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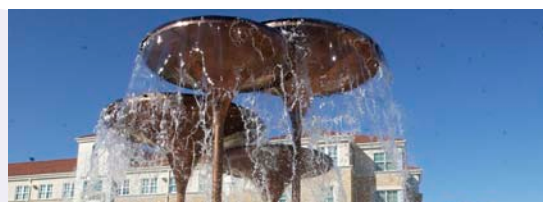
The My Plates company hopes to increase the popularity and diversity of personalized license plates in Texas, including those for colleges and universities. The pictured plate combinations are currently available for any Horned Frogs who are Texas residents looking to personalize their own vehicles.

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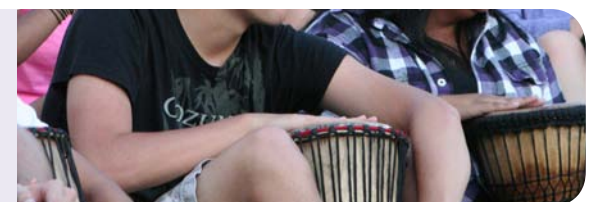
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First-year student program gets a makeover.





## TEXAS

# TCU plates to arrive in March

By Kerri Feczko

Staff Reporter

There is a new way for students to express themselves — sometimes in six characters or less.

My Plates, a specialty license plate marketing vendor, is striving to make personalized license plates more popular and diverse throughout Texas, including college campuses, spokesperson Kim Drummond said.

Drummond said that although a purple Texas Christian University license plate design is not currently sold by My Plates, one complete with a horned frog is waiting to go through the state approval process. It is expected to be released by My Plates March 15 of next year.

With 20 new designs already released from My Plates, popularity should increase as more designs become available to Texans, Drummond said.

Graduate accounting student Meagan Wayland's personalized license plate boasts a lifelike horned frog on the left side, though it is not university-specific. Wayland said she liked having her school mascot on her license plate for both the unique personalization and the charitable cause behind it.

"The horned frog license plates are much more attractive than the regular Texas license plates," Wayland said. "It's just kind of a cool, unique personalization for a car."

Wayland said proceeds from the sales of horned frog license plates contribute to the Texas Wildlife Action Plan, whose purpose is to conserve and improve the status of various Texas species.

Drummond said a portion of each personalized plate purchase contributes to the state general revenue fund, which provides services for all Texans, such as the creation and maintenance of roads and schools. That money can be

spent on anything that uses tax money.

So far about 22,000 plates have been sold, totaling about \$1.7 million to the state general revenue fund from My Plates, Drummond said.

My Plates was contracted by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles in 2009 to provide personalized plates to Texas drivers, Drummond said. Before the company began in August 2009, only about 1 percent of all Texans would choose an alternate design instead of the standard issue plate, probably due to the limited options.

Drummond said My Plates hoped to change that percentage significantly.

Junior communication studies major Morgan Whipps has a license plate that reads "MWAH" with a lip imprint picture as the background. This is the exchange that Whipps said she and her family have when she leaves home or says goodbye on the phone.

"It makes me smile for sure every time I see it," Whipps said. "It reminds me of my parents."

The letters "NVRCWT," displayed on the license plate of senior Katie Howard, a secondary school education and life science major, stands for "never quit."

The letters represent Winston Churchill's quote, "Never, never, never give up," a quote that Howard said was significant to her family.

Drummond said My Plates does not target one specific age group or consumer type because of the diverse audience and numerous designs available.

"Our target is Texas, [and] that's as diverse as you can get," she said.

My Plates's Facebook page compiles photos of new designs, as well as pictures that its consumers have posted of their own personalized plates. The most recent pictures include university designs for schools such as Texas A&M University, Baylor University and the University of Oklahoma, Drummond said.

## JOURNALISM

# Newsom, Buttry honored

By Alex Collins

Staff Reporter

Two honorees will be inducted into the Schieffer School Hall of Excellence for their contributions to the Schieffer School of Journalism on Oct. 12, the chair of the selection committee said.

Professor Tommy Thomason, founder of the Hall of Excellence and chair of the selections committee, said Doug Newsom and Steve Buttry earned their nominations for their outstanding contributions to their fields.

Thomason started the Schieffer School Hall of Excellence to recognize people who have brought national and international acclaim to the Schieffer School.

Newsom has served as the national president of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication and distinguished herself as an author, speaker and teacher, he said.

"She has really been one of the most influential people in public relations education in the last half century," Thomason said.

Director of the Schieffer School of Journalism, John Lumpkin wrote in an e-mail, "Newsom helped pave the way for what has become the Schieffer School of Journalism, a robust and dynamic program with more than 600



Buttry



Newsom

majors in...journalism and strategic communication."

Thomason said Buttry was selected because of his innovations in the area of new media. His contributions to on-line journalism have earned him a distinguished reputation, he said.

According to a press release, Lumpkin said the goal of the selection committee is to choose qualified professionals and educators associated with the university that exemplify their talents within journalism and strategic communication fields.

"Newsom helped pave the way for what has become the Schieffer School of Journalism, a robust and dynamic program with more than 600 majors in... journalism and strategic communications."

John Lumpkin

Director of the Schieffer School of Journalism

The induction will take place Oct. 12 at 6:45 p.m. at the Colonial Country Club, he said.

Thomason said a portion of the profits raised from event ticket sales will go to the Doug Newsom Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to students in the strategic communication field.

Lumpkin said tickets cost \$50 and can be purchased at the Schieffer School office.

## LEGAL

# Execution case info to be reviewed

By Jeff Carlton

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A judge asked to re-examine evidence used to convict a Texas man who was executed for burning down his home and killing his three daughters postponed a hearing in the case on Wednesday, after prosecutors asked the judge to step aside.

State District Judge Charles Baird delayed the hearing in the Cameron Todd Willingham case until Oct. 14, telling the court he wanted to give an attorney for Willingham's family time to respond to prosecutors' request to have him removed. In the meantime, Baird may decide to recuse himself or ask another judge to decide whether he should step aside.

Attorneys for Willingham's family are seeking to clear his name. Willingham was put to death in 2004 after being convicted of burning down his Corsicana home in 1991 and killing his 2-year-old daughter and 1-year-old twins. Several fire experts have found serious fault in the arson findings that led to Willingham's 1992 conviction.

Navarro County District Attorney R. Lowell Thompson is seeking Baird's removal from the case, noting in court filings that Baird previously ruled on Willingham's case as a member of the Court of Criminal Appeals and questioning Baird's impartiality because he received an award from the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

Gerald Goldstein, a San Antonio attorney working with the New York-based Innocence Project to clear Willingham's name, filed a petition asking Baird to "restore the reputation" of Willingham and declare he was wrongly convicted. If the judge clears Willingham, it will mark the first time an official in the nation's most active death penalty state has formally declared that someone was wrongly executed.

John Bradley, a Williamson County prosecutor who chairs the Texas Forensic Science Commission, has criticized the new petition as being a politically motivated attempt to undermine the death penalty. Bradley was named to the forensic commission post by Gov. Rick Perry in a move viewed by many as a way to suppress new findings that cast doubt on Willingham's guilt.

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## MILITARY

# New program will boost security at military bases

By Lolita C. Baldor  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly a year after a shooting rampage at Fort Hood, Texas, the Pentagon is taking new steps to beef up security and surveillance programs at its bases, and will join an FBI intelligence-sharing program aimed at identifying future terror threats, U.S. officials said.

The new partnership with the FBI's eGuardian program comes two years after the Pentagon shut down a controversial anti-terror database that collected reports of suspicious activity near military installations. The now-defunct program, called TALON, was closed after revelations it had improperly stored information on peace activists.

Defense officials have moved carefully to set up the new programs, trying to balance the protection of the nation's armed forces with the privacy and civil rights of Americans.

The decision to use the FBI's program is part of a broader campaign to beef up security at military facilities and better identify terror threats among its troops, senior Defense officials said. Over the past 18 months some of those threats have been deadly, as attackers spurred on by Islamic extremism and opposition to U.S. wars abroad have targeted troops at home.

According to an accounting by the Congressional Research Service as many as 20 terror plots have played out on American soil

since May 2009, but only two have led to fatalities. Both of those attacks — at Fort Hood and earlier in 2009 in Arkansas — occurred at military facilities.

Last November Army psychiatrist Maj. Nidal Hasan allegedly gunned down 13 people and wounded dozens more in a shooting spree at Fort Hood.

In other attack, Abdulhakim Muhammad, born Carlos Bledsoe, is accused of shooting and killing one soldier and wounding another outside a recruiting center in Little Rock, Ark. Muhammad, an Islam convert, told The Associated Press the shooting was retaliation for U.S. military action in the Middle East.

The others include the botched Christmas Day airliner attack, the attempted Times Square truck bombing and the foiled plan to wage attacks in the New York subway systems.

Internal reviews triggered by the Fort Hood attack are scheduled to be released later this week, and will focus on new efforts to ensure that information on possible threats is passed from base to base. They will also call for better communications before and during an attack, including efforts to keep local law enforcement in the loop and procedures to warn personnel to stay away during an incident, officials said.

Senior military officials spoke about the plans on condition of anonymity because the contents have not yet been released publicly.

The Fort Hood attack spurred the military to make a wide array of changes after criti-



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In this Nov. 5, 2009 file photo, an entrance to Fort Hood Army Base in Fort Hood, Texas, near Killeen is seen.

cal security lapses were identified. One such lapse was that although a local joint terrorism task force run by the FBI had learned months earlier of Hasan's e-mail contacts with Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical Muslim cleric in Yemen who encouraged Muslims to kill U.S. troops, the information was not adequately shared with the Pentagon.

The military's move to eGuardian was set in motion two years ago, before the two terror attacks, but it will become part of the improved information sharing that officials

believe is needed at the bases.

Use of the FBI database will be phased in over the next 15 months and allow military police and analysts to share information on suspected terrorist threats with local, state and federal law enforcement across the country.

Each report is reviewed by trained supervisors to make sure it represents a possible terror threat and doesn't simply involve activities protected by the First Amendment — such as war protests, officials said.

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## PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

## Students use skills for charitable cause

The sixth annual Frogs for the Cure event will take place in just a couple of weeks, and many more than just breast cancer survivors are impacted during its planning.

Frogs for the Cure is more than just a pink-out game. The activities leading up to the event combine the skills and creativity of students, faculty and community members who are all coming together for a common cause.

The month's events include an awareness luncheon featuring a state senator, an iTunes fundraiser with original music by alumnus Tim Halperin and a video campaign that involved a myriad of student groups.

Frogs for the Cure also provides an opportunity for students to put classroom skills to use in professional projects that benefit the charitable cause.

Strategic communication majors used their public relations skills to create posters and publicize Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

During the making of the video campaign, fine arts majors collaborated with student groups to choreograph different scenes.

Film, television and digital media majors edited footage to create the commercial that will be aired during the Oct. 16 game.

Frogs for the Cure is a good opportunity for students to live out the mission statement by acting as ethical leaders and responsible citizens through the collaboration of their skills for charity.

*Sports editor Madison Pelletier for the editorial board.*

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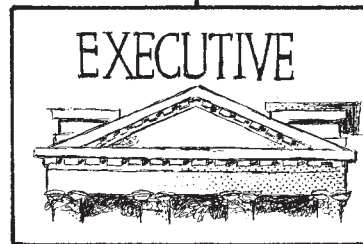
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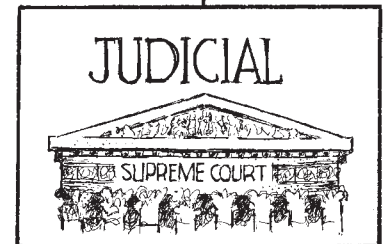
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*Don Wright is a political cartoonist for the Palm Beach Post.*

## Facebook just another tool to evaluate image



KC Aransen

Facebook is something most of us check every day. We sink hours into the social networking site — obsessively clicking from profile to profile, looking at pictures, commenting on our “friends” activities. Since 2004, this time-sink has become a predominant form of not only wasting time, but also social interaction.

Facebook, however, may be doing more harm than good. While most claim they use of the site mainly for “social interaction,” there may be more at play than just socializing. Many social psychologists argue that people would like to believe they can see themselves through the eyes of others, and Facebook allows them to do that, according to a Harvard study and survey of students.

Through the site, people have the ability to put their best self forward, but what does this mean? Facebook gives us the ability to put forth only what we want people to know and see. We only put up the best pictures of ourselves, the most intellectual statuses and quotes, and our “about me” always sparkles not only with wit, but also just a few of our favorite things. While not every user does this — some leave their profiles sparse for a number of different reasons — it is quite difficult for those

that do to live up to the way they portray themselves on Facebook, according to a *Psychology Today* review of Facebook and the people who use it.

Once people put themselves online as if for review, they are able to use the responses they get to gauge how other people see them.

This is problematic. People become used to thinking and doing everything in front of an audience. As their every thought is put up online for their “friends” to see, they get used to behaving in front of a crowd.

After posting their lives for their friends to see and to judge, people have come to use Facebook to gauge not only their relationships, but also their level of importance. This leads to anxiety in people who seek approval from others and is found increasingly among the female users of the site.

Women have stated that they feel crestfallen when the number of “happy birthdays” posted on their Facebook wall is not sufficient enough to make them feel important, according to a *Forbes* article about the site and its emotional side effects. Furthermore, the ability to see who wished them “happy birthday” and who did not leads to even further anxiety over strength of their relationships. Facebook gives us the ability to seek approval constantly from our peers, even though it may lead to an increase in anxiety. Though the site has its pros, the cons seem to outweigh them. Though it may be a wonderful way to keep in touch with friends and an even better time-sink, the site's negative psychological effect should, at the very least, lead one to question the value of Facebook.

*KC Aransen is a sophomore psychology major from Arlington.*



## PERSPECTIVES

## Theory makes sense of salary rates



Michael Lauck

Why is a glass of diamonds worth more than a glass of water?

Don't feel bad if you don't have an answer. This question baffled economists and philosophers alike for quite a while. After all, water is essential to life and very valuable to humans, yet the price is nothing compared to diamonds (which are mostly used so guys can get lucky on their anniversaries). If price is based on an item's value to society, shouldn't water be worth more?

What price is really reflecting is not a product's societal value but the benefit gained from only that last unit of the good that is consumed or "marginal utility" as economists like to call it. As we consume more of a product, it becomes less and less valuable to us because we have used it first for its most valuable purposes. After that we then use it for less valuable purposes. Therefore, you're not willing to pay as much for the next few.

To illustrate what I'm talking about, let's say you're walking around town and get thirsty. The first bottle of water you encounter you value at a price of \$10. After all, you're really thirsty. Luckily, you find a nice vendor willing to sell you a bottle of water for just \$1. Of course you buy it and drink it right down. As you finish, you decide that another bottle might be useful and you could have some for down the road. You are no longer as thirsty by this point, so this bottle is not as valuable to you, so you only value it at \$2. Because the price is still only \$1, you buy another. You then consider buying one more, but now you only value it at 50 cents. This time, you forego buying a bottle of water and move on.

The point is that the price did not reflect how valuable the water truly was. Instead, it was closer reflected in what the last bottle you were willing to pay for was

valued to you. The market price, the \$1, was ultimately determined by the entire market's marginal value of the bottle of water.

So why am I talking about this? Have I gone insane by just randomly talking economic nonsense?

Although my critics would like you to think that it's the latter, thinking about this question has some great implications when we think about the job market, especially for jobs that people claim are unpaid because they create "great societal value."

*While a teacher does produce a great deal of societal value, one additional teacher may not produce as much value as one additional baseball player. This would be true if there are already a lot of teachers, but not many star athletes. This is what is truly reflected in their wages.*

A very popular criticism is why should teachers, who educate the children of the future, get paid less than star baseball players, who produce very little social value?

As we have seen from the diamond vs. water paradox, societal value is not what determines price. Instead, the value of adding one additional teacher or one additional star athlete determines price.

While a teacher does produce a great deal of societal value, one additional teacher may not produce as much value as one additional baseball player. This would be true if there are already a lot of teachers, but not many star athletes. This is what is truly reflected in their wages.

I'm pretty sure none of you go to the store and say, "Gee water is \$1 a bottle, but I only value it at 50 cents. Oh well, I should get one because water is important."

This, however, is what you are essentially saying when you say we should pay teachers more.

*Michael Lauck is a junior economics major from Houston.*

## Senate plagued by filibusters



Alex Apple

The U.S. Senate has been working about as well as a car without gasoline lately.

U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin recently wrote in *The Nation*, "Despite record-high persistent unemployment, Republicans have repeatedly used the filibuster to kill attempts to extend benefits to the long-term jobless...filibusters have prevented Democrats from addressing urgent national priorities ranging from climate change to immigration reform to energy transformation."

In the Senate, a filibuster is a procedure where only 41 of the 100 senators are needed to block a bill, Harkin wrote. The filibuster was formerly a tool used only in rare circumstances.

According to Harkin's article, the filibuster was not used at all by the Senate in 1939. Since January 2009, there have been more than 100 filibusters.

According to *The Nation*, political scientist Norman Ornstein wrote, "The expanded use of petty rules on Capitol Hill is unprecedented and bringing government to its knees."

The U.S. has become a representative democracy with no majority rule. Senators who do not support the party in power can bring government to a screeching halt, according to *The Nation*.

Republicans have abused the filibuster, and Democrats around the country ought to be furious. The GOP has become the "party of no."

However, this has become the culture in Washington, and the number one goal of all politicians is reelection.

The fact is, the strategy of essentially stopping government while the Democrats are in power has worked for the Republicans before. According to *The Nation*, Republicans led by Newt Gingrich in 1994 refused to pass any bill or work with

Bill Clinton on anything.

The Republicans were immediately swept from power again in 1996, but the strategy worked to stop Democratic progress. Whether they will do the same in 2010 remains to be seen. If the Senate does not rectify its deficiencies, then the major political fault lines will no longer occur between liberals and conservatives. As former labor secretary Robert Reich wrote, they will occur between the establishment and the "increasingly mad-as-hell populace" trying to take back the government.

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For this reason, Harkin has introduced a bill to reform the filibuster procedure. He promotes taking fewer votes to end debate on a bill so that 41 out of 100 senators cannot automatically block legislation. He believes that his bill would invoke "a more robust spirit of compromise."

Harkin said that right now, there is no incentive for the minority to compromise because they can block legislation. At the end of the day, if a bill is put to a majority vote, they will be more willing to negotiate seriously.

Under the current situation, Americans are not getting an accurate portrayal of the truth, and this is not the government our founding fathers envisioned.

*Alex Apple is a freshman political science and journalism double major from Nashville, Tenn.*



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## CONNECTIONS

# Program evolved in 13th year

By Jennifer Iller

Staff Reporter

The thirteenth year of Connections ended with a celebration of interactive drumming and tribal dancing last Thursday evening. The grand finale was just one of the ways the program was almost unrecognizable to upperclassmen who had participated in previous years.

Connections turned into a distinct first-year program with a leadership emphasis this year, faculty directors said.

According to the Student Development Services website, Connections is a six-week leadership program incorporated in the First Year Experience and is a system the university uses to transition students into college.

Changes to this year's Connections program included voluntary sign ups, a shortened meeting length, new curriculum and a large group meeting at the beginning of every session.

Daniel Terry, assistant director of leadership and Community Renewal in Student Development Services, said feedback from participants led to changes in the program.

"We felt like we needed to shorten the program and change the content," Terry said. "We went with the 'let's get the most bang for your buck' approach."

Faculty directors said they would not have specific numbers on attendance changes until after the program finished, but that the change in attendance was positive.

Natasha Chapman, director of the TCU Leadership Center, said the nonmandatory policy changed the culture of Connections and why people went.

Miguel Ortega, a senior international communications major and "Team Shakira" Connections mentor, said the new attendance policy attracted people who wanted to learn more about leadership.

"The voluntary policy has been better for the small group dynamic," he said.

Rachel Foster, a freshman early childhood education major and member of the "Hakuna Matatas" small group, said Connections allowed students to get to know people better and make longer relationships.

"I come back because I like to have fun and meet other people," Foster said.

Jessica Hendricks, a senior psychology and criminal justice double major and Connections director, said the new curriculum focused on students' effect on the community rather than just how to have a successful freshman year.

Terry said the new curriculum focused mainly on the connections between oneself, the community and the world.

"That kind of awareness is the kind of thing we're trying to foster at TCU," he said. "I see it [the new curriculum] as a way to flesh out the values of the mission statement."

David Shaver, a freshman pre-business major and "Brochacho" small group member, said the program gave him direction of who he is and where he needs to go.

"The awesome leadership development and great people keep me coming back," Shaver said.

Terry said his was his favorite change to Connections was having a large group meeting at the beginning of each session. He said he thought that change would be the most popular one.

The meetings created a sense of energy and community by having everyone in the same room at the same time, he said.

During the meetings, a keynote speaker addressed the theme for the day, Terry said.

Hendricks said some speakers included Chancellor Victor Boschini, alumnus David Spencer and minister to the university the Rev. Angela Kaufman.

She said students then went into their small groups where mentors gave them the week's message.

Shaver said listening to speakers before small group meetings was his favorite part of each session.



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Students participated in the final Connections event last Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010. Connections changed this year to become more of a first-year program with an emphasis in leadership.

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## CAMPUS

## Rachel's Challenge a message of caring

By Whitney Gipson

Staff Reporter

Sharon Bebout said students should practice openness and acceptance to make the world a little better at an event Wednesday dedicated to her daughter.

The TCU chapter of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and the Brown-Lupton University Union co-hosted the Rachel's Challenge presentation, held in memory of Amanda Bebout, a junior nursing major who took her own life in January. Sharon Bebout opened the presentation by saying what people can do to help further the challenge's goals.

Rachel's Challenge involves friends and family of Rachel Scott, the first person killed in the 1999 Columbine shootings. Members

of Rachel's Challenge travel across the nation and reach out to all levels of students by telling Rachel's story.

After Rachel's death, her family found her journals that described her mission to make the world a better place through acts of kindness and compassion.

Rachel's brother, Craig Scott, led the presentation and encouraged students to continue his sister's legacy.

The presentation included recordings of Rachel's journal entries and video clips of memories from teachers and friends to emphasize the message. Craig Scott challenged the audience to make six changes to spread Rachel's message, including choosing positive influences, daring to dream and using kind words.

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FROGS FOR THE CURE

# Campus participates in video



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The TCU College of Education participates in the filming of the TCU Frogs for the Cure halftime video.



COURTESY OF ANN LOUDEN

Musician and university graduate Tim Halperin dances with members of the Office of Admission for the halftime videomade for TCU Frogs for the Cure.



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RECESSION

# Timing of benefits prompts late-night shopping

By Anne D'Innocenzio and Dena Potter  
Associated Press Writers

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Once a month, just after midnight, the beeping checkout scanners at a Walmart just off Interstate 95 come alive in a chorus of financial desperation.

Here and at grocery stores across the country, the chimes come just after monthly government benefits drop into the accounts of shoppers who have been rationing things like milk, ground beef and toilet paper and can finally stock up again.

Shoppers mill around the store after 11

p.m., killing time until their accounts are replenished. When midnight strikes, they rush for the checkout counter.

"The kids are sleeping, so we go do what we've gotta do. Money is tight," Martin Young said as he and his wife pushed two carts piled high with items.

The couple said they need food-stamp benefits, which are electronically deposited onto debit cards, because his job as a restaurant server doesn't cover their expenses.

"We try to get here between 10:30 and 11 because we know we've got a lot of stuff to get," he said.

More than a year after the technical end of the Great Recession, millions of Ameri-

cans have a hard time stretching their dollars until the first of the month, or even the next payday.

One in seven Americans lives in poverty, and more than 41 million are on food stamps, a record. Last year the figure was about 35 million.

As a result, there are more scenes like the one last week at a 24-hour Kroger in Cincinnati. As the final hours of September ticked down, about five dozen cars were in the parking lot.



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Dionne Spikes and her half-sister Melinda Patterson, right, buy food at a Cincinnati Kroger food store. Americans relying on government benefits are doing their homework to stretch the payments.

*D'Innocenzio reported from New York. AP Business Writer Dan Sewell in Cincinnati and AP Writer Tammy Webber in Chicago contributed to this report.*

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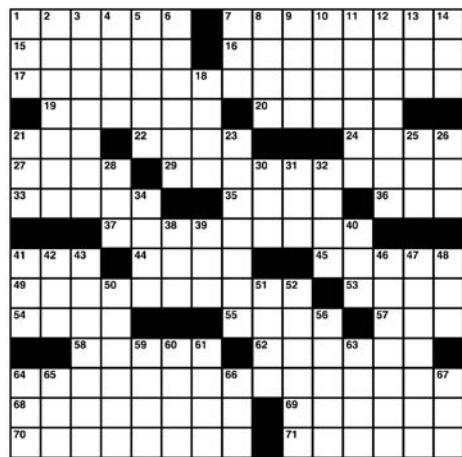
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By Donna S. Levin 10/7/10

**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

**WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTION**

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"Lindsay Lohan"

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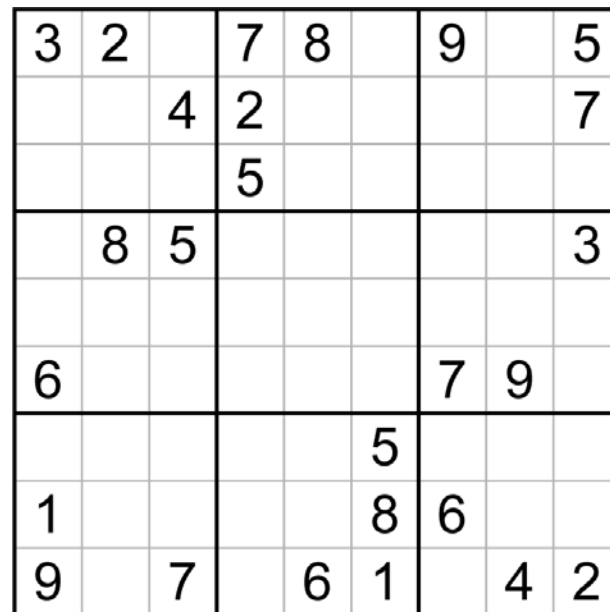


"Freeze"

**Wednesday's Solution**



"Amy Winehouse"



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

**Wednesday's Solution**

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See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

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## FREE SPEECH

# Justices hear arguments, ponder weighty speech issues



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Members of the Westboro Baptist Church picketed in front of the Supreme Court in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010. The court is hearing arguments Wednesday in the dispute between Albert Snyder of York, Pa., and members of the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan. The case pits Snyder's right to grieve privately against the church members' right to say what they want, no matter how offensive.

By Mark Sherman  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court justices on Wednesday pondered the vexing question of whether the father of a dead Marine should win his lawsuit against a fundamentalist church group that picketed his son's funeral.

The complexity and weightiness of the First Amendment issue were palpable in the courtroom as justices heard arguments in the case of Albert Snyder. His son died in Iraq in 2006, and members of the Westboro Baptist Church protested the funeral to make their point that U.S. deaths in Afghanistan and Iraq are punishment for Americans' immorality, including tolerance of homosexuality and abortion.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said the question is whether the First Amendment must tolerate "exploiting this bereaved family."

There was no clear answer from the court. Snyder is asking the court to reinstate a \$5 million verdict against the Westboro members who held signs outside the funeral of Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder, including ones that read "Thank God for Dead Soldiers," "You're Going to Hell" and "God Hates the USA." The Marine was killed in a Humvee accident in 2006.

The church also posted a poem on its website that attacked Snyder and his ex-wife for the way they brought up Matthew.

Justice Stephen Breyer said the Internet aspect of the case troubled him because the church was saying something "very obnoxious" about private individuals.

"To what extent can they put that on the Internet?" Breyer asked. "I don't know what the rules ought to be."

The case pits Snyder's right to grieve privately against the church members' right to say what they want, no matter how offensive.

Westboro members, led by the Rev. Fred Phelps, have picketed many military funerals.

They welcome the attention the protests have brought, mocking their critics and vowing not to change their ways whatever the outcome at the Supreme Court.

"No American should ever be required to apologize for following his or her conscience," said Margie Phelps, a daughter of Fred Phelps and the lawyer who argued the case for the church.

Fundamentalist church members turned out in advance of the argument Wednesday morning, to march in front of the court with placards of the type they've been carrying to military funerals. One young boy held up a sign that reads, "God Hates You."

A line of people trying to get into the court stretched around the corner of the majestic building perched atop Capitol Hill.

Snyder won an \$11 million verdict against the church for intentional infliction of emotional distress, among other claims. A judge reduced the award to \$5 million before the federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., threw out the verdict altogether, citing the church's First Amendment rights.

For Snyder, the case is not about free speech but harassment. "I had one chance to bury my son and it was taken from me," Snyder said.

Forty-eight states, 42 U.S. senators and veterans groups have sided with Snyder, asking the court to shield funerals from the Phelps' "psychological terrorism."

While distancing themselves from the church's message, media organizations, including The Associated Press, have called on the court to side with the Phelps because of concerns that a victory for Snyder could erode speech rights.

Associated Press Writer Jim Abrams  
contributed to this report.

## GULF COAST

# Panel: worst spill stats blocked

By Dina Cappiello  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House blocked efforts by federal scientists to tell the public just how bad the Gulf oil spill could have been, according to a panel appointed by President Barack Obama to investigate the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

In documents released Wednesday, the national oil spill commission's staff reveals that in late April or early May the White House budget office denied a request from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make public the worst-case discharge from the blown-out well. The Unified Command — the government team in charge of the spill response — also was discussing the possibility of making the numbers public, the report says, citing interviews with government officials.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

But Jerry Miller, head of the White House science office's ocean subcommittee, told The Associated Press in an interview at a St. Petersburg, Fla., conference on the oil's flow that he didn't think the budget office

censored NOAA.

"I would very much doubt that anyone would put restrictions on NOAA's ability to articulate factual information," Miller said.

The April 20 blowout and explosion in the Gulf of Mexico killed 11 workers, spewed 206 million gallons of oil from the damaged oil well, and sunk the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig.

BP's drilling permit for the Macondo well originally estimated the worst scenario to be a leak of 6.8 million gallons per day. In late April, the Coast Guard and NOAA received an updated estimate of 2.7 million to 4.6 million gallons per day.

While those figures were used as the basis for the government's response to the spill — they appeared on an internal Coast Guard Situation report and on a dry-erase board in NOAA's Seattle war room — the public was never told.

In the meantime, government officials were telling the public that the well was releasing 210,000 gallons per day — a figure that would be later adjusted to be much closer to the worst-case estimates.

Associated Press Science Writer Seth Borenstein  
contributed reporting from St. Petersburg, Fla.

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## ANALYSIS

# Move to the Big East would benefit team and university



Allen Kellogg

Conference realignment appears to be the new thing in college football. Recent changes include the Pac-10 Conference adding the University of Colorado and the University of Utah, the Big-10 Conference adding the University of Nebraska, the Mountain West Conference adding Boise State University and Brigham Young University going independent next season.

All these moves have had an impact on TCU. Losing Utah and BYU is a severe blow the MWC's effort to be taken more seriously by the BCS automatic qualifying conferences, and it appears that one more team could potentially leave the MWC.

The Big East Conference is reportedly looking to expand, and one of the schools they are looking at is TCU. If TCU joins, the Horned Frogs could be in a position to attend BCS bowl games more regularly. The benefits of this partnership would be felt by both the university and the conference.

When Virginia Tech University and the University of Miami left the Big East in

2004, the conference lost two of its biggest football powerhouses. Since the loss, the conference has struggled to compete against other automatic qualifying conferences like the Big 10 and the SEC. Adding a Top-10 TCU team to the mix would benefit the Big East.

*Moving to the Big East is a good move right now. It gets TCU in the national spotlight and will bring a lot of things to the university.*

Playing in a BCS conference would bring so much to TCU, both on and off the field. Playing tougher competition would help the Horned Frogs in the polls and would make it much easier for them to play in BCS bowl games. Another bonus would be that TCU's nationally televised games would be on larger national media, not Versus. The television revenue would skyrocket if TCU joins a BCS conference. Also, some Big East stadiums can hold up to 65,000 and regularly fill them, this means more attention for our university.

Changing conferences would not just benefit the football team, but many of the other sports. The Big East is always one of the premier basketball conferences. Last year it sent seven men's basketball teams to



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West Virginia's Noel Devine, right, runs away from Maryland's Alex Wujciak (33) and Justin Anderson (95) during an NCAA college football game Sept. 18. Although unranked, West Virginia is currently the Big East Conference school receiving the most poll votes.

the NCAA tournament. As of right now, the TCU men's team would struggle competing on the court with teams in the Big East. However, it would increase attendance to our basketball games because the fans from other universities will make the trip to follow their team. Playing in a major conference would also be a massive boost to recruiting for the university.

It can be argued that Texas produces some of the best athletes in the nation, but one of the main issues people have with TCU is that it will not be given as much attention, joining a major conference would put a halt to that argument.

The major issue with joining the Big East is geography. The closest Big East School to

Fort Worth is the University of Louisville and that is just over 870 miles away. This would add a lot of strain on our student athletes, but I think the positives would still outweigh the negatives.

Moving to the Big East is a good move right now. It gets TCU in the national spotlight and will bring a lot of things to the university. TCU should look to join a major conference in the next few years because there are so many things we as a university could gain.

*Allen Kellogg is a sophomore journalism major from Alexandria, Va.*

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## TENNIS

## Knee injury ends Williams' season

By Howard Fendrich

Associated Press Writer

Venus Williams is done for the season because of a left knee injury that has sidelined her for most of the second half of 2010.

In a statement released to The Associated Press on Wednesday, the seven-time Grand Slam champion said she is "very disappointed to announce that I will be unable to play" in the WTA Tour Championships at the end of October, and the Fed Cup final between the United States and Italy at San Diego in November.

"I have been getting treatment and therapy on my knee and have been making progress, but unfortunately must continue to keep weight off my knee for the short term and won't be ready to return to competition in 2010," Williams said. "I am looking forward to returning to full health in time for the start of 2011 season and hopefully having the opportunity to play in both the Fed Cup and WTA Championships next year."

She is No. 3 in this week's WTA rankings and went 38-7 with two titles in singles, and 18-1 with three titles in doubles this season, earning more than \$2.5 million in prize money.

But Williams hasn't played anywhere since

losing in three sets to eventual champion Kim Clijsters in the U.S. Open semifinals on Sept. 10. That will turn out to have been the 30-year-old American's only tournament appearance over the final six months of the year.

After being upset in the Wimbledon quarterfinals on June 29 by a woman ranked 82nd, Williams was out of action until playing in the first round of the U.S. Open on Aug. 30. That's because Williams sprained her left kneecap shortly before she was supposed to enter a hard-court tournament at Cincinnati in early August. The injury kept her out of another U.S. Open tuneup at Montreal that month, too.

It was an up-and-down season for Williams, who has been using crutches to keep weight off her left leg.

She was one of two women who reached at least the fourth round at all four Grand Slam tournaments in 2010 — but she made it past the quarterfinals only at the U.S. Open.

Her singles titles both came in February — at Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on hard courts and at Acapulco, Mexico, on clay. Her doubles titles, all while paired with younger sister Serena, came at the Australian Open, French Open and Madrid.



## SPORTS

ANALYSIS

# Frogs should expect trick plays, porous defensive line



**Allen Kellogg**

Wyoming won its second game of the season against Toledo 20-15 last weekend. The Cowboys will face a much tougher test against the No. 5 Horned Frogs. TCU remains ranked fifth for a second week and is competing with Boise State in the rankings. Boise State was passed by Oregon in this week's polls. Wyoming offers a direct comparison between TCU and Boise State since the Broncos throttled Wyoming 51-6 September 18. TCU must use this game to gear up for tougher games on this schedule such as Air Force and Utah.

## When TCU has the ball

The Horned Frog offense failed to show up as many predicted it would against Colorado State. The Horned Frogs scored only 27 points against Colorado State, but they should play better against the Cowboys. Quarterback Andy Dalton had his lowest passing totals since his freshman year, going 11-24 for 109 yards in Colorado. However, the combination running back attack amassed 346 yards on the ground. The running backs should have another big day against the porous 85th ranked Wyoming defense. This means Dalton will not have to throw the ball as much. The Wyoming defense has had trouble stopping the high-powered offenses of Texas and Boise. The Cowboys also gave up 374 yards rushing against Air Force. Look to TCU to run the ball all day to control the clock. Wyoming is young and inexperienced as a defensive line and they

have had only five sacks all year. The team's sole standout in the secondary is Chris Proinski. The senior safety made a key tackle to preserve the Wyoming win against Toledo. He is third on the team in tackles with 48 and has one interception on the year.

## When TCU is on defense

The Horned Frogs pitched a shutout against Colorado State and should be excited about playing the 119th ranked offense at home this weekend. Although its offensive ranking is low, Wyoming pulled out its bag of tricks against Toledo by using several fake plays. The Cowboys normally play in the spread offense, but they used a unique rushing wing formation against Air Force that generated a season high rushing total of 174 yards. However, when they reverted back to their spread offense they got 93 yards rushing against Toledo. Their starting running back Alvester Alexander had 35 yards against Toledo and he has struggled mightily against other highly-ranked defenses, rushing for 29 yards and seven yards against Texas and Boise respectively. Wyoming quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuel has had a rough year and has struggled in most of his games. He has thrown five interceptions this year. Look for the Frog defense to swarm and confuse the pitiful Wyoming offense.

TCU should have little trouble against Wyoming. The Cowboys simply do not have the talent or coaching to match up with the Horned Frogs. Gary Patterson's team must be alert to the possibility of trick plays. Other than that, TCU should stomp the Cowboys and be 6-0 going into the game against BYU.

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A Colorado State player is tackled by TCU's Tanner Brock (35) and Greg McCoy, left, during the third quarter of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, in Fort Collins, Colo. TCU beat Colorado State 27-0.

MLB

# Rangers win postseason opener

By Fred Goodall

Associated Press Writer

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Cliff Lee, postseason ace for hire.

Picking up where he left off during in a dazzling October run a year ago, Lee shut down the Tampa Bay Rays while outpitching David Price and leading the Texas Rangers to a 5-1 victory Wednesday in the opening game of the AL playoffs.

"I like pitching on a big stage," Lee said. "Just pitching in the big leagues alone is an honor, but when you get an opportunity to make it to the postseason that's what it's all about. That's what you play all year for. I enjoy it, and I try to have fun with it."

These days, no pitcher is doing it better.

Lee matched a postseason best with 10 strikeouts while allowing five hits — just two after escaping a bases-loaded jam in the first inning. During one dominating stretch, he retired 16 of 17 batters before giving up Ben Zobrist's homer in the seventh.

"It's not time to sit here and pat myself on the back. We've got a lot of work to do," Lee said. "I feel good about helping us get off to a good start, and hopefully I can continue to do the same. That's what I expect to do."

Game 2 is Thursday with left-hander C.J. Wilson taking the mound for Texas against right-hander James Shields, who hasn't won since Aug. 29.

Lee improved to 5-0 in six career postseason starts. He went 4-0 with a 1.56 ERA in five starts for the Philadelphia Phillies in 2009, including 2-0 with a 2.81 ERA against the New York Yankees in the World Series.

The 32-year-old lefty lost to the Rays three

times during the regular season, however the AL East champions were no match for the 2008 AL Cy Young Award winner this time. The Rangers, in the playoffs for the first time in 11 years, stopped a nine-game postseason losing streak that began in 1996.

Nelson Cruz and Bengie Molina homered for the AL West champions. Darren O'Day and Darren Oliver pitched the eighth, and rookie Neftali Feliz worked out of a ninth-inning jam by striking out the final two batters.

Price, a 19-game winner, allowed five runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings. He struck eight and, like Lee, walked none.

"It's very frustrating," Price said. "I wasn't at my best. It's tough to swallow."

Lee began this season with the Seattle Mariners, who dealt him in early July to Texas, which was looking to bolster its rotation with a No. 1 starter capable of leading the Rangers deep into the postseason. Philadelphia acquired him from Cleveland during last year's run to the NL pennant, and the lefty is eligible for free agency after the season.

The Rays beat him twice while he was with the Mariners, and once with the Rangers during Tampa Bay's three-game sweep of Texas at Tropicana Field in August.

Tampa Bay had opportunities against Lee early, but failed to score after Jason Bartlett, Carl Crawford and Evan Longoria singled to load the bases in the first. After giving up a leadoff double to Zobrist in the second, Lee retired 12 batters in a row in front of a sellout crowd of 35,474.

"Just locating pitches, working ahead in the count," Lee said. "When I got out of the first inning, I knew things were going to go well."

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