed potatoes and green food coloring, or some green M&Ms.

**Drinks:** For the adults, serve up Irish beer or Irish coffee; for non-alcoholic options, try mint-chocolate milkshakes, Gatorade or green Kool-Aid.

Source: WWW.EVITE.COM

### BEVERAGES

Forget the green beer, here are some real Irish beers to help you celebrate this St. Patrick's Day:

**Guinness:** Brewed in Dublin since 1759, rich and dark. See if your bartender can draw a shamrock in the head of your Guinness. Guinness also makes Smithwick's Irish Ale and Harp Lager.

**Murphy's:** Brewing Irish Stout in Cork, Ireland, since 1856. Murphy's also makes an Irish Red (a lighter alternative).

**Beamish:** Also brewed in Cork, since 1792. Along with Murphy's and Guinness, it makes up what epicurious.com calls the Blessed Trinity.

**O'Hara's Celtic Stout:** Made by Carlow Brewing Company in Carlow, Ireland, a microbrew that started up in 1998. The stout has won international awards.

**D'Arcy's Dublin stout:** Made by Dublin Brewing Company, another newcomer to the scene, founded in 1996.

Or opt for some other Irish drinks: **Irish coffee:** Legend has it the drink of coffee, Irish whiskey, cream and sugar was invented at Shannon Airport in Ireland.

**Irish whiskey:** Barley malt whiskey made in Ireland. Similar to Scotch whiskey, except for where it's made.

**Bailey's Irish Cream:** A whiskey and cream-based liquor made by Bailey & Co. of Dublin.

**Irish Car Bomb:** This one mandates directions: Pour a half a pint of Guinness into a beer mug; let settle. Meanwhile, prepare a shot with 1/2 ounce Irish whiskey and 1/2 ounce Bailey's (or other Irish cream). Drop the shot glass into the mug and chug.

Sources: EPICURIUS.COM, WIKIPEDIA, WWW.DRINKNATION.COM

### SONGS

Here are a few lyrics from some popular Irish folk songs:

#### DANNY BOY

*Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling  
From glen to glen, and down the mountain side  
The summer's gone, and all the flowers are dying  
'tis you, 'tis you must go and I must bid.*

*But come you back when summer's in the meadow  
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow  
'tis I'll be there in sunshine or in shadow  
Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so.*

#### WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

*When Irish eyes are smiling,  
Sure, 'tis like the morn in Spring.  
In the lilt of Irish laughter  
You can hear the angels sing.  
When Irish hearts are happy,  
All the world seems bright and gay.  
And when Irish eyes are smiling,  
Sure, they steal your heart away.*

Sources: WWW.THEBARDS.NET, WWW.IRELAND-INFORMATION.COM



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Cabbage, potatoes and Canadian bacon are elements of our quick Irish "Boiled" Dinner recipe.

### TRADITIONAL IRISH FOOD

You may want to celebrate with some traditional Irish grub:

**Bacon and cabbage** (or corned beef and cabbage)

**Champ:** A mixture of mashed potatoes, eggs and scallions

**Colcannon:** A dish of mashed potatoes, cabbage, butter, salt and pepper

**Irish stew:** Usually made with lamb, potatoes, onions and parsley

**Irish breakfast:** Pork sausages, bacon, eggs, black and white puddings (sausages), toast or soda bread

**Irish soda bread:** Quick bread that substitutes baking soda for yeast

**Dublin coddle:** A casserole of bacon, pork sausages, potatoes and parsley

Here's one recipe from the Chicago Tribune to get you started:

#### QUICK IRISH 'BOILED' DINNER WITH MUSTARD SAUCE

Preparation time: 10 minutes  
Cooking time: 30 minutes  
Yield: 4 servings

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 package (5 ounces) Canadian bacon or ham, cut into strips
- 1 small sweet onion, diced
- 1 package (6 ounces) coleslaw mix
- 12 baby red potatoes, halved
- 2 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) chicken broth
- 5 sprigs fresh thyme, tied together

— Chicago Tribune

Sources: EPICURIUS.COM, Wikipedia



### QUIZ

How much do you know about Ireland?

#### 1. Size?

- Slightly larger than California
- Slightly larger than Canada
- Slightly larger than West Virginia
- Slightly larger than Rhode Island

#### 2. Population?

- More than 4 million
- More than 7 million
- More than 1 million
- More than 14 million

#### 3. Capital?

- Cork
- Dublin
- Donegal
- Limerick

#### 4. Percent Roman Catholic?

- 55
- 77
- 12
- 88

#### 5. Patron saint? (Come on, people!)

- St. Ursula
- St. David
- St. Patrick
- Bono



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Bono

ANSWERS:  
1. c  
2. a  
3. b  
4. d  
5. c

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Many people celebrate St. Patrick's Day by donning Irish-themed garb and attending parades.

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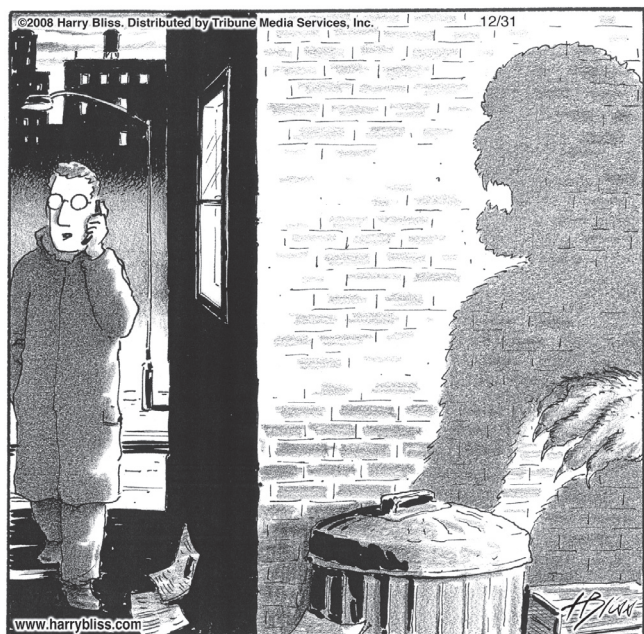


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— History Channel

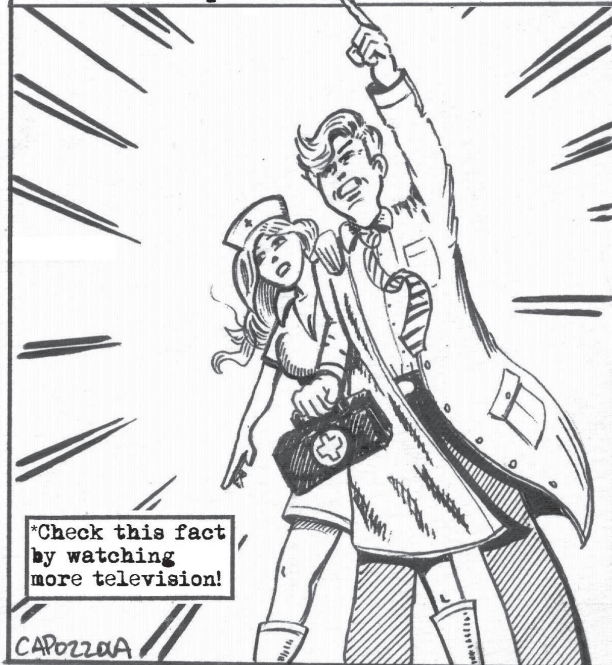
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**Directions**  
Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

### Friday's Solutions

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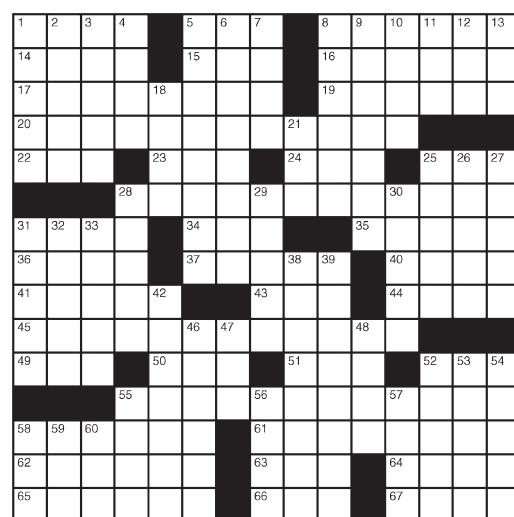
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- 5 Econ. agcy.
- 8 Of singers
- 14 Our satellite
- 15 I see!
- 16 Inspirational discourse
- 17 Covered walkways
- 19 Incompetent
- 20 Railroad employee
- 22 Hankering
- 23 P. Goss grp.
- 24 Signs off on
- 25 Money player
- 28 9-to-5 worker
- 31 Bus. letter abbr.
- 34 Actress
- 35 1945 conference site
- 36 Easter bloomer
- 37 Burn with hot liquid
- 40 Muddy
- 41 Ooze
- 43 Frightening shout
- 44 Previous spouses
- 45 Certain cash machine
- 49 Gerund maker
- 50 "All over the World" grp.
- 51 London hrs.
- 52 Gangster's gun
- 55 Garden company
- 58 Social occasion
- 61 Rodent burrows
- 21 Mooring animal
- 25 Flower of Texas
- 26 Bird again
- 27 Face-to-face exams
- 28 Bonnie's love
- 29 Shrine at Mecca
- 30 Concerned person
- 31 Bursera resin
- 32 Cynthia of "Sex and the City"
- 33 Held fast
- 38 Sign of sadness

### DOWN

- 1 Out of gas
- 2 Actress Demi
- 3 "Happy Days" co-star Erin



By Adele Mann  
New York, NY

3/3/09

### Friday's Puzzle Solved

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## SPORTS



See how the men's tennis team is preparing for Wednesday's match against SMU. Tomorrow

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## OUT OF TIME



PAIGE McARDLE / Design Editor

Senior forward John Ortiz attempts to block a shot during Saturday's game against San Diego State University.

## Horned Frogs fall in OT

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

Senior forward Kevin Langford gave himself five more minutes to cement his legacy at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Unfortunately, the referees only gave him four minutes and 57 seconds.

The Horned Frogs fell to San Diego State University 79-77 Saturday night in overtime in a game that featured a furious comeback and a strange ending that was decided by the officials.

After Langford made the first of his two free throw attempts with five seconds to play, he intentionally missed the second, causing a scramble for the ball which the officials ruled went out of bounds off of Horned Frog junior forward Zvonko Buljan. The clock read 2.7 seconds remaining, but after a lengthy discussion the referees said that time had run out, and the game was in fact over.

"We had chances to win the game, and I'm proud of the (team's) effort," said head coach Jim Christian. "We clawed our way back."

The ending put a slight damper on a gutsy performance by Langford, who along with fellow senior forward John Ortiz, was making his final appearance at home. Langford suffered through foul trouble the entire first half and went in to the break having scored only two points in seven minutes.

"It was Senior Night, and I wanted (Langford) to play," Christian said. "When he's not on the floor, it's hard for us to do a lot of things."

In his absence, the Horned Frogs watched the Aztecs' lead balloon to 13 before reaching a game high of 16.

Langford and freshman guard Ronnie Moss took over in the final 10 minutes of the game, on their way to point totals of 18 and 22, respectively. With the scoring efforts of Moss and Langford, the offense improved its field goal percentage from 31 percent in the first half to 52 percent in the second. Langford also showed off his penchant for drawing fouls inside, as two Aztec starters fouled out before the end of regulation.

"I couldn't foul out of my last home game with two points,"

Langford said. "I had to play smart, but still play hard."

The Horned Frogs tied the game with 24 seconds left in regulation after two free throws from Langford.

"If I had made some other free throws (earlier in the game), I wouldn't have had to make them," Langford said.

In the extra period, the Aztecs failed to connect on a single shot, but went 10 of 12 from the charity stripe. The Horned Frogs missed their two three-point attempts in overtime and shot 36 percent from beyond the arc in the game.

Christian downplayed the role of the officials following the game, as did Langford.

Langford acknowledged that the ending was a bit unsatisfying, but said he was proud of the way he and his teammates played.

"I would've liked to win, but I felt the guys really went out there and played for me," Langford said.

The team wraps up its regular-season slate Saturday in Salt Lake City against the Mountain West-leading University of Utah Utes.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Match decided in final bout

By Max Landman  
Editor-in-Chief

After losing its third consecutive event Saturday at home against the University of Alabama, the women's tennis team will try to right the ship Thursday with a visit to College Station.

With both teams cheering on the final match from the sidelines, the team lost a nail-biter Saturday afternoon at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center, falling to the Crimson Tide 4-3. The matches were moved indoors due to wind.

For the Horned Frogs, it was the second straight event that came down the final singles match, as sophomore Idunn Hertzberg fell to the Tide's Taylor Lindsey, 4-6, 4-6.

Horned Frog head coach Jefferson Hammond said that because of the team's tough schedule and high expectations there is bound to be some disappointment.

"We're going to have ups and downs in terms of execution and now we're having one of the downs," Hammond said. "We'll get it together."

Freshman Gaby Mastromarino, who won in both doubles and

singles play after defeating the Tide's Meritt Emery in straight sets, said it's always difficult for a team when an event rides on one player's shoulders.

"I've been in this situation where I was the last match, and it's really hard to have everyone watch you and know that it's up to you, so I feel for her," Mastromarino said of her teammate Hertzberg.

**"We're going to have ups and downs in terms of execution and now we're having one of the downs. We'll get it together."**

**Jefferson Hammond**  
head coach

The team fell to 4-5 for the season, while the Tide, ranked No. 63, remained undefeated, moving to 8-0.

Alabama head coach Jenny Mainz said her team came out



For a slideshow of the tennis match, visit [DailySkiff.com](http://DailySkiff.com).

strong after losing its first doubles point of the season. She said experience was key in the final match because Lindsey had been in the final position on two other occasions this season.

"A lot of times when it's your first rodeo, you don't respond the same way, but after you've done it a couple of times you kind of work through the nerves and work through the pressure," Mainz said.

Sophomore Maria Babanova, who found herself in the same situation in the last match Thursday when the team lost to Texas Tech University, said the Horned Frogs will rebound.

"We're not upset," said Babanova, who had won her doubles match with Mastromarino earlier in the day.

She said the team would be ready for Thursday's matches at Texas A&M University. The match is slated for a 5 p.m. start.

"We're going to compete against A&M as hard as we can, so we're not worried at all," Babanova said.

## QUICK SPORTS

## Baseball team tops Mississippi in weather-shortened series

The No. 16-ranked Horned Frogs improved their record to 5-1 on the young season with a 19-13 victory at No. 11-ranked University of Mississippi squad on Saturday.

The team belted 25 hits on the way to its fifth straight win. All but one starter had multiple hits.

Senior third baseman Matt Carpenter had five hits and scored four runs while senior outfielder Chris Ellington hit two home runs and drove in four.

Originally scheduled as a three-game series, poor weather conditions Friday caused the opening game to be postponed. A doubleheader was scheduled for Saturday but only one game was completed. Another doubleheader was scheduled for Sunday to complete the series, but snow and cold temperatures didn't allow those games to happen either.

The Horned Frogs will get back into action tonight on the road against the University of Texas at Arlington before hosting Baylor University on Wednesday night at Lupton Stadium.

## Lady Frogs' win streak ends at six

The women's basketball team fell to third place in the Mountain West Conference with a 68-63 loss Saturday on the road against the San Diego State University Aztecs.

The Lady Frogs (19-9, 11-4 MWC) fought back from a 13-point deficit in the second half but only managed to get within three points of the Aztecs, who cemented a perfect

14-0 record at home on the season with the win.

Junior guard Helena Sverisdottir led the way for the Lady Frogs with 19 points and 12 rebounds, her seventh double-double of the season.

The team will close out regular season play when it hosts the MWC-leading University of Utah at noon Saturday.

## Men's tennis team falls to Red Raiders in Lubbock

The tennis team fell to Texas Tech University 5-2 on Saturday in Lubbock. The loss put the team's record at 2-7 for the season.

The No. 32-ranked squad took the doubles point for the fifth consecutive match, but were unable to top the Red Raiders in singles play.

The team will host SMU at 6 p.m. Wednesday night at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

## Flyin' Frogs compete in MWC Indoor Championships

The women's track and field team came in second place while the men placed fifth in the Mountain West Conference Indoor Championships late last week.

Overall, the Flyin' Frogs claimed eight event titles, recorded nine NCAA provisional marks and broke one school record.

Junior sprinter Jessica Young earned the Women's Outstanding Performance Award, winning gold in both the 60-meter and the 400-meter dash. Her time of 7.26 in the 60 meters broke the previous school record of 7.30.

On the men's side, sopho-

more Jordan Pitts won gold in the 60-meter hurdles event and was part of a TCU quartet that won gold in the 4x400 relay.

## Swimming and diving teams wrap up conference championships

The men's swimming and diving team took fifth place and the women came in seventh when competition wrapped up Saturday in the Mountain West Conference Championships in Oklahoma City.

Combined, the two teams claimed eight medals and broke 12 school records in the four days of competition.

Sophomore swimmer Maria Paula Alvarez earned silver in the women's 1650-yard freestyle, breaking a school record in the process.

Junior swimmer Josh Bagby placed fourth in the men's 100-yard freestyle and broke a school record.

Senior diver R.J. Hesselberg won gold on the 3-meter springboard competition for the second season in a row.

## Equestrian team outduels

## New Mexico State

The Horned Frogs earned all four match MVP titles on their way to an 11-7 victory over the New Mexico State University Aggies on Saturday in Mansfield, N.M.

The win puts the team at 9-3 for the season. It was the first time the two teams had ever met.

The team will return to action Sunday when it hosts Oklahoma State University.

— Sports editor Michael Carroll

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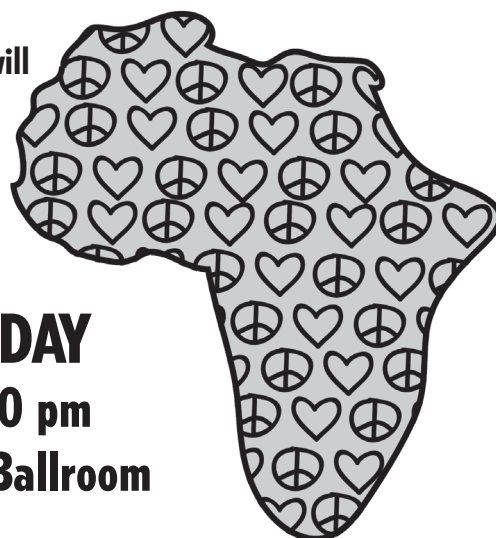
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