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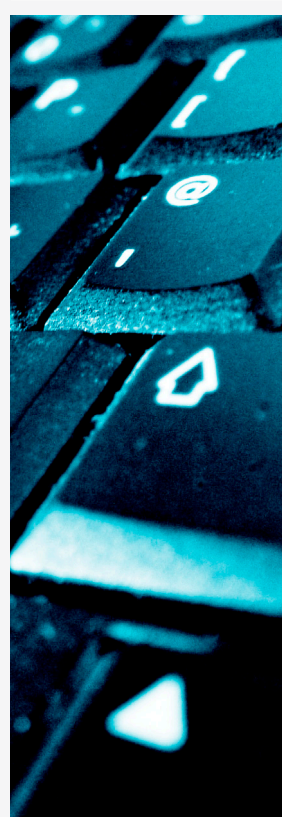
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— The Associated Press

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

ON THE HUNT



KAYLA MEZZELL / Staff Photographer

Junior marketing and entrepreneurial management major Ryan Fleisch and junior finance and accounting major Chris Sterling founded purplere.com, a service designed to help students find homes and apartments for rent in the TCU area. Sterling and Fleisch look at their site in Sterling's off-campus residence, one of the places where they work on the site.

Apartment search focus of website

By Nathan Wall
Staff Reporter

A thin layer of debris that included energy drinks and chip bags was strewn about his room. An unmade bed sat next to him as he typed away.

Most college students are familiar with this setting, and for Ryan Fleisch, a junior entrepreneurial management and marketing major, it became a typical scene, even though he wasn't like most students. He was starting his own Web-based business.

Fleisch said he got the idea for his business, Purplere.com, last year while apartment hunting with a friend.

"I heard from a lot of students who were in a similar situation as us that were having trouble finding (a place)," Fleisch said. "There wasn't a site around here to help see what was available."

The website works by sorting through a list of apartments based on criteria selected on the site's search engine, Fleisch said. Users can search for apartments based on the number of rooms and bathrooms they want or even on their distance from campus.

Fleisch's partner, Chris Sterling, a junior finance and accounting

major, said the website localizes the listings by inputting the user's current address and then uses GPS coordinates to find the apartments that best fit the search criteria.

"Most apartment listing sites just give you a large area, and you end up with listings way out in north Fort Worth," Sterling said. "We centralize everything and make it real

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Brandon Tyler
Sky Rock representative

easy for the students to figure out what they want."

The duo got the first website up in a month but then couldn't get much further, Fleisch said. Apartments were hesitant to sign up with his company because the Web traffic was unimproved.

However, he couldn't get people to view his site without apartments advertising on it. Something had to give, Fleisch said. He decided to let apartments post listings on his site for free for a few months un-

til the Web traffic started gaining more hits.

Fleisch said he and Sterling plan on charging apartments to advertise on the site after the free period is over.

Brandon Tyler, a representative for Sky Rock condominiums, said Purple Renter.com focused on a more specific audience than anything Sky Rock had used in the past.

"I think it's a very strategic place to put marketing dollars," Tyler said. "They've got a great business plan and structure. I feel they're filling a gap (at TCU) that hasn't been filled by anybody."

The website hasn't been around long enough, Tyler said, to track the benefits.

Tyler recalled the first day he met Fleisch and Sterling and said he knew the idea was something special.

"They came and approached me on a Thursday and had a sample website up Friday night for me to look at," Tyler said. "They're very prompt and professional."

Fleisch said he worked 30 to 40 hours a week in addition to his school work when the site first started. However, the website started to become self-sufficient once he

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SGA ELECTIONS

Repeat aspirants within rules

By Andrea Drusch
Staff Reporter

Seventy-six applications were submitted for the 48 seats in the House of Student Representatives by the cut off this past Tuesday.

However, the number of applicants is fewer than the number of applications.

According to the Student Body Code, there is no rule prohibiting candidates from applying for multiple positions, but they cannot win more than one, said Speaker of the House Merillat Pittman.

House Elections and Regulations Committee Chair Garyn Goldston said that if a candidate should win more than one seat when votes are cast on April 20, he would work with that person to choose one position before the results are released. The decision would be based on which position would best represent the student body and the needs of the House, he said. The other position would then be filled by the candidate with the next highest number of votes.

"I'm going to call each one of these people individually, and we're going to deal with this accordingly before the results are announced," Goldston said.

Duplicate applicants were a good sign for the Student Government Association, Goldston said.

"In the past we've had difficulties in filling House," he said.

The duplicate applicants were a good sign, he said, because it meant people were working extra hard to ensure they got a seat.

One reason duplicate applicants might

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FOOTBALL

Students to receive discount for opener

By Madison Pelletier
Staff Reporter

Although students would not have to shell out \$45 to \$150 like other fans to watch their Horned Frog football team open at the Dallas Cowboys Stadium, they will still have to pay \$35 to watch their team.

Sean Conner, director of ticket operations, said student pricing for the season opener against Oregon State University would be \$35. Athletic officials were waiting to determine the final information for exactly how students will purchase tickets.

"We are still trying to work out... how we are going to distribute student tickets," Conner said.

Students should expect to receive an e-mail with further information about the game sometime during the summer, he said. Tickets for non-students and alumni would range from \$45 to \$150.

Brett Anderson, a sophomore marketing major, said he plans on attending the season opener, no matter the cost. Anderson said he attended every home game during the 2009 season.

Although Anderson plans on attending the game, he said he is skeptical about the attendance of other students at the

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DANCE

TCU Elite collects national awards

By Rachel Wilson
Staff Reporter

It's the group's inaugural season, and TCU Elite is already off to a running start.

The team recently won dance awards at two national competitions, said TCU Elite Director Megan McDonald.

In March, the team went to the American Dance and Drill Competition in Denton and placed second, beating the Southern Methodist University team, which has won the past five years, said McDonald, a junior Spanish major.

Earlier this month, the team flew to Daytona, Fla., for the National Dance Alliance Nationals after receiving a bid to attend.

In Daytona, the team didn't score enough points to make it to the final round, but the team danced in the Challenge Cup and won first place, which secured it a spot in the finals, where they fin-

ished No. 7 at Daytona, McDonald said.

Mallory McGrath, a senior math major, said dancing in Daytona was a thrill.

"When (we heard) that we made it to finals all we could do was jump up and down screaming," she said, adding that both events were a great achievement for a first-year team. "Performing at finals was a great feeling and probably one of my most memorable college experiences."

McDonald said that usually a team must attend NDA summer camp to receive a bid for Nationals, but TCU Elite made the cut after submitting a video of the group's dances to the organization.

For McDonald, the team's biggest accomplishment is not the awards they have won, but the fact that the members did it on their own.

Members of the student-run team raised the funds for its Flor-

ida trip, approximately \$1,000 a dancer for 14 dancers, completely on their own.

McGrath said this season with TCU Elite has been a highlight of her college experience.

"I competed with a local dance studio in high school, but being part of a collegiate team has been a whole new experience," she said. "In many ways it seems much more serious, and the competition is much higher."

McDonald came up with the idea after an injury in 2008 sidelined her from her TCU Showgirls rehearsals.

2010-11 Auditions

When: Aug. 28
Time and place will be announced later at www.campusrec.tcu.edu.

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and Sterling began tracking hits, which Fleisch said allowed him to regain his social life.

The website now uses Google analytics and Joomla application software to track the hits, Sterling said.

Brad Hancock, director of the Neeley Entrepreneurship Center, said Sterling and Fleisch proved to be hard workers in and out of the classroom.

Hancock said he originally thought the website had great potential but the concept for Purple Renter would be more valuable in a bigger market such as Austin or Lubbock.

"Initially I thought the market might be crowded," Hancock said. "But then I realized they were a little bit different because they're helping people who already have space that needs to be filled. So the better I understood their business proposal, the better I liked their idea."

Fleisch said the guidance Hancock and the entrepreneurship program provided him

with was invaluable.

"I never would have known that a business like this could exist," he said. "Without the (entrepreneurship) program, I never would have had the connections to make this happen."

Talking to people who already started their own businesses would be a great starting point for future entrepreneurs, Fleisch said.

Sterling said he wants to expand the listings to include houses in the area and not just apartments. The website recently began negotiating with realtors, though nothing has been finalized yet, he said.

Purple Renter will soon allow students to fill out a questionnaire on what they want, he said. That information will then be compared with available listings realtors have.

Inquiries have already been made about starting a similar website in the Southern Methodist University area, Sterling said. In the next three years, the duo hopes to have sites for Texas Tech University and other universities outside of the state.

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have become more of a problem this semester is because of the addition of seats for the John V. Roach Honors College, Goldston said. Because all honors students have a major in another school, they qualify for multiple seats, just as all candidates for a class representative also qualify to represent their respective college.

Pittman said this was not a new problem.

"It has happened in the past," Pittman said. "In fact, the Elections and Regulations chair from just the previous year dealt with this. It was a fairly small number of people, and so because of that, nothing was really even noticed about it. I would guess that something similar would have happened this year if it hadn't come up."

Pittman said she was unsure

whether a candidate had ever won more than one position before, but that the Elections and Regulations Committee chair has the authority to decide which seat a candidate would take if the situation arose.

"When it comes to elections, the most fair thing we can do is stick by the rules as they're laid out now, and that's what Garyn is trying to do."

Merrilat Pittman
Speaker of the House

She said she does not think the candidates applying for more than one seat believed they could actually represent multiple places.

"You can't take more than one seat, I think that's pretty

clear, but how the election is carried out is not clear," Pittman said.

Following the House meeting last Tuesday night, the House Executive Committee met to discuss the status of the election. Pittman said members were concerned about whether this approach was fair because it might give some candidates an advantage if they were applying for more than one spot and were therefore more likely to win.

"Every angle was explored with it, but in the end it was determined that the way our rules are written our election chair is responsible for conducting the rules, so it's his final decision," Pittman said. "This isn't the first year it's happened, it's just the first year that people really thought of it as a problem."

Although the process for deciding which seat the candidate would take is not in the Student Body Code, Pittman said she

was confident the election was being carried out in accordance with the regulations SGA does have.

"The way it's being handled right now is according to our Student Body Code," Pittman said. "That might not mean that it's a perfect system, but it's what we have, and we're trying to go the best we can according to our rules."

Both Goldston and Pittman said that if this continued to be a problem, legislation would likely be brought to the House to clarify.

"If this proves to be a problem, which it hasn't been in the past...then certainly I think (one will) see legislation come through the House to try to perfect it," Pittman said. "When it comes to elections, the most fair thing we can do is stick by the rules as they're laid out now, and that's what Garyn is trying to do."

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game. He said he hopes tickets are at a reasonable price so students can attend.

Anderson said he looked forward to the Horned Frog season opener. Playing in a big-time atmosphere, against a big name team and being televised on ESPN is not something TCU experiences often, he said.

"I think it is an exciting and a good opportunity for TCU to get some publicity," Anderson said.

Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations, said this past season was not the only contributor leading to the opening game at Cowboys Stadium. The success of the team over the past 10 years also played a major role.

"What we have done over the last decade has helped solidify us on the national level,"

NUMBERS

\$35
amount students will pay to see TCU play Oregon State

\$45-\$150
price of tickets for non-students and alumni



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor
TCU defensive end Jerry Hughes hangs on to CSU running back Leonard Mason for a tackle.

Cohen said.

The university football team has never played a game at the new Cowboys Stadium or the former Texas Stadium, he said.

"It's a great opportunity to be playing on that type of stage," Cohen said.

Playing a non-conference game against a great opponent on ESPN also was a unique opportunity, Cohen said. A game

of this size was played between two teams that have established themselves on a national level, he said.

Oregon State will be a terrific opening game, Cohen said. Oregon State is expected to be ranked in the preseason rankings and was one game away from playing in last season's Rose Bowl.

"I think our fans are excited

to see us against a Pac-10 opponent," Cohen said.

The game against Oregon State is going to be one of the marquee events in college football taking place Labor Day weekend, Cohen said.

"It is a credit to what coach Patterson, his staff and the players have done here to have the opportunity to play in this game," he said.

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The Skiff View

Election system flawed but necessary

Seventy-six students applied for 48 spots in the House of Student Representatives. It would be great to think that 76 students applied. However, there are more applications than applicants because candidates can apply for multiple positions.

Some students may see this as an advantage, but campaigning for multiple positions could wind up hurting the candidate because it could split the vote in favor of one candidate across different constituencies without guaranteeing success in any one of them. It may also confuse voting students to see a person's name three times on the ballot.

While allowing candidates to apply for multiple constituencies may not be ideal, some constituencies get more candidates than others. Those constituencies may not even be able to attract enough candidates for all available seats, so students applying for more than one constituency may help curb this problem if a student loses one candidacy in one constituency but wins a seat in another constituency.

However, the fact that a student can apply for more than one constituency should be better publicized in the future so all applicants have the chance to apply for whatever they want.

News editor Libby Davis for the editorial board.

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

University should replicate eco-friendly font change



JOSH DAVIS

With cost-cutting all the rage and "in this economy" becoming the year's catchphrase, the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay recently made a forehead-slappingly obvious call to save a few bucks.

It switched the default font on its e-mail system from Arial to Century Gothic — a basic change that could save thousands of dollars in printer ink.

TCU should consider a similar change. After all, how often do you worry about what font you're reading?

The chancellor of UWGB, Thomas Harden, said his university goes through roughly \$100,000 worth of toner per year. That's on a campus of about 6,500 students. TCU has nearly 9,000 students. One would assume most college students print roughly the same amount of material. If that's true, TCU may be spending as much as \$125,000 per year on toner.

That money could be better used on, say, absolutely anything, than wasted on a page that will be thrown away. Even if it only amounts to a couple thousand dollars per year, I'd rather have that money offered to me in gift card form for answering a survey I didn't really read from the university.

A minor change like the default Microsoft Office and Exchange

font setting on our campus would make a big difference environmentally, as well as with this university's bottom line.

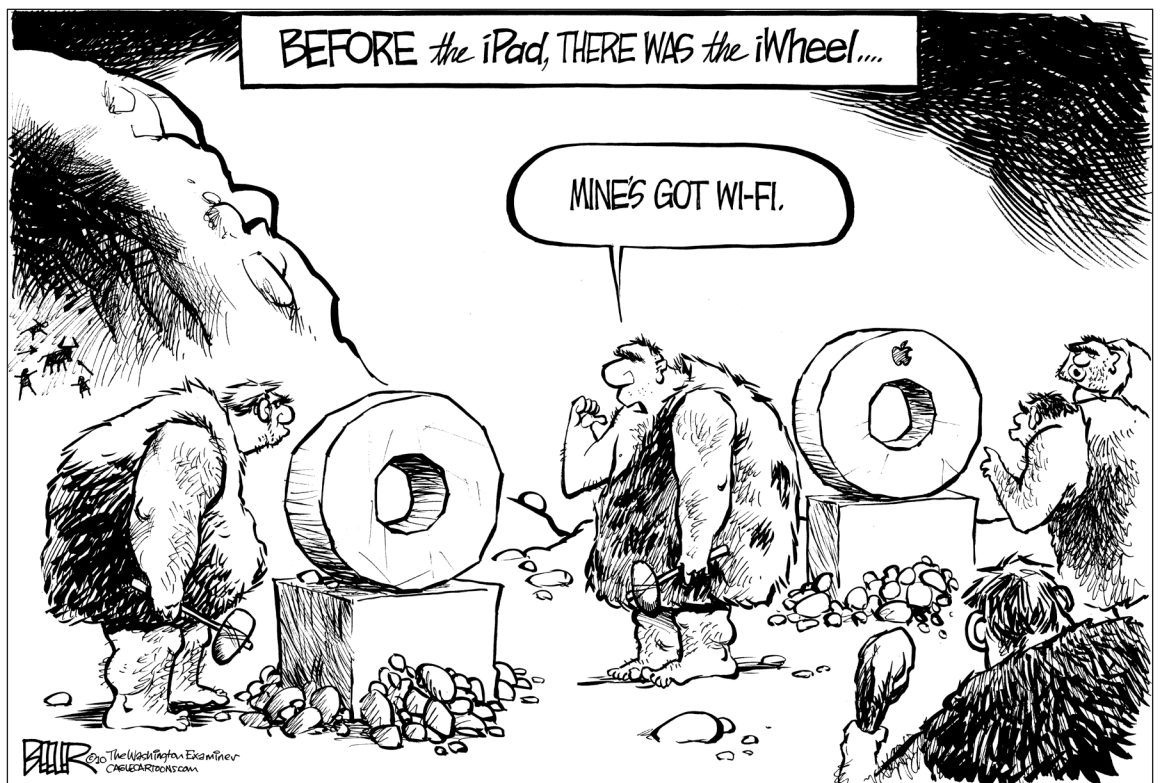
The only downside is that Century Gothic is slightly larger than most "standard" fonts, so it will use more paper over time. But paper isn't \$30 per cartridge, and nobody is really going to miss that tenth of a page on a 20-page term paper.

A minor change like the default Microsoft Office and Exchange font setting on our campus would make a big difference environmentally, as well as with this university's bottom line.

Century Gothic uses 30 percent less ink than the Arial format that was previously used at UWGB. A biology professor at that university led the charge after reading up on "ecofonts," which don't fill in every character solid, but instead have lots of tiny circles filling the void. Century Gothic was even more efficient than the ecofonts. You lose again, Al Gore.

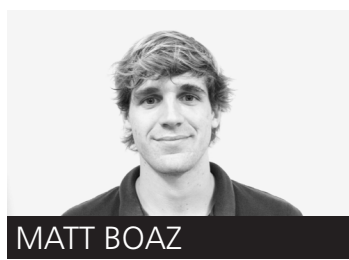
Unless we're moving to Wingdings, would anyone object to this? Whether the public relations reasoning is to "go green" or "save green," let's put an easy one in the win column. Switch to Century Gothic.

Josh Davis is a junior news-editorial major from Dallas.



Nate Beeler is the editorial cartoonist for The Washington Examiner.

Display allowed positive dialogue



MATT BOAZ

What was more surprising than the unannounced display of flags outside the Brown-Lupton University Union depicting a representation of the Palestinian villages that have been destroyed by Israeli forces was the overwhelming negative response it got.

Based on most opinions published in the Skiff, readers seemed to be appalled by the fact that Palestinian casualties were given

In the U.S., this conflict is often overlooked because of steadfast American support of Israel, which provides an ally in a region with increasingly anti-American ideology. But perhaps this unyielding support is just another aspect contributing to this negative perception.

such attention while those who have been killed or injured at the hand of Palestinian terrorism were not even mentioned. While this is certainly a reasonable point of grievance, there are other events to consider.

Many of the responses to the arrangement of flags included references to the attacks on Israel led by surrounding primarily Arab- and Muslim-populated nations. However, each of these previously published pieces fails to mention that the conflict began because of the displacement

of so many Palestinians.

While it is reasonable to say that the Jewish people are some of the most oppressed historically, the United Nations treaty in the late 1940s essentially split the nation of Palestine in half, creating a home for many Jewish people who felt they were without one. Of course, this holy area, which contains Jerusalem and borders the Dead Sea, seemed like a reasonable place.

Unfortunately, over the course of time, Israeli military forces have essentially created walled complexes surrounding both the Gaza strip and the West Bank, which are supposed to be large community areas specifically for Palestinian settlers. Yet, Israeli settlements have continuously risen up within these territories, creating separations between the Palestinians who live within them.

In the U.S., this conflict is often overlooked because of steadfast American support of Israel, which provides an ally in

a region with increasingly anti-American ideology. But perhaps this unyielding support is just another aspect contributing to this negative perception.

I agree that it is unfair to only promote one side of a story, but when most people have grown up in a country that is ceaselessly pro-Israel, it is important to present the minority view, just as the Peace Action group did.

In order to truly understand the issue, it is important to educate oneself about both sides of the conflict. Assigning blame only furthers an inability to compromise.

While the student group responsible for the planting of the flags may have drawn some negative responses, ultimately it created the opportunity for a dialogue between supporters of both sides, an opportunity for a positive resolution.

Matt Boaz is a senior political science major from Edmond, Okla.



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor

The campus chapter of Peace Action planted flags in the Campus Commons last week to signify the Palestinian towns that were destroyed by Israel in 1948.

QUICK NEWS

European countries agree to resume air traffic

LONDON (AP) — European officials acted Monday to end the air paralysis caused by a volcanic eruption in Iceland, agreeing to let air traffic resume in designated "caution zones" following a five-day shutdown that left millions stranded.

European Union transport ministers agreed during a crisis video-conference to partly reopen Europe's skies.

"From (Tuesday) morning on we should see progressively more planes start to fly," said EU Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas.

The easing came as the aviation industry — facing losses of more than \$1 billion — criticized the official handling of the crisis and urged authorities to lift restrictions that have grounded planes across the continent and sent tremors through the fragile European economy.

Toyota recalls 2010 Lexus GX 460 SUVs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toyota says it will recall its 2010 Lexus GX 460 to address a potential problem with the SUV's stability control system that targets possible rollovers.

The recall affects about 9,400 vehicles that have been sold since the SUV went on sale in late December. Consumer Reports issued a "Don't Buy" warning last week on the 2010 GX 460, saying it was susceptible to rolling over.

Toyota says dealers will update software in the vehicle stability control system.

Toyota already had halted sales of new GX 460s and begun tests on all of its SUVs.

The automaker also agreed to pay a record \$16.4 million fine on Monday for failing to properly report a safety problem with defective gas pedals.

US: Deaths of 2 al-Qaida in Iraq leaders big blow

BAGHDAD (AP) — U.S. and Iraqi forces killed the two top al-Qaida figures in the country in a nighttime rocket attack on a safe house near Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, a joint operation the U.S. called a significant blow to the insurgency and a sign Iraqi security forces are strengthening.

Al-Qaida in Iraq has remained a potent force, seeking recently to sow chaos after the March 7 elections and ahead of a planned U.S. troop withdrawal. The terror group has shown a remarkable ability to change tactics and adapt despite repeated blows to its leadership.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki announced the killings of Abu Omar al-Baghdadi and Abu Ayyub al-Masri at a news conference in Baghdad and showed photographs of their bloody corpses.

Iranian cleric: Promiscuous women cause quakes

BEIRUT (AP) — A senior Iranian cleric says women who wear immodest clothing and behave promiscuously are to blame for earthquakes.

Iran is one of the world's most earthquake-prone countries, and the cleric's explanation follows a prediction by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that a quake is certain to hit Tehran and that many of its 12 million inhabitants should relocate.

"Many women who do not dress modestly ... lead young men astray, corrupt their chastity and spread adultery in society, which (consequently) increases earthquakes," Hojatoleslam Kazem Sedighi, Tehran's acting Friday prayer leader, was quoted as saying by Iranian media.

Tehran straddles scores of fault lines, though it has not suffered a major quake since 1830.

Study: Lung scans can lead to high false alarms

NEW YORK (AP) — A new study suggests that checking smokers for cancer with lung scans can lead to a lot of false alarms and unneeded follow-up tests.

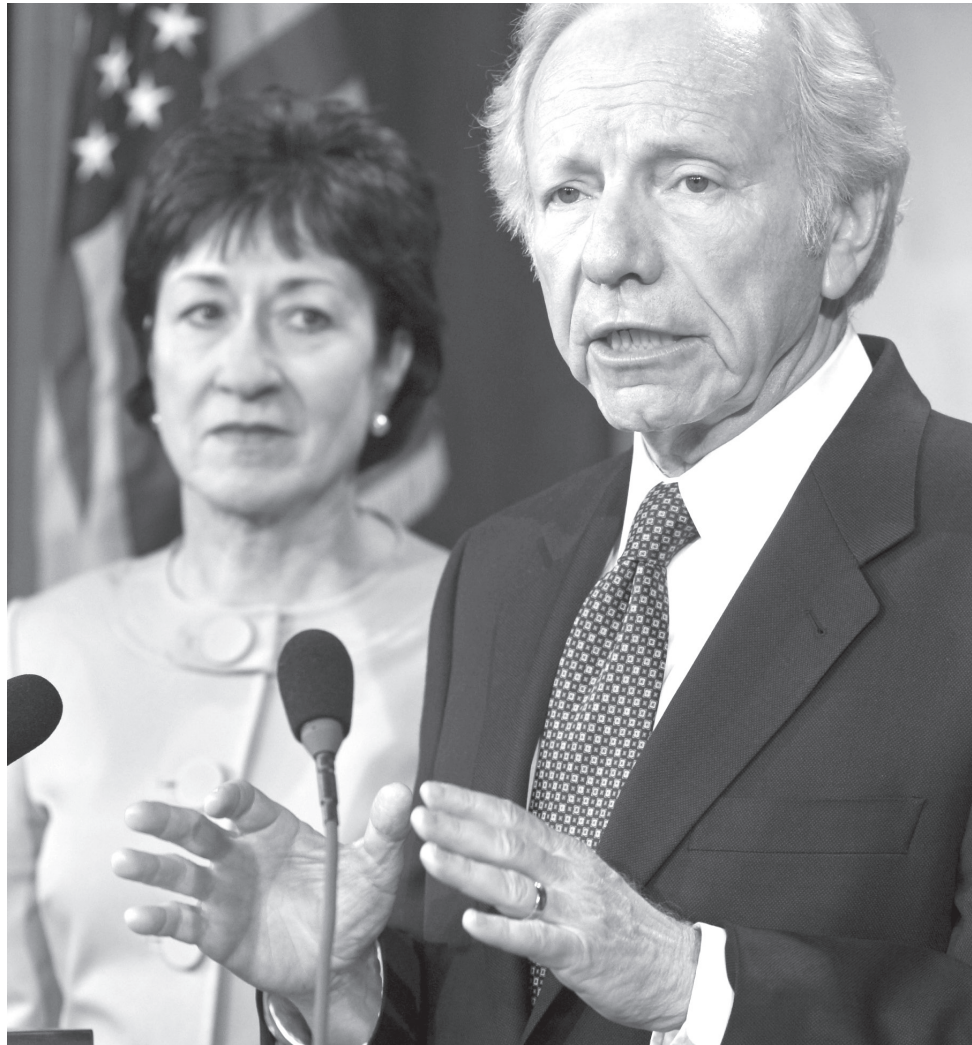
Government researchers say anyone considering screening with a CT scan or X-rays should take into account the high risk of false alarms.

If there's something suspicious, more testing and biopsies may be needed to find out if it really is cancer.

No doctor groups recommend smokers be routinely scanned for lung cancer. But many people get the tests done even though there's no evidence yet that screening saves lives.

The study's findings are published in Tuesday's *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

FORT HOOD



CLIFF OWEN / Associated Press
Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., right, accompanied by the committee's ranking Republican Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday.

Senate subpoenas secret documents

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate committee on Monday subpoenaed the Obama administration for secret documents and access to witnesses in last year's mass shooting at the Fort Hood Army base in Texas.

The subpoena is a rare public dispute between a Democratic-led Congress, which has been largely supportive of President Barack Obama's policies, and the new administration, which prides itself on increased government transparency.

Lawmakers have alleged that the administration is covering up critical details on the case, including whether the government had access to information that could have prevented the shooting.

"Unfortunately, it is impossible for us to avoid reaching the conclusion that the departments simply do not want to cooperate with our investigation," wrote Sens. Joseph Li-

ebberman and Susan Collins in a letter accompanying the subpoena.

Lieberman, a Connecticut Independent, chairs the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee; Collins, a moderate, is the panel's top Republican.

The Defense and Justice departments say that release of the disputed data would compromise the prosecution of Maj. Nidal Hasan, the disgruntled Army doctor charged with killing 13 people.

"We'll obviously be reviewing it and determining the department's next steps," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said of the subpoena.

Some of the dispute boils down to technicalities. For example, the Defense Department has already given temporary access of some personnel files to another congressional committee.

The case of Hasan has been of particular interest to lawmakers because of his suspected ties to foreign terrorists and

his promotion through the military's ranks despite repeated concerns over his performance and behavior.

An internal Defense Department review concluded that several unidentified medical officers failed to use "appropriate judgment and standards of officership" when reviewing Hasan's performance as a student, internist and psychiatric resident.

Last week, Gates said the Pentagon would provide Congress with any information it could so long as the information wouldn't hurt the prosecution's case.

"We have no interest in hiding anything, but what's most important is that prosecution," he said.

Gates also has issued new regulations, including restrictions on how privately owned guns can be carried or stored at military installations. Hasan had little or no access to military firearms in his job as a psychologist, but was able to buy two handguns and bring them onto the base.

MARIJUANA

Poll: Legalization unpopular

By Greg Risling
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Most Americans still oppose legalizing marijuana but larger majorities believe pot has medical benefits and the government should allow its use for that purpose, according to an Associated Press-CNBC poll released today.

Respondents were skeptical that crime would spike if marijuana is decriminalized or that it would lead more people to harder drugs like heroin or cocaine. There also was a nearly even split on whether government spends too much or the right amount enforcing marijuana laws. Almost no one thinks too little is spent.

Marijuana use — medically and recreationally — is getting more attention in the political arena. California voters will decide in November whether to legalize the drug, and South Dakota will vote this fall on whether to allow medical uses. California and 13 other states already permit such use.

The balloting comes against the backdrop of the Obama administration saying it won't target marijuana dispensaries if they comply with state laws, a departure from the policy of the Bush administration, which sought to more stringently enforce the federal ban on marijuana use for any purpose.

In the poll, only 33 percent favor legalization while 55 percent oppose it. People under 30 were the only age group favoring legalization (54 percent) and opposition increased with age, topping out at 73 percent of those 65 and older. Opposition also was prevalent among women, Republicans and those in rural and suburban areas.

Some opponents worried le-

"I think it would be chaos if it was legal. People would get in trouble and use marijuana as an excuse."

Shirley Williams
retired English teacher

galization would lead to reefer madness.

"I think it would be chaos if it was legalized," said Shirley Williams, a 75-year-old retired English teacher from Quincy, Ill. "People would get in trouble and use marijuana as an excuse."

Those like Jeff Boggs, 25, of Visalia, Calif., who support legalization said the dangers associated with the drug have been overstated.

"People are scared about things they don't know about," said Boggs, who is married and works for an auto damage appraisal company.

Americans are more accepting of medical marijuana. Sixty percent support the idea and 74 percent believe the drug has a real medical benefit for some people. Two-thirds of Democrats favor medical marijuana as do a slim majority of Republicans, 53 percent.

Peoples' views on legalizing marijuana or on allowing its use for medicinal purposes were largely uniform across different regions of the country, despite the fact that legal medical marijuana use is concentrated in the West.

Bill Hankins, 77, of Mason, Mich., opposes legalizing marijuana but strongly favors using the drug medicinally. Michigan is among the states that allow medical pot.

"It has been shown through

tests to alleviate pain in certain medical conditions," said Hankins, who said he experimented with pot when he was younger. If Hankins fell gravely ill and "my doctor said I should have it to control the pain, I would use it," he said.

California was the first state to approve medical marijuana, in 1996, and has been the hub of the so-called "Green Rush" to legalize marijuana. But a patchwork of local laws in the state has created confusion about the law and lax oversight led to an explosion of medical marijuana dispensaries in some places.

In Los Angeles, the number of dispensaries exploded from four to upward of 1,000 in the past five years. Police believe some were nothing but fronts for drug dealers to sell marijuana to people who have no medical need, and the city recently adopted an ordinance to reduce that number to 70 in coming months.

Among those surveyed, 45 percent said the cost of enforcing existing laws is too high and 48 percent said it's about right. Democrats, men and young people were most apt to say the cost is exorbitant.

With state and local governments desperate for cash, some legalization proponents are pushing marijuana as a potential revenue stream. But only 14 percent of those surveyed who oppose legalization would change their mind if states were to tax the drug.

John Lovell, a spokesman with the California Narcotics Officers' Association, said he wasn't surprised by the poll results.

"Given that reality, we don't need to add another mind-altering substance that compromises people's five senses," Lovell said.

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OKLAHOMA



In this photo taken Friday, Dion Thomas, 30, of Oklahoma City, Okla., right, practices administering a test of speech skills to Sydney Crosby, 2, with fellow student Michele Austin, 24, of Washington, as part of their speech and language pathology program in the graduate school at Howard University in Washington.

Bombing victims' children build new lives

By Tim Talley
Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Dion Thomas' life began spiraling out of control after her mother was killed in the Oklahoma City bombing, when the straight-A student started skipping classes and saw her grades slip to D's, F's and incompletes.

She stayed in her bedroom for days, unable to come out. No one let her see her mother's body to say goodbye, thinking it was better for her daughter to remember how she was alive.

"I pretty much almost dropped out of high school," said Thomas, who was a sophomore when her mother, Social Security Administration

employee Charlotte Thomas, died in the April 19, 1995, attack.

Thomas limped to graduation with no idea what her future held. But 15 years later, she is a college graduate working toward an advanced degree in speech pathology at Howard University in Washington, D.C., all because of a fund that ensured her tuition would be covered because of the loss she suffered as a child.

More than 200 children had parents killed or disabled when an anti-government conspirator's truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. Thomas and others have benefited from a continuing legacy of the attack: the outpouring of donations from

people who wanted to help the families of the victims.

At the time of the blast, the children ranged from infants to teenagers. Suddenly, they were left to be raised by single parents or grandparents, were placed with other family members or sent to homes in other states.

With the scholarship money available, about two-thirds have since gone on to college or other education programs, and the graduates now include physicians, lawyers, veterinarians and pharmacists.

"It was not about distributing money," said Nancy B. Anthony, executive director of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, which administers the fund created from the dona-

tions. "It was about how to help people restore their lives."

She said the fund has spent about \$6 million on tuition, housing and other educational costs. It has also paid for counseling for depression and emotional problems.

As the bombing shattered the lives of the victims' families, the donations changed the future for many of the children.

"Going to college would have been difficult," said Marisa Williams, 28, who obtained a public relations degree at Oklahoma State University after her father, Jules Valdez, who worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, was killed. "My parents had done a great job in saving, but it wouldn't have covered everything."

TEXAS DEATH ROW

Supreme Court rejects appeals

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court rejected appeals Monday from five Texas death row inmates, including one condemned despite the admission of an affair between his trial judge and the prosecutor.

The justices did not comment in turning down Charles Dean Hood's appeal. The decision does not change a ruling earlier this year from a Texas appeals court that ordered a new punishment trial for Hood on a legal point unrelated to the once-secret romantic relationship between the trial judge, Verla Sue Holland, and Tom O'Connell, the former district attorney in Collin County.

Hood, 41, a former topless club bouncer, has insisted he is innocent in the 1989 fatal shootings of Tracie Lynn Wallace, 26, and her boyfriend, Ronald Williamson, 46, at their home in Plano in suburban Dallas.

"No one should be prosecuted for a parking ticket let alone for capital murder by the district attorney who has had a sexual affair with the judge handling the case and despite the Court's decision today, we will continue to zealously represent Mr. Hood as we believe his case was marred by a fundamental injustice," said Andrea Keilen, director of the Texas Defender Service, a legal group representing Hood.

The Collin County prosecutor's office had no comment on the ruling.

In a separate appeal, the Court of Criminal Appeals, Texas' highest criminal court,

said in February that Hood was entitled to a new punishment trial because jurors were not allowed to properly consider mitigating evidence that could have convinced them he didn't deserve a death sentence.

The ruling made no mention of the judge and prosecutor's romance. Last year, the same court refused Hood's appeal for an entirely new trial because of the affair.

O'Connell was the county's elected prosecutor from 1971-82 and 1987-2002. Holland was a state district judge from 1981-96 before moving to the Court of Criminal Appeals, where she served until she resigned in 2001.

Hood was convicted in 1990. He was arrested in Indiana while driving Williamson's \$70,000 Cadillac, and his fingerprints were discovered at the murder scene. Hood said he had permission to drive the car and his fingerprints were at the house because he had been living there and doing odd jobs for Williamson.

In an affidavit related to the Hood case, a former assistant district attorney said the affair was common knowledge in Collin County in suburban Dallas.

In the legal wrangling to block Hood's execution, the former couple acknowledged under oath they had an intimate relationship.

In a second case Monday, the high court day rejected an appeal from a man on Texas death row for nearly three decades who said he did not receive a fair trial when he was convicted of murdering a teenager.

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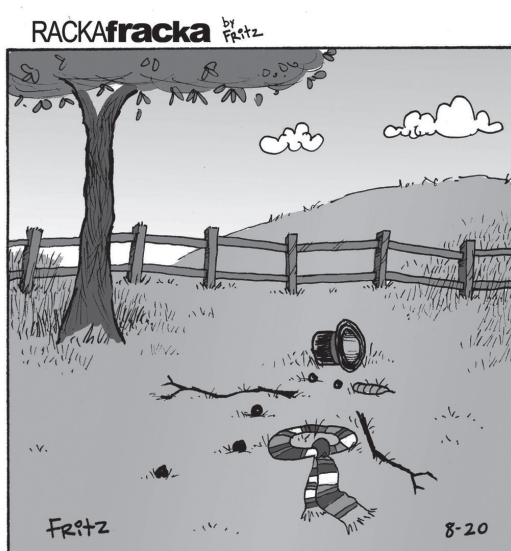
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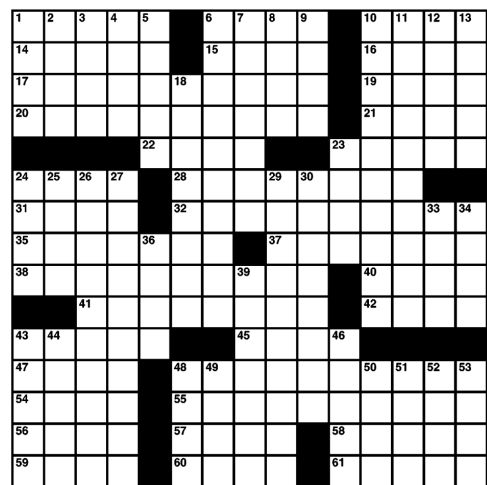
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By Barry C. Silk

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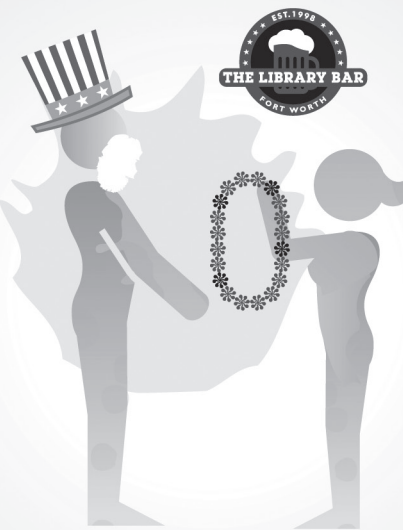
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FOOTBALL
BROTHERS

Sophomore linebacker Tanner Brock waiting for the snap in the Horned Frogs' 38-7 win against BYU on Oct. 24. COURTESY OF MEDIA RELATIONS



Junior tight end Logan Brock plays in the rain in the Horned Frogs' 14-10 win against Clemson on Sept. 26. COURTESY OF MEDIA RELATIONS

The Brock brothers continue sibling tradition on the field

By Austin Pearson
Staff Writer

The football team has had a tradition of families playing for the purple and white, from the Renfros to the Schobels. Brothers Logan and Tanner Brock are adding another family to the list.

Tanner saw extensive action at linebacker last season as a true freshman. He racked up 32 tackles and led the team with 14 special team tackles. He also made national headlines with a helmet-less block against Southern Methodist University

that resulted in punt return touchdown and a No. 1 spot on ESPN's plays of the week.

Logan started three games at tight end and played in 12 games overall. He led all tight ends on the team with five receptions for 67 yards.

Both are trying to secure a starting spot for the upcoming season. Tanner likely will start at one of the linebacker spots in the 4-2-5 defense this fall, and Logan is still competing with others for the top spot at tight end on the depth chart.

A little brotherly competition happens between the two,

whether it's improving in football or seeing who can eat the most food.

"Whether it's who can eat the fastest, who can drink the bottle of water fastest in the car, we're always competing over something," Tanner said.

Logan agreed. "Between us there's always a competition with the pride aspect of it," Logan said.

The brothers said the competition that starts on the field doesn't stop there.

"It definitely gets taken home," Tanner said. "If he beats me on a route he's going to tell

me about. If I beat him in some other drill he'll hear about."

Logan said he and his brother are always talking about it.

"We have drills and one-on-one stuff, and we get to go against each other," Logan said. "We're always talking about after practice and before."

Sometimes brothers on the same team play on the same side of the ball, like the Rodgers brothers on offense at Oregon State. The Brocks said they play on different sides because of mentality and experience.

"I've never played on defense my whole life," Logan

said. "I've always been on offense and grew to love that. With (Tanner), our dad was a big time linebacker in college football, and I think he started to enjoy that side of the ball and follow in our dad's footsteps."

Tanner said his mentality and mindset made him a linebacker.

"Football is a lot about mentality" he said. "I've always had the mentality to see the ball and get it. Logan's mentality has always been to (get) the ball, and when he gets it he's going to do big things with it."

Through all the differences and competition they're still family. They said they have each other's backs and someone to fall back on and trust.

"There's a big trust aspect of it (having a brother on the same team)," Logan said. "Someone that you can trust on the team, someone you can relate to and brought up the same as you were. That's a big deal."

Tanner agreed. "When it comes down to it I'm on his side, I'm not against him," he said.

Unless it's in a drill.

QUICK SPORTS

Equestrian

The women's equestrian team wrapped up its season this weekend with a No. 4 overall finish at the 2010 Varsity Equestrian National Championships, its highest overall finish in program history.

The Hunt Seat squad recorded a sixth place finish after dropping its final competition to Oklahoma State 2-4. The Western squad finished at No. 4, beating Oklahoma State 6-2.

Georgia won the overall title and Hunt Seat title, and Texas A&M clutched the Western title.

Baseball

The No. 11 Horned Frogs improved to 27-7 overall after sweeping a weekend series against BYU. They finished their third game in 11 innings with a final score of 6-5.

This was the Frogs' second straight sweep of the season on the road. They advanced to 8-3 in conference play.

Monday's game against Dallas Baptist University was canceled. Next up for the Frogs is a game against the Oklahoma Sooners tonight in Norman, Okla.

Track

The Flyin' Frogs hosted the 11th annual TCU Invitational this weekend, racking up 15 first-place finishes.

Skye Dawson, Mychal Dungey, Charles Silmon and Mark Barnes started the competition off right bringing in a No. 1 finish in the men's 4x100 with a time of 40.14 seconds.

For the women, freshman Larissa Matthews recorded a first-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles with a seasonal best time of 13.55 seconds.

The Frogs will return to the track Thursday at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team concluded Mountain West play over the weekend, completing its regular season with a 7-16 overall record, 4-4 in conference.

The team began weekend competition by dropping a match to BYU on Saturday 3-4. The team claimed three single match points with wins by Idunn Hertzberg, Kayla Duncan and Katarina Tuohimaa.

Sunday's doubleheader resulted in split decisions for the Horned Frogs. They dropped their first match to the Utah Utes 3-4 after failing to earn the doubles point and recording another three single match wins by Hertzberg, Duncan and Nina Munch-Soegaard.

The team came back in its MWC and regular season finale to defeat the New Mexico Lobos 6-1.

Next up for the women's team is the 2010 MWC Championships in Las Vegas from April 28 to May 1, when they will defend their title.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team finished its home season Friday with a 7-0 win over Air Force. The team wrapped up Mountain West play Sunday, dropping a match to New Mexico 1-6.

The Frogs dropped to 9-11 on the season, and 3-3 in the MWC. Their regular season concludes Friday in a rescheduled match with Texas A&M in College Station.

— Sports editor
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