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HONORS CONVOCATION

## Event to host first student speaker

Elle Cahalan  
Staff Reporter

In pursuit of a speaker for the Honors Convocation, university officials did not have to look far.

Addressing the topic, "Living a Facebook Life in a Google World," senior honors student Preston Swincher will be the first student to ever be the featured speaker at the Honors Convocation, a university official said.

Ron Pitcock, assistant director of the Honors Program, developed the idea to select a student speaker. Pitcock said he is constantly amazed at the intelligence of the honors students he interacts with.

"I am regularly struck by the ways in

which they present their ideas, which led me to believe that this was a possibility," he said.

Swincher, a senior entrepreneurial management and musical theatre major and honors student, was the winner of the Honors Program's first oratorical competition. Pitcock chose the topic and gave students the freedom to expand their speech in any direction they wanted. The competitors gave their speeches before a panel of judges, who looked for a speech with academic merit that would challenge an audience, Pitcock said.

Swincher said he entered the oratorical competition because he found the topic of the Internet's global and personal influence intriguing. He said he hopes his

speech, titled "How the Internet Crashed Our Party," will get the audience thinking about something they have never thought about before.

"My speech is about how the Internet is bringing everyone in the world closer together in a global way and how that is going to change the way we, as a consumer society, relate to other nations and societies that are less fortunate than us," he said.

Swincher said he is more excited than nervous to present his speech at Honors Convocation.

"My performance experience has made me unafraid to speak passionately about something," he said.

Nate Arnold, a senior business infor-

Honors Convocation

Where: Ed Landreth Auditorium  
When: 11 a.m.  
Admission is free and open to all students.

mation systems and marketing major and honors student, said he is looking forward to listening to a peer speak, especially on the subject of technology.

"I think he will be able to relate to the topic and to the students in the audience better than an outside speaker would," Arnold said. "Having a student speaker really highlights the hard work of the honors students."

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Navy rescue of captain a reminder of the strength of American spirit. Opinion, page 3

PECULIAR FACT

MADISON, Wis. — A nurse was called out of surgery so a manager could tell her she was being laid off. Dean Health said the surgery was minor and the patient wasn't affected, but the manager who summoned the nurse from surgery violated medical protocol.

— Associated Press

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## PARTY PEOPLE



For a slideshow of the tea party protest, check out [DailySkiff.com](http://DailySkiff.com).



Thousands gathered at LaGrave Field, near downtown Fort Worth, for the Fort Worth "tea party" protesting President Barack Obama's policies Wednesday evening. The event was organized by the Tarrant County Republican Party.

## Thousands gather to protest taxation

By Madison Morgan  
Staff Reporter

A long time ago patriots took a stand against overtaxation, and today American citizens are repeating history and making the same statement, Gov. Rick Perry said in Fort Worth on Wednesday.

More than 5,000 people reverted to the ways of American revolutionaries Wednesday evening by carrying out a "tea party" protest at LaGrave Field.

Kelly J. Shackelford, chief counsel of the Liberty Legal Institute, opened the program and stated that this gathering was activists' tool to win the fight against overtaxation.

"Why did the government pass the stimulus package when two-thirds of the American people didn't approve of it?" Shackelford said. "Our congressmen didn't even have time to read the entire bill; now the Congressional Budget Office says that the budget that Obama formed will triple our national debt putting this strain on our

children and grandchildren."

Perry said the lawmakers in Washington have forgotten the foundation on which the United States was built on and continue to erode its citizens rights while they spend the citizens' tax dollars and the future tax dollars of their children.

"When government lowers taxes, it encourages spending and private sector growth," Perry said. "We aren't radical right-wing extremists. We are fellow patriots fighting for what is right."

Perry instructed the audience to take out their cell phones and text "FED UP" to 95613 so that he could show Washington just how mad the citizens of Texas were.

Perry said the numbers would be compiled in a database to act as a petition.

"In the words of Sam Houston, Texas has yet to learn submission to any oppression," Perry said. "We will not stand for our pockets to be picked."

First-year elementary education gradu-

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Gov. Rick Perry walks onto LaGrave Field to a standing ovation before addressing a crowd of more than 5,000.

## Juniors promote recreational reading

By Annie Cooper  
Staff Reporter

Advances in the development of a university-wide reading club hosted by Project Junior Giveback keeps turning its pages, planning to increase community morale on campus, a student body official said.

"One Book, One TCU" is a learning project to foster a greater sense of community on campus, revive the lost art of recreational reading and provide a good read to students, faculty and staff, said Matt

Dietrichson, a junior political science major and student body vice president.

"People don't read for fun enough," Dietrichson said. "We'd like to promote recreational reading as a community effort and hold discussions about topics people aren't talking about."

The goal is to have the entire university community reading the same book at the same time, he said.

Dietrichson, co-chair of the Junior Giveback committee, along with Mary Boschini, a freshman premajor, formed a committee of faculty, staff and student

representatives from multiple disciplines such as the English department, Student Development Services, Honors Program and Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services.

"The main criteria was they must be avid readers," Dietrichson said.

The committee meets about three to four times per month to select a book and brainstorm marketing ideas for the program, he said.

The committee selected the book

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COMPUTERS

## University considers shutdown policy

By Libby Davis  
Staff Reporter

Despite a report that shows that shutting down computers after hours could save the university thousands of dollars, the university is considering, but not pursuing, a mandatory shutdown policy, a university official said.

Bryan Lucas, executive director of Technology Resources, wrote in an e-mail that there are about 3,500 student and classroom computers on campus. The university has not yet pursued the option of a mandatory shutdown policy, he said. Based on information from the report, doing so could save the university up to \$98,000 a year.

A company that shuts down 1,000 computers after hours can expect to save \$28,000 a year if the computers remain shut down for about 14 hours, according to a September 2008 report from 1E Energy Awareness Campaign. 1E is a global provider of Windows Systems Management software and services solutions, according to its Web site.

The report also stated that turning off all company computers in the U.S. every night would save more than \$2.8 billion annually.

"I think it would be inaccurate to attempt to calculate savings in the same manner as that report did," Lucas wrote. "There are variables such as PC power consumption rate and electricity costs that are different for our scenario."

Improved power management of the university's computers would likely save money, and the university is searching for ways to improve its power management, he said.

Lucas was unavailable for further comment.

According to the report, the 108 million unused computers that U.S. companies maintain are expected to produce 20 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions in 2009, the equivalent of about 4 million cars.

1E also announced in the report that its program called NightWatchman automatically places computers in hibernation mode and saves open documents, reducing power usage. NightWatchman, which is available for all PC users, was first released in 1999.

Jon Hodgson, an associate with 1E, wrote in an e-mail that NightWatchman has been successfully employed at universities, not including TCU, and can shut down an entire network of computers down at a specified time.

"It is possible to set different power policies for different groups, buildings or even sites," Hodgson said.

Sue Ott, administrative assistant in the school of music, said she shuts down her computer as a safety measure.

"Nobody can get on here and take my password," Ott said.

Jonathan Brimmer, a senior accounting major, said he shuts down his desktop every night, but puts his laptop in hibernation mode.

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## NEWS



JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Bernard "Tut" Bartzten, former TCU tennis center director and tennis coach, talks to a reporter at the "tea party" rally on Wednesday. He said he hoped politicians in Washington would take notice of the rally.

## RALLY

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ate student Courtney Steele said she came to the rally to support the governor and the values of fiscal conservatism.

"It doesn't make sense to tax the people that create jobs, and I think it should be our choice as to which people and which charities we want to help and support versus who the government feels needs it most," Steele said.

Steele said that in the field of education it is hard to find people who value the same things she does, so she relies on her husband and other family members to support her beliefs.

"My husband goes to work every day and works hard to provide the life we want for our daughter," Steele said. "With the level of debt we're getting ourselves into, I don't even know if it will be paid off when she is my age."

First-year MBA graduate student Erin Johnson said she came to protest the misuse of Americans' tax dollars.

"I hope that the silent majority of fiscal conservatives raise their voices and opinions come November 2010," Johnson said. "I hope that there are some major changes in office."

Former TCU tennis coach Bernard "Tut" Bartzten said he attended the event to hear what Perry had to say about high taxes.

"I think the country is going in the wrong direction," Bartzten said. "We need smaller government, we need smaller taxes and to enforce the laws that are built into the Constitution that guarantee our rights."

Bartzten said the tea parties will show that there are a lot of people who feel the same way.

"Something like this is going to get Washington to take notice," Bartzten said.

Similar rallies took place in hundreds of cities across the nation Wednesday, the final day for people to file their tax returns.

James Riddlesperger, a political science professor, said there were several reasons for the tea parties' popularity. The first is that they provide a venue to vent frustration, he said.

"People get to blow off steam, and that's not necessarily a bad thing in politics," he said.

The philosophy that the federal government has grown beyond its necessary bounds is popular, he said. That, combined with the opportunity for politicians to increase their public profiles, has contributed to the hype surrounding the events, he said.

Perry, who is running for reelection in 2010 facing a primary challenge from U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, said Tuesday that he supports a resolution in the Texas Legislature that affirms the state's sover-

eignty under the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. He said the federal government had become oppressive in its size and interfered with state affairs.

Perry has alluded to the amendment, which affirms that the federal government's powers that aren't provided by the Constitution are reserved to the states or the people, in rallies across the state.

But when it comes to complaints about taxes, using the 10th Amendment as an argument doesn't work, Riddlesperger said.

"Just read the Constitution," Riddlesperger said in reference to the 16th Amendment, which gives Congress the right to collect income taxes. "I don't see how you can make the argument about taxation when it's right there in black and white."

Editor-in-chief Max Landman contributed to this report.

## ONE BOOK

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Tuesday but will keep the title under wraps until the fall semester.

Brett Major, a junior psychology major and former student body vice president, presented the idea of the service project last year to the Junior Transitions faculty and staff committee in a contest.

Major said he was first inspired to start a book club at the university after he heard about "One Book, One Waco," a community reading effort initiated by the Waco Chamber of Commerce and hosted at Baylor University last spring.

Started by the Center for the Book, which was established by Congress to stimulate public interest in books and reading in Washington, D.C., One Book is a nationally recognized movement that encourages the pursuit of education and literacy, according to the Web site for the Library of Congress.

Jason Eagar, a mentor for Junior Giveback and director of student programs and annual giving, said Major, along with three other students, received \$1,000 to go toward their community projects.

Eagar said he would like to see more students coming together and talking about issues that don't just affect the university but have global impact.

"Every person at TCU is connected in some way to the outside world," Eagar said.

Samantha Siegel, a senior radio-TV-film major from Fort Worth, said she likes the idea of a campuswide read but whether she will read will depend on what book the committee picks.

Siegel said if it were up to her she would want to get people to see the world for more than what they know.

"I would focus on seeing the world in a bigger picture," she said. "One of my favorite books is 'The Alchemist' by Paulo Coelho. It's about not being so focused on the minuscule bubble that tends to contract everyone in this school."

Dietrichson said One Book, One TCU is building upon the prior One Book models to distinguish itself from the rest, while focusing on keeping costs down.

"We are conjuring up ideas about 'green' programming and trying to figure out ways of reusing old books," he said. "There is still much to be decided."

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"I suppose I shut down to reduce power and prolong the life of the computer," Brimmer said.

The report distinguished between powering down a computer and allowing it to hibernate. According to the report, a computer that is shut down turns off all power to the computer and cuts remote access capabilities while a hibernating computer reduces power use and still allows for remote access. Remote accessing allows a computer to be accessed from another computer by an employee, but it can pose a security hazard because it allows access to a computer that hackers could take advantage of, the report stated.

The report also stated that 32 percent of U.S. employees do not know how to change the power settings on their computers. Altering power settings can allow a computer to reduce power after five minutes of inactivity during a workday, according to the report.

## Man: Gummy snack came with tooth

By Ruth Sheehan  
McClatchy Newspapers

RALEIGH, N.C. — How much is a stray tooth worth? Somewhere between \$35 and \$35,000.

Or so hopes Shea Harris of Raleigh, who discovered what looks like a human tooth embedded in the dinosaur-shaped gummy fruit snack he was eating.

On the afternoon of Jan. 15, Harris, 25, purchased two boxes of Kroger-brand dinosaur fruit snacks on sale for 99 cents each. He was into the third packet of the second — working on a T-Rex, to be precise — when he felt something hard in his mouth.

He spit out the partially dissolved orange chewy creature — with what appeared to be a human tooth still halfway embedded in the head.

"I was freaked out by it!" Harris said. "It was disgusting."

He immediately hopped into his car and headed back to the Kroger where he bought the snacks, and showed the gummy and its apparently dental cargo to the clerk. The store wasn't much help. So Harris called the toll-free number on the box.

He eventually got a call back from a customer service representative for ConAgra Foods, the massive food company that produces the snacks.

"We take consumer comments and concerns very seriously," Stephanie Childs, a spokeswoman for ConAgra, told The News & Observer.

Harris was unimpressed. "They offered me \$35 or the option of filing a claim," said Harris. He said he found the amount insulting. "I told them

I'd be filing a claim."

At first, Harris imagined he'd go through a lawyer to collect big bucks. But none of the attorneys he contacted would take the case. Though Harris worries about hidden contagion, he hasn't suffered any real harm from the admittedly disgusting discovery rattling around in his mouth.

ConAgra called in a claims management firm, which had the crunchy-chewy remains of the T-Rex picked up on Wednesday for independent testing.

Harris doesn't know what will happen next. Even if the object is not a tooth, he said, it shouldn't have been in a fruit snack. He could have broken a tooth.

So Harris has submitted his own claim, along with a letter seeking an apology and \$35,000.

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NATALIE

I have to get the next client. No matter what it takes, the next time that phone rings I **WILL** be the one who answers it. I'm so close to my **sales quota**...

Across the room, CHRIS screams joyfully. All eyes turn to him.

CHRIS

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CHRIS smiles, obviously pleased with himself. NATALIE rolls her eyes and continues to scour the internet for potential clients in the local area.

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# OPINION

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*The Skiff View*

## Bill would diversify admissions

For years, the Texas Legislature has been working to eliminate the automatic admission allocated for top 10 percent high school graduates into Texas public universities.

Now, since the bill for limiting the amount of incoming freshmen into colleges based on their rank in the top 10 percent has passed through the Senate, it seems as if the proposed legislation is finally getting somewhere.

The bill, which was passed in the Senate on March 25 and currently awaits House of Representatives approval, would limit state universities to admit no more than 60 percent of their incoming freshman class based on their rank in the top 10 percent of their high school class. Although students who do well enough to rank in the top 10 percent of their high school class should be rewarded, the current legislation does little to help universities hoping to diversify their student bodies.

Under the current legislation many qualified prospective students are being turned away simply because they did not rank high enough at an institution where rank varies from high school to high school based on the number of students in the graduating class.

According to an article in the Dallas Morning News, 81 percent of incoming freshmen at the University of Texas at Austin were automatically admitted into the university under the top ten percentage requirement.

The new bill will allow universities to examine other factors that don't always get reflected into the qualifications of making the top 10 percent. The student who did well on his or her SAT, the athlete who excelled in extracurricular activities, a talented artist or even the person who could only make it to the top 10.6 percent of his or her class are all prime examples of prospective students who have been or will be overlooked if the current legislation is not altered.

*News editor Rose Baca for the editorial board.*

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

### LGBTQ community should define its interests

In a recent letter to the editor, James Scarberry, class of TCU '59, wrote "it has come to my attention that there will be gay living quarters on campus, sanctioned by the university." This, Scarberry argues, is an action taken by the university that serves as "an accommodation to immoral living."

I think it is safe to say that the members of the administration and the board of trustees are, or at least should be, primarily concerned with the accommodation of the students of Texas Christian University.

Many parents and students who pay tuition despite the rising costs would agree that the university has an obligation to accommodate its students, all of them, regardless of race, gender, age or sexual orientation.

If Mr. Scarberry were to read the Vision in Action Project Report, he would find an emphasis on community and diversity.

This report states that "the TCU undergraduate experience should consist of ... a connection to the diverse communities to which we belong."

The report explains that the "TCU undergraduate experience shall include diversity of every kind" which would produce, as a result, "students who embrace individuals from various cultures, ethnicities, economic, and political backgrounds, and anyone 'different' from themselves."

I applaud the university's efforts in defining a commitment to such an undergraduate experience. By doing so, the university made a commitment to promote a distinct and welcoming community, a community of Horned Frogs.

The emphasis on community and diversity strengthens the student community and, thus, the university as a whole, in its character.

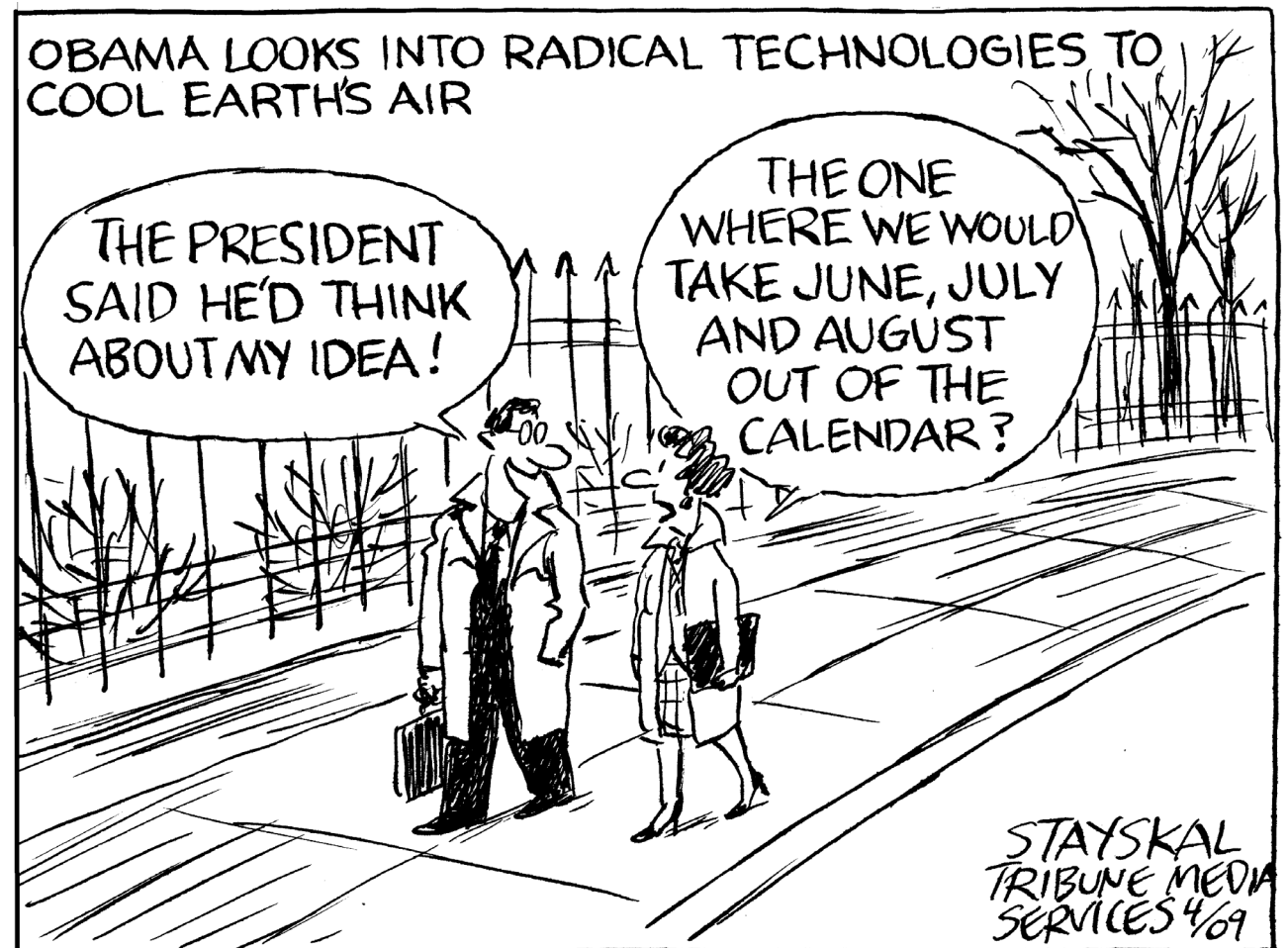
It is this goal that led the Student Government Association to approve legislation expressing support for the creation of a resource center for LGBTQ students. But, in that same interest of community, I feel that providing separate housing for LGBTQ students would counter the principles defined by the university's mission statements and commission. However, it is not my place to define the interests of the LGBTQ community. Rather, the Gay-Straight Alliance and the LGBTQ community must determine what is in their best interest.

The question of whether or not a policy provides "accommodation to immoral living" is not the type of question SGA, university officials and the members of the board of trustees are in a position to entertain.

As a professor of mine once said, "morality is one thing, law is another," which means that law and policy are, and should be distinct from personal morality. Principles of law and the university's own mission statements should drive policy within the university.

No matter one's opinion regarding the moral stature of homosexuality, I think we can all agree that LGBTQ students at the university are students who deserve recognition as such. That is a simple fact, one which should always be held in consideration as the university proceeds to deal with this issue.

*Lance A. Webb is a junior philosophy and political science major from Saginaw.*



Wayne Stayskal is an editorial cartoonist for the Tampa Tribune.

## State sovereignty must be respected

MARGARET FOLAND

The United States was formed on the basis of each state having its own sovereignty.

This fact is not new. In fact, it was a founding principle clearly outlined in the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Our Founding Fathers agreed that each state would have the ability to make its own laws and carry them out, with a central government uniting all the states and keeping them together, while making federal laws that would not overshadow the 10th Amendment.

The 10th Amendment of the American Bill of Rights plainly dictates that the federal government shall not overstep its bounds and take control away from any of the states within the union, therefore sovereignty would remain intact.

Unfortunately, one bill that President Barack Obama wants to pass would displace this fundamental right by breaking the contract that bound the states to the union.

Twenty-one states, including Texas, have declared states rights since Obama was elected.

Bryan Hughes, a republican legislator from Mineola, introduced a bill to the Texas Legislature this term that would legally declare Texas an independent state from the U.S.

The state of Texas was its own country before it was annexed by the United States in 1845. This treaty stated that we would join the Union with the notion that our state would retain sovereignty, with local authority not to be imposed by the federal government but by state officials.

Some may not realize that this is the reason why our state flag can fly at the same height as the United States flag, and our state is the only state in the Union able to do so.

This is history in the making, as we witness states declaring and passing these resolutions, which have never been necessary in the past.

It's something that states have threatened to do but never carried out.

Normally, it's advisable to try to remain fair and balanced in politics, but it seems that we have gotten to a point where independence is necessary to remind the federal government that they don't have the power, and we won't be imposed upon with socialist values.

*Margaret Foland is a junior theatre major from Arlington.*

## Obama's dog didn't warrant coverage



VLORA BOJKU

In one of the top headlines of the week, President Barack Obama finally fulfilled his campaign promise to his daughters and welcomed a new dog into the family.

News broadcasts, Web sites and even the blogosphere are on full blast about the newest Obama in the White House. One headline proclaimed, "The wait is over."

Seriously, is that what we've come to as a media-loving country to the point where getting a dog is headline news? Scrutinizing first lady Michelle

Obama's wardrobe for every appearance was a little over the top, but this just takes the cake.

Articles concerning the dog include details about the new walking arrangements for Bo, play ideas, and even questioning if the dog is a "left-winger."

Not to mention an Associated Press article which stated, "now that Bo is White House bound, (the) president can get back to business."

Some outlets are questioning the choice of the dog.

The Obamas had promised to get a dog from a pound, but Bo was a present from Sen. Ted Kennedy.

This has activists in an uproar over the roots of the dog, and whether or not he was a rescued dog.

Does it really matter? If the Obamas are happy with the dog and it fits in with their family why should we care where it's from?

Aren't there more important topics

to talk about?

We still have wars continuing on two fronts and a defiant North Korea firing off long-range missiles at will. Pirates are taking hundreds of people hostage aside from our one American captain.

Add onto that a faltering economy and the pork spending in the budget, and it seems like we should have plenty of legitimate subjects to discuss in the news.

It is quite silly that there are still articles and segments devoted to the new puppy popping up throughout the week.

I hope you have better ways to pass the time, but for those who do find this to be irresistibly intriguing, you can head over to newsvine.com and cast your vote for or against the Obamas' new dog.

*Vlora Bojku is a junior business major from Colleyville.*

## Seals' rescue of American example of nation's strength, intelligence



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JOHN ANDREW WILLIS

After five uneasy days, citizens of the U.S. were relieved and overjoyed Sunday to learn that Capt. Richard Phillips of the Maersk Alabama had been rescued from the four pirates taking him hostage. One of the four pirates — all of whom were between 17 and 19 years old — surrendered. The other three were shot and killed by U.S. Navy Seals shortly after.

According to news reports, the four pirates and Phillips were bobbing in a lifeboat about 50 meters from the destroyer USS Bainbridge with an AK-47

assault rifle pointed at Phillips. Based on news reports, when it was determined that the captain's "life was in imminent danger," the Seals shot at the pirates. Three of the pirates were killed and Phillips was unharmed. The precision required to perform that operation is absolutely dumbfounding, and speaks to the professionalism of the U.S. government and armed forces.

While Phillips will rightfully be hailed as a hero for enduring five days on a lifeboat with Somali pirates. However, Phillips has said in reported interviews that those who helped in the rescue deserve the praise. Phillips is quoted as saying in several news stories, "I'm just the byline. The real heroes are the Navy, the Seals, those who have brought me home."

Not very often do we hear of such a smoothly executed operation between a private corporation, the federal government, and our armed forces.

The freedoms we enjoy allow us to be a nation of professionals and innovators, and we owe a great debt to our armed forces for those freedoms.

We live in a very interesting time — a time when it seems nobody can trust anyone. A time when major CEOs and their companies are ripping off their customers and the government alike. A time when our government refuses to hold corporations accountable for their unethical and unintelligent decisions.

Reports like the rescuing of Phillips give hope for the future of America in this very interesting time. The freedoms we enjoy allow us to be a nation of professionals and innovators, and

we owe a great debt to our armed forces for those freedoms. While most predictions for our future aren't bright, I firmly believe this nation has the intelligence, will and determination to weather the storm.

Clare W. Graves, in his Theory of Adult Human Development, states that "we are poised for an unprecedented, momentous leap in our perspectives ... and ways to deal with behavioral patterns that now coexist or conflict with ... new limiting boundaries."

A trio of U.S. Navy Seal snipers shot and killed three pirates on a bobbing lifeboat 50 meters away, without harming the American captain that the pirates were threatening to kill. If that isn't an example of an unprecedented way to deal with new limiting boundaries, I don't know what is.

*John Andrew Willis is a sophomore environmental science major from Dallas.*

## NEWS

# Donors pledge \$324 million to Haiti for storm recovery

By Jacqueline Charles  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Led by the United States, foreign donors and international financial institutions renewed their commitment to a storm-ravaged Haiti on Tuesday, pledging at least \$324 million toward the country's economic recovery over the next two years.

Donors made the pledge during a daylong conference that focused on better coordination of international support for the poverty-stricken nation.

"We have a long way to go to complete recovery," said Haiti Finance Minister Daniel Dorsainvil, clearly pleased. The bailout from more than 20 nations and international organizations "will go a long way toward making progress in people's daily lives," he said.

The money is designed to help build roads, fight drug traffickers and generate up to 150,000 jobs in the desperately poor Caribbean nation.

While the Haitian government got the money they needed to plug a \$125 million budget gap, the final amount was still less than the Haitian government sought in the final plan they presented — \$946 million, including \$300 million for three new roads.

But former President Bill Clinton declared it "a good day for Haiti" in a luncheon speech hours after his wife opened the conference with the first pledge of the day — \$57 million.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told the opening session that the United States' commitment was targeted at the priorities outlined in the plan presented to donors by the Haitian government.

"What happens in Haiti af-

**"What happens in Haiti affects far beyond the Caribbean and even the region."**

**Hillary Clinton**  
secretary of state

fects far beyond the Caribbean and even the region," she said. "Haiti is in danger of stalling. This conference gives us all an opportunity to reignite its path to progress by working as a team with Haiti at the helm."

In an unusual but welcomed gesture, she announced that the U.S. government was giving \$20 million toward a budget gap by helping to service Haiti's debt obligations. In all, donors pledged \$41 million toward the budget gap.

The country pays about \$4 million a month in loan repayments.

At one point, the secretary of state's appeal sounded like a private relief agency's pitch: A donation of \$150, she said, could send a single Haitian child to school for a year. Or vaccinate 15 youngsters.

The meeting was held at the Inter-American Development Bank, with some big-name support from United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and representatives of France, Canada and Japan. They were joined by the heads of the IDB, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

The cash-starved, impoverished nation of 9 million is still digging out from last year's four tropical storms and hurricanes in the aftermath of food riots that triggered a nearly five-month political crisis.

"They are impatiently waiting for signs of hope and can no longer wait," said Haitian Prime Minister

Michele Pierre-Louis. "We are treading on very fragile ground. If no action is taken now, the consequences will be catastrophic."

She stressed that her country was ready to embark on a new partnership with the international community.

Meanwhile, former President Clinton called on donors to not just give but to commit to better coordination of their efforts to help Haiti break its cycle of poverty and dependence. "If we can show the progress with this money we can get more," he said.

He called the government's plan a good and focused one.

"They have a plan. They have the determination to implement it," he said. "They have the ability to implement it but we can help them have the capacity to implement it."

The U.N. secretary general and the former president both visited Haiti last month, a high-profile mission that ended with a vow to champion donors' support.

Supporters and Haitian government officials also called for better coordination.

"We need to commit to different ways of doing business and better ways of collaboration," Pierre-Louis told donors. "We are committed to improving the conditions for investments ... for the Haitian peasants."

Pierre-Louis told donors that their "engagement will help safeguard social stability. Overpopulated urban areas in all major cities, especially in our capital, Port-au-Prince, are filled with unemployed young men and women whose future looks absolutely grim.

"They are impatiently waiting for signs of hope and can no longer wait."

Hillary Clinton is scheduled to travel to Haiti on Thursday to meet with Haitian President Rene Preval before heading to Port of Spain, Trinidad, for the Summit of the Americas.

# Detainee calls television network to protest Guantanamo treatment

By Carol Rosenberg  
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — A Guantanamo detainee used his prison camp telephone privileges to ring up a reporter with the Middle Eastern news network Al-Jazeera and complain that he had been abused by prison camp guards, the U.S. military and network said Tuesday.

Mohammed el Gharani, whose attorneys say he was captured at age 14, in Pakistan, got the phone privileges in Camp Iguana, a transitional holding site for detainees awaiting release.

He is a citizen of Chad who reportedly grew up in Saudi Arabia and was in Pakistan studying at the time he was captured by security forces, and turned over to the United States for interrogation.

U.S. District Judge Richard Leon ordered el Gharani's release on Jan. 14 in a ruling that found the Pentagon's "mosaic of allegations" did not justify his indefinite detention as an al-Qaida suspect. He has been held at Guantanamo without charge since 2002.

Two weeks ago, the young el Gharani could be plainly seen living inside Camp Iguana, a razor-wire-ringed compound where he and 17 citizens of China, called Uighurs, await resettlement. Guards say that Iguana has greater privileges, including fast-food deliveries, group prayer, sports and videos.

But el Gharani told Al-Jazeera, according to a posting on the Web site Tuesday, that he had been beaten and tear-gassed in a prison camp cell, an apparent reference to his earlier captivity at Guantanamo in a prison building where detainees are held in steel and concrete cells.

A prison camps spokesman, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Brook DeWalt, said there was "no evidence to substantiate these claims and all credible allegations are fully investigated."

Moreover, the commander said, Camp Iguana captives are entitled to weekly family phone calls. El Gharani called a relative's "vetted number," and an Al-Jazeera reporter apparently answered.

"We can't actually control who is on the other end of the line,"

he said.

President Barack Obama has ordered the prison camps emptied of the 240 or so war on terror detainees by Jan. 22. But the young man was quoted by the TV news channel's English-language Web site as saying the circumstances of confinement had worsened.

"This treatment started about 20 days before Obama came into power, and since then I've been subjected to it almost every day," he was quoted as saying. "Since Obama took charge he has not shown us that anything will change."

No detainee has been allowed to speak to the media under ground rules reporters must sign before being given tours of the sprawling prison camps complex.

DeWalt said this was the first known prison camps news media interview, even remotely, "because we do not subject the detainees to direct media access, interviews and all that."

He said interviews are banned under an interpretation of the Geneva Conventions.

# Analysts see mixed bag after promises of transparency in earmark process

By David Lightman  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Want to learn about the earmarks, the federally funded local projects that your member of Congress wants to stick in the federal budget?

It may not be easy. In fact, it could be like looking "under electronic rocks," as one budget watchdog group put it.

The earmark process, lambasted by both major presidential contenders during the 2008 campaign as a secretive and unseemly way of doing government business, is supposed to be more open this year.

Analysts see progress, but they also see trouble.

"How many times does government do something the first time and get it perfect? They are making an effort," said William Allison, a senior fellow at the Sunlight Foundation, which tracks earmarks. But, Allison said, "It seems like some people are going out of their way to hide things."

Members of the House of Representatives were told to post their earmark requests on their Web sites earlier this month. The Senate's deadline is mid-May. A proposal must give the spending amount, the proposed recipient, the addresses and an explanation of the project. Members also must declare in writing that neither they nor their spouses would benefit financially.

To find the 22 pages of earmark requests from Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., one must find his Web site, click on "On the Issues," then "Economic Development and Job Creation." Next, the reader sees a long statement from Rogers that starts with his high school graduation in 1955 and, after eight paragraphs, ends with a link to his earmark requests.

"The congressman is in compliance with both the spirit and letter of the policy," said spokeswoman Stefani Zimmerman. "Anybody who knows Congressman Rogers, knows that his mission for the district has always been the same — to promote job creation and economic development. Our funding requests for

**"A lot of people are hiding their disclosure statements under electronic rocks."**

**Steve Ellis**  
vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense

2010, as every year prior, revolve around those themes, so the placement of our requests within that section is both perfectly logical and simple to understand."

On the Web site of Rep. Harry Teague, D-N.M., a viewer must click on "Open and Transparent Government," a homepage link that says nothing about earmarks, only that one can "Read about Harry's dedication to honesty and integrity." Inside that category, though, you'll find Teague's earmark requests.

Learning about requests from Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., a House Appropriations subcommittee chairwoman, required clicking first on the "News and Media" section, then clicking on "press releases" and scrolling down. Her spokesman, Jonathan Beeton, said the request list had been prominent on the homepage until recently.

After McClatchy Newspapers asked why the page was so difficult to find, Wasserman Schultz put the press release back in a prominent place on her Web site. She plans to post a permanent link to her earmarks on the main page of the site within the next week.

Still, this is hardly the kind of transparency that House Democratic leaders or the Obama administration promised.

"A lot of people are hiding their disclosure statements under electronic rocks," said Steve Ellis, the vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a Washington watchdog group.

"We are working with members to bring them into compliance," said House Appropriations Committee spokeswoman Kirstin Brost.

Controversy about the process

has simmered in recent years because of news about projects such as Alaska's "Bridge to Nowhere," a \$233 million earmark to help fund a bridge to an island with 50 residents.

Most lawmakers, though, still defend the practice of local earmarks, saying they understand local needs best and that earmarking local projects in federal spending bills is often their best tool for making sure the projects get money. Earmarks are also an easy way for members of Congress to show what they've done for their constituents.

Executive branch agencies will review the proposals and can recommend that Congress reject earmarks they consider wasteful. Any earmarks directed at for-profit entities will be subject to competitive bidding.

To be sure, some congressional home pages, such as that of Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., announce a link to his earmark requests in big letters, and Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey, D-Wis., has a big link to "Wisconsin projects submitted for consideration in FY 2010 appropriations." Others, however, are harder to find.

The congressional instructions don't spell out how the earmarks are to be presented on lawmakers' Web sites, and two kinds of problems have resulted.

First is what Allison calls the "spirit of euphemisms."

The earmarks of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., are found by clicking on "Community Funding Requests."

Rep. Kurt Schrader, D-Ore., calls earmarks "Investing in Oregon," while Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., lists them on her "legislative issues" page under "economic recovery and reinvestment."

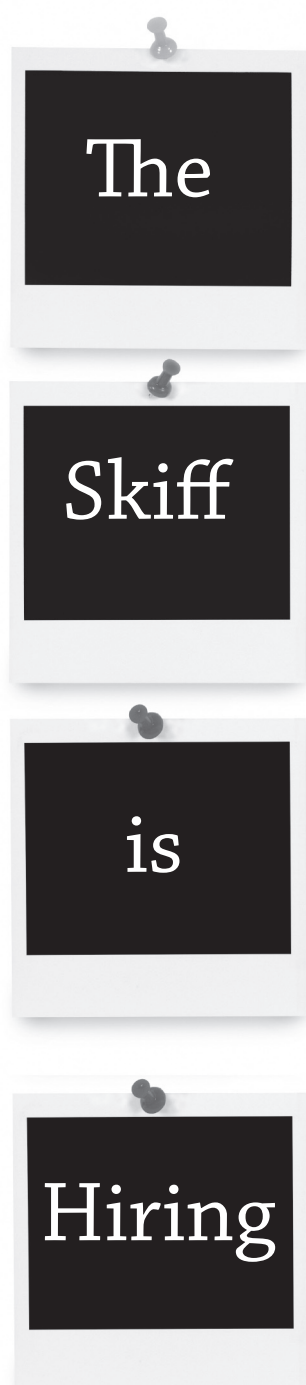
Pelosi aide Brendan Daly said his boss uses "community funding requests" because "that's what they are." Lowey spokesman Matthew Dennis explained that the New York congresswoman, who chairs the State Department and foreign operations subcommittee, said she wanted to "put the requests for federal funding in a broader context of all the work she's doing."

A second problem is figuring out which projects some legislators actually want. At least three members of Congress list all requests from constituents.

Chris Crawford, spokesman for Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., calls this approach "maximum transparency," and notes that Kingston has a link on his homepage that directs readers to his efforts to overhaul the earmark process. Jed Link, a spokesman for Rep. Denny Rehberg, R-Mont., found that listing everything helps encourage constituent feedback.

Allison found such arguments ridiculous.

"What they're doing is getting around disclosure," he said. "These are supposed to be requests forwarded to the committee by members."



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# South faces problem with rising cases of HIV/AIDS

By Dahleen Glanton  
Chicago Tribune

HENDERSON, N.C. — Sheila Holt moved to this small town from New Jersey two years ago to take care of her ailing mother. But as a former heroin addict with HIV, she found that rebuilding her life in the South was harder than she had imagined.

She was shocked that the wealth of services, such as housing, transportation and medications, available to her as an HIV patient in Newark were lacking in Henderson. In the North, she said, people talked openly about the disease without fear of reprisal. In the South, she could not sit at the dinner table with her family or talk to her neighbors about the disease without the risk of being shunned.

With no job and few housing options in this rural area, she lived for months in the basement of her mother's home, slipping upstairs only when her stepfather was at work. She eventually qualified for Medicaid, which pays for the 10 medications she takes every day. And she receives a disability check that helps cover the rent for her sparsely furnished apartment tucked away on the backside of a public housing complex.

In the eyes of many, including her stepfather — a part-time minister — HIV and AIDS are a sin, she said.

"People are scared in the South. They don't really understand that this is a disease," said Holt, 44, who has begun to speak out about HIV prevention to students and other women. "They are either too religious to open up or they

don't want the stigma."

It is an attitude that health care professionals have battled for almost a decade while HIV/AIDS skyrocketed in rural Southern communities, particularly among African-Americans. With too few doctors, staggering poverty and a history of inadequate AIDS education programs, the South is now home to half of the 1.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States, according to the Southern AIDS Coalition, composed of health professionals.

The Obama administration said last week that it would refocus attention on HIV/AIDS in

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**Dr. Richard Wolitski**  
director of the CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention

America, spending \$45 million over five years on television and radio ads, transit signs and other efforts to promote education and prevention.

A new study by the Trust for America's Health found that during the economic downturn, Midwestern and Southern states are receiving the least federal fund-

ing from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to spend on public health, including AIDS. Illinois, for example, received \$16.66 per person in 2008, compared with \$52.78 per person in Alaska. And with most states facing severe budget shortfalls, health professionals fear public health could take a hard hit.

"Some states have significantly less money to engage in disease prevention in their communities and either the state will have to make up the difference, which is hard to do in these economic times, or there will be harsh outcomes," said Jeff Levi, executive director for the trust. "Without equitable spending across the country, where you live will determine how well you live."

Levi said reasons for the CDC funding disparities include lack of money available to the CDC and states' failing to aggressively apply for all available funds.

In 2006, the federal government revamped the formula for distributing Ryan White Program funds, which significantly increased the allocation of HIV/AIDS money to the South. But health care workers said they still are catching up from years of underfunding and are struggling to provide the level of medical and support services to their primarily low-income patients as those in other regions receive. As a result, they said, many patients in the South lack adequate housing, transportation and access to some medications.

"Certainly the \$30 million shifted to the South helped, but we still have bigger problems,"

said Kathie Hiers, former co-chairwoman of the Southern AIDS Coalition. "There needs to be a better level of parity between the states. The money should follow the epidemic, but the way it stands now, the cities get way more per person than the rural areas."

The CDC said urban areas, particularly in the Northeast, continue to experience the greatest impact from AIDS. The Northeast had the highest AIDS case rate per 100,000 in 2007 at 16.4, followed by the South at 15.1. The South, however, accounted for 46.4 percent of new AIDS cases in 2007 and has the greatest number of people estimated to be living with AIDS, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of CDC data.

"While the South has faced a higher burden of AIDS, the bulk of the available data do not suggest that the epidemic in the South is worsening," said Dr. Richard Wolitski, acting director of the CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention.

Dr. Michelle Ogle, director of the Northern Outreach Clinic in Henderson, has struggled to serve patients with limited resources. The recession has exacerbated the problem, as people who are uninsured and barely making ends meet often place their medical needs on hold for daily survival.

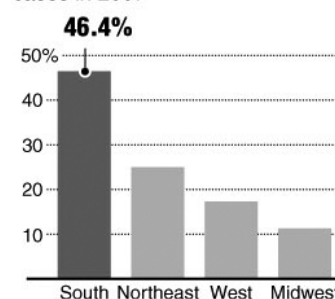
Ogle has spent eight years working with HIV and AIDS patients in this town of about 16,000. Her small clinic, nestled out of sight in the rear of a medical complex, is the only such

## New U.S. AIDS cases

The South accounts for more new AIDS cases each year than any other part of the country, although the rate per person is higher in the Northeast. Southern blacks have by far the highest AIDS rate in the region.

### New AIDS cases

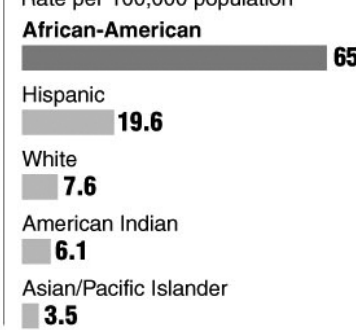
Estimates by region, as a percentage of all new AIDS cases in 2007



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Graphic: Chicago Tribune

### Southern AIDS cases by race

Rate per 100,000 population



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facility in a 50-mile radius and serves 50 to 100 patients a month from surrounding counties.

"We are not just fighting HIV, we are fighting a culture," Ogle said. "What is disturbing is that we have women who don't feel comfortable insisting that men use condoms because they are afraid he will leave and maybe he is paying some bills. They are victims of poor education, low self-esteem and they don't feel empowered."

In the 12 years since she contracted HIV through unprotected sex, Jo Lee Cooper, one of Ogle's patients, has begun to talk openly about the disease, but it was not always that way. She used to laugh with her co-workers about people who had AIDS. And one day, she showed up for work and someone had posted copies of her medical records in the bathroom stalls and public areas of the factory.

"You get up in the morning and the last thing you do before closing the door to go to work is put on a mask. The laughter was my mask," said Cooper, 44. "Now I'm not ashamed of it. I know I made mistakes but I'm human, and that's something I have to live with."

It was harder for her husband, Michael Cooper, 50, to accept because it brought attention to the fact that he too has HIV and was not ready to go public. Recently, after years of what he called "hiding in the bottle," he gave up drinking and faced reality.

"I don't know whether I gave it to her or she gave it to me," said Michael Cooper. "It caused some problems for us in the past but now it doesn't matter. This is my sermon now, and I'm taking better care of myself."

# 'No cowards': How ship's crew fought off attackers

By Shashank Bengali  
McClatchy Newspapers

MOMBASA, Kenya — As the Maersk Alabama plowed through the glassy waters of the Indian Ocean early last Wednesday, the cargo ship's 70-year-old electrician sat in the cafeteria with a cup of coffee, counting the minutes to breakfast.

Suddenly, the ship's alarm sounded, shattering the morning calm. The electrician rose with a start. It was, he reckoned immediately, the scenario that he'd been warned about for four months, ever since he set off aboard the Alabama into the most dangerous waters in the world.

Four Somali pirates had boarded the ship. On the deck of the blue-hulled Alabama, which was ferrying 17,000 tons of food aid to East Africa, the young pirates waved automatic weapons at ship captain Richard Phillips, the chief engineer and at least two other crewmembers. They demanded to know the whereabouts of the others, who'd gone into hiding as Phillips had trained them.

Twelve nerve-rattling hours later, the pirates had left in a lifeboat with Phillips as a hostage, but the crew of 19 — a motley, only-in-America bunch hailing from places as far away as India, Poland and Detroit — had joined wills to thwart the first attempted hijacking of an American vessel at sea in at least two centuries.

In the rash of pirate attacks in the waters off Somalia, this is thought to be the first time that a crew successfully fought off a hijack attempt. More than 40 ships were hijacked last year, and four more were captured Tuesday, along with some 60 hostages.

The Alabama's crew steered their ship to Mombasa, Kenya, and on Sunday, U.S. Navy sharpshooters aboard the USS Bainbridge destroyer killed three pirates on the lifeboat, rescuing Phillips after more than 100 hours in captivity.

"There were no cowards on that ship," said the electrician, who asked to be identified by

only his first name, John, because the crewmembers feared they could be targeted for reprisals.

Maersk Line, the Norfolk, Va., ship owner, said that the USS Bainbridge would bring Phillips to Mombasa on Wednesday to be reunited with his crew, and then they're expected to board a chartered plane to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

The crew said Phillips, 53, wasn't the easiest man to work for. "He's in charge, and he wants you to know he's in charge," said Ken Quinn, a trim, middle-aged man from Detroit. His weekly, taskmaster-style drills, however, probably saved them all.

Crewmembers shut down the Alabama's engine and killed the electrical power, making it harder to commandeer. They sunk the pirates' speedboat, though they wouldn't say how. John crawled into hiding with several others in the dark, sweltering engine room.

The "only redneck on board," John, who lives in Lake Helen, Fla., got his first seafaring job

nearly five decades ago aboard a Polaris submarine. Gray-haired and, of late, slightly potbellied, he's a proud owner of 87 acres of lakeside Alabama country and is a drawly, draw-out storyteller in the southern tradition. It was his first hijacking, and before he set off on the Maersk Alabama he'd barely heard of Somalia, never mind Somali pirates.

It was suffocating inside the engine room — 130 degrees, he estimated. John tried to fan himself with a scrap of cardboard, but that just exhausted him more. And he had no idea how long they'd have to stay down there.

Two hours went by, and there was a shot heard above. One of the pirates had pressed an AK-47 rifle into the forehead of the chief engineer, a short, wiry Indian-American named A.T.M. Reza, and then squeezed off a round about an inch from Reza's ear.

The pirates spoke just enough English to make their intentions known. "Tell us where they are or I'll kill you," one said to Reza.

Reza agreed to lead one of the teenage pirates below deck. But before they reached the engine room, another crewmember stepped out from behind them and jumped onto the pirate. Reza stabbed the Somali's skinny hand with an ice pick and they hauled him into the engine room.

The pirate was pushed to the floor. A boot was jammed into his neck. He gasped for breath and seemed to pass out. Someone jerked him up from the floor, and he coughed back into consciousness.

"If any of our crew gets killed, I'd have killed him," John said of the pirate. "I wanted my pound of flesh." But Reza reminded them that the pirate could be a bargaining chip.

Many more hours passed. John unbuttoned his shirt to his navel in a futile attempt to get some air.

He glanced over from time to time at the pirate, who was tied up and now lying very still.

"I thought, at least he's more uncomfortable than me," he said.

Forty'd spent 12 hours down there when, finally, they were summoned to the deck. Phillips had offered himself up as a hostage in exchange for the captured pirate and climbed into one of the Alabama's 28-foot lifeboats, now bobbing alongside the ship. True to character, he was yelling at his crew to fill the boat with water and fuel so he could come back aboard.

"What the hell took you so long to get here?" Phillips shouted.

The deal was that the crew would lower the injured pirate into the lifeboat in a harness, and Phillips would climb aboard. But the pirate surprised the crew by jumping into the lifeboat. "Let's go!" he said, and the pirates shoved off with Phillips

in custody.

It would be five days before they would hear from him again. On Monday, the morning after Phillips' rescue, first mate Shane Murphy, 33, said the crew had "an extremely emotional" phone conversation with Phillips.

"Everyone you see here today has captain Phillips to thank for their lives and their freedom," Murphy said.

There were other heroes, of course. Take Reza, the middle-aged father who stabbed the pirate's hand. That wound eventually became infected, forcing the pirate to ask U.S. sailors to board the USS Bainbridge for medical care Sunday, hours before the Navy assault killed his three comrades.

The young man remains in military custody and could face charges in the U.S. — the only pirate alive to tell his side of this story.

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# SPORTS

## NHL Nash has Red Wings' number

By George Sipple  
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — The Red Wings know well the goal-scoring potential of Columbus Blue Jackets forward Rick Nash.

Three of Nash's four career hat tricks have come against the Wings, including two this season.

"You have to know where he is all the time," said Red Wings captain Nicklas Lidstrom. "You can't let him get a step on you, because he's a big man and he's good at knowing where you are if you're leaning on him."

"He's got a knack of finding the back of the net. He's a very good goal-scorer."

Nash scored shorthanded, on the power play and at even strength in a 3-2 shoot-out win over the Wings on

Jan. 27 and scored three unassisted goals in an 8-2 victory in Detroit on March 7.

Nash, 6-foot-4, 218 pounds, had no goals, no assists and a minus-4 in

**"You know, I've never played in a playoff game in the NHL. I'm sure it's going to be a lot tougher."**

**Rick Nash**  
Columbus Blue Jackets forward

the other four games played against the Wings this season.

Nash, the first overall pick in the 2002 draft, has 21 goals, 16 assists and 37 points in 38 career games against

the Wings.

"I've had some success in the past, but this is a new season now," Nash said on a conference call Monday. "You know, I've never played in a playoff game in the NHL. I'm sure it's going to be a lot tougher. It's going to be quite the challenge for everybody on our team to score against a team like that."

Nash scored 40 goals this season and set career highs with 39 assists and 79 points.

The Wings obviously have the upper hand on the Blue Jackets in terms of playoff experience. But Babcock pointed out that the Jackets will have a different way to look at the matchup. "There's nothing wrong with youthful enthusiasm," Babcock said. "They'll be pumped up, ready to go."

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slow and there is not enough action. But those "fans" don't appreciate all the thinking and precision that goes on before every pitch and how difficult it is to decide in just a fraction of a second whether a pitch is a ball or strike, then to tell your body to swing.

That's why hitting a baseball was rated as the most difficult thing to do in all of sports by USA Today in 2003.

It's the oldest organized sport in America, dating back to the 1840s, and when America has been down over the years baseball has been there to get this great country back on its feet.

And with everything going on in America these days, we all need to take a night out to the ballpark and forget about our worries for a little while.

Billy Wessels is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Waxahachie

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made an immeasurable impact on baseball and its fans. I hope the recent Alex Rodriguez (who makes nearly \$170,000 per game) scandal will mark the definitive end to this dark time for the once-great sport. But current players who were connected to the scandal will continue to cast a shadow on baseball until they finish their careers.

Football leapfrogged baseball as America's new pastime several years ago. Whether it's at the high school, college or professional level, people in this country can't get enough gridiron action. The same can't be said about baseball as its popularity continues to plunge in the opposite direction.

Baseball just isn't what it used to be in America. Only time will tell if it's too late to breathe new life into the dying, mangled sport.

Sports editor Michael Carroll is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Coppell.

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beneficial for players filling in for the departed seniors.

The team is also stocked with backups at nearly every position. Senior tackle Nic Richmond, sophomore tackle Jeff Olson and junior guard Zach Roth all provide quality depth in case of injury or poor play.

Overall, the Frogs' O-line should shape up nicely as September draws near.

Replacing Schlueter's leadership and ability will be difficult, but there are several up-and-coming big men on the roster who will have a chance to solidify the line in 2009.

Matching or surpassing the success of the 2008 O-line will be vitally important for a team looking to improve upon last season's triumphs.

Starters lost: C Blake Schlueter, OG Giles Montgomery  
2009 projected starters: LT Marshall Newhouse, RT Marcus Cannon, LG Kyle Dooley, RG Josh Vernon, C Jake Kirkpatrick

## NFL



West Virginia's Pat White (5) runs up the sideline in the first quarter in the Meineke Car Care Bowl at Bank of America Stadium on Dec. 27, 2008, at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C.

## Teams turn to new formation

By Randy Covitz  
McClatchy Newspapers

Even in the copycat world of the NFL, Miami coach Tony Sparano was surprised how many teams imitated the Wildcat formation the Dolphins introduced last season.

The Dolphins, after starting the season with two losses, were in a fit of desperation when they installed a package that called for the ball to be directly snapped to running back Ronnie Brown in certain situations. He responded by rushing for four touchdowns and passing for another in a shocking upset of New England.

Brown threw only two more passes the rest of the season, but the threat was there. And other teams broke out their versions of the Wildcat.

"I wish I had a dollar for every person who ran it," Sparano said. "But I was surprised only because we knew when we rolled it out during the course of the New England week, that you're taking a chance."

"We also knew that, hey, this might be a two-play deal. We might go out there for two plays, and if it backfires or it doesn't give us the look that we wanted, maybe we don't see it anymore. We were able to go with it a little bit longer. But to see other people running it, that surprised me a little bit."

Now, with the NFL draft approaching, teams are looking at players with the Wildcat in mind.

"There are a lot of those kinds of players out there, the potential Wildcat guys, whether they're different positional players that have the skill to run the football that maybe have thrown the football," Sparano said.

Some of those Wildcat candidates are running backs. And two of the most intriguing prospects are West Virginia quarterback Pat White and Rice tight end James Casey.

White, a 6-foot, 197-pound lefty, considers himself a quar-

terback and not a running back or slot receiver or any other position for which some teams may be considering him. The only quarterback to ever win four bowl games as a starter, White also earned MVP honors as a quarterback at the Senior Bowl.

"I'm still working to be a quarterback, and until somebody tells me 'No,' I am going to continue

**"Pat White gives your defense a lot to think about. You can use him for seven to 10 plays in a game as a conventional quarterback, not just a Wildcat quarterback. He goes far beyond that type of quarterback."**

Mel Kiper  
draft analyst

to," White said. "I also want to keep my options open and the best opportunity to play football ... and do whatever is best for me."

"I think the implementation of the Wildcat and other spread systems will definitely help me out because of the style of offense we ran at West Virginia."

White's time of 4.55 in the 40-yard dash was the fastest among all quarterbacks at the NFL scouting combine, as was his leap of 35 inches in the vertical jump. ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper believes White can take the Wildcat a step further than running backs like Brown and Oakland's Darren McFadden, a former quarterback who ran the Wild Hog formation as a collegian at Arkansas.

"Pat White can throw the ball,"

Kiper said. "Pat White gives your defense a lot to think about. You can use him for seven to 10 plays in a game as a conventional quarterback, not just a Wildcat quarterback. He goes far beyond that type of quarterback."

Both White and Casey are former baseball players as well. White, an outfielder, was a fourth-round choice of the Los Angeles Angels coming out of high school in 2004 and was drafted twice while in college. Casey spent three seasons as a hard-throwing but wild pitcher in the Chicago White Sox organization before playing seven different positions at Rice, including quarterback, holder, deep snapper and punt returner.

Casey caught a Conference USA single-season record 111 passes last season, rushed for 240 yards and threw two touchdowns passes.

He has Wildcat written all over him. At Rice, his nickname was not Slash, but Thor.

"We had a 'Thor package' when I came in at quarterback and ran the ball, and it just kind of stuck with me and guys called me 'Thor,'" Casey said.

"I think the Wildcat formation is definitely something I'm suited for. I'm experienced at it. I played the receiver role. I'd come in on third-and-short with how the Wildcat is. I could also throw the ball really well if need be to even threaten the defense even more. I think it's something I'm definitely capable of doing if a team is willing to give me a chance."

No doubt someone will, even if Casey will be 25 years old as a rookie.

"I like Casey," said NFL Network analyst Mike Mayock. "You can line him up anywhere. He has as good of ball skills as anybody in the draft. He really can track the football. And he can also throw the football. He's a high school quarterback, he was a baseball player. You can line him up in the Wildcat. I don't think he's as fast as ... a prototypical Wildcat guy, but you can line him up anywhere."

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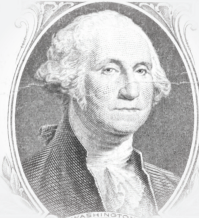
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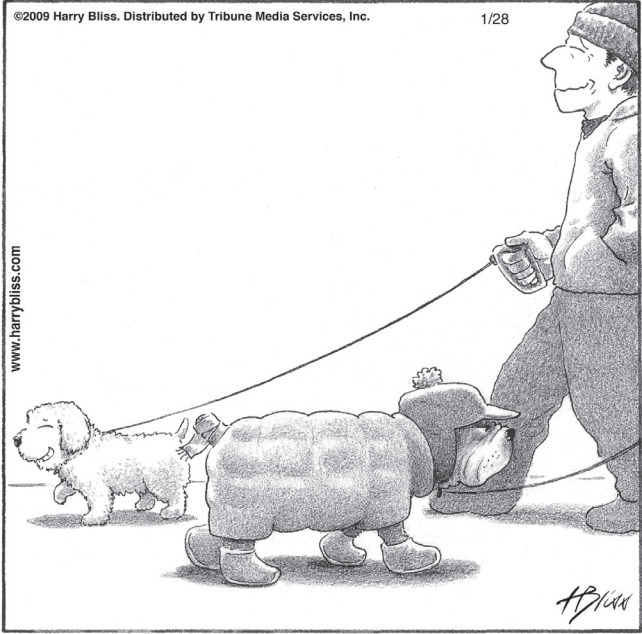
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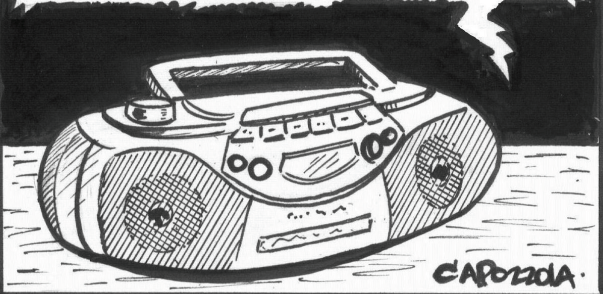
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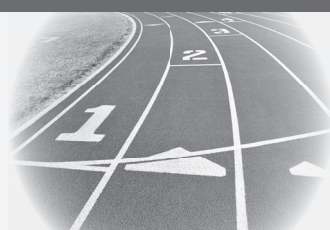
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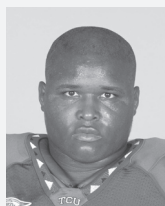
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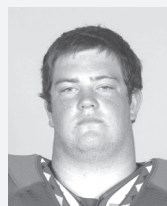


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Offensive linemen participate in blocking drills during a spring practice earlier this year. The Frogs will return three of their five starters from the 2008 squad but will have to make up for the loss of All-Conference center Blake Schlueter, the line's anchor the past three seasons.



Cannon



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## Three of five starters return to O-line

By Michael Carroll  
Sports Editor

If a team can't win the battle in the trenches it doesn't matter who it has catching, running or throwing the ball. Offensive linemen don't play a glamorous position, but they can be the difference between winning and losing.

In 2008, the Frogs' O-line paved the way for the team to have one of its greatest statistical seasons in school history. The Frogs set school records for points scored with 437

and touchdowns with 56. The team was also 12th in the nation in rushing at 220.2 yards per game.

Anchoring last year's line was three-time All-Conference selection Blake Schlueter. The center has a chance to be drafted next weekend after an impressive pro-day workout last month.

Junior center Jake Kirkpatrick is expected to fill the void for the departed Schlueter. Kirkpatrick spent the last two seasons in a reserve role and has had plenty of time to learn the position and watch one of the

nation's best.

The Frogs also lost starting guard Giles Montgomery. Junior Josh Vernon, a 6-foot-2-inch, 295-pound guard from Irving is slated to take over the vacant spot on the line.

Returning to the starting lineup will be senior tackle Marshall Newhouse, junior tackle Marcus Cannon and sophomore guard Kyle Dooley. The three were part of a line that allowed just 18 sacks in 13 games last season. Their experience should be

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## Still America's pastime?

*Country's oldest sport still worthy of pastime tag*

*Baseball ruined by steroid saga, lack of likable players*



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I want you to close your eyes and think about America.

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**I still would rather watch a baseball game than do anything else.**

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Plus, if you ask people what they did during the summer when they were 8, they will tell you they played little league baseball.

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MICHAEL CARROLL

Baseball and America. Once upon a time the two went together like peanut butter and jelly. But while the combination of peanut butter and jelly continues to make one heck of a tasty sandwich, baseball has quickly lost its sweetness in this country.

Gone are the days when baseball was filled with courage, classic moments and heart-stopping heroes. In its place stand men who earn more money in one at bat than millions of people in this country make in a year.

All of the classic elements of the 162-year-old sport remain intact, but baseball just doesn't feel the same way it used to. People don't seem to care about it like they once did. And players seem to care even less.

Blame the Yankees, the enormous contracts, the unlikable stars or the money-grubbing owners. The number of existing reasons to hate the sport far exceed the number of reasons to love it.

While not solely responsible for baseball's demise, the steroid era's effect on the sport cannot be overlooked.

The drama of the past two decades made an immeasurable impact on baseball and its fans. I hope the recent Alex

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